

THE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



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PETERS VILLAGE

April 2019

VISION IN THE VALLEY

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Dear friends



This is our Easter edition and all the special Easter services can be found on page 3 and on page 5 for the Methodist services.

The Spring holidays are beginning and now that the clocks have gone forward we look forward to more daylight and being out enjoying the countryside and gardens. It is always the magic of spring when dormancy breaks and the trees turn green again, everything starts to grow and bloom and we hear the birds' chorus. For those with gardens and allotments, it is a time to get planting for the year and I see, on page 17, that there are some allotments available. We hear about residents at Winchester House Nursing Home enjoying their gardens (*page 27*) and as usual, Sue gives us her wise gardening advice on page 21.

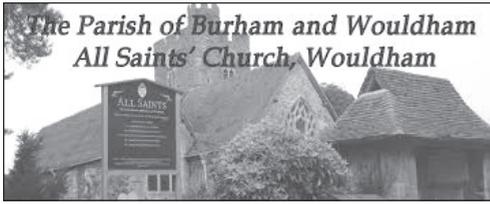
We are told (*pages 22, 23*) about the special measures being taken to protect wildlife in Peters Village. I guess that many new residents will be looking to enjoying their new gardens this spring and summer and I know that, if minded, there are many ways that wildlife can be attracted to even the smallest gardens, including perhaps making a small pond. There is plenty of information to be found on how to be wildlife friendly. Also getting out and exploring the countryside and perhaps the local wildlife reserves of Holborough & Burham Marshes, Nashenden and Burham Downs is a perfect way to enjoy the spring.

We thank all the people who have sent pieces to be included in the magazine and these all contribute to making a community magazine interesting. We can't always promise to fit them in though as it's a big jigsaw puzzle every month but we'll do our very best. So if you've got something interesting to write about we'll be pleased to receive it. Also if you can help deliver the magazine to a small area, particularly Peters Village, it would be very welcome.

The increased circulation to new housing has stretched us both financially and delivering. We are generously sponsored by both Wouldham and Burham Parish Councils and if anyone would like to be a sponsor to the magazine it would be a great help to us. Also, we have advertising space available if you are interested and advertisers do report a good response locally. (*see page 33*) Thank you.

Enjoy the spring.

Mary Davis, Editor



A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

We looking for a new Secretary.

We are very grateful to Rachael Harris for the work she has done in this role. The secretarial role involves taking minutes at 6 meetings a year on Monday evenings, 7.30-9 and at the Annual Meeting at All Saints Church, Wouldham. Also to send out agendas for the above, and receive communications from the Diocese. Rachael is be happy to do a handover.

If anyone is interested in taking on this role please contact :

Rev. Mike Hayes mikejhaves@hotmail.co.uk 07964697556

FOR YOUR DIARY.....

Cream Teas mmmmm.....

will be resuming at
All Saints Church, Wouldham
on 19th May



TODDLER CHURCH



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MESSY CHURCH

for all ages
This month on
Good Friday, 19th April,
9.45am

This month at
Burham Church, Methodist.
Church St.

Games, painting and many other
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Refreshments.

Contact:
<http://wouldhamchurch.org.uk/>

APRIL & EASTER

Church of England Services



Every Friday, TODDLER CHURCH.

9.15-10.15am **Term time only** (*see opposite*) All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 7th April, 5th Sunday of Lent

9.00am Said Holy Communion Burham Community Centre

10.30am Holy Communion with Hymns All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday, 11th April

11.00am Winchester House Holy Communion. All are welcome

Sunday, 14th April, Palm Sunday

10.30am Sung Holy Communion Burham Old Church

Thursday, 18th April. Maundy Thursday

6.30pm Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

Monday 15th, Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th April

9.00pm Night Prayer All Saints, Wouldham

Friday 19th April, Good Friday

9.45am Messy Good Friday Burham Church, Methodist

3.00pm Good Friday Service All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 21st April, Easter Sunday

10.30am, Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 28th April, 2nd Sunday of Easter

10.30am Holy Communion followed by- All Saints, Wouldham
Annual Parochial Council Meeting

COFFEE MORNING

Friday, 26th April, 10.45-11.45am

just come along to... All Saints, Wouldham

You will be very welcome



Kent Veterans Support, RBLI is holding an event

**Support and Advice for Armed Forces Veterans.
At the Anglican & Methodist Church of St Andrew,
Paddock Wood, TN12 6DZ.**

Tuesday, 16th April 2019. 10:30 - 14:00 hrs

They are inviting all those who have served in the Armed Forces and their families to this event in Paddock Wood. Unfortunately the RBLI have no records of veterans and therefore cannot send out personal invitations.

The event will provide an opportunity to meet new people and talk to organisations providing health advice and social activities.

Please pass on this information to any veteran or family member that you are aware of in your parish. The co-ordinator is:

Michael Bishop Michael.bishop@rbli.co.uk **07827 943609**

The Church in Burham (*see opposite*) has chosen charity for April will be **DOTS (Dogs on the Streets)**. This charity set up 5 years ago provides veterinary care in the form of advice on nutrition and the general care of the pets of people living on the streets. This is both in London and some other towns in the UK. There is a fully equipped veterinary bus to provide any treatment that may be required. The charity acknowledges the great benefit of having a pet for many homeless people which assists their often fragile mental health and an important extension of their work is to try to find permanent accommodation for these individuals. There are trained vets and veterinary nurses who work for the charity on a voluntary basis.

FILM CLUB

Why not join us on Wednesday April at 7.30pm in the Church Hall of The Church in Burham (*see opposite*) to watch the film 'Belle'. This is based on a true story set in the 1770's telling the story of the daughter of a British



Royal Naval Officer and an enslaved woman in the West Indies who is brought to England to live with the Lord Chief Justice in his house in Herefordshire Kenwood House. She is brought up with his own daughters and the film tells how the family relationships develop.

All are welcome to join us to watch the film with refreshments at the end. We ask for a donation of £1 which will be sent to charity.

THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist), Church St.

Minister:- Rev. Noreen Daley-Lee. Tel No 01732 642581

Stewards:- Eileen Smith, 01634 867022 & Joyce Brown 01634 864413
Trevor Smith 01634 867022. & Rod Murr 01634 868075

Requests for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals to: Rev Noreen Daley-Lee or stewards.

SERVICES FOR APRIL

- April 7th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Karen Willing**
April 14th 10.30am Palm Sunday worship led by Local Team
April 21st 10.30am Easter Sunday Worship led by Patricia Robb
April 28th 10.30am Holy Communion led by Rev. Noreen Daley-Lee

SPECIAL EASTER SERVICES

- Thursday April 18th at 8.0pm Reflective Maundy Thursday worship led by Robin Oakley**
Friday April 19th at 10.45 Good Friday Club followed by a short service led by Rev. Mike Hayes.

AFTERNOON TEA This will continue as usual each Tuesday afternoon from 3.0pm till 4.30pm. Everyone is most welcome to join us for a cup of tea, piece of homemade cake and a 'Fun Quiz'

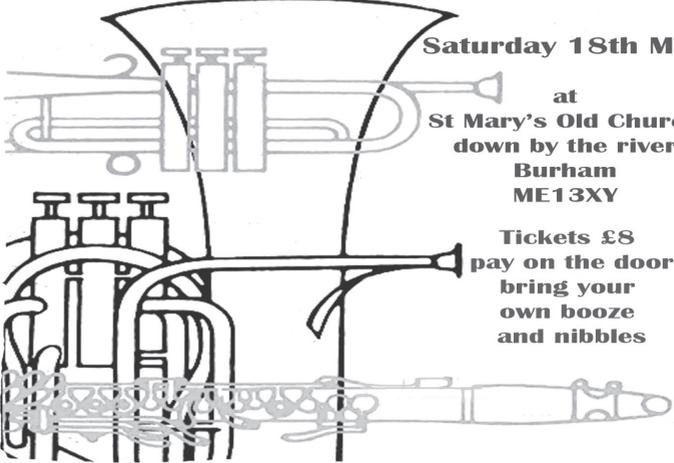
COUNTRY LUNCH Country Lunch will take place as usual on Thursday April 11th when everyone is welcome to enjoy our meal of homemade soup with crusty bread and cheese, followed by fruit crumble and ice cream with tea or coffee to finish. We ask for a donation of £3.

BOOK EXCHANGE Book Exchange will be held on Saturday April 6th from 10.30am till 12.0. This is an opportunity for you to bring books you have read and exchange them for others from our good selection. Tea and coffee are served together with homemade cake for which we ask a donation of £1.

FILM CLUB This month's Film Club takes place on Wednesday April 3rd, 7.30pm when we will be showing 'Bella'. See opposite. Join us to watch the film and share tea and coffee afterwards for which we ask a donation of £1.

CHARITIES

In March we supported Mary's Meals to which we have sent £130. In April we will be sending the proceeds from our various activities to DOTS (Dogs on the Streets) which works with homeless people and their pets. Please see separate piece opposite explaining their work.



dr jazz

Saturday 18th May
at
St Mary's Old Church
down by the river
Burham
ME13XY

Tickets £8
pay on the door
bring your
own booze
and nibbles

Come and join us for an evening of traditional jazz
with Dr Jazz, one of Kents leading Jazz bands,
in the beautiful setting of St Marys old church.
To order a ticket call Geoff Lee on 07759 876261
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2019 EVENTS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURHAM

(down by the river)

Come and join us in this beautiful setting

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S BURHAM



Dr Jazz: Saturday May 18th 7:30pm

Quiz: Saturday June 8th 7:30pm

'This is my Theatre' Romeo and Juliet: Saturday June 29th 7:30pm

Flower Festival: Saturday & Sunday July 13th & 14th 10-4pm

This is my Theatre - Wind in the Willows: Sunday August 11th 3pm

This is my Theatre - Importance of Being Earnest: Sun. Aug. 11th 7:30pm

Music Festival: Saturday September 7th

Art Exhibition: Saturday & Sunday September 21st & 22nd 10-4pm

This is my Theatre - Snow Queen: Saturday November 23rd 2pm

Carols by Candlelight: Saturday December 14th

We will be posting dates of all these events on our facebook page

www.facebook.com/stmarysburham and in the parish magazine.

Or call Rosie 01634 672346

We hope you will be able to join us.



Join us in
the Old School Community Centre
for a
FREE Quiz Night



Monday 15th April, 7:30pm – 9pm

ALL welcome!

Prize for the winning team! - Teams will be sorted out on the night, so please just turn up

**Free refreshments
included**

Pssst...Look out for future events, including details of our fortnightly ramble (April 10th and 24th), via our Facebook page.



If you would like to help out in anyway, or offer new ideas, or are just curious to see what we are about, please do drop by.

St. Andrew's School Open Day

Tuesday, 30th April 2019

9:30am - 11:00am & 1:30pm - 3:00pm



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APRIL MEETINGS

Tuesday April 2nd	7.30pm	Wouldham Parish Council	Wouldham Village Hall
Thursdays: April 4, 11, 18, 25	10.30 - 12 noon	Burham Thursday Community Club Popular weekly get together, outing, guest speakers, special events. A warm welcome to newcomers. <i>Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic:</i> <i>11th April</i>	Old School Community Centre, Burham
Tuesdays: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	2-4pm	60+CLUB Social afternoon for the over-60s	Waterman's Arms, 151 High St., Wouldham
Monday: April 29	7.30pm	Burham Parish Council	Burham Parish office
Tuesday April 16	7.30pm	W I Meeting	Burham Village Hall



Phoenix Medical Practice

33, Bell Lane, Burham, Rochester. ME1 3SX
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Opening times

Monday & Thursday: 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

Dispensary Opening Times

Monday & Thursday: 8:45 am - 12:00 pm
2.00 pm - 4:45 pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:45 am - 12:00 pm
3:30 pm - 6:15 pm

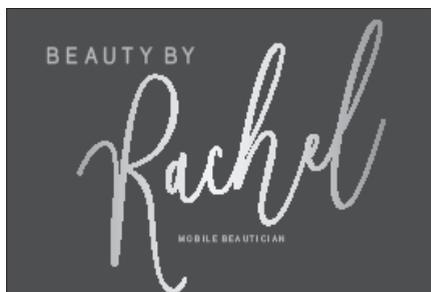
THE HENRY PETERS CHARITY

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.

The trustees have agreed that the payments could be used to fund residents getting to and from the doctors' surgery or hospital.

To apply please contact the Council clerk on 01634 864319 or clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk.

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WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



PARKING .Please can we ask that everyone is considerate when they park, don't park on corners or in front of other people's drive. Think about the bus route and whether or not the bus can get past. The PC can ask the traffic warden to come round but it would be better for residents to police themselves.

DOGS ON YELLOW LEADS. When walking your dog, if you see a dog on a yellow lead or with a yellow cravat, this denotes that the dog is nervous of other dogs and/or people so please give them a wide berth.

YOUTH CLUB. The Youth club goes from strength to strength. It is for children year 7 to year 11 and is 7-9pm . The Breakfast club is also a success and happens once a month. Thank you to all the volunteers for these 2 ventures.

ELECTION NEWS. On May 2nd there will be an election for the Parish Council and also for the Borough Council. If you wish to stand or would like some more information please contact the Clerk. This time the polling station will be at the new school and not at the Village Hall. If anyone needs help getting to the school or would like to know more about a postal vote please contact the clerk.

VILLAGE HALL. Plans are moving ahead to replace the current hall with a new hall on the Recreation Ground. The aim of the Village Hall Committee is to pay for the new hall from the sale of the old. The draft plans are up in the hall and there will be a village meeting to let residents know the what the Committee is planning.

PETERS VILLAGE. The Parish Council would like to tell their residents in PV about the 60+ club which takes place in the Watermans Pub on Tuesdays at 2-4pm. Everyone over 60 is welcome. We are also trying to get a noticeboard in PV so the PC can let you all know what is happening in Wouldham for everyone.

TRAFFIC. Our MP Tracey Crouch has let us know that there was a meeting at Kent County Council with consultants who have looked at the traffic in Wouldham and our Borough Councillors. They are all aware of the problems the bridge has caused and have said that they are working on a solution. Unfortunately due to bad planning in the past this will take time and money but we are pleased it is being discussed.

CONTACT: Clerk, Nicky Grimes clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

01634 864319.

Chair: Jenny Head

jennyhead1@gmail.com

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS APRIL 2019



Keep up to date with Parish Council business, visit:
Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk
Facebook page “Burham Parish Council”

A TMBC Representative attended our 25th March monthly meeting to advise on the new waste and recycling contract. We have some available allotments. Contact Dave Young 01634 867669. Please ensure that you “park pretty” in all areas of the village, avoiding dropped kerbs/junctions, on pavements, obscuring sight lines and of course double yellow lines to name just a few. Parking, as in all small villages like Burham, can become a problem, so we all need to be aware of others. The Village Hall overflow car park has recently been resurfaced and is now a quality area to park and in walking distance to most areas of the village.

The Church Street One Way Survey: Due to the survey results and the lack of responses afterwards, no further action will currently be made by the Parish Council in relation to a one way system.

Spring village litter pick: This took place on 23 March 2019 10am. The lease for the land between Court Rd and New Court Rd will be signed very soon (if not already signed). Contractors for grass cutting and hedge trimming have been contacted already.

There is only a few days left to submit any nominations for the local elections. The deadline for submission is 4pm on Wednesday 3rd April. This is a strict deadline.

We have requested that the wooden planters on Whitehouse Crescent green are removed as they are rotten in places. We will be having ground level planting in the same areas.

We are still collating information on the 155 Arriva Bus Service, so if you have experienced any problems, lateness, no arrival or other matters relating to the service please let me know asap after the event.

At the recycling site, there is now a bank to enable you to recycle clothes and textiles. Residents may still not be aware of it. Please place items in a bag before putting into the bank. The bank generates funds which are paid directly to us. So with Spring around the corner, perhaps it is time for a spring clean of your clothes and textiles?

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If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss, just give me a call on 01634 685936, e-mail me on pam@burhampc.co.uk or come along to the monthly meetings, normally held the last Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 29 April 2019, 7.30 pm The Parish Building, ROCHESTER ROAD, BURHAM . Pam Saunders – Clerk.

**Burham C of E Primary School
PTFA present.....**

A Race Night

on

Friday 17th May from 7pm

in

Burham School Hall



Tickets £5 each. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Raffle.

Tickets are available from 1st April via School Reception or from Helen Maynard-Copley - 01634 660796 or Vickie Day - 07957 529595



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BURHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY, FORGIVENESS, TRUST

Welcome to all our new children and their families who have joined us this term. Although this is a short term we have managed to fit in a huge amount. During the first week back after half term, all our children had their class photos taken. It is always great to see how the children have changed during their time at the school.

In the second week of term, courtesy of our PTFA, we had a surprise 'delivery' at school of some eggs. We are pleased to say these have now hatched into some baby chicks and the children have enjoyed watching them in the incubator and have even been able to have a cuddle with some of them.

On 7th March we celebrated World Book Day, with the children (and some of the teaching staff!) coming into school dressed as their favourite book character. A lot of thought and hard work had gone into the costumes which were all amazing. Lots of them were homemade, so thank you to our parents for supporting this event.

At the end of March our PTFA ran a Mother's Day Gift Room where the children could purchase ready-wrapped presents for Mother's Day. This is always a popular event, so we hope that all the presents were appreciated.

On 4th April, Rev'd Mike Hayes will be coming into school to lead the children and their families in a Lent Eucharist, while on 5th April which is the last day of this term, our PTFA are running an Easter Craft Afternoon which they also did last year, with great success.

Our PTFA are continuing their fundraising efforts so that we can purchase a minibus for the school, with lots of events planned during the course of the year, which are open to the whole village and surrounding communities. Their next event will be a Race Night on Friday 17th May at the school. This is always a popular event so we hope lots of you can attend. Look out for details in this Parish Newsletter and on the posters around the village. Wishing you all a Happy Easter.

As always, all updates relating to our school can be found on our website www.burham.kent.sch.uk If you would like to get involved with our PTFA please do get in touch office@burham.kent.sch.uk *Michelle Grima - Headteacher*

PARISH NEWS

Choir Practice

Church choir practice is on Thursdays, 7.30pm at All Saints Church, Wouldham.

New junior and senior members are most welcome.

For enquiries, please contact Sandra Holman
Tel. 01634-867586

Bell Ringing

Bell Ringing Practice is on Wednesdays at 8pm at All Saints Church, Wouldham. New ringers are welcome

Prescriptions

If you are unable to collect your prescriptions and live in Burham, Wouldham or Peters Village, the Church offers a collection service.

Contact:

Rachael Harris. 07725289194

The surgery require 72 hours to prepare the prescription and the volunteers collecting these prescriptions need 24hrs notice.

SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION

TMBC Helpline 01732 876147

www.tmbc.gov.uk

Wouldham - Village Car Park,
Knowle Rd,

6th April, 8.00am–9.00am.

Burham, Village Hall Car Park,
6th April, 9.15am -10.15am

Eccles – Bull Lane lay-by.

6th April, 10.30am- 11.30am

20th April, 8.00am—8.45am

Snodland- Saltings Road
(outside Neville Park)

13th April, 8.00am—9.00am

27th April, 8.00am-9.00am

Snodland—St Benedicts Rd,
junction of Paddlesworth Rd.

20th April, 8.00-9.00am

All sites on the Saturday Service have **WEEE** collection ie-

Waste,Electical,Electronic,Equipment & **scrap metal items** at the same time that Veolia's vehicles are on site.

Do not leave waste unattended at the collection sites or in advance of the waste vehicles arriving.



BOOK CLUB

7.30pm, Wednesday, 17th April
Burham Church (Meth.) Church St.

If you are interested please contact Gwen Worcester 01634 672060

PARISH COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

Burham Parish Council

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

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Email: pam@burhampc.co.uk

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www.wouldhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Parish Clerk—Nicky Grimes

clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

01634 864319

Community Warden:-

Deb Foreman—07813694140

Police non emergency – 101

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

The library visits Burham & Wouldham fortnightly on:

Tuesdays, 9th & 23rd April

Wouldham, Walter Burke Ave - 13.15-13.45hrs

Wouldham, Ravensknowle - 13.55-14.25hrs

Burham, Village Hall - 14.35-15.35hrs

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fiction & non-fiction.
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Halls for Hire

Burham Methodist Church Hall –
01634 867022

Burham Old School Community Centre
– 01634 863322

NB—From March 1st, 2019, Burham Community Centre will be increasing the rent to:

£10/ hour weekdays & £12/hour weekends.

Burham Village Hall – 07842883028

Wouldham Village Hall – 01634 864319
clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

ALLOTMENTS

We have some Wouldham allotment plots available.
Contact Sue: 682363

Burham Parish Council.

There are Burham allotment plots available.
Contact: Dave Young on 867669

Contact us to
make a
booking or
request a
brochure



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stand at
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Email: bookings@farleighcoaches.com

Tel 01634 254009

Web: www.farleighcoaches.com

A Selection of Tours for 2019

Sunday 12th May – Boscombe, Dorset, 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast at a 3* hotel, including an excursion to Poole, Swanage and optional trip to NT Kingston Lacey or Wimbourne Minster - £299

Sunday 12th May – Ireland's Ancient East, 5 nights dinner, bed and breakfast, an excursion to the Waterford & Suir Valley Railway, the House of Waterford Crystal, Kilkenny craft centre and a tour of the Irish National Heritage Park – from £579

Saturday 22nd June – MONKEY WORLD. 1 night dinner, bed and breakfast, at The Berkeley Hotel, Weymouth plus admission to Monkey World - From £99pp

Monday 29 July—5 days Whitby. 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the 3* Saxonville Hotel. Excursions to Scarborough and a scenic drive on the Yorkshire Moors including a visit to Goathland.£425pp.

Monday 5 August- 5 days Stafford. 4 nights dinner, bed & breakfast at the 3* Tillington Hall Hotel. Excursions to Trentham Gardens, Stafford and the National Arboretum at Burton on Trent.

Monday 12th August – LAKE DISTRICT. 5 nights, dinner, bed and breakfast at a beautiful hotel on the edge of the Lake District National Park including excursions to Morecambe, Kendal and a train ride on the Lakeside and Haverthwaite railway - From £399

Thursday 12th September – BLACKPOOL ILLUMINATIONS. 4 nights dinner, bed and breakfast at a hotel ideally situated on the north promenade - £284 pp

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Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

Last month was wonderful as ever. Schools are great places to work as you see so much growth and development and especially see children conquering difficulties and achieve challenges.

Research shows that meeting new experiences aids stronger brain development and that a residential adventure experience can aid to secure greater progress amongst children.

At the end of February and beginning of March we tried out a new experience and spent a week at the Kent Mountain Centre in North Wales. Wow! Set in the amazing environment of the Snowdonia mountains we were immersed in fantastic activities such as canoeing, climbing, abseiling, gorge walking, sea cliff traversing and much more. Here we are on the summit of Snowdon...



We were blessed with amazing weather but wind and rain wouldn't have put us off. The children were amazing and completed challenges that were physically and mentally exhausting. Well done to our pioneers and we're pleased to be able to provide more opportunities next February as well.



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April in your Garden

'And Spring arose on the garden fair, Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere, Each flower and herb on Earths dark breast, rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.'

With Easter falling in April this year, it brings with it the prospect of the lighter evenings over the long weekend to hopefully give ample opportunity to enjoy your garden. The clocks have now sprung forward, and we have the warm weather to look forward to, together with the lengthening evenings all being ideal for getting out into the garden or enjoying an evening stroll in the fresh air, which is a good opportunity to see what's new in your local area and seek inspiration from other gardens for plants that you like and may do well in your own garden. Our soil here is generally chalky loam, which actually provides a good soil structure for most plants.

By now the Daffodils, Snowdrops and early Tulips have gone over, so nip off any flower heads to ensure the plant puts its energy back into the bulb for next year. Spring bulbs can also be lifted and divided now if they are creating a large clump. Simply dig the whole clump up and gently break up into smaller clumps for replanting into other areas, sprinkle with a little slow-release fertiliser such as blood, fish & bone to feed the bulbs ready for next year. Primulas and Pansies should continue to look good for another month so keep deadheading to promote fresh flowers.

In the vegetable garden, by mid-April the soil should be warm enough to successfully sow most seeds direct. Carrots, Beetroot, Parsnips, Peas and Turnips are amongst many of the seeds that can all be sown direct now, and can also be sown successionally to ensure the maximum harvest. Sowing small amounts of seeds a few weeks apart will mean there is less chance of a glut and you can enjoy harvesting a range of vegetables whilst at their best. By now Broad Beans should be growing strongly and would also benefit from a light feed and also having their tips pinched out to help prevent pest attack.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

Spring flowering plants such as Forsythia, Clematis Montana and Ceanothus should be pruned once flowering has finished. Camelia and Magnolia however should only be lightly pruned to maintain their shape and size.

Feed and mulch the garden to ensure plants have a fresh nutrient supply, and to also help lock moisture into the soil for later in the year. Use compost or bark to improve longer term soil structure.

Regular mowing of the lawn and neatened edges (use a half-moon edging blade) will keep it looking tidy for the season.

Sue Durrani, Secretary, Allotment Association, Wouldham

Wouldham allotment plots are available. [Contact Sue: 682363]

Great Crested Newts wander free as wildlife and homeowners happily ‘co-exist’ at Peters Village

Environmental studies at Peters Village in Kent show that people and wildlife are flourishing side by side.

The new 1,000-home community near Wouldham offers a green and diverse environment for residents. It holds extensive views of the River Medway and adjoining reed beds, scrubland, wooded hills and chalky habitats in the historic Peters Pit Quarry nature reserve; a permanent landmark and reminder of local history and heritage.

These rich natural resources have benefited from sympathetic habitat creation and enhancement by Peters Village developer Trenport, over the past decade or so – now highlighted by a three-year environmental study.

Most notably, it shows wildlife using purpose-built passages beneath roads and trackways to move between the substantial retained areas of green space, when they might otherwise be at risk from vehicle traffic.

In particular, Great Crested Newts – a protected species – are using these tunnels exactly as hoped and planned: to explore between the designated Peters Pit SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and land beside the River Medway. This allows this rare species to avoid what are known as fragmentation effects, when countryside is divided by roads, housing and industry.

Ecologist Tom Langton has enjoyed an overview of the project for Trenport and its predecessors for over 30 years, through surveys and designing habitat measures and is delighted by the studies progress:

“It’s rewarding news for all those who have worked so hard to make the project work. The Government’s Natural England agency licenced the project and the charity Froglife assisted with special technology to count amphibians, small mammals and other animals moving through the passages. Both are thanked for their support and close involvement.

“This is now the third year of a five-year study of passage use and Trenport’s wildlife ranger Terry Venn has played a major role in driving the project towards its final goals.

“The four passages, the largest of which is around 20 metres long, have roof slots to let rain in and allow air circulation. They are joined to special low fences that prevent animals from getting onto the road and being hit, while enabling them to move safely to the other side.



Wildlife can use the purpose-built passages beneath roads

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Great crested newt

The measures together show how large-scale mitigation and licencing for house building can be a success by designing a future for them within the places where we live, without physically re-locating animals to new areas, with often dubious net gain.

“And they show that if wildlife population survival is properly planned, people moving onto a new development can enjoy the

area’s wild animals and plants close-up as much as other recreational space options.

“They also have enviable opportunities to participate in the real wealth of surrounding wildlife in this part of Kent. Charities such as the Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT) and schools are close by too, offering further advice and opportunities for all generations to join in.”

Trenport Director Chris Hall said: “We are pleased that our partnership with KWT, which carries out much of the day to day wildlife conservation, has resulted in hundreds of newts being recorded within our network of wetlands across Peters Village – our Great Crested Newt population is one of the top sites in England.

“This results from a long-term investment over four decades, with the aim of integrating new homes with the natural environment – nearly 170 of the projected 1,000 homes are now occupied at Peters Village.

“It follows intricate decision making and considerable financial investment, so it is pleasing to read this report and find many species using the corridors, plus new ponds, grassland, hedges and other features preserved and formed as a coherent open spaces provision.

“Looking ahead so that, for example, trees and hedges are fully formed before the first keys to new homes are handed over is what ‘planning for the future’ is all about and we are delighted by the numbers and movements of the newts, plus success in conserving other important species such as dormice, bats and birds.

“We hope the next ten years will consolidate this work and complete the experts’ studies. As onsite building disturbance settles, a vibrant and attractive area will show how house building and the environment can move forward hand in hand.

“We would like to thank the dozens of people who, over the years, have contributed to getting us to this exciting moment.”

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE QUIZ NIGHT

Burham and Wouldham WI are a very busy group of ladies. Besides their monthly meetings, their walking group and the knitting crafting group there are also events for members in all the other WIs in the area and in our Federation of West Kent. In February we held a Quiz for local WIs and actually fielded two teams of six. Questions on Kent, food, quotations, maths posers and other subjects were put to the quizzers while picture rounds invented by a loyal member kept all entertained.

Being a WI member opens the doors to events in other villages and towns. Later this year there is a chance to be in a WI choir, to go to an Art conference, a Health day, Darts tournament, a walk with refreshments and a mature drivers conference.

Of course we want you to join our WI – Burham and Wouldham WI 3rd Tuesday in month at 7.30pm in village hall – but if that is not the right time for you then try Aylesford and Eccles WI, Halling Sapphires WI, Snodland WI or Nashenden WI.

As for the Quiz we didn't win but it was very good fun and our members did really well in the raffle.

Heather Brown, Secretary

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At the end of the walk there will be hot food available and time to buy from the ever popular cake stall at the village hall.

Dogs are welcome but must be kept on leads.

Early Bird Entry prices of £10.00/adult, £3.00/child or £25.00/family of 2 adults & 2 children are available until 9.00 am on Monday 8th April.

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First of all, a very big thank you to our volunteer gardener, Dennis. Also all around, our gardens are taking shape thanks to Billy and Matt. Even with the unpredictable weather they were out there working hard. Our courtyard off Lafarge Wing is looking amazing and ready to start planting. The seeds have been planted in the greenhouse and are coming along nicely.

We are always up for trying new ventures here at Winchester House. Now we have had 2 sessions with Sarah from Creative Mojo. Sarah offers tailor made crafts and activities for care homes which are fun, entertaining and rewarding. So now we're booking monthly sessions. Also we are expecting our first visit from 'Wings of Freedom' which make care home visits with owls and birds of prey. It's very exciting and we'll let you know how it goes.

St Patricks day – yet again The Hackett Kyne School of Irish dance did us proud with an amazing performance. Followed by refreshments when the Guinness and Baileys flowed! A very big thank you to Natalie and the dancers and we look forward to seeing you again next year. A good time was had by all.

Thank you yet again to Kathy who brings Rosie, our beautiful pet therapy dog to visit us. Every week the joy and happiness you both bring is amazing.

There is always something going on here at Winchester House with our regular activities and entertainers but we are always on the lookout for new and exciting ventures. Do you have a talent/interest that you would like to share with us. Our activities team would love to hear from you. You can contact Sheila, Jane and Amber by email or call us.

A date for your Diaries – Saturday 6th April, 10-4pm. – Open day here at Winchester House. Pop in, come and see what we do here, have a cuppa and a slice of homemade cake. Amber, our Avon lady is organising an Avon presentation. Avon through the years. Lots of samples and things to try and order if you want too. Hope to see you there.

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If so, you will definitely have seen the imposing Darnley Mausoleum, standing on the highest point in the wood - Williams Hill.

What you may not have discovered yet is that the Mausoleum is open to the public! A dedicated band of National Trust volunteers organise a programme of dates during the spring and summer when they are on site to show visitors inside the Chapel and the Crypt and explain the story of how this important building - designed by the most prominent architect of the 18th century - came to be built in Cobham Wood.

At South Lodge Barn you can also enjoy a cup of tea or coffee (and a biscuit if you are lucky) while you watch our excellent film on the history of the Mausoleum and the surrounding woodland pasture - a true haven for wildlife.

You can not only visit this important monument - you can be part of its story! We are currently looking for volunteers to join our team. You don't need to be an expert in history or architecture. You just need to have an interest in our local area, to enjoy meeting people, and to have a little time to spare on Sundays. Being a volunteer is entirely flexible - you just sign up for the session you would like to cover and do as many, or as few, as you like!

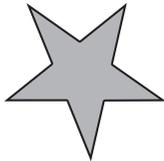
Come up to the Mausoleum on the first Sunday afternoon in the month to meet some of the team and see if you would like to help out.

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