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We have enjoyed some beautiful days this last week with the promise of more to come. Dandelions (Taraxacum officinale) are blooming and providing vital food for our wildlife but did you know they can also be used in a myriad of recipes for humans too? From aiding with digestion and to being used to make a form of honey, dandelions are a great source of nutrition and not forgetting, of course, the delicious dandelion and burdock drink I loved as a kid. I even completed a special study for an Ecology assignment at University on them so embrace the dandelion I say ...

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

Burham and Wouldham Women's Institute

In May your WI holds its AGM.

Organisers of groups up and down the country often find this is one of the least well attended meetings of the year as people are afraid that they will be roped onto the committee. However, that is not the situation at our WI as we have a loyal and dedicated committee. Carol who has been a member of the committee for the past fifteen years has just stepped down but is still eager to play her part and she orders tickets for county WI events. Thank you Carol for all those years of service.

This does not mean we are complacent so will eagerly welcome visitors to our meetings and onto our committee which plans meetings, activities and events. One newish member, Jan, has recently taken us into the age of social media by putting posts onto the villages Facebook pages. We get excited at hearing how many likes and positive comments we have received. And we eagerly anticipate the day when virtual likes will turn into real bodies through the door at our meetings.

Come along to May and/or June meetings. May 17th 7.30pm Burham Village Hall June 21st 7.30pm Burham Village Hall. A talk about the River Thames. The Committee Eileen, Julie, Jan. Heather & Gwen

Heather Brown

Secretary Burham & Wouldham WI

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. Services will also be on Zoom; email Mike for the link.



Sunday 1st May	Third Sunday of Easter	10:30am
Sunday 8th May	Fourth Sunday of Easter	10:30am
Sunday 15th May	Fifth Sunday of Easter	10:30am
	Intergenerational Worship At Wouldham School	4:00pm
Sunday 22nd May	Sixth Sunday of Easter	10:30am
Thursday 26th May	Ascension Day Eucharist at St. Mary's Burham Old Church with Rev. Naomi Oates	7:30pm
Sunday 29th May	Seventh Sunday of Easter Café stye Eucharist	10:30am
Every Tuesday	Said Eucharist	7:30pm

Intergenerational Worship every 3rd Sunday at 4pm at Wouldham School. This month on the 15th of May 2022.

Toddler Church at All Saints Church. Every Friday in term-time between 9.15-10.15am for babies, toddlers, parents, and carers. Come and enjoy: 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 <u>gwenworcester@hotmail.com</u>

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

The Pilgrim Way

Dear friends, those who have lived in the parish for a while will be well aware that the 'top road' is called Pilgrim's Way. In medieval times Burham and Wouldham were on pilgrim routes to Canterbury from London and elsewhere. The pilgrims were walking (usually) to places considered holy. But it wasn't just about reaching the destination. The journey itself was important.

In the Canterbury Tales, the writer Geoffrey Chaucer describes some of the pilgrims in a work of fiction. The fictional pilgrims travel for a variety of reasons; religious, spiritual, and recreational.

The same is true today. Pilgrims pass through. Pilgrimage is more popular today than at any time since the Middle Ages. I have met pilgrims en route to Canterbury, Santiago de Compostela, Rome, and even the Holy Land. Some of them also do newly invented pilgrim routes such as the Augustine Camino which links the landing of the apostle of Kent near Ramsgate in AD 597 with Canterbury and Rochester; the two cathedrals he founded in AD 602 and AD 604 respectively.

Why make a pilgrimage?

There is something very slowing down and relaxing about walking for days, weeks, or months. The routes are signed. A map may be helpful but is not always essential. A phone (switched off) is there in case of emergency. The journey is a mindful one. There may be thankfulness to God for the beauty of creation. We may 'meet' Jesus in the people we encounter on the way, made like us in the image of God. We may see the work of the Holy Spirit renewing the face of the earth through the seasons.

Perhaps most importantly we will have time to process the events of our lives, to find healing and growth where it is needed. We may also find a direction of travel for our journeying. Not just on the immediate journey but in our journey of life in the future.

We may not be at a time in our life when we can set aside time for this kind of pilgrimage. However we can make shorter mindful walks and this includes with children. I think lockdown showed us the value of that. Many of us are not able to make journeys on foot. Our mindful travel will be from armchairs or in gardens. And our companions on the journey will be those who set aside time to visit us. So, as summer approaches, wherever and however you travel, in the words of the Gaelic blessing 'May the road rise up to meet you ... and may God hold you in the palm of his hand'

Mike

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Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers- May walks 2022



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 $\pounds 32$ over 65 follow up.

£37 follow up.

appointment.

£35 over 65 first

Non-members are welcome.

To find the dates, locations, and start times for our walks, see: <u>www.tonbridgeandmallingramblers.org.uk</u>. Or email: <u>info@tonbridgeandmallingramblers.org.uk</u>.

Sunday 1 May	Circular walk from Plaxtol Spout (moderate difficulty).	5 miles
Thursday 5 May	A walk girdling the hilltop village of Goudhurst with lovely views. Mostly tracks and fields and some quiet roads. Some stiles and hills and a steep climb at the end of the walk (moderate difficulty).	6.5 miles
Wednesday 11 May	Circular walk from Leeds village through Kingswood and Broomfield. Dogs welcome but must be on leads in the castle grounds (moderate difficulty).	5 miles
Sunday 15 May	Circular walk from Ryarsh to the Pilgrim's Way, including a gentle climb to the Pilgrim's Way (moderate difficulty).	5.5 miles
Tuesday 17 May	Leisurely circular walk from Frittenden via Sissinghurst Castle Lots of stiles, some sections on quiet lanes.	5.5 miles
Sunday 22 May	Circular walk in the beautiful countryside around Plaxtol (moderate difficulty).	5 miles
Wednesday 25 May	Circular walk from Boxley with a steep climb to the North Downs Way. Then along the Pilgrims Way, returning via vineyards and farmland (moderate difficulty).	6 miles
Sunday 29 May	Circular walk from Yotes Court, down Gover Hill and along the Greensand Way to Plaxtol, returning via Hurst Wood and the Swanton Valley. Some steep hills (moderate difficulty).	7.5 miles
Walks usually start mid-morning. There's a short break half-way through the walk (bring refreshments) and we usually finish near a pub. For start times and walk leader contacts, see <u>www.tonbridgeandmallingramblers.org.uk</u> or email <u>info@tonbridgeandmallingramblers.org.uk</u> .		















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WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Our last meeting was on the 5th of April 2022. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday the 10th of May 2022 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7:30pm. (This will include the AGM; Agenda and details can be found on the website.

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



155 Bus Service

Discussions continue with County Councillor Andrew Kennedy. However, it appears there will be a twice a day service until July which will enable school children to get to and from school until the end of term.

Crime

GOOD NEWS! Crime rates are down in the area. But we must all be vigilant and continue to report any incidents. Any crimes should be reported via 101, <u>https://www.kent.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime</u> or 999 in an emergency.

Wouldham Common

We are planning a 'clear-up' day to prepare the Common for the summer months. Please see Facebook for further details.

Roads/Footpaths/Grounds Maintenance

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

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

£150 Council Tax Rebate from TMBC

If you pay by direct debit: The rebate will be paid into the bank account registered for your direct debit.

If you do not pay by direct debit: You will need to make a claim. Details of how this will work are still being decided. Once agreed, TMBC will write to you to let you know what to do.

If you do not pay council tax: If TMBC have your bank details, the money will be paid into your account. If they don't, you will need to make a claim.

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Update: Trees have been planted in partnership with Messy Church. Details can be found on:

https://queensgreencanopy.org/map-education-hub/qgc-map/#/

Plan so far: (Full Programme will be available on Facebook)

Thursday 2 nd :	Beacon Lighting in Nelson and PV
Friday 3 rd :	Thanksgiving from St Pauls in the Church/exhibition in
-	the Village Hall.
Saturday 4th:	Historic Photo exhibition in Village Hall
Sunday 5th:	BIG Picnic in the Park 12 noon until 4pm

IMPORTANT ADVICE

This scheme creates the opportunity for scammers to try to steal your details. They might call pretending to be from the council. They may ask you for your personal information like banking details, or tell you that you need to transfer money. The council will <u>NEVER CALL OR</u> <u>TEXT</u> you to ask you to do this. If you think you've been approached by scammers, report it at Action Fraud.

And Finally...

This month's special THANK YOU goes Rosemary Bell and Christine Paul-Burchett for extending the supply of 'dog poo' bags around the Parish. There is no excuse for not picking it up anywhere in Wouldham!

If you think anyone else needs recognition for good works, please let me know or if you have any suggestions comments or would like to get involved, please contact me:

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

Quiz: Fun quiz at All Saints Church, Wouldham in aid of Christian Aid on Friday the 20th of May starting at 7:00pm

> Tables of no more than six: £5 per head donations please. Bring own drinks and nibbles.

Please let Gwen know you are coming 07854 400506

Feeling stressed? Is your Mental Health suffering?

MONTHLY MEDITATION GROUP ON ZOOM - ALL WELCOME

3rd Tuesday of the month. Next one on Tuesday 17th May Sign in at 8.15pm (start 8.30pm) for 1 hour

£20 for a block of 6 sessions (Normally £5 per session) A percentage of your money will go to MIND Mid Kent (Mental Health charity)

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Make time for yourself to Relax and Let Go

Contact Nadia on 07711 813 318 for more information

Aylesford Farmer's Market Fresh local produce from farm to kitchen.

3rd Sunday of every month 9.30am - 1.30pm The next market will be on: Sunday the 15th of May 2022

at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, ME20 7BX

A donation box can be found in the car park to help support The Priory.

Back by popular demand: Cream teas at All Saints Church, Wouldham

Sunday the 8th of May between 2pm and 4:15pm. And every second Sunday in June ,July, August, and September.

Everyone welcome



A day in the life of ... Tracey Crouch

Job title: Member of Parliament

When did you start this role?

I was elected in May 2010 but I was selected in November 2006 and so, to some extent, it started then. I don't think anyone would have expected four elections in 11 years, especially me!

What qualifications do you need to perform this role?

Actually, you don't need any! Parliament is rich with diversity, contrary to what you might read in the papers. I've got colleagues who are former Brickies, Teachers, Vet's, Midwives, etc. I think the only real skill you need, which is something you can't study for, is compassion.

What attracted you to this position?

I really wanted to be an MP in Kent, given I was born and bred here, and when the selection process started I felt instantly at home. Politics can be quite snobby and there were places this "Tracey" didn't fit in but here I walked in and Cllr Dalton called me "Trace" and someone asked me about football. It all felt perfect for me. I was thrilled to win the race to be candidate and then knuckled down with the team and started campaigning.

What is your favourite part of the job?

Talking to and helping people. Constituents crack me up sometimes. People are not at all shy of telling me what they think; it is what I love about here, the normality of those I represent. But at the same time people come to their MP at crisis point and trying to help them is the thing that continues to get me out of bed each day. We don't always succeed but we always try.

And the least?

Believe it or not I am not particularly fond of public speaking. It is a necessity of the job but it is the thing I like the least. The abuse/death threats are not pleasant but I try not to think about them to be honest.

What is a typical day like for you?

There is absolutely no such thing as a typical day. There is a framework but what happens within it changes all the time. I go to Parliament on a Monday and stay up until after the 7pm votes on a Wednesday.

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We don't vote until gone 10pm on a Monday. I always find it hard to sleep after getting back to the hotel so late but my day starts with an early alarm clock on a Tuesday for the parliamentary run club. Votes on a Tuesday and Wednesday are 7pm so there is plenty of time to fit in a lot of parliamentary meetings and events. Thursdays are a mix of work from home or day commutes but after the morning school run.

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

Getting involved in your local community as some form of elected representative is an amazing thing to do. It has to be done with eyes wide open though. You achieve a great deal in lots of different ways but it can be quite thankless. I am lucky to represent an area where most people are kind enough to say thank you. It is not the case everywhere or at all levels of government.

Can you share the funniest, embarrassing or most memorable story? There are too many to name just one, and I wouldn't wish to embarrass anyone with a story from surgeries, but I would say that during election time there is always a significant number of men who open their doors in just pants (women do not do this); let's just say some are more forgivable than others.

How would you rate job satisfaction out of 10?

10/10. Don't get me wrong there are days when I am left in a thunderous mood but to be honest who doesn't experience them! But a win for a constituent over the "system" is what it is all about.



Coffee mornings on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month (Except Friday the 27th due to a wedding)

We hope you can pop along to support us and enjoy some time with your neighbours. Enquiries to: clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk



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<u>Kew Gardens</u> Tuesday 14th June £47

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Hampton Court Flower Show Friday 8th July £59

Windsor Cruise & Bekonscot Model Village Wednesday 13th July £69

<u>RHS Wisley</u> Thursday 14th July £41

Southend Saturday 16th July £29

Review of Easter Sunday Service

I wanted to review this service partly because I don't think enough members of the parish know about it and partly because it really is a magical time.



The service starts at 5.30am in the churchyard, it is minutes from dawn and the birds in the trees along Wouldham Court are trying to outdo each other.

A fire is lit and prayers are said outside, we light candles from the fire and go into the darkened church, the lessons are read by candlelight and the light starts to creep in through the windows. It is a beautiful time to be in church.

After the Easter lessons are read the lights go on for the Easter hymns helped by the choir and then the rest of the service. Afterwards coffee and cake.

Next year we are thinking hot chocolate will be nice afterwards outside by the fire. Hope to see you there.

Nicky Grimes



Burham Parish Council news

Keep up to date with Parish Council business by Visiting the following platforms: Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk Facebook page: Burham Parish Council



The last meeting was the 25th of April 2022; next meeting is scheduled for the 30th of May 2022 (Normally the last Monday of the month excluding Bank Holidays).

Thank you

Just a few words to thank Matt Tierney, the local postman for his dedication to the village residents. Whilst Matt always works hard, with the Covid 19 situation, his work load must have increased dramatically but he always ensured that all residents received their post and parcels in a friendly and professional manner.

The Woodland Trust

Whilst we have received 15 saplings from The Woodland Trust, as a temporary measure, as they are tiny, they have been planted elsewhere until they have established and at sometime in the future they will be planted in Downs Meadow.

War Memorial

A pre-application form has been submitted to the War Memorial Trust to hopefully secure some funding for the repairs to the war memorial. We have been advised that the project or part of it is eligible, so I am in the process of completing the actual application form. Due to the information being requested, a trip to Medway Archives was made.

Skateboarding

It is hoped in the very near future, that skateboard training will be taking place at the concrete ramp in Burham recreation ground. We are finalising the admin side to ensure that all regulations are adhered to.

Southern Extension and Bell Lane

At the time of being submitted, there was no update on the planning applications submitted by Trenport, Southern Extension and Bell Lane. Although we are hoping for an update soon.

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New Court Rd footway/cycleway; We are awaiting KCC Highways to reinstall the 4 x "No Horses" signs which were removed by others.

Dog owners

As a reminder if you are a dog owner, please ensure that you pick up any dog mess. There are numerous points in the village where dog poo bags are available and lots of appropriate bins too. It's not very nice if you happen to walk in it and of course there's the potential health complications too.

Defibrillator

As a reminder, there is a defibrillator on the outside of the Parish Building.

155 Arriva

There is also no news, at the time of being submitted, on the 155 day time service. County Councillor Kennedy has been working very hard behind the scenes and has promised to update us as soon as possible.

Recycling

We now have two clothing/textile banks at the recycling site and whilst they do accept books, CD's, etc., we only get paid for clothing and textiles. Also at the recycling site are banks for cardboard and paper, which generates funds too. You can also recycle plastic and all glass at the site.

Anti-social behaviour

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

Queens Platinum Celebrations

Please see poster on following page.

If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss just give me a call or email me or join in at the next scheduled meeting, which is due on the 30th of May 2022.

Pam Saunders, Clerk 01634 685936

email: pam@burhampc.co.uk



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To be able to visit a HWRC you must book a slot online in advance. visit: Visiting a Household Waste Recycling Centre during coronavirus - Kent County Council

SATURDAY WASTE COLLECTION IS STILL SUSPENDED

TMBC Helpline 01732 844522

www.tmbc.gov.uk

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 30th of May 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 10th of May 2022. For details about how to join please see the agenda published on <u>wouldhampc.com</u>

COMMUNITY WARDEN: Vivien Hickmott 07813694140

Police: PCSO Samir Patangwa. Non emergency Tel. No.: 101

TRANSPORT: Peters Bus Services: Arriva No. 155. Clarkes of London's commuter coach service: www.clarkescommute.co.uk



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ALLOTMENTS: To enquire about the availability of allotments, contact:Burham:Dave Young01634867669.Wouldham:Sue Durrani01634682363

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	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 * 10.30am every Sunday.

Eating and Drinking:

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The Butchers Block Pub/Restaurant/takeaway, Burham	Tel. No.: 01634 786626
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News from The Church in Burham (Methodist) Church Street, Burham



Sunday 1st May	Holy Communion led by Rev. Naomi Oates	10:30am
Sunday 8th May	Morning Worship to be arranged	10:30am
Sunday 15th May	Informal Service led by members	10:30am
Sunday 22nd May	Morning Worship led by members	10:30am
Sunday 29th May	Morning Worship to be arranged	10:30am

Book exchange

This month's Book Exchange will be held on Saturday the 7th of May from 10.30am till 12 noon. All are welcome to come along with books they have read to exchange them for others from our good selection. Tea, coffee, and cake are served for which we ask for a donation of $\pounds 1$. Any profits will be sent to charity.

Film Club

We hope to start this again in June, probably on the first Wednesday of the month. See next month's magazine for details.

Country lunch

It is hoped that we can start this again in June. The exact date will be announced later once we know what the arrangements are for the Jubilee celebrations. Watch for any announcements on Facebook.

Requests for Baptisms, Weddings, or Funerals to one of the persons below:

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

Stewards:	
Eileen Smith	Tel. 01634 867022
Joyce Brown	Tel. 01634 864413.
Rod Murr	Tel. 01634 868075

Flower Festival and Concert

All Saints Church, Wouldham on Saturday the 25th (10:00am to 4:00pm) and Sunday the 26th of June.(12 noon to 4:00pm) The theme for the festival is Countries around the world.



The weekend will close with a musical concert on Sunday evening. Admission on the door. For more information please contact Gwen on 07854400506 or <u>gwenworcester@hotmail.com</u>

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St Mary's Old Church, Burham upcoming activities.

There will be more details on our Facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>stmarysburham</u> and also on the Churches Conservation Trust website: <u>www.visitchurches.org.uk</u>

Sunday 1st May	Alice in Wonderland at 2p, for details see <u>www.thisismytheatre.com</u>
Saturday 21st May	Quiz night from 7:00pm
Thursday 23rd June	Talk; St Mary's Church, its history and architecture at 7:30pm, £2.50 entrance fee
Saturday 25th June	Artists Cyanotype day. Free drop-in activity.
Saturday 9th July	Summer cream tea with music between 2:00pm and 4:00pm
Tuesday 13th Sept	Pride and Prejudice at 7:00pm for details see www.thisismytheatre.com



<u>May in Your Garden</u>

'May flowers always line your path and sunshine light your day.'

May is such an exciting and productive month in the garden, everything looks fresh and vibrant with the promise of colour, shape and texture in the new growth. Spring is the time to enjoy the blossom, with the damsons and cherries starting the parade, through to the apples, pears, peaches and finally the cane fruits. If the weather stays mild and dry then it gives our bees maximum opportunity to pollinate the flowers for a wonderful harvest of fruits later in the summer and into autumn. Any early flowers, including those that might generally be considered weeds, are of enormous benefit to bees and other insects at this time of year as it provides early sources of nectar for them to restock after the winter months.

The arrival of warm weather also encourages the less desirable insects back out into the garden too, with both aphids and slugs/snails being attracted to the fresh soft growth. These can easily be deterred by taking protective measures such as spraying plants with a dilute garlic solution (crush a few garlic cloves in some water, leave overnight and then strain off the liquid), and also placing a thick wide ring of gravel around the base of perennials that are just emerging. This should provide sufficient natural protection to allow plants to get going, and before the natural predators take over. It's ever more important to try to encourage a natural balance between pests and predators and by taking a little more time (& maybe sacrificing a few plants in the meantime) then your garden will become a more eco-friendly and biodiverse environment.

Early flowering shrubs such as Forsythia & flowering currant can be cut back now, with these giving way to Weigela, Peonies, Ceonothus and Spiraea. Magnolia, Camellia, Daphne and Rhododendron will also be finishing flowering now, but these rarely need cutting back unless to maintain their shape or restrict their size.

The veg garden is a busy place at this time of year. Continue to harvest Rhubarb and Purple Sprouting Broccoli. Earth up potatoes that are sprouting and plant out Lates. It's also time to sow PS Broccoli for next years harvest, as well as further sowings of salads, peas and beans. Prick out Tomatoes, Chilli's and any other multi-sown crops moving them into bigger individual pots. Sow Courgettes and Squashes and place on a sunny windowsill to get them off to a strong start.

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Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- * Lift & divide spring bulbs moving them into spare spaces in the borders, & clear forget-me-nots before they set seed.
- * Tie in new growth on Clematis, Sweet Peas and Honeysuckle, & place supports in around Peonies and Phlox and other perennials that need additional support.
- * Start hardening off seedlings by placing outside during the day but bring them back in for the night.
- * Continue deadheading Tulips and late Daffs as the flowers fade.
- * Keep bird feeders topped up as birds will be busy nesting at this time, and make sure there is fresh water in the bird bath too.

Wouldham Allotment Association AGM 2022 - Summary

Current Plot allocation: 19 Full (0 vacant), 33 Half (5 vacant), 2 quarter (0 vacant). Waiting List: 4 people.

Gate Key to be changed due to the number of keys that haven't been returned

Update on Site Plan: Communal Area

Redevelopment threat on hold for four years therefore we are going to continue with the upgrade of the communal area to include a large shed with tool store. We also hope to have communal bins for manure and bark chippings, as well as one for scrap metal which will be collected when necessary.

Working Parties: Co-ordinator required: Gordon Forbes nominated & accepted.

Dates to be arranged: GF to arrange dates and co-ordinate activities required to get all communal areas tidied and maintained.

Accounts: Balance: Cash in Hand. Planned Expenditure: New communal shed etc. New padlock & keys bought for gate.

Election: Secretary (SD) & Treasurer (MS): Both nominated and accepted for another year by those present.

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Any Other Business

- * Rubbish: Bins are not being used for the correct rubbish e.g. Recyclables/General Waste. Pamla has volunteered to make some laminated signs to remind people what goes in each bin.
- * Water: Hosepipes are occasionally left attached with water left on. We are charged for our water use & therefore its essential that the taps are turned off after use and hosepipe disconnected. Pamla has volunteered to make some laminated signs for each tap to remind to disconnect & turn off.
- * Bottom Tap has been replaced for a turn tap.
- * Old Rotavator to be removed/sold as scrap.
- * Children & Pets: both MUST NOT be allowed to roam and play on the site or on other plots. Please keep both on your own plot and supervised at all times. We do not have insurance therefore any injuries are at your own risk.

Wouldham	Date (Tuesday)	Time
Walker Burke Avenue	3rd, 17th & 31st May	1:05pm - 1:35pm
Ravens Knowle	3rd, 17th & 31st May	1:45pm - 2:15pm
Burham	Date	Time
Village Hall	3rd, 17th & 31st May	2:25pm - 3:25pm
Eccles	Date	Time
Bull Lane by the Village Hall	3rd, 17th & 31st May	3:45pm - 4:35pm

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Visit: <u>burhampre-school@weebly.com</u>

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

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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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A local charitable organisation that provides financial assistance to those in need living within the old Burham 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.
- * Transport costs for medical appointments including the Covid 19 vaccination.
- * Alleviating particular instances of hardship for any resident of the parish.
- * Helping 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)

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

Opening times: Monday - Saturday: Sunday:		- 9.00pm. - 8.00pm		
The Vale Bakery, 209 Rochester Rd, Burham01634 861572				
Opening times: Tuesday and Friday: Wednesday and Thur Saturday:	sday: 8:30	Dam to 4:00pm. Dam to 4:30pm Dam to 1:00pm		

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 <u>douglas@gundulf.org.uk</u>

Church Bell Ringing:

All Saints Church, Wouldham 8pm on Wednesdays New ringers welcome, contact Tina Miles on Tel: 07967 795913.

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

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- * Almshouse accommodation
- * Essential household items
- * Out-pensions
- * Home help
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- * Grants to organisations



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Home Help Service: the Home Help Service provides assistance to people at home and in the local community. It includes housework, shopping and laundry but does not personal care. The charge is currently $\pounds 12.50$ per hour unless a free service is awarded.

Medway Telecare Service (formerly Lifeline); is provided by Kyndi but eligible people can apply to RWC for funding.

Burham Village Hall and Burham Old School Community Centre Social groups & meetings

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

Thursday Morning Community Club - Burham Old School Community Centre, 10.30am – 12 noon. 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th May. Tea, coffee, cakes. Friendly gatherings & outings. Contact: 01634 867669. Hi Kent Hearing Clinic will be here on the 12th of May.

Activity/sport

Burham Baton Twirlers -Village Hall every other Thursday 4.15-6.30pm. Contact Lyn Robinson 07729 373558.

Short Mat Bowls Mondays & Wednesdays in Burham Village Hall, 7.30pm – 9.30pm. New Members are always welcome. Contact - Irene Benton 01634 867466.

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

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

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To book, contact Aileen Bergin on 07842 883028

Burham Old School Community Centre:

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