

# The Burham Buzz

A free quarterly Community Magazine for the parish of Burham

Autumn 2024

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**BIG FUN HAD BY ALL** - At the inaugural Burham Pre-school Fun Day July 2024



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# The Burham Buzz Community Magazine

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The Buzz can be delivered directly to you or your email inbox. Print copies are available on request (see back page). You can also view the magazine online making the content available worldwide. If you are unable to access the internet please contact us and we will do our best to provide you with a printed copy.

## **How can I submit articles or suggestions?**

If you have an article for possible inclusion in a future issue or suggestion for items you would like to see covered, or any other comments, then please let us know. See 'Contact us' below to get in touch.

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## **Contact us**

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## **Editing of articles and items submitted**

We hope you enjoy reading this magazine and welcome your contributions. However we reserve the right to edit contributions or not to publish. The publication of any advertisement does not carry the endorsement of Burham Parish Council.

# Have your photo taken for free!



## Join us to create a photo library of life in the village in 2024!

Burham Parish Council is creating a photo census of people that live or work in Burham. To take part, you'll need to have your portrait taken and answer the question:

***What would you like someone in 100 years time to know about your daily life in Burham?***

If you have your photo taken you will get a free digital copy of your own portrait that can be printed, shared with friends and yours to keep forever! At the end of the project there will be an exhibition of the photos in the Old School Community Hall.

Please complete the slip enclosed to take part and we will be in touch. Alternatively contact Pam on 01634 685936 or email: [pam@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:pam@burhampc.co.uk)

## A Heart-felt Plea

We know how much our residents appreciate The Burham Buzz landing on their doormat each quarter, some less mobile may rely on their copy of The Buzz not only as a source of information about village life but also a vital contact with the outside world through the volunteer delivering the magazine. With that in mind, to continue with this much needed and efficient service we could do with a few more volunteers to join our dedicated team. Please let us know if you can help.

S Sangha, Editor

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[Simon.white@kent.gov.uk](mailto:Simon.white@kent.gov.uk)

### **Kent Police**

PC Georgia Marshall 101

### **Fly Tipping**

To report go to [www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk) & search 'fly tipping'

### **Potholes**

[www.kent.gov.uk](http://www.kent.gov.uk) & search 'potholes'

# Burham Pre-School funday raises over £1,500!



Strike a pose: Hi-Vis Tracey (left) with Emer of Emer Olivia Photography

What a great day we had at our Pre-school Family Fun Day, thanks to all those that came along and supported us. The day was a big success raising just over £1500 for the pre-school; even the weather was on our side, it was lovely to see the village support for our pre-school family.

Our next event is the Pre-School Village Christmas Fair at Burham Village Hall on Saturday 23 November. Details to follow. Also we recently had an Ofsted inspection and I am pleased to report we had really lovely feedback and received a good grading for our Pre-School.

**Tracey Beechey**



Clockwise from top: Have a break, have a cupcake; you've been framed; The WI ladies having a blast; Flying high with the Gnarwhal skate school; May the Force be with you; Putting pooches through their paces; the Bar of Chocolate that refreshes parts others can't reach.

## Shant Cottage - From Parsonage to Pub



### Shant Cottage

A shant is an Old English term for a pint of beer. The word is also used to describe a shanty or shack where beer is sold - hence a beer-house.

The Mudge Map, the first Ordnance Survey Map published in 1801, shows the location of the Burham Parsonage. It is mentioned in Edward Hasted's History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent, published between 1788 and 1799. He states that when described in writings of 1445, it was situated in a lonely place, and remote from neighbours, by reason of which no vicar without a family could inhabit it alone with safety. It was located in an area beyond what is now the water treatment works. However the Parsonage changed its use.

Arthur Huggins, who spent his working life at the Burham Brick, Lime and Cement Works, spoke on his retirement of 'the old thatched house which was situated in the centre of the works and what was formerly the Parsonage of the old Burham Parish Church, that later had its personality changed by being made into a public house!'

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The census records for the late 1800s show members of the Butler family (later landlords of the Walnut Tree, Eccles) residing at the building. It is described as both a Shant and a Beer Store.

Shant Cottage as the building became known, was used as a dwelling in later years. The Sanders family resided there during the second half of the 19th century. James Sanders, the head of the family, was the Brickfield Superintendent.

The Tolhurst family were known to have lived there during the 1940s. I believe that the last family to live there were the Twort family who had a small holding and kept cattle. The building was eventually demolished.

Shant Cottage is not to be confused with the Canteen of the West Kent Portland Cement Company's - Aylesford Branch, located near the river crossing to New Hythe. This building was known as The Shant, the word being used again to describe somewhere that alcoholic drink could be purchased.

**Michael Boozer,**  
Burham Local Historian



**Julia & Hilary would like to offer a warm welcome to The Windmill Pub  
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## ABOUT US

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- Please keep an eye out for the opening of our kitchen which is due very shortly when we will be able to provide proper pub grub at a reasonable price
- ***We look forward to seeing you soon***

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## Burham Parish Council News



### **Burham Community Photo Census**

Cllr A Kennedy's grant for £500 in respect of Burham Photographic Community Archive has been agreed and now received. More details to follow.

### **Scarborough Terrace (Rochester Rd)**

The gateway and signage is due to be installed by KCC Highways in the October school half-term as a road closure is required.

### **New 'Welcome to Burham' sign**

For Village Road, Peters Village has now been added to the Highway Improvement Plan. We await further information from Highways.

### **Inappropriate/inconsiderate parking**

Please ensure that you do not park on double yellow lines or in areas that can cause problems. Parking is very restricted in the village especially on the narrow sections of the roads. Double yellow lines are there to ensure the safety of all.

### **Parish Council Car Parks**

The re-lining of the 3 parish council-owned car parks took place early August. Many thanks for residents' co-operation in clearing the car parks of vehicles prior to the work being carried out. Bell Lane car park was the first one to be relined and was re-opened within a few hours.

### **Rochester Road Closure at Alex Hill on 26 September**

KCC have advised that a road closure will take place on Thursday 26 September Bull Lane, Eccles and New Court Road. Nu Venture have been advised, so we would surmise that the Nu Venture bus will not run on that day. At the time of publication, Nu Venture could not confirm.

### **Free Health Checks**

It is hoped that Malling Primary Networks will be holding a once a month free health and well being check in the village. This would be available to all residents 18+ who attend Thornhills, West Malling, Wateringbury, Phoenix or Snodland GP Surgeries. We are currently in contact with them to arrange a suitable location within the village. It is likely to be in one of the car parks. Please keep an eye on the noticeboards and website for further information.

### **Recycling Banks have gone**

As most of you have now realised, the cardboard/paper recycling bank has been removed from the site. Whilst it was hoped to continue to make this service available, this was not possible due to a very high increase in charges. We also contacted the two other companies who pay 3rd party recycling credits via KCC. Neither of those were either cost effective or could assist. Residents are

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now required to place their cardboard/paper recycling in their green boxes which are collected kerbside.

### War Memorial Cross

The project to repair the cross on the war memorial itself has come to a standstill for the time being. The contractor advised that the cross is made from cast stone which makes it impossible to repair the damaged cross. The reinforcement steel inside the shaft is corroding and expanding, therefore cracking the cast stone from within. As this cannot be repaired a replacement cross made to the same spec is the only option. This information was forwarded to the War Memorial Trust, who we had secured funding from for a repair. They requested a new quote for a like to like replacement cross as per best conservation practice. Depending on that re-quote we may be required to obtain further quotes for a replacement cross, as per the WMT guidance, hence delaying the project. Therefore, it is highly probable that the project will not go ahead this year.



### New War Memorial Wall

A new wall has been built to enable two new plaques for the names of the fallen, identified previously, to be added. Quotes are being obtained for the new plaques in Portland stone, and they will be very similar to the previous ones installed. Twenty-four names have been identified for the new plaques.

### Pam Saunders

Burham Parish Clerk

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## KCC Report by Cllr Andrew Kennedy



### Community Photo Census Support

*'I visited Burham to present a cheque for £500 to Parish Council Chair David Young, and Vice Chair Bill Stead. The donation is for an exciting project, a photographic census of Burham and its people. The images will be displayed at an exhibition in the Old School Community Centre and also be collated into a book, for the benefit of future residents and historians. I think this is a really interesting idea and I look forward to visiting the exhibition when it happens'*

[left to right] Cllrs Dave Young, Andrew Kennedy & Bill Stead (see p3 and slip enclosed also)

As well as dealing with 50 + emails a week from residents asking for my help with KCC issues, I am also seeking ways to strengthen our local villages and support those who go "above and beyond" to help others.

There is evidence that thriving communities, where people feel welcome and involved, are one of the best ways to promote wellbeing. To help achieve this, I have secured a £3,000 grant from T&MBC, to which I am adding £2,000 of additional funding, to develop a new 'Community Bridge' website. This will list the 200+ local groups and volunteer-led activities with the people who might want to use them. Activities can be searched by village or type, and users will find a page for each group showing where and when they meet, what they offer and who to contact for information. This is the first such website in Kent, and I hope it will help people find groups they want to join, while supporting our many local groups with increased attendance. The website is being developed and will launch in the autumn.

In December I will be running my third

Community Heroes and Veterans' Carol Concert.

This has grown each year and I have now moved it to the giant hall at Ditton Community Centre so we can increase attendance to 200 people. The purpose of this is to thank people who give (or have given) to the community. Attendees are offered a complimentary drink from the bar, and there will be a small cheese buffet as well as mince pies, satsumas and Christmas crackers! The music will be provided by the acclaimed Medway Singers who will perform two sets of modern and traditional Christmas music. And thanks to the generosity of the sponsors (including Burham based Brimstone Ltd, T Brown Fruit & Veg, Tesco, Waitrose and Morrisons) I am able to provide this celebration free of charge.

If you know of someone who does great work for the community who you feel should be invited to this event, please email me at [andrew.kennedy@kent.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.kennedy@kent.gov.uk)

Best wishes

**Andrew Kennedy**

## Gwen Worcester - a quiet unsung champion of the village



Gwen Worcester was born in Cranbrook and had an idyllic childhood in Higham before moving to Cuxton. She relocated to Burham in the mid-1970s to Downsview before making the long move to Church Street where she still lives!

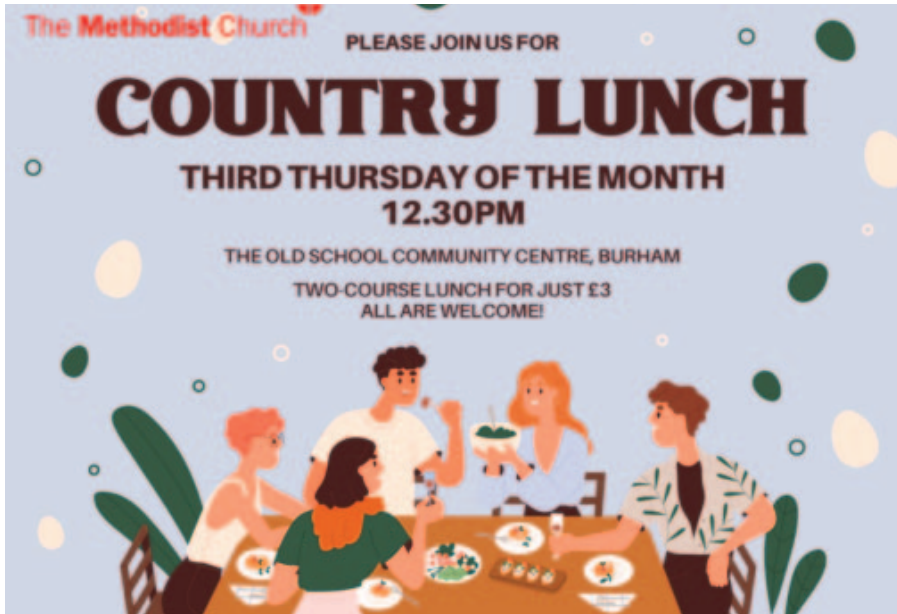
She trained as a Registered Nurse at the Kent and Sussex Tunbridge Wells and during her career she gained a BSc in Nursing and became a Nurse Tutor, training nurses at hospital and university level. For the latter part of her career she was instrumental in the development of The Osteoporosis Unit at Medway Hospital and the Chair of the local support group. This enabled her to talk to many groups about the importance of bone health and as a result of her work with the society she was presented to the now Queen Camilla and also invited to Downing Street to promote the need to identify osteoporosis prevention.

The quiet pace of village life came as a bit of her shock but she very quickly became involved in community activities. She was Churchwarden of All Saints, the Parish Church, for a decade before taking the role of the PCC Secretary. Gwen is also responsible for fundraising and organises a varied and lively programme of events involving people from the villages either taking part or attending. She is a Winchester House Pastoral Visitor, provides home communion to the sick, and a helper with the Toddlers and Messy Church Group, bringing her in contact with all ages.

In addition to her church commitments Gwen feels passionately about those who have found themselves in difficult circumstances and is an ardent supporter of the local Food Bank taking donated items to East Malling and then, with her husband Dennis, she distributes items locally to those who have asked for support. She helps organise the annual Burham Christmas Fair, a really well attended event with lots of good chats over a cup of tea and is currently the Treasurer of the very active village WI group which meets monthly in the Village Hall.

In her spare time she likes to keep active with the village Walking Group, has tried Walking Netball, paddle boarding and is always keen to take on new challenges! She enjoys the lively discussions at the Burham Book Club, which meets in the Windmill Pub every month, followed of course by a well deserved drink!

## The Church in Burham - Last Service



### Our Activities Will Continue

Although the building is closing, the church will be continuing to offer a range of activities in the community, and in particular to highlight that the monthly Country Lunch will be taking place in the Old School Community Centre on the third Thursday of the month at 12.30pm, with soup and crumble for just £3.

### The Revd Naomi Oates

### Our Presence to Remain in Burham

Although the Church in Burham building held its final service on September 1 and therefore no further services or activities will be held there, we are anxious to continue to be a significant presence in the community. We will be continuing to hold our monthly Country Lunch which will be at the earlier time of 12.30

every third Thursday in the month in the Community Centre. Plans are still being put in place for other things and these will be advertised on the Keep Burham Connected Facebook Page, so do keep an eye open. We will be holding our Christmas Eve Christingle Service in a venue yet to be decided

### Book Exchange

See Keep Burham Connected for arrangements.

### Country Lunch

Country Lunch will take place on the Third Thursday of the Month at the Old School Community Centre at 12.30pm.

For any further info. please contact:  
Rev Naomi Oates: 01732875072  
Eileen Smith: 07786281044  
Rod Murr: 01634 868075



## Don't Dine Alone

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## Phoenix Medical Practice



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### Defibrillators

These are situated at Burham Parish Office, Frost's Service Station, Wouldham Village Hall and the Community Centre, Tolhurst Road, Peters Village. If

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

### Prescriptions

Arrangements can be made to have these 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 Rachael Harris on 07725 289194, who will be available to deliver medicines on Tues and Thurs for more details.

### NHS111

If you require urgent medical help ring 111 or visit the website 111.nhs.uk

### Robert Niechoj

Practice Manager

### Surgery opening times

Monday & Thursday: 8:30am to 5:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30am to 6:00pm

### Dispensary opening times

Monday & Thursday: 8:45am to 12 noon & 2pm to 4:45pm.

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:45am to 12 noon & 2pm to 6:15pm

### Phoenix Medical Practice

33 Bell Lane, Burham, ME1 3SX.

Tel: 01634 867982

[www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk](http://www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk)

### Kent Downs 50 Challenge 2024

The very first Kent Downs 50 Challenge will take place on 12 October 2024. The route comprises a looped 50km circuit starting and finishing at the Kent Showground, Detling with participants walking up to 50km on public footpaths, rights of way, roads, and pavements. There are also shorter routes which include a 25km Loop or a 10km Loop Challenges. Further info at: [www.ultrachallenge.com/kent-downs-50-challenge/](http://www.ultrachallenge.com/kent-downs-50-challenge/)



## Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers



Walks usually start mid-morning.

There's a short break half-way through (bring refreshments). We usually finish near a pub. Most walks are dog-friendly (check website).

### Sunday 8 September

Up the Downs to Stansted: steep climb from Wrotham at the start for good views to the south. Spot the war memorials to crashed WW2 aircraft. Moderate difficulty. 5.5 miles

### Thursday 12 September

A waterside walk from Lower Upnor following the River Medway as it joins the Thames estuary. The walk climbs through woodland and along the higher ground to Hoo St Werburgh, giving commanding views of the estuary before returning along the shoreline. Moderate difficulty. 4.5 miles

### Sunday 15 September

Leisurely, late summer stroll through Brenchley's many orchards and woods, with plenty of shady sections, lakes and ponds. Some stiles, some slopes and a little road walking. 5.3 miles

### Wednesday 25 September

Circular Medway Valley walk from Yalding to Teston, moderate difficulty. 5.5 miles

### Sunday 6 October

Mainly flat circular walk from East Malling through Oaken Wood towards Teston, returning via East Malling Heath. Mix of footpaths and some lane walking. Moderate difficulty. 6 miles

### Wednesday 9 October

Rural walk from Upper Halling through meadows, quiet woodland paths and some rough tracks. Steep ascent to the North Downs Way; long flat section along the North Downs Way; drop down to the Lost Village of Dode. Brief stop at Dode Church before a gradual ascent to

Holly Hill with views of the Medway Valley and Medway

Bridge, Rochester

Castle and the Cathedral spire. Seven stiles; three steep climbs and descents; moderate difficulty. 5 miles

### Thursday 14 November

Kings Hill Sculpture Walk: an opportunity to see the 10 sculptures on Kings Hill. This leisurely pavement walk will pause at each sculpture for a brief description of the artwork. The walk finishes near the Control Tower and there will be time to read the RAF roundels and find the 12 brass reliefs set in the pavement including the one of the Magical Mystery Tour bus marking The Beatles' visit to West Malling Airfield (now Kings Hill) in 1967. 5.5 miles

*Please check for the latest updates on our Facebook page or visit [www.tonbridgeand-mallingramblers.org.uk](http://www.tonbridgeand-mallingramblers.org.uk).*

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# Activities & Courses available to Burham Residents

### Chair Exercise

To increase balance, strength and mobility – Alternate Mondays, Next one 16 September, 10.30am – 12. FREE

### Line Dancing

Fridays, 5-6pm in the Village Hall £6/session paid monthly.

### Safeguarding Introduction

3 hrs, Essential for those interacting with children or vulnerable adults FREE

### Customer Service Introduction

Learn effective communication, handle complaints, resolve issues FREE

### Skills for volunteers

2 x 3hrs. Identify benefits of volunteering, explore roles and responsibilities, identify good practice; including safeguarding (duty of care) and develop your own skills FREE

### Mood Food & Healthy Eating

Learn how nutrition may be a factor in the experience of low mood and improving your diet to help protect physical health, and mental health FREE

### Managing Stress & anxiety with mindful craft

Learn about the physical and psychological symptoms of anxiety and stress.

This course can be taken with an optional mindful craft activity to follow each week

### Free Conflict Management

9 hrs accredited or 4hrs intro. This course provides the opportunity to learn skills to reduce the likelihood of abusing and threatening behaviour. You may only experience a small percentage of abusing, threatening or violent situations, but when they do occur they can have a huge impact on your quality of life. You will learn a range of ways to deal with difficult situations, which will enable you to deal with conflict with confidence. FREE

### Emergency First Aid at work

7.5 hrs accredited. Open for local employers and individuals to provide a personal development opportunity FREE.

### Introduction to sign language - progression 1 & 2

Wednesdays, 11th September, 10am–12 in the Village Hall FREE

*Note: Community Centre is in Peters Village & Village hall is in Wouldham.*

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**Imago Support for Charities and Community groups**

Imago provide support to frontline not-for-profit organisations including registered charities, CICs and community groups in Tonbridge and Malling and the surrounding areas.

If you are involved with a not-for-profit as a trustee, director, volunteer, staff member or other role and would like to know more about how we can help or to join one of our networking meetings, please contact Lysette D’Urso at: [charitysupport@imago.community](mailto:charitysupport@imago.community)

## Burham Clubs & Organisations

### All Star Performers

We are a Musical Theatre company providing classes for ages 0-18! All classes held in the Old School Community Centre, Bell Lane on Saturdays. Check our Facebookpage, ring 0738 808 4862 or allstarperformers@outlook.com

### Bear Paws Quilters

The Club meets at the Community Centre twice a month on Wednesday evening, 7.30-10pm. There are approximately 30 members, covering all adult age groups.

Kathy White. 0742 516 5742

### Book Exchange

1st Saturday in the month, at the Church Hall, 10.30am -12noon  
Eileen Smith. 01634 867022

### Burham Baton Twirlers

Held in the Burham Village Hall every Thursday 5pm -7 pm  
Lyn Robinson 0772 937 3558

### Burham Musical Hall

Formed in the early 1970s, we have produced a variety of shows and events. We currently host regular Quiz and Bingo nights as well as a Christmas Panto. New members are welcome to join our friendly company. We meet most Thursday evenings at Burham Village Hall.  
Simon Hughes 0798 035 7185

### Burham Old Church going digital

Alongside their new programme of events for 2024, the Friends of St Mary's Church (Burham 'Old Church' down by the river) are im-

proving the information available on this wonderful historic old building. Our new email address for the Friends smcburham@gmail.com can be used to make any enquiries about the Friends, events at the church and its history. A website is also under development, for launch around May, which will be found at [www.stmarysburham.co.uk](http://www.stmarysburham.co.uk) (though don't try it until then). This will feature all the events planned, a brief history of the church, details of its architecture, a gallery of pictures, the Churches Conservation Trust (the national charity managing the church), and how to join the Friends. Look out for it after May.

Philip Badman

Friends of St Mary's Church

### Burham Pre-School

At Burham Pre-school we aim to help all our children become independent, confident little people. We care for children aged 2-5 years and our team work hard to promote emotional, physical and mental well-being in all our children; we help to develop the skills the children need to be ready for their next steps into school life. We welcome families from Burham and all local villages; why not give us a call to see if we are right for your little one? Burham Village Hall, morning & afternoon sessions available from Monday to Friday. Contact Tracey Beechey: 0771 082 9954 or [burham.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:burham.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk)

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### Burham United Charities

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.

They can also offer one-off grants to help alleviate particular instances of hardship for any resident of the parish. Parents of school age children may obtain help with some of the costs associated with schooling.

If you, or someone you know, are 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)

### Burham & Wouldham Book Club

We meet every third Wednesday of the month in The Windmill Pub at 7.30pm. We are given a warm welcome by the pub and are able to sit comfortably and discuss the book we received from the

library the previous month. We are a small friendly group with a wide range of opinions on the book we have read. The Club gives a chance to read something you may not have chosen yourself to read. For more information call 0785 440 0506.

Gwen Worcester

### Country Lunch

This is held once a month at 1pm in the Old School Community Centre, the Third Thursday in the month. A simple meal of homemade soup, bread, cheese, apple crumble and tea/coffee are served for £3.00. The lunch is open to all.

Eileen Smith 01634 867022

### Duet Dance School

Held in the Community Centre on Wednesday between 3pm & 4pm. Julie/Hayley 0783 478 0669

### Force Medway Group

This is a self-defence group for all ages held in the Burham Village Hall on Weds 6-7.15pm & Fri 6-8.30pm. Stuart Lowe 01634 862943 or 0755 796 249 [www.forceselfdefence.com](http://www.forceselfdefence.com)



We meet at Burham Village Hall on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm. Every meeting has a theme, often with a speaker, but importantly an opportunity to chat, share interests, make new friends. It was good to see so many people at the Pre School Family Day in July: thank you for inviting us! Our meeting in September is a bit of a mixture with a

session on resuscitation from St John's Ambulance and a discussion of favourite holiday reads. At the October meeting there is a talk on Women in Aviation. In the wider WI there is a Lifestyle Day as well as an opportunity to learn Whist in October, and a Science Day in November. Some of us are still getting our breath back after a taster session of Walking Netball while others have enjoyed being creative at the Pottery at The Friars. There is always something to join in. If you would like to come along and see what we are about, get in touch or turn up at a meeting – we would be pleased to see you. Margaret Wood – 01622 71265 or [BurhamWouldham@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:BurhamWouldham@wkwfi.org.uk)

## Burham Clubs & Organisations

### Messy Church

Held at various locations locally at varying times.

Tonia Plowman 0759 357 5450

### Short Mat Bowls Club

The Club was established in 1990 and has 30 members. The Club is open to all adult age groups and meets on Mon & Weds evenings in the Village Hall 7.30– 9.30 pm.

Irene Benton 01634 867466

### Sword Fencing

Held in the Community Centre on Thursday 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm.  
tony.devine01@gmail.com

### Sunday Karate

Held in the Community Centre 10am–12noon P Shepherd. 0775 792 5776

### Thursday Morning Community Club

This is an informal get-together for all ages that has been meeting in the Burham Old School Community Centre between 10.30am and 12noon on Thursday mornings for nearly 20 years. Admission fee is £2, and that includes all refreshments of tea/coffee, cakes and a free raffle. Hi Kent Hearing Clinic attends once a month and there are sometimes outside speakers, including the Community Warden. The Club also organises regular day trip outings.  
Anne Taylor 01634 684927

### Winchester House Care Home

Residential and 24-hour nursing care over five separate units. 180 Wouldham Rd, Wouldham ME1 3TR 01634 624957

### Tonbridge & Malling Opportunities for Communities

TMBC are currently working with Kent Adult Education to provide a range of free and exciting short training courses to help with personal development as well as an introduction into work and volunteering. Kent Adult Education can deliver courses including: First Aid at Work, British Sign Language, Healthy Eating, Well-Being, Crafts and many more! If you are interested in working with KAE to provide free training within your communities, then please contact Patricia Dillon.

email: patricia.dillon-russell@kent.gov.uk 03000 417441 or call 07740 183849

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## Supporting Burham's Community

Since my election, I have arranged for the following grants to support Burham's thriving community:

£300 towards the **new defibrillator** at Frost's Garage

£300 to purchase educational games for **Burham Pre-School**

£500 for Sue Cave's '**Animals Lost and Found in Kent**'

£1,000 to help restore **Burham's War Memorial**

£500 to celebrate **Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee** and to give every child a commemorative mug

£711 for **litter picking supplies**

£500 for the new **Photographic History of Burham** project

£300 to give every child at Burham CofE Primary School **a packet of sunflower seeds** to grow over summer

£400 for **Christmas Hampers** for Burham's military veterans and residents struggling to make ends-meet

£55,000 to finance the new **Burham and Wouldham Community Minibus**

£300 to learning and development games for **Key Stage 1 pupils** at Burham CofE Primary School

***"Everyone knows someone who has been helped by Andrew Kennedy."***

I hope that is true - I have certainly done my best.

- **When you elected me I promised not to claim a penny in expenses - and I haven't**
- **I promised not to accept any gifts or taxpayer funded hospitality - and I haven't**
- **I promised to oppose any pay rises and, if voted through by others, to donate that money to the local community - and I have!**

If I can help, please get in touch: [andrew.kennedy@kent.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.kennedy@kent.gov.uk)

Sign-up for my newsletter at: [tinyurl.com/AKMonthlyNews](http://tinyurl.com/AKMonthlyNews)

Follow my work on Facebook: [Facebook.com/CllrAndrewKennedy](https://www.facebook.com/CllrAndrewKennedy)



## Burham Services & Facilities

### All Saints Church, Burham & Wouldham

Burham & Wouldham Parish is in the Diocese of Rochester. The Church, of Saxon origin, is situated at High Street, Wouldham. Gwen Worcester

#### Burham Allotments

For availability and current rates;  
Dave Young 01634 867669

#### Burham Community Centre

This was formerly the Infants School which was purchased by the Parish Council and totally refurbished. Further improvements have been made to provide changing facilities. For hire, contact: Thurza Browne 01634 863322.

#### Burham Church of England Primary School

All classes are housed in modern permanent buildings. The school draws from Burham and from further afield. It enjoys a good reputation for high academic standards, a strong Christian ethos, and a caring atmosphere. Head: Holly Goddon 01634 861691

#### Burham Methodist Church

'The Church In Burham', Church St, Burham closed on 1 September. However it will continue to have a presence through various activities. For any further info. see page 11 or contact: Eileen Smith: 0778 628 1044

#### Burham Parish Council Offices

The home of the Parish Office with a small meeting area. Parish Office, Rochester Road, next to the Village Hall.

#### Burham Village Hall

This is a large modern building in the centre of the village adjacent to the Recreation Ground. It is the venue for a wide range of activities including charity events, Burham Music Hall, short mat bowls, wedding receptions and the Bur-

ham Pre School. To hire, contact: Aileen Bergin 0784 288 3028.

#### Burham Walking Group

We meet monthly at 10.30am on the last Wednesday of the month for a gentle local stroll. For details contact: Gwen Worcester 01634 672060

#### Burham & Wouldham

##### Collection for local Foodbank

The local food bank is The East Malling Centre. The two villages continue to collect and you can donate gifts at any of the Windmill Pub, 4 Church Street, Burham, 111 High Street, Wouldham, The Co-op in Peters Village, or in the Wouldham church porch on Sundays from 9.30 to 12noon. Tins and dry goods are urgently required. If you require help please ring 01732 846314 for confidential advice. Gwen Worcester

##### KCC Mobile Library Service

The library vehicle is parked in the Village Hall car park operating on alternate Tuesdays 2.25 - 3.25pm (red route). For updates and further information go to: [www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries](http://www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries)

#### St Mary's Church, Burham

This is now a redundant church maintained by the Churches' Conservation Trust. It is usually open during the day. Events and Occasional services are held there and are advertised on Facebook, Keep Burham Connected. It is close to the old river Medway crossing and dates back to the 1200's.

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## Burham Businesses, Services & Facilities

### The Butchers Block

Traditional dog friendly country pub with classic fare, Sunday specials, pints & outdoor seating.

01634 786626

[www.thebutchersblockpub.co.uk](http://www.thebutchersblockpub.co.uk)

### Frost's Service Station & Store

Serving the locality of Burham for 50 years with a range of motor-related services, including a general convenience store.

### Good Cod Fish & Chips Mobile Service:

Burham Village Hall car park:

Wed. 4pm-8pm. 0784 018 1091

### Happy House Chinese Takeaway

Family run Chinese takeaway. Collection and Delivery available.

01634 668326 or our Facebook page

### The Robin Hood

Venerable 700 year-old pub with wood burner, two bars, formal dining in a conservatory and gardens.

01634 861500

[www.robinhood-pub.co.uk](http://www.robinhood-pub.co.uk)

### The Vale Bakery

Long established local bakery with pastries, veggie pies and bread baked on the premises.

01634 861572

### The Windmill Pub

Village Community Pub serving fine wines, spirits, ales and beers with a lovely beer garden. Family friendly with young kids play area. Dogs welcome on a lead. 01634 394882

Facebook page: The Windmill Burham  
[www.windmillburham.com](http://www.windmillburham.com)



## All Saints Church Services & Events

**Every Sunday:** Morning Prayer 9.15am

Holy Communion 10.30am

**Every Friday in Term Time only:**

Little Lights Toddler Church 9.30am

**Last Friday of the month:**

Church Coffee Morning 10.45am

**Cream Teas**

From 9 June, then first Sunday in the month up to and including September  
2pm - 4.30pm

**Gwen Worcester**

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**E.ON and Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council are working together to improve homes across the area, so check if you could benefit today.**

To be eligible you'll need to:

- Own your home or rent your home from a private landlord
- Use oil, LPG, electricity, coal or wood to heat your home
- Have a combined gross household income of less than £36,000 a year OR someone in your home receives a means tested benefit
- Have an Energy Performance Certificate Rating of D, E, F or G (if you don't know that's fine, we can help)

Heritage Open Days

## 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, 15 September 2pm**

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.

Free entry. Refreshments available.  
No toilets. Rough ground access.

[www.heritageopen-days.org.uk](http://www.heritageopen-days.org.uk)

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## Women and Girls Safety Workshops

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Girls workshops (13 –18 yrs): 6.15pm to 7.15pm  
Women's workshops: 7.30pm to 8.30pm

Book now by emailing [msp@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:msp@tmbc.gov.uk)

At Church Farm Hall,  
198 New Hythe Lane,  
Larkfield ME20 6ST

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For more details contact Alison Finch on 01732 876287 or email [msp@tmbc.gov.uk](mailto:msp@tmbc.gov.uk)

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**How do I sign up?**  
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**Want to find out more?**  
Visit: [www.mtw.nhs.uk/get-involved/volunteering](http://www.mtw.nhs.uk/get-involved/volunteering)

"It's amazing to be able help people as they come in, if they are anxious or nervous. The power that a smile and a cheery wave can have – it really makes a difference to our patients, visitors and staff".  
David Coleby MTW's volunteer of the year 2021

# The Burham Parish Council



## Parish Council Offices

Rochester Road, Burham ME1 3RJ

The offices are located adjacent to the village hall. The Parish Clerk is Pam Saunders, her office hours are 10am-2pm, Monday-Friday. For the latest information visit our website which is updated on a regular basis.

**email:** [pam@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:pam@burhampc.co.uk) **t:** 01634 685936

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

## Burham Parish Council Allotments

To enquire about availability of plots and current rates, please contact:

**Dave Young 01634 867669**

## Burham Village Hall

Rochester Road, Burham ME1 3RJ

A large modern hall located in the centre of the village next to the Village Recreation Ground with a large car park. It has many facilities including a large main room, a kitchen, toilet facilities including disabled provision and access. Two other smaller rooms are also available. Hire charges: Mon - Fri 8am to 8.30pm: £10 per hour. Fridays from 8:30pm & Saturdays: £18-£25 per hour, depending on the activity. To book, contact:

**Aileen Bergin on 07842 883028**

## Burham Old School Community Centre.

Bell Lane, Burham, ME1 3SY

Formerly the village infant school, full of character, with parking close by in Bell Lane, the building has a large hall and a smaller one used for local clubs and charity events etc. Toilet facilities include disabled provision. Hire Costs: £10 per hour week days and £12 per hour at weekends. To book,

**Thurza Browne on 01634 863322**

## Wouldham & Burham Community Bus

Provided by the two Parish Councils and operated by Compaid, a chargeable Membership scheme with weekly shopping trips to various local areas. Seats must be booked in advance. Additional charges for each trip. Open to residents of Burham and Wouldham including Peters Village. Application forms available from the Parish Clerk or from Wouldham Parish Council.





## Defibrillators

We currently have two defibrillators in Burham located outside:

**The Parish Council Office**

**Frosts Service Station & Store**

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