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A free quarterly Community Magazine for the parish of Burham



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FLIPBOOK BUZZ COMING SOON!

FLIPBOOKS mimic the experience of turning the physical pages in a book. This provides a visual effect of flipping through pages, creating a more engaging experience than a static digital pdf version. This feature will be going live soon so watch this space!

PHOTO PROJECT EXTENDED

By popular demand we are extending the Photo Census project which has proved a great success. If you haven't had your photo taken and would like to be included call Pam Saunders (see cover pages for contact details)

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PHOTO CENSUS PROVES BIG HIT

The exhibition, what happens next



The Burham Folk Photo Census project culminated with an exhibition. The reaction to the project has been overwhelmingly positive from people who visited the exhibition and those who took part.

Archive for posterity

All the portraits will be stored as a digital archive for future generations to look back on in the years to come.

How to view the portraits

The photo census will be available on the Burham Parish Council website as a pdf, FLIPBOOK or you can order a print copy for £2.

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Exhibition print photos

Many of you have already bought the print versions of the exhibition photos. They are being sold for £2 each to cover the printing.

Were you missed?

Many people that visited the exhibition regretted not having their photo taken. We are therefore extending the

project for a short period to allow more of you to participate.

If you would like to have your photo taken or if you would like to buy your exhibition photo, please give Pam a call (see cover contact details)



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I was delighted recently to attend the **Burham Folk** photography exhibition at the Old School Community Centre, organised by Burham Parish Councillor, Sarjit Sangha.

I was pleased to support this project with a grant of £500 from my KCC Community Fund.

I have also been informed recently that research has uncovered further names missing from the Burham War Memorial .

I have signed-off a further grant to Burham Parish Council of £500 towards the cost of engraving these names on new plaques.

Since my election I have donated almost £5,300 to voluntary groups and organisations in Burham.

If you run a community group and would like a grant to support a specific project, please do not hesitate to contact me at:

andrew.kennedy@kent.gov.uk

2025 CAROL CONCERT

Hundreds of people work tirelessly to make our communities better places to live, work and grow.

Each year I host a free-to-attend Carol Concert to thank our military veterans and local community heroes for their work.

This years concert will be held on Wednesday 15 December at Ditton Community Centre, where we will be entertained by the West Malling Community Choir and the Brompton Military Wives Choir.

If you know someone in Burham who should be invited to attend, please nominate them by visiting:

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If I can help, please get in touch:
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THE BEST OF BURHAM

The Frost family's fifty-five years of service



Frost's Service Station and the Frost family have been part and parcel of the village since the mid-sixties.

Nel and Bill Frost Snr with their son Bill bought the garage in 1965 after it had been closed for many years and started with a repair garage and motor accessory shop selling National Benzol Fuel.

They expanded the business by extending the workshop, employing mechanics, bought a recovery vehicle and started doing MOTs.

The family was originally from Peckham where they had an established garage business but were forced to relocate when the site their premises occupied was acquired for redevelopment.

Moving to a small rural village was quite a culture shock, certainly for the younger Bill who was used to the hustle and bustle of a London suburb!

The business continued to expand with a canopy being added to the forecourt and the number of pumps

increased from four to seven. Attended service was replaced by self-service allowing petrol to be dispensed without getting soaked! A car wash was also added which proved very popular.

In 1971, the younger Bill and Pam were married at St Mary's Church when it was located at the top of Church Street. Pam became an active member of the business helping Nel in the shop which was extended to sell groceries to support the village people.

Both Bill Snr and Bill served as Parish Councillors, younger Bill for around 30 years supporting the the local community in different ways from garaging and servicing the Community Bus and sponsoring a carnival float to playing Father Christmas for the pre-school children. Sadly, Bill Snr died in 1989 when Nel retired leaving Bill and Pam running the business.

As Bill & Pam's family grew up they joined the business helping in the workshop and shop. The shop was extended into a larger convenience store and an off-licence added which was run by the family and local staff employed to help out with the extended opening hours.

When Covid hit the country and people had to stay isolated at home, Frost's ran a call & collect service for groceries and offered a home food delivery service for those unable to get out.

By 2020, Pam & Bill had turned seventy and the family agreed it was time to sell the business after 55 years of service to the public.

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heritage open days

St Mary's Church, Burham

- its history and architecture

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at the Church, Old Church Lane, Burham, ME1 3XY
Sunday, 21 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.

See also: All Saints Church, Wouldham - history & architecture
Saturday 20 September 2pm, at All Saints

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Luddesdown vineyards, 21 September w

For full details of all our walks, see Tonbridge and Malling Ramblers Facebook page or www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk

Thursday 4 September	Penshurst Loop winding through the tranquil valleys of the Medway and Eden rivers, via the village of Penshurst and classic Kentish scenery. Gentle terrain; one stile; moderate difficulty.	5 miles
Sunday 7 September	Markbeech meander - an undulating walk through woods and fields with views across the Weald. About six stiles; moderate difficulty.	4.5 miles
Thursday 11 September	Circular walk from West Peckham to Plaxtol across farmland, ancient walkways, orchards and woods. Good tracks and quiet lanes. No stiles. One steep, gradual incline; moderate difficulty.	5.2 miles
Sunday 14 September	Climb the side of Darent Valley from Otford for wonderful views across the Weald. Return along the riverside. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Thursday 18 September	Hosts of Oasts around Hunton - a leisurely flat walk with hill views. A few stiles. Features include orchards, rivers, lakes, pond, oast houses and a waterwheel. A lovely Kent countryside walk.	5 miles or 3.5 miles
Sunday 21 September	Circular walk from Camer Park through the Silverhand Estate conservation area to Luddesdown Church. Return via fields and woodland. Some steep ascents and descents; moderate difficulty.	6.2 miles
Sunday 28 September	Circular walk over the hills from Westerham to Chartwell with good views of the North Downs on the return. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles

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DIGGING FOR BURHAM - HOMEMADE COMPOST

Peat or peat free, searching for the black gold?



People often complain about the quality and how expensive shop-bought compost has been getting over the years. Many also ask if peat or peat free is better? Well, with the environmental laws banning digging the peat moss marshes, peat compost is no longer viable.

We therefore have to find other solutions and making our own to use in the best way possible for each production stage of growing, from seed to seedling and also when in the ground. Here are my tips on getting started and with the right ingredients, patience and a little hard work you will get the black gold you are looking for:-

Select a compost bin: Choose a suitable container for the available area, plastic bins and tumblers are easy to use and manage. They help to contain odours and retain moisture. Wooden bins provide good airflow but may require more maintenance. A pile or heap is simplest and most cost-effective option but may attract pests and take longer to decompose.

Gather your compostable materials: Collect a mixture of "Green" and "Brown" materials for your compost pile.

Green Materials : High in nitrogen such as kitchen scraps - fruit and vegetable peels, coffee grounds, eggshells - grass clippings and fresh garden trimmings.

Brown Materials : High in carbon, such as dry leaves, straw, shredded paper, cardboard (minus any Sellotape or staples) and any woody plant trimmings. Avoid adding meat, dairy and pet waste to your compost pile as they can attract pests and create odours.

Layering & mixing materials: Start your compost pile by layering green and brown materials in alternating layers. Aim for a 50/50 balance of roughly green and brown matter by volume. Chop and shred large materials to speedup decomposition and improve airflow. Regularly turn or mix the compost to aerate and ensure even decomposition (I turn mine fortnightly).

Add water and adjust moisture : Keep your compost pile moist but not waterlogged like a wrung-out sponge. Water occasionally, especially during the dry weather to maintain proper moisture levels. Cover the pile with a lid or tarp to prevent excessive moisture during rainy periods.

Monitor temperature and decomposition : Composting is a Microbial process that generates heat as organic matter breaks down. Use a compost thermometer to monitor the internal temperature of the pile, aiming for a range of 120-160°F (49-71°C) for optimal decomposition.

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THE METHODIST COMMUNITY IN BURHAM

Church closure sparks expansion



On 1 September, it will be a year since we held our final Service of Thanksgiving at the Church in Burham,

having agreed with heavy hearts that the building would need to be sold. However, since then, our activities in the village of Burham have not just continued – but expanded! We have been delighted by the support of the local community, and our deepening partnership with our good friends from All Saints in Wouldham. We have greatly enjoyed the challenge of being church *in* the community and *for* the community. We would love to see you at some of our regular activities and events, which include:

- ❖ Café Church (in partnership with the Parish of Burham & Wouldham) – third Sunday of the month at 3pm at the Old School Community Centre.
- ❖ Country Lunch – for October Lunch is on the 11th.

Normally it is the third Thursday of the month at 12.45pm at the Old School Community Centre. A delicious two-course meal for only £3!

- ❖ Book Exchange – please note that this is deferred until 2026

Keep an eye out for details of the annual Act of Remembrance, and our much-loved village Christingle.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you'd like to find out more.

Every blessing,

Rev Naomi

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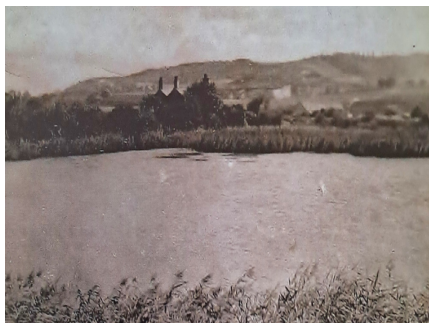
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Local History

Burham at War



This account is based upon the memoirs of a former native and long time resident of Burham, Ron Baker.

Ron was born at his family home, Reservoir House in 1940. The property, which was situated in the area now occupied by the Water Treatment Works, had been the residence of the Burham Brick and Cement Works' chief mechanical engineer, James Fredrick Ware.

The Ware family are believed to have lived at Reservoir House for about forty years since 1890. Ron's parents rented the property after the Ware's departure in 1939.

During 1944 the house became directly affected by the second World War. Ron remembers clearly the noise and smell of burning as incendiary bombs came through the roof and into the hallway below.

His father was away serving in the military; his mother and paternal grandmother were resident at the property, with Ron, his elder brother, and the youngest of his two sisters. The ladies gathered up important items to take with them.

His mother particularly wanted to take the radio - one powered by an accumulator - as they had no mains

electricity. She was lucky not to be injured as the radio blew up, presumably because of the heat, before she got to it.

After a short time, Ron's maternal grandfather, who was the night watchman at the Works, came to lead them to safety. Ron remembers being led through the burning undergrowth, with the noise of enemy aircraft overhead, to nearby Rose Villa.

This house had been the residence of previous Works' managers, but was now occupied by two other local families. Ron does not remember how long they spent here but he, his mother, his brother and sister were evacuated to Newport, South Wales.

His Grandmother went to live with other relatives at Aylesford. Ron, his mother, and siblings did not remain in Wales for very long; they also moved in with his relatives at Aylesford until Reservoir House was repaired.

On reflection, Ron believes the reason they were bombed is because the area was on the direct flight route for all the bombing raids on London, plus Burham had an anti-aircraft gun-site within half an hour of where he lived.

Michael Boozer
Burham Historian

Reservoir House stood nearby the reservoir created to supply water for the brick and cement works. It was fed by the river - it is not to be confused with the modern reservoir.



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 an eye 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.

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The Windmill Burham

MIX AND MATCH ACTIVITIES

All things sloe gin & chocolate



So here we are already, days shortening, picking blackberries and sloes and making back to school shopping lists. But it's also a time to relish new interests, meet new people and catch up with friends. Here at the WI we have an interesting programme of events and talks at our main meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 7.30 pm in Burham Village Hall.

We are having a social evening on 16 September when we will be sharpening our (board) gaming skills with some gentle competition. In October, we have Catherine Hook coming to talk to us about All Things Sloe Gin and Chocolate (with samples, I hope) and in November a yoga based stress buster session with Jeni Campbell. Each meeting will also cover some wider WI business: maybe a discussion about the latest campaign and what we can do to support it locally. This year it's Bystanders can be Lifesavers. Or we'll be planning an event or choosing our speaker topics for next year. But we have lots of other things going on too.....

We've started monthly Craft and Conversation afternoons in the Old School Community Centre where we welcome anyone who wants to come along, have a cuppa, work on their own craft project or help us make poppies for the Remembrance display later in the year. It's a great way to pick up new techniques and ideas. Upcoming dates are 1

September, 13 October and 3 November from 2pm. We have a team at the Windmill monthly quiz: sometimes we even win! We have regular whist mornings, local walks and during the winter months often meet for a coffee morning or an outing to somewhere of interest.

And we are planning another of our renowned Quiz Nights for October. Look out for our posts and posters.

The wider WI offers opportunities this autumn for craft days, watercolour lessons, whist challenges and a whole array of on-line courses on business as well as craft themes.

There is just so much going on and always a mix and match of things to join in to suit your interests. Why not put aside the ironing, WhatsApp and the weeding and come along and see what we are about, get in touch or turn up at a meeting – we would be pleased to see you.

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Peat or peat free, searching for the black gold?

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Turn or mix your compost pile when the internal temperature starts to drop, typically every 1-2 weeks.

Patience and time : Homemade compost is a natural process that takes time, depending on factors such as temperature, moisture, and the mix of materials; it can take several months to a year for compost to fully mature. Be patient and allow the composting process to work its magic. Periodically check the pile and make adjustments as needed.

Harvest and use your compost :

Once your compost is dark, crumbly and earthy smelling, it's ready to use in your garden. Screen or sift the finished compost to remove any large chunks or un-decomposed

materials. Incorporate the compost into garden beds, containers or planting holes to enrich the soil and promote healthy plant growth.

During the layering process you can use horse manure as part of your green matter, just remember that for doing your seedlings it may be too rich, but you can be balanced by mixing it with good topsoil and vermiculite.

I personally use a three bin wood built compost system on the allotment which makes it easy for turning and keeping the air circulating within the compost pile. At home I have a Dalek type compost bin which I just leave to do its work and always have enough compost to use in my flower beds etc within my garden.

by A. Gin Gardener



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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.

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Robert Niechoj, Practice Manager

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH, BURHAM & WOULDHAM

A new Anna Chaplain commissioned by Bishop



What a beautiful summer we are having. Perhaps a little hot for some people – including me – but it's good to see the sunshine again.

Life continues well at All Saints Church. In July, we celebrated as a member of our community was commissioned as an Anna Chaplain. Anna Chaplains are particularly concerned with the spiritual care of older people and people with conditions such as Dementia. Our diocese of Rochester is committed to this particular ministry of care and love. Our new Anna Chaplain is Marie Rayner (*pictured with the Bishop below*) and she was commissioned by the Bishop of Rochester at a service last month. Marie regularly visits at Winchester House, the residential home in our parish, and she assists with home visits and taking communion to people who are not able to visit the church because of illness or other



concerns. She is joined in this ministry with other members of our Pastoral Care Team. If you feel you or somebody you know would like a visit from Marie or from another member of our Pastoral Care team, then please do get in touch and we will be happy to arrange to visit you.

The Café Church service which we celebrate with the Methodist Community continues to go well. We meet at the Burham Old School Community Centre on the third Sunday of the month at 3pm. This is a very informal service and everybody is welcome.

On 5 October, we will be celebrating Harvest at All Saints. Everybody is welcome as we gather to give thanks for the harvest and for all the work of our farmers and other horticulturalists.

In November, there will be a Confirmation Service for the group of churches, of which All Saints is part. If this is something you would like to explore, please contact me and I would be really happy to talk to you. You can either ring me or email me. My working days are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday and Sunday and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

I hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer, with plenty of time to enjoy the beauty of the season. Wishing you all God's blessings

Rev Nicky Rawlins

Priest in Charge 07763 846587

Email : revnickyrawlins@outlook.com

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

Weds, Thurs, Fridays

09.15am Morning Prayer .

All welcome. Please join us.

Other Events/services

September 20th 2pm Heritage Open Day .Talk on History and Architecture of All Saints by Philip Badman.

Any changes can be found on church website or Facebook Pages

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BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A roundup of local news & issues from Pam



Welcome back after the summer, although we have still been busy!!

Photographic Exhibition:

This took place in the Old School Community Centre on Friday 1 August and Saturday 2 August 11am – 4 pm and was well attended with over 100 people viewing the photos over the two days. Many people have already paid and collected their display photographs. If you were snapped and not able to collect your photo and would like to purchase it at a cost of £2, please contact me. The booklet that was produced to support the exhibition, with all the photos and comments, also sold very well. Feedback from the exhibition was very good or good.

If you are a resident, especially if you have lived here a long time, and were not included in the census we would like to hear from you. If you would like to have your photo taken, please give me a call and we will endeavour to arrange to have you snapped.

Many thanks to our photographer and his team of volunteers working behind the scenes to deliver this very worthwhile project.

The War Memorial Restoration

Company have now replaced the cross on the war memorial, like for like, which was the preference of the War Memorial Trust who part funded the project. Obviously, the cross is very new but will age and weather over time. The grant funding of £3310 has been applied for, with photos of the new cross submitted.

Many positive comments have been received by the parish council regarding this.

The original cross (over 100 years old) has been retained albeit in pieces. It has been suggested that perhaps the pieces could be utilised in a rockery within the gardens. This is something that is being explored. A local resident has also advised that they would be prepared to cover the costs of any further plants.

Finally, the installation of the two new plaques on the free-standing wall at the war memorial has taken place after several delays. The plaques name the “missing” men that were found after the deadline of having them added at the 100-year celebrations in 2021. C/Cllr Andrew Kennedy supported this project with a £500 donation from his members grant. Many thanks to him for his support.

Trees Matter

During the summer we had some work carried out to some trees and one removed completely due to Ash die back. Whilst we do not like having to chop trees down, this was unavoidable. The company we used “Tree Surgeons of Kent” plant two trees for very one that they chop down and their motto is ‘TreesMatter’

Kent Police

PC Georgia Marshall has now left the Police and PC Cole Brown is her replacement. He is aware of the concerns regarding speeding on new Court Rd and he plans to conduct

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speed checks along the road. Any drivers found exceeding the limit will be issued traffic offence reports. The aim is to maintain a high visibility presence to deter speeding and reinforce road safety. He also advised that, at present, incident numbers remain relatively low for Burham (and Wouldham), and his intention is to keep it that way.

Highway matters

The data surveys at Scarborough Terrace were installed on 12 July for one week. The data has been requested but KCC Highways are slow at the moment in responding to any requests. "Welcome to Burham" sign Village Road, Peters Village. No further update from KCC Highways, although they have previously advised that this should be installed by the end of the summer. (See above)).



NHS Hearing Aid Maintenance Clinics

Hi Kent normally hold an aftercare clinic for NHS hearing aids on the second Thursday of the month at the Old School Community Centre, Bell Lane, Burham. 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>

Old School Community Centre

Emily is our new booking clerk. Contact her on 07834 395027.

Playground inspection

Our annual playground area inspections have been carried out and all items were either low or very low risk, which is great.

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 29 September 2025 7.30 pm at the parish building.

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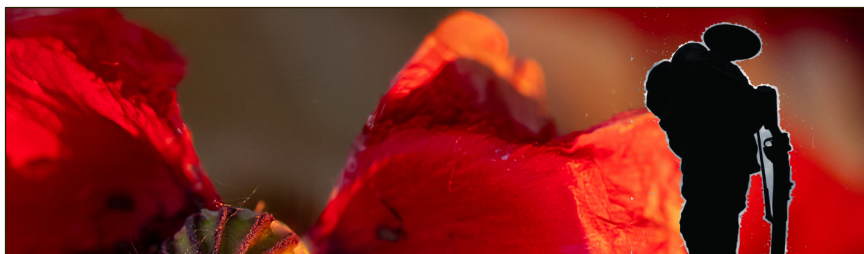
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REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025

Support Burham's Stand with the Armed Forces

Last year, Burham raised an amazing £1,500 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal prior to Remembrance Day. We need your help to do it again. Give a few hours of your time this November to become a Poppy collector. Join our small Burham Team and help us honour those who served our country. If you or someone you know are interested in volunteering, please contact Dave Davis on 01634 869650 for more information. (Deadline is mid-October)

BURHAM & WOULDHAM

Local Foodbank Collections

Collections continue in the two villages and you can donate at The Windmill Pub, 4 Church Street, Burham; The Co-op in Peters Village; 111 High Street, Wouldham, 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.

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Burham businesses and services

The Butchers Block

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

Frosts 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

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Burham clubs, organisations & services

All Saints Church

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 Old School Community Centre

Owned and refurbished by the Parish Council includes changing facilities. To hire, Emily 07834 395027

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 Singalong & Cream Tea in September. (see page 7). Any updates on: 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

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Burham Village Hall

A large 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

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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

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 0755 790 6249 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

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



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
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Burham Parish Council

Burham Parish Council Allotments

To enquire about availability of plots and current rates, please contact:
Dave Young 07719 854538

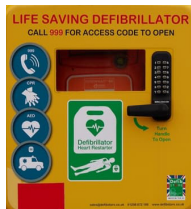
Burham Village Hall, Rochester Road, ME1 3RJ

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, 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. Booking Clerk: To hire, Emily 07834 395027



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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