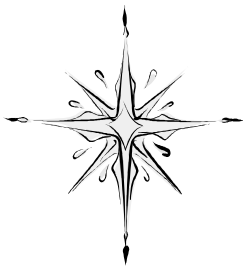


The Parish of
December 2009
&
January 2010
Burham & Wouldham



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Dear Friends



Jennie writes about a little miracle at Christmas.....

Janice was going to be on her own for Christmas and braced herself to cope and not feel low. Half-way through December she bought some expensive decorations and a little tree, and one afternoon forced herself to arrange them. In truth it was an effort of great determination. Then she bought a supply of festive drink and food and after putting it away, settled to write her Christmas cards, adding to those who lived nearby - 'do drop by for a mince pie and drink if you're passing'. She knew one of two who might and wrapped up a special chosen present to give them. But for all her efforts Janice felt empty. 'God knows.' she sighed, 'I've tried. What more can I do?' Certainly there was nothing more that Janice herself could do at that point in time, but perhaps her sigh did not go unheard.

A few mornings later, opening her curtains Janice noticed a cat curled up on her drive, apparently asleep. It looked somehow pitiful and curious she went out to investigate. It was an unkempt mess and only had three legs. Janice gathered it up, and walked holding it at arm's length into the warmth of the kitchen where she spent the rest of the day gently befriending, cleaning and tempting it with milk and tit-bits. A week later I happened to call by and was met by a beaming Janice with a three-legged cat flopped across her shoulder. I'd never seen her so happy as when she recounted the story of Puss' arrival. 'God has sent you a Christmas present'. I said. And wasn't it exactly the right Christmas present for her a three legged cat that loved her and needed her love.

At the Christmas service we sang Christina Rossetti's carol: Love came down at Christmas; 'Love all lovely, Love divine' and I guess as she sang it, Janice gave it her own special understanding. May God's love touch us all this Christmastide.

Yours Jennie



*The Church of
Burham & Wouldham
wish you*

*A Peaceful and Blessed Christmas
&
A Happy New Year*

*His name shall be called Emmanuel
(which means 'God with us') Matthew 2:23*



**To all my friends in
Wouldham & Burham**

**My very best wishes for
Christmas & New Year.**

**Love from
Little Joan & Budgie Jim**

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neighbours and friends**

**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
and a
PEACEFUL NEW YEAR**

**Heather and John Lloyd would like to wish all
their neighbours and other local friends
A Very Happy Christmas and New Year**



CHRISTMAS SERVICES

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS



School Carol Services:

Wouldham	17th December 9.15am	All Saints,
Burham Infants	18th December 9.30am	Burham School
Burham Juniors	18th December 10.30am	Burham School

Carol Service,	18th December, 6.00pm	Winchester House, Nursing Home.
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Service of Lessons & Carols

20th December. 6.00pm	All Saints
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Christingle, Christmas Eve

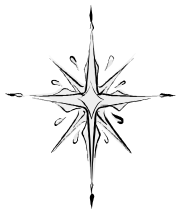
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4.30pm All Saints, Wouldham

Midnight Mass

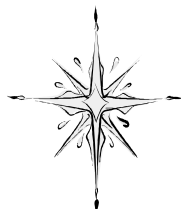
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DECEMBER & CHRISTMAS

Church of England Services



Sunday 6th December

10.30am Family Service

All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday 10th December

2.45pm Family Time Service

Burham School

Sunday 13th December

10.30am Holy Communion

Burham Community Hall

Thursday 17th December

9.15am Wouldham School Carol Service

All Saints, Wouldham

10.30am Holy Communion

Winchester House

Nursing Home

Friday 18th December

9.30am Burham School Infant Carol Service

Burham School

10.30am Burham School Junior Carol Service

Burham School

6.00pm Carol Service

Winchester House

Nursing Homes

Sunday 20th December

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

6.00pm Service of Carols & Lessons

All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday 24th December. Christmas Eve

3.00pm Christingle Service

Burham Methodist Church

4.30pm Christingle Service

All Saints, Wouldham

11.30pm Midnight Mass

All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday 27th December

10.30pm Holy Communion,

All Saints, Wouldham

PERRINS CHARITY

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4. At the discretion of the Trustees are known to be in need of financial assistance.

Forms may be collected from the Wouldham Village Stores and will need to be returned to either Marie Rayner, 8 Trafalgar Close, Wouldham or Janet Parris, 21 Church Street, Burham.

The closing date for applications will be 6th December 2009.

In memory of a loved one at Christmas

This Christmas, with your help, we would like to fill our church with white carnations 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. Wouldham 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 donating not less than £1 per flower and send to:

Catherine Gore, Ringshill Farm, Wouldham, Rochester, Kent. ME1 3TP

Please print in block capitals.

I would like Carnations to be placed in Wouldham Church this Christmas in memory of:

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JANUARY

Church of England Services

Sunday 3rd January. Epiphany

10.30am Family Service

All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday 7th January

3.15pm Thursday Church

Wouldham School

Sunday 10th January

10.30am Holy Communion

Burham Community Hall

Sunday 17th January

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday 21st January

2.45pm Family Time Service

Burham School

Sunday 24th December

10.30am Holy Communion

All Saints, Wouldham

4.30pm United Service for Week of
Prayer for Christian Unity

Burham Methodist
Church

Sunday 31st January

10.30pm Sunday Worship

All Saints, Wouldham

Opportunities to visit churches to see how they have changed their nave seating.

You can visit :

All Saints, West Farleigh. Open for Sunday Services: 1st Sunday 8am.
2nd Sunday 11am. 3rd Sunday 9.30am. 4th Sunday 11am. 5th Sunday
10.30am.

St Nicholas, Otham. Open for Sunday Service 9.15am

St Georges, Wrotham. Church open every day. Charity coffee morning every
Tuesday 10.30am—12.30pm

DECEMBER Methodist Services

Burham Methodist Church, Church St.

December 6 th	10.30am	Informal Service with Dedication of Christmas Windows led by Trevor Smith
December 13 th	4.30pm	An Evening of Carols and Mince Pies led by Robin Oakley – a chance to sing your favourite carols in an informal service
December 20 th	10.30am	A Holy Communion for Christmas - Rev. Gary Watt
December 24 th	3.00pm	A traditional Christingle Celebration for Christmas Eve. A service for all the family led by Roget Barton
December 25 th	10.30am	A service of celebration for Christmas Day led by Trevor Smith

There will be no Service in Burham on Sunday December 27th.

JANUARY Methodist Services

January 3 rd	10.30am	Morning Worship
January 10 th	4.30pm	Covenant Service led by Rev. Gary Watt
January 17 th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Roger Byard
January 24 th	4.30pm	Evening Worship when we welcome the return of Rev. Marie-Anne Kent to lead the service
January 31 st	10.30am	No Service in Burham. We will join our friends in the Church in Eccles

Transport

Transport can be provided for any service or other activity at the Church in Burham. Please contact Trevor Smith on 01634 867022 if we can be of help.

Covenant Service

On January 10th our afternoon Service led by Rev Gary Watt will be our annual Covenant Service. This is a service that Methodists traditionally hold at the beginning of each year. It is an opportunity to look at our faith and beliefs and renew our commitment as Christians to follow Jesus' teachings in our every day lives. It is a very special Service and all are welcome to join us.

DECEMBER ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 1st December	7.30pm	Men's Supper Evening	The Golden Eagle. Burham
Every Tuesday 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th December	3.00— 4.30 pm	Join us every Tuesday afternoon for a cup of tea, cake, a quiz and friendship	Burham Methodist Church
Wednesday 2nd December	9.00 - 10.30am	Coffee Morning In aid of Breast Cancer Research	Burham Community Centre
Every Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th, December	10.30 - 12 noon	Thursday Community Club *Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic here also on: 17th December, 10.30—11.30	Old School Community Centre Burham
Friday 11th December	3.30pm	House Group	12 Trafalgar Close, Wouldham
Thursday 10th December	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 15th December	7.30pm	WI Meeting Mr Alan Stockwell: Puppets, Piers & Pantomimes. Competition - Favourite Christmas Decoration	Burham Village Hall
Wednesday 16th December	7.30pm	Church Book Club	The Viceroy, Burham

JANUARY ACTIVITIES

Every Thursday 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th January	10.30 - 12 noon	Thursday Community Club *Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic here also on: 21st January, 10.30—11.30	Old School Community Centre Burham
Every Tuesday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th January	3.00— 4.30 pm	Join us every Tuesday afternoon for a cup of tea, cake, a quiz and friendship	Burham Methodist Church
Wednesday 6th January	9.00 - 10.30am	Coffee Morning In aid of Breast Cancer Research	Burham Community Centre
Wednesday 6th January	7.30pm	Open Parochial Church Council Meeting	All Saints Wouldham
Friday 8th January	3.30pm	House Group	12 Trafalgar Close, Wouldham
Thursday 14th January	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
Friday 15th January		Shared Supper Poetry & Music	The Rectory Burham
Tuesday 19th January	7.30pm	WI Meeting	Wouldham Village Hall
Friday 29th January	10.30- 11.30am	Coffee Morning	All Saints Wouldham

Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

Its amazing what you can fit in a shoebox! As December hits us we take a moment to reflect on the work of early November and the completion of shoeboxes for Blytheswood Care. This year both Burham CEP and Wouldham All Saints worked together to raise funds. These were put to good use by some champion shoppers in Chatham with the result of nearly 50 shoeboxes being sent to help others. Somebody somewhere will be opening a Burham/ Wouldham smile this Christmas. Please spare a thought for them.

November was the month of Ofsted and our report should now be available on our website. It is a very rigorous process and good to have an external validation of the work we are trying to do.

Thoughts now turn to the future and December is always exciting and enjoyable with the school building up for Christmas plays and productions. We have mixed aliens with Charles Dickens and should have some interesting presentations to show.

It would be great to see you at one of our events such as Christmas plays or the Christmas Bazaar on Friday 4th. Plays take place in the week beginning 7th Dec and party week with carol service is the very last week.

As winter begins to bite we look forward to two weeks away from school with chance to catch up with friends and family. On behalf of all at Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School may you have a very warm and love filled Christmas followed by a very happy and prosperous 2010.

Dates for your diary

3 rd December	Thursday Church at 3:15
4 th December	Christmas Bazaar 3:15 to 5:30
8 th December	Infants Christmas show 1:30 & 6pm
10 th December	Juniors Christmas show 1:15 & 6:30pm
11 th December	Panto trip – Hazlett Theatre
16 th December	Christmas Party
17 th December	Carol Service at All Saints Church 9:15am
18 th December	Shining Stars worship. Last day of Term 2
5 th January 2010	Tuesday! First day of Term 3.
15 th January	School closed for development day.

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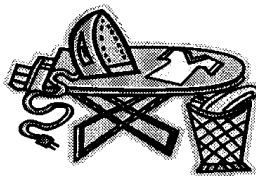
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WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the November 3rd meeting we all met in the village hall and discussed the issues on our agenda. We try and represent all the residents of Wouldham on lots of different issues e.g the highways, paths, lighting, the countryside, planning and parking. We would welcome more members of the public to the monthly meeting to understand the workings of a Parish Council. We heard the report from the community warden, David Leipnik who wants to encourage every dog owner in the village to continue to scoop their dog poop! A litter pick is being arranged at Wouldham Common on 11th November. David attended the Trafalgar Day Service with the school children. Anyone who sees vans on Hill Rd unloading off-road motorbikes please take their car numbers and inform the warden. Mobile 07977982187. Alan Newby our Police Community Officer informed us there were 4 crimes in the village last month. Two attempted burglaries and two break-ins at the electricity sub station on School Lane. If anyone sees a crime in progress please ring the police.

Further news on the Valley of Visions please see:

www.wouldhampc.kentparishes.gov.uk and click on the link. Also there are many more photos of Wouldham Residents for people to look at.

Look out for your elderly neighbours with the winter drawing in and keep warm and safe.

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 1st December, 7.30pm at the Village Hall,

Anthea Parnell, Parish Councillor.

MEETINGS

Parish Councils:

Wouldham

Tuesday 1st December, 7.30pm. Village Hall.

Burham

Monday 21st December & 25th January,
7.30pm, Old School Community Centre.

Public Police Meeting —all welcome

Tuesday 1st December, 7-7.30pm. Wouldham Village Hall

PARISH NEWS

Baptism

1st November
Thomas William
Osborne



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 –
01634 867452

Burham Scout Hut (for youth) -
01634 862914

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*

Wouldham Allotments

Enquiries to Andy Marr:
01634 683786

Bulky Refuse Collection

*TMBC Helpline 01732 876147 or:
www.tmbc.gov.uk*

Wouldham -
5th December & 9th January
Village Car Park, Knowle Rd,
8.0am – 9.0am.

Burham –
12th December & 16th January
Village Hall Car Park,
8.0am – 9.0am

Eccles –
5th & 19th December
9th & 23rd January
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.*

‘The Sunday Programme’. BBC Radio Kent

At 6.30 hrs each Sunday morning we feature faith news (UK and international) and there could be something we could include from your parish - such as a successful fund raising project to help restore the building or perhaps something else you think would be of general interest to everyone who listens.

Also, is there someone you know who deserves a mention on the ‘The Sunday Programme’? Perhaps it’s a person whose good work goes unnoticed – a work colleague, a friend, a relative, a neighbour. May be they do great work for charity or have been through problems in their own life but only seem concerned with helping others. Well, we’d like to hear about them, we’ll give them a mention on the show, pass on your appreciation and play a song especially for them.

Do drop us an email at -

radio.Kent.sunday@BBC.co.uk - mark it "Sunday Inspiration" and explain why the person is such an unsung hero to you and those around you.

Lynn Wallis-Eade.

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BLYTHSWOOD CARE

There is an urgent need for clothing for all ages, bedding and household linen for humanitarian aid. Please contact Doreen: tel. 864139 who can collect.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Doreen and Malcolm would like to say a MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone who gave Shoebox gifts—especially the schools and the Church.

This year has been a record year. So many people will now receive gifts this Christmas who wouldn’t have done otherwise. Thank you so much.

SWAP SHOP

If you have a household or garden item that you wish to give away, swap or need, you may advertise freely in this Magazine. Write a brief description of the object along with your telephone number and send it to the Editor before the 10th of the preceding month. Also you can check out: **freecycle.org** to find your local group to give items away or look for wanted items.

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BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Bag & Flag Event: Council Officers, Community Wardens and Police bagged up dog mess in brightly coloured yellow bags and left them, with flags, in place of the unwelcome deposits to highlight the problem that exists in the area to encourage dog walkers to clean up after their dogs in future. There were a total of 62 yellow bags in Burham, of which 15 were in the Recreation Ground, the rest along rural footpaths and alleyways. The good news is that no dog mess was found on the pavements, or around the Primary School in Bell Lane. Please ensure that you are a responsible dog owner and use the dog poo bins provided around the village.

Senior Youth Club: Once again the club is struggling for volunteers. If you can help, please contact Thurza Browne on 01634 863322.

Recycling: Just a reminder that both cardboard and any paper (but not yellow papers) can be put in the large blue recycling bank at the Village Hall site. This generates funds paid to the Parish Council. Last financial year (April 2008-March 2009), the Parish Council was paid £1597 from residents recycling. Let's see if we can hit the £2,000 mark for this financial year!!!!

If you are a regular attendee at the monthly Parish Council meetings, you will be aware that a community Christmas tree for this year has been discussed.

Unfortunately, due to the logistics (where, how and when), it will not be possible (even with a local collection) to have a Christmas tree for this year. However, the comments have been noted and the Parish Council will be looking into this for 2010. As some of you are aware, the local Policing has changed. Full details of these changes have been requested and will be pinned to the notice-boards as soon as we receive them.

No further update on the moving of the "children crossing" stencil to the newly installed crossing point at Rochester Road. This is in the hand of Kent Highway Services. Also no update on the installation of the 2nd phase barriers outside the school. (Also in the hand of Kent Highway Services.)

An allotment sub-committee has been formed with some of the allotment holders. If you are an allotment holder and have any comments to make, please contact either myself or Dave Young.

As this will be the last newsletter until 2010, the Parish Council would like to wish all the residents a happy, healthy Christmas and a prosperous 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 early for Monday 21 December 2009, 7.30 pm in the Old School Community Centre, Corner of Rochester Road/Bell Lane.

January 2010 meeting is scheduled for Monday 25th, Old School Community Centre, Rochester Road at 7.30 pm.

Pam Saunders – Clerk – Burham Parish Council



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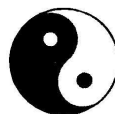
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CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

Burham Junior Youth

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Children in school years 4, 5, 6 from Burham, Wouldham and Eccles. All are 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. Adult help is required

Burham Mothers and Toddlers Group

Wednesdays from 9.30am – 11.30 at Burham Community Centre.

All children from 0-5 years of age with parent are welcome. Come along for a friendly play, chat and a weekly craft activity. Refreshments are provided.

The cost is £1 per session for 1 parent and child and 50p per extra child.

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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Monday Lunch Club (11.45 – 12.20pm) &

Afternoon session (12.20pm – 2.50pm)

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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.

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.

You are welcome to visit at any time, no appointment necessary.

Wouldham Mother & Toddler Group

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

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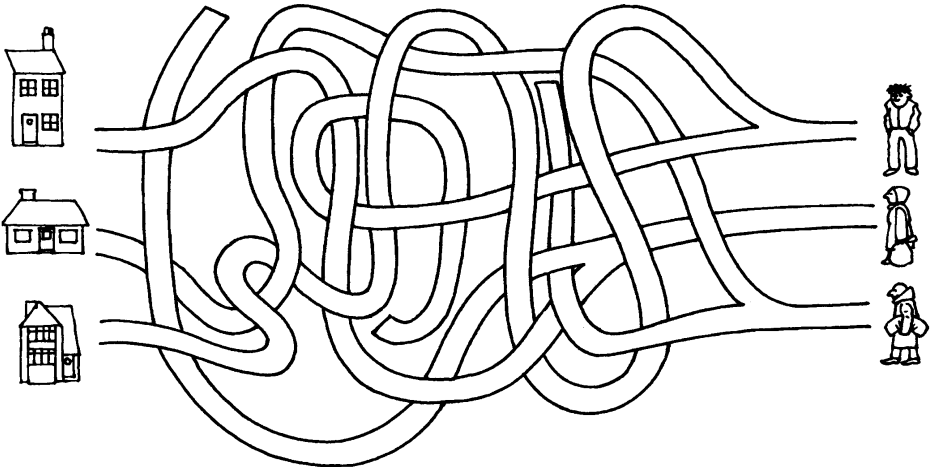
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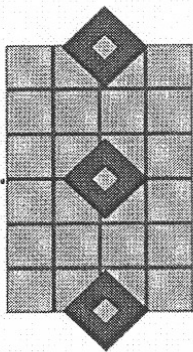
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Exciting new Community Trail for Burham and Wouldham

Valley of Visions is launching an exciting new community project that Burham and Wouldham residents will not only benefit from but have the opportunity to get directly involved in. Funding is available for eight communities within the Medway Gap to create a community trail by using existing paths to provide local people with a safe and well maintained trail to explore and enjoy the surrounding countryside. Burham and Wouldham are two of these communities. Funding can be used to improve the physical condition of the trail including installing benches and cutting back overgrowing vegetation. It can also be used to enhance enjoyment for users by producing an information booklet about the trail. It is anticipated that the trail will be completed by next summer and launched with a celebratory guided walk. This walk will showcase performing art pieces which will celebrate the rich landscape and heritage of the local area. Pieces will be created by the community, school and other local groups working directly with a community artist.

To find out more about this project, how you can get involved or to sign up to the mailing list to receive project updates, visit the Valley of Visions website www.valleyofvisions.org.uk. Alternatively contact Jennifer Smith by email jennifer.smith@vov.kentdowns.org.uk, by phone on 01634 242826 or write to Valley of Visions, The Cedars, Holborough Road, Snodland, Kent, ME6 5PW.

PRACTICAL PARENTING

A 'Practical and biblical' course on parenting has been set up by the Revd Mark Melliush, general manager of conferences for the New Wine Network, and the Vicar of St Paul's, Ealing with his wife, Lindsay. It now has its own website:

www.discoverfamilytime.com

The site was launched last month, and is based on Christian principles, but it stresses that the course is aimed at all parents, not just Christian ones. The ten week course, complete with handbook and DVD, can be ordered through the website, which offers samples and testimonials.

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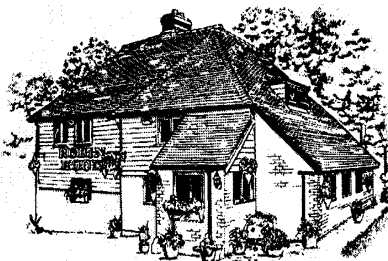
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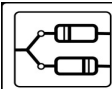
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