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Autumn 2026

A free quarterly Community Magazine for the parish of Burham



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View towards the river across the fields at the bottom of Bell Lane. Soaring temperatures regularly in excess of 35°C resulted in a long dry summer with wilting fauna and flora.

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The Buzz

We have another bumper issue for you this month with topics that range from keeping your allotments irrigated to the cretaceous period that formed the Burham landscape!

A big thank you to all our contributors who take the time and trouble to submit such interesting articles.

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Origins of Burham's modern landscape



With Culand Pits having been successfully nominated as an asset of Community Value, I will focus on the geology of Burham, and how the chalk from which the pits are formed was created.

The modern landscape of Burham (and the surrounding area) has its origins in the Cretaceous Period, which lasted from approximately 144 to 65 million years ago. During the first half of this Period Kent would have been part of a huge river system, with its landscape dominated by rivers and swamps. At this stage sediment in the form of the Greensand and Gault Clay was being deposited in West Kent. Although Burham has no obvious exposures of sand, the Gault Clay is evident near the banks of the River Medway (particularly in the area known locally as the 'Clay Hole'), with a few small deposits adjacent to the exposures of chalk at Little Culand and to the west of Court Road.

For the remainder of the Cretaceous, the area would have been permanently under water, as virtually all of Britain and much of Europe was subjected to rising sea levels. Burham became a marine environment; the Chalk is the most obvious sign that the environment had changed. Chalk is a type of

limestone - a sedimentary rock composed of the calcium-rich skeletons of microscopic algal organisms. As these organisms died, their remains would have accumulated on the sea floor. Subjected to increasing pressure as more 'skeletons' built up, slight changes in their chemistry ensured that over time they would lithify - i.e. turn into rock.

Over time sea levels fell and Burham was finally 'above water'. Glacial conditions were dominant around 2 million years ago. Eventually the ice sheets which covered most of the Northern Hemisphere melted - leaving behind the remains of creatures such as the woolly mammoth discovered at Wouldham in 1906.

In spite of these dramatic changes to the environment and climate, the Chalk and Gault Clay survived, forming the backbone of the village's economy from the mid 1800's with the advent of the modern cement and brick manufacturing industries.

- Michael Boozer

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Smart watering strategies for the drought



This Year has been harsh for growing, the long heatwave and lack of rainwater has caused many crops to fail or not do very well.

Dealing with the heatwave on the allotment or in the Garden requires shifting from daily light sprinkles to deep, targeted watering, applying heavy organic mulch to lock in soil moisture, prioritising thirsty fruiting crops over decorative or resilient plants.

Smart Watering Strategies:-

Water Deep and Less Often: Soak the base of the plants thoroughly a few times a week rather than giving them a quick splash daily. Deep watering forces roots down into cooler damp soil.

Time It Right: Water Strictly in the early morning or late evening to minimise loss from midday evaporation and prevent leaf scorch.

Target The Roots: Pour water directly onto the soil or use inverted bottles and Makeshift funnels next to heavy drinkers like courgettes and tomatoes.

Soil And Crop Protection

Apply Thick Mulch: Cover open soil with a generous Layer of compost, well-rotted manure, straw or even cardboard to block Direct sun and slow down evaporation.

Prioritise Key Crops: Focus your limited water supply on plants that

are actively flowering fruiting or forming roots such as tomatoes and squashes.

Temporary Shading

Use shading fleece, old bed sheets or garden parasols, to shade delicate leafy greens, Brassicas, seedlings and greenhouse glass from scorching mid-afternoon rays.

Hold off on applying feeds and fertilisers to already stressed plants as it forces growth they cannot sustain without ample water.

Harvest early and often so plants stop expanding precious energy on seed production.

Tap, Rain or Grey Water

Rainwater is always best for both your plant and soil so to much saved rainwater is never enough even without a heatwave. Tap water is ok at a pinch, but has chlorine in it and is not good for most plants or the soil; if you have to use tap water let it sit overnight in your watering cans so the chlorine dissipates. Grey water (bath water, washing up water etc) is ok for your flower beds but not on your edibles.

I am going to be trying out new things over the next year or so, both on my allotment and garden and will try to keep you all informed on my progress through the Buzz.

- A Gin Gardener



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Waiting for Eamonn Andrews...



JAS BRADLEY

'It's the people I miss most'

I'm going to be on *This Is Your Life* tonight' was how Jas Bradley was greeted on her first morning in Burham thirty-five years ago. A well known, colourful and somewhat eccentric local man called her over and explained that he was awaiting the arrival of Eamonn Andrews to film the eponymous show in his house. A little perturbed she made her excuses and quickly moved on only to be confronted - as she turned the corner - by a second gent proudly parading his shetland pony with rein-hand held high as if he was in a dressage arena!

Jas was born and grew up in High Halstow and most of her working life was spent in Rochester starting as an office junior at a Dutch wharfrage company, then a GPO telephonist before taking up an office job with the Unite union.

Newly married, she moved to Burham with her husband, Wally Bradley, in 1991 and quickly became known as the 'lady with the white dog with a small head' by the dog-walking

fraternity which identify one another by the canine owned rather than by name. She joined a group of ramblers and every Saturday and Sunday they would walk the hind legs off their dogs as they traipsed from Borstal to Peters Village.

Jas was actively involved in village life and helped run a village hall youth club, joined the management team of the Old School Community Trust and served on the Burham United Charities board. In her free time she made soups for the monthly Country Lunches, was an allotment holder and recalls with affection the New Year Dances at the village hall. Her husband was also active in the community and served as a Parish Councillor for many years. Sadly for Burham she moved to Scotland in 2024 to be closer to her relatives but she still returns to visit friends in the village.

On her last visit in August she said *'it's the people I miss most, they are not in your face but always there when you need them.'*

SIGN-UP FOR MY QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

Did you know that almost 4,000 local residents have signed-up for my quarterly newsletter.

This is not party political, but it contains news of what I have been doing in the community and how decisions made at County Hall will affect you.

If you don't already receive it you can sign-up by visiting

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My annual **Veterans' and Community Heroes' Carol Concert** will take place at Ditton Community Centre on Wednesday 16th December from 7pm.

Music and carols will be provided by the West Malling Community Choir and the Chatham & Brompton Military Wives' Choir.

If you would like to attend, or know someone who should be invited, please email me at

andrew.kennedy@kent.gov.uk

NEWS FROM CLLR ANDREW KENNEDY

NEW UNITARY COUNCILS

I imagine most residents are now aware that on 6 May 2027 there will be elections for the new West Kent Unitary Council.

The new council will run alongside T&MBC and KCC for the first year as the management of local services is passed from KCC/TMBC to West Kent. On 1 April 2028 KCC and TMBC will be abolished, and the new council will take over.

There are a number of opportunities for residents but also many risks. For example, the new council will cover TMBC and also Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone, so it will be even more remote. Also areas such as TMBC which are debt free will take on a share of the debt of the other councils amalgamating with us, so that will result in higher costs, as well as the costs of reorganisation.

Against this there are opportunities for savings: fewer senior managers and directors (I hope!) and economies of scale.

These changes were not decided locally, they were forced upon us by central government, but we must make the best of them.

To explain just what we can expect, I have invited TMBC leader, CLlr Matt Boughton, to run through the changes and answer your questions. This will take place online via Zoom on Tuesday 13 October at 7pm.

All Burham residents are welcome to attend.

Please scan the QR code to register.



Solar panels coming to Old School Centre



VILLAGE HALL ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION HALVED

In 2021 Burham Parish Council and Burham Village Hall Management Committee decided it was time to replace the tiles and roofing felt on Burham Village Hall after many years of leaking roof problems. The cost was approximately £80,000, but we were helped via a grant of £40,000 from FCC Communities Foundation. The Management Committee also decided that as we were having a roof retiled, it would be a good opportunity to have solar panels integrated into the roof, thus giving a better appearance, preventing bird problems and reducing the cost of tiles. The agreed scheme for 31 solar panels cost £14,000, but the Management Committee were able to obtain a £6,000 grant from The European Union Low Carbon Across the South & East fund.

In the summer of 2022, the village hall roof was retiled, and the 31 solar panels installed. Since that time the electricity consumption at the village hall has halved, saving £1,000 per

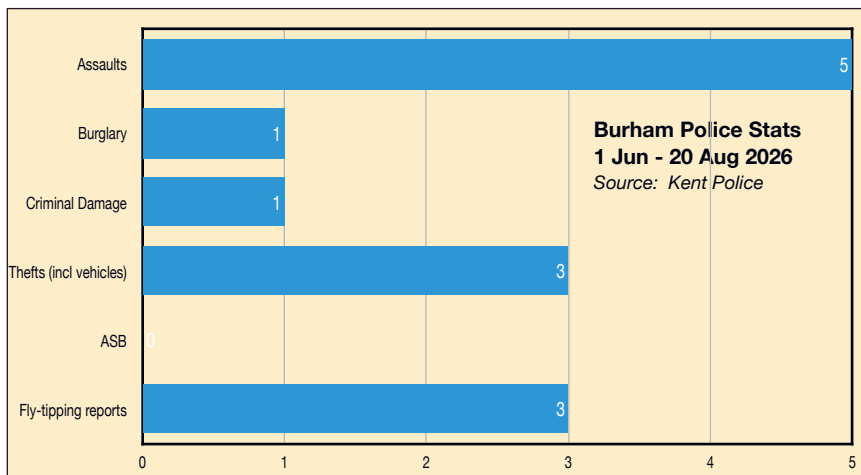
year. In addition, the village hall exports electricity to the grid, raising another £1,000 per year. Thus, the solar panel scheme saves the village hall running costs £2,000 per year, which after 4 years has paid back the initial outlay of £8,000. From now on the savings will benefit the village hall accounts, thus enabling the Management Committee to keep village hall hiring rates reasonable for the community.

SUCCESSFUL SCHEME BEING APPLIED TO OLD SCHOOL

With the good experience at the village hall, the Old School Community Centre Management Committee decided to see if a solar panel scheme would be beneficial at the Old School. It was agreed that solar panels should not be conspicuous and only placed on south facing roofs. Using the KCC & Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council Solar Together Scheme, a solar panel and battery project was designed,

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Burham Police Statistics - June to August



SECOND PHASE FOR PARISH BUILDINGS

Solar panels coming to Old School Centre



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 received planning permission, and the committee obtained 3 quotations. The committee also applied for grant support from Veolia Environmental but were unsuccessful. We then applied for a grant from FCC Communities Foundation and were awarded a £10,000 grant towards the £12,000 scheme.

The Solar Panel and battery scheme at Burham Old School Community Centre was installed and

commissioned on 20th July 2026 and is now saving electricity costs at the Community Centre. It was decided to incorporate a battery with this scheme as the usage of the Community Centre is different to the village hall, as most hirings are in the evening, whereas at the village hall it is mainly day-time hirings. Both schemes will save energy costs and cut carbon emissions, thus helping the environment.

- Dave Young

Old School Community Centre



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.

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.

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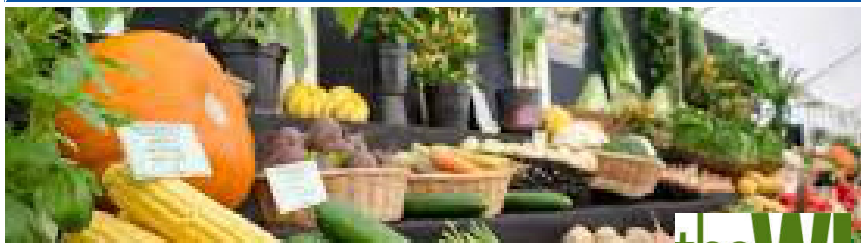
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INSPIRING WOMEN

I left school a very long time ago, but September always brings that feeling of a new start, posh new pencil case and shiny new shoes.

The WI takes a month off from its monthly meetings in August, so it is with that same sense of renewed vigour that we return in September: this year with a Produce Show. So, on Tuesday 15th September we will be showing off – with a bit of gentle competition – what we have grown, gathered, and made over the past few months. Ladies, do come along and join in the fun and see what hidden skills there are amongst our members and help us judge the entries!

For those with a particular interest in craft or social history, our October meeting features Jean Surrey talking about 'Great Grandma's Needlework Box and Contents' which promises to bring interest and nostalgia in equal measure and then in November our speaker will be talking about 'Shoes- the Highs and Lows'. If these topics sounds intriguing to you, do come along and join us for the evening. There will be time for tea and chat, a raffle, a competition and some WI updates as well, but most of all an opportunity to meet new people and forget about the

ironing, shopping lists or whatever for a couple of hours!

But we are also busy doing other things and hold Craft and Conversation afternoons on the first Monday of the month from 2-4pm at the Old School Community Centre. As a relative newcomer, I love the thread of community. Some of our members went to school in that building and talk about learning to knit and eat school dinners there. These sessions are open to anyone who fancies bringing along their crafting project to chat, have a cuppa and a biscuit. During our autumn sessions we will be looking out our poppy display and making it ready for the Burham village November commemorations. If you would like to lend a hand, do pop in.

There are quiz teams, whist mornings, walks and outings too.

The WI offers company, friendship and a warm welcome. To find out more contact me. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Burham Village Hall.

- Margaret Wood

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Last post for Doreen Northover



As many of you may know, Doreen Northover sadly passed away on the 7 July.

She ran Burham Post Office from 1983 until her retirement and was a much loved pillar of strength within the community.

Following her funeral on 13 August, over £500 has been raised for The Kent Air Ambulance & The Heart of Kent Hospice in her memory.

Malcolm & Claire would like to thank all of you for your messages of condolences and kind donations to these worthy causes.

- Claire Northover

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PHEW what a scorcher!



It has been a long, hot summer. Some people have loved the heat, others have really struggled but I think most of us are probably grateful when we see some rain – I know I just stared out of the window one afternoon, just delighting in the sound and smell of it after so long.

If you are wondering why the Vicar is so preoccupied with the weather, it is because we are approaching Creation season in the church.

Creationtide is a bit of newbie in the church calendar, and we are still trying to think about what this really means to us in our faith lives, but basically it is about taking the time to appreciate our environment and everything in it. We concentrate on thanking God for the beauty of the earth, its richness, the way it provides food and so much else.

We are being given the opportunity to ask ourselves what is it that God is calling us to do and how do we live in this world that we have been given.

As a suburban priest called to serve in a rural environment, I find myself constantly surprised at the beauty and sometimes the wildness of this parish. I watch the miner bees in the banks next to the path leading to the church, trip over the rabbit holes in

Burham churchyard, find myself watching the birds in the hedgerows. Driving between the villages, sometimes I just stop and watch in wonder as a Red Kite wheels and turns in the sky above.

And the Red Kite makes me stop and think. It was not so long ago that these birds were confined to small areas, mainly in Wales. To see one, and sometimes a pair lazily turning and wheeling in the sky above Burham leaves me feeling utterly amazed and stunned. And it gives me hope because the Red Kite is thriving as a result of human determination to reintroduce these birds.

We can change things and the season of creation gives us a good chance to think about this, ponder, pray, lift up to God both our wonder at his beautiful creation and our concerns about what is happening to it. And through that, we become empowered to act, to do what we can – however small that may be.

And we will finish Creation season with our Harvest Celebration on the 4th October. It is our All-Age service and everybody is welcome as we give thanks to God for the food on our plates and the harvest in the fields about us.

God bless

- Rev Nicky Rawlins

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Sunday 6 September	A leisurely walk from Tudeley Hale across fields to Hartlake Bridge where we join the River Medway tow path to Tonbridge, passing Porter's Lock and Eldridge's Lock. Return along quiet lanes and orchards.	6 miles
Thursday 10 September	Coldrum Trail from Trosley Country Park - circular walk along the North Downs Way and across the Pilgrims Way, passing Coldrum Long Barrow. One steep climb; set of steep down steps; moderate difficulty.	6.2 miles
Sunday 13 September	Ide Hill Circular Walk across Goathurst Common and through Dibden Woods. Wonderful views of Bough Beech and the surrounding countryside. Moderate difficulty; no stiles; one long upward path.	5.5 miles
Thursday 17 September	Circular walk from Kemsing up onto the North Downs with great views south across the Weald. Tackle a rewarding ridge climb before tucking away into shaded woods with early autumn colours. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Sunday 20 September	Plaxtol Circular - steady climb up to Yopps Green for panoramic views across the Bourne Valley. The route then winds through quiet country lanes, rolling fields and the hamlet of Dunks Green. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Thursday 24 September	Flat walk from Cliffe Pools nature reserve through the marshes and beside the Thames, taking in former quarries, farmland, fields and some road walking. Moderate difficulty; 8 stiles. No dogs please.	6 miles
Sunday 27 September	Circular walk from West Peckham towards Roughway, passing Old Soar Manor and Hurst Wood. Return via Peckham Hurst. Mix of bridleways, footpaths, orchards, woods and quiet lanes. Moderate difficulty.	5.4 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).		

For full details of all our future walks, see *Tonbridge & Malling Ramblers* on Facebook or www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk.

Burham Pre-School Christmas Fair

Saturday 21 November 2026

Burham Pre-School will be holding our Annual Christmas Fair on Saturday 21 November, with the event taking place in the afternoon. Exact times will be confirmed shortly. We are looking for local stallholders and small businesses who would like to join us and showcase their products. We would love to hear from anyone selling Christmas gifts, handmade products, crafts, festive treats or other interesting items that would make a great addition to our Christmas Fair. If you would be interested in having a stall, please get in touch for further information and details. Come along, support your local pre-school and shop local this Christmas!

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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@wkfw.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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Burham clubs and societies

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A simple meal of home-made soup, bread, cheese, apple crumble & tea/coffee all 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 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



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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 weekdays 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

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

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.

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

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

Winchester House Care Home

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

THE NHS

The Phoenix Medical Practice

The Anima system

The Anima Triage Service system is active for appointments and queries. 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 church offers a collection/delivery service. Contact Rachael Harris on 07725 289194 for details - she is available to deliver medicines on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

NHS111

for urgent medical help ring 111 or online visit 111.nhs.uk

Surgery opening times

Monday & Thursday:

8:30am to 5:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:

8:30am to 6:00pm

Dispensary opening times

Monday & Thursday:

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

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:

8:45am to 12 noon & 2pm to 6:15pm

Phoenix Medical Practice

01634 867982 or

www.phoenixsurgery-burham.nhs.uk

COMMERCIAL DIRECTORY

Burham businesses & services

The Butchers Block

Traditional dog-friendly country pub with classic fare. 01634 786626

www.thebutchersblockpub.co.uk

Frosts Service Station & Store

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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

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 or our Facebook page

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