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<https://www.rochester.anglican.org/communications/diocesan-publications/enewsletter/>

Dear friends

CHURCH OF ENGLAND WORSHIP



‘CHURCH WITHOUT WALLS’

I’m writing this at Easter time and we don’t know what lies ahead for us when you read this in May. A quiet Easter with time to reflect.

With church buildings closed we are forced to rethink what it means to be the church. We are missing meeting together to share in the Eucharist, the Holy Communion, but as a church community we can still worship together in spirit in our homes. Offering our prayers and praises to God. Prayer binds us together and makes us more mindful of the needs of others, and gives us strength to bear the sadness of these times. Praise and thanksgiving help us to be aware of the good things and to be people of hope. We give thanks especially for the medical and social care staff, and to all key workers, and we recognise that many of them put their own health at risk by doing the essential jobs. We give thanks too for the many volunteers in our villages helping people in these challenging times.

I am glad to hear that many people are receiving by email the Sunday sheets with the week’s bible readings and prayers, and also my sermon. It means that we continue to worship on Sundays saying the same prayers and using the same bible readings, apart, yet together in spirit. Thank you for your comments, and thank you too for sending in prayer requests, please keep them coming.

If anyone else would like to receive the emails you can receive them by emailing me: mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk

As well as continuing with our pattern of church worship at home we are also keeping in touch with each other, and encouraging and supporting each other by phone or email or on social media, and I would encourage anyone to be in touch with me on **07964 697556** if you would like any pastoral support. May you keep well and stay safe.

In peace. Mike

A Note from the Editor

I'm sorry we're not able to print and deliver our May edition and so for the foreseeable future the magazine is digital only on the Church, Burham, Wouldham Parish Council websites (*see inside cover*) and local Facebook. Of course people may not know to look and some are not digitally organised. So please let people know that we are there. Of course a global pandemic is a catastrophic event with serious consequences for people all around the world. Many people and businesses are in difficulty and great efforts are being put in place by governments, health services, science and technology to try to mitigate the effects on us, our health services and economy.

LOCALLY though and very importantly, we want to thank Frosts shop for their exceptional service to help people and of course also all the volunteers in the villages (*I don't know of all the volunteering schemes to mention*) and all our friends, neighbours and families for their wonderful kindness in helping. Thank you. *Mary Davis, Editor*

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOULDHAM
WEATHERVANE APPEAL**



For 218 years the tower at All Saints Church in Wouldham has been surmounted by a fine iron weather vane. Witness to the changing climate, seven monarchs, Walter Burke and the Battle of Trafalgar, two world wars, the changing valley seen, the building of new bridges and now a new village. Sadly after more than 200 years it is in need of urgent restoration. The church is seeking to raise £2500.00 to enable this to be undertaken by local craftsmen, this will involve removing the weather vane and transporting it, restoring the iron work and the original gilding, finally reinstating atop the tower for another 200 years.

Please consider giving a donation towards preserving this beautiful iconic part of our village history. Thank you.. You can donate by visiting:

[www.https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/weathervanewouldham](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/weathervanewouldham)

Or, if you prefer, you can send a donation by cheque (*payable to Burham & Wouldham PCC Acc.*)

Send to: Mrs Heather Lloyd, 40 Downs View, Burham, ME1 3RR
I wish to donate £..... to the Weather Vane Appeal.

My name

Contact details

**PROVIDED BY THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
COMMUNICATIONS TEAM.**

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus. The line – **which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044** – Callers will hear a special greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19. "I want to urge people to spread the news about this service to anyone they think would benefit"

Options are also available digitally. The weekly online service is available from 9am each Sunday and this, as well as the full range of national resources, can be accessed on our church online page:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/church-online>

Prayer During the Day and **Night Prayer** audio are available on **Soundcloud** and via the Church's free **Time To Pray app**

**Christopher Winter to be
Curate for Burham and Wouldham**

In late September the Bishop of Rochester will ordain me a deacon to serve in the Parish of Burham and Wouldham. I will be with you on a part time basis as I will continue to work full-time in London. I join you having spent 3 years training part-time at St Augustine's College of Theology and having been on placement at Rochester Cathedral, where I have sung in the cathedral choirs for the last 23 years.

I work in London for Ernst & Young, one of the Big Four accounting and consulting firms, where I lead the UK software licensing practice. I have been doing this kind of work for the last 17 years both for a software company and another consultancy. Before this I work for a stockbrokers and had a short time in the army, which was cut short due to an injury in training.

If you were to ask where I come from, I can now for the first time confidently say Rochester as I have lived here for the past 14 years, but I am from a military family which moved around a great deal and in fact I was born in Germany.

I am very much looking forward to joining you in September and hope to meet many people as I spend time in the parish. Please say hello if you see me out and about.

Best wishes to you all at this difficult time and see you in September
Chris

MAY

The Church in Burham (Methodist)

A message from the Revd Naomi Oates,
minister at the Church in Burham:



Dear friends,

As I write, we are firmly in the middle of Holy Week, journeying with Jesus towards the pain and horror of Good Friday, the eerie silence of Holy Saturday, and the joy of Easter Day. The familiar rhythm of the season provides a measure of predictability in a world that has, in other ways, been utterly transformed by COVID-19 and the measures we have taken to respond. I wonder what life is like for you as you read this in May – and what ‘normal’ means to you today?

Right now, May feels like an age away. As I think about the coming weekend, I am aware that this will be an Easter like no other. For me, this will be my first Easter as the minister at the Church in Burham (and at the Methodist churches in Eccles, Tonbridge Road and Larkfield). I had been looking forward to immersing myself in a new set of traditions, but instead I find myself, with the rest of the church family, learning new ways of ‘being’ and ‘doing’ church in these strange times.

Normally, on this page, you would find a list of our upcoming services and events. Sadly, we don’t know yet when we will be able to gather in person again; like the disciples on Good Friday, watching the man on whom they had pinned their hopes hanging on a cross, all of us have found our carefully-laid plans for the future wrenched from us by circumstances beyond our control. The question hangs in the air – what now?

I wonder what life will be like – for all of us – when some form of ‘normality’ resumes. Many people have expressed their hope that we will not simply go back to how things were – that we will become a more compassionate society, more aware of the needs of our neighbours and braver in offering help. That we might appreciate opportunities we used to take for granted to travel, to visit friends and family – even to go to school! Sadly, for many of us, this season will bring with it grief and heartache – experiences that cannot fail to change us.

Life was never the same for the disciples after Easter Day and the miracle of the resurrection. I have been reflecting this year on the stories in the Bible that suggest that Jesus might have looked physically different after he rose from the dead, as some of his closest friends and followers failed to recognise him until he spoke their name, or broke bread in their presence.

The horrors of Good Friday, the grief and emptiness of Holy Saturday, and the joy of the resurrection changed everything – even, it seems, Jesus’ appearance. When we are able to return to our ‘normal’ rhythms of work, of travel, of worship, I believe that we, too, will have been changed by this experience of separation followed by restoration, of loss followed by resurrection. We too will be different. I wonder, for you, what that might look like?

For the Church in Burham, it is my hope that we will be a church that appreciates even more being able to gather in person for worship and fellowship. That we will be more aware of the needs of our neighbours. That we will have found new ways of ‘doing’ and ‘being’ church that will continue into the future. We would be delighted to see you, when we are able to gather again, at any of our services, or for afternoon tea, or a country lunch, or to watch a film or meet and swap books.

In the meantime, we will continue to worship together online with our friends from the North Kent Methodist Circuit at 10.30 every Sunday. You are most welcome to join us for these live-streamed services – simply click on the link on this page: <https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/invitation-to-worship-from-home.html>

And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

Every blessing,
The Revd Naomi Oates



THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist), Church Street, Burham

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

<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/churches/maidstone-malling/burham.html>

PETERS VILLAGE BUS LINK BOOST AFTER COVID-19 CRISIS

Bus services to and from Peters Village will double in frequency to two an hour after the coronavirus emergency.

The enhanced 155 Service operated by Arriva between the Medway Towns and Maidstone will also include a peak hours shuttle service between Peters Village and Snodland Station - three buses in the morning and three in the afternoon - to link with high-speed trains into London.



These new arrangements would have launched on 19 April, but the national lockdown and ‘travel only in exceptional cases’ ruling has now prevented this; funded by Peters Village developer Trenport and overseen by Kent County Council, they are now pledged to start as soon as possible after the emergency.

A KCC spokesman confirmed: “All partners are keen to introduce the improved service as soon as practically possible, so a new date will be established once the Government social distancing measures have been lifted.”

The timetable will be published here as soon as it is available and will detail two slightly different bus routes via Peters Village during each hour.

One will follow the existing 155 route in and out of Peters Village via the Hall Road Greenway, to and from Wouldham via Worrall Drive and Keepers Cottage Lane. This then stops in Wouldham via Knowle Road. This is the route shown in the Peters Village Travel Plan, which can be viewed and downloaded at

<https://petersvillage.co.uk/page/travel-plan>

The second and newer route comes in and out of Peters Village via New Court Road from Burham and in and out of Wouldham via School Lane.

(published) Tuesday March 31, 2020

Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School May Newsletter

Well – what can be said? The last piece I wrote was completed before the Coronavirus upheaval took off and what a million miles away from normal we seem to be!

Firstly, everyone at Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School wishes you all the very best of health – both physical and mental, and hope that you are managing to cope with this very unusual and unprecedented situation. Whether you are personally connected with our school, part of the local community or just an interested reader then we all hope you are well and happy and gaining something positive from the current time.

The end of March was crazy as we prepared to close down the school for most, prepare a switch to remote learning, organise a limited service for the children of key workers and keep in touch with everyone. This then led to the Easter holidays at the start of April (although we only really had Good Friday and Easter Monday) before launching back into full remote learning mid April.

This has proven to be a steep learning curve for teachers, children and parents alike but the use of resources such as Purple Mash, Mathletics and Times Tables Rockstars has been really good. Teaching staff have been very busy following up on work done, setting new challenges and adding lots of variety at every opportunity. Phonecalls have been made to all to see if there is anything else we can help with. A big 'well done' to all of you for rising to the challenge so well! We can't be sure how long this system will need to operate for but will continue to refine and develop our practice to keep learning alive!

The school has been running for a small number of children and we have been able to enjoy a range of activities, both indoors and out. This has included cycling around the grounds as well as the occasional water fight on sunny days! A high powered water gun seems to help people keep apart at least two metres!

We are really missing all of our children and their families and look forward to when we can all be together again. It may not be possible in May, or even June but we do hope to get time together before the end of the summer term. There will always be a presence in the school so feel free to get in touch and let us know how you are doing. Keep checking the website – www.wouldham.kent.sch.uk for the latest information on home schooling and news from the school. Keep safe everyone! See you soon.. *Carl Fitter. Headteacher*

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Meetings are cancelled for the foreseeable future, the PC are considering a remote meeting for the AGM on May 5th, residents will be able to log in and listen to the meeting. The PC will be practising this in the event that meetings are still banned.

FOOD BANK

3 residents have set up a food bank in the Village Hall. Contact details are: Call 0787 6067 561 or **text only** 0774 0103 153

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

During this Government lock down please don't let your children play on the playground equipment, the Parish Council cannot lock it all away without closing the Rec so we are relying on residents to abide by the recommendations. Information everywhere says: "stay indoors, protect the NHS."

60+ Club The 60+ Club is closed due to the Coronavirus for the foreseeable future. We will contact all members as and when we can meet again and also post in the this in the Community News. Please follow the Government Advice, stay indoors and be safe.

WEBSITE Wouldham Parish Councils new website is up and running, please sign up to get updates, it is full of useful links and information on the village: **wouldhampc.com**

CONTACT:

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

Chair Eddy Bell ebellwpc@gmail.com

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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.

**BURHAM CHILDREN'S CENTRE NOT OPEN UNTIL
FURTHER NOTICE BUT INFORMATION & ADVICE
ARE AVAILABLE ON
THE PHONE NO. AND FACEBOOK PAGE**

Bell Lane, Burham. ME1 3SY Tel: 03000 418008

Free sessions for children aged 0-5 years— **TUESDAY, & FRIDAY**

Closed on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday

3rd Tuesday of the Month only 1.00pm –3.00pm. Well Baby Clinic.
Development Reviews 1.00pm-14.30pm

Come and get your child weighed and speak to a health visitor.

Friday am 9.30am –10.30am. Baby Stay & Play Birth - Crawlers
11.00am—12.30pm. Stay & Play.

You can now register for the Children's Centre online:

BURHAM PRE-SCHOOL, BURHAM VILLAGE HALL.

'Good ' OFSTED inspection - April 16.

We welcome children aged 2 -5yrs.

Sessions:

Mon - Fri* am 9.15 - 11.45.

*Fri. am is for rising 5's only

Mon - Fri pm 12.20 - 2.50.

Mon - Fri. Lunch Club 11.45 - 12.20

Optional 'early bird' drop off at 9am for £1.0.

Come along and visit to see if we are right for you!

Visit our website: burhampre-school@weebly.com

Supervisor - Tracey Beechey Tel: 07920 599287/07710 829954

Email: Burham.pre-school@hotmail.com

JELLYBEANS PRE-SCHOOL, WOULDHAM VILLAGE HALL

Our Ofsted Inspection found Jellybeans to be 'good'.

Sessions :

Mon - Fri am 9.15-11.45

Mon - Thurs pm 12.25 - 2.55

Mon - Thurs Lunch Club 11.45 - 12.25

Early drop off option available.

Feel free to visit at any time, no appointment necessary.

For further information please contact-

Mrs Donna Cook (Supervisor) on 07932551771

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS MAY 2020



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

The spring litter pick took place on Saturday 14 March 2020, which was well attended. Many bags of rubbish, tyres etc. were collected. Many thanks to all those that took part.

With dog walking a good form of exercise, just a gentle reminder to use the dog poo bins which are around the village.

Every couple of days, we received via e-mail “E-watch” – which is a community safety information sheet. If you are interested in receiving this, please visit www.e-watch.co/register.php. If you do not have internet access, but would like a copy, please let me know.

Coronavirus/COVID-19 **STAY AT HOME**

Although the parish office is open as normal 10 am – 2 pm, Monday to Friday, no face to face contact is taking place. There is an intercom/doorbell system in place on the blue outside door. If you wish to speak with the Clerk, please press the doorbell/intercom as indicated and wait for answer. However, if possible, please call 01634 685936 or e-mail pam@burhampc.co.uk.

From and including the March meeting scheduled for 30th, all parish council meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Also, much of the other parish council business has been put on hold for the time being. Fenced play areas have been closed and locked and other equipment/areas have notices on them “PLEASE DO NOT USE”. This is for the safety of all.

Due to the on-going situation, the parish noticeboards (Old School Community Centre and War Memorial) will not be updated until further notice. Any new notices will be posted on our website (burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk) and also posted on “Facebook, Burham Parish Council”. This is a very fast moving situation and we are endeavoring to provide the information to residents via the means above as quickly as possible.

Helpline numbers and other very important details in relation to the outbreak will also be available from the window of the Parish Office, which has become a temporary noticeboard. So if you need any guidance or assistance, and of course during your 1 hourly daily exercise, have a look in the window.

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Please bear in mind that as previously advised this is a fast moving situation, and by the time this newsletter is circulated, the contents may well be out of date.

Finally, without mentioning names, our grateful and sincere thanks go out to all those local unsung “heroes” who have ensured the welfare of Burham residents.

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 next scheduled meeting, which although normally are held the last Monday of the month, currently all meetings have been cancelled until further notice. Pam Saunders – Clerk.



Burham Meeting Place

We will keep you posted as to when we'll be up and running again, but in the meantime, stay safe and hopeful. If you're lonely, how about video calling friends and family, or take up a creative hobby. Keeping busy and structuring your day is also good advice. Those that can and are allowed under the guidelines, the virtue of the one hour a day exercise greatly benefits our mental health and well-being.

Last must not least, don't forget the amazing local help and support available to us all.

A huge thank you to everyone in our village who is working to help keep us all fed and safe.

These are difficult times for us all, if you need any help, whoever you are, please have a look at the links below:

<https://www.mind.org.uk>

<https://www.nhs.uk/.../stress-anxiet.../mental-health-helplines/>

<https://www.thecalmzone.net>

<https://www.samaritans.org>

<https://youngminds.org.uk>

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: MEETINGS SUSPENDED

Usually the last Monday in the month.

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

www.wouldhampc.com

Council Meetings are held in Wouldham Village Hall. The next

meeting: Usually 1st Tuesday of the month MEETINGS SUSPENDED

COMMUNITY WARDEN:- Vivien Hickmott 07813694140

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

TRANSPORT

Bus Services: Arriva no.155. There will be additional routes. See page 6.

Clarks of London’s commuter coach service. The 764a and 764b service picks up from bus stops: Keepers Cottage Lane (05:52 & 06:30) & Village Road (05:50 and 06:28). **www.clarkescommute.co.uk or call 020 8778 6697**

A Free Bus to Tesco leaves Wednesday, 10am from Burham village only.

HALLS FOR HIRE (Not for hire until ‘lock down’ lifted)

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

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

PETERS VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH



Should anyone wish to receive further
information or join the scheme
please contact

Steve @ Petersvillagenhw@gmail.com

SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION
TMBC Helpline 01732 844522 www.tmbc.gov.uk

SERVICE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Wouldham - Car Park, Knowle Rd,
8.00am–9.00am.

Burham, Village Hall Car Park,
9.15am -10.15am

Eccles – Bull Lane lay-by.
10.30- 11.30am 8.00am—8.45am

Snodland- Saltings Road
(outside Neville Park)
8.00am—9.00am

Snodland—St Benedicts Rd,
junction of Paddlesworth Rd.
8.00 - 9.00am

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

BURHAM UNITED CHARITIES

Burham United Charities are a local charitable organisation that
provides assistance to those in need living within the old parish bounda-
ries. (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.**

Parents of school age children may obtain help with some of the costs
associated with schooling.

**If you, or someone you know, is on a low income or has an exceptional
need which is not provided for by Welfare Benefits, we may be able to
help. Contact:**

Dave Young (01634 867669) or Roger Kiralfy (01634 869900)

SOCIAL GROUPS & MEETINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN LOCKDOWN IS LIFTED

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, 6th April, 7.30pm till 9pm (

Thursday Community Club - Burham Community Centre, 10.30-12pm. Tea, coffee, cakes. Friendly gatherings & outings.

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30. Contact: 01634 867669.

Hi Kent Hearing Clinic here on 9th April

Afternoon Tea The Church in Burham, Church St. 3.0 pm every Tuesday. Join us to enjoy a cup of tea and cake, a fun quiz and good company. £1 Donation. All welcome. Contact Trevor Smith 01634867022

Coffee Morning. All Saints Church, Wouldham. Last Friday of the month 10.45 –11.45am. **24th April.** Just come along.

Country Lunch - The Church in Burham, Church St. **Thursday 9th April, 1pm.** Homemade soup, crusty bread & cheese, fruit crumble and ice cream, tea or coffee. We ask for a donation of £3 and all profits are go to our charity of the month. Contact Trevor Smith 01634867022

Men's Supper. All Saints Church, Wouldham. **Tuesday, May 5th** Guest Speaker, Rev'd Mike Hayes. Fish & Chip Supper (*donation for this*) Let Dennis know if you are coming. 07854400506.

Cream Teas. All Saints Church, Wouldham. **Sunday, May 3rd, 2pm - 2-30pm** and then on the first Sunday of each month up to and including September.

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.

CRAFTS Bear Paws Quilters in Burham Community Centre. Meeting Wednesdays twice a month. Many talented people with varied abilities in all areas of needlework. 7.30-9pm. Contact Mrs Taylor 01634 861781

BOOKS

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

KCC Mobile Library: Fortnightly on Tuesdays:
SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
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. **10.30-12 noon**
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 for a donation of £1. Contact Eileen Smith 01634867022

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 Wednesday 3.30-7pm. Burham Old School.
Julie Potter/Hayley Mann. *duets_dance_school@yahoo.com*

Burham Football Club - Contact Paul Fitzpatrick 07805198937.

Force Medway Group - Self Defence in Burham Village Hall.
Weds 6 -7.15pm. Fri 6-8.30pm. Contact Stuart Lowe 07557 906249

Short Mat Bowls Monday & Wednesday 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.
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PETERS VILLAGE NEWS from Trenport

Avoid going stir crazy during the Covid-19 lockdown by taking the air in safety

Peters Village residents observing the coronavirus lockdown, have more safe outdoor exercise options than most due to the community's many walkways and cycleways, destination sites and sights and even a heritage trail.

But it is important to observe Government guidelines on going outdoors: You can take one form of exercise a day – for example a walk, run or cycle – alone or with members of your household. If you are walking you are advised to only walk locally to and from where you live.

You should walk alone or with people from your household - not with friends or in groups. Keep at least 2m or 6.5 feet away from anyone you pass on your walk.

Walking experts at the Ramblers' Association have further advice:

Do not walk anywhere that you could get in to trouble and require the emergency services

Avoid touching gates, fences etc. If you do, wash your hands as soon as possible.

That said, there are several easy and rewarding exercises in and around Peters Village including:

The riverside esplanade – there is plenty of width here for walking, cycling or even horse-riding without contravening coronavirus regulations. Providing you are mindful of the hygiene rules mentioned earlier, you could rest for a while on one of the esplanade benches. The riverside also has two of what will eventually be six Peters Village Heritage trail boards...



The Peters Village Heritage Trail – this was designed by a descendant of the Peters family, which founded the Peters Lime & Cement Works and quarry on which Peters Village now stands.



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Despite sharing the same surname as the Victorian cement works' founders, graphic designer Mark Peters (pictured, with one of the riverside boards) had no idea he was related, but became so fascinated by the local history of the area that he eventually stumbled upon the connection with his father, Hugh, who grew up in the Midlands. Read the full story at <http://bit.ly/2XLvIEd>

The Peters family lived at Wouldham Hall, which had long housed the local 'lords of the manor'. Sadly, two 17th century cottages off Keepers Cottage Lane are all that remain of this substantial home – the main house was demolished in 1960.

The cottages are currently being refurbished but were originally one structure that acted as the gatehouse for Wouldham Hall.

The Hall is also thought to have been home to Admiral Lord Nelson and his mistress Lady Emma Hamilton; a retreat from prying eyes while Nelson served at Chatham naval base during the Napoleonic Wars – HMS Victory, Nelson's flagship at the Battle of Trafalgar (1805), was actually built at Chatham.



The Heritage Trail boards also highlight links with Neolithic and Bronze Age cultures, the Romans, and other historic figures, and feature a 19th century timeline for the cement industry and the jobs it created, causing a rapid population surge around the Peters Lime & Cement Works and associated chalk quarries that once dominated the east bank of the Medway (pictured below: courtesy of Maidstone Museum and Bently Art Gallery).

The peaceful riverbank at Peters Village now is a far cry from the works' 19th century, when it would have bustled with Thames Barges being loaded or unloaded; the Peters works owned 80 at its peak - one of the largest fleets of this type of vessel.



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These Medway and Thames estuary workhorses would bring in cargoes of coal to feed the works' furnaces, creating lime from the raw chalk quarried nearby, then used to make cement demanded by the building boom in London and also exported all over the world – as this picture shows.



Historic St Mary's Church, Burham

–
is another fascinating destination walk, taking just 15 minutes from the centre of Peters Village via Court Road and Old Church Road.

The redundant Anglican church dates from the 12th century and has a Grade I Listing enhanced by the fact that it also stands on the Pilgrims' Way, the historic route along the North Downs worn by pilgrims from Winchester, Hampshire – an important cultural and religious centre in mediaeval times – and the shrine of Thomas Becket in Canterbury in Kent.



After Becket's canonization in 1173, following his murder, and up to the dissolution of the monasteries under Henry VIII in 1538, his shrine in Canterbury Cathedral became the most important site in Christendom after Rome. The pilgrimage was immortalised by Geoffrey Chaucer's late 12th century classic 'The Canterbury Tales'.

Unfortunately, St Mary's itself became isolated when the population of Burham gradually moved away to the current village site, though it has outlived its new Victorian replacement; St Mary the Virgin Burham . Built in 1881 and demolished in 1979 after becoming unstable.



ROMANS INVADE KENT

In August 43AD the third Roman invasion of England landed at Richborough on the Isle of Thanet.

The two previous invasions about 90 years earlier in 55 BC and 54 BC were unsuccessful in spite of being led by Julius Caesar, Rome's most able general.

The third invasion of 43 AD was executed by 4 legions:

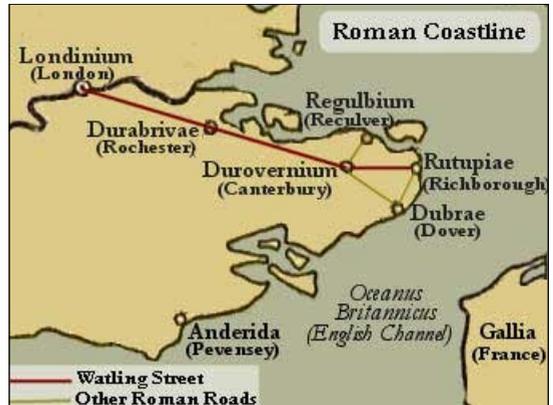
The II (Augusta) Legion,

The IX (Hispana) Legion, The XIV (Gemina) Legion and the XX (Valeria) The legion was the most formidable fighting force in the ancient world and it was one of the keys to the success of the Roman Empire.

Weapons, equipment, proven well drilled tactics, good discipline, hard training and sound administration made the legion the formidable force it was. Each legion consisted of about 5100 infantry soldiers and about 480 cavalry. A total of about 5600 men. Other cavalry, Batavian Auxiliaries and other troops raised the invasion force to between 30,000 and 35,000 men.

The ancient Britons were a loose federation of Celtic tribes from southern England and they mustered an estimated 150,000 fighting men led by Togodumnus and Caratacus the sons of the king Cunobelin who had died the year before the invasion. There was a third brother, Adminius who knew the North East Kent coast well and who had defected to Rome taking with him his particular local knowledge.

The invasion force led by Aulus Plautius landed at Richborough and established a secure base in 6 weeks. It broke out from there, fighting against small guerrilla actions by the tribesmen to establish control of the East Kent Coast from Reculver to Dover and capturing Canterbury and then marched west. The IX (Hispania) Legion went to the 'Great Lines' area of Gillingham. The XIV (Gemina) Legion went to the Borstal area and the II (Augusta) and the XX (Valeria) Legions went to where Burham, Peters Village and Wouldham now are. They didn't come to build or buy houses but we will tell you what they did do next time.





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MAY in your Garden

'A garden is a grand teacher – it teaches patience and careful watchfulness, it teaches industry & thrift, and above all it teaches entire trust.'

Well, what an unusual time we are living in. Despite the odd situation of most of us being confined to our homes, coupled with the glorious weather of the last month, it has, I expect, meant that our gardens have probably needed to even more multi-functional than ever.

Gardens can be a fantastic learning space, for younger or older brains alike. Kids love getting their hands dirty, & it can be hugely rewarding for them to watch the developments of planting projects, whether that's flowers, fruits or vegetables. Just pushing a few seeds into the soil, & then taking care of watering creates a connection with outside, nature and growing. If you have a space dedicated to growing from seeds, get the family involved and sow some fast cropping salads such as radish and lettuce. If not you can create containers out of plastic or cardboard cartons from fruit juice or milk, or use yogurt pots to sow larger seeds in to get them started. Swap seeds with friends and neighbours (from a safe distance) to save any unnecessary shopping visits too. Kids can also get involved in nature hunts, finding out about all the insects, birds & butterflies visiting the garden, and with the weather improving there will be more to see.

Whilst the same can undoubtedly be true for grown-ups, a garden now feels like it needs to represent a calm space, whether it somewhere to enjoy some outdoor exercise, or an afternoon beverage to unwind from the day. Spruce up garden furniture ready for this year, or just for the short term. Take the opportunity to tidy the garden, moving pot plants that are looking their best into positions where you can enjoy them most. Enjoy the calming sounds of nature, without the additional noise pollution from planes & cars, it's an ideal opportunity to listen & observe, & realise how calming this can be to anxious minds.

May is actually an ideal time to make changes to your space, whether they are temporary or more permanent. We are all probably a little more grateful of our outdoor spaces right now, but it's worth considering whether there are any changes required to really make sure it fits how you want to use the space, both in the short term, & the longer term, as hopefully the current situation won't be for too much longer. Getting hold of plants or hard landscaping materials may be more tricky currently, but spend the time instead making a plan, taking measurements and creating drawings to create the vision.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

Continue to mow lawns as required. Cut, trim or tidy the edges.

Cut back Forsythia, Ceonothus and Photinia once they have finished their displays.

Tender plants such as Dahlia & Agapanthus can be moved outside.

Water existing pots, & baskets regularly to prevent them drying out.

Remember nature will continue, gardens will catch up. Stay home, stay safe, & enjoy your garden.

*.Sue Durrani, Secretary, Allotment Association, Wouldham
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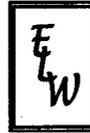
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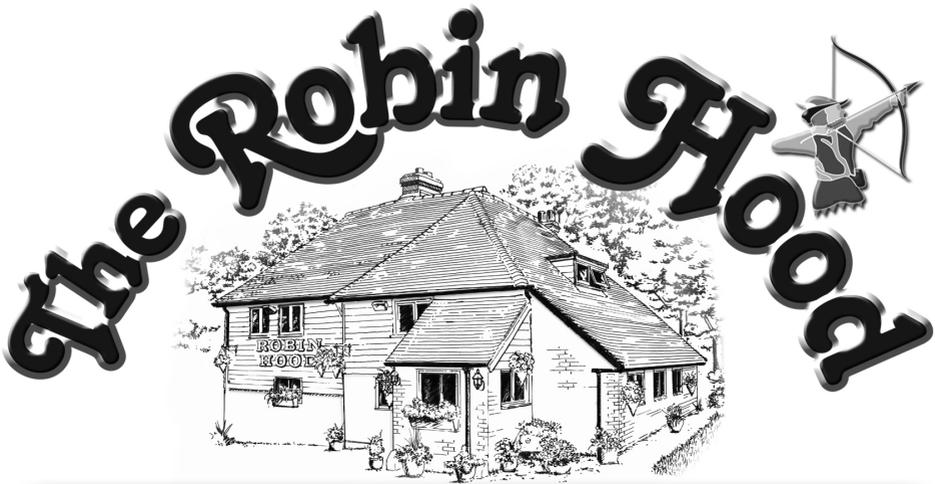
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