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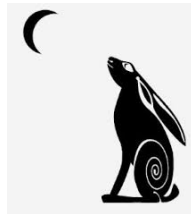


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CHURCH OF ENGLAND WORSHIP
REV'D MIKE HAYES



LOCKDOWN INSPIRATION FROM THE SAINTS

Dear friends

The saints who appear in the church calendar in March offer us some encouragement in our present troubles from their own lives and experiences.

St. David (Dewi Sant) on the 1 March, well-known as the patron saint of Wales, founded 12 monasteries, and was a powerful speaker and preacher, yet lived a life of great simplicity dedicated to silence, prayer and worship. His rule for himself and his monks was that they should pull the plough themselves and not use animals and he was a vegetarian. He gives an example of being able to live a simple yet joyful life, so necessary in our environmentally-challenged world, and to find great inner resources through spiritual practices, which I guess we are discovering more of the need for now.

St. Patrick, on the 17 March, also well-known as Ireland's saint, as a teenager had a terrible experience. He was kidnapped by pirates from his home in Britain and taken to Ireland where he was kept as a slave for 6 years. After his escape he eventually went back to Ireland to share his faith. He gives encouragement that it is possible to overcome trauma and long periods of suffering, and to find a vocation to a new way of life.

St. Joseph, on the 19 March, husband of Mary, mother of Jesus. The figure in the background. And yet the quiet protector of Mary and Jesus in those early years. The one who was getting on with the task he was given, hard as that was. In the same way as carers and volunteers are doing today.

And lastly, Mary, mother of Jesus, on the 25 March, nine months before Christmas we honour her on the Feast of the Annunciation, when she said yes to the angel Gabriel's message from God, and begun the life of courage and trust in God that would change the world. Mary suffers, most especially at the cross, but her life is one of trust and hope, particularly for the coming of God's kingdom of justice for the poor and peace between nations.

As we navigate the uncertainties and trials of the global pandemic we can look to men and women of the past who have come through struggle and who remind us of the hope that is within us.

And we can ask that the grace of God will also order and direct our lives.
In peace, Mike

THE MAGAZINE EDITOR

Mary, the Magazine Editor is stepping down
from the Editorship in the summer.



Are you a person
with a lively interest
in publishing
the local magazine?

We're looking for a
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with the flair and
enthusiasm to bring the
digital edition 'alive'
with interesting and
relevant content—
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website.
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the available publishing
software!

The position has been voluntary but that could change in relation the
Magazine's financial situation.
Interested? Contact the Editor or Rector.

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. 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 weathervane 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



CHURCH OF ENGLAND

MARCH SERVICES

All Saints, Wouldham

Holy Communion in church at 10.30 each Sunday.

At present we are continuing to hold a service in church but are encouraging all those who are able to follow on Zoom to do so. We are constantly reviewing this and the guidelines may change. Please email Mike for the link -

mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk

Compline for Lent will be live-streamed on the church facebook page on Wednesdays at 9pm.

Holy Week: Maundy Thursday service at 7.30pm and Good Friday Service at 3pm in church and on Zoom



Candle Prayer Time *The prayer group continues to pray at 7.30 every Wednesday. All are welcome to send in prayer requests to Gwen on 672060 or gwenworcester@hotmail.com*

Individual Prayer in church.

During this period of restrictions, the church will be **open on Sundays from 12noon to 1pm ONLY.**

www.wouldhamchurch.org.uk

CANDLE PRAYER TIME

Troubled times

but your churches are here for you

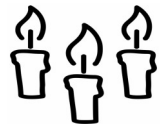
.....ask for a prayer for yourself or others

..... contact Gwen Worcester on 01634 672060 or mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk to add your prayer request for our Candle Prayer Time group to say in their homes on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm.

Join them also in prayer with a lighted candle from your home.

With much love to all in Wouldham, Burham & Peters Village.

From all at All Saints and The Church in Burham



MISS IRIS MARTIN

Sadly Iris passed away on January 22nd.
Her funeral will be held at the Medway Crematorium on
Wednesday, 17th March at 11.20am.
Her cortège will pass through Burham Village.

MISS IRIS ROSETTA MARTIN

Iris was born in Burham on 17th July, 1921, the only child of Etty and Charles Martin. She went to Burham Girls School and then to Rochester Girls Technical School where she was taught shorthand and typing. Iris then went to work in the offices of Aylesford Paper Mill where she worked her way to become personal secretary to one of the directors. Iris' love of dancing started in war. Her and her best friend, Joyce Fell rode their bikes to all the local ones. That love never left her and she would not move from the TV when Strictly Come Dancing was on. She loved life and would have a go at most things. She belonged to the WI, was a founder member of the Burham, Darby and Joan Club and for many years took part in the Old Thyme Music Hall and Burham Village carnivals. Always a big cheer went out when her float went by and you'd get a big wave and a smile from Iris.

She tried her hand at bowls which she said wasn't her scene. She loved bingo on Wednesday nights and, on Tuesday afternoons, would go to the tea dances with friends Nell and Jack. When my Mother was alive, Iris and another friend Peg met up on Friday afternoons for a cup of tea and to talk about the old days. I just loved listening to what they had to say. They told me about the tennis courts that were where the Village Hall is today. We felt you had to be in 'Burham's Elite' to play there. Iris' family played on them but my family felt they weren't 'posh' enough. We would all laugh about that.

Iris loved people to visit unless tennis was on the TV and so when Wimbledon was on, we all knew to stay away for those two weeks. She would sit in her armchair and shout and wave her arms about—not at all the Miss Martin most folk knew!

Iris took a newspaper every day and completed the crossword. She watched all the game shows on TV and especially liked to read wartime love stories. Iris had such a great sense of humour and in later years, when she couldn't go out, was still just as happy and contented and always so pleased to see people. All her long life she loved Burham and the Burham people. It's been a privilege and a pleasure to have known Iris.

She is greatly missed.

Valerie File

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News from

The Church in Burham (Methodist)



Dear friends,

As we all know too well, we continue to be in Lockdown and therefore we are unable to hold our weekly Sunday Services nor any of the other activities which we were able to have before the beginning of last year. When the current lockdown lifts, and churches are once again permitted to hold in-person services, we would love for you to join us for **worship at the Church in Burham every Sunday at 10.30am**. Any changes will be announced in this Magazine and will also be displayed on the Church Notice Board and the Notice Board outside the Community Centre. Alternatively, we would be delighted to see you at one of our **online circuit services every Sunday at 10.30am**. You can also dial in and listen to these services by phone if you are not online. See <https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/invitation-to-worship-from-home.html> for details of all online services.

A few years ago when some maintenance work was being carried, the workmen found a large banner in the basement. By good fortune, a member of the Church, who unfortunately is no longer with us, found a photo of the Sunday School, holding the banner. We don't know exactly how old the banner is, but in the photo there is a picture of a young lad whose name is on the War Memorial having died in the First World War. Unfortunately when the banner was found, it had suffered some damage due to damp, with the tassels rotten and a small hole in it. Money was donated to the Church when Trevor Smith died last year and the Church Council has agreed to put this towards the cost of renovating the banner. Some experts have assessed the damage and are confident that restoration is possible. We have already had some generous donations towards the cost of the repairs, but we still need to raise about a further £500. We would welcome any contributions, however small, to enable this project to go forward. If you would like to give something, please contact Eileen Smith on 01634 8670322.

THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist), Church Street, Burham
MINISTER The Revd Bonni-Belle Pickard 07590564477

Email: bonni-belle.pickard@methodist.org.uk

Stewards Eileen Smith Tel. 01634867022

Joyce Brown Tel. 01634864413. Rod Murr Tel. 01634868075

Requests for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals to:

Rev Bonni-Bell Pickard or one of the Stewards.

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL MARCH



NEW WEBSITE: *Wouldhampc.com*

Our next PC meeting will be on March 2nd via Zoom, anyone can contact me for the link.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you are interested in joining the NHW please contact our Councillor Stephen Rimmington: srimmingtonwpc@gmail.com

ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING

The PC have discussed putting in electric chargers in the car park. As more new houses are built developers are including chargers as part of the build. Trenport have said they are investigating putting some in their car parks. We are still considering it, if any residents have views either way please contact the clerk.

VILLAGE DOGS

The Parish Council have sent a letter to every household regarding dog poo in the village. The letter has been reproduced opposite here. Everyone should be vigilant and report the offenders when they can. We must try and stamp out this disgusting habit.

NEW VILLAGE HALL

Our plan to build a new hall on the Recreation Ground has stalled. Back in 2006 when Trenport sold the Recreation Ground to the village, they put a covenant on it to say it could not be built on, after waiting 4 months for a response, they have said they will not lift or vary the covenant to allow the hall to be built in our chosen space.

The village still needs a new hall so we are working on building it in another place. All halls are in a precarious place at the moment but the Government have put in place grants which our hall have received through TMBC so it is safe at the moment. However, it is still not fit for purpose and not the hall the village deserves. Once again....watch this space.

OUR PARISH COUNCIL

The Councillors on the PC are volunteers, some of them have years of experience of working on the council and they all live in the village, we try to help wherever we are asked. Over the last 5 years we have put in the pathway across the Rec, resurfaced the car park, put CCTV in the car park, put in lights along Hall Road and generally work between the residents and TMBC and KCC to make sure the village is represented.

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If you need to know who to contact about an issue, please don't hesitate to contact the clerk who will pass on your concerns. From time to time the PC asks for resident's views on a range of issues, the more people respond the better idea the PC have of how to represent you.

VILLAGE IN BLOOM

Thought I would put this in to remind everyone that spring is nearly here, the Wouldham Initiative will be entering the village this year and get some ideas for the big plan in 2022 to enter for the Queens Jubilee. Look out nearer the time for some plans and ideas.

CONTACT: CLERK clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk 07904281522
CHAIR ebellwpc@gmail.com

Dear Residents,

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU

We are writing to every home covered by Wouldham Parish Council to ask for your help to stamp out the serious **DOG FOULING PROBLEM** we have throughout our recreation ground, grassed open spaces and pathways. There are no stray dogs in the parish but some inconsiderate dog walkers We ask every resident to be vigilant and report any offenders to the PC to be dealt with in the appropriate manner.

Not picking up dog faeces is an antisocial act; dog faeces can carry worms and disease which can be transmitted to humans and especially children. Moreover, no one wants to accidentally step in it and then walk it into their homes.

The steps the Parish Council are taking as well as being vigilant ourselves are:

- Bottles containing **poo bags** for those who have forgotten a bag throughout the parish.
- More **signage** throughout all troubled areas making it very clear to dogwalkers to "pick up".
- Requesting **Ad Hoc visits** from The Dog Warden, Community Warden and our PCSO

The further serious steps (*which we hope won't be necessary*) available to the Parish Council are:

Once reported to the PC, to take a statement and details of the offender which would be passed to Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council requesting a **Fixed Penalty Notice** which carries a **fine of £80** per offence.

If the Fixed Penalty Notice is ignored (unpaid), Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council can and will refer the offence to the courts and if found guilty, not only would the fine be greater but the offender will get a criminal record.

Regarding the recreation ground, the PC could as a last resort apply for a Public Space Protection Order preventing dogs from entering the recreation ground.

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council have placed a **Public Space Protection Order** on the whole Parish area which will enable them to prosecute offenders.

Amongst other duties of your Parish Council,
your **Health, Safety and Welfare** is a priority.

CLERK: clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk 07904281522

The Robin Hood

364 Common Rd, Blue Bell Hill, ME5 9RJ
01634 861500

TAKEAWAY MENU

Frid & Sat 5-9pm. Sun 12- 6pm
Free delivery within 3-mile radius
See our: Facebook Robin Hood-Pub

Burgers

The Classic

8oz homemade chargrilled burger topped with crispy bacon, melted cheddar, gherkins and baconnaise sauce. Served in toasted brioche bun with sliced tomato and crisp lettuce £8.50

The Mexican (hot)

8oz homemade chargrilled burger topped with salsa, jalapenos, Smokey Monterey Jack cheese and chipotle sauce. Served in a toasted brioche bun with sliced tomato and crisp lettuce £9.25

The Italian

8oz homemade chargrilled burger topped with melted mozzarella, crispy Parma ham and garlic mayo. Served in a toasted brioche bun with sliced tomato and crisp lettuce £9.25

The Blue

8oz homemade chargrilled burger topped with melted stilton, caramelised red onion and chargrilled mushroom. Served in a toasted brioche bun with sliced tomato and crisp lettuce £8.99

Buttermilk Chicken

Crispy coated buttermilk chicken breast topped with honey and mustard mayonnaise. Served in a toasted brioche bun with sliced tomato and crisp lettuce £8.95

Bangkok Bad Boy (V) (medium)

Spicy oriental inspired burger with mixed vegetables, coriander, chilli, lemongrass and lime leaf, coated with black onion, cumin seeds and crunchy red lentil crumb. Served in a toasted brioche bun with sliced tomato and crisp lettuce £8.75

Pub Classics

Beer Battered Cod

Large freshly battered cod fillet coated in our own beer batter. Served with chips and tartare sauce £9.90

Pork Belly

Tender slow cooked pork belly served on top of buttery mash, braised red cabbage and apple with cider gravy £10.95

Chilli and Rice (mild)

Homemade medium chilli served with rice £9.50

Sausage and Mash

Three Old Spot sausages served on top of buttery mash with red onion gravy £9.90

Kid's Menu £4.50 each

Sausage and chips

Beef burger in a brioche bun with chips

Southern fried chicken goujons and chips

Appetisers and Sides

Southern fried chicken goujons £3.95

Garlic ciabatta bread (V) £3.25

Cheesy garlic ciabatta bread (V) £3.75

Crispy fried potato skins topped with bacon and cheese £5.25

Beer Battered onion rings (V) £3.25

Chunky gourmet chips (V) £2.75

Chunky gourmet chips with melted cheese (V) £3.25

Chunky gourmet chips with chilli and cheese £4.95

Skin on skinny fries (V) £2.75

Sweet potato fries (V) £3.55

Sauces £0.60p each

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| BBQ | Garlic Mayo | Baconnaise |
| Chipotle | Mayonnaise | Firecracker Sweet Chilli |

Puddings £4.25 each

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| Chocolate Fudge Cake | Caramel Apple Pie |
| Salted Caramel Brownies | |

Sunday Roast (available Sundays only. Pre-order required on Sat)

Beef, Pork, Chicken Breast or Vegetarian Nut Roast

Adult £10.50 Kid's £5.50

All served with roast potatoes, seasonal vegetables, Yorkshire Pudding and gravy

2021 CENSUS—We are required by law to provide our household information for the Census this **MARCH 21ST**.

The Census is a once-in-a-decade survey that has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941. It gives us a snapshot and the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales – the most detailed information we have about our society now and what it's likely to need in the future. The information it collects helps plan and fund services in your area. This could include transport, education and healthcare, police and other public services.

It will be the first to run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

Everyone should have the support they need to fill in the Census. If you, or anyone you know, needs help, there's a wide range of support services available. These include a contact centre that can give you help over the phone and guidance in a range of languages and accessible formats, including paper questionnaires and large print.

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING RAMBLERS



Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. We are currently paused due to Lockdown but will restart as soon as we can. I will update again once we're able to restart our group walks. More about our group at: <http://www.tonbridgeandmalligramblers.org.uk>.

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. It's always available to the residents of Burham to cover the transport costs for any type of medical appointments including the Covid 19 vaccination.

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)

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS MARCH 2021



Keep up to date with Parish Council business, visit:

Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Facebook page “Burham Parish Council”

All Parish Council information is included on these two platforms.

Virtual monthly meetings continue with a reduced agenda. Any items not included with these virtual meetings will not be forgotten, just on hold for the time being. Legally we are able to use virtual meetings currently up until May 2021 but it is hoped that face to face meeting can resume before then, when guidance changes.

Whilst the Covid 19 situation continues and we are forced to have Parish Council meetings virtually, as a reminder residents can still join in the meeting. An e-mail address would have to be provided. Any resident wishing to join in should contact me by noon on the Friday before any such meeting to have any questions/queries addressed to council members. Burham United Charities are always available to the residents of Burham to cover the transport costs for any type of medical appointments including the Covid 19 vaccination. If you need any assistance, please contact Dave Young 01634 867669 or Roger Kiralfy 01634 869900.

With many residents still working from home, due to the Covid-19 situation, please be reminded that if you are using the free of charge parking facilities provided by the Parish Council, then the permitted vehicles MUST be taxed, MOT'd and insured and in a road worthy condition. SORN vehicles together with mobile homes/camper vans type vehicles are NOT permitted. The car parks are Bell Lane, Church Street, Village Hall and Village Hall overflow. Vehicles are checked on an ad-hoc basis.

A couple of planning updates which you may be interested in:

TM/19/02199/OAEA: Trenport Southern Extension PV: Outline application: Development of the site to include ground remodeling, provision of residential dwellings, associated landscaping, drainage and highway works and creation of a riverside walk. The officer dealing with this application has advised the developer, Trenport to withdraw this application because there are too many amendments. There is no reply at the time this write-up was submitted.

TM/20/02988/OA: Land Northwest of Bell Lane Burham Rochester Kent.

Trenport: Outline application.

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Residential development of up to 58 dwellings, playing pitch, car park and associated landscaping with access from Bell Lane together with access from Church Street: Land northwest of Bell Lane, Burham. Observations submitted, which can be viewed on the TMBC website, under the planning section.

As residents are generating more cardboard and/or paper with increased home deliveries, please could we request that any large cardboard boxes are broken/cut up completely into smaller pieces as possible before trying to insert into the recycling bank, rather than just being folded. The exchanges on the container are increasing but with the actual weight being collected decreasing.

The lease on Court Meadow, the walking area between Court Rd and New Court Rd expires April 2021. We have been in contact with the land owners (Trenport) and await further details from them.

A local resident has been granted permission to attempt to seed wild flowers in the 1st smaller section of Court Meadow, corner of Rochester Rd/New Court Road. If successful, the same type of seeds could be used on the field behind the Village Hall (dog walking field).

We would like to welcome our new PCSO, Samir Patangwa who is now covering the Village. So if you see Samir around, I'm sure he would welcome a quick "hi". PCSO Joanne Tiller, our previous PCSO, has moved to a specialist role.

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 join in at the next scheduled meeting, which is due 29 March 2021 - Virtual. Pam Saunders – Clerk.

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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. Meetings usually the last Monday in the month.. The next Council meeting: 29th March.

Format of meeting (either via MS Teams or normal face to face) to be agreed nearer the time. *See page 10*

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Clerk—Nicky Grimes 07904281522

clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk www.wouldhampc.com

Council Meetings are held in Wouldham Village Hall. Usually 1st Tuesday of the month The next meeting: 2nd March by ZOOM.

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COMMUNITY WARDEN:- Vivien Hickmott 07813694140

POLICE - PCSO Samir Patangwa. Non emergency tel. no. – 101

PETERS VILLAGE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Steve Rimmington: srimmingtonwpc@gmail.com



TRANSPORT

Bus Services: Arriva no.155. There are to be additional routes as 'lockdown' is lifted.

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

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 To enquire about the availability of allotments,

contact: Burham: Dave Young 01634 867669.

Wouldham: Sue Durrani 01634 682363



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, TEMPORALLY SUSPENDED monthly—on the 2nd Thursday the month. **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. <https://hikent.org.uk/>

SHOPS

Frosts Service Station & Store, Rochester Rd, Burham. 01634 861228, Opening times: Mon- Sat: 7.0am - 9.0pm. Sun: 7.0am - 8.0pm

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

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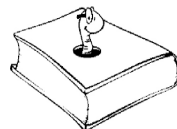
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Enquiries: Sandra Holman: 01634-867586

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FILAMENTS II

Installation of threads light and projection

ARTISTS

Elizabeth Burman

Karen Crosby

Rosie James

Ruth Payne

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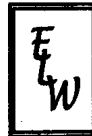
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MARCH in Your Garden

*'Count the garden by the flowers, never by the leaves that fall.
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Bulbs will already be putting on a great show to cheer the garden on. Now is a great time to weed, whilst they are small, if you can hoe around any bulbs and perennial shoots then this will make it a quick task – remove the cut materials and add to compost or dispose. Once the weeding is done, & if the weather is fine then it's ideal to mulch, either with compost or bark chips to top up the organic matter and nutrients in the soil. Either Spring or Autumn are the best times to mulch as they help to suppress annual weeds, which will keep the garden looking good for longer.

In the garden Azalea, Forsythia and Camellia will be looking at their best as the month progresses, together with Tulips and Narcissus which will continue to flower through the month. Cornus, or Dogwood, have done their job of providing winter colour in the garden, & they can now be cut back to about 30cm from the base. It's the new growth throughout the season that will provide colour for next winter. It's also the last opportunity to prune Roses before they put on too much spring growth. Prune back by at least a third to an outward facing bud, and again aim to provide an open goblet shape with the branches that remain. Top dress the soil around the base of the plant with compost and a little organic fertiliser to set the plant up for the new season of growth. Any final cutting back of Fuschia and Hydrangea can also be done now by taking them back to two or three buds from the base of each stem, again a feed and mulch will work wonders for the new growth.

Early spring is the time to set the structure on the garden as well. It's an ideal time to lift & split large perennial plants as they are just setting into growth. Also if you know certain plants can get a bit droopy later in the season, placing some supports now will allow the plants to grow up through them to disguise them, whilst also providing the necessary support as the plants grow. If you sowed seeds of early annuals such as wallflowers, it's time to pot them on into larger pots, or if you have sturdy plants they can be planted out into their final position. Early march is the last possibility for pruning of apple & pear trees, as this needs to be done before the sap starts to rise. Aim to create an open canopy where possible by removing any large branches that run through the centre, & then cutting back a third of the smaller branches that are crossing or congested.

In the vegetable garden its time to sow tomato and pepper seeds, as well as Brassicas such as Sprouts and Broccoli as these all need a long season. You can either sow in a seed tray for potting on later, or if you have the space to sow individually then do so as it will promote strong roots early on. Tomatoes and Peppers will both prefer to be in a warm spot indoors if possible as they prefer a bit of warmth to get going, so a sunny windowsill will be ideal, but remember to rotate the pots regularly to promote even growth.

If you grow fruit bushes such as Blueberry, Raspberry or Strawberries in pots, now is a good time to refresh the compost, either by renewing it completely or by taking off the top 10cm or so & replacing with fresh –

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- this will help to boost the nutrition for the new growing season. Remember that Blueberries prefer Ericaceous/acidic compost for best growth. By now Rhubarb will have started to grow, and will welcome a feed with some organic fertiliser and again a top dressing of compost will help to suppress any weeds around the root whilst providing nutrients for the seasons growth. The same applies if you grow your veg in raised beds – these will welcome a top up of compost and some multipurpose feed such as blood, fish and bone, ready for the season ahead.

Raised beds often warm up a little sooner than the ground itself so it is possible to sow seeds such as spring onions, peas (I tend to plant double the amount to allow for losses) and broad beans outside for an early harvest – just be sure to protect them from hungry birds and mice. Keep an eye on Chilli seedlings too – make sure they don't dry out, but don't over-water. If you can, water from the base to allow the roots to take up water without risking getting any young leaves wet. They will need to stay indoors until the end of the month at least, so look after them well.

If you haven't done so already, organise your seeds into the months they need sowing – that way you have them all ready to go through the year. Top up on anything that is missing to make sure you have a good succession of fruit and veg throughout the season. Other things to be doing in the garden now:

Keep an eye on pest control, as the weather warms up slugs and snails will start to be active looking for fresh growth. Set beer traps and encourage beneficial birds and mammals before resorting to pellets if poss.

Cut back winter flowering plants such as winter Jasmine & winter flowering heather, to promote flowering next year.

Clean out the greenhouse and wash down the glass so its clean & ready for the season ahead, and ventilate well on warm days as the temps will soon rocket.

Continue to keep bird feeders and baths topped up, as many will be starting to nest now.

An early cut can be done on lawns if it's dry and frost free – always cut with a high blade early in the season to prevent damage to the grass.

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