

THE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE



BURHAM

WOULDHAM

PETERS VILLAGE

**December 2019
&
January 2020**



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Dear friends

This is our Christmas and New year Edition. We wish all residents a very happy Christmas and New Year where ever you are and whatever you're doing.

It's also my opportunity to thank all those associated with the magazine: our volunteers who deliver every month throughout the year and all who so reliably contribute content. Thank you also to our advertisers and sponsors.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

The magazine is taking a break but will be back again with the February edition in the New Year.

See below....

We want to create a small team now for the magazine which has grown into quite a large enterprise. Contact me if you are interested.



JOIN A TEAM AT THE HEART OF OUR COMMUNITY

Would you like to be part of a team at the heart of our community?

The Community Magazine is delivered free to all households in Wouldham, Peters Village and Burham. It provides a link for our community with information of interest on local services, organisations, activities and events with the purpose of promoting a feeling of community within the parish.

The Community Magazine now has two volunteer vacancies for appointments to work as part of a team with the Editor.

We are looking for:

A Marketing and Advertising Assistant to generate advertising in the magazine; liaising with local businesses and organisations. The role would be to liaise with sponsors and existing and potential advertisers, sell advertising space and assist them in preparing the adverts working closely with the magazine editor of the magazine. It is expected that this would require around 2-3 hours per week.

A Delivery Co-ordinator

We have large team of volunteers who kindly deliver the magazine throughout the villages. In order to assist them, the magazines need to be prepared in batches and the delivery schedule updated on a monthly basis. We are looking for a volunteer who has their own transport who can maintain the delivery schedule, prepare the batches and deliver them to the delivery volunteers each month.

Please contact the Editor to discuss if you are interested. See back cover.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND SERVICES

DECEMBER & CHRISTMAS



Every Friday, TODDLER CHURCH.

9.15-10.15am **Term time only**

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 1st December, Advent Sunday

9.00am Said Holy Communion

Burham Community Centre

10.30am Holy Communion with hymns

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 8th December, 2nd Sunday of Advent

10.30am Eucharist at WOULDHAM SCHOOL

Worrall Drive, ME1 3GE

4.00 pm Taize Worship for Advent

All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday, 12th December

11.00am Winchester House Holy Communion & hymns. All welcome

Sunday, 15th December. 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.00am Said Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 22nd December, 4th Sunday of Advent

10.30am Holy Communion with hymns

All Saints, Wouldham

6.30pm Carol Service

All Saints, Wouldham

Tuesday, 24th December, Christmas Eve

4.0pm Christingle

All Saints, Wouldham

11.30pm Midnight Mass

All Saints, Wouldham

Wednesday 25th December, Christmas Day

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday 29th December, Sunday after Christmas Day

10.30am Café Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

No coffee morning this month

BAPTISMS

22nd September

Meadow Ashford & Oliver Slattery

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Burham Community Centre

10.30am Holy Communion with hymns

All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday, 9th January

11.00am Winchester House Holy Communion & hymns. All welcome

Sunday, 12th January, 1st Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am Sung Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 19th January, 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

9.00am Said Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 26th January, 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

10.30am Holy Communion with hymns

All Saints, Wouldham

Coffee morning at All Saints Church Wouldham.

Friday, 31st January 10.45-11.45hrs

FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S BURHAM

2020 EVENTS AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURHAM

(down by the river)

Come and join us in this beautiful setting

Filaments: Art Installation....

see this ancient church illuminated, bespangled and aglow,
brightening up the dark days of January.

5 artists creating an installation of art, light and projection.

On Friday & Saturday, January 17th & 18th. 4-8pm

We will be posting dates of all these events on our facebook page
www.facebook.com/stmarysburham Or call Rosie 01634 672346

We hope you will be able to join us.



Messy Church will be CAROL SINGING around Burham on 21st December from 5pm

JOIN US. THE MORE THE MERRIER!

We're starting at the Burham Village sign in Rochester Road and finishing in Church Street with hot drinks and mince pies.

If you would like us to stop and sing outside your house please place this magazine where we can see it.



FLOWERS IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE AT CHRISTMAS

This Christmas, with your help, we would like to fill our Parish Church in Wouldham with flowers in memory of our loved ones. All their names will be recorded in a book of remembrance to be displayed in the Church over Christmas. The Church will be open over Christmas to see the flowers and to have a time of reflection and quietness during this busy period. If you would like to remember your loved ones in this way, use the form below. Please make cheques for this payable to *'Burham & Wouldham PCC Acc'* and send to Gwen Worcester, 4 Church St, Burham ME1 3SD. Thank you.

PLEASE PRINT IN BLOCK CAPITALS

I would like Flowers to be placed in Wouldham Church this Christmas in memory of:

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Donation from:

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All Saints Church, Wouldham will be open so you can come and enjoy the Christmas flowers and the peace of the Church on the following times and dates:

- Saturday 22nd December 11am-2pm
- Sunday 23rd December 11-30am- 2pm
- Monday 24th December 11am- 2pm

Burham Music Hall Group

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL SHOW

**Full of Christmas Goodies
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**7th December.
2.0pm & 7.30pm**

Burham Village Hall

Tickets available from:

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157 Rochester Rd.
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DECEMBER & JANUARY

'The Church in Burham' Services

All services at the church, Church Street, Burham



Sunday 1st December

4.00pm **Advent service & Dedication of Christmas Windows**
led by Rev. Naomi Oates

Sunday 8th December

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Trish Robb

Sunday 15th December

4.00pm **Celebration of Christmas** led by Robin Oakley

Sunday 22nd December

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Rev. Naomi Oates

Tuesday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

2.00pm **Christingle Service** led by Rev. Naomi Oates
A special service for all the family – all welcome.

Wednesday 25th December

10.30am **Christmas Day Praise** led by the Worship Team

Sunday 29th December

10.30am **Café Service** led by The Worship Team

For details of other activities at The Church in Burham, incl. teas, Country Lunch (and a special Christmas Lunch.) Film Club and Book Exchange, please see the 'What's Going On?' pages in this magazine.

All proceeds from The Church in Burham's activities in December and January, including a collection at the Celebration of Christmas Service will be donated to **Homeless Care**. This charity has been working in Maidstone for over 30 years, to support homeless and vulnerable people in a variety of ways. More information can be found at www.homelesscare.org.uk

Please join is for a

special **Christmas Country Lunch**
Thursday, December 12th at 1.0

Festive soup, crusty bread and cheese, homemade Christmas Pudding with Cream and Ice Cream. Tea or Coffee.

£3 donation with proceeds to Homeless Care

Contact Trevor Smith 01634867022 *continued*

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JANUARY SERVICES

Sunday 5th January

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Roger Byard

Sunday 12th January

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by David Newell

Sunday 19th January

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Lesley Trott

Sunday 26th January

10.30am **Morning Worship** led by Julien Myles

THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist), Church Street, Burham
MINISTER Rev. Naomi Oates Tel: 01732875072 or
07485072407 Email: naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk

Stewards: Eileen Smith Tel. 01634867022.
Joyce Brown Tel. 01634864413

Rod Murr Tel. 01634868075 Trevor Smith Tel. 01634867022

*Requests for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals to: Rev Naomi Oates or
one of the Stewards*



FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S BURHAM

**2019 & 2020 EVENTS AT ST MARY'S
CHURCH, BURHAM** *(down by the river)*
Come and join us in this beautiful setting

Carols by Candlelight:
Saturday, December 14th 6pm.

Mulled wine and mince pies. Dress Warmly. Bring a torch.

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POST BOXES FOR PETERS VILLAGE



Two extra Royal Mail Post Boxes have been secured for Wouldham in Peters Village.

The first post box will be put by the bus stop on Village Road and it is hoped this will be installed within the next couple of months. The second will be at the end of

Keepers Cottage Lane, near the junction with Worrall Drive. This will most likely be early 2020 as Royal Mail have said that it won't be installed at that location until the building works have been completed there.

Thanks to Eddy Bell and Adam Baker of Wouldham Parish Council for their work in arranging this with Royal Mail.

United Charities of the Ancient Parish of Burham Winter Fuel Grant 2019

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 £275 for single occupancy or £350 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 available from Mon 4th November 2019 from:

Burham

Dave Young (17 Bell Crescent), Jill Emptage (147 Rochester Rd)

Margaret Older (29 Downsview) 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 Fri 29th December 2019.

Registered Charity Number 233519

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Our last meeting was on November 5th and
the next meeting will be on
December 3rd, 7.30pm in the Village Hall



DOG POO. Once again we have to ask people to pick up after their dogs, the Recreation Ground which is well used by walkers and children is becoming very bad. If your dog is off the lead please be vigilant as to where it goes. The PC are going to ask the dog warden to visit more often and this could lead to fines of up to £1000, the PC will not hesitate to push for this fine. Volunteers have left dog bags all around the village. Use them.

PLANTING ON THE RECREATION GROUND. Thank you to the volunteers who have started to plant along the new pathway, and a repeat of our thanks to Graham for clearing the site. Also please feel free to plant your own plants/trees and, if you have time, any plants, trees and bulbs left in the planting area outside number 46. We have applied to the Woodland Trust for some hedging which will be delivered in March. This is developing into a very nice area of the village. Let's all work together to make this a beautiful floral area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH. The PC would like to ask for volunteers to join and run the Neighbourhood Watch in the old part of the village, Peters Village is well covered thanks to Steven Rimmington. PCSO McGowan is working on meeting up with NHW from Snodland and Halling. Please contact the clerk for details.

SPEED WATCH TRAINING. For those of you who would like to train for Speed Watch but do not have access to the online training, the PC can arrange training in the Village Hall, online training is followed by onsite training. The first of these was in November in Peters Village. Please contact the clerk if you are interested.

PERSONAL ALARMS. If you feel vulnerable the PC has found out that you can apply for a free personal alarm from victim support, you can email them on vart.kent@victimsupport.org.uk

CHRISTMAS WISHES. The PC would like to wish all our residents a Happy Christmas and New Year. Next year we can look forward to a new village hall which will give the Parish Council an office in the village. There are many challenges not least the amount of houses planned for the valley but the Parish Council will continue to work for the good of the village, both new and old. Please feel free to add any baubles or decorations to the Christmas tree on the green

CONTACT:

Clerk: Nicky Grimes clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk 01634 864319

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Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

As we reach the final month of 2019 we have lots to report. The school now has over 400 pupils and Nexus are about to be operating three classes as well. We continue to welcome new families and especially those who have recently moved into the area from far and wide.

November was really busy with a celebration of All Saints Day – led by our Kingfisher Class as well as Learning Progress Meetings with parents to focus on what the children need to do in order to maximise progress. We also had a very successful fireworks celebration with record attendance and the longest fireworks display yet! Thank you for coming and supporting us and we hope you enjoyed the show! We want to keep this event going in the future and also to keep it free on entry so that everyone can join in. Maybe there is someone out there who would like to become a major sponsor? This year we estimate that just over 1000 people attended. If this is something you are interested in sponsoring then please get in touch for more details.

Year 5 have enjoyed a week of adventure at Grosvenor Hall in Ashford. This saw 50 children and 4 staff trying out an amazing range of adventurous activities across five days. The climbing, zipping, swinging, shooting, running and playing was amazing and even the cold and sometimes wet weather couldn't spoil the fun.

November was also chance to reflect on remembering those killed or injured as part of service in the armed forces and it was tremendous to see so many of our children represented at the Remembrance Sunday parade in Rochester as part of the St John's Ambulance Badger group. Well done to you all – you were awesome!

We now look forward to celebrating Advent and are holding a Christmas Tree festival which will be open on Saturday 7th – please come along to see all of the trees. The school is open from 10am until 3pm with refreshments available. It will also be open for Sunday worship at 10:30am on the 8th. Our worship group of children will be taking a lead in the service and all are invited and welcome. We also have our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 30th November with Santa coming along to meet you if you wish.

Finally, as we approach the depths of winter it is important to check our website for our plans in the case of severe weather. We hope to continue operating a normal service without any significant disruption and depends on the ability of staff to make it in to school safely.

Have a very Happy Christmas!

Carl Fitter, Headteacher

Sunday 1 December 2019
12:00pm - 5:30pm



WEST MALLING

Christmas
Festival
2019



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ENTRY

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COMPASSION, ACCEPTANCE, RESPONSIBILITY,
FORGIVENESS, TRUST

The first week back after the half term holiday saw the school's Annual Firework Display, organised by our PTFA. This year's event on 1st November was our biggest yet, in terms of ticket sales and despite a wet start to the week, the weather on the night was dry and we all enjoyed an amazing display of fireworks, as well as food, drinks and stalls. We made an incredible £2,090 from this event, so many thanks to everyone who bought tickets and came along. Thanks also to our PTFA and their 'army' of helpers as well as Robert Day and Martin Copley for doing a great job of setting off all the fireworks. Thanks also for the support we received this year from Brett Concrete in Aylesford. They sent some of their employees to help with the setting up of the event and donated £220 to our PTFA fundraising, so we are very grateful.

Our Year 6 children have now begun their Enterprise fundraising for this year's end of year trip, by selling hot chocolate. They have lots of other fundraising activities planned as the year progresses and we are confident they will reach their target.

On 12th November the children and staff were all invited to come into school wearing odd shoes or odd socks. This was not for charity but was in relation to our school values, particularly Acceptance.

Our PTFA will hold their annual Christmas Fair on Friday 29th November (more of which next time). As always we are expecting this to be a fun-filled event, including stalls, games, refreshments and of course a visit from Santa!

As Christmas approaches we look forward to our Christmas plays, performances and other celebrations which we will report on in the new year. Wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

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

BURHAM

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

DECEMBER 2019 & JANUARY 2020

Keep up to date with Parish Council business, visit:

Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Facebook page “Burham Parish Council”



Please be reminded that no motorised vehicles including motorbikes are permitted to be on the recreation ground without prior consent by the Parish Council. We have experienced problems with unauthorised vehicles being in the recreation ground. If you see anything, please report to me and log as much information as possible time, date, description etc. The Police are aware and will be monitoring the area for unauthorised usage. Motorbike(s) have been seen leaving a house drive in the village and entering the recreation ground. This information has been reported to the Police, who have taken action against an individual.

Court Rd (redundant junction with Rochester Rd): Adjustments will be made to the double yellow line parking restrictions to allow parking for 3 more cars. This is via TMBC Parking Action Plan. The changes are to be implemented asap (weather dependant), could be early 2020.

Don't forget you can still recycle many items at the Burham's recycling site. Glass, paper, cardboard and plastics, together with books and CD's can be recycled. The paper & cardboard bank generates funds.

The village is experiencing problems with fly –tipping. All fly tipping must be reported to TMBC as the acting authority. Please do not fly tip at Burham's recycling site. This is a recycling area not an area to dump your unwanted waste.

Comment from a local resident “It is nice to see some of the houses in Burham (along Rochester Road) taking pride in their front gardens and houses, it is beginning to look nice again”

Church Street ”Gateway”: Although the original date of 4 November was postponed, the scheme was due to be installed late November via KCC Highways. We would like to thank Cllr Homewood for funding this project.

Please ensure that the speed limits and parking restrictions are adhered to in the village.

The Remembrance Service took place at the War Memorial on 10 November 2019. It was very well attended with over 50 people in attendance.

From early December 2019, we will have a position for a handy/odd job person. 6 hours per week (flexible) £8.21 per hour. If you are interested, please submit your CV or letter of interest.

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We have two young people, who are brother & sister carrying out their Duke of Edinburgh awards. The sister is doing a gold award and she is litter picking every week for a year. Her brother is doing his bronze award, also litter picking for 12 weeks on a weekly basis. If you see these young people out litter picking for the community, please stop and thank them for all the hard work they are doing. It will go a long way that we appreciate our young residents, who sometimes get a bad name, when in reality there are many young people like these doing their little bit for the community. There are three vacancies for councillors, if you are passionate about the village and its community and would like to find out more, please contact me.

From all members of the Parish Council, "We would like to wish all our residents a happy Christmas and a healthy new year"

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 16 December 2019, 7.30 pm The Parish Building, ROCHESTER ROAD, BURHAM. Pam Saunders – Clerk. January 2020 meeting is scheduled for 27th January.



Join us in the Old School Community Centre.....

**Monday 9th December
Christmas Party 7.30 - 9.30**

&

**Monday 13th January, 7.30 – 9.00
1st Year Celebration – Jacket Potato Night**

ALL residents welcome!

Please let us know if you will be coming along to our jacket potato night via our Facebook page or text only to 07419 823106

(Refreshments and nibbles included – bring something stronger to Christmas Party if you wish)



Psst...Look out for details of future events, including details of our fortnightly ramble 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

PARISH INFORMATION

Burham Parish Council

Pam Saunders – Clerk.

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

Opening times: Mon-Frid., 10am—2pm

Tel: 01634 685936. Email: pam@burhampc.co.uk

www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

The next Council meeting: 16th December, & 27th January, 7.30pm.

Usually the last Monday in the month.

Wouldham Parish Council

Parish Clerk—Nicky Grimes 01634 864319 clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

www.wouldhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Council Meetings are held in Wouldham Village Hall. The next meeting: 3rd December & 7th January, 7.30pm.

Usually 1st Tuesday of the month.

COMMUNITY WARDEN:- Vivien Hickmott 07813694140

POLICE - PCSO Jo-Anne Tiller, non emergency tel .no. – 101

HALLS FOR HIRE

Burham Old School Community Centre – 01634 863322

Burham Village Hall – 07842883028

‘The Church in Burham’ Hall – 01634 867022

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

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

SATURDAY BULK WASTE COLLECTIONS

Saturday Bulk Waste Collection dates are not available for December and January at the time of going to press.

go to: www.tmbc.gov.uk

email: waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk

Tel: 01732 844522

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

HEALTH



Phoenix Medical Practice

33 Bell Lane, Burham, ME1 3SX. Tel: 01634 867982.

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

www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk

NHS 111 can help if you have an urgent medical problem and you're not sure what to do. NHS 111 is available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. Get NHS help online or on the phone.

To get help from NHS 111, you can: -

go to 111.nhs.uk (for people aged 5 and over only) or telephone 111

DEFIBRILLATORS: Situated:

1. Outside Burham Parish Office.
2. Outside Wouldham Village Hall.
3. Outside Wouldham Village Store.

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

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.

HEARING AIDS.

HiKent Hearing Clinic, monthly—5th December (on the 1st Thursday this month) & **9th January. 10.30-11.30 hrs at Burham Community Centre.** Aftercare clinics for NHS hearing aids. Free of charge & open on a drop-in basis. No need for an appointment. Trained volunteers are able to change batteries, clean and re-tube hearing aids while you wait.

<https://hikent.org.uk/>

What's Going On?

SOCIAL GROUPS & MEETINGS

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

Wouldham 60+CLUB. Social afternoon for over 60s. Meeting Tuesdays, 2-4pm at the Watermans Arms, Wouldham

Burham Meeting Place - A Community Group socialising with events for the whole community. Meeting once a month on a Monday evening, **9th December & 13th January, 7.30pm till 9pm** (usually the second Monday of the month.) (*see page 15*)

Thursday Community Club - Burham Community Centre, 10.30-12pm. Tea, coffee, cakes. Friendly gatherings & outings. **December 5th & 19th** (*No meeting 12th*). **January 2nd 9th 16th 23rd, 30th**. Contact: 01634 867669. **Hi Kent Hearing Clinic here on 5th December** (1st Thursday this month) & **9th January**. (*see page 17*)

Afternoon Tea The Church in Burham, Church St. 3.0pm. every Tuesday *except* Christmas Eve (24th December) and New Year's Eve (31st December). Join us to enjoy a cup of tea and cake, a fun quiz and good company. All welcome. Contact Trevor Smith 01634867022

Coffee Morning. All Saints Church, Wouldham. Last Friday of the month 10.45 –11.45am. **31st January** *No coffee morning in December.*

Country Lunch - The Church in Burham, Church St. 1pm, Thursday 12th December, special Christmas Country Lunch (*See page 6*). 1pm, Thursday 9th January, Soup Crusty Bread & Cheese, Fruit Crumble and Ice Cream, Tea or Coffee. For both, we ask for a donation of £3 and all profits are go to our charity of the month. Contact Trevor Smith 01634867022

SHOPS

Wouldham Village Store. 134 High St. 01634 863731. Open 7-7.30pm
Frosts Service Station & Store, Rochester Rd, Burham. 01634 861228,
Hours: Monday-Friday:7-7pm. Saturday:7-6pm. Sunday:8-1pm.

The Vale Bakery, 209 Rochester Rd, Burham 01634 861572.

Closes 4pm. Closed Sunday & Monday.

ALLOTMENTS Different size allotments are available to grow your own fruit and veg. **Burham:** Contact: Dave Young 01634 867669.

Wouldham: Contact Sue 01634 682363

BOOKS

Book Club - Meet 3rd Wednesday of the month at various local venues.
Contact - Gwen Worcester 01634 672060.

KCC Mobile Library: Fortnightly on Tuesdays:
DECEMBER: 3rd, 17th, 31st. JANUARY 14th, 28th
Wouldham, Walter Burke Ave - 13.15-13.45hrs.
Wouldham, Ravensknowle - 13.55-14.25hrs.
Burham, Village Hall - 14.35-15.35hrs (use us or loose us!)

Book Exchange - The Church in Burham, Church St. 1st Sat of the month.
10.30am–12 noon **Saturdays 7th December and 4th January.**
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ACTIVITY/SPORT

Burham Baton Twirlers -Village Hall every other Thursday 4.15-30pm.
Contact Lyn Robinson 07729 373558.

Burham Blue Bells Dance School. Sat 9.30-12noon in Community Centre 3 years and above. Contact - to be confirmed.

Duet Dance School Fri 3.30-7pm. Julie Potter/Hayley Mann.
duets_dancer_school@yahoo.com

Burham Football Club - Contact Paul Fitzpatrick 07805198937.

Force Medway Group - Self Defence in Burham Village Hall.
Tues 7.30-9.30pm. Weds 6-7.15pm. Fri 6-8.30pm.
Contact Stuart or Lorraine Lowe 01634 862943

Short Mat Bowls Monday & Wednesdays in Burham Village Hall,
7.30pm - 10pm. New Members are always welcome. Contact - Irene Benton 01634 867466

Windmill monthly dog walks from The Windmill Inn, Burham at 10am.
Advertised in the Windmill. Afternoon tea there afterwards.

Rambles are organised fortnightly. Evenings are best time to contact Jane Gilbert: 01634 682910.

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CHURCHS

Church of England Parish of Burham & Wouldham: *(See pages 2 & 3)*

1. **All Saints, Wouldham. Parish Church.**
2. **Burham Old School Community Centre:**
9.00am Early morning communion. 1st Sun. of the month.
3. **St Marys Church, Burham.** Old Church Rd, is a redundant Anglican Church under the care of the Churches Conservation Trust. Occasional special Cof E services held there and events run by the Friends of St Marys. *(pages 3 & 7)*

Methodist. The ‘Church in Burham’ *(pages 6 & 7)*

EATING & DRINKING

The Butchers Block Pub/Restaurant, Burham - 01634 786626

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THEATRE/MUSIC/FILM/ART

Burham Music Hall Group. Christmas Special Show, 7th December

(see page 5) Meeting weekly on Thursdays, 8.0pm, Burham Village Hall.

Planning/ rehearsals for Music Hall performances in December 2019 &

March 2020. Come along. New members welcome.

Film Club 7The Church in Burham, Church St. .The Church in Burham, Church St. 30pm Wednesday 6th November. Join us to watch ‘**The Time Traveller’s Wife**’ directed by Robert Schwentke and starring Eric Bana, Rachel McAdams and Ron Livingston. Share tea and coffee after. Do-
nation of £1. Contact Eileen Smith 01634867022

Church Choir. All Saints Church Choir. Choir practice is on

Thursdays, 7.30pm, All Saints Church, Wouldham. New junior and senior

members are most welcome. Enquiries: Sandra Holman: 01634-867586

Church Bell Ringing All Saints Church, Wouldham. Practice: Weds at

8pm. New ringers are welcome. Tina Miles Tel: 07967 795913

Filaments: an Art Installation.....St Marys church Burham. See this an-
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PAST CASES REVIEW. November 2019.

‘Churches across the Diocese of Rochester are taking part in a comprehensive safeguarding review. This is to help establish that all known past cases of concern relating to church abuse have been considered and dealt with appropriately. If you are concerned about something you have experienced in a church, now or in the past, there are people you can talk to and you will be taken seriously. Or it may be you are worried about another person - perhaps a vulnerable adult or a child. We want to hear from you. Please feel encouraged to come forward with any information you may have regarding church related abuse, by contacting the Diocese of Rochester’s Safeguarding team on: 01634 560000. We understand that this may not feel safe for those with a lived experience of abuse.

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December & January in your Garden

'Everything that slows us down & forces patience, Everything that sets us back into the slow circles of Nature, is a help. Gardening is an instrument of Grace.'

Sometimes, in the depths of Winter, it is difficult to imagine the wonder of Spring. The long, dark nights will soon shorten, and the new year will bring with it a opportunity to plan for the coming year.

Whilst we all have our own gardening styles, like and dislikes, one thing that perhaps cannot be denied is the need to help the wildlife wherever possible. It has recently been reported that the decline in gardens, either with them being paved over for driveways/patios or by the development of housing with only small gardens, is having a detrimental effect on our wildlife population. During winter those of us with gardens can do our bit by not being too tidy, leave some stems and seed heads over winter & cut them back in spring instead as they provide habitats for small insects to overwinter; Consider putting up bird boxes & feeders, and bug hotels ready for spring when birds and insects are looking for places to nest; Create a small log pile at the back of the garden from any tree branches or trunks that have been cut back; Create a pond – even a small area of water attracts wildlife to a garden. By ensuring access to habitats for our wildlife, and by including an array of flowering plants and a few weeds it will encourage its survival.

In the vegetable garden there is a lot of planning to be done ready for next years crops, order seed early to avoid disappointment. Continue to harvest root veg throughout winter, but beware of prolonged frosts as it will make it harder to dig out your crops. Carrots etc can be dug & stored in damp sand if prolonged cold weather is forecast.

Now is also an ideal time to ensure all tools, pots and trays are clean ready for the new growing season, a mild soap solution in warm water should clean most things. Also clear out the greenhouse, and clean the glass to maximise the early spring light. Clean and sharpen tools ready for next year by rubbing down with wire wool and using a sharpening blade where appropriate, once cleaned they can be stored in a bucket of sand with a few drops of oil in which will help to lubricate the joints and also prevent rust.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

Collect foliage from the garden for Christmas wreaths & arrangements, Holly, Ivy, Yew and Pine can all be combined with seed heads sprayed in festive colours to create a wonderful display.

Use fairy lights wrapped around trunks, and baubles hung from branches to add extra festive interest in the garden.

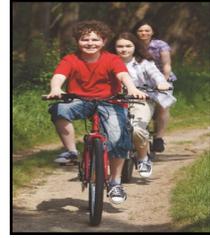
Keep bird feeders & baths topped up over the winter months.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing festive season – Merry Christmas.

Sue Durrani, Secretary, Allotment Association, Wouldham

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

Questionnaire seeks even better transport options at Peters Village



Residents at Peters Village already have enviable travel choices, with good road and rail links as well as mapped out cycling and walking routes.

But the 1,000-home community's developer, Trenport, and its transport consultants, want to step up the pace towards an even more efficient and sustainable transport network.

Trenport Director Chris Hall said: "Communications is a key selling point for Peters Village, one of the region's best-connected new communities and largely thanks to Peters Bridge, the new River Medway crossing built to unlock the site's potential.

"This bridge enabled Peters Village to link quickly with all three main motorways in the South East – the M20, M2 and M25, in order of closeness – and access the rail network, particularly the high-speed service into London St Pancras.

"Bus and coach connections have been made too, including Clarkes of London's London commuter service, which is growing in popularity as the number of occupied homes increases at Peters Village.

"Peters Village has also been able to link into the extensive network of footpaths, bridleways and cycle routes in the Medway Valley.

"But we must continue to fine tune travel options at a time when transport's environmental impact is under a global spotlight.

"We already have a Travel Plan (read or download at:

[https://petersvillage.co.uk/files//downloadables/Trenport transport brochure HI RES.pdf](https://petersvillage.co.uk/files//downloadables/Trenport%20transport%20brochure%20HI%20RES.pdf))

but our Travel Co-Ordinator, Markides Associates, has now created a residents' questionnaire to help us better understand people's travel patterns and needs, and how we might further help with their requirements."

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The questionnaire is being distributed to all Peters Village householders and should take about five minutes to complete before being returned in a pre-paid envelope. All responses will be treated confidentially and entered in a prize draw with the chance to win a £250 John Lewis gift card. Queries about the questionnaire can be raised by contacting Markides Associates at tpc@markidesassociates.co.uk or Tel: 020 7442 2225.

What are the transport experts looking for?

Common and frequent destinations – for work, study, shopping, leisure and other purposes – which might suggest possible improvements to relevant routes and services.

The most popular modes of transport currently being used and sustainable alternatives that might be boosted or introduced.

Changes in travel modes that people have adopted since moving to Peters Village.

Cycling: changes that current and would-be riders would like to see to encourage two-wheeled travel.

Similarly, what changes might encourage residents to make greener transport choices, by making more use of public transport, car sharing and walking to their chosen destination.

BURHAM UNITED CHARITIES

Burham United Charities are a local charitable organisation that provides assistance to those in need living within the old 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.

They can also offer one off grants to help alleviate particular instances of hardship for any resident of the parish.

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As the year draws to a close, we look back on the year we’ve had, and the changes we’ve made. We’ve said goodbye to people we have known and loved and welcomed new people into our ever growing Winchester family. We thank everyone who has been involved and supported us throughout the year and we look forward to spending more times together as the new year awakens.

And so we wish you all the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of new years as we close our sleepy eyes for the year, before having to take down all those blasted Christmas trees, again!”

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