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Burham, Wouldham & Peters Village  
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**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PARISH OF BURHAM & WOULDHAM**

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Hello and welcome to the September 2022 edition of the magazine. I hope you have all been enjoying some fun times over the Summer and managed to keep cool and safe. I think the coping mechanisms we used will have to become the norm as we acclimate to the extreme weather as global warming continues.

I used to lecture in Environmental Science and these shifts in climate change have been happening for millennia so it is nothing new.

However it is new to our generation and has been exacerbated since the Industrial Revolution a few hundred years ago; that was an interesting lesson looking at the data of the global temperature rises over the last 300 years, so although there is little we can do to arrest eventual global warming, we can try to protect our planet a little longer by being at one with nature and not abusing our resources; reuse, recycle, and reduce is a very apt slogan with a much deeper meaning.

Interesting fact:

Almost six million years ago the Mediterranean Sea almost dried up due to Global Cooling with the water cycle being interrupted when water was frozen and held in glaciers. Once Global Warming began again, around 600,000 years later, it caused a cataclysmic flood allowing the water cycle to continue more efficiently and therefore water flowed back into the Mediterranean Sea basin, which I'm sure many of us have enjoyed on holiday.

With my very best wishes,  
Pamla Dawn Walker, Editor  
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Are your young ladies looking for a new adventure?

Brownie spaces available.

To join our new Brownies unit this September for girls aged between 7 and 10 years go to [www.girlguiding.org.uk](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk) to register your daughter or become a volunteer.

Rainbows on Mondays between 5-6:00pm  
Brownies on Wednesdays between 5:30-7:00pm



Or contact: Ashley Crowdey, Rainbow/Brownie Leader  
on 07852485291 or [wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com](mailto:wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com)

Dear Friends,

Last month I had the wonderful experience of being on retreat for a few days.

I stayed at Worth Abbey, a Catholic Benedictine monastery, which featured on a TV documentary on religious communities a few years ago. St. Benedict was the founder of western monasticism in the 7<sup>th</sup> century. Benedictine communities hold to a rule of stability, fidelity and obedience. This particular community are men, though there are Benedictine women's houses. Although the monks at Worth are Catholics there are also Anglican (Church of England) Benedictine communities, including one local to us at West Malling.

The main work of a monk or a nun is prayer. Some of them also take on other roles, such as writing and teaching. And they all share in the daily household tasks. At Worth, the chapel is also the catholic parish church. Although only 6 miles from Gatwick it was a very quiet place to be.

As a guest I was allowed to join in with the 5 daily services in the church, starting at 6.15am! The music was mainly Gregorian chant, often accompanied on organ. We also read a passage of the bible and discussed it each morning for about half an hour. We had meals together in the guest wing, which were mostly silent. My phone was switched off.

We were also able to walk in the grounds where there was a quiet garden with a lake and use the library.

The effect on me was that I slowed down and had a tremendous sense of peace.

The brother who looked after guests, who had been in the army, and had taught fencing, reminded us that contemplative prayer is supposed to lead to action of some kind.

The purpose of a retreat is to have space to listen to God. I was particularly seeking guidance for what I might be called to do when I retire from leading parish ministry next year.

I left renewed and energised, and ready for action, but not to rush around!

I would recommend a retreat to anyone, and the many places where you can stay can be found through the Association for Promoting Retreats. [www.promotingretreats.org](http://www.promotingretreats.org)

In peace,  
Mike

# CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Every Sunday at All Saints Church,  
Wouldham



Morning prayer at 9:15 am and Sung Eucharist  
at 10:30am every Sunday morning

Sunday 4th September	Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	10:30am
Sunday 11th September	Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	10:30am
Sunday 18th September	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	10:30am
	Church in School 4:00pm	
Sunday 25th September	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	10:30am
	Service with Junior Choir helping to lead worship	
Every Tuesday	Said Eucharist	7:30pm

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

**Church in School** at 4:00pm at All Saints school on the third Sunday of each month.

**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. Commencing on the 9th of September.

**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 [gwenworchester@hotmail.com](mailto:gwenworchester@hotmail.com)

**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](http://www.wouldhamchurch.org.uk)

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## Coffee Morning

The 30th of September at  
All Saints Church  
between 10.45am and 12 noon



## Aylesford Farmer's Market at

Aylesford Priory,

Aylesford, ME20 7BX



3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month between 9.30am and 1.30pm

Next market is on the 18th of September 2022

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



## WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Our last meeting was on Tuesday the 9th of August.  
Our next meeting will be on Tuesday the 6th of September 2022  
in the Village Hall, commencing at 7:30pm.  
Reports and minutes will be available on the website.

Keep up to date by visiting: [www.wouldhampc.com](http://www.wouldhampc.com)  
or via Facebook: Wouldham Parish Council.  
Agenda and details can be found on the website.



### **Wouldham Common**

The Common has now been tidied and cut back. It's a lovely place for a walk and picnic to enjoy the views across the valley. People have been leaving bags on the road which are being ripped open by foxes and the contents scattered around so PLEASE remember to take your rubbish home with you!

### **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](http://www.southeastwater.co.uk)

### **CCTV in the Car Park**

We are pleased to announce that we have upgraded the CCTV in the car park. We are now able to identify numberplates coming into the car park and the PRZ camera has a greater vision across a wider range of the recreation ground.

### **Over 60's Club**

A very social group who meet in the Watermans Arms Public House on Tuesdays between 2pm and 4pm for quizzes, bingo, trips out, and good conversation. Membership is £2.50/week which pays for the trips. New members always welcome.

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### **Defibrillators**

We currently have 2 defibrillators in the village.  
They are located at both ends of the village:

The Village Hall, 15 High Street

The Community Centre, Tolhurst Road

### **Lifbuoys**

As we all live near a very fast-moving river, it is vital that all our life-buoys are always fit for purpose. For some reason, a few irresponsible people think it is fun to continually take off the seals. This puts people's lives at risk. What if it was your son/daughter, mother/father that needed saving and there was no life equipment available? Can we get this to stop?!

### **Covenants on properties**

We have received quite a few complaints that covenants are being breached in regard to access at the rear of properties. Whilst this is generally not a Parish Council matter, we would like to advise that anyone benefiting from ignoring covenants may have legal action taken against them if they restrict other rights of way.

### **And Finally...**

This month's special THANK YOU goes Jane Miles who helped the grounds maintenance contractor clear the footpath at the side of the rec and made the Common a more welcoming place to spend an hour or two.

If you have any suggestions comments or would like to get involved, please contact me.

Tina Miles  
Email: [clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk)  
Tel. No. 07904 281522

## Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers September walks 2022



Non-members are welcome.

To find the dates, locations, and start times for our walks, see: [www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk](http://www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk).

Or email: [info@tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk](mailto:info@tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk).

Sunday 4 September	A leisurely flat walk from Hunton - mostly fields and tracks, with short sections on roads. Includes rivers, ponds and a waterwheel, with fine views of the Greensand ridge as well as many oast houses.	5 miles
Sunday 11 September	Circular walk from Plaxtol Spout; moderate difficulty.	5 miles
Sunday 18 September	A walk around Markbeech on the Kent/East Sussex border from The Kentish Horse. Moderate difficulty.	5 miles
Wednesday 21 September	A leisurely walk from West Farleigh, along and above the Medway Valley through farmland, orchards and woodland, with lovely views. Although most of this walk is leisurely, there is a road climb at the start of the walk and a second uphill section towards the end.	5.3 miles
Wednesday 28 September	Circular walk from Capel Church past Pembury Old Church and Tudeley Church, through fields, woods and orchards. Moderate difficulty.	5.8 miles

### Harvest Supper and quiz at All Saints Church

on the 15th of October at 7:00pm.

All welcome for a small donation  
but please let us know if you are coming on 01634672060

*When did you start this role?*

I have been a church Warden since 2019.

*What qualifications do you need to perform this role?*

There is a surprising formality to taking up the post as it does entail you being sworn in by the Archdeacon and standing in for the vicar on the very rare occasion that they cannot make it to the service. That did find me leading the Christmas Day service on one occasion, with the vicar delivering the sermon via Zoom.

*What attracted you to this position?*

Our parish is wonderfully blessed to have a most beautiful historic church within which to worship and meet, and I am very lucky to have a small part in helping to ensure it continues to serve our community.

*What is your favourite part of the job?*

A one-thousand-year-old building has quite a bit to consider when it comes to repairs, and it is challenging to manage the ongoing maintenance and the associated costs to ensure that it is preserved for future generations.

Over the past couple of years, I have found myself cutting the grass in the churchyard, arranging urgent roof repairs when high winds peeled 800 handmade roof tiles off and rain threatened further damage, dealing with contractors, architects, and land agents to have walls repaired, trees pruned, signs replaced, and the installation of high-speed broadband.

This year arranging the refurbishment of our 220-year-old weathervane, thanks to the generosity of the many who contributed, was one of the most interesting tasks, the work of the blacksmith and steeplejacks has hopefully preserved it for another 200 years.

*What is a typical day like for you?*

It is hard to say what would be a typical day for a church warden, it's a voluntary roll that you fit in round your day job and yet it could be a be a full-time job. I have been in the role for three years now and when it comes to variety it certainly has plenty of challenges. There is no typical day to being a church warden, just the privilege to be involved in maintaining our 1000+ year old church.

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### *What is the role of a Church Warden?*

The main role is to assist the vicar in looking after the fabric of the church, this covers all the issues surrounding repairs, maintenance of grounds and buildings, regulatory requirements and trying to understand why you need written permission from the Dioceses to hang a notice board!

### **Tour Guide Volunteers needed at All Saints Church**

All Saints Church is looking for volunteers for next year to offer tours of the church, churchyard, and tower to small groups during the Cream Teas on summer Sunday afternoons (second Sunday of each month between 2:00pm and 4:30pm) during June to September (and possibly at other times).



Full training will be given and if you are interested for next year, please contact:

the Rector [mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk)  
if you think you might like to do this.

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Website: [www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk](http://www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk)  
Facebook page: **Burham Parish Council**

**The next meetings is scheduled for the 26th of September 2022**  
(Normally the last Monday of the month excluding Bank Holidays).

### **Village Hall roof**

The new Village Hall roof (including solar panels) project commenced in mid-July, after major delays due to Covid and funding. By now, the work should be completed hopefully.

### **One way system on Church Street**

This project is scheduled to go ahead. As the scheme is only temporary to start with (18 months) no resident consultation was required. It was hoped that the one-way system would assist with the speeding (see charts on the following page).

### **Bulky Waste collection**

It is highly likely that the Saturday free of charge bulky refuse collection will be scrapped completely via TMBC. This is not a welcome decision as the facility was very highly used in Burham.

### **Parking near allotments**

Please ensure that you do not park on the access road to Bell Lane Allotments at any time. There have been incidents whereby vehicles have parked there blocking vehicle access to and from the allotments.

### **Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRC)**

Household Waste Recycling Centres are available at different locations but you do need to book a day/time slot. The nearest ones are Allington and Tovil in Maidstone, and Cuxton in Medway.

To access the details visit [www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) for Allington and Tovil (or call 03000 417373 if you do not have internet access)  
and for Cuxton visit [www.medway.gov.uk](http://www.medway.gov.uk) (or call 01634 333 333).  
Full information available via those contacts.

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Although TMBC have made the decision to remove a further 10 recycling sites across the Borough as the result of the kerbside collections which have made a substantial decrease in the usage of the recycling sites, Burham remains. This leaves only 10 sites across the borough including Burham. PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU USE THE FACILITIES TO MAKE IT WORTHWHILE FOR TMBC TO RETAIN THOSE OPERATIONAL SITES.

### Traffic Surveys

Earlier in the year, traffic surveys and counts were carried out in the village at different location. Below is the data that we have received back from KCC Highways and it is very disappointing to see the amount of speeding that occurs within the village.

New Court Road (40mph speed limit)							
Direction	Number of Vehicles	Average speed over 7 days	85 percentile speeds	Percentage of vehicles complying with the 40mph speed limit	Percentage of vehicles under enforcement threshold of 46mph	Percentage of vehicles complying with a proposed signed only 30mph speed	Percentage of vehicles complying with a proposed signed only 20mph speed
N	22010	44.7mph	51.1mph	23.1% (5087)	61.7% (13570)	1.2% (254)	0.3% (71)
S	20734	41.9mph	47.2mph	38.8% (8055)	80.5% (16691)	1.5% (301)	0.5% (101)

Rochester Road NORTH (30mph speed limit)							
Direction	Number of Vehicles	Average speed over 7 days	85 percentile speeds	Percentage of vehicles complying with the 30mph speed limit	Percentage of vehicles under enforcement threshold of 35mph	Percentage of vehicles complying with a proposed signed only 30mph speed	Percentage of vehicles complying with a proposed signed only 20mph speed
N	4621	32.8mph	38.5mph	28.3% (1306)	64.5% (2982)	28.3% (1306)	3.6% (167)
S	4828	30.6mph	36.5mph	41.6% (2010)	77.1% (3723)	41.6% (2010)	6.2% (301)

Rochester Road SOUTH (20mph speed limit)							
Direction	Number of Vehicles	Average speed over 7 days	85 percentile speeds	Percentage of vehicles complying with the 20mph speed limit	Percentage of vehicles under enforcement threshold of 24mph	Percentage of vehicles complying with a proposed signed only 30mph speed	Percentage of vehicles complying with a proposed signed only 20mph speed
N	7834	21.2mph	26.3mph	40.7% (3192)	71% (5559)	96.1% (7526)	40.7% (3192)
S	8115	24mph	29.7mph	24.3% (1974)	45.1% (3659)	86.6% (7028)	24.3% (1974)

Church Street (20mph speed limit)							
Direction	Number of Vehicles	Average speed over 7 days	85 percentile speeds	Percentage of vehicles complying with the 20mph speed limit	Percentage of vehicles under enforcement threshold of 24mph	Percentage of vehicles complying with a proposed signed only 30mph speed	Percentage of vehicles complying with a proposed signed only 20mph speed
E	2083	17.6mph	22.6mph	70.3% (1464)	91.3% (1901)	99.2% (2067)	70.3% (1464)
W	2198	19.2mph	24.7mph	53.9% (1185)	81.3% (1787)	97.1% (2134)	53.9% (1185)

### The Chalk Mound

We are aware that concerns have been expressed on the chalk mound, on the Southern Extension planning permission area, opposite Scarborough Lane. TMBC enforcement have advised “that the movement of chalk and temporary storage will not require the benefit of planning permission, and as such no breach of planning control appears to be occurring”.

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### **Anti-social behaviour**

Don't forget that ANY anti-social behaviour, including speeding along new Court Road, 'donuts' in the field, illegal smoking and any type verbal abuse, MUST be reported to Kent Police on either 101 or via the Kent Police website. The Police Inspector stated, "I would like the public to report all incidents to Kent Police so that we have the best opportunity to attend at the time, dependent on other calls. Failing this, registrations and CCTV will be vital as we can utilise Section 59 and other police powers should we have the required evidence to do so."

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 26th of September 2022.

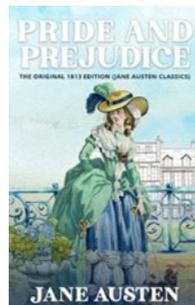
Pam Saunders, Clerk on 01634 685936  
or email: Pam@burhampc.co.uk

### **OOH! Mister D'Arcy!**

**Pride and Prejudice is coming to St Mary's**  
(the old church down by the river)

Performed by **This is My Theatre**  
on Tuesday the 13th of September at 7pm  
Tickets available from:

<https://www.thisismytheatre.com/burham->



There will be more details on our Facebook page:

[www.facebook.com/stmarysburham](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysburham) and also on the Churches

Conservation Trust website: [www.visitchurches.org.uk](http://www.visitchurches.org.uk)

### **Wouldham SPEEDWATCH Volunteers needed**

We have a few more volunteers who have kindly offered their help and trained up to help us make our village safer as the ever increasing traffic and speeding continues but we could do with more.

Please email Pamla on editorwbpvmagazine@gmail.com if you would like to help out; only an hour and a half of your time will help massively.

## **Burham Village Hall Solar Panels**

Work begins on the roof refurbishment and solar panel installation at Burham Village Hall.

Building work is under way to remove the old slates, battens, and roof felt that have caused so many rainwater leaks over the last five years. These will be replaced by modern roofing felt up to the latest environmental standards, fully treated wooden battens to meet the building standards that now apply and improved artificial slates. The opportunity to install integrated solar panels on the south facing roof was accepted by the Village Hall Management Committee as a solution to the ever-increasing cost of electricity used by the Village Hall.

The Burham Village Hall roof refurbishment project is a step closer now that the contractors are on site and removing the old slates, battens and roofing felt. Already they have cleared the south facing section of the roof and are fixing the new roofing felt and battens.

The project, which is being funded by a £46,616.92 grant from FCC Communities Foundation, will provide the Village Hall with a modern water-tight roof for many years to come. The addition of the solar panels, which are grant-funded by the LoCASE (Low Carbon Across the South and East) organisation, will certainly help reduce the running costs of the village hall and therefore enable the community to continue using the hall at reasonable costs.

David Young, Chair of the Burham Village Hall Management Committee is pleased that the project is at last in progress after many delays associated with work to produce a specification for the project, organising the funds, and of course the Covid pandemic.

He says: "It's great to see our vision for the security of this vital community facility moving closer to reality. We are extremely grateful for the funding FCC Communities Foundation has given us and we're looking forward to opening to the public."

FCC Communities Foundation is a not-for-profit business that awards grants for community projects through the Landfill Communities Fund. Richard Smith, FCC Communities Foundation grant manager for the project, commented:

"It's always nice to see something we have funded start to take shape. We're delighted to be supporting such a worthwhile project and look forward to it benefitting the community across the area."

# St Mary's Church, Burham

## *- its history and architecture*

An illustrated 50 minute talk presented by  
The Friends of St Mary's  
at the Church, Old Church Lane, Burham, ME1 3XY  
Sunday, 11 September 2.30pm

St Mary's Church, Burham, Kent, is a 900 year old Norman church closed in the 1880s when the village moved 'up the Downs' because of the marshy area and local brickworks. The church is now in the care of the national charity, the Churches Conservation Trust, helped by the Friends of St Mary's, Burham. Hear this 50 minute illustrated talk previously very well received and learn of the Church's 900 years of history; its exceptional features; the recycling of materials from local Roman villas and a temple; its location on the Pilgrims Way and its part in pilgrims' crossings of the Medway on the way to Canterbury; and the legacies from parishioners' wills over the centuries.

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Meetings usually held on the last Monday in the month.

Next Council meeting: Monday the 26th of September 2022 .

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### WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL:

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[www.wouldhampc.com](http://www.wouldhampc.com)

The next meeting will be Tuesday the 6th of September 2022. For details about how to join in please see the agenda published on [wouldhampc.com](http://wouldhampc.com)

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07813694140

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Monday & Thursday	8:45am	12:00 noon
	2:00pm	4:45pm
Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday	8:45am	12:00 noon
	2:00pm	6:15pm

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**Defibrillators** are situated at Burham Parish Office, Wouldham Village Hall and The Community Centre, Tolhurst Road, Peters Village

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**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 10.30am 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**

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**News from  
The Church in Burham (Methodist)  
Church Street, Burham  
All services commence at 10:30am**



Sunday 4th September	United Services with Anglicans Note: There will be no 10:30am Service today	4:00pm
Sunday 11th September	Informal worship lead by members	
Sunday 18th September	Informal worship lead by members	
Sunday 25th September	Celebration of Harvest lead by Rev. Naomi Oates; Please bring any gifts to Church on Saturday morning or with you to the service.	

### **Country lunch**

This month's Country Lunch will take place on the 15th of September at 1:00pm. All are welcome to join us for a meal of homemade soup with crusty bread and cheese followed by fruit crumble and ice cream, with tea or coffee to finish.

We ask for a donation of £3 and any profits will be sent to charity.

### **Book exchange**

We will be holding Book Exchange on Saturday the 6th of September from 10.30am till 12 noon in the Church in Burham 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. All donations will be sent to charity.

### **Film Club**

Due to holidays there will be no film club in September but we will resume in October with details in next month's magazine.

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](mailto:naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk)

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

## **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. Tea, coffee, cakes. Friendly gatherings & outings. Contact: 01634 867669.

### **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. Wednesdays from 6 -7.15pm. Fridays from 6-8.30pm. Contact Stuart Lowe 07557 906249.

## **Burham United Charities**

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).

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- \* 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.

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## September in Your Garden

*'Life is like a flower. You have to enjoy its beauty before Summer ends.'*

What a summer it's been. I hope the hot weather has encouraged everyone to make more use of their gardens, and to celebrate outside spaces both near and far. The joy of summer is having the time, with the lighter evenings and the warmer weather, to sit out and make the most of our own outdoor spaces every day. The heat this year has given way to drought across Kent, and the rest of the South East, which highlights what a precious resource water is to us, and to all life. When our gardens suffer and the lawns turn brown, it's easy to despair, but if your plants are well established then both they and the lawn will recover once the weather cools down and rain arrives. It's certainly highlighted to me, especially given the likelihood that global warming and over-development will exacerbate the shortage of resources, that we should all try to harvest as much of our rain water as possible. The simplest way to achieve this is by installing water butts, or any rain collection system, onto all of the down pipes from our rooves, from homes, sheds, garages, and any other outbuildings. The hosepipe ban means we are all having to be extra resourceful with our water, so by placing a bowl or bucket in the sink and shower it will help to capture some of the water that would normally run away, use this to water your plants, they don't mind if it's a bit soapy: they will welcome being watered!

As the summer starts to fade, the colours of late summer turn to the rich deep colours as if in tune with the leaves as they start to turn to their autumn colours. With Dahlia, Rudbeckia, Helenium, Canna, and Achillea all flowering away, the garden takes on a new vibrancy, and with regular dead-heading these should all continue to flower right through until the first frosts. Make sure you are also dead heading any annuals that are flowering as this will encourage them to continue to flower through until autumn as well.

In the vegetable garden summer and autumn are times of great harvest, with tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, squashes, and salads all continuing to produce. Making sure you regularly harvest your crops will also keep them wanting to produce more. Keeping them fed and watered, even more so in the dry conditions, will also encourage them to keep cropping. You can continue to sow quick cropping salads into September too, as well as Coriander, Rocket and Pak Choi which all prefer slightly cooler temperatures.

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Planting out of Spring Cabbages should also be done promptly, to give them time to establish before the winter sets in, and to hopefully give a good crop when Spring arrives. Early autumn is the final opportunity for pruning back Cherry and Plum trees, and for any summer pruning to remove water shoots from Apples and Pears.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- \* Keep weeding; if the ground is hard then still keep removing the tops of plants as it will help control the spread.
- \* Start thinking about spring bulbs; they will soon be available.
- \* Continue to water vigilantly; pots and baskets will dry out quickly in both warm and windy weather so will need watering every day.
- \* Keep bird feeders and baths topped up as the dry weather will have meant food and water are in short supply.
- \* Resume mowing only once the lawn has recovered from the dry and is in active growth.

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Finding a different way to enjoy life or visiting a different friendship group. The WI can fit in with each of these, giving you an opportunity to have fun and meet new people. We don't just sit around eating cake (though it has been known).

This summer our members have played around on paddleboards, searched Rochester on a photo orienteering trail, and walked in Cobham Woods.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of September at 7.30pm in Burham Village Hall when we will be hearing about:

‘The Wolf; Friend or Foe?’

Come along and give it a try. All ages welcome. See you there.

Heather Brown,  
Secretary

It's September so us crafty people are thinking of ...

Christmas!



The annual Church Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday the 19th of November from 1pm to 3pm.

If you have a craft and wish to sell the things you make please phone me to discuss your coming along and displaying your talent and selling your craft.

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Burham	Date	Time
Village Hall	6th & 20th of September	2:25pm - 3:25pm
Eccles	Date	Time
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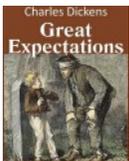
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For more information please contact Douglas Henn-Macrae  
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