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*A Merry Christmas &
A Happy New Year!*

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The Burham Buzz is a quarterly publication for the village and surrounding area. It is produced and delivered by dedicated local volunteers.

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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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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.

THE BURHAM BUZZ The Season of Goodwill

Seasonal Good Wishes

The festive season is upon us with sparkling Christmas trees and twinkling lights all around us that help lift the gloom of the cold, dark winter nights.

As we welcome Christmas and look forward to the New Year it is a time to remember the vulnerable in our community and the extra pressures they may be facing this year. A recurring theme of this issue is the support available nationally and locally to access financial support for those that may be puzzled by the changes that were announced recently.

From the team at the Buzz, the contributors, the volunteers that help deliver and all of us at Burham Parish Council, we wish all of you a merry Christmas and a healthy, happy New Year and look forward to welcoming you to another bumper edition in Spring 2025!

Burham Photo Census is go, go, go!

The support for the project has been overwhelming with over fifty portraits taken already of individuals, families and groups which is more than half the target for the year! Thank you and we look forward to snapping a lot more of you in 2025!

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Burham Village Hall

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TMBC Bin Collection Days

www.tmbc.gov.uk/forms/waste-collection-dates

Fly Tipping

To report to www.tmbc.gov.uk & search 'fly tipping'

Potholes

www.kent.gov.uk & search 'potholes'

Kent Police

PC Georgia Marshall 101

BURHAM PRE-SCHOOL
Ho, ho, ho - Santa drops in to Christmas Fair



Christmas Fair

The second Pre-School Christmas Fair was a great success with Santa making a surprise visit to see the boys and girls! Tracey would like to *'thank everyone for coming along to support us.'*

Burham Pre-School Funday 2025

Following on from the success of this year's event, the second Funday will be on 12 July 2025. Don't miss it!



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LOCAL CHAMPIONS
Dr Ruth Thom - the last doctor standing



Dr Ruth Thom

If she had not become a GP she may well have been a farmer

Dr Ruth Thom joined the practice in 2005. With two young children and working part-time she had no expectations of playing a leading role in the practice. She never envisaged that one day she would be the last doctor standing at the surgery during the Covid lockdown period, nor that she would become the lead GP as she is now.

In her nineteen years with the practice there have been significant challenges. She has overseen the merger of the Burham and Eccles surgeries and is currently dealing with the hoped for relocation of the premises to a purpose built facility equipped to deal with modern day demand. The negotiations between the developer and the ICB - the NHS organisation responsible for planning health services locally - are dragging on much to the frustration of Dr Ruth.

The evolving model of the NHS which is centrally led involving multi-disciplinary teams where the local doctor is not necessarily the first point of contact poses new challenges for both patients and doctors. This against a background of increasing workloads, a diminished work force and problems with recruiting new staff provide additional pressures.

Dr Ruth has an academic background and is passionate about ongoing

education and training to maintain high clinical standards. She is pleased that the remit of a new doctor who starts next month will include reviewing cohorts of patients with the similar conditions to help identify more efficacious methods of treatment

Full of sparkle and energy, Dr Ruth is active outside work in the community and her garden! She is involved through the church in charitable activities with her husband, who is also a doctor as well as a NSM (Non-Stipendiary Minister) in the Church of England.

The garden is a major passion and if she had not become a GP she may well have been a farmer. When at



home she will invariably be found tending her fruit and veg producing bumper crops to be turned into mouthwatering jams and jellies.

When Dr Ruth started at Burham, it was a small practice with three GPs. Today she is responsible for over 20 staff based at Burham and many more shared workers that operate the various

"Our ethos as a practice team is to ensure that people are well looked after with compassion as much as is possible"

GOVERNMENT ALLOWANCES & CREDITS Puzzled how to claim? Well help is at hand

Help is available nationally and locally on how to claim Government Winter Fuel Payment or Pension Credit. If you are struggling with the complex 243-question forms or anything else, look no further:

Government Winter Fuel Payment hotline

Telephone: 0800 731 0160
Textphone: contact Relay UK on 18001 then 0800 731 0160
Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

Government Pension Credit hotline

Telephone: 0800 99 1234
Textphone: 0800 169 0133
Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

CAB Snodland Outreach programme

The CAB offers advice and support locally with a weekly Drop-In Clinic at Snodland Town Council Offices Waghorn Road, Snodland ME6 5BQ. No appointment needed. Every Monday morning: 10–12.30 pm. (except bank holidays)
Call: 0808 2787810
Website: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Burham Parish Council

If you would prefer someone in Burham to assist you confidentially, please give the Parish Council Clerk Pam Saunders a call on 01634 685936 and she will put you in touch with a trustworthy person in the village that is able to help.



Involve is a Kent charity based in Maidstone that works closely with the NHS and local councils to provide community services and support for people of all ages.

A wide range of activities are offered such as social meet-ups, exercise classes, heritage trips, art, singing and gardening groups, enabling people to make friends and have fun.

Involve also help people access the services and support they need, such as housing, healthcare, social care, education, and benefits.

Telephone: 03000 810 005
or email:
hello@involvekent.org.uk

UK Government

Are you over State Pension age, or know someone who is?

Pension Credit tops up pension income and can help with day-to-day living costs.

If you are over State Pension age, you may be eligible to claim **Pension Credit**, even if you own your home or have savings. People who claim **Pension Credit** may also be able to get:

- The **Winter Fuel Payment** and other help with heating costs
- Help with rent and Council Tax
- A free TV Licence for those aged 75 or over
- Help with the cost of NHS services, such as NHS dental treatment, glasses and transport costs for hospital appointments

You could be eligible for **Pension Credit** if your weekly income is below £218.15 or, if you have a partner who lives with you, £332.95. Qualifying income level may be higher in some circumstances.

Don't miss out.

Check your eligibility at gov.uk/pension-credit or by calling **0800 99 1234**

Eligibility criteria apply
*or the equivalent in Scotland.

CHURCHES Church in Burham, the Methodist Church

As many of you know, the Church in Burham (on Church Street) closed its doors in September, and the building is in the process of being sold. A small but extremely faithful congregation had kept the church going for many years but, sadly, it was no longer financially viable. At such a difficult time, we were moved to be joined by so many of you for the special service of thanksgiving on Sunday 1 September, when we shared our memories of the church across the decades and prayed together for the future.

Although the building may have closed, we're pleased to report that the Methodist Church is still very active in Burham! We've decided to move many of our activities out into the community, and we're glad to have been joined by some new faces. Our much-loved monthly Country Lunch is taking place on the third Thursday of the month at 12.45pm at the Old School Community Centre – join us for delicious homemade soup, crusty bread and crumble for just £3. (The Christmas Country Lunch in December will take place on a



Burham C of E Primary School to help redevelop their prayer garden. You'll still see me (Rev Naomi, the Methodist minister) cycling around Burham – do stop me and say hello! It was a privilege, as always, to lead the annual Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial alongside Rev Nicky; we're looking forward to working closely together as we both serve the people of Burham without a physical church base in the village. This is, of course, a time of mixed



you there! Our monthly Book Exchange will also be restarting in the new year in a new venue – watch this space. We're thrilled to say that the beloved village Christingle will still be taking place at 2pm on Christmas Eve, also at the Old School Community Centre. This was always a highlight of our year at the church, and we'd love to see all our regulars – and some new friends! We're also working alongside

we're very excited to be church in the community – and by the signs of growth we've already seen at some of our activities. We know, too, that God is to be found not just in church buildings, but out in the world that God so loves. In the words of a famous hymn, we praise him for all that is past, and trust him for all that's to come. Every blessing,
Rev Naomi
naomi.oates@methodist.org.uk

CHURCHES

New vicar at All Saints Church Wouldham



*"if you see me, come and say hallo.
God bless"* Rev Nicky Rawlins!

Hi, I am the Rev Nicky Rawlins, the new Priest-in-Charge of the Benefice of Burham and Wouldham – or the Vicar for short!

I am not actually entirely new to Burham and Wouldham. In 2003, when I was training for lay ministry in the church, I was sent to do a placement with the Rev Liz Walker at All Saints Church, Wouldham. Prior to that, for some years in the nineties, my husband was a barman/waiter at what was 'The Golden Eagle' at the end of Church Street and as a result I had the opportunity to visit Burham village several times.

As for me, I am 63, and over the course of an eventful life, I have done a variety of things. I have been a legal secretary, attended college and acquired something of an education, got married and am mother to three children (all adults now). In 2008, I returned to University and qualified as an Occupational Therapist and practiced as an OT in both London

and the Medway. In 2014, I began training for ordained ministry and was ordained deacon in 2018 and priest in 2020.

I have a wide range of interests. I read – constantly! All sorts of stuff – fiction, classics, history, politics, theology, natural history and environmental science and ecology are just some of the stuff I have been reading recently. I have a strong interest in environmental matters and over the last few years, I have been working to reduce my carbon footprint as much as I can. I am hoping that my next car will be electric – fingers crossed!

I am also interested in walking and swimming, though I draw the line at wild swimming so you won't see me in the Medway! I am an embroiderer, dressmaker, patchworker and quilter – when I get the time. When I am with my family, we enjoy board games and muddy walks and cake.

And I am a proxy grandmother to a small white dog which belongs to my daughter and which I look after on occasion. You might well see me walking with him sometime.

I will be around and about in the villages as much as I can and I am hoping to be able to take a spot at the Windmill Pub on a regular basis – not, alas, to sample the brew (because I drive) but so that if anybody wants to talk to me, they will be able to find me there.

If you see me, come up and say hallo.

God bless

Rev Nicky Rawlins

WINTER FUEL GRANT

United Charities of the Ancient Parish of Burham

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Winter Fuel Grant 2024

Applications for grants towards the costs of winter fuel bills are invited from residents of the Ancient Parish of Burham.

To qualify for assistance applicants should be aged 65 years or over and have lived within the boundaries of the Ancient Parish for the past 10 years.

The weekly HOUSEHOLD income of applicants, i.e. the total income from all occupants, must not exceed £300 for single occupancy or £400 for multiple occupancy. For this purpose, income is determined after deducting half of rent payable (rent after deducting any housing benefit received) and ignoring attendance allowance and similar state benefits and credits. Only one application per household will be considered. The Trustees reserve the right to make such enquiries as they believe necessary to confirm entitlement to the grant.

Application Forms will be delivered to 2023 recipients.

New applicants can obtain forms from Mon 4th November 2024 from:

Burham: Dave Young (17 Bell Crescent), Jill Emptage (147 Rochester Rd)

Roger Kiralfy (c/o Arkadia, 159 Rochester Rd)

Jack Owen (22 Whitehouse Crescent) Jill Pannell (177 Rochester Road)

Blue Bell Hill: Barry Smith (296 Robin Hood Lane)

All applications are handled in the strictest confidence

If you require help completing the form please feel free to ask a trustee.

Completed Application Forms should be returned to Mr. Kiralfy at Arkadia, 159 Rochester Rd Burham ME1 3SF by Mon 2nd December 2024.

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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

Sign-up for my newsletter at: tinyurl.com/AKMonthlyNews

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



LOCAL HISTORY The Murder of Emily Maria Trigg

Emily Maria Trigg was born at Blue Bell Hill, on 11 March 1896, and baptised at Burham on 26 April. She lived and worked as a maid for Miss Catherine Cooper at 36 Maidstone Road, Rochester.

On Sunday the 6 August 1916, Emily planned to visit her widowed mother in Providence Row, Bluebell Hill. She had left Maidstone Road for a pleasant stroll to her mother's, but she did not arrive, nor did she return as expected to her employer's home that evening. Miss Cooper thought she was unwell and had stayed at her mother's. It was not until the following Tuesday when Emily's mother inquired, that it was realised the girl had vanished.

It was another six weeks before Emily Trigg's disappearance became newsworthy. On Thursday 21 September, Rochester greengrocer John Jennings was blackberrying with his two children at Bridge Wood, adjoining Maidstone Road. He found a human skeleton in the undergrowth. Although the remains were decomposed, it was not difficult to identify the skeleton.

Hair still attached to the skull contained a side comb fixed with imitation diamonds. Emily had a side comb like this. A necklace found nearby had been given to her by her mother and Emily's Sunday bonnet, with small pink roses, was found by a track leading to the spot. Clothes, apparently violently torn from the body by the frenzied killer, were found in a bundle about 30 yards away. There was no doubt these were the remains of Emily Trigg although it was considered remarkable that they had decomposed so quickly. All the organs and tissues had disappeared

and as soon as the skeleton was touched it fell to pieces.

Emily's boyfriend - George Harris, was a private in the Royal Surrey Regiment. His picture was in her handbag, which was also found in the wood. But he was soon eliminated from enquiries as he was in hospital in Shoreham on 6 August. Nevertheless the police felt a soldier might be involved. There were reports of Emily having been with a military man.

Ten days later Charles Hicks, a gunner in the Royal Garrison Artillery at Winchester, was arrested. He was charged at Chatham Police Court with being concerned in her murder. But following police enquiries no evidence was forthcoming and he was discharged.

Today the case still remains unsolved.

The Entry in St Mary's Church, Burham, Burial Register reads:

An unknown female person supposed to be Emily Maria Trigg. Aged 20.

Place of residence Blue Bell Hill, Burham.

Buried 7 October 1916.

Stories have been told of a young lady flagging down motorists on Bluebell Hill. She asks to be taken to Burham, to the area of the Old Church. She sits silently in the rear seat throughout the journey. When the driver arrives at the Old Church he turns around to tell the girl that they have arrived. But she has disappeared from the car!

Is this the ghost of Emily Trigg returning to her final resting place?

Michael Boozer

Local Historian for Burham



Phoenix Medical Practice

The Anima new Appointment & Enquiry System

We are pleased to announce the introduction of a new Triage Service 'Anima', which will replace our current appointment system. Anima has been designed to enable us to manage the growing demand more efficiently. Our "live" date will be Monday 25th November 2024.

From this date, all medical queries will need to go through this tool. The exception will be routine repeat prescription requests and long term condition review appointments which will be managed the same as at present. Appointments for nursing and healthcare assistant services such as blood tests, smears, dressings, injections and ECG's will still need to be made over the phone initially but will be reviewed in due course.



In preparation for the transition, we are requesting patients to pre-register online to create an Anima account now which will then allow you to use the service straight away. Please either visit our website or use the adjacent QR code which will take you straight to the appropriate page on our website including the link to register.

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 Tuesdays and Thursdays for 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

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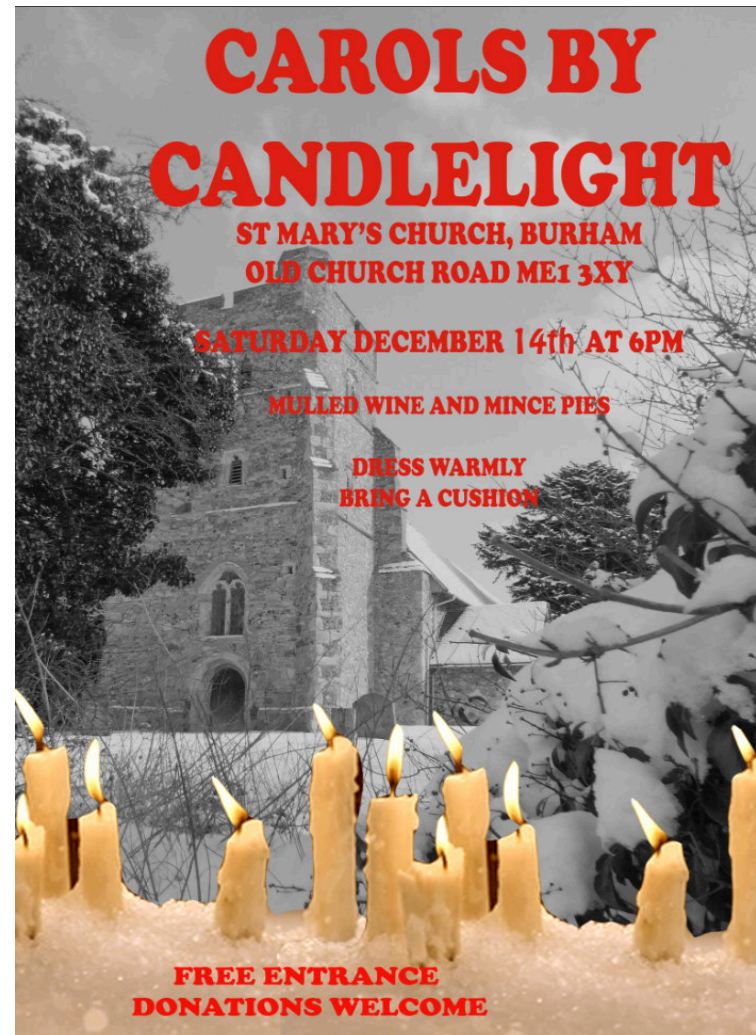
Phoenix Medical Practice

33 Bell Lane, Burham, ME1 3SX.
Tel: 01634 867982
www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk



NHS Hearing Aid Maintenance Clinics

Hi Kent normally hold an aftercare clinic for NHS hearing aids in Burham on the second Thursday of the month at the Old School Community Centre, Bell Lane. They are also looking for volunteers to help with the aftercare clinics. Ring 01622 691151 for more information or visit <https://hikent.org.uk> to check availability and maintenance.



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LOCAL NEWS

The Burham Parish Council News



Remembrance Service

The Remembrance Service held at the War memorial on Sunday 10th November was very well attended. A wreath was laid on behalf of the Parish Council and the residents of Burham.

Many thanks to those volunteers who installed and then removed the lamp post Poppies and Tommys. Thanks also to the WI for the knitted poppies which decorated the war memorial garden railings.

Scarborough Terrace

Scarborough Terrace (Rochester Rd) gateway and signage was installed via KCC Highways in the October school ½ term as per the plans agreed. We have asked if a 2nd set of speed data tests will be carried out to compare with the original data to ascertain if the scheme has been successful.

Welcome to Burham sign

“Welcome to Burham” sign Village Road, Peters Village has now been added to the Highway Improvement Plan, 75 m from the junction, which is the only suitable location. This is currently with the KCC design team, KCC will be funding this project.

New Zebra Crossings proposal

Due to the amount of potentially increased traffic through Burham due to the Land in Eccles development, 3 x new zebra crossings. first being Rochester Rd/Pilgrim’s way before Bull Lane Eccles (there is a crossing point here with tactile paving but not a zebra crossing), the second at New Court Rd “junction” with Bell Lane, and the third at New Court Rd junction with Church Street have been added to the HIP. We await further information from KCC Highways.

Rochester Road yellow lines

The double yellow lines along Rochester Rd from Old School Close to approx. 264 will be reinstalled by KCC Highways, who have advised work is scheduled to be carried out first 2 weeks in December, but this is weather dependent.

No right turns confirmed

It’s been confirmed that the no right turn from the Medway direction into Scarborough Lane and Church Street has now been made permanent.

War Memorial Plaques & Cross

The 2 x plaques from Medway Memorials have now been agreed and we await an installation date.

There is no further update on the replacement of the war memorial cross at this stage. We are awaiting further guidance from the War Memorial trust, the part funders for this project.

LOCAL NEWS

The Burham Parish Council News



Burham Pre-School Sunday 2025

Save the date: 12 July 2025: Burham Pre-School Family Fun day at Burham Recreation Ground.

The Burham Buzz Community Magazine

The Winter edition of Burham Buzz will be dropping through letter boxes very soon. Many thanks to those volunteers who are assisting with the circulation.

Burham Christmas Lights

The Christmas lights on the tree at Whitehouse Crescent Green will be switched on soon.

Seasonal good wishes

Wishing you all the best for Christmas and 2025

Parish Council issues

If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss, just give me a call on 01634 685936, e-mail me on pam@burhampc.co.uk or join in at the next scheduled meeting, which is due 16 December 2024 7.30 pm at the parish building.

Website: www.burhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk

Facebook page Burham Parish Council

These platforms also include Community Information
All Parish Council information is included on these two platforms.

Pam Saunders – Clerk.



Burham Community Photo Census

We have taken photos so far of young and old, groups of friends and some of you at your place of work and it has been great fun with over fifty portraits archived already. There will be a pause over the winter months when the weather is variable and the light inconsistent before we start snapping again in Spring 2025.

Many thanks to all those that have already come forward and we look forward to seeing you in 2025

Julia & Hilary would like to offer you a very warm welcome to The Windmill Pub. A community free house set in our beautiful village



ABOUT US

- We welcome and host many community groups
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- We have brilliant activities such as Jam nights, cash bingo evenings, quiz nights, live bands karaoke evenings, discos and pick your own music nights
- We have a fantastic walled garden where we hold our summer band nights
- We are extending the garden area to allow everyone to enjoy and soak up the weather and atmosphere
- We are dog friendly as long as on a lead
- Our kitchen is now open on Sundays providing proper pub grub at a reasonable price but you must book to avoid disappointment
- We look forward to seeing you soon!

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The Windmill Pub

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The Windmill Burham

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO Burham clubs, organisations & services

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

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 Facebook page, 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 Allotments

For availability and current rates; Dave Young 07719 854538.

Burham Baton Twirlers

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

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 information contact: Eileen Smith: 0778 628 1044

Burham Music 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 of St Mary's

This redundant church maintained by the Churches' Conservation Trust is usually open during the day. Located by the old river Medway crossing it dates back to the 1200's. Events and occasional services are still held there. Carols By Candlelight: Dec 14, 6pm Filaments: 10 &11 Jan, 5-6pm Nicola Flower: Art Installation: 1 & 2 Feb 2025

More details on our facebook page: www.facebook.com/stmarysburham

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 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

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO Burham clubs, organisations & services

Village Hall, morning & afternoon sessions available from Monday to Friday. Contact Tracey Beechey: 0771 082 9954 or burham.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk

Burham Short Mat Bowls Club

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

Irene Benton 01634 867466

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.

Dave Young 07719 854538 or Roger Kiralfy 01634 869900

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

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

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

Burham & Wouldham WI

We are in our autumn and winter activities and meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at Burham Village Hall which is the launch pad for all sorts of other activities and ideas.

You will find us at events such as the Burham Christmas Fair and Burham Funday. Why not come along to our Christmas party? The New Year heralds a new programme of varied speakers, outings and events. We also have regular coffee mornings, walks, visits to Winchester House and quiz nights at The Windmill as well as events with other WIs. At the end of October there was a Whist Day and a Science Day is in the diary. There is always something to join in.

Why not forget the ironing and chores and come along and see what we are

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO Burham clubs, organisations & services

about, get in touch or just turn up – we will be pleased to see you.

BurhamWouldham@wkwfwi.org.uk.
Margaret Wood 01622 718665

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 info: www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries

Country Lunch

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. 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

Messy Church

Held at various locations locally at varying times.

Tonia Plowman 0759 357 5450

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. The Club also organises regular day trip outings. Anne Taylor 01634 684927

Winchester House Care Home

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WHAT TO DO

Activities & training opportunities

Tonbridge & Malling Ramblers Group Walks

Sunday 1 December

A gentle walk through Mereworth Woods and Swanton Valley before the T&M Ramblers AGM. Non-members welcome on the walk. 3.5 miles

Thursday 5 December

Flatish walk from Shipbourne Common. Moderate difficulty. 5.4 miles

Sunday 8 December

Circular walk from West Peckham. Second half is a steady incline. Approx five stiles. Moderate difficulty. 5.3 miles

Thursday 12 December

Circular walk from Camer Park. Some steep descents and ascents. Moderate difficulty; six stiles. 6 miles

Sunday 15 December

Circular walk Shoreham to Lullingstone. Moderate difficulty. 7 miles.

Sunday 22 December

Circular walk in the High Weald from Penshurst up to Smart's Hill. Moderate difficulty. 6 miles

Friday 27 December

Work off the turkey with a circular walk from Wateringbury following the Medway river towards Yalding via Nettlesdean Green. Mix of footpaths and lanes. Moderate difficulty. 6 miles

Thursday 9 January

Chiddingstone circular walk - fairly flat with good countryside views. Woodland, fields and lanes and part of the walk passes through the grounds of Hever Castle. Moderate difficulty. 5.8 miles

For details and any late changes, see www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk or [our Facebook page](#).

Courses available to Burham residents

Chair Exercise: increase balance, strength and mobility – FREE Alternate Mondays, 10.30-12noon

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

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

Customer Service Intro: Learn how to communicate effectively, handle complaints and resolve issues FREE

Skills for Volunteers: 2 x 3hrs. Identify the benefits of being a volunteer, explore roles and responsibilities, identify good practice; including safeguarding (duty of care) and develop your own skills FREE

Mood Food & Healthy Eating: Learn how poor nutrition may be a factor in the experience of low mood and improving your diet may help protect not only physical health, but also 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 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.

Courses are held at Wouldham. To check availability, further information or sign-up, contact:

clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

CHURCHES

All Saints Church Wouldham Services

DECEMBER 2024

Every Sunday: 9.15am Morning Prayer

Sunday 1 Dec: Advent Sunday
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 8 Dec:
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 15 Dec:
10.30am All Age Communion

Sunday 22 Dec:
10.30am Holy Communion

Tuesday 22 Dec:
3pm Christingle Service.
11.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day
10.30am Holy Communion

No coffee morning in December

JANUARY 2025

Every Sunday: 9.15am Morning Prayer

Sunday 5 Jan:
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 12 Jan:
10.30am Holy Communion

Sunday 19 Jan:
10.30am All Age Communion

Sunday 26 Jan:
10.30am Holy Communion

Friday 31 Jan:
10.45am Coffee Morning. All welcome. Please join us.

Little Lights Toddler Church
9.15am during term Time.

The Christingle Service
All Saints Church Wouldham extends an invitation to all families who have had a child baptised in the Church to join The Christingle Service on Christmas Eve at 3pm

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Sunday, 8th December at 2.30pm

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Spend a couple of hours, making a beautiful wreath from scratch the old-fashioned way. You will have the freedom to get your creativity flowing with an array of beautiful ingredients. Enjoy a complimentary glass of Prosecco and a Christmas sweet treat.

To book yourself for the Wreath Making masterclasses please click the link below
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/christmas-wreath-making-workshop-tickets>
or contact Just Peachy Florist directly.

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BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Burham businesses and services

The Butchers Block

Traditional dog friendly country pub with classic fare. 01634 786626
www.thebutchersblockpub.co.uk

Frost's Service Station & Store

Serving Burham for 50 years with garage services & a general store.

Good Cod Mobile Fish & Chips

Burham Village Hall car park:
Wed. 4pm-8pm. 0784 018 1091

Happy House Chinese Takeaway

Chinese takeaway. Collection/delivery available. 01634 668326 or Facebook

The Robin Hood

700 year-old pub with two bars, formal dining and gardens. 01634 861500.
www.robinhood-pub.co.uk

The Vale Bakery

Fresh baked bread, pastries & pies on the premises. 01634 861572

The Windmill Pub

Village Pub with a beer garden. Family & dog friendly. 01634 394882 Facebook page or www.windmillburham.com

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Contact Pam on 01634 685936 or
pam@burhampc.co.uk



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 t: 01634 685936
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 07719 854538

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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