

# The Burham Buzz

Summer 2026

A free quarterly Community Magazine for the parish of Burham



## **Burham viewed from the river**

St Mary's Old Church in the foreground and the village nestling in the folds of the valley with the verdant North Downs beyond.

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***Please email or give Pam a call at the Burham Parish Council offices listed below.***

## Useful Contacts

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### **Burham Community Centre**

Emily 07834 395027

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### **TMBC Bin Collection Days**

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### 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.

### The Windmill Sunday Roast

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.

### HOURS

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**The Windmill Burham**

## DEFIBRILLATOR EMERGENCY CALL-OUT

# Air Ambulance in Burham



**O**n the evening of Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026, a Burham gentleman was walking along Rochester Road towards the Chinese Takeaway, when he suffered a cardiac arrest and collapsed on the pavement.

Several Burham residents rushed to his assistance and with great skill and determination kept the gentleman alive until the ambulances arrived. The Parish Defibrillator was deployed, and the Air Ambulance attended the incident and landed in the Recreation Ground.

The gentleman was made comfortable by the ambulance staff and taken to a local hospital. He has made a good recovery and has been home for a few weeks and is feeling much better. He is very grateful to everyone that helped to save his life.

**- Dave Young**

**DEFIBRILLATORS SAVE LIVES - *Would you know what to do in an emergency such as this? See inside of the back cover for details***

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## CHURCH OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN

# I Know it's rude to ask, but how old are you?



St Mary's Church

The square Norman Font

### **I'm cream crackered, why are you so far from the main village?**

The original Burham settlement would have been near a crossing of the River Medway but the centre shifted to the main valley road on higher ground in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century.

### **Have you ever seen ferries at the bottom of your garden?**

Yes. In medieval times they plied across the great horseshoe river bend here carrying numerous pilgrims on the the prehistoric track now known as (spoiler alert) Pilgrim's Way.

### **Where were they going?**

To the shrine of Thomas Becket in Canterbury.

### **Do you have any close relations?**

I have a 'sister' church at Snodland across the river and there are close cousins at Wouldham and Halling. They all show that cross-river traffic made them wealthy and provide credence to the belief that they sheltered travellers waiting for tides.

### **I know it's rude to ask, but how old are you?**

Well my body dates from the 11<sup>th</sup> century. Early in the 13<sup>th</sup> century when I was about 100, aisles were added to the north and south sides which made me larger, but for reasons unknown they were demolished around 200 years later.

### **Have you had any work done over the years, a nip here, a tuck there?**

My three stage tower probably dates from 1450 and originally contained three bells. The porch was added in the 15<sup>th</sup> century.

### **Ah the bells, the bells!**

There were two 18<sup>th</sup> century bells that now hang elsewhere in Kent and sadly the earliest bell, dated early 14<sup>th</sup> century, was stolen in 1982.

### **Tell me what you are made from**

My building materials include flint, ragstone, chalk, tufa (a sure sign of a Norman church) and firestone. There are instances of reused Roman brick and the roof tiles are handmade.

### **What about 1066 and all that**

Well I have two fonts near my front door that date from the Norman conquest era. The square one has always been here and is typical of the period with its four round-headed arches on each side.

### **Wow, 900 not out, how can I help?**

The Friends of St Mary's, Burham are always looking for new members and also organise fund-raising events to help pay for repairs.

### **Where can I find out more?**

The Friends of St Mary's website and facebook pages:

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

[www.facebook.com/stmarysburham](https://www.facebook.com/stmarysburham)

**Acknowledgments:** John E Vigar (Historian & Development Manager for The Churches Conservation Trust) & Friends of St Mary's, Burham

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♡ **21 JUNE**

♡ **19 JULY**

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## LOCAL SITE HAS NATIONAL IMPORTANCE

# Culand Chalk Pits Make Burham Special



*Burham Brick, Lime and Cement Works - at its peak almost 1000 men and boys were employed by the works (1885 watercolour)*



**P**rior to 1800 Burham was a tiny agricultural hamlet in farmland; northeast was Little Culand Farm. From 1815 to 1895 Little Culand Farm was turned into the Culand Chalk Pits, also known as the Blue Bell Hill Chalk Pits or Burham Quarries, which were excavated by hand and thereafter by steam shovel up until 1939. At its peak the Pits and Cement Works employed almost a thousand men and boys.

Burham exists as a village because of the Culand Chalk Pits. The map shows that Burham had grown in the mid 1800's.

Victorian gentlemen would come down by carriage from London and buy fossils from the quarrymen in the Windmill and other Burham pubs. Many of their collections are now kept safely and securely at the Natural History Museum, because among them are seven species unique to science, the only ones in the World. They are 100 million years old and it is reasonable to expect there are more unique discoveries waiting to be made; if any new species are found, they can be

named after "Burham".

As a result the Culand Chalk Pits are a Regionally Important Geological Site (RIGS) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) for the fossils they contain, because they are of international importance and significant in our understanding of 'Life on Earth'.

As a young boy, Sir David Attenborough was an avid nature collector, and amateur fossil hunter first and foremost. It all began when while out walking he came across an ammonite embedded in Jurassic-era rocks. Fascinated by his find and determined to uncover its true identity, he brought the specimen to the Leicester Museum & Art Gallery. Experts there identified the creature as a cephalopod—a distant prehistoric relative of the modern-day nautilus, octopus, and squid that swam the ancient oceans millions of years ago.

There are ammonites in Burham, at the Culand Chalk Pits. Have a look at <https://culandpits.org/> to learn more. Burham is special.

**- George Cook**

The **Methodist Church**

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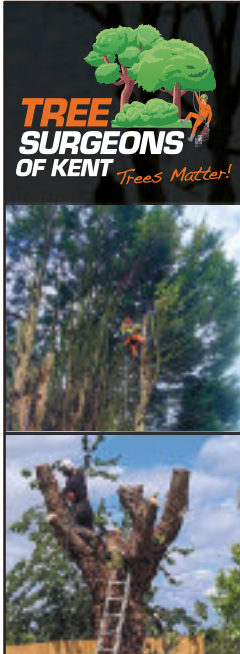
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# What do Christians do...?



The Christian year is a bit strange; the first six months are fraught with festivals and busyness and the second with apparently very little going on at all. From Advent (normally the end of November or the first couple of days in December) we move into Christmas, then Epiphany (at the beginning of January), on into Lent, Easter, Ascension, and finally Pentecost and Trinity, all of which covers about six months. After that, we are into what we call Ordinary Time when whilst we might have such happenings as Harvest and All Saints, actually there are no high festivals at all. For the clergy, the first six months of the year can feel like a rollercoaster ride as we move with speed from one festival to another, all whilst trying to keep up with the day-to-day life of the parish.

So what does a Vicar do during the weeks and months after Trinity Sunday?

Well, in my case, try to catch up with the paperwork ... one of the things that never seems to go away! For another, continue with the ordinary life of the parish – that means continuing with regular prayer, leading services, visiting schools, attending governors' meetings,

managing the churchyards as well as the church, undertaking baptisms, weddings and funerals, continuing with encouraging the church congregation in their Christian lives – which can be anything to leading Bible studies, praying with people, visiting and taking communion to people unable to get to church and just generally being around as much as possible given that I work part-time.

At the May Café Church in Burham Old School Community Centre, the Rev Naomi Oates encouraged us to think about our Monday to Saturday Christian lives and I felt that this was a particularly appropriate moment to do this because being a Christian isn't just about visiting church; it's about how we live our day to day Christian lives for the rest of the time. It's about looking to Christ as the model of how we are as a community and it's about accepting and sharing the joy of Christ in all that we do. Christmas and Easter are the high points and the exciting times in the Christian year, but in many ways the most important are actually the humdrum weeks after Trinity as we try to put into action all that we have experienced.

What do Christians do in the ordinary months of the year? Try to be Christian and if you would like to think about that or talk about it, why not join us at one of our regular services. You would be very welcome. And if you want to talk to me, please feel free to contact me.

Wishing you all a happy and enjoyable Ordinary Time.

**- Rev Nicky Rawlins**

Priest in Charge, All Saints Church.  
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PRESENTS:

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## A Current campaign

# Bystanders can be life savers



**H**ello! Before I tell you about what we've got lined up over the summer, I want to publicly thank all those who helped us put on our April *Bystanders can be Lifesavers* event.

We were grateful for Andrew Kennedy's backing for our grant application to KCC and to Mark Jones at Peters Village Co-op for a donation as well as the ongoing support from the Old School Community Centre committee. Thank you as well to all those people, including the Parish Councils, who put up posters and spread the word. Of course, we could not have held it all without the lovely St John's volunteers who shared their expertise and weekend so willingly. And, of course, thank you to all who came along – we hope you've gained confidence in CPR skills– while hoping you don't need them too often!!

As usual, the WI has a lot coming up. We will be continuing our Craft and Conversation afternoons in the Community Centre on the first Monday of the month from 2pm-4pm throughout the summer. The sessions are open to anyone who

wants to pop in, have a cuppa and a chat, show off crafting skill and learn new things.

Most of our meetings are open to any woman who wants to come along as a visitor, either to see what we are about or listen to our speaker (although we do reserve our birthday and Christmas meetings to pre-invited guests). On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in Burham Village Hall, Chris O'Donoghue is coming to talk about Great Dixter. If you want to pick up hints for your flower borders, this is a talk for you. Let us know if you plan to come and we'll look out for you and give you a front row seat.

We continue our regular walks on the last Wednesday morning of the month when anyone is welcome to join us and you'll find us at the monthly quiz at the Windmill in Burham. We're planning an outing towards the end of June and although we do not have a regular meeting in August will make sure we get together over the summer. Meanwhile West Kent Federation is offering watersports in June in Maidstone and a July day of talks and demonstrations in Sevenoaks.

The WI offers company, friendship and a warm welcome; to find out more contact

- **Margaret Wood**

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





### NHS Hearing Aid Maintenance Clinics

Hi Kent normally hold an aftercare clinic for NHS hearing aids on the second Thursday of the month, 10.30am -12 noon 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 =

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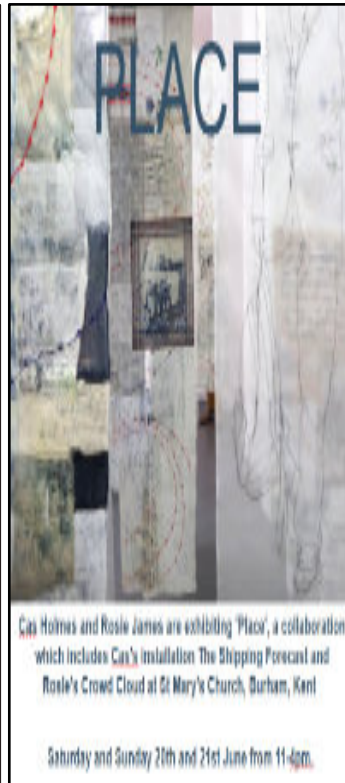
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Cao Holmes and Rosie James are exhibiting 'Place', a collaboration which includes Cao's installation The Shipping Forecast and Rosie's Crowd Cloud at St Mary's Church, Burham, Kent

Saturday and Sunday 20th and 21st June from 11-4pm.

# The Phoenix Medical Practice

## **The Anima Appointment & Enquiry System**

The Anima Triage Service system is active for making appointments and medical queries.

Routine repeat prescription and long term condition review appointments are managed as before.

Appointments for nursing and healthcare assistant services need to be made by phone initially but will be reviewed in due course.

Please visit our website to register and create an Anima account if you have not already done so.

## **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 code and instructions.

## **Prescription Collection**

These can be 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. Rachael Harris is available to deliver medicines on Tuesdays and Thursdays; 07725 289194 for details.

## **NHS111**

for urgent medical help ring 111 or online visit [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk)

**Robert Niechoj**, Practice Manager

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## June 2026 walks – explore with us



Join our vibrant and welcoming group, proudly part of the national Ramblers walking charity.

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*Leaving St Giles Churchyard,  
Shipbourne – 28 June walk*

For full details of all our future walks, see Tonbridge & Malling Ramblers on Facebook or [www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk](http://www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk).

Sunday 7 June	Oldbury Hill - Step Back in Time for a walk up to the ridge above Stone Street, around to the medieval fish ponds, then around the circumference of the ramparts of the Iron Age hill fort. The south half of the hill fort is owned by the National Trust. We have permission from the private land owner to walk around the northern half. Moderate difficulty; no stiles.	4.5 miles
Thursday 11 June	Birling Church to Holly Hill View Point - climb up past Birling Place to the North Downs Way and on through Holly Hill Woods. Return via Birling Place Farm. Some steep slopes and one set of steep downwards steps. No stiles; moderate difficulty.	5.3 miles
Sunday 14 June	Otford and the Darent Valley with the London Blind Ramblers. See <a href="http://www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org">www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org</a> for information on this special walk and how you can help guide our guests from the London Blind Ramblers.	6.5 miles
Sunday 21 June	Westerham Wander - circular walk over the hills from to Chartwell with good views of the North Downs on the return. Nibble break overlooking Chartwell House. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Sunday 28 June	Shipbourne to Underriver with far-reaching views through farmland, woodland, Twelve Acre Plantation and the Fairhill Estate. After a break at Underriver, return to Shipbourne past Budd's Green and Cold Blows Wood. Moderate difficulty; up to 19 stiles.	6 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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## BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

# A roundup of local news & issues from Pam

**C**llr Young was elected Chair at the May meeting, with Cllr Stead as Vice-chair.

### GRANT APPLICATION

We have submitted to C/Cllr Kennedy a member's grant application for £500 towards the new CCTV, together with the £1000 from the Police Property Fund as reported last month.

### COURT MEADOW & Aylesford FC

We still await a formal written proposal from Trenport regarding the purchase of Court Meadow. They have indicated that other small pieces of land along New Court Rd may also be available to purchase, but until we have a plan and written proposal nothing can be confirmed.

Aylesford football club plan regarding the Old School Community Centre changing rooms: whilst they feel that the site has great potential, they are currently awaiting the outcome of a planning application for new changing rooms which they would need to know before they could commit to any funding to bring our pitch and changing rooms up to a good specification. Hopefully,

Aylesford Football Club should know more information in June.

### CCTV UPGRADE

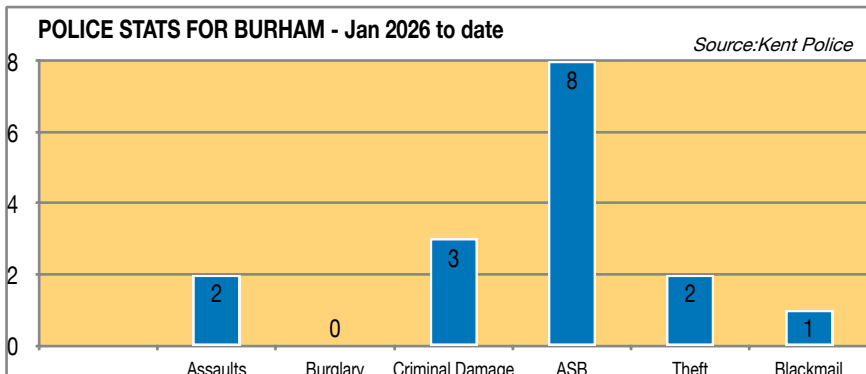
The chosen contractor for the new CCTV in Bell Lane and Church Street car parks (StarTech Communications) has been contacted and advised that, pending grant funding being secured, the contract has been awarded to them.

### COOK FOUNDATION

At the request of the Cook Foundation, the Parish Council has agreed to nominate Culand Quarries as an asset of Community Value via TMBC. The area is a nature reserve, in an AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty), SSSI (Site of Special Scientific Interest) and RIGS (Regionally Important Geological Site) and is a critical part of Burham history.

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 [clerk@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@burhampc.co.uk) or join in at the next scheduled meeting, which is due 22 June 2026 7.30 pm at the parish building

- Pam Saunders – Clerk



## **SUPPORTING BURHAM'S LOCAL COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS**

One of my priorities is to support individuals and groups who do good work for the local community.

**In the past few weeks I have signed-off a grant of £250 for the Burham and Wouldham WI for them to deliver free of charge life-saving courses for local residents. This is part of their national "Bystanders can be Lifesavers" campaign.**

**And this week I visited the Burham Thursday Club and presented them with a cheque for £300 to cover the cost of the Christmas and Easter parties for local senior citizens.**

This brings to a total of £7,550 of donations and grants to the Burham community since you first elected me in 2021.

If you run a community group and would like a grant to support a specific project please email me at [andrew.kennedy@kent.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.kennedy@kent.gov.uk) for an application form.

## **DEMOCRACY DIES AT COUNTY HALL**

Residents may know that the current leadership at KCC have voted through £140,000 of funding to employ political advisers at your expense.

I voted against this and even proposed an amendment at last week's Budget Meeting to defund spending on political advisers and instead transfer the money to local Community Grants. This would have given each councillor a further £1,750 to support local voluntary groups and charities.

Despite my amendment being signed-off as valid by KCCs Legal Officers (a requirement before anything can be discussed) the Reform-UK Chairman of KCC refused to allow a debate. This is the first time this has happened.

You may not have voted for me, and you may not agree with everything I stand for, but I hope you can agree that to block a debate on a perfectly valid amendment is not only undemocratic but also a worrying development.

I am grateful to my Conservative colleagues but also to Labour, Green, LibDem and Independent councillors who supported me, to no avail.

If you agree with my position and would like to sign the petition against spending your money on political advisers, please scan the QR code below.



As always, if you need my help or advice on any KCC issues please do not hesitate to get in touch. My email address is: [andrew.kennedy@kent.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.kennedy@kent.gov.uk)

## COMMUNITY CONTACTS

# Burham Parish Council and Civic Services

### **BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**Burham Parish Council Offices**  
Rochester Road, Burham ME1 3RJ  
Pam Saunders, Parish Clerk  
Office hours 10am-2pm, Mon-Fri.

### **Burham Parish Council Village Hall**

A spacious modern hall located centrally with a large car park. 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 hire: Aileen Bergin 0784 288 3028

### **Burham Parish Council Old School Community Centre**

Facilities include a large and a smaller hall used for local clubs and charity events at affordable rates. Hire Costs: £10 per hour week days and £12 per hour at weekends. To book: Emily 07834 395027.

### **Burham Parish Council Allotments**

For availability and current rates; Dave Young 07719 854538.

## **CHURCHES & SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **All Saints Church**

Burham & Wouldham Parish Church. High Street, Wouldham. Contact: Gwen Worcester 01732 846314

### **Burham Methodist Church**

The church is now closed but it continues to have a presence. Contact Eileen Smith: 01634 867022

### **Burham Old Church of St Mary's**

The church by the river. Visit our Facebook page for events updates [www.facebook.com/stmarysburham](http://www.facebook.com/stmarysburham)

### **Burham & Wouldham Foodbank**

Donations can be made 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. For help please ring 01732 846314 for confidential advice.

### **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

## **SCHOOLS**

### **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

## **SURGERIES**

### **Phoenix Medical Practice**

33 Bell Lane, ME1 3SX 01634/867982  
[www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk](http://www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk)

## **OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICES**

### **KCC Mobile Library Service**

The mobile library is in Burham on alternate Tuesdays 2.25-3.25pm in the Village Hall car park (red route). [www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries](http://www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries)

### **Winchester House Care Home**

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

## WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

# Burham clubs and societies

### 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 Baton Twirlers

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



### 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 Pre-School

We help our children become independent, confident little people and cater for 2-5 year olds and welcome families from Burham and local villages. 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 & 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 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

### Country Lunch

Held monthly at 1pm in the Old School Community Centre, on the 3rd Thursday in the month.

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## WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

# Burham clubs and societies

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### 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](http://www.forceselfdefence.com)

### Messy Church

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

### Celebrating Lives

## A BURHAM MAID - JOYCE HILLS



Joyce B Hills sadly passed away on Sunday 26 April at the ripe old age of 99 years. Joyce remarried Vernon Hills of Street Farm in 1960 having lost her first husband, Robert Evenden, due to ill health in 1953. Many will have known Joyce as the lady who ran the riding school at Street farm Burham for many years, she will be missed but not forgotten.

**- Roger Evenden**

*If you wish to nominate someone, please email your suggestions to [clerk@burhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@burhampc.co.uk). We will do our best to include your submissions but cannot guarantee inclusion due to space and editorial constraints.*

### 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 Community 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



## ALL SAINTS CHURCH

### Service patterns for June to September



#### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Sundays

8-30 am Holy Communion

10-30am All Age Service

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays

10-30am Parish Communion

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays

10-30am Parish Communion

##### 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

10-30am Parish Communion

##### 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays

10-30am Café Style Service with

Holy Communion

#### BURHAM OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTRE

##### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month at 3pm.

Café Church - A Joint service with the Methodist Church

##### 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month at 11am

Holy Communion.

#### ALL SAINTS CHURCH

##### Little Lights Toddler Group

Fridays during term time

9-30am to 11am.

##### Church community coffee morning

last Friday of month.

10-45am -12 midday.

Everyone welcome

Please see website for any other information.

## 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)

#### Frosts Service Station & Store

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

#### Good Cod Mobile Fish & Chips

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

#### Happy House Chinese Takeaway

Chinese takeaway. Collection/delivery available. 01634 668326 or see our Facebook page.

#### 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 with sought after Sunday Roasts. 01634 394882  
Visit [www.windmillburham.com](http://www.windmillburham.com) or our Facebook page

**ARE YOU PREPARED?**

# **DEFIBRILLATORS SAVE LIVES**



## **Defibrillators - 24 hour Access**

There are currently two defibrillators in Burham with 24 hour access. To use the defibrillator call 999 for a code and instructions. Defibrillators are located outside:

**The Parish Council Office &  
Frosts Service Station & Store**

A third defibrillator available during surgery hours is located at:

**The Phoenix Medical Practice**





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