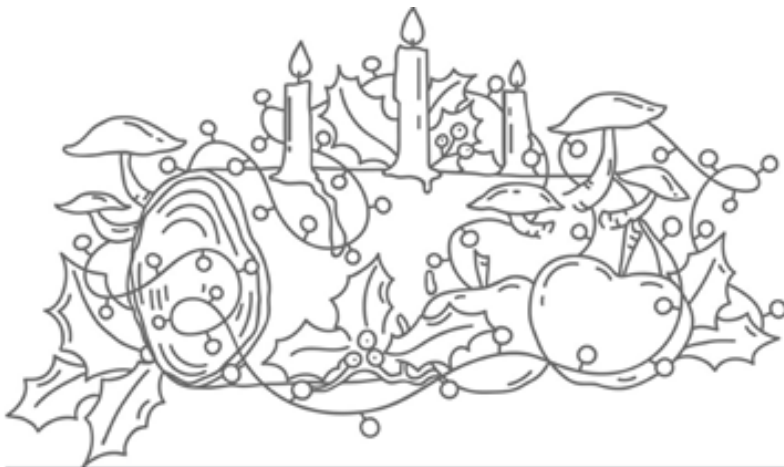


The Community Magazine for Burham, Wouldham & Peters Village



December 2021/January 2022



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

Hello and welcome to the December 2021/January 2022 edition of the magazine.



May I take this opportunity to wish you all a wonderful Christmas/Yule and a very happy and prosperous new year from myself and all on the committee.

With my very best wishes,
Pamla Dawn Walker, Editor
editorwbpvmagazine@gmail.com

Wouldham Community Initiative are looking for volunteers to help with activities such as the Fun day.

Wouldham Village Neighbourhood Watch

We are proposing setting up a scheme so if you are interested in helping please let Theresa know by contacting:

tgraywpc@gmail.com for details

Music in Church:

Choir Practice is normally held on Thursdays at 7.30pm.
To apply to join the choir, or to find out more, please contact
Douglas Henn-Macrae

CHURCH OF ENGLAND



All Saints Church, Wouldham on Sundays:

All are welcome to attend in person in church for the services below:

Sunday 5th December	2nd Sunday of Advent 10:30am
Sunday 12th December	3rd Sunday of Advent 10:30am
Sunday 19th December	4th Sunday of Advent 10:30am Carol Service 6:30pm
Friday 24th December	Christmas Eve 4pm Christingle 11:30pm Midnight Mass
Saturday 25th December	Christmas day 10:30am
Sunday 26th December	First Sunday of Christmas 10.30am
Sunday 2nd January	Epiphany 10:30am
Sunday 9th January	1st Sunday after Epiphany 10.30am
Sunday 16th January	2nd Sunday after Epiphany 10.30am Wouldham School 4pm
Sunday 23rd January	3rd Sunday after Epiphany 10.30am
Sunday 30th January	4th Sunday after Epiphany 10.30am

Every month on the 3rd Sunday at Wouldham School 4pm Prayer and Praise, led by children, all welcome on the 19th of December and the 16th January.

Messy Church: Saturday the 18th of December at 4pm. Carol singing around Burham followed by refreshments and activities in the Methodist Church.

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

Candle Prayer Time The prayer group continues to pray at 7.30 every Wednesday. All welcome to send in prayer requests to Gwen on 01634 672060 or gwenworcester@hotmail.com

Church Growth

Dear Friends,

I love the season of Advent, the time of ‘getting ready’ and all the preparations for Christmas.

I’m quite old-fashioned about Christmas. I prefer to wait until Christmas Day before any big celebrations.

However that is quite difficult these days when for many people it’s over on Boxing day!

In church we celebrate the 12 days of Christmas, and then we begin the Epiphany season, beginning with the story of the Magi bringing gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh for the Christ child.

Christmas can also be a difficult time for those on low incomes, and for the recently bereaved, and for those who have some bad memories of past times when Christmas has been less than perfect.

What I love about the Christian faith is that it releases us from so much of the pressure around Christmas. The focus is on the love of God, with Jesus coming into our world. And that leads us to celebrating the love in our own lives.

Shopping and parties are part of it, but not the most important part. Sharing and generosity is definitely a part though, in Christianity, as it is in the festivals in most religious traditions.

Christmas as a religious celebration is also a reminder of how much God loves the world and an inspiration to us to love and care for the planet, and we may have that in mind this Christmas, as we are all too aware of the climate emergency.



I look forward to welcoming you at services in church (there are lots!) and I wish you joy and peace at Christmas.

In peace,

Mike

Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers



Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation.

On our Sunday morning and mid-week morning walks we explore the beautiful countryside within Tonbridge & Malling and surrounding areas. Our group walks are mostly circular with a moderate pace over 5-6 miles. You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try out a couple of walks with us, to help you decide if you'd like to join.

To find the dates, locations, and start time details for our December and January walks, see: www.tonbridgandmallingsramblers.org.uk

Advance booking is not required; you can just turn up on the day. However, if you are new to our walks, it's a good idea to contact the walk leader beforehand to check that their walk will suit you.

Caring for our footpaths

Ramblers volunteers help to ensure that public footpaths within the Tonbridge & Malling area are readily accessible to all walkers. We have footpath observers in each parish to check paths and report issues such as broken stiles and gates, broken or missing footpath signs, fallen trees, and other obstructions. We always welcome help with this so, if you are out walking and encounter a problem, please do raise an alert. You can do this on the Kent County Council website (search 'KCC public rights of way') or you can email details (with photo and path number/location) to; info@tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk.

We'll also be pleased to hear from you if you'd be interested in joining our footpath volunteers to help observe or maintain local footpaths.

Nicola Brown
Publicity volunteer for Tonbridge & Malling Ramblers



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When did you start this role?

Back in 1995. I had my first volunteer job on an archaeological excavation after a chat with a local archaeologist on a building site. Once I started I knew that this is what I wanted to do for the rest of my working life.

What qualifications do you need to perform this role?

Technically none, enthusiasm, an obvious interest in history and a willingness to learn are more important. Digging is not difficult, although it is very physical. However, for anyone considering a professional role as an archaeologist I would suggest that an undergraduate degree provides an excellent foundation from which to build. That can be either science orientated or arts oriented. I took the arts route which has helped me greatly with the preparation of reports and publications.

What attracted you to this position?

The excitement! The fact that each day is different and that you never really know what you are going to find. Some days it may be nothing but other days it could be a Roman villa, an Anglo-Saxon burial ground, or even the smallest of finds such as a brooch, a coin or, in the case of a project I am working on at the moment, clay tobacco pipes made by pipe makers of Rochester.

What is your favourite part of the job?

When I was younger it was definitely the digging and the recording on site. Some sites could take months, working away with likeminded people. I spent the first 15 years of my career in many different locations around the UK, it was great fun. Now, as I am older, I enjoy the pulling together of large projects and the writing and research associated with the reporting stages. Although I do still love the digging!

And the least? Ask any field archaeologist and they will say ... the weather! Billy Connelly said that there was no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing. He had clearly never broken the frozen water off a deep ditch, bailed out the water and excavated the thick sticky clay, in the rain!

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What is a typical day like for you?

Modern archaeology has many elements. I deal primarily with construction-based projects which have planning conditions associated with them. I advise on what is required and how developers, both large and small, can minimise delays and costs. I would then carry out the field-work, which may just be monitoring or small trench excavations, and then prepare the report on the findings.

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

Do it but be very aware that at first the conditions can be harsh, the money very low and it will probably mean lots of away work. This changes as you get older and more established.

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

I am going to go with memorable on this one. Prior to the new Thames Tideway Tunnel in London we needed to carry out some foreshore studies at proposed site locations. This meant at low tide my team and I were dropped off shoreside, as the tide was ebbing, by the Port of London Authority welfare boat. We then had a few hours to investigate the foreshore before the tide came back in and we had to jump back on board. The memorable part? Well that was because to get to the welfare boat I had to take a speed boat up the Thames from Greenwich just as the sun was rising. This took me at high speed past the O2, around the Isle of Dogs and Canary Wharf, past the Tower of London, under all the bridges landing at the MI5 building, fulfilling an item on my life's bucket list which was to 'get to work like James Bond'!

How would you rate job satisfaction out of 10?

Most days are a 9 or 10 but like other careers, we can have our bad days. But ultimately if I had my time again, well I would not want to do any other job.

Anyone wanting to learn more about the services we provide, is welcome to check our website:

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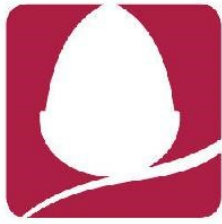
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Burham Parish Council news December 2021/January 2022



Keep up to date with Parish Council business by visiting:

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The War Memorial Centenary Celebration Event took place and the day was a great success, with approximately 200 people attending. We have received many positive comments. A huge thank you to all those that were involved from individuals, community groups and educational settings. Some photographs will be published in due course.

A Remembrance Sunday service took place at the War Memorial on the 14th of November.

Burham now has a village historian:

Contact Michael Boozer on burhamhistory@gmail.com.

Recycling

Don't forget we have a recycling site in the Village Hall overflow car park. The paper/cardboard and clothing banks both generate funds. There is a plastic bank and glass banks too. Whilst the BHF book and CD recycling bank was removed, we have requested that it be reinstated as it was well used by residents.

Highways

As a reminder, Highway matters need to be reported to KCC highways on kent.gov.uk, under roads and travel. This includes pot holes, street lights and any matters that highways deal with. If you are unsure, just give me a call for guidance.

Dogs

There are plenty of dog poo bag containers around the village which are topped up regularly (normally near to dog poo bins or entrances to open areas), so if you forget your bags, you shouldn't be too far away from a container. We would rather have to keep topping the containers up, than see dog poo left on the ground.

Anti-Social behaviour

Also, any anti-social behaviour including speeding along New Court Rd needs to be reported to the Police on either 101 or via their website www.kent.police.uk "Anti-social behaviour".

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If these types of accidents are not reported then the Police do not know what is occurring in the village.

TMB

The TMBC boundary review has been complete and is now out for public consultation. Burham and Wouldham Ward will be subsumed into a larger ward with North Aylesford, Eccles, and Bluebell Hill. It will be a three-member ward. The name has yet to be decided but a one suggestion is “North Downs.” You may wish to comment on this if you do, your comments must be in by the 13th of December 2021. Full details are at

<https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-east/kent/tonbridge-and-malling>

Bushey Wood

Land at Eccles (Bushey Wood): Trenport are looking at developing land in Eccles, whilst no formal planning application has been submitted, details can be found at www.landateccles.co.uk The consultation is open for your comments and views as this will affect Burham as well as Eccles.

Doctor’s surgery

We are informed by the Surgery that they are planning to move to Peters Village in November 2022.

If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss just give me a call on 01634 685936. You can also email me on pam@burhampc.co.uk or join in at the next scheduled meeting, which is due on the 20th of December 2021.

January’s meeting is scheduled for the 31st.



Burham Parish Council would like to wish all our residents a very happy, healthy Christmas and best wishes for 2022.

Pam Saunders, Clerk

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Market

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Saturday 18th December
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Christmas in Bournemouth

£579

Thursday 23rd December
4 Nights Full Board
Drinks on reception
Afternoon tea
Some evening entertainment

DECEMBER 2021 DAY TRIPS

Winchester Christmas Market

Saturday 11th
December
£32

Brighton Christmas Festival

Sunday 12th December
£30

Cockney Christmas Matinee

Wednesday 15th
December
£67

Glow at RHS Wisley

Sunday 19th December
£56

Christmas at Kew

Tuesday 21st
December
£52 Adult
£45 Adult

2022 HOLIDAYS

Eastbourne

Monday 10th January
York House
£199
(Single supplement £40)
4 Nights Half Board

Somerset

Free Bar Break

Friday 21st January
New Ocean Hotel
£259
3 Nights Half Board
Free Bar 6pm – 10pm

Bournemouth

Inclusive

Monday 24th January
£299
No Single Supplement
4 Nights Full Board
Inclusive bar from 6pm – 9pm
(Selected house brand spirits)

Eastbourne £1 Bar

Weekend

Friday 4th February
Haddon Hall Hotel
£199
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3 Nights Half Board
£1 bar between 8pm – 11pm

2022 HOLIDAYS

Isle of White Mock Cruise Break

Sunday 13th February
The Trouville Hotel
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All Inclusive at Potters Resort

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Potters Resort, Norfolk
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Winter Warmer in Great Yarmouth

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To be able to visit a HWRC **you must book a slot online in advance**. Please note that slots are very limited in order to maintain social distancing for staff and visitors. You will only be able to book one visit in any 4 week period per household to ensure everyone can use sites safely. Kent residents visiting Medway Council sites must show Identification:

[Visiting a Household Waste Recycling Centre during coronavirus - Kent County Council](#)

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Parish information

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

Pam Saunders, Clerk: Tel: 01634 685936.

Email: pam@burhampc.co.uk www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk.

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

Meetings usually held on the last Monday in the month.

Next Council meetings: Monday the 20th of December 2021 and is scheduled for the 31st of January 2022.

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL:

Tina Miles, Clerk, Tel. No. 07904281522

Email: clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

www.wouldhampc.com

Our next meetings are on Tuesday the 7th of December 2021 and Tuesday the 4th January 2022. For details about how to join please see the agenda published on wouldhampc.com

COMMUNITY WARDEN:

Vivien Hickmott 07813694140

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	8:45am	12:00 noon
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Hearing aids availability and maintenance from <https://hikent.org.uk> are looking for volunteers to help with the aftercare clinics they normally hold on the 2nd Thursday of the month at Burham Community Centre. Ring 01622 691151 for more information and updates of when the free of charge drop-ins will resume.

Notifications

Baptism:

10th of October — Alfie Hewitt



Funerals

17th of November — Joe Wotton

Much love to Joe's family

KCC Mobile Library is free to join & use and will visit the following:

Wouldham	Date (Tuesday)	Time
Walker Burke Avenue	14th Dec 11th and 25th Jan.	1:05pm - 1:35pm
Ravens Knowle	14th Dec 11th and 25th Jan.	1:45pm - 2:15pm
Burham	Date	Time
Village Hall	14th Dec 11th and 25th Jan.	2:25pm - 3:25pm
Eccles	Date	Time
Bull Lane by the Village Hall	14th Dec 11th and 25th Jan.	3:45pm - 4:35pm

For further advise or book requests please e-mail:
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Churches:

Church of England Parish of Burham & Wouldham:

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

Holy Communion at 10.30 every Sunday.

* **St Marys Church, Burham.** Old Church Rd,

Open daily 10.00am - 4.00pm . Closed during 'lock down'

A redundant Anglican Church under the care of the 'Churches Conservation Trust'. Occasional special C of E services are held there and events run by the Friends of St Marys.

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

10.30 every Sunday.

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December & January in Your Garden

*'Christmas – It's a tenderness for the past,
courage for the present, & hope for the future.'*

The thing, & joy, about gardening is that no two seasons will ever be the same. Mother Nature determines what will grow & when it will grow, & how successfully it will grow. At this time of year, we are often thinking about gathering with friends and family for seasonal celebrations, and enjoying the cosiness brought on by the shorter days and cooler temperatures. The new year brings with it a time for reflection, of both the past year, and also the coming year, and this is also true of the garden. As gardens are always evolving, they change through the seasons, and also change from year to year, it might be that gaps have been created by something dying off, or that a shrub has got too big for its space and needs cutting back. Winter time is a good opportunity to make a note of any changes needed in order to maximise your garden space and to make the most of your plot. It's also worth taking note of the structure in your borders, do they have winter interest? This can be created using evergreen plants, or by including obelisks, ornaments, statues or arches to create structure and provide interest when many herbaceous plants have died back for winter and deciduous plants have lost their leaves.

By now any tender plants should have been stored away for winter, and those that might get damaged by high winds or snow should also be moved to a more protected spot if possible. If we do get any snow, which might be more likely in the new year, make sure to knock any lying snow off hedges or branches where possible as the weight can often cause them to break. If the weather is still mild and there haven't been any prolonged spells of frost, then it is still possibly to mulch the ground with manure, compost or bark etc. This will help to protect your soil over winter from erosion (it's a bit like throwing a blanket over), and the worms and micro-organisms will work them into the soil to help nourish your plants come springtime.

One of the key opportunities at this time of year is to harvest evergreen shrubbery to bring into the house either in a vase or use to create festive displays. There will be some lovely seed heads around, either in your garden or along wild hedgerows (although only pick a few as these provide valuable resources for local birds and bugs), together with holly, ivy and yew which are all festive favourites. You can add to these using winter Jasmine, brightly coloured stems of Cornus, Willow, Hawthorn & Euonymus all of which can add an extra dimension to your display.

Every year I suggest also spreading your festive decorations out into the garden, bare branches lend themselves so well to a few baubles and fairy lights, & in the dark evenings it brings that extra sparkle to the view.

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So if you're out on a winter walk, think about the opportunities to create a display from stems and seed heads – they can be equally as beautiful at this time of year.

In the vegetable garden, root veg can still be harvested, and if prolonged cold weather is forecast then lift what you need and heel them into a lightly dug trench instead as this will make them easier to retrieve when required.

Winter is the ideal opportunity to prepare beds ready for the new season, but it can be difficult in wet and cold conditions as this can cause more harm than good by either compacting the soil or exacerbating erosion. The no-dig technique helps with these factors as it actively discourages digging, instead favouring the worms and micro-organisms to do all the hard work instead. By adding a deep layer of manure or compost on top of the soil & leaving it to be worked in, it encourages a stronger and healthier soil as a result. It's not for everyone, & if you prefer to dig, then the addition of manure or compost into your dug beds will also be beneficial for next season. Rotation of your crops is also key to the success of your produce as it helps to minimise opportunities for some pests & diseases that affect particular crops. There are guides available to help plan what crops will benefit from previous crops, and this can then inform next years' growing plan.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- * Continue to keep bird feeders and baths topped up and defrost in freezing temperatures; winter is a hard time for our native birds so they will welcome any additional offerings.
- * Clean and sharpen tools (use wire wool & linseed oil), & store in a dry place over winter so they're ready for Spring.
- * Keep an eye on indoor plants, now the heating is on and natural light is less, their watering requirements will alter.
- * Take advantage of a bit of down time & peruse some seed Catalogues; ordering now will mean you're well ahead for spring sowing.
- * Finish pruning Roses if you haven't done so already; cut back on an angle to an outward facing bud, reducing the overall height by approx. two-thirds.
- * Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Happy Healthy New Year.



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Contact Supervisor, Tracey Beechey, on
Tel. No.: 07920 599287 or 07710 829954

Sessions:

Mon - Fri 9.15 - 11.45am

Mon - Fri 12.20 - 2.50pm

Mon - Fri. Lunch Club 11.45 - 12.20 pm

Optional 'early bird' drop off at 9am for £1.00

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Our Ofsted Inspection found Jellybeans to be 'good'.

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Mon - Thurs Lunch Club: 11.45am - 12.25pm

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

SHOPS

Frosts Service Station & Store, Rochester Rd, Burham. 01634 861228

Opening times: Monday - Saturday: 7.00am - 9.00pm.

Sunday: 7.00am - 8.00pm

The Vale Bakery, 209 Rochester Rd, Burham 01634 861572

Opening times: Tuesday to Friday: 8:30am - 4:00pm.

Saturday: 8:30 am - 1:00pm

The Watermans Arms Village Store, High Street, Wouldham

Opening times: Every day 8:00am - 7:00pm

Church activities:

All Saints, Wouldham Church Choir:

Choir practices are normally held in the church at 7:30pm on Thursdays, and there are vacancies for over-18s in all voice parts.

For more information please contact Douglas Henn-Macrae

Tel. No. 01634 683096 or e-mail douglas@gundulf.org.uk

Church Bell Ringing All Saints Church, Wouldham.
8pm on Wednesdays

Film Club The Church in Burham, Church St.
Contact Eileen Smith on: 01634867022

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Have a say on water company's 25 Year Environment Plan.

A unique draft 25 year Environment Plan written by South East Water now needs feedback from local residents on its strengths and weaknesses before it is published.

South East Water is the first UK water company to produce such a plan, following an intensive period working with its customers, employees and other environmental organisations to shape it. The appeal for feedback from local communities is the final stage before it is published in early 2022.

Not only does the plan set out how the company will limit its own impact on the environment, but more importantly, how it will improve the overall health of the environment and increase its resilience to the effects of drought, flooding and growing demand for tap water.

Supplying drinking water to 2.2 million customers across the south east, the company maintains 83 water treatment works and 9,000 miles of underground pipes – enough to stretch from the South East of England to Australia - as well as 33 Sites of Special Scientific Interest, two local nature reserves, Lullington Heath National Nature Reserve and numerous Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The water supplier also works with farmers, landowners and other water users to protect the quality and quantity of the rivers and underground aquifers which are used to produce an average of 520 million litres of tap water each day.

The company is now looking to expand the work of its in-house team of environmental experts to work with other local companies and individuals to improve the environment within a generation.

The consultation runs from the 29th of November 2021 to the 7th of January 2022.

Read the plan and have your say on:

[South East Water's website - corporate.southeastwater.co.uk/25YP](https://www.southeastwater.co.uk/25YP).

Burham and Wouldham Women's Institute



Members of Burham and Wouldham WI were delighted that so many residents loved our knitted Remembrance Day poppies which were put up in Burham, Wouldham, Peters Village, and Kits Coty.

Here is June with the Kits Coty poppy on Salisbury Road. However, we do more than knit; we dance and sing as well. Our Christmas party on the 21st of December will see us having fun but I'm afraid you can't just turn up for this meeting as we might run out of mince pies and punch!

Book a place with Eileen Smith or Gwen Worcester.

The New Year will see us meeting on January the 18th when a local animal therapist is telling us how to be an effective animal communicator. Come along to Burham Village Hall at 7.30pm; no booking necessary. We have a full programme planned for 2022 and feel we have something for everyone. Come along and join us.

Heather Brown, Secretary of Burham and Wouldham WI.

New ideas:



I am looking for articles that our readers may find interesting and therefore if you feel you would like to contribute to the magazine on subjects relating to the area please let me know. For example, this edition's *A day in the life* section has highlighted a local Archaeologist, who will be sharing information on the history of the villages over the coming months.

Courtesy of
English Heritage

Please feel free to email ideas to Pamla Walker:
editorwbvmagazine@gmail.com

News from The Church in Burham (Methodist) Church Street, Burham



We would like to extend our best wishes for this Christmas period and hope this is a peaceful and blessed time for all.

There will continue to be a Sunday morning service at 10.30am on December the 5th and 12th.

On December the 19th at 2.00pm there will be a special Christmas Service led by Robin Oakley to which you are especially invited. Do join us at the beginning of Christmas week and see our lovely decorated windows.

There will be no service on Christmas Day or Sunday December 26th.

The usual Sunday services will resume in January with our annual Covenant Service on January 23rd taken by Rev. Naomi Oates.

Christmas Country Lunch

You are invited to our Christmas Country Lunch on Thursday the 16th of December at 1.00pm. There will be a special meal of turkey soup, crusty bread and cheese, and homemade Christmas Pudding with cream followed by tea or coffee. We ask for a donation of £3 and any profit will be sent to Action for Children.

Book exchange

There will be a Book Exchange on Saturday December the 4th from 10.30am until 12.00 noon for you to choose your holiday reading and enjoy a social time over tea or coffee and homemade cake.

There will be no Book Exchange in January.

Eileen Smith

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Christingle at the Church in Burham – Christmas Eve 2021

You are warmly invited to...

- Collect a **'DIY Christingle' bag** from outside the church between 10.30am and 12 noon on Christmas Eve.
- Join us for a **service on Zoom** (see the link below) at 2pm on Christmas Eve, in which we'll have stories and songs, and will be building our Christingles.
- **Post photos of your Christingle** in our designated Facebook group and display yours (unlit!) in your window for others to see. Please note that this is a public group, and so all photos and details posted will be available for anyone to see:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/806983793210099>

Details for Zoom service at 2pm on Christmas Eve:

[https://zoom.us/j/92845793987?](https://zoom.us/j/92845793987?pwd=a2VmdCtQeFppZFdQQUNRYXlQOXhsdz09)

[pwd=a2VmdCtQeFppZFdQQUNRYXlQOXhsdz09](https://zoom.us/j/92845793987?pwd=a2VmdCtQeFppZFdQQUNRYXlQOXhsdz09)

Meeting ID: 928 4579 3987

Passcode: 887689

Or dial 0203 481 5237 and enter the Meeting ID and Passcode followed by #



Carols by Candlelight



St Marys Old Church Burham

(down by the river)

will be holding their annual Carols by candlelight on

Saturday the 11th of December from 6:30pm

We hope to hold this event inside the church as usual, but if Covid restrictions alter we will hold a shorter event outside the church.

Please dress warmly and bring a torch.



Halls for hire:

Wouldham Village Hall - Available for:

- * Private functions/parties
- * Regular bookings (for groups to meet or small businesses to hold classes)
- * Meeting or training sessions

Costs:

- * £11 per hour for private bookings, (minimum of 3 hours hire)
- * £13 per hour for business bookings or
- * A damage deposit of £50 is required when booking the hall.
- * Deposit cheques will only be cashed if the hall is not left in good order to rubbish not taken away.

To book, Email: wouldhamvillagehall.com



Burham Village Hall:

A large modern hall located in the centre of the village next to the Village Recreation Ground with a large car park. It has many facilities including a large main room, a kitchen, toilet facilities including disabled facilities and access. Two other smaller rooms are also available. Post Code ME1 3RJ.



Costs:

- * £7 or £9 per hour for Monday to Friday 8:00am to 8:30pm
- * £12 to £20 per hour for Weekends from Fridays at 8:30pm depending on the activity.

To book, contact Aileen Bergin on 07842 883028

Burham Old School Community Centre:

Formerly the village infant school full of character with parking a short walk away in Bell Lane, the building has a large hall and a smaller hall, with toilet facilities, including disabled access, and used for local clubs and charity events to name a few.

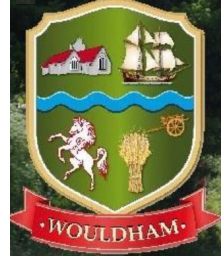


Costs:

- * £10 per hour week days and £12 per hour at weekends

To book, contact Thurza Browne on 01634 863322

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Our last meeting was on the 2nd of November. Upcoming meetings will be on Tuesday the 7th of December 2021 and Tuesday the 4th of January 2022 both in the Village Hall, commencing at 7:30pm.

Crime prevention advice from PCSO

As the evenings get darker, items such as lawnmowers, bicycles, golf clubs, fishing tackle and power tools can all be kept insecurely in sheds and these can all be easy pickings for thieves to target. The tips below can help to prevent you from becoming a victim of this crime.

- * Install a shed alarm, with a notice displayed to warn thieves that it is not worth the effort of breaking in. The alarms are easy to install and can be purchased at most DIY stores.
- * Make sure the door is always securely locked.
- * Ensure all valuable property is marked with your postcode. Post coding property makes your belongings very unattractive to a thief by making items easily identifiable and difficult to sell.
- * Lock up pedal cycles. Use bike locks and chain them inside to
- * other large items or to the shed.
- * Keep a record of the make, model and ID numbers of bicycles and all other equipment and take photographs of unusual items.
- * Check your household insurance policy to ensure that the value of things stored inside is covered by your contents' policy.

Please make all reports of ASB via 101, the online reporting form or 999 in an emergency.

In order to get maximum support from local authorities', please ensure you report anything and get a crime reference number. Cllr Gray is setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for Wouldham Village and there is already one running in Peters Village led by Cllr Rimmington. Please get in touch if you are interested in joining.

Fly-tipping

Fly-tipping continues to be an issue, so it is important for everyone to report it whenever they come across it. You can report directly to: <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/bins-waste/report-fly-tipping>.

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Roads/Footpaths/Grounds Maintenance

The sign indicating no vehicle access on the footpath from Oldfield Drive to the Tramway has been erected.

A replacement mirror has been purchased to help those exiting Ferry Lane and thanks are given to Mr Mitson for volunteering to put it up.

The bench has been repaired and Perspex replaced on the notice board in the Recreation Ground.

Posters

Can event organisers please ensure that posters are removed from posts, etc. once their event has ended.

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

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Platinum Jubilee bank holiday and an adjusted Late May Bank Holiday will create a four-day weekend from the **2nd to the 5th of June 2022** filled with events to celebrate the nation's longest reigning monarch. Invites have been sent out to organisations to attend a scoping/ideas meeting on the 17th of November. Any individual or organisations that would like to be involved, please contact the Clerk.

Countryside Code

With many new residents in the Village, you are reminded that this is a rural, farming area. There is often work being done in the fields around which are essential to maintaining good ecological health, (crops and wildlife). Please keep to the identified footpaths and have a look at the Countryside Code which has been updated this year.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code/the-countryside-code-advice-for-countryside-visitors>

Website

Can I remind you about our excellent website: wouldhampc.com, where you will find information on our meetings, about the Councillors, planning applications and notices.

It is a great way to keep in touch.

Email: clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

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