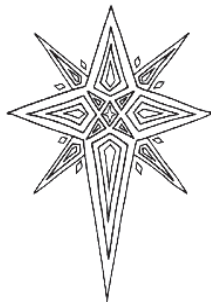


The Parish of
December 2011
&
January 2012
Burham & Wouldham



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All Saints' Church, Wouldham

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THE PARISH OF BURHAM & WOULDHAM

All Saints Church, Wouldham

The Rev' Jennie Bradshaw has retired at the end of November.

Please make contact with the appropriate person below:

Unfortunately at present the Church must be kept locked but arrangements for access can readily be made by contacting one of the Church Wardens:

<i>Church Wardens</i>	<i>Mrs Gwen Worcester.</i>	<i>Tel. 01634 672060</i>
	<i>Mrs Marie Rayner.</i>	<i>Tel. 01634 681873</i>
<i>Baptisms</i>	<i>Mrs Gwen Worcester.</i>	<i>Tel. 01634 672060</i>
<i>Weddings</i>	<i>Mrs Catherine Gore.</i>	<i>Tel. 01634 404742</i>
<i>Funerals (also Internment of Ashes & Permission for Churchyard Memorials)</i>	<i>Mr John Lloyd.</i>	<i>Tel. 01634 863345</i>
<i>Prayer requests</i>	<i>Mr Rod Murr.</i>	<i>Tel: 01634 868075</i>
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<i>Church Secretary</i>	<i>Mrs Nicky Grimes.</i>	<i>Tel. 01634 864319</i>
<i>Parish Magazine Editor</i>	<i>Mrs Mary Davis.</i>	<i>Tel. 01634 869650</i>

ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER

We have a vacancy for an organist and/or a choirmaster at All Saint's Church, Wouldham on 3 Sundays a month.

The small choir rehearses weekly on Thursday evening.

This is a voluntary position.

If you are interested, contact Heather Lloyd: 01634 863345



*A CALLIGRAPHER is needed at
All Saint's Church for writing entries in
our Bereavement Book*

Contact Gwen Worcester, Church Warden: 01634 672060

Dear Friends



Jennie asks: *Why is a dog a man's best friend?.....*

Perhaps one answer is that you can pour your heart out to a dog without fear that he'll interrupt, be unimpressed, tell you what or what not to do, or make you feel embarrassed of the things you've said. No, he'll simply accept all that's on your heart as being how the world seems to you at this moment and offer the warmth of his fur as consolation of cheer. What a relief to have such a good listening friend!

From child to worker through to pensioner, we all need to speak, to tell the story of our day or days, to say out loud the problem we face, to confide a thing we're uncomfortable about, or to trumpet the triumph we've just gained. Sometimes, curiously, by being 'listened to' we are able to hear ourselves more clearly and find that good way forward. Yes, we all need at times, to speak the things that are on our hearts, and when we are heard, really heard, we feel to be a person who's loved, cherished and of worth. But who cares deeply enough to give such space, such time to listen? Only the faithful dog?

To really listen to another person, accepting their words, their tone, even their pauses without any comment excepting the occasional 'umm', nod or smile, is the greatest gift we can offer to our fellow human being, whoever they are. It is a precious gift that we could lovingly add to the list of presents we intend for our nearest and dearest this Christmas. And it is a costly gift, for to offer such accepting and uninterrupted listening takes generous chunks of our time and the sustained concentration of our minds and hearts. It is too, a gift that can only be given at the right moment, at that particular moment right for the other person, when they need to speak. It can mean stopping what we are doing, just to listen, because we care.

I still remember some words I saw on a plaque in a kitchen years ago. Perhaps I remember them because they rung so true. They said: *'True hospitality is a little warmth, a little food, and lots of quiet.'* (in which to be listened to, of course.) Is not that the type of hospitality our loving, listening God offers to us in this our earthly home? If so, might it not also be a good type of hospitality with which to celebrate the gift of His Son, given to us at Christmastide?

With best wishes for a joy-filled and peace-filled Christmastide,

Yours Jennie

You will find all our December, Christmas and January Services for both villages on the centre pages together with our special greetings!

PARISH NEWS

Baptisms

14th January
Ricky Morrell



Halls for Hire

(Please do not telephone after 8.0pm)

Burham Methodist Church Hall –
01634 864139

**Burham Old School Community
Centre –** 01634 863322

Burham Village Hall –
01634 867669

Wouldham Village Hall –
Tel: 01732 870862

Burham Scout Hut (for youth) -
01634 863322

Prescriptions

If you are unable to collect your prescriptions and live in the Parish of Burham & Wouldham, the Church offers a collection service. Contact: Heather Lloyd—
01634 863345. *Volunteers collecting these prescriptions need a minimum of 24 hours notice*

Choir Practice

Practices are held on Thursday evenings: 7.30pm—9pm.
All Saints Church, Wouldham
New junior and senior members are made most welcome.

On behalf of the homeless and destitute in the Medway towns, thank you to everyone who generously donated food at harvest.

THANK YOU

Doreen Northover thanks all those who have generously donated gift-filled shoeboxes and all those who have helped. At least 125 people will now have some Christmas cheer from the gift boxes that have been sent to E. Europe.

POST OFFICES OPENING HOURS



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Mon, Tues, Thurs, Frid: 09.00—17.30

Weds: 09.00 –13.00. Sat: 9.00—12.00

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This service is provided for disposal of general household waste only. Commercial or trade waste will not be accepted as part of this service.

The following items cannot be collected by the Saturday Service:

Electrical items - including fridges & freezers; cookers, washing machines, etc; TVs, computers or monitors. (These can be collected by the Bulky Waste Service)

Builders' waste, concrete and similar waste

Vehicle parts - including tyres, engines or batteries.

Oil, paint or other chemicals

Asbestos

Plasterboard

Soil, rubble or bricks

Glazed windows or toughened glass

Water tanks, boilers, iron/steel baths

Large items (such as bed bases and wardrobes) should be broken down in advance as these may damage the freighter's moving parts if placed into the vehicle in one piece.

Please do not leave any waste at the site as this will not be collected and will be treated as fly-tipping.

Enforcement actions may follow.

If you wish to discuss this service or check before visiting the Saturday Service what items can be taken, please contact the Waste Services Team: 01732 876147 or at: waste.services@tmbc.gov.uk,

Saturday Waste Collection

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www.tmbc.gov.uk

**Wouldham - 3rd December
14th January**

Village Car Park, Knowle Rd,
8.0am – 9.0am.

**Burham – 10th December
14th January**

Village Hall Car Park,
8.0am – 9.0am

**Eccles – 3rd & 17th December
14th & 21st January**

Bull Lane lay-by, 8.0am – 9.0am

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If deaf or speech impaired text 'Police' and your message to **60066**.

For more information on **101** visit www.kent.police.uk/101



Children who are members of our Singing and Dancing Club performed songs and dances from 'Oliver' to the rest of the school plus their siblings, parents, grandparents and other family members during Family Time on Thursday 10th November. Following their brilliant performance I had the pleasure of accompanying them to the Community Centre where they also performed to members of the Thursday Morning Community Club.

I should like to thank Miss Moore and Mrs Sheppard who run our Singing and Dancing Club and say a special "well done" to all the children who took part.

Michelle Grima, Headteacher

DECEMBER & JANUARY MEETINGS

Tuesday 6th December & 3rd January	7.30pm	Wouldham Parish Council Meeting	Wouldham Village Hall
Monday 9th January	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	All Saints Church Wouldham
Tuesday 20th December,	7.30pm	WI Meeting Christmas Party Mrs John Pierce– Quiz	Burham Village Hall
Thursdays: December 1, 8, 15 January 12, 19, 26	10.30 - 12 noon	Thursday Community Club & Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic here on 15th December & 19th January	Old School Community Centre, Burham
Monday, 12th December & 30th January	7.30pm	Burham Parish Council Meeting	Burham Old School

ROAD WORKS & ROAD CLOSURES

KCC Highway Services inform us that they are expecting to do flood relief work on the Alex Hill section of Rochester Road/ Pilgrims Way between Bull Lane and Court Road starting on 23 January. There will be traffic light controls with delays on this section as a result. It is estimated that the work will take about 2 weeks

There will be major road works in Aylesford on the junction of the High Street and Forstal Road starting on the 31 January and lasting for 8 weeks. During that time there will be no exit from Eccles via Bull Lane and Aylesford High Street. The route from Eccles to Aylesford will be via Bull Lane, Pilgrims Way, Rochester Road to Aylesford, Forstal Road and then out onto the normal road system .



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Monday & Wednesday Lunch Club (11.45 – 12.20pm)

Afternoon session (12.20pm – 2.50pm) Come along and visit any morning and see if we are right for you. Supervisor - Tracey Beechey 01634 685239.

Pre-school - 07946 793781 E:Mail: Burham.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk

Jelly Beans Pre-School, Wouldham Village Hall.

Our Ofsted inspection found Jellybeans provision to be 'good'

Sessions run Monday to Friday 9.15am – 11.45am, and Tuesday, Wednesday and

Thursday afternoons, 12.25pm – 2.55pm. For all children aged from 2yr.

We also now run a lunch club, Tuesdays to Thursdays, 11.45am – 12.25pm,

Feel free to visit at any time, no appointment necessary.

For any further information, please contact Mrs Donna Cook, Supervisor, on 07581

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Sarah Beautridge -
Tel: 01634 686472

Monday—am. Stay & Play

9.30 - 11.30am - For children between 0 – 5 years.

Free with no booking required.

Tuesday—am Music Mayhem

9.45am - 10.45am - For children between 0 - 5 years.

No booking required. Held at Burham Children's Centre. £1 per child.

Baby Time—starting 22nd November then every 2nd and 4th week, 1.30-3.00pm. An informal group for new parents of babies up to 12 months. We have a soft play area with sensory play and a chance to weigh your baby

Wednesday—am Creative Play

9.45am - 11.15am - For children between 0 - 5 years

Free group with no booking required. Held at St Marks C of E Primary School. Creative play including sticking, painting, etc. You may wish to bring a change of clothes! Aprons will be provided. (Term time only).

Thursday—am

Baby and Toddler Group every Thursday 9:40am-11.00am.

Wouldham C of E Primary School. (Free group—Term Time Only)

Childminding Support Group, Burham

9.15-11.15am. A chance for local childminders to come and meet. Also parents can come to this group on the last Thursday of the month if they are looking for a childminder.

Thursday—pm Twins Club

12.30 - 2.30 For parents with twins and multiple births. Held at Burham Children's Centre.

**Our Christmas Party is on Mon 5th Dec at Burham Community Hall
11.30-1.30. Booking Essential!!**

We have new courses starting in the new year for Baby Signing, Baby Massage, Little Stirrers, Paediatric First Aid and DIY.

*Jacqui, Vicki & Sarah wish you a Happy Christmas & Best Wishes For
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Wouldham, Ravensknowle - 2.45- 3.00pm
Burham, Village Hall - 3.05– 4.05pm

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Book Club
Wednesday
14th December



Christmas Lunch

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Rebecca: 01634 864614

WOULDHAM PERRINS CHARITY

Applications are now invited for Christmas distributions from
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If you meet the following conditions you may apply:

1. Have lived in Wouldham for 10 years or more
2. Are 60 years of age or older
3. Are known to be of good character
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Forms can be obtained from the Wouldham Stores, Mrs Marie Rayner at 8 Trafalgar Close, Wouldham or Mrs Janet Parris at Arkadia Accountants, Burham.



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Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

Community is a wonderful thing and can seem like a quality being eroded in the present world. People being together and getting along even though there may not be total agreement is so important. Recognition of others and not putting oneself above others is also an expression of community.

History teaches us a lot about community and so far this year our children have studied World War II and the local area – past present and future. We have also signed up to ‘Love Where You Live’ and last month had a litter pick up on Wouldham Common with something similar planned for the rec in conjunction with Burham School on theirs. Through these sorts of studies and activities we hope to instil a sense of community with the children which may not always be readily modelled by the grown ups! Do you set a good example of community for our children?

Our schools are perfectly placed to be models of community as we bring together all backgrounds under a common purpose. We have all sorts of abilities and needs together and need to reinforce the importance of helping and supporting one another as well as celebrating success at all levels.

Christmas is another chance for the community to come together and celebrate the gift of peace given to us. Why not join in with some of the celebrations taking place, especially the carol singing on 14th December? A chance for Wouldham to be together in song!

On behalf of everyone at Wouldham All Saints School may you have a very warm and love filled Christmas followed by a very happy and prosperous 2012.

Dates for your diary

6 th December	Infants Christmas show 1:30 & 6pm
8 th December	Show ‘n’ Share – 3:15 to 4pm
9 th December	Father Christmas in town! Books and Biscuits (Otter & Badger – 3:15)
13 th December	Juniors Christmas show 1:15 & 6:30pm
14 th December	Christmas Party Carol Singing at 6:30pm
15 th December	Shining Stars worship Whole school to ‘Peter Pan’ in Chatham
16 th December	Carol Service at All Saints Church 9:15am Last day of Term 2

5th January 2012 Thursday! First day of Term 3.

Visit www.wouldham.kent.sch.uk or call 861434 for more information.

Flowers in memory of a loved one at Christmas

At All Saints' Church, Wouldham it is customary to remember family and friends who have sadly departed, with flowers at Christmas time. This Christmas, with your help, we would like to fill our church with flowers in memory of our loved ones.

All names will be recorded in a book of remembrance which will be on display in the church over Christmas. Hopefully the church will be open during daylight hours giving families and friends the opportunity to see the flowers and to have a time of reflection and quietness during this busy period.

If you would like to remember your loved ones in this way please use the form below and send to *Catherine Gore, Ringshill Farm, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent. ME1 3TP* or leave in the Shop in Wouldham or in Frosts Service Station, Burham in an envelope. Please make cheques payable to Catherine Gore or enclose cash.

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The Friends of St Mary's Church, Burham



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CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY CANDELIGHT

**Saturday
December 3rd
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DECEMBER & CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Church of England Services

All Saint's Church, Wouldham



Sunday, 4th December, Advent 2

10.30am, Family Service
Church Worship Team

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 11th December, Advent 3

10.30am, Holy Communion,
Canon Derek Carpenter

All Saints, Wouldham

Friday, 16th December

6.00pm, Carol Service

Winchester House N.H

Sunday, 18th December, Advent 4

10.30am Messy Church
Church Worship Team & Kim Alliston

Burham Old School

6.00pm Service of Nine lessons & Carols
Barry Fisher

All Saints, Wouldham

Saturday 24th December. Christmas Eve

4.30pm Christingle Service
Martin Begbie

All Saints, Wouldham

11.30pm Midnight Mass
Canon Derek Carpenter

All Saints, Wouldham



JANUARY
Church of England Services
All Saint's Church, Wouldham



Sunday, 1st January

10.30am, Family Service
Church Worship Team

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 8th January, Epiphany 1

10.30am, Holy Communion for Epiphany
Canon Derek Carpenter

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 15th January, Epiphany 2

10.30am Messy Church
Church Worship Team & Kim Alliston
6.00pm Annual Covenant Service
Rev Gary Watt

Burham Old School

Methodist Church,
Burham

Sunday, 22nd January, Epiphany 3

10.30am, Holy Communion.
Canon Derek Carpenter

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 29th January

10.30am, Sunday Worship for Candlemas
Canon Brian Stevenson

All Saints, Wouldham



THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist) Church St.

Minister:- Rev Gary Watt 01732 522722

Stewards:- Eileen Smith, 01634 867022. Joyce Brown 01634 864413

Stewards & Property Stewards: Trevor Smith 01634 867022.

Rod Murr 01634 868075

Any requests for Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals should be made to:
Rev. Gary Watt or one of the Stewards.

SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Sunday December 4th, 4.30pm Evening Worship led by Ian Packham

Sunday December 11th, 4.30pm Celebration of Christmas

Do join us for the Service of Carols, Readings and Poetry with the special music led by Robin Oakley and his wonderful group of singers.

Sunday December 18th, 10.30am Holy communion led by Rev Gary Watt

Sunday December 25th, 10.30am Christmas Praise

SERVICES FOR JANUARY

Sunday January 1st 6.0pm Evening Service led by Rev. Clifford Newman

Sunday January 8th 10.30am To be arranged

Sunday January 15th 6.0pm Annual Covenant Service with our Anglican friends led by Rev. Gary Watt

Sunday January 22nd 10.30am To be arranged

Sunday January 29th 10,30am To be arranged

CHRSTINGLE SERVICE

Do join us at 3.0pm on Christmas Eve for this annual service for all the family. This informal service is a special way to start the celebration of the birth of Jesus reminding us of the true meaning of Christmas.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:-

Afternoon Tea continues each Tuesday in the Church from 3.0pm till 4.30pm. All are welcome to join in for a chat over a cup of tea and piece of homemade cake.

There is also a Fun Quiz to add to the enjoyment!!

We shall not be meeting on December 27th

The Special Christmas Country Lunch will be held on **December 15th** at 1.0.pm with the special menu of turkey soup, cheese and crusty bread followed by Christmas pudding and ice cream. The cost on this occasion will be increased to £3. In January the lunch will be held on the usual 2nd Thursday of the month on **12 Jan.**
Flowers. If you would like to commemorate an anniversary of a wedding or loss of a loved one or any other special occasion by putting flowers in the Church, please contact Eileen Smith on 867022 who will be happy to talk to you about this.

If you would like a lift to any of services and other events, please contact :
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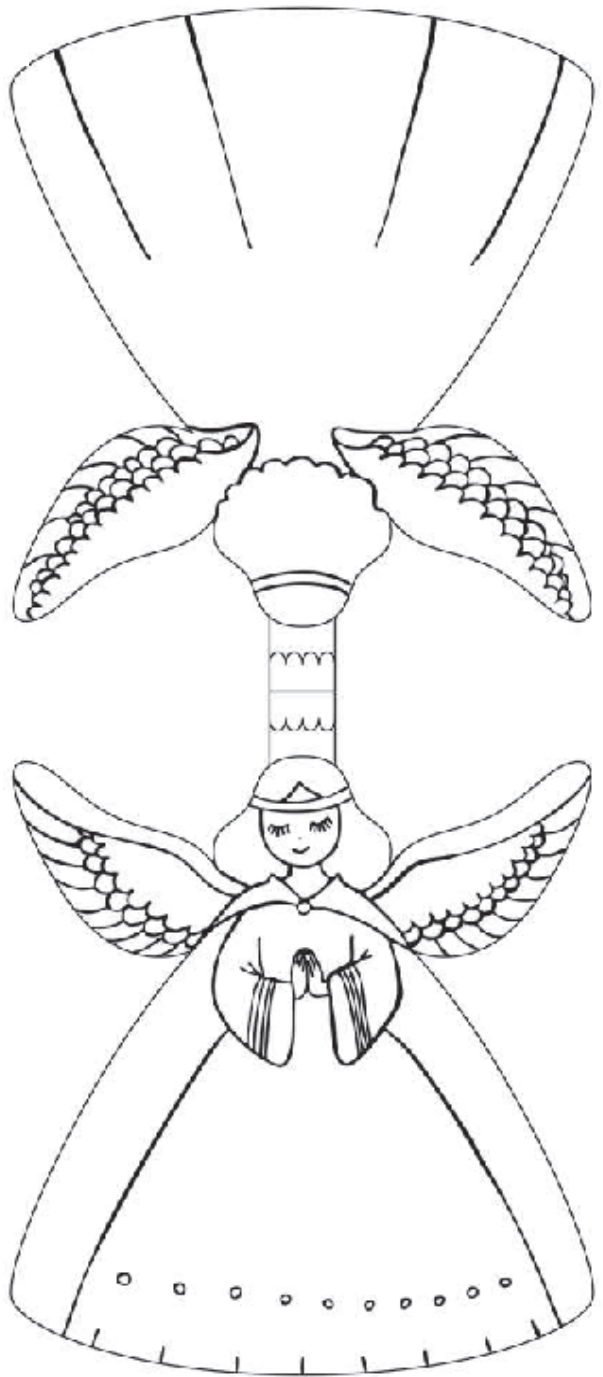
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Christmas Angel

Colour in the beautiful Christmas angel, then cut her out carefully.

Fold in half, trapping a ribbon beneath the fold, and stick both sides together using glue or double sided tape.

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Christmas Joke!

Which Christmas Carol do parents like best?

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WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At the Parish Council Meeting this month, it was announced that, after much negotiation with owners, the path behind Oldfield Drive now has permissive rights. Essentially, this means that the owner has granted access rights, but still maintains the right to close, divert or restrict

access to the path if necessary.

Local crime update: 4 crimes were reported during the October period – including a manhole cover being stolen from Portland Road, some cable being stolen from an empty property in Portland Road, a fence post being sawn off without the owner's permission outside a property in Portland Road and a formal warning issued in the High Street for the possession of cannabis.

With this being, the last edition of the Parish magazine until January, the Parish Councillors would like to wish all Wouldham residents a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! With the weather getting colder and the possibility of snow, please remember to look after any neighbours who may have trouble getting about. Also – don't forget to report any hazards that may cause a risk to safety.

See you in 2012

Village Hall Update

Fundraising for the new Village Hall is now starting, with the Village Hall Steering group working with professional fundraisers to ensure that the Parish Council has enough funding to build a hall that meets the needs of our community and will stand the test of time.

Contact Sarah Egglesden

if you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss – or come along to our monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Likewise, if you would like to hire the village hall (£8 per hour) – please contact Sarah.

Wouldham Youth

With the demise of the Youth Bus that used to visit our village, the Parish Council has been discussing the possibility of providing a facility for the teenagers of Wouldham Village. We are acutely aware that there is not much for young people to do in the village on cold, dark winter evenings and that a traditional Youth Club does not appeal to many young people. Therefore, we would like to hear any sensible suggestions from teenagers in Wouldham as to what sort of facility they would be interested in. Suggestions so far include having a Youth Café – which provides a warm, safe place for young people to hang out, chat, play video games and watch films. However, if any young people have any better ideas – we would love to hear them! We would also like to hear from anyone who has experience of working with young people who would be willing to volunteer their time and expertise in helping to manage and run this facility. Please contact Kate on 07725595729 or email her at: - katicakeshoppe@yahoo.com with your suggestions

Contact details:

Community Warden, Dave Liepnick : 07977 982187

New police contact no.—see page 6

Parish Clerk, Sarah Egglesden: 01732 870862

Email: wouldhampc@hotmail.co.uk



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BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The skate ramp MK II, phase A, has now been completed. We thank Sara Fletcher our lead professional on the project, Wheelscape the designers and installers of the new ramp and all the funders including Community Spaces, Trenport, Kent Police via the Property fund, KCC and TMBC. The grand launch/opening took place on Sat 12 November. The day went very well indeed. The weather was kind(ish) and the ramp did finally dry out. The attendance exceeded all expectations; from our local MP Tracey Crouch, TMBC cabinet members, Peter Homewood our KCC Member, representation from the funders and Wheelscape the specialist skaters/trainers from Rubicon, members of the local community; from toddlers to more mature age groups and of course members from the Parish Council. At a guess, the attendance numbers exceeded 150. Our very own Dave Davis, Deputy Mayor officially cut the ribbon to formally open the ramp. I think that everyone will agree that the day went exceptionally well. Training sessions at the ramp have been booked to start from April next year with professional trainers. I'll keep you posted on the dates and times etc.

We have been advised that changes within Kent Police took place on 17 November 2011. Unfortunately, PC Grantham was moved to a different post. PCSO Stoner remains in place until at least March 2012. Whilst no direct replacement is on the cards for PC Grantham, we have been advised that a team of dedicated officers would be covering Burham and the local area. The road speed indicator devices are hopefully still in the pipe-line. We are awaiting further information from Kent Highway Services.

The new Christmas tree has been planted in the grassed area by Whitehouse Crescent. Headlands Garden Services donated the tree and they will be maintaining the tree for the first year on a free of charge basis. Hopefully, allowing the tree to fully establish.

**Finally, we would like to wish all our residents
a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!**

If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss, just give me a call on 01622 609324, e-mail me on pam@burhampc.co.uk or come along to the monthly meetings, normally held the last Monday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 12 December 2011, 7.30 pm in the Old School Community Centre, Corner of Rochester Road/Bell Lane.

The January meeting is scheduled for 30 January 2012, 7.30 pm in the Old School Community Centre. *Pam Saunders, Clerk*



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