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Wouldham arish Council: www.wouldhampc.com

Burham Parish Council: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

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

Hello and welcome to the July/August 2021 edition of the magazine. I would like to take this opportunity to offer sincere thanks to Mary Davis who has been volunteering her services for 20 years of producing, firstly, the newsletter and latterly the magazine to share details of church activities along with information that has helped the communities come together and support each other, especially in the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic. The magazine has evolved through her dedication and hard work and I'm sure you will all join me in wishing Mary a very happy retirement and good fortune for the future. Thank you so much, Mary!

I would also like to thank the interview panel who thought I was a suitable candidate to step into Mary's shoes; I hope I am.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share my journey to becoming the new Editor. Originally from Manchester I moved to Wouldham 14 years ago, (it is the anniversary as I write this), on the 13th of June 2007.

I began my career in Civil Engineering as a draughtsman; firstly as an apprentice on a drawing board and then moving to CAD as technology progressed, and as a hobby, I trained dogs.

My hobby became my passion and so I retrained and qualified as an Animal Behaviour Counsellor, dog trainer, puppy class instructor and pet bereavement counsellor, which was amazing. Getting paid to be with dogs all day was wonderful and after deslobbering at the end of each day, it was extremely rewarding knowing I had helped so many people to better understand their best friend's nuances and issues; and it kept me very busy! I also wrote a few articles for dog training magazines.

After I moved to Wouldham I became a lecturer in Animal Science, Animal Behaviour, Applied Science and Functional skills English and Maths. I have recently qualified as a copy editor and proofreader so an eclectic mix of experiences has brought me to this place!

I am hoping to continue the great work Mary has undertaken, and progress it further with a few new items being added to the magazine, which is for you, the villagers and therefore I would like to include you when possible.

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I am hoping to include a section called '*A Day in the life of ...*' in a few issues over the year, which will highlight the many talents of our neighbours so if you have an interesting job and fancy being included, please email me to let me know what you do.

Another item I would like to include is a section on the historical and archaeological heritage of our home; it is fascinating! Our resident Archaeologist, David Britchfield of Ravelin Archaeological Services, is looking forward to sharing some of his knowledge of the area; especially to new residents who may not be aware of what is under their feet ...

I would also like to engage the younger members of our community so watch out for competitions; and as I used to say to my students 'the prize is the pride in winning' :)

If you would like to contribute articles that would be of interest to the community, again please email me details and we'll try to publish them.

Finally, thank you for affording me your time to read my first editorial and I am looking forward to working with all the volunteers/supporters who make this magazine happen.

Have a fabulous Summer, remain safe, and enjoy the sunshine.

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

There has been a huge increase of traffic through our villages, in particular, the High Street in Wouldham, Church Street in Burham, and New Court Road in Peters Village and that has lead to an increase in speeding, so I am an active member of SpeedWatch along with a handful of dedicated volunteers who try to educate and remind people driving through our once peaceful villages about the Speed limits.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WOULDHAM,

Rev. Mike Hayes



Dear Friends,

At church we are beginning to get enquiries about baptisms again.

The word Baptism means dipping in water and is the ancient practice of the church whereby children and adults become members.

The water symbolises a spiritual rebirth.

It is a sacrament, or special sign of God's love. It's also known as Christening which means being made one with Christ.

Baptism can also be for adults if not already baptised as children.

We welcome all parents who bring children for baptism, though if you do not live in the parish you need to be a regular worshipper at church services in Burham and Wouldham.

Baptisms take place, after suitable preparation, on Sundays during the 10.30 Eucharist.

In Baptism, adults (or the parents and godparents on their behalf in the case of a child) make promises about trusting God. Then the priest pours water over the person's head. The water symbolises the grace of God which is always there for us to wash away our weaknesses and failings (or 'sins') and to enable us to be forgiven and accepted at all times in our lives. Then the sign of the cross is made on the person's forehead, with oil blessed by the Bishop of Rochester in the cathedral the previous Easter, to symbolise protection and the unity of the church.

Promises are made about belief and trust in God, about values, and for parents about bringing up their child in the Christian faith.

Adults who are baptised would then normally be confirmed in their faith in a special service with the Bishop and children will wait until they are old enough to understand this.

Children are welcome at all church services.

For adults who have never been baptised we offer a course of preparation called the Pilgrim Course, after which they may be baptised and confirmed.

Baptism enquiries should be made to Mrs. Gwen Worcester on 01634 672060 or 07854 400506. She will discuss choices of dates, and we will then ask you to attend on the next convenient Sunday to welcome your child into the church family and experience worship in the church prior to the baptism. At this point we will give you the paperwork and confirm baptism date.

In peace. Mike



CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**July and August Services
All Saints, Wouldham*
Every Sunday, Eucharist at 10:30am**

We will continue to offer the option of joining us on ZOOM for those who need it. Anyone who doesn't get the link please email Mike to request it.

mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk

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|--------------------------|--|
| 4 th July | The fifth Sunday after Trinity |
| 11 th July | The sixth Sunday after Trinity |
| 18 th July | The seventh Sunday after Trinity |
| 25 th July | The eighth Sunday after Trinity |
| 1 st August | The ninth Sunday after Trinity |
| 8 th August | The tenth Sunday after Trinity |
| 15 th August* | The Blessed Virgin Mary at Burham Old Church (tbc) |
| 22 nd August | The twelfth Sunday after Trinity |
| 29 th August | The thirteenth Sunday after Trinity |

Music in Church: Douglas Henn-Macrae takes over as Choir Director from the last week of June. We expect Choir Practice to resume on Thursday 24 June at 7.30pm. For anyone new who is interested in trying out the choir this is a great opportunity to learn.

www.wouldhamchurch.org.uk



Candle Prayer Time

The prayer group continues to pray at 7:30pm every Wednesday.

You are also invited to join in prayer with a lighted candle from home.

With much love to all in Wouldham, Burham and Peters village
From all at All Saints and The Church in Burham

If you would like to send in prayer requests please contact:

Gwen Worcester on: 01634 672060

Or Mike on: mikejhayes@hotmail.co.uk

ST MARY'S CHURCH, BURHAM

(down by the river)

Friends of St. Mary's Church, Burham 2021 events can be found by visiting:

www.facebook.com/stmarysburham or from Rosie on 01634 672346

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Burham United Charities are a local charitable organisation that provides assistance to those in need living within the old parish boundaries. (i.e. Burham Village and parts of Blue Bell Hill).

Every year the Charity gives grants towards:

- * The winter fuel costs of retired villagers on restricted incomes.
- * Transport costs for any type of 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)

News from The Church in Burham (Methodist)



Great news!

We are now holding a short service in the Church in Burham each Sunday starting at 10.30am. A very warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to join us for a period of Bible readings, music, reflections, and prayer. We are not able to sing as yet but we can listen to songs and read the words. Afterwards we are able to have a cup of coffee with biscuits and a time to chat.

As yet we don't know when any other of our usual activities will be able to recommence but notice will be given in the usual places when this is possible. Hopefully once restrictions have been lifted we will be able to plan to re-start these.

Many of you know that Rev. Naomi Oates is currently on maternity leave and hopes to be back with us in October. Last month she was ordained into the Methodist Church at a special service held in Walsall in Staffordshire. Due to the current situation, attendance at this event was restricted and therefore only a few local people were able to attend. However we have sent her our congratulations and very best wishes on this important step in her ministry.

Many people have enjoyed the online services provided by the Circuit and it is likely that these will continue for some time yet.

You can also dial in and listen to these services by phone if you are not online by visiting:

<https://www.nkmethodists.org.uk/news/invitation-to-worship-from-home.html>

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

TONBRIDGE AND MALLING RAMBLERS



Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation. We explore the beautiful Kent countryside, usually starting mid-morning. Our group walks are mostly circular with a moderate pace over a distance of 5-6 miles. You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try out a couple of walks with us, which will help you decide if you'd like to join.

Our walks follow Ramblers Covid-19 safety guidelines and we collect contact details for test and trace purposes. For more details, please visit: <http://www.tonbridgeandmallinghamblers.org.uk>. Or Please email: info@tonbridgeandmallinghamblers.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you on one of the following walks soon:

| Date | Route | Distance |
|----------------------|--|-----------|
| Sunday 04/07/2021 | Cliffe Pools, near Rochester | 5.5 miles |
| Wednesday 07/07/2021 | Weald and woodland walk from Cranbrook | 5.8 miles |
| Sunday 11/07/2021 | Shoreham to Lullingstone | 7 miles |
| Wednesday 14/07/2021 | Kent at its Best - from Dunks Green | 5.2 miles |
| Sunday 18/07/2021 | Ide Hill and Bough Beech reservoir | 5.5 miles |
| Thursday 22/07/2021 | Shipbourne to Underriver | 6.3 miles |
| Sunday 25/07/2021 | Penshurst via Salomons and Nashes Farm | 5.2 miles |
| Wednesday 28/07/2021 | Up the Downs from Ryarsh | 4 miles |
| Sunday 01/08/2021 | Plaxtol Spout to Hadlow | 5.5 miles |

Looking after our footpaths

We try to ensure that local public footpaths are accessible to all walkers by having observers in each parish who report issues such as: broken stiles, gates, footpath signs, fallen trees, and other obstructions. If you encounter a problem, please raise an alert by logging the fault on the Kent County Council website (Public Rights of Way).

Nicola Brown, Publicity rep for Tonbridge & Malling Ramblers

Coming in October ...

Weekend Art exhibition
All Saints Church, Wouldham

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Burham Parish Council news July/August 2021



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

All Parish Council information is included on the above two platforms.

At the May meeting, Councilors' responsibilities were agreed (a list can be found on the noticeboards). We would like to welcome County Councillor, Andrew Kennedy, to Burham and the surrounding area.

Double yellow lines, Bell Lane: The formal consultation was due to take place sometime after the elections on the 6th of May. Burham Parish Council will be or possibly has been, part of that formal consultation process.

Horse barriers New Court Rd footpath/cycleway: This footpath/cycleway was never built or installed to bridleway specification. Signage installed via the Parish Council (under the guidance of KCC at the time) is being ignored. Also complaints have been received regarding the amount of horse manure on the footpath/cycleway. We are therefore exploring the possibility of installing horse barriers at certain points. These barriers would not restrict pedestrians, cyclist or wheelchair users (both motorised or manual). As part of the process, a public consultation will be taking place in due course, whereby residents can advise us of their comments.

Hopefully, the 3rd gate into Court Meadow has now been installed (the contractors were due delivery of the gate mid-June).

The painting of the benches and bin in the children's play area has taken place.

Saturday Bulky refuse: As yet there is no further update.

We have been advised that the Wednesday free bus to Tesco, will unfortunately cease on the 14th of July.

Drivers are apparently advising users, but when I called Arriva, they could not advise one way or the other.

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Unfortunately, for reasons beyond our control, the new website didn't go live when we originally hoped. However, all being well, it is live now. *(Ed. I have checked it and it seems to be working).*

Upgrading of the gas network around Downsview, Burham will be taking place from mid-July until mid-September and have received the following information:

From Monday 19th of July to Monday 16th of August

We will start our project in Rochester Road to ensure the safety of everyone around the site we will need to close Rochester Road from the junction with Downsview to outside house number 484. Access will be maintained for residents and a diversion will be in place.

From Monday 2nd of August to Monday 16th of August

Our engineers will continue their work on Rochester Road at the junction with Downsview Road. Rochester road will remain closed and from the 2nd of August we will install temporary traffic lights at the junction of Rochester Road and Downs View to allow vehicles to access Downs View

Monday 2nd of August to Monday 13th of September

We will continue to work away from the junction with two-way lights further down Downs View.

Please contact me with any queries.

Sharon Dorrington
Stakeholder and Community Manager

M: 07970123506

E : sharon.dorrington@sgn.co.uk

SGN, St. Lawrence House, Station Approach, Horley, RH6 9HJ

sgn.co.uk Find us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on Twitter: [@SGNgas](#)

If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss, please get in touch by one of the following:

Tel. No. 01634 685936

Email: pam@burhampc.co.uk

or join in at the next scheduled meeting, (28th of July 2021).

The format of the meeting will be advised nearer the time.

Pam Saunders, Clerk



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Wouldham Parish Council news July/August 2021

Keep up to date with Parish Council business by
Visiting:

Website: wouldhampc.com

If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss, please get in touch by one of the following methods:



Contact: Nicky Grimes

Email: clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

Tel. No.: 07904281522

Chair Eddy Bell

Email: ebellwpc@gmail.com

Upcoming meetings:

July the 6th, August the 3rd, September the 7th, October the 12th,

November the 2nd, and December the 7th.

All meetings commence at 7:30pm

For details of proposed speed limit changes in Peters Village, please visit :

[Deposit Documents Amendment 44 T&Malling.pdf \(wouldhampc.com\)](#)

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Progress in vaccinating the UK has been fantastic but we need to ensure the world is following suit so, if you can, why not make a donation so that people in poorer countries can be vaccinated, thus making everyone safer. Make a donation in thanksgiving for receiving your own

vaccine. **You can donate at**
www.vaccinaid.org

Visiting household waste recycling centres during the covid-19 pandemic

Our household waste and recycling centres (HWRCs) at:

Capstone, Hoath Way, Cuxton Site (Medway Council) & Tovil (Kent County Council) are open for essential use only. You can only use these sites if there's a risk of injury, health or harm by storing your waste at home.

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

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

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To apply please contact the Council clerk on 07904 281522

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 the last Monday in the month.

Next Council meeting: 26th July 2021.

WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL:

Nicky Grimes, Clerk, Tel. No. 07904281522

Email: clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

www.wouldhampc.com

Our next meeting is on July 6th,

Due to covid regulations the PC will be meeting in the hall but any members of the public who wish to join can do so via Zoom. All the details about how to join will be on the agenda please visit:

wouldhampc.com

COMMUNITY WARDEN:

Vivien Hickmott 07813694140

Police:

PCSO Samir Patangwa.

Non emergency Tel. No.: 101

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Petersvillagenhw@gmail.com

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Village Road (05:50 and 06:28). or call: 020 8778 6697.

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

Burham: Dave Young 01634 867669.

Wouldham: Sue Durrani 01634 682363



Phoenix Medical Practice
33 Bell Lane, Burham, ME1 3SX. Tel: 01634 867982.

www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk

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|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Monday & Thursday | 8:30 am | 5:00pm |
| 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 |
| | 3:30pm | 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 7 days notice to prepare them and 24 hours notice is required for volunteers to collect them. Contact Rachel Harris 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.

Funerals

14th of June - Janet Bowley

21st of June - Tess Forbes

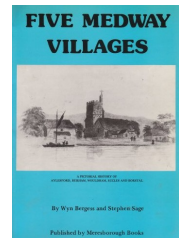


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| Wouldham | Date (Tuesday) | Time |
|---------------------|--|-----------------|
| Walker Burke Avenue | 27th July 24th August 21st September | 1:15pm - 1:45pm |
| Ravens Knowle | 27th July 24th August 21st September | 1:55pm - 2:25pm |
| Burham | Date | Time |
| Village Hall | 27th July 24th August 21st September | 2:35pm - 3:35pm |



For further advise or book requests please e-mail:

jonne.woolgar@kent.gov.uk

Tel. No. 0300 041 8558 or visit:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/mobile-libraries-during-coronavirus>

Churches:

Church of England Parish of Burham & Wouldham:

1. **All Saints, High Street, Wouldham.**
Holy Communion at 10.30 every Sunday.
You can join in on Zoom by emailing Mike Hayes for the link.
2. **St Marys Church, Burham.** Old Church Rd,
Open daily 10.00am - 4.00pm . Closed during 'lock down'
A redundant Anglican Church under the care of the 'Churches
Conservation Trust'. Occasional special C of E services are held
there and events run by the Friends of St Marys.
3. **The 'Church in Burham' (Methodist), Church St.**
See page 6 for update details. Also online services.

Eating and Drinking:

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Wed. Burham car park

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Poetry competition time

Group 1: Up to 10 years old.

Group 2: 11 to 15 years old

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July & August in Your Garden

'A garden is a place to feel the beauty of solitude.'

Summer is usually the most productive season of the year. Despite the seasons arriving a little later than normal this year, by now plants are catching up with their displays, whether it's in foliage, flower, or fruit. It's at this point in the year that the wonder of Mother Nature and the capabilities held within our own small plots of land really come to the fore, and can be appreciated for the beauty they create. We are lucky enough to live in an area of the country where we can adapt our own landscapes to suit our own needs, and within that there is a multitude of wildlife that is supported within those areas; even an average lawn will support insects and microbes that in turn provide food for small birds and mammals.

A few flowering plants included within those areas will provide all important pollen for the bees, which are critical to the survival of the earth as we know it. Green spaces, lawns, and trees also help to keep the air clean and cool, by helping to remove many of the pollutants that we all endure as part of modern life, & it's important that these areas are protected and cherished as valuable resources both for nature and for our health.

Now that the garden is putting in its maximum effort, it is time to relax and enjoy the rewards of your labour in the space you have created. To keep it looking at its best, it's important to keep watering where necessary in dry spells, to keep dead-heading faded blooms both on perennials such as Dahlia, Aquilegia and Osteos, and also annuals such as Petunia, Pelargonium and Begonia; and keep on top of any weeds that emerge.

Lawns and hedges will still need regular tidying but consider raising the blades on the mower if the warm dry conditions continue. As well as daily watering, pots and baskets would also benefit from a feed once every few weeks throughout the summer to encourage maximum blooms; or add slow release capsules to the container around the roots of the plant for longer lasting feeding.



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By now Garlic should have been dug up and dried ready for storage, & onions will also be dying back ready for harvesting; once the leaves fall over & start to brown that's the time to lift them, and again dry them ensuring the skins are dried before storing them for use over the coming months. Tomatoes and Chillies will also be setting their fruit and ripening. Regular watering is key to successful tomatoes, however chillies prefer less water as that helps to increase their heat, and both enjoy a sunny spot to help them ripen evenly and to keep flowering. Make sure to pick them at peak ripeness and either use in salads and side dishes, or freeze for storage over winter.

Also, regular feeding with a general purpose tomato food will help to keep them producing more flowers and subsequently more fruit.



Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- * Keep removing side shoots from tomatoes to direct energy to fruits
- * Dead head Roses regularly, remove the flower head and also the flower stalk to avoid it looking scruffy.
- * July is the time to summer prune Wisteria by removing any whippy side shoots back to approx. 20cm from the main stem, by cutting back to the nearest bud (usually about 5 leaves).
- * Continue to harvest lettuces, radishes and other salads, and also soft fruits, blueberries, blackberries and currants.
- * Sow additional quick crops such as carrots, peas, radish & lettuce to extend your growing season.
- * **Be Water Wise.** Lawns do not need watering in drought conditions, so focus watering to pots and any border plants that are wilting. Consider saving bath water to water the plants; the small amounts of detergents won't harm your plants and it's more cost effective!
- * Finish pruning cherry and plum trees before September.
- * **Feed & Weed** treatments can be applied to lawns in the growing months, but check the weather before applying as they work best in warm weather when the ground is damp.
- * Consider the functional aspects of your garden; is it adapted to enable you to ENJOY YOUR GARDEN whilst the summer lasts?

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Since we reopened in March, all of the children in the school have adapted well to the 'new normal' way of the school operating on a daily basis.

All children are still in their own Year group 'bubbles' and do not mix with other Year groups within the school. Of course hand hygiene, cleanliness and social distancing are paramount, and all children and staff are very aware of their importance. Luckily, we have all been able to keep safe, and fortunately we can report there has not been a single case of Covid-19 at the school among either pupils or staff.

We are using all of the resources we have in school, including our lovely outdoor space, to ensure that our children remain fit and healthy, both physically and mentally, and to ensure that school remains as normal as possible. All of the measures we have taken are there to protect both children and staff as well as the wider community.

Since the May half term, things are gradually beginning to return to some sort of normality within school although all of our Covid procedures remain in place to keep everyone in the school safe. We have resumed Rock Steady lessons in school and some of our other after-school activities have also been able to resume.

During June, classes from Year R to Year 3 enjoyed two weeks of enrichment activities based on Paddington, including making their own marmalade sandwiches! We also had some enrichment activities (including ordering a bale of hay!), based on Eric Carle, the author of The Very Hungry Caterpillar, who passed away recently.

At the beginning of July we held an RE story day with a 'virtual' visitor, and we will be finishing the term with some enrichment based on Japan, the host country for the Olympics, as well as all the children participating in a sponsored Walk for Life.

Our Year 6 class finally took advantage of the good weather to do their walk up to the Bluebell Hill picnic site which links with their class reading text and Creative Curriculum topic. There will be as many celebrations as are allowed for our Year 6 cohort as they get ready to leave our school and start their new adventures at secondary school. Staff and pupils would like to wish them all the best of luck at their new schools.

As always, all updates relating to our school can be found on our website: www.burham.kent.sch.uk

If you would like to get involved with our PTFA please do get in touch by emailing: office@burham.kent.sch.uk

Michelle Grima

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- * improve the quality of life for local communities
- * reduce the speed of vehicles to the speed limit
- * increase public awareness of inappropriate speed
- * Ref: [Community Speedwatch | Kent Police](#)
- * If you are interested in joining us, please email the editor for details.



Wouldham Community Initiative

Wouldham Community Initiative is a small group of local residents who care about the local community.

We arrange village events such as quiz nights, deliver Santa's letters to the village children, organise litter picks, along with laying Easter and Halloween trails.

We have also: turned the disused village phone box into a book exchange, set up a covid foodbank for villagers who may have had difficulties during the pandemic and we also arrange the popular annual Summer Fun Day.

The next Fun day is taking place on the 28th of August, between 1:00pm and 10:00pm and is set to be as exciting as ever. It consists of an afternoon of events, food, stalls, demonstrations, entertainment, discos, and games.

Previous events have proved very popular and we have grown year on year with more and more local businesses and residents now joining us from surrounding villages.

Our next event is the Wouldham Carbootless sale on Sunday the 18th of July (see next page for details) and the money raised from the £5 cost per stall goes towards helping fund the events we arrange.

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