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THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF BURHAM & WOULDHAM

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

Hello and welcome to the February 2022 edition of the magazine.

The 14th of February is celebrated as Saint Valentine's day so I thought I'd include a little about how it came to be that we spend a fortune on this one day to put a smile on the faces of people we love.

Take away the commercialism and it can be accredited to the English poet Geoffrey Chaucer's poem 'Parliament of fowls' written in the 14th century where he linked the day of St. Valentine's feast day with "... *the day birds come together to find a mate.*"

The poem was very popular and the idea of blossoming love fell on humans' minds too with the first known valentine letter being sent in the middle of the 15th century.

However, at the end of the poem some birds, who had not been successful in finding a mate, sang a song and deferred to the following year. Maybe we could learn from their patience ...

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 Tina Miles know by contacting:
clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk for details.

Wouldham SpeedWatch are looking for volunteers when we recommence them. Please contact the editor for details.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Every Sunday at All Saints Church, Wouldham

**Morning prayer at 9:15 am
and Sung Eucharist at 10:30am**



All are welcome to attend in person.

All are welcome to attend services in person in church.
Services will also be on Zoom; email Mike for the link.

Sunday 6th February	Fourth Sunday before Lent 10:30am
Sunday 13th February	Third Sunday before Lent 10:30am
Sunday 20th February	Second Sunday before Lent 10:30
Sunday 27th February	Sunday next before Lent 10.30am

The Coffee morning at Wouldham Church is on
Friday the 25th of February between 10.45-12 noon.



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

www.wouldhamchurch.org.uk

Services on the 3rd Sunday at Wouldham School 4pm Prayer and Praise, led by children, are currently suspended.

Pancake Party venue to be decided on the 1st of March 2022. Watch out for details on social media.

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 7.30pm every Wednesday. All welcome to send in prayer requests to Gwen on 01634 672060 or gwenworcester@hotmail.com

Dear Friends,

‘Choose the world you want’ Fairtrade Fortnight Feb 21st – March 6th

The Fairtrade Foundation has been working for 25 years. It is about justice and – the clue is in the name - *fair* trade. Not charity or handouts. It is supported by many churches and schools. Fairtrade promotes reliable and fair incomes for some of the poorest farmers in the world. We all need to eat – food production is crucial! Farmers in poorer parts of the world, now often impacted by climate change, need to earn enough to live – and to afford the education and healthcare.

You may have seen the Fairtrade logo on many items, and perhaps you buy some of them. At home our bananas, coffee, tea, and chocolate are Fairtrade. If you have a cup of tea or coffee in church it’s probably Fairtrade.

I can remember a time when Fairtrade products were sold on stalls in churches. Now it’s become mainstream.

Many supermarkets have Fairtrade own brand products. They used to be expensive so it was more of a middle class thing to buy them. But not now. And the profit goes to the growers; not to the multinational companies. Most of us would want to buy products that do not exploit people, given a choice. Fairtrade products offer us that choice.

Many growers use organic farming methods or are working towards organic certification. This means their farming is more sustainable and better for the environment - another advantage of Fairtrade food production.



FAIRTRADE
FOUNDATION

Look on www.fairtrade.org.uk to see what a difference it makes to real people, to buy from small scale and co-operative ventures.

In church we pray for justice and peace in the world. Fairtrade buying is one small, and simple way of helping bring that about.

In peace
Mike

Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers– February 2022

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.

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.

Nicola Brown

Publicity volunteer for Tonbridge & Malling Ramblers



Sunday 6 February	A leisurely loop around Sevenoaks Weald using fields and tracks, and a section of the Greensand Way. Hills and stiles included with the lovely views.	4 miles
Wednesday 9 February	A moderate circular walk to the edge of Trottscliffe village, then through fields and woodland to Ryarsh, before heading back to Trosley Country Park. Splendid views on a clear day. Steep slopes at the start and end of the walk.	6.5 miles
Wednesday 16 February	A moderate circular walk along flat paths, passing Hartlake Bridge, along the Medway to East Lock and back to Tudeley Hale.	4.5 miles
Sunday 20 February	A moderate circular walk from Otford up and along the Darent valley. Be prepared for mud and bring walking poles if you need them.	5 miles
Wednesday 23 February	Leisurely circular walk from Matfield to Brenchley through orchards, pasture and woodland.	4.5 miles
Sunday 27 February	A moderate circular walk to discover the new permissive footpaths between the North Pole and Barming.	5.5 miles

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



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A day in the life of ...Marie Jordan

*Job title: Volunteer with Time
for the homeless*

When did you start this role?

January 2013 but I've been with mark and Michelle who are the back bone of such a worthy charity for 7 years.

What qualifications do you need to perform this role?

No qualifications are needed to be a volunteer you just need a big heart and a listening ear.

What attracted you to this position?

I've always wanted to be involved with helping the homeless and vulnerable.

What is your favourite part of the job?

Seeing someone move on with their life after receiving the help and support they need in maybe getting a house or flat and even a job, and also becoming clean from substance abuse; now that's the best feeling in the world, just being able to listen and help.

And the least?

Seeing another homeless or vulnerable person turn up at one of our soup kitchens. We seem to help one and then another one takes their place and so we start all over again, which is sad. What I'm trying to put across is that no one should be homeless!

What is a typical day like for you?

A typical day could include collecting clothing, picking up food donations, or dropping a food parcel to someone. We have helped people move into their forever home and attended appointments with others; no two days are the same.

What advice would you give to someone thinking of volunteering?

If someone was thinking of volunteering with a homeless charity my advice would be do it. I've met some lovely people who I can class as friends now and I've learnt so much from others.

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

Obviously each person we see has a story to tell as to why they are where they are. My most memorable one is from Christmas a couple of years ago; just watching everyone laughing and hugging each other (before covid came along). We supplied Christmas dinner, had Christmas music playing with one guy playing his guitar. Seeing people opening their shoeboxes with their faces of appreciation of their gift and seeing what the person next to them had received was purely a magical moment for me; I didn't want it to end.

How would you rate job satisfaction out of 10?

11/10 it's something I love and enjoy.

Anyone wanting to learn more about the services provided by Time for the homeless please see the website timeforthehomeless.co.uk Or their facebook page.



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Job vacancy

The local church, All Saints, for Burham, Wouldham and Peters Village is looking for a suitably qualified and experienced children's singing teacher to take after-school classes of primary school children one afternoon a week for an hour to start a children's choir. Pay of £30-35 per hour depending on experience.

An integral part of the job is that they also accompany the choir one Sunday a month in church.

Contact the Rector, Mike Hayes at mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk for details and to apply.

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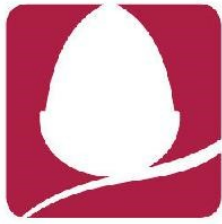
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Burham Parish Council news February 2022



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Visiting the following platforms:

Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Facebook page: **Burham Parish Council**

The next meeting is scheduled for the 28th of February 2022

Welcome back after the Christmas break. I hope you were all good and Santa was kind and best wishes for 2022 (albeit slightly belated).

Queens Platinum Celebrations (June)

We are looking for volunteers to set up a committee to organise and arrange an event to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. If you are interested, please let me know.

The Boundary Commission has finalised their report. The proposed change for our area would increase our ward to include Aylesford North and therefore increase the number of Councillors to three (from two). Aylesford North with Burham, Eccles, and Wouldham would become “North Downs.” When formally agreed the new boundaries would come into effect 2023.

Bus Service

There is no update from Trenport regarding the new bus service. Trenport are very frustrated on the lack of progress by KCC on this and other matters. Cllr Kennedy is attempting to assist.

Recycling

For those new to the village and as a gentle reminder, there is a recycling site in the overflow car park of the Village Hall, just up from the Parish Building. The following can be recycled: Cardboard/paper, clothing (both these generates funds), plastic, all glass including brown and green.

The Woodland Trust

The Woodland trust have confirmed that we have secured our application for 15 saplings. Delivery is due March 2022. These will be planted in “Downs Meadow”, dog walking field behind the Village Hall.

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Defibrillator

As a reminder, there is a defibrillator on the outside of the Parish Building. If an incident arises whereby the equipment is required, then 999 needs to be dialed first. The code for the defibrillator would then be issued for access to the equipment.

Anti-social behaviour

Any anti-social behaviour must be logged with the Police, either on 101 or via the Kent Police website.

This includes speeding or any other form of anti-social behaviour along New Court Road.

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 28th of February 2022.

Pam Saunders, Clerk

Wordsearch game: Can you find the words from the list?
All words can be found in a church. (Answers next edition)

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- * Fresh vegetables
- * Local wines and cheeses
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How you can help us

-Keep your distance....
-Clean your hands....
-Don't touch....
-Shop don't stop....
-Shop alone....
-Be kind....
-Pay by card....

The next markets will be on:

Sunday the 20th of February 2022

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All Inclusive at Potters Resort

Monday 21st February
4 nights all-inclusive with
nightly entertainment and
daily activities
£449

Great Yarmouth Winter Warmer

Monday 28th February
4 nights half board with
half price bar from 6pm –
9pm each evening
£299

Singles Break Eastbourne

Monday 7th March
4 nights half board, with
entertainment on 3 nights
and no single supplement!
£289

Beautiful Bath

Friday 1st April
2 nights bed & breakfast at
a 4-star hotel, with plenty of
leisure time to explore Bath.
£289

Isle of Man

Tuesday 12th April
5 nights half board with 2
railway journeys, a day at
leisure at a guided tour.
£579

Jacobite Steam & Cruise

Sunday 17th April
6 nights half board with
journey on the Jacobite
Steam Train, cruise on Loch
Ness and more.
£699

Winchester & Gin Weekend

Friday 29th April
2 nights half board, with
guided tour of Bombay
Sapphire Distillery
£239

Lake District

Thursday 5th May
5 nights half board with two
train journeys and a cruise
along Lake Windermere
£499

2022 DAY EXCURSIONS

Rye on Market Day

Thursday 3rd March
£29

Crufts

Saturday 12th March
£85

The View from the Shard & Afternoon Tea

Saturday 19th March
£83

Ely on Market Day

Thursday 24th March
£33

Mamma Mia the Musical

Friday 25th March
£67
*Evening performance with
seats in the stalls*

Ideal Home Show

Saturday 26th March
£41

Afternoon Tea on the Thames

Sunday 27th March
Wednesday 11th May
£64

Colchester Zoo

Thursday 7th April
£49 Adult, £43 Child

Windsor Cream Tea Cruise

Thursday 28th April - £63

Garden Centre Explorer

Tuesday 3rd May
£22

Henley on Thames

Wednesday 4th May
£31

Alpaca Experience with Afternoon Tea

Saturday 21st May
£57

Harry Potter World

Sunday 22nd May
Adult £76, Child, £70

Kew Gardens

Tuesday 14th June
£47

Battle of Britain Air Show

Saturday 25th June
£45

Kennet & Avon Horse Drawn Cream Tea Cruise

Tuesday 28th June
£62

Windsor & ~~Bekonscot~~ Model Village

Wednesday 13th July
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Visiting household waste recycling centres during the covid-19 pandemic

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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](#)

**SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION IS STILL SUSPENDED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

TMBC Helpline 01732 844522

www.tmbc.gov.uk

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 Nicky Grimes on 01634 864319

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 meeting: Monday the 28th of February 2022 .

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL:

Tina Miles, Clerk, Tel. No. 07904281522

Email: clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

www.wouldhampc.com

Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 1st of February 2022 . For details about how to join please see the agenda published on wouldhampc.com

COMMUNITY WARDEN:

Vivien Hickmott 07813694140

Police:

PCSO Samir Patangwa.

Non emergency Tel. No.: 101

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ALLOTMENTS: To enquire about the availability of allotments, contact:

Burham: Dave Young 01634 867669.

Wouldham: Sue Durrani 01634 682363

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Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	8:30am	6:00pm
Dispensary opening times	Opens	Closes
Monday & Thursday	8:45am	12:00 noon
	2:00pm	4:45pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	8:45am	12:00 noon
	2:00pm	6:15pm

NHS111: If you require urgent medical help ring 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk

Defibrillators are situated outside: Burham Parish Office
 Wouldham Village Hall
 Opposite the village sign on Wouldham High Street

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

Prescriptions can be arranged to be collected, thanks to a service offered by the church. The surgery requires 4 days notice to prepare them and 24 hours notice is required for volunteers to collect them. Contact Rachel Harris (who will be available to deliver medicines on Tuesdays and Thursdays) on 07725 289194 for more details.

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.

Churches:

Church of England Parish of Burham & Wouldham:

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

Holy Communion at 10.30 every Sunday.

- * **St Marys Church, Old Church Road, Burham.**

Open daily 10.00am - 4.00pm .

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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February in Your Garden

'Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle.'

Happy New Gardening Year. Whilst it's still very early in the season, there is plenty of prep work that can be done now in order to get ahead for Spring. Our climate is getting milder and wetter, which means that the garden has a less restful winter than years gone by. Perennial plants that have died off for winter will still be dormant, but by now early signs of spring flowers will be showing, so if you have planted bulbs in pots now is the time to move them into a prominent position where they can be seen. Whilst the weather remains mild, it is the ideal opportunity to spread a layer of compost on the borders, this will help to improve the soil structure and also add vital nutrients back into the soil.

With peat based compost being phased out by 2024, embracing the changeover to peat-free growing is ever important, and as gardeners it is vital that we help in the challenge to reduce the impact of peat excavation by supporting peat-free growing. Many of the commercially available peat free composts are now using different bases for the product so it might take a bit of trial and error to find the one that suits your needs best – and as with compost based products there will be different types available for seed sowing, potting on and for tubs and baskets. In addition, making your own compost at home is easy, and helps to reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill or to recycling centres. Even with a modest sized garden, using a plastic compost bin (tuck it behind the shed or a tree if you want it out of view) can help reduce your plant trimmings, veg peelings and paper shreadings to a lovely mulch for use around the garden.

The new year brings with it new hope for the growing season ahead. By February things like tomatoes and chillies can be sown into seed trays & kept on a warm windowsill – bear in mind that one seed will produce one plant that will each produce many fruit, so only sow as many seeds as for the plants you require, plus a few spares (Just in case!!). Prepare your seed tray by filling with peat free compost, levelling it off (give it a few taps on a hard surface), and then lightly compressing the surface. It's worth adding some vermiculite to your compost mix when using for seed sowing as this helps drainage and plant health.

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Sow seeds individually, & then cover with a light layer of compost. Place the tray into a tray of water until the surface looks moist, then move it to your warm windowsill.

By later in the month, the same process can be used for sowing annual flower seeds such as Nasturtium, Lobelia and Marigolds, & also long season veg such as Cabbage, Brussel Sprouts and Cauliflower. By starting these early and sowing successionaly it will mean that you will have a continual supply of veg to harvest rather than lots all at the same time – its good practice to get into the art of successional sowing for this reason. Later in the season these can be sown direct into the ground, but if space allows getting some started early indoors will be beneficial.

In the garden its time now to clear away any dead stems or faded blooms from last year's shrubs and perennials and tidy them back ready for them to burst into fresh growth this year. Choose a fine dry day for the task & add the clippings to the compost heap. If the compost needs emptying of last year's remains then now is also an excellent time to do this before it gets filled up again with the fresh waste – it can be spread over your borders paying particular attention to mulching around trees and Roses. By the end of the month cut back summer-flowering Clematis to the second set of buds on each stem, and also cut back Cornus and Sambucus to the base – this will encourage new growth from the base of the plant and prevent it getting leggy.

Winter is also a great time to learn about plant care – there are many books, magazines and websites dedicated to plant care and maintenance, or look into local courses if the interest really grabs you. It's good practice and can be a fun task to get kids involved in, to keep a journal or scrapbook with plant labels and pictures, with notes on when to prune, when to plant or divide, and any interesting features such as whether it likes sun or shade, & if it attracts particular wildlife. It will provide a great resource, specific to your own garden, showing all the plants and how they change as they mature. Include in this any houseplants – there are so many to choose from now that there will easily be a plant for every room of the house if you wish. Some prefer the damp conditions of the bathroom or kitchen, such as the Snake Plant or the Peace Lily, or for drier warmer rooms a Dragon Plant or Yucca may be better suited. Kids will love carnivorous plants like the Venus Fly Trap which are quite happy on a sunny windowsill.

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Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- * Make sure to fill up bird feeders and baths in time for the Big Garden Birdwatch which this year is from 28-30th Jan. You can find a bird-watching guide on the RSPB website. And remember to defrost bird baths if freezing temperatures persist – fresh water is vital.
- * Finish pruning Rose bushes now; removing any old stems back to the ground and then cutting back branches to an outward facing bud. Aim for an open ‘goblet’ shape.
- * On the veg plot Broad Beans can be sown direct, and Onion Sets can also be started off.
- * Finish any hedge pruning by early Feb as by now birds will be looking for nesting sites, and it is now suggested that hedges do not get pruned again until late summer to allow our native birds to nest successfully and without disturbance.
- * Put up nest boxes, ideally facing north or east, and in a protected spot between shrubs and away from access for predators. Different birds have different requirements, so check this out before starting.

Sue Durrani

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Wouldham	Date (Tuesday)	Time
Walker Burke Avenue	8th and 22nd Feb	1:05pm - 1:35pm
Ravens Knowle	8th and 22nd Feb	1:45pm - 2:15pm
Burham	Date	Time
Village Hall	8th and 22nd Feb	2:25pm - 3:25pm
Eccles	Date	Time
Bull Lane by the Village Hall	8th and 22nd Feb	3:45pm - 4:35pm

For further advise or book requests please e-mail:

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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

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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

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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

Is, sadly, closing on the 1st of February. Many thanks for the service they have provided throughout the pandemic.

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.

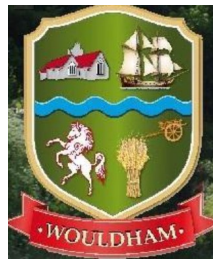
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WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Our last meeting was on the 11th of January 2022. Upcoming meeting will be on the 1st of February in the Village Hall, commencing at 7:30pm. Agenda and details can be found on the website.



Keep up to date by visiting: www.wouldhampc.com or via Facebook: Wouldham Parish Council

Wouldham seems to be suffering from a spate of low-level crimes. This includes damaging equipment, such as the benches in Peters Village and the High Street. It's a shame when the majority of local people make every effort to make Wouldham a nice place to live and it directly affects the amount you pay in Council Tax as we have to pay for repairs and replacements.

Some examples of recently reported crimes include: theft of wheel trims, attempted break into a vehicle, damage to public benches, theft of bag in shop, somebody deflated vehicle tyres, and theft of cable connectors on a commercial site.

Crime prevention advice from PCSO

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.

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- * 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.

Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood Watch in Peters Village continues to be a success with new members joining. We now need to look at setting one up for other areas of the Village. If anyone is interested in looking after their street, please have a look at:

www.ourwatch.org.uk/do-something-your-community or contact me for support.

<https://www.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk> is also a great source of information and well worth signing up to for alerts and updates about what's happening in the area.

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>.

Roads/Footpaths/Grounds Maintenance

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>

Water leaks can also be reported to: www.southeastwater.co.uk

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Children's Play Area

We have a small amount of funding to purchase new equipment for the Recreation Ground as some of the old equipment needs to be removed. If you have any ideas of what your child would like to see, please let Cllr Parris or myself know.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Platinum Jubilee bank holiday activities are now being planned, hopefully with live screening of events, community picnics, historical photo exhibition, and beacon lighting.

We are also hoping to produce a book of local memories. This is something the older generation can get involved with and leave a lasting legacy of by-gone days during the Queen's reign. We have a great group of volunteers, and if anyone would like to join us, please contact me.

Rural Living

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 us which are essential to maintaining good ecological health, (crops and wildlife). It is also the time of local Shoots and the Fox mating season, so you may hear some unusual sounds out an about!

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.

Tina Miles
Email: clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk
Tel. No. 07904 281522

Burham and Wouldham Women's Institute



Our WI has been busy planning the programme for 2022 with talks and activities to suit all the varied interests of our members and potential members.

We have Tony Harris in July giving one of his entertaining talks as he dresses up and acts out some of the life of Henry VIII. Later in the year we have Kent writer Bob Ogle talking about the Great Storm 35 years ago. “That long ago”! I can hear you say.

We have also planned some visits and activities. Following the interest shown in the Federation Paddle Boarding fun enjoyed by one of our members we are planning some water-based activity for all, though this may only be a trip on the Medway Queen for the less energetic ladies. However, after the uncertainty of the last two years we all know what can happen to plans so we must be adaptable, open to change and ready to embrace new opportunities and ideas.

Watch this space for details of our regular monthly meetings and we hope to see you in Burham Village Hall at 7.30pm on February 15th when Molly Marsh will be helping us prepare our fitness for our own Strictly Come Dancing challenge.

Heather Brown

Secretary Burham & Wouldham WI

Christingle

A thank you message for the garage in Burham for the very kind donation of oranges and sweets for the Christingle making in Burham and Wouldham. This very kind gesture is appreciated by all the villages.

The cold and wet did not deter carol singers who were in good voice before Christmas and were able to sing outside to the residents of Winchester House Nursing Home, and around the roads in Burham and Peters Village.

Thanks,
Gwen

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



Sunday 6th February	Informal service led by members 10:30am
Sunday 13th February	Morning Worship led by Rev. Gareth West 10:30am
Sunday 20th February	Informal service led by members 10:30am
Sunday 27th February	Morning Worship led by Rev. Naomi Oates 10:30am

Country Lunch

The Christmas Country Lunch was a very popular and successful event. Watch social media, etc. for the date of the next Country Lunch which will hopefully take place within the next few months.



Christingles

We would like to express our thanks to Frost's Service Station for again supplying the oranges and sweets for the Christingles. Due to COVID we were unable to hold a service in the Church but many families came along on Christmas Eve morning to collect their bags with all the elements in, so they could assemble the Christingles at home and join in the Zoom service led by Rev. Naomi Oates.

Book exchange

There will be a book exchange on Saturday the 5th of February from 10.30am till 12 noon for anyone wishing to exchange books you have read for others from our good selection while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee with homemade cakes and a time to chat with friends.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AND DEDICATION FOR RESTORED BANNER.

Trevor Smith who was a member of The Church in Burham died almost two years ago but due to restrictions at the time, no Memorial Service could be held.

Money that was donated at the time in his memory was put towards the restoration of an old banner which had been found in the basement of the Church and had suffered damage due to damp.

This is now again displayed on the Church wall.

On February the 14th at 12 noon Rev. Naomi Oates will be leading a service in Trevor's memory and dedicating the restored banner.

An invitation is open to all but it would be helpful to know who is coming.



Left is a picture of the banner before restoration.

Should you wish to attend please contact Eileen on 01634 867022

Minister: The Rev'd Naomi Oates Tel. No. 07485 072407
Email: naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk

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