

# The Burham Buzz<sup>Summer 2025</sup>

A free quarterly Community Magazine for the parish of Burham



## **The Burham Folk Photo Census**

***FREE EXHIBITION, ARE YOU IN IT?***

***# A year in the making***

***# A display of around 100 portraits***

***# A slide show to view on a large screen***

**Friday 1 August & Saturday 2 August 2025, 11am - 4pm  
Old School Community Centre, Bell Lane, Burham**

# **The Burham Buzz Community Magazine**

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## THE BURHAM BUZZ

# Photo Exhibition & Useful Contacts

### BURHAM FOLK PHOTO EXHIBITION

Over the past year several hundred photos have been taken of local people in a variety of settings to produce an archive of village life.

An exhibition of the portraits together with large screen slideshow will be held in August. Come along and see if you have been snapped! *See p4 for details*

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# ***BURHAM FOLK PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION***

**# A FREE EXHIBITION**

**# HAVE YOU BEEN SNAPPED?**

**# A snapshot of village life in 2024/5**

**# A display of around 100 portraits of people that live or work in Burham**

**# Individuals, groups and community events are featured**

**# A rolling slide show on a large screen**

**Friday 1 August 11am - 4pm**

**Saturday 2 August 11am - 4pm**

**Old School Community Centre, Bell Lane, Burham**

Burham Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Andrew Kennedy for his Community Grant support for the project & exhibition.



## THE BEST OF BURHAM

### The volunteer mum that became the lead Auntie



Burham Folk Photo Census

The only way is down: [CW from left] Aunties Tanya, Sharon, Karen (standing), Tracey (sitting), Gemma & Karly

Auntie Tracey started at the Burham pre-school in 2003 as a volunteer mum helping out with the snack bar and story time. The pre-school has a long history in the village that goes back over 50 years and for a long time used to be run in the old Village Hall by Pauline Cable. Tracey took over as the supervisor in 2007 and with her dedicated team provides a warm, safe haven for little ones to play and learn to socialise.

The pre-school provides a five day service from an 8.30am drop-off to a pickup at 3pm to cater for modern day requirements. There are over 50 children on roll with a catchment drawn from most of the local villages as well as Burham. When Tracey started mums would send toddlers for a few hours a week, nowadays

with both parents often working, children are often left in her charge for 3+ days.

Tracey draws a distinction between pre-schools and nurseries and feels strongly that helping little ones achieve and socialise is paramount in their development and she was touched this year when parents, who she had looked after as tiny tots when she first started at Burham pre-school, enrolled their own off-spring!

Although the pressures are much greater than previously, particularly the admin demands of Ofsted, Tracey and her deputy Auntie Tanya, remain bubbly and cheerful and can be found around 6ish every weekday morning starting to prepare for another day of excitement and adventure!



## ABOUT US

### The Team & Place

We are a Village Community Pub, A free house situated in the pretty village of Burham which overlooks the North Downs. Serving fine wines, spirits, ales and beers with a lovely beer garden, Family friendly with young kids play area. Dogs are welcome on a lead. Happy Days



### Pub Food

The Windmill Burham is a traditional village pub, Our kitchen is newly opened with our Chef Julia creating good pub grub. Food for special occasions can be arranged. See our social media page for more information



### Beer Garden

Enjoy our secluded walled beer garden where we host occasional BBQ's and entertainment.

### Happy Days

We all need a place to relax after work, so why not do it with a drink in your hand? Join us to chat with friends, have a snack or a meal or just chill out every day of the week.

### Pub Food

The Windmill Roast From £9.95. Meal deals available: A Windmill Roast with a pint or a glass of medium wine £13.95. Two Windmill Roasts £18.95 or with a pint or a glass of medium wine each £26.95. Ask for Dessert Menu Options. Food service from 12.30pm to 6pm.



### Time to relax and enjoy the weekend



What village pub would be complete without a few events to get the community together ? Keep a eye an out for our social events, darts nights and quizzes. If you are a community group looking for a place to meet, drop by and say hello.

### Live Music & entertainment

Jam nights/Live music on Last Thursday of Month. Check our socials for info.

### HOURS

<b>Mondays - Thursday</b>	12:00 – 23:00
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**The Windmill Burham**

## THE BEST OF BURHAM

# Twenty years of serving Happy meals



Burham Folk Photo Census project

### A family affair

Joanna, Ka Yi & Kam Wah

The Happy House Chinese Takeaway has been in the village for since 2006. The Wong family have been serving Burham and the surrounding area for almost 20 years specialising in Cantonese cuisine, with a diverse mix of other Asian influences on the menu.

Ka Yi and her husband Kam Wah came from Hong Kong in the late 1980s and initially settled in London. Although Ka Yi had some previous experience in the industry, having worked in her family's business, neither had run a restaurant before so the Happy House was a big step for them to take.

Their daughter Joanna, recently graduated with a degree in Architecture, is also part of the team and will be well known to anyone that has been to the Happy House. Their working day starts at 11am - apart from Tuesdays - when they prepare for the evening opening. They are busiest at the weekends and ensuring everyone is properly served at peak times can be be challenging but also satisfying when customers leave with a smile! Happy House has always made an effort to be there for those in the village looking for a comforting evening meal or a convenient late-night takeaway.

Over the years, the business has evolved in response to changing customer habits. When they first opened most people were locally based and collected their food orders often walking, nowadays they deliver about half their orders and their customers are drawn from a much wider area. They still have a strong core of customers from the village that like to pop-in for a chat and takeaway but delivery is the preferred option for areas like Peters Village, and Snodland. The Covid lockdown was particularly difficult and they did their best to serve vulnerable customers as best they could under the prevailing regulations. Another significant change has been the move away from paying by cash over the years, which was accelerated by Covid, with card payment being the preferred method.

Kai Yi and Kam Wah were attracted to Burham because of the rural setting and warm community spirit and through their hard work and industry have become an important part of the community. With their daughter Joanna, they have served thousands of customers over the years and they remain optimistic about the future and the opportunities that it may bring.

## 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**

## THANK YOU

**I am very honoured to be re-elected as your Kent County Councillor at the election on Thursday 1 May.**

I am even more honoured that the Burham ballot box was the best result for me, with support from over 50% of residents.

Four years ago I promised the people of Burham that I would not let you down. While we have not solved every issue, and there are things still to do, I think the majority of people are generous enough to acknowledge that I have done by best.

I look forward to working with you again over the next four years.

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## THE BEST OF BURHAM

# The Pedalling Presbyterian with frisbee skills



### Whizz on a bike

You may have spotted Rev Naomi on her bike in her familiar yellow jacket

Rev Naomi Oates is a familiar figure around the village often to be seen in a bright yellow jacket as she whizzes from village to village on her bike. She covers an enormous patch that includes Burham, Eccles, parts of Maidstone and East Malling. Hextable (near Swanley) was recently added to her responsibilities!

We met at the monthly Country Lunch, organised by Eileen Smith, where Naomi helped serve hearty bowls of soup with enthusiasm and a beatific smile that helped lift the spirits of all those present. Since the closure of The Church in Burham, the grief at the loss of a physical presence is being assuaged by strengthening an outreach programme which includes a monthly Book Exchange, a Cafe Church (a joint Methodist and Anglican initiative) as well as regular gatherings at St Mary's, the old church by the river, in addition to the increasingly popular lunches which offered two options for puddings with a choice of custard or ice cream (or both) on the day I attended!

Naomi's early years were spent in Liverpool and her mother became a Methodist Minister when she was seven. The church was always an

important part of her life and at the age of seventeen she became a Local Preacher, a person who has been recognised by the Methodist Church to lead worship and preach the gospel.

Naomi graduated with an Art and English Literature degree from Aberystwyth university and as she always wanted to work with children an early ambition was to become a children's writer. However with her love of preaching, and bringing people together, it was only a question of time before she got the calling and in 2019 she was appointed to oversee the Circuit (area) that she now serves.

Outside her professional life she has two toddlers aged 2 and 4 years and she lists soft play as one of her relaxations. She is also kept on her toes by her eldest who has started asking deep philosophical questions such as 'when Jesus returns and God renews the heavens and earth, will Bob Marley be there?'

Perhaps a little known fact about Naomi is her expertise in Ultimate Frisbee, a skill she honed as a student and now puts to good use at Methodist Camp weekends for young people.





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## HORTICULTURE

# Be strong: your plants will love you for it



I don't know about you but I think the hardest thing to learn is to be diligent about thinning out those things you sow direct into the ground in rows. Lettuce, beetroot, radish, parsnip, Swiss Chard, Dwarf French beans and so on. I don't mention carrots as they didn't fare well last year for me so I am trying out a new method, fingers crossed here.

I am getting the hang of it but have to force myself to do it. In reality I think in my heart I feel sorry for the ones that are discarded, but brain into gear here and remember it's done to give the remaining seedlings the space needed to grow. Anyway it works and makes a big difference to the quality of your produce.

This is what I do. You hopefully have a nice thick row of young vigorous plants; as soon as the leaves start to touch, pull out every other one, or as near as possible. Repeat again as and when they start touching again until you reach a spacing that allows them to reach maturity without overlapping too much.

Parsnips and Swiss Chard can end up a foot apart, little gem

Lettuce about 6 inches. I find it pays dividends with beetroot that tends to swell more quickly if they have room to grow. I have seen many people leave them in clumps and thin as they use them but I don't think that works as well.

Coupled with this is the temptation to sow too many seeds in the first place, yes I hold my hands up as I have done this and still tend to do it at times. It just makes more work to thinning them out.

Remember, be strong your plants, veg or flower will love you for it

**A. Gin Gardener**

*Digging for the Burham*

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## St Mary's Old Church Summer Cream Teas & Song

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event.

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## BURHAM PRE-SCHOOL FUN RUN

### More than a run, a celebration of community

Burham's community spirit was in full stride on Sunday, 18th May, as the village hosted a lively charity fun run in support of its much-loved pre-school. With slightly overcast skies offering ideal running weather, 28 participants took on the scenic challenge — all in the name of a great cause.

A total of 26 runners completed the full 6-mile course, with two opting for the shorter 3-mile route. The field also proudly included two walkers, showing that whether you're sprinting, jogging, or taking a steady stroll, every step made a difference in support of the cause.

Helping guide the way were the energetic marshals from the Maidstone-based Bacon Butty Brigade. Sporting their proud pink T-shirts, they lined the course with encouragement and enthusiasm, ensuring participants felt supported from start to finish.

At the finish line, participants were welcomed with a delicious spread of bacon rolls and pastries, generously provided by the Burham Village Pre-school staff and committee. The post-run treats gave everyone a chance to relax, refuel, and celebrate



**The green goddesses cracking their moves**

a job well done.

All proceeds from the day went directly to the pre-school — a cornerstone of the community that plays a vital role in the early development of the village's youngest residents.

More than just a run, Sunday's event was a celebration of community pride, teamwork, and shared purpose. With plenty of smiles, full stomachs, and a few sore legs, talk is already turning to next year's event — and how to make it even bigger and better.

**- Nick Krauspe**

*The Buzz Roving Reporter*

## A big shout out to everyone that helped raise over £1k!

All the aunties and children at Burham Pre-school would like to thank our runners and supporters that took part and donated for our sponsored run.

We are truly grateful for all the support and we raised just over £1000 to help towards new toys and resources for our outside area.

We are now finalising places for the

next academic year, if you have not yet booked, please get in touch as we have limited availability left for 2025 to 2026.

We are already starting our waiting list for places from September 2026 so get your names down as soon as possible.

**Auntie Tracey at:**

[burham.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:burham.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk).

## BURHAM & WOULDHAM WI

# An amazing legacy of 110 years of togetherness



The WI in UK is celebrating its 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. What an amazing legacy of togetherness and fun! Looking back to 1915 we can see how very different things are for all of us but the core values of supporting women through widening interests, making new friends and working together as part of the community remain constant.

We have speakers throughout the year and enjoy hearing about a whole range of things from the common place to the weird and wonderful - and there is always a chance to chat over a cup of tea and a biscuit or two. But it's not just talking! To work off the calories we have walking netball and a watersports day in the calendar as well as our locally based monthly walk. At each meeting there is a

raffle and a competition to raise funds for charity supporting women-led businesses in the third world. This year's

**Girls just want to have fun:** striking a pose for the Burham Folk Photo Census

campaign is about encouraging people to learn about first aid and we will be planning activities around that as well as supporting the WI Week of River Action in September.

Apart from that there are regular coffee mornings, visits to Winchester House, whist days, outings to places of interest and we have a team at the quiz nights at The Windmill. There are events with other WIs and classes across West Kent and an online learning portal. And, if you are into knitting, we are starting work on refreshing the poppy display for Remembrance Day.

There is just so much going on and always something to join in to suit your interests. We meet on the third Tuesday evening each month at Burham Village Hall. Why not forget the weeding and chores and come along and see what we are about, get in touch or turn up at a meeting – we will be pleased to see you.

**Margaret Wood** 01622 718665 or [BurhamWouldham@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:BurhamWouldham@wkwfi.org.uk).





## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MALLING

### Cafe Church, time to think, pray and eat cake!



**Ladies that laugh**  
The Rev Naomi &  
Rev Nicky (l to r)

Time seems to go so quickly ... Easter seems already far away and we are looking towards the summer months.

Café Church has been meeting since March 2025 and we will be meeting again every month (apart from August) on the third Sunday of the month.

It is a happy time when the communities of All Saints, Burham and Wouldham and the Burham Methodist Community join together for a gentle informal service of worship and praise, accompanied by cake (there is always cake!), tea, coffee or other drinks. We open at about 3pm and the service gets going around about 3.15 to 3.30pm (depends when everybody has managed to settle down with a drink and eatables). We normally have some puzzles or brainteasers on the table,

and when the service starts, we sing, we talk together and we pray.

If you want the opportunity to sing some songs, have some time to pray or just simply be, to think about life and faith and everything around about us, we would welcome you joining us.

The dates we will be meeting are:

25 May, 15 June, 20 July, 21 September and 17 October.

All meetings will be on Sunday afternoons at 3pm.

We look forward to seeing you



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## The Church in Burham Book Exchange



We have re-started our monthly Book Exchange on the first Friday of each month in the Community Centre from 10.30am to 12noon. Do join us with any books you wish to exchange for others from our good selection while enjoying a cup of coffee or tea and a slice of cake with good company. We ask for a donation of £1 for each book exchanged and any profit goes to charity. We have recently sent £105 to Smile Train, a charity which provides surgery of children in Africa born with cleft palate and hare lip. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Friday June 6.

**Eileen Smith**, Burham Methodist Community

## CHURCH & FAITH

### All Saints Church, Wouldham Services



#### REGULAR SERVICES

##### Every Sunday

09.15am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Communion

##### Every Friday during term time

09.15am Little Lights Toddler Church

Every last Friday of the month

10.45am Coffee Morning

#### SPECIAL SERVICES

Thursday 29 May 7pm at St Mary's Church (down by river) an Ascension

Day Service and 8 June Pentecost Service 10-30 in All Saints .

#### Cream Teas

2pm to 4-30pm at All Saints Wouldham 1 June, 6 July & 3 August.

#### Cafe Church

Burham Community Centre at 3pm will be third Sundays in the month on 15 June, 20 July. No August service.

#### Lunchtime Bible Study Group

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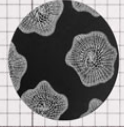
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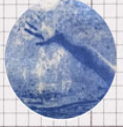


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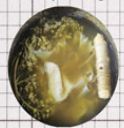
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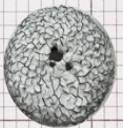
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**When:** Meet the Artists  
Friday 8th June: (6 – 8pm)  
Saturday 7th June: (11–4pm)  
Sunday 8th June (11–3pm)

### Kent countryside walks - June 2025



Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking charity.

Non-members are welcome to try up to three free 'taster' walks with us. If you're new to our walks, please contact the walk leader to check that the walk will suit you.

Ightham Mote – 26 June birdsong walk

For full details of all upcoming walks, see [Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers Facebook page](#) or [www.tonbridgeandmallingramblers.org.uk](http://www.tonbridgeandmallingramblers.org.uk)

Thursday 5 June	Fairly flat circular walk from Shipbourne Common via Point Wood, The Hoed, Cataract Cottage and Coldharbour. Return via Tinley Wood and Shipbourne Church. Moderate difficulty.	5.4 miles
Sunday 8 June	Southborough to Hayden circular walk through the woods and via Bidborough for great views. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Thursday 12 June	Trotley Trot: fairly flat circular walk along the bottom of the Downs with good views to the south. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Sunday 15 June	Circular walk from Plaxtol through Yoppas Green, with views over the Bourne valley. Return via Dunks Green. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Thursday 19 June	Circular walk from Yalding to Nettleshead Green, past Roydon Hall and St Michaels Church. Return via Pizen Well and along the River Medway. Two steady climbs; moderate difficulty.	5.8 miles
Sunday 22 June	We will be guiding London Blind Ramblers along quiet lanes and footpaths from Borough Green to Basted Mill, Dux Green, Plaxtol Spout and Dunks Green. Moderate difficulty.	7.5 miles
Thursday 26 June	Early morning walk from Ightham Mote to hear the birdsong. Walk through Scathes Wood, Fairlawne and Shipbourne. Moderate difficulty; 10 stiles.	4 miles
Sunday 29 June	Circular walk from Otford around the solar system and back! Moderate difficulty.	5 miles

Walks usually start mid-morning. There's a short half-way break (bring refreshments) and we usually finish near a pub. Most walks are dog-friendly (see website).

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# The Phoenix Medical Practice

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**Defibrillators** - 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. For details, contact Rachael Harris on 07725 289194, who will be available to deliver medicines on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**NHS111** - for 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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Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:45am to 12 noon & 2pm to 6:15pm

### Phoenix Medical Practice

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## BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

# A roundup of local news & issues from Pam



### Website

Just a reminder, the domain name for the website has been changed to "burhamparishcouncil.org.uk".

### Parish Chair & Vice Chair

Dave Young was elected as Chair and Bill Stead Vice Chair.

### War Memorial & Plaques

The War Memorial Restoration Company has examined the damaged cross on the war memorial. The new cross should be installed June/July time – details to follow.

### KCC Community Grants

Cllr Andrew Kennedy Community grants 2025/26 open for community groups. Contact Andrew for details.

### 'Welcome to Burham' signs

A new welcome sign on Village Road, Peters Village should be installed by Summer 2025.

### Allotments

Most allotments have now been allocated, with only ½ plot available and no-one on the waiting list.

### Photo Census Exhibition

There will be an exhibition of Burham folk photos in the Old School Community Centre on Friday August 1 and Saturday August 2. *Details on p4*

### Handyperson Vacancy

We are hoping to fill the position very soon.

### Village Hall Fencing

The fencing at the rear of the village hall is due to be replaced during May half term. Unfortunately, a large sycamore tree will need to be removed in the process. However, the company that we are using states "for every tree removed, we plant at least one on our land". We don't like removing trees unless absolutely necessary i.e. dead or dangerous but we had no other option so the new fencing could be installed.

### Tree Survey

Quotes are being obtained to carry out a survey as there are many trees that the Parish Council has responsibility for. Whilst most are healthy, we suspect that some may be dangerous & have to be removed.

### Call for items

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 30 June 2025 7.30 pm at the parish building

**Pam Saunders, Parish Clerk**

## Burham & Wouldham Collection for local foodbank

Collections continue in the two villages and you can donate at 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. If you require help please ring Gwen Worcester 01732 846314 for confidential advice.



## 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 catering for 0-18yrs. All classes held in the Old School Community Centre on Saturdays. Facebook, 0738 808 4862 or allstarperformers@outlook.com

#### **Bear Paws Quilters**

We meet at the Community Centre twice monthly on Wednesday evening, 7.30-10pm. We have 30 members, covering all adult age groups. Kathy White. 0742 516 5742

#### **Book Exchange**

1st Friday each month, at the Old School Community Centre, 10.30 - 12noon Eileen Smith. 01634 867022

#### **Burham Allotments**

For availability and current rates; Dave Young 07719 854538.

#### **Burham Baton Twirlers**

Burham Village Hall, every Thursday 5-7pm Lyn Robinson 0772 937 3558

#### **Burham Community Centre**

Purchased by the Parish Council and totally refurbished to include changing facilities. To hire, Thurza Browne 01634 863322.

#### **Burham Church of England Primary School**

The school draws from Burham and further afield with 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 is now closed but it continues to have a presence. Contact Eileen Smith: 01634 867022

#### **Burham Music Hall**

We currently host regular Quiz and Bingo nights as well as a Christmas Panto & we meet most Thursday evenings at Burham Village Hall. New members are welcome. Simon Hughes 0798 035 7185

#### **Burham old Church of St Mary's Summer Cream Tea - 12 July**

The Plaxtol Singers are joining us for our Summer Cream Tea in July. Check our facebook page for info [www.facebook.com/stmarysburham](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysburham)

#### **Burham Parish Council Offices**

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

#### **Burham Pre-School**

We aim to help our children become independent, confident little people and cater for 2-5 year olds. We welcome families from Burham and local villages; call to see if we are right for your little one? Burham Village Hall, morning & afternoon sessions available from Mon. to Fri. Tracey Beechey: 0771 082 9954 or burham.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk

#### **Burham Short Mat Bowls Club**

The Club 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**

A local charity that provides assistance to those living within the old parish boundaries (i.e. Burham Village and parts of Blue Bell Hill). 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

## WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

### Burham clubs, organisations & services

#### **Burham Village Hall**

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, wedding receptions & many community groups. To hire: Aileen Bergin 0784 288 3028.

#### **Burham & Wouldham Book Club**

We meet every third Wednesday of the month in The Windmill Pub at 7.30pm to discuss the book we borrow from the library. A small friendly group with a wide range of opinions. Contact Gwen Worcester 0785 440 0506.

#### **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**

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#### **Burham & Wouldham WI**

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at Burham Village Hall. Get in touch or just turn up – we will be pleased to see you. BurhamWouldham@wkwfi.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](http://www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries)

#### **Country Lunch**

Held monthly at 1pm in the Old School Community Centre, on the 3rd Thursday in the month. A simple meal of home-made soup, bread, cheese, apple crumble & tea/coffee are served for £3. 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)

#### **Messy Church**

Held at various locations locally at varying times. Tonia Plowman 0759 357 5450

#### **Sword Fencing**

At Community Centre on Thurs 7.30-9.30pm. [tony.devine01@gmail.com](mailto:tony.devine01@gmail.com)

#### **Sunday Karate**

At the Community Centre 10-12noon P Shepherd. 0775 792 5776

#### **Thursday Morning Comm. Club**

An informal get-together for all ages at the Old School Community Centre between 10.30-12noon on Thursday mornings. Admission fee is £2 includes all refreshments and a free raffle. Hi Kent Hearing Clinic attends once a month and there are outside speakers sometimes. 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 Call: 01634 624957

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

### Burham businesses and services

#### **The Butchers Block**

Traditional dog friendly country pub with classic fare. 01634 786626  
[www.thebutchersblockpub.co.uk](http://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](http://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](http://www.windmillburham.com)



#### **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 .

To check availability and maintenance or for more information ring or visit:

Tel: 01622 691151  
<https://hikent.org.uk>

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## **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

[burhamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://burhamparishcouncil.org.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

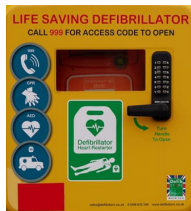
## **Burham Old School Community Centre.**

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**

To access the defibrillator call 999 for the code and instructions

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