

The Parish
of
Burham & Wouldham
October 2009



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Dear Friends



Jennie writes.....

It was a strange sight. An entire field of sheep baaing joyfully and almost skipping across the orchard in one direction. I stopped to find the cause. It was Nigel their shepherd. As he came among them he greeted this and that one with a tickle behind the ear and pulled off cherry leaves as treats for those following like dogs at his heels. Later I met him penning his last batch of lambs for market. 'Aren't you sad to see them go after giving them so much care?' I asked. He didn't reply directly but said 'They've had the best life I can give them, and now I must sell them. That's farming'.

Of course he is right, and October is the month of 'harvest safely gathered in' when English lamb along with leeks, red cabbage, celery, the first Brussel-sprouts and the finest of our Kentish apples and pears are to be bought and enjoyed. Celebrity chef, Gordon Ramsey says: British restaurants should be fined if they serve fruit and vegetables which are not in season. However, a recent survey suggested that most young people in Britain today have no idea what vegetables are 'in season'. (Some don't even know what the 4 seasons were: Q. Name the 4 seasons. A. salt, pepper, mustard, vinegar.)

This is not the case in most countries in Africa where children are actively involved in farming with their family. Another difference is that, whilst in the UK farming principally uses huge machines, in the 2/3rds poor world it is still largely done using simple hand tools such as the pick, hoe and spade. Wielded for hours daily even such basic tools wear out and need to be repaired or replaced, and if there is not money to spare for this then the family really has a problem. Helping such poor farming families to renew basic tools, or to buy seed, to receive a cow or some sapling fruit trees is surely a good way of saying 'thank you' to God for our own ample harvest, for did not Jesus say of those who loved and followed him 'I was hungry and you gave me food' (Matt 25 v 35). Also cooking and appreciating our own British foods 'in season' is surely an appropriate way of thanking our farmers for their toil and care.

As October opens, the Church invites all to come and do both. With the children of both village schools and in Sunday worship we will praise God, the Harvest Giver. Our money collection will be given to the 'Hope & Poverty' Charity and produce which is brought (tins and dried appreciated) will be given to the Chatham Salvation Army for their soup kitchen. Come too and enjoy the flavour of good local foods at the Harvest Supper in All Saints Church, Wouldham. Details of all these are on page 4.

Hoping to share apple pie with you.

Yours, Jennie

OCTOBER

Church of England Services

HARVEST SERVICES & EVENTS

Thursday 1st October	9.30am, Infants 10.30am, Juniors	Burham School Harvest Service	Burham Methodist Church
Thursday 1st October	3.15pm	Thursday Church Theme: 'Food'	Wouldham School
Friday 2nd October	9.30am, Infants 10.30am, Juniors	Wouldham School Harvest Service	All Saints Church Wouldham

Harvest Supper

Saturday 3rd October, 6.30pm-9pm, All Saints Church, Wouldham

Bring your own bowl, plate, cutlery & glass.

Please let Gwen know if you're bringing a meal either savoury or desert .
Tel. 672060

Sunday 4th October	10.30am	Harvest Thanksgiving	All Saints Church Wouldham
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**A GUIDED TOUR OF
ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL
Sunday 18th October**

12.30pm at the Cathedral
(after eating our packed lunches at All Saints, Wouldham.)

The tour lasts 1¼ hours £3 per head.

Please book you place with Jennie: 01634 666862

OCTOBER

Church of England Services

Sunday 11th October

10.30am Family Holy Communion

Burham Community Hall

Thursday 15th October

10.30am Holy Communion

Winchester House
Nursing Home

Thursday 15th October

2.45pm Family Time Puppet Service,

Burham School

Sunday 18th October

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

Wednesday 21st October

9.15am Trafalgar Day Service
with Wouldham school children

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday 25th October

10.30pm Holy Communion,

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday 1st November

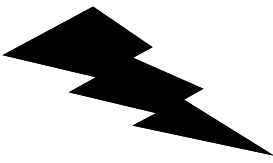
4.30pm Annual Memorial Service
for Loved Ones Departed
followed by tea

All Saints, Wouldham

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Also you can check out: freecycle.org to find your local group to give items away or look for wanted items.



COMING SOON!

**PAMPER
EVENING**

**FRIDAY
27th NOVEMBER
6.30—10.00pm**

**BURHAM VILLAGE
HALL**

Gwen: 01634 672060

ADVENT FAIR

**SATURDAY
28th NOVEMBER
10.00—4.00pm**

**ALL SAINT'S
CHURCH
WOULDHAM**

To mark the re-establishment of The Church in Burham as a
Methodist Church, we are holding a

Church Reunion

4.30 p.m. on Sunday 25 October at The Church in Burham.

We are extending a warm and sincere invitation to all those who at some time have had a connection with The Church in Burham – maybe attending Sunday School, joining in Services, supporting our local school at their special Services, being part of the well supported Christingle Services, enjoying food and fellowship at Country Lunch and afternoon Tea, joining Lent Courses, House Groups and Prayer Time. Whatever your connection with The Church in Burham we hope you will be able to join us for a short Service, much singing, a typical “Methodist Tea” and unlimited time for chat and Reminiscence. Transport will be provided where required.

If you would like to know more, please contact:

Eileen Smith Tel (01634) 867022)

OCTOBER Methodist Services

Burham Methodist Church, Church St, Burham

Sunday 4 October at 10.30

Morning Service. Trevor Smith

Sunday 11 October at 4.30

Evening Service. Rev Chris Esgate

Sunday 18 October at 10.30

A Joint Service with The Church in Eccles at Eccles

Sunday 25 October at 4.30

The Church in Burham Reunion (see full details opposite)

OTHER EVENTS

Thursday 15 October at 1.00 p.m.

Country Lunch will be served in the Church Hall. Now in its 25th year, good food and fellowship are there in abundance. It is open to **everyone**.

Tuesday 6, 13, 20 and 27

Afternoon Tea and homemade Cakes are served 3.00 – 4.30p.m. There is always a short quiz to keep you alert and give you something to talk about! Transport is available if needed

FINANCE

Our financial situation is sound and we are grateful to those in the village who give money weekly via our envelope scheme. Further details are available from Eileen Smith

MEMBERSHIP

Rev Chris Esgate has challenged us to increase our Church membership so that The Church in Burham may operate as a fully independent Church. If you would like to know more about membership, please speak to Church Stewards Eileen Smith or Joyce Brown.

A Date for your Diary

Remembrance Sunday is November 8 when we shall be joining with the Anglicans. The Service will start at the War Memorial at 3.00 p.m. and then continue in The Church in Burham. *Eileen Smith, Senior Church Steward*

OCTOBER ACTIVITIES

Every Thursday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th October	10.30 - 12 noon	Thursday Community Club *Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic here also on: 15th October, 10.30—11.30	Old School Community Centre Burham
Wednesday, 7th October	7.30pm	Men's Supper Evening Guest Speaker: John Bailey, Architect. Supper £3. To book contact : Dennis Worcester 01634 672060	Brassey Centre Aylesford
Every Tuesday 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th October	3.00— 4.30 pm	Join us every Tuesday afternoon for a cup of tea, cake, a quiz and friendship	Burham Methodist Church
Wednesday 7th October	9.30 - 10.30am	Coffee Morning in aid of Breast Cancer Research	Burham Community Centre
Friday 9th October	3.30pm	House Group	12 Trafalgar Close, Wouldham
Thursday 15th October	1.00pm	Country Lunch Anyone is welcome to come for good company, a simple meal of soup, bread, cheese followed by fruit pie, coffee & tea. Cost £2	Burham Methodist Church
Tuesday 20th October	7.30pm	WI Meeting Mr Karl Wittwer— "Beowulf" Hengest and the Juitz Competition—Historical Item	Burham Village Hall
Wednesday 21st October	7.30pm	Church Book Club meets	Rectory, Burham
Friday 30th October	10.30- 11.30am	Coffee Morning & favourite recipe swap	All Saints Wouldham

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

Burham Junior Youth

Every Tuesday night 5.45 –7.45pm at Burham Village Hall.

Children in school years 4, 5, 6 from Burham, Wouldham and Eccles. All welcome. Adult help is required. Contact: Kirsty 01634 684960

Burham Senior Youth Tuesdays 7-9pm at Burham Scout Hut. Open to all youths who live in Burham. School years 7-17. Contact Thurza Browne 01634 863322.

Burham Mothers and Toddlers Group

Wednesdays from 9.30am – 11.30 at Burham Community Centre.

All children from 0-5 years of age are welcome.

Contact Mrs Sharon Laker, 191 Rochester Rd, Burham. Tel. 660301.

Burham Pre-School. Burham Village Hall.

For all children aged 2½ yrs – 5yrs,

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Introduction to Pre-School Session for 2-2½ yrs. Tuesday 12.30- 2.30pm.

Supervisor - Tracey Beechey 01634 685239. Pre-school - 07946 793781

Jelly Beans Pre-School, Wouldham Village Hall.

Monday –Friday 9.15—11.45am. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday afternoons 12.25—2.55pm. Children can attend JellyBeans from the age of 2yrs.

For further details contact Mrs Cook on 07855 041496 during sessions or 01634 668562 out of sessions.

Wouldham Mother & Toddler Group

Thursday from 9.40 - 10.45 at Wouldham C of E Primary School.

All children from 0-5 years of age are welcome.

Contact Dion Darley, East Malling Children's Centre, 01732 873284 or 07826 868082

MEETINGS

Parish Councils:

Wouldham

Tuesday 6th October, 7.30pm. Village Hall.

Burham

Monday 26th October 7.30pm, Old School Community Centre.



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Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

OCTOBER

This has been a significant new year for Wouldham All Saints as we have welcomed new members to our teaching team. This has probably been the biggest change and re-organisation seen for some years. All of our new staff members have made a great start and have fitted in incredibly quickly – well done to them! New staff bring new ideas and new directions and this means we will continue with new things and work hard at improving all that we do. This year we are ‘flying high’ to reflect our mission statement. This means we are ‘happy to be God’s special children’ and celebrate our individual talents and skills. We are ‘improving all the time’, have ‘good communication’ and finally ‘have high expectations’. Reflecting on these few words doesn’t take long but to achieve all of this in a school community can be quite a challenge! This is the heart of what our school is about and if you think you can help us in anyway – perhaps as a governor or volunteer reader then please get in touch. As a church school it is important that we spend time in prayer and we have a weekly prayer session which is on a Thursday morning at 8:30. If this is something that you would like to come and join us for then please do – it would be great to see some new faces. Maybe you have something you would like prayed about and if this is so then please let us know. October has the significant events of harvest, residential week in France, harvest supper and not forgetting Trafalgar Day on the 21st. We hope to see you around at one of our events.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 1 st	Thursday Church at 3:15pm
Friday 2 nd	Harvest Festival 9:30 & 10:30am
Monday 5 th	Year 5&6 on France trip (all week)
Monday 12 th	Harvest Supper – 5:30. All welcome.
Thursday 15 th	Football matches on our new field!
Saturday 17 th	Medway Secondary School Selection test
Wednesday 21 st	Trafalgar day from 9:15 Learning Progress Meetings 3:15 to 6pm & Thursday as well.
Friday 23 rd	‘Singalong’ at Winchester House Last day of Term 1.

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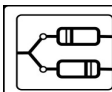
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BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Very little news to report this month, due to fact that no meeting was held in August.

Hopefully, you have seen our new PCSO Alan Newby out and about. I am sure that if you see Alan around the village, he would appreciate a quick Hi or Hello. Alan can be contacted on 07772226237.

The Parish Council has received the judge's comments from the Village of the Year 2009 competition held back in April. Although, we did not win our regional round, all the comments were very positive in particular in the business section "It was impressive to find that so many businesses were prepared to give up their time in demonstrating their contribution to the village at the presentation" Once again many thanks to all those that assisted in the preparation.

Burham as winners of the Kent Village of the Year 2008 were asked to host this year Kent Village of the Year (2009). Myself, Councilor Stead and Young attended the presentations at the Singleton Environmental Centre in Ashford. This year's worthy winners were Minster in Thanet.

Burham's role in the proceedings was to provide a representative who would be master of ceremony for the evening, introducing the sponsors, judges and prize winning villages. Bill Stead took on this role and did Burham proud with an excellent performance.

The Parish Council have secured some trees from "Kent Men of Trees". However, they have advised that they cannot get them nor can they plant them before the autumn/winter season.

Due to recent problems with unauthorised vehicle access to the recreation ground from the disabled access at the Village Hall, bollards have now been installed by Headland Garden Services.

As a reminder the "cardboard" bank at the recycling site in the Village Hall grounds can take paper as well as cardboard. This bank generates funds for the community. Last financial year the funds gained were over £1500. So keep recycling!!!

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 26 October 2009, 7.30 pm in the Old School Community Centre, Corner of Rochester Road/Bell Lane.

Pam Saunders, Clerk – Burham Parish Council

PARISH NEWS

Choir Practice

Practices are held on
Thursdays at
Wouldham Church.



New juniors 7pm

Juniors 7pm—8pm

Seniors 7.30pm—9pm.

New members are always welcome:

Roger Pick – 01634 842360

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*

CHARITY QUIZ

SATURDAY 10th OCTOBER

8.00pm

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Burham Methodist Church Hall –

01634 864139

Burham Old School Community

Centre – 01634 863322

Burham Village Hall – 01634 867669

Wouldham Village Hall –

01634 867452

Burham Scout Hut (for youth) -

01634 862914

Bulky Refuse Collection

TMBC Helpline 01732 876147 or:

www.tmbc.gov.uk

Wouldham -

3rd October

Village Car Park, Knowle Rd,

8.0am – 9.0am.

Burham –

10th October

Village Hall Car Park,

8.0am – 9.0am

Eccles –

3th & 17th October,

Bull Lane lay-by,

8.0am – 9.0am

*Do not leave waste unattended at the
collection sites or in advance of the
waste vehicle arriving.*

KENT COUNT COUNCIL

School Lane Closure, Wouldham.

School Lane will be closed for resurfacing on

Friday 30th October from

08:00 to 17:00 for one day

between Pilgrims Way and Oldfield Drive. Diversions will be via Wouldham High Street, Knowle Road and Pilgrims Way.

Should you require any further information please contact:

Jez Massy on 08458 247 800.

WANTED!

The coffee morning held in aid of Breast Cancer Research on the 1st Wednesday of the month in Burham needs-

A NEW VOLUNTEER to run it and support this worthwhile cause.

Contact

Trish Golledge

01634 862966

to find out what's involved

BACK AGAIN !!

BOOK YOUR TABLES!!



KEN'S QUIZ

FAMILIES WELCOME

SATURDAY, 24th OCTOBER

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NEWS FROM YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

Since joining the Malling neighbourhood policing team I have been out and about on foot patrol in Burham, Eccles and Wouldham meeting residents and talking to them about the issues that are important to them.

Speeding motorists are one cause for concern and, as a result, officers have been conducting speed checks in the area. These will continue and I hope to be able to report back with some results in future editions.

Inconsiderate parking is another issue, and warnings have been given to a number of motorists who had parked their vehicles on the pavements in Eccles. Parking inconsiderately or dangerously can cause significant problems for pedestrians and local residents. It also poses a problem for emergency services vehicles, which may have difficulty in responding to a 999 call because of hazardous or thoughtless parking.

If you have a local issue that you would like to discuss, why not come to one of our two police surgeries in October? Both surgeries will take place before the already scheduled parish council meetings.

The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 20 October 7pm-7.30pm at Eccles Church Hall

Monday 26 October 7pm-7.30pm at Burham Community Centre

**The re-arranged Burham PACT meeting will now be held at:
Burham Village Hall on Tuesday 13th October 2009 commencing 6.30pm**

If you would like crime reduction advice, or to talk about a local policing issue, you can contact your neighbourhood policing team on the following mobile numbers

- PC Matthew Roddick – 07870 252604
- PC Andrew Dalton – 07870 252341
- PCSO Louise Burgess – 07772 113051
- PCSO Allan Newby – 07772 226237

However, please bear in mind that we may sometimes be engaged on other incidents, or off duty, and might not be able to answer your call immediately. If you leave a message on our mobiles we will get back to you at the earliest opportunity but, if the matter requires a quicker response, then you can call **01732 771055** to report a non-urgent crime.

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PCSO Allan Newby

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Offshore Income Disclosure Amnesty

For a limited time only the Revenue have offered to cap penalties at 10% if you now tell them about income or gains from foreign sources which you have never paid UK tax on. They already have details of thousands of offshore bank accounts and if they catch you after 30th

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WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At the September 1st meeting, we said goodbye to Mike Ross our Parish Clerk and welcomed Sarah Eggesden, who seemed to settle in straight away. Any enquiries or comments should now be sent to Sarah e-mail:

wouldham.pc@hotmail.co.uk

Our new PCSO Police Community Support Officer, Alan Newby has now taken over from Caroline (mobile 07772226237). Alan reported that some children had been fishing on the Medway river bank, this is so dangerous and parents need to be vigilant. The speed checks are back again in the villages, so remember to keep to the speed limits, as next time you might receive a fine. New fly tipping notices have been posted on Hill Road and Common Road. The community warden Dave Piepnick (mobile 07977982187) will be joining children during their breakfast club at the school to talk about safety on the river banks.

Wouldham Parish Council would like to congratulate our three Public Houses, The Medway Inn, The Forresters, and the Watermans' for their marvellous display of hanging baskets, flowering throughout the summer.

Do not forget to visit Wouldham Common, take a picnic or just enjoy the views.

If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss, e-mail Sarah: *wouldham.pc@hotmail.co.uk* or come along to the monthly meetings, normally held the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 6th October, 7.30pm at the Village Hall,

Anthea Parnell, Parish Councillor.

VOLUNTEER CAR SCHEME



If you do not have access to a car and other means of travel are unavailable or inappropriate, getting from A to B is not always as simple as it should be in Kent. If you cannot get a lift from family members, neighbours or friends, you could be really stuck. So getting access to a car can make all the difference for you. This is where Kent's voluntary car scheme comes in.

Kent's voluntary car schemes are providing thousands of passenger journeys a year. These enable people of all ages to live ordinary and independent lives, going about their business as they see fit. The reasons people are travelling are very wide; ranging from health appointments to social occasions, education or weekly shopping.

continued A volunteer care scheme matches a client in need of transport with a volunteer driver who is willing to take that person on their journey. They give as much or as little time as they choose. Drivers receive no payment for their time, only expenses paid by the client to cover the cost of the use of their car. This is clearly much less expensive than taking a taxi. Drivers are more than just drivers. They help clients right to their destination, often waiting for them if required and offering support in stressful or difficult situations. Theirs is as much a befriending role as a driving one. The co-ordinator has to take many things into account when matching driver to client: particularly the needs of the client (eg. does he/she have wheelchair that requires to fit in the car or a disability the may make communication difficult). The Kent Car Scheme enables those who are unable to access other means of transport to reach their required destinations.

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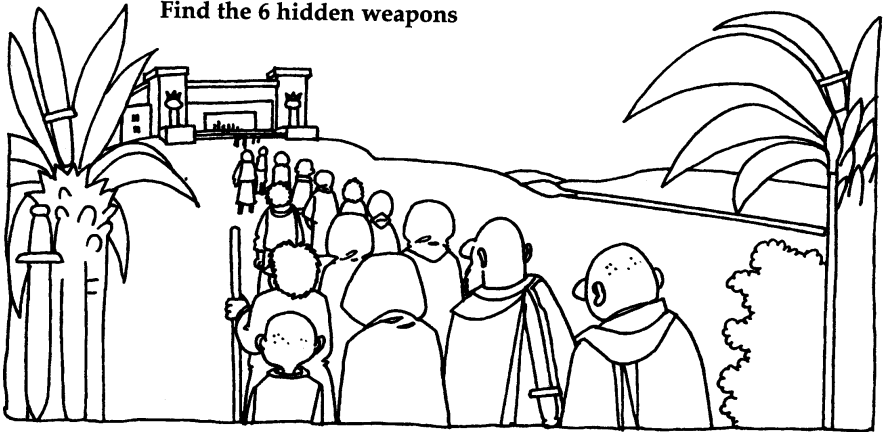
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Beat swords into ploughs

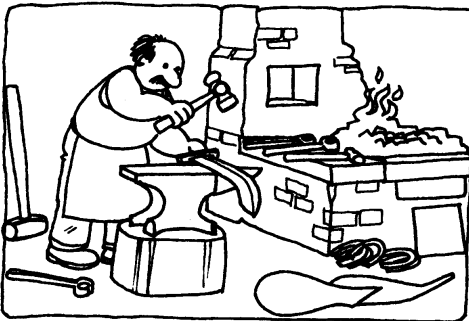
Read Micah 4:1-4

Find the 6 hidden weapons



Beat swords into

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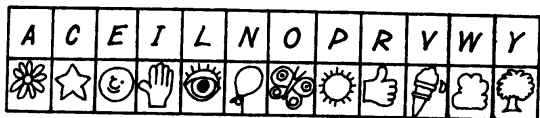
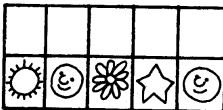
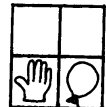
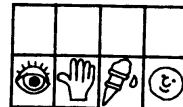
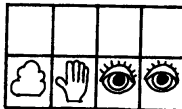
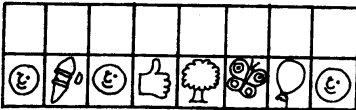


Beating swords into ploughs would not be easy. Like the blacksmith's work, it would be:

DRAH
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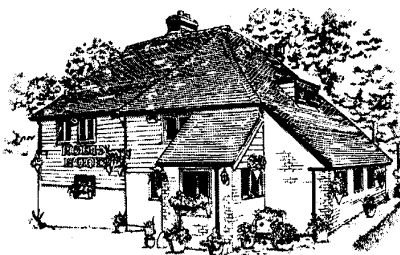
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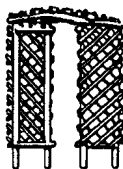
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