

The Community Magazine for  
Burham, Wouldham & Peters Village  
November 2022



Through Autumn's golden gown we used to kick our way ...

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**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF BURHAM &  
WOULDHAM**

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Welcome to the November edition of the magazine.

Winter is coming and warm cosy nights in front of the fire are looming watching our favourite TV programmes in our fluffy Pyjamas and, for me, drinking vegan hot chocolate. Perfect!

I have made a conscious decision to try and avoid the news at the moment as it is all doom and gloom but the overriding message is one of struggle, sadly.

Another important item to bring to your attention is the Local Plan Consultation which ends on the 3rd of November so please register your interest by emailing [localplan@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:localplan@tmbc.gov.uk) to see how our villages will be impacted by yet more development.

You can also contact Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, ME19 4LZ. 01732 876266. For more information contact your TMBC Councillors:

Roger Dalton [Roger.Dalton@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:Roger.Dalton@tmbc.gov.uk) or

Dave Davis [Dave.Davis@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:Dave.Davis@tmbc.gov.uk).

Another piece of news is that I have had to take the difficult decision to resign as volunteer Editor of the magazine and so we are looking for a replacement. I am happy to help with the transition and actually do a final proofread/edit before being sent to print if needed so if you feel you are able to help put it all together, using Publisher, please contact me for more information.

With my very best wishes,

Pamla Dawn Walker, Editor  
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Please contact the editor, Pamla, by the **10th day of the previous month** for anything you would like to be shown in the following month's edition on: [editorwbpvmagazine@gmail.com](mailto:editorwbpvmagazine@gmail.com)

### Coffee Morning



The 25th of November at All Saints Church  
between 10.45am and 12 noon  
will be the last one for this year.

We'll be back on the 27th of January 2023

Dear Friends,

### Growth, Growth, Growth?

This mantra has returned in the speeches of politicians, even though trickle-down economics is largely discredited. As a Christian I value spiritual growth in a person, and sustainable economic growth in society.

We live in a world with finite resources. Unlimited growth has brought us the climate emergency.

We owe it to future generations to do things differently. Everyone says this and yet we are still looking for new oil fields, considering fracking, building high speed trains for the better -off to use, building the Lower Thames Crossing even though past experience shows that whenever we build a new road to ease congestion, more cars use it, and a new traffic jam starts somewhere else.

When I was on holiday in a country area in Wales there was a reliable and cheap bus service run by the Welsh government, and people used it. It was supported by an advertising campaign, 'Be green, use the bus.' Contrast that with the disgraceful lack of public transport in our villages and the lack of political will to do differently.

Could we have a different kind of growth? A growth in hope and belief that things could be different. That as a society we consume less and have sustainable local economies.

The bible speaks of sharing God's gifts fairly and that is also crucial to sustainable growth. While the rich have polluting yachts and jets and extravagant life styles others rely on food banks.

Our church supports food banks, but they should be a temporary measure when people need help due to a change of circumstances. It's immoral that they become a regular necessity in a society which has so much wealth.

If we ever were a Christian society we are not now. In the Lord's Prayer we ask that God's kingdom will come on earth.

And God will bless the efforts of those who work for that.

In peace,  
Mike

# CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Every Sunday at All Saints Church,  
Wouldham



Morning prayer at 9:15 am and Sung Eucharist  
at 10:30am every Sunday morning.

Sunday 6th November	Third Sunday before Advent	10:30am
Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Sunday Eucharist and Act of Remembrance	10:30am
Sunday 20th November	Sunday next before Advent	10:30am
Sunday 27th November	First Sunday of Advent Service with Junior Choir helping to lead worship	10:30am
Every Tuesday	Said Eucharist at All Saints Church	7:30pm

All are welcome to attend services in person in church.

Services will usually also be on zoom, email Mike for the link.

**Toddler Church** at All Saints Church. Every Friday in term-time between 9.15-10.15am for babies, toddlers, parents, and carers. Come and enjoy: Tea, conversation, play, story, song, and prayer.

**Candle Prayer Time** The prayer group continues to pray at 7.30pm every Wednesday. All welcome to send in prayer requests to Gwen on: 01634 672060 or [gwenworchester@hotmail.com](mailto:gwenworchester@hotmail.com)

**Music in Church:** Choir Practice is normally held on Thursdays at 7.30pm. To apply to join the choir, or to find out more, please contact Douglas Henn-Macrae. [www.wouldhamchurch.org.uk](http://www.wouldhamchurch.org.uk)

By the time you read this the members of the WI will have enjoyed listening to Bob Ogley talking about the great Storm of 1987. We could not believe it happened 35 years ago, at a time when the internet was a feature of Sci Fi films and many of our members were not even living in the villages.



The WI is all in favour of electronic communications and we have started emailing our monthly newsletters to our members. But we are aware that for some people the internet is a step too far if they are without a younger relative or friend to help them. Just as paper copies of this community magazine are available so we too print out some paper copies of our newsletters insuring we are a fully inclusive group.

At our November meeting we are more up to date as Simon Ginnow is telling us about Mote Park and its wildlife. You may well know that this local park has accessible paths and a great lake for paddle boarding and dragon paddle boats. You need strong arms for one and strong legs for the other. Our committee are planning the meetings for 2023 with talks and activities to suit all tastes. Before that Jasmine is doing her Classic Christmas Show for us on the 20<sup>th</sup> of December. It will be a real treat to sing and dance to end the year. Ask one of the committee for a programme or come along to see us on the third Tuesday in the month 7.30pm in Burham Village Hall.

Heather Brown  
Secretary

Are your young ladies looking for a new adventure?

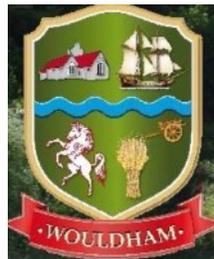
Brownie spaces available.

To join our new Brownies unit for girls aged between 7 and 10 years go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) to register your daughter or become a volunteer.

Rainbows on Mondays between 5:00-6:00pm  
Brownies on Wednesdays between 5:30-7:00pm

Or contact: Ashley Crowdey, Rainbow/Brownie Leader on 07852485291 or [wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com](mailto:wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com)

## WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Our last meeting was on the 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2022.

Minutes will be published on our website.

The next meeting will be on

Tuesday the 1st of November, 2022 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7:30pm.

Agenda and details can be found on the website.

**Keep up to date by visiting: [www.wouldhampc.com](http://www.wouldhampc.com)**

**or via Facebook: Wouldham Parish Council**

### **Wouldham Common**

The Common has now been tidied and cut back. It's a lovely place for a walk and picnic to enjoy the views across the valley. People have been leaving bags on the road which are being ripped open by foxes and the contents scattered around.

PLEASE remember to take your rubbish home with you!

### **Over 60's Club**

A very social group who meet in the Watermans Arms on Tuesdays from 2:00—4:00pm for quizzes, bingo, trips out and good conversation. Membership is £2.50 per week which pays for the trips.

New members always welcome.

### **Coffee Mornings**

Great fun was had at the Macmillan Coffee Morning on the 7th of October which raised over £60 for the charity.

Regular coffee mornings run every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. A nice warm place to have a cuppa and a chat with neighbours and friends.

We are also hoping to have the NHS Health check and other agencies coming along to various sessions.

### **Roads/Footpaths/Grounds Maintenance**

As a reminder, potholes etc., can be reported directly to KCC through their website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/roads/potholes>

Water leaks can also be reported to: [www.southeastwater.co.uk](http://www.southeastwater.co.uk)

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### **Defibrillators**

We currently have two defibrillators in the village located at:

The Village Hall, 15 High Street, Wouldham

The Community Centre, Tolhurst Road, Peters Village

### **Lifebuoys**

As we all live near a very fast-moving river, it is vital that all our life-buoys are always fit for purpose. For some reason a few irresponsible people think it is fun to continually take off the seals. This puts peoples lives at risk. What if it was your son/daughter, mother/father that needed saving and there was no life equipment available? Can we get this to stop!?

### **Girlguiding**

The Village now has a Rainbows group running on Mondays (currently with a waiting list and a Brownies group on Wednesdays (spaces available). Please contact Ashley on: 07852 485291 for further details.

### **And Finally...**

Coming up: The Christmas Trail will be running again in the village during December. Keep an eye on Facebook for further information. If you have any suggestions comments or would like to get involved, please contact me:

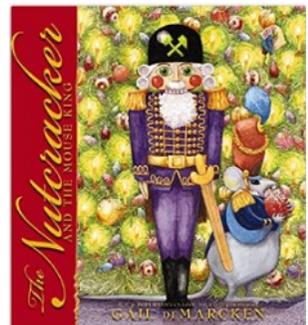
Tina Miles

Email: [clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk)

Tel. No. 07904 281522

This is my Theatre present:  
The Nutcracker & The Mouse King  
At St Mary's Church, Burham.  
(The old church down by the river)  
Tuesday the 22nd of November at 7:00pm.

More information, and for tickets go to:  
[www.thisismytheatre.com/burham](http://www.thisismytheatre.com/burham)  
or see the Friends of St Mary's facebook page:  
[www.facebook.com/stmarysburham](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysburham)



## **Foodbank**

**Your local foodbank is at The East Malling Centre.**

This centre provides a foodbank for those folk from Wouldham, Burham, and Peters Village who need a helping hand at this difficult time.

Your local church, All Saints, is supporting the foodbank with tinned and dried foodstuff along with fresh fruit and vegetable donations.

If you require help please contact 01732 846314 and you will receive a kind response and more information.

If you have genuine difficulties accessing the foodbank it will be possible for a volunteer to deliver your food parcel; this will be arranged by the Foodbank.

**Calling all Wouldham, Burham and  
Peters Village residents**

All Saints church will be open on Monday evenings between 6:30pm and 7:30pm for anyone wishing to bring food donations for the East Malling Foodbank.

The local pubs have kindly offered to take your donations. These items will be delivered to East Malling on Tuesday mornings by church volunteers.

Items welcome include: Tinned goods such as beans, peas, carrots, soup, meatballs in sauce, chilli in a can, corned beef, curry in a can and hot dogs. Also, dried goods such as pasta, cous cous, sugar, rice, sugar and pet food along with fresh vegetables, fruit and milk.

## Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers November walks 2022



Non-members are welcome.

To find the dates, locations, and start times for our walks, see: [www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk](http://www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk).

Or email: [info@tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk).

Thursday 3 November	A flat and gentle amble around Leybourne Lakes.	4.5 miles
Sunday 6 November	From Shoreham village up onto the side of the Darent valley for good views and along to Lullingstone, returning along the river bank. Moderate difficulty.	6 miles
Thursday 10 November	An undulating circular walk from Matfield taking in fields, tracks, orchards, lakes and ponds. Some road walking; moderate difficulty.	5 miles
Sunday 20 November	A flexible walk from Capel Church. The first walk will be 3 miles. The second walk will leave at about 11.45 and will cover a loop in the opposite direction, for 2.7 miles. Join one or other or both!	3 / 2.7 / 5.7 miles
Wednesday 23 November	Circular walk through the parkland of Linton and Boughton Monchelsea on the eastern side, and then the orchards of the western section. Moderate difficulty.	7 miles
Wednesday 30 November	A leisurely, flat walk from Tudeley across farmland to the River Medway. Along the Medway to Tonbridge and back via lanes and fields.	5.5 miles

### 2022 Rochester Christmas Market dates

Saturday/Sunday the 26th/27th of November:	10am to 6pm
Friday the 2nd of December:	12pm to 8pm
Saturday/Sunday the 3rd/4th of December:	10am to 7pm
Friday the 9th of December:	12pm to 8pm
Saturday/Sunday the 10th/11th December:	10am to 6pm.

United Charities of the Ancient Parish of Burham  
**Winter Fuel Grant 2022**

**Applications for grants towards the costs of winter fuel bills are invited from residents of the Ancient Parish of Burham.**

To qualify for assistance applicants should be aged 65 years or over and have lived within the boundaries of the Ancient Parish for the past 10 years. The weekly HOUSEHOLD income of applicants, i.e. the total income from all occupants, must not exceed £300 for single occupancy or £400 for multiple occupancy. For this purpose, income is determined after deducting half of rent payable (rent after deducting any housing benefit received) and ignoring attendance allowance and similar state benefits and credits. Only one application per household will be considered. The Trustees reserve the right to make such enquiries as they believe necessary to confirm entitlement to the grant.

**Application Forms will be delivered to 2021 recipients. New applicants can obtain forms from Mon 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 from:**

**Burham**

Dave Young (17 Bell Crescent), Jill Emptage (147 Rochester Rd)  
Roger Kiralfy (c/o Arkadia, 159 Rochester Rd)

Jack Owen (22 Whitehouse Crescent) Jill Pannell (177 Rochester Road)  
**Blue Bell Hill:** Barry Smith (296 Robin Hood Lane)

**All applications are handled in the strictest confidence**

*If you require help completing the form please feel free to ask a trustee.*

**Completed Application Forms should be returned to Mr. Kiralfy at Arkadia, 159 Rochester Rd, Burham ME1 3SF by Wed 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.**

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*A day in the life of...* Sue Hanson      *Job title:* Florist/Business owner  
Director of a Limited Company; Just Peachy Florist

*When did you start this role?*

I have worked as a Florist for many years.



*What qualifications do you need to perform this role?*

You don't have to have a formal qualification to become a florist, you can be self-taught, or you can choose to take a college qualification. You need a love of flowers, a creative eye, and attention to detail. You need to learn the names of flowers, when flowers are in season, and the basic forms of flowers. You also need good and friendly communication skills.

*What attracted you to this position?*

The love of flowers and the especially the enjoyment of creating Wedding flowers and funeral flowers.

*What is your favourite part of the job?*

Visiting Wedding Venues and setting up the flowers and delivering bouquets to the Brides.

*And the least?*

Emptying dirty water and bleaching buckets.

*What is a typical day like for you?*

Checking the Diary, checking Website and Direct 2 Florist Orders, ordering flowers on the Dutch Markets, conditioning flowers, making arrangements, delivering the orders, speaking to customers on the phone, consultations with Brides to discuss their wedding flowers. Typing Wedding Quotations, replying to emails, administration, and bank reconciliation ... the list goes on.

*What advice would you give to someone thinking of this position as a career?*

You cannot be afraid of hard work; Floristry isn't always as glamorous as people think. It involves lots of dirty water and bleaching buckets, early mornings, lots of standing all day, working in the cold, conditioning flowers, dirty fingernails.

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You must have patience when speaking to customers, and you need to be able to adapt to different circumstances quickly, one customer could be sending flowers for the birth of a baby and the next customer may want to send funeral flowers for a loved one and they can be extremely upset.

*Can you share the funniest, embarrassing or most memorable story?*

Over 20 years ago I worked in a flower shop and my now husband was a Funeral Director. At the time we were not together but we knew each other. Warren had been helping a client; an elderly lady whose brother had passed away. When the brother was alive each week he bought the elderly lady 9 Peach Roses to put in a vase so Warren suggested to her a Tied Sheath of 9 Peach Roses to lay on top of the coffin. So, Warren ordered the Peach Rose Sheath with me through the shop. On the morning of the funeral there was a mix-up and the flowers did arrive, but they were very late. Poor Warren called the shop in a panic as he was waiting to go onto the funeral.

The following day I called Warren to apologise and to check the elderly lady was okay. Warren said that he managed to get to the funeral on time with the flowers and the elderly lady was very happy and was not aware there had been a delay with the flowers.

Warren then said to me “while you are on the phone would you like to come out on a date with me?” And so we went on a date and 20 years on we are married and Warren buys me Peach Roses every Anniversary. I even had Peach Roses in my Bridal Bouquet, and hence I called my business Just Peachy and my logo is a Peach Rose. It may be a cheesy story but it is true!



*How would you rate job satisfaction out of 10?*

10, I love it! I love to see the look on Bride’s faces when I arrive with their bouquets, or to make a family happy when they are grieving because the funeral tributes are so beautiful. Seeing the smile on peoples faces when they answer the front door to you and you hand them a beautiful gift bouquet is just wonderful!

Email: [flowers@justpeachyflorists.com](mailto:flowers@justpeachyflorists.com)  
Tel. No. 07834 189920

## Burham Parish Council news



Keep up to date with Parish Council business by  
Visiting the following platforms:  
Website: [www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk)  
Facebook page: **Burham Parish Council**

**The next meetings is scheduled for the 28th of November 2022**  
(Normally the last Monday of the month excluding Bank Holidays).

### **TMBC Local Plan regulation 18:**

TMBC Local Plan Regulation 18 consultation. <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/news/article/73/consultation-opens-on-homes-and-growth-plan>. The consultation opened on the 22nd of September and closes on the 3rd of November. This is a chance for residents to have their say!

### **One way system on Church Street**

One way system Church Street from Rochester Rd to New Court Rd has been delayed/postponed. Since the agreed date was advised, KCC have now provided us with different information, so we need to clarify the processes and procedures from them before any further action can be taken.

### **Rochester Road resurfacing**

Whilst the resurfacing to Rochester Rd took place late July, many of the road markings including double yellow lines were not reinstalled until much later. It took several attempts for the contractors to get the road marking right – hopefully they have all been addressed by now.

### **Recycling Sites**

TMBC have made the decision to remove a further 10 recycling sites across the Borough, as the kerb side collection has made substantial decrease in use of these sites. Burham's recycling site will not be affected and remains 1 of 10 remaining. **Please use the site or lose it.** The site contains the following banks: paper/cardboard, plastics, cans, all glass, clothing and textiles. Also, it's been confirmed that the free of charge Saturday bulky refuse service will not be reinstated.

### **Odd Job employee**

As some of you will be aware, our odd job employee left during September due to on-going health problems. A vacancy notice was posted on the website and noticeboards; further updates to follow.

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### **Cost of Living Crisis**

For those of you that are worried about the Cost of Living Crisis: Good information including nearest food banks, help with paying bills, help for households is available at [www.tmbc.gov.uk/cost-of-living](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/cost-of-living).

### **Public Transport**

I know that many residents are still upset regarding the lack of public transport in the village.

Please write to Tracey Crouch at her Constituency Office, Kent Space, 6-8 Revenge Road, Lordswood, Chatham, Kent. ME5 8UD. Or at her Parliamentary Office, House of Commons, London. SW1A 0AA (email: [tracey.crouch.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:tracey.crouch.mp@parliament.uk)).

### **Street Lights**

Due to the high cost of energy, some of the street lights including some of the car park lights, that the Parish Council are responsible for, will be defused.

### **Defibrillator**

Located on the outside wall of the parish office. As the device is security coded, if required, please dial 999, the operator will provide you with a code to access the device. Open the device and follow the verbal instructions.

### **Local Elections**

In May 2023, local elections will be taking place for councillors to stand at parish level. There will be eight vacancies available. Whilst existing councillors can of course re-stand, it would be great if we could see some new faces come forward. If you might be interested in the volunteer councillor roles, give me a call on the number below for an informal chat; don't just moan about village matters, come and get involved.

If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss, contact me on the details below or join in at the next scheduled meeting, which is due on the 28th of November 2022.

Pam Saunders, Clerk on 01634 685936  
or email: [pam@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:pam@burhampc.co.uk)

**Burham Village Hall** opens fully after the completion of the Roof Refurbishment Project.



After closing down for the school summer holidays and allowing the contractors to remove the old roofing materials and replace with new, Burham Village Hall is now fully open for regular hires including Burham Pre-School and many others. The hall has always been popular with casual bookings at the weekend and this can now continue. The important project which ensures the safe use of Burham Village Hall was funded by a £46,616.92 grant from FCC Communities Foundation.

David Young, Chair of Burham Village Hall Management Committee is delighted that the Village Hall is now in full use with a new water-tight roof and said “This vital facility is important to all those who use it, as well as the wider East Bank of the Medway community. We are extremely grateful to FCC Communities Foundation for providing funding as we would not have been able to go ahead without its support.”

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the [Landfill Communities Fund]

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### **Apprenticeship Grants:**

Up to £100 are available to new apprentices under the age of 25 With confirmed apprenticeships.

**Home Help Service:** the Home Help Service provides assistance to people at home and in the local community. It includes housework, shopping and laundry but does not personal care. The charge is currently £12.50 per hour unless a free service is awarded.

**Medway Telecare Service (formerly Lifeline);** is provided by Kyndi but eligible people can apply to RWC for funding.

**Lawn Cutting Service:** funded by Richard Watts Charities (RWC) for older or disabled people who are unable to cut the lawn themselves.

**Household Essential Grants:** for essential items such as clothing, cookers or fridges for people of any age group.

**Grants and Services:** Grants and free services are awarded to people who are financially eligible.

**Out Pension Grant:** a top-up payment of £15 per week can be made to retired applicants. Our pensions are paid directly into bank or building society accounts every four weeks.

### **Almshouse Accommodation**

We have 67 self-contained flats and bungalows in Rochester. To apply you must be living in the postcode areas of ME1 or ME2 (people returning to the area to be near family or friends may be considered); Aged State Pension or over; No longer employed; In need of accommodation; In reasonable health and able to look after yourself.

#### **Richard Watts Charities**

Established since 1579, Richard Watts Charities provide grants and services to people living in ME1 and ME2, and to schools and organisations within the area.

#### **Applications can be made for:**

- Almshouse accommodation
- Essential household items
- Home help
- Medway Telecare
- Lawn cutting
- Education/apprenticeship grants
- Grants to organisations

For more information please call  
01634 842194

[www.richardwatts.org.uk](http://www.richardwatts.org.uk)



## Parish information

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL: Mon-Friday, 10am - 2pm

Pam Saunders, Clerk: Tel: 01634 685936.

Email: [pam@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:pam@burhampc.co.uk)      [www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk).

The Parish Office, Rochester Road, Burham. ME1 3RJ

Meetings usually held on the last Monday in the month.

Next Council meeting: Monday the 28th of November 2022 .

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WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL:

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[www.wouldhampc.com](http://www.wouldhampc.com)

The next meeting will be Tuesday the 1st of November 2022. For details about how to join in please see the agenda published on [wouldhampc.com](http://wouldhampc.com)

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ALLOTMENTS: To enquire about the availability of allotments, contact:

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	2:00pm	4:45pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	8:45am	12:00 noon
	2:00pm	6:15pm

**Free Health and Wellbeing checks** on Friday the 11th of November at Burham Old School Community Hall, 1 Bell Lane, Burham, Rochester, ME1 3SY. Drop in between 10:00am and 2:00pm to discuss/check: BMI, Blood pressure, Cholesterol, Blood sugar, Diet and exercise, Smoking and alcohol reduction and social issues that may be impacting your wellbeing.

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**Defibrillators** are situated at Burham Parish Office, Wouldham Village Hall, and the Community Centre, Tolhurst Road, Peters Village.

**If a machine is needed call 999 for the code and instructions**

**Prescriptions** can be arranged to be collected, thanks to a service offered by the church. The surgery requires 4 days notice to prepare them and 24 hours notice is required for volunteers to collect them. Contact Rachel Harris (who will be available to deliver medicines on Tuesdays and Thursdays) on 07725 289194 for more details.

**Hearing aids** availability and maintenance from <https://hikent.org.uk> are looking for volunteers to help with the aftercare clinics they normally hold on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Burham Community Centre. Ring 01622 691151 for more information.

## Churches:

### Church of England Parish of Burham & Wouldham:

\* **All Saints, High Street, Wouldham.**

Holy Communion at 10.30am every Sunday.

\* **St Marys Church, Old Church Road, Burham.**

Open daily 10.00am - 4.00pm .

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\* **The 'Church in Burham' (Methodist). Church St. Burham**

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4pm - 8pm



**News from  
The Church in Burham (Methodist)  
Church Street, Burham  
All morning services commence at 10:30am**



**Services in November**

Sunday 6th November	Morning worship lead by Monica Wilding	10:30am
Sunday 13th November	Remembrance Day. Meeting at War Memorial at <b>2:00pm</b> followed by service lead by Rev. Naomi Oates and Rev. Mike Hayes	
Sunday 20th November	Morning worship lead by members	10:30am
Sunday 27th November	Morning worship lead by Roger Byard	10:30am

**Country lunch**

The Country Lunch will take place on Thursday the 17th of November at 1:00pm. Everyone is most welcome to join us for our usual meal of homemade soup with crusty bread and cheese, followed by fruit crumble and ice cream with tea or coffee to finish.

We ask for a donation of £3.00 and any profit will be given to charity.

**Book exchange**

There will be a Book Exchange on Saturday the 5th of November from 10.30am till 12 noon in the Church in Burham to exchange books you have read for others from our good selection while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee with homemade cakes and a time to chat with friends.

All donations will be sent to charity.

**Film Club**

We will be holding Film Club on Wednesday the 9th of November 2022 at 7:30pm showing 'Hachi – A Dog's Tale' starring Richard Gere.

Requests for Baptisms, Weddings, or Funerals to one of the following:

Minister: The Rev'd Naomi Oates Tel. No. 07485 072407

Email: [naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk](mailto:naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk)

Stewards: Eileen Smith      Tel. 01634 867022  
Rod Murr                      Tel. 01634 868075

## **Burham Village Hall and Burham Old School Community Centre** **Social groups & meetings**

**Women's Institute:** 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Burham Village Hall. 7.30pm. Contact Eileen Smith 01634 867022.

**Thursday Morning Community Club:** Burham Old School Community Centre, 10.30am – 12 noon. Tea, coffee, cakes. Friendly gatherings & outings. Contact: 01634 867669.

### **Activity/sport**

**Burham Baton Twirlers:** Village Hall every other Thursday 4.15-6.30pm. Contact Lyn Robinson 07729 373558.

**Short Mat Bowls:** Mondays & Wednesdays in Burham Village Hall, 7.30pm – 9.30pm. New Members are always welcome. Contact - Irene Benton 01634 867466.

**Force Medway Group:** Self Defence in Burham Village Hall. Wednesdays from 6 -7.15pm. Fridays from 6-8.30pm. Contact Stuart Lowe 07557 906249.

## **Burham United Charities**

A local charitable organisation that provides financial assistance to those in need living within the old Burham Parish boundaries. (i.e. Burham Village and parts of Blue Bell Hill).

Every year the Charity gives grants towards:

- \* The winter fuel costs of retired villagers on restricted incomes.
- \* Transport costs for medical appointments including the Covid 19 vaccination.
- \* Alleviating particular instances of hardship for any resident of the parish.
- \* Helping with some of the costs associated with schooling.

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**Aylesford Farmer's Market** at Aylesford Priory, ME20 7BX

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month between 9.30am and 1.30pm

Next market is on the 20th of November 2022

## November in Your Garden

*'Delicious Autumn! My very soul is wedded to it, & if I were a bird I would fly about the earth seeking the successive autumns.'*

November starts with such a fanfare, All Hallows Eve, followed by bonfire night, sparks the season of cosy nights in by the fire. This all follows the bright vibrant colour that adorns our native (& non-native) trees through Autumn as the russets, bronze and gold of the leaves shed from their trees and fall to the ground in a crisp colourful layer. It always is such a sight to behold.

In the garden, the shorter, cooler days mean there are fewer opportunities to get out into the garden. The weather can affect what jobs need doing, as if it stays mild the lawns will still need cutting, and weeds will continue to grow so will need tidying. If frost is forecast, then ensure you bring any tender plants indoors (a shed or greenhouse will often suffice) or move to a sheltered spot for the winter.

If you are so inclined and prefer your outdoor space to look neat for winter, then you can continue to deadhead and cut back herbaceous perennials that have finished flowering for the year. However it is considered extremely beneficial to birds, hedgehogs and insects if the garden tidy up is left until spring, as flower heads and plant litter create really useful habitats for their hibernation. It is however best to cut back Roses now, by approx. 1/3<sup>rd</sup> to an outward facing bud; this will help to prevent them from getting rocked by stormy weather. At the same time have a good clear up of any dropped leaves as these can often harbour rose black spot if left until next year. Also if you have evergreen plants or shrubs such as Cornus or Callicarpa that are grown for their winter stems, perhaps clear around them just so they stand out in your winter garden.

In the vegetable garden, continue to harvest your winter veg crops such as cabbages, carrots, parsnips, turnips, Brussel sprouts and leeks. It's also time to plant out garlic and onions as these will happily over winter in the ground.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- \* Finish pruning Lavender, by cutting back to remove the flower heads. Lavender can often be rejuvenated by cutting back harder; especially if there are new shoots emerging from the base.

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- \* Plant Tulip bulbs, either layered in pots or into the borders.
- \* Continue to rake up leaves, & either store to make leaf mould or dispose of accordingly.
- \* Put away or cover your garden furniture to protect it from the winter weather & clean out water butts ready for refilling over winter.
- \* Continue to water pots and baskets through until the frosts as they will still dry out quickly on warm windy days.
- \* Start to top up bird feeders and baths now that their natural food supply will be declining.
- \* Refresh summer bedding now for autumn pansies and cyclamen and spread the spent compost onto the borders.

Allotments are available in Wouldham.

Please call 01634 682363 for details.

Sue Durrani

## **THE HENRY PETERS CHARITY**

This charity was set up by Henry Peters in his will around 1912 to be distributed to the sick and poor of Wouldham by the Parish Council.

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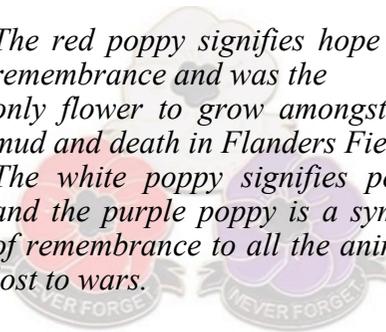
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## Poppy Appeal

This year Wouldham Girlguiding and some local volunteers (Ashley Crowdey, Kenneth Kirk and Steven Crowdey) are doing a Poppy Appeal at Peters Village CoOp on the 1st of November to the 11th of November between 10am and 2pm.

*The red poppy signifies hope and remembrance and was the only flower to grow amongst the mud and death in Flanders Fields. The white poppy signifies peace and the purple poppy is a symbol of remembrance to all the animals lost to wars.*



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Wouldham	Date (Tuesday)	Time
Walker Burke Avenue	1st, 15th and 29th of November	1:05pm - 1:35pm
Ravens Knowle	1st, 15th and 29th of November	1:45pm - 2:15pm

Burham	Date	Time
Village Hall	1st, 15th and 29th of November	2:25pm - 3:25pm

Eccles	Date	Time
Bull Lane by the Village Hall	1st, 15th and 29th of November	3:45pm - 4:35pm

For further advise or book requests please e-mail:

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Book Club**

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For more information please contact Douglas Henn-Macrae  
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