

The Parish of February 2010 Burham & Wouldham



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Dear Friends

Jennie writes about salt....

.... The new snow had been trampled by so many feet that the pavement had become an ice-rink. My mother though, was determined to get to the bank, so clutching my arm, we gingerly pressed forward. Then a pair of high fashion boots began to overtake, wobbled, skidded and clutching their older companion exclaimed: 'These pavements, they're a bloody disgrace. They ought to be shot, all of them, and would be if I had my way. It's a crying shame.....'

The angry protest continued up the road as we turned to climb the equally slippery steps of the bank. Standing in the doorway waiting for her to transact her business I watched the passing townsfolk and wondered what difference it might have made, if that morning of first snowfall, we'd each set out armed with a 50p packet of salt to sprinkle on some 20 metres of the route we walked. Surely the accumulative result must be an ice-free high street and perhaps many ice-free pavements elsewhere too?

With February still before us we are not yet out of the danger zone of bitter icy weather. Surely we could do it in Burham and Wouldham? With ample supplies of basic salt packs from Jill and Jim's and Jack and Judy's, could we not have a double village movement to prevent any further snow from making ice-rinks of our pavements? We'd each benefit and be safer, simply by being there for one another through a cheap packet of salt.

That is the style of living that Jesus taught, whereby we discover that deep happiness and fulfilment are found not in seeking our welfare alone but in serving the welfare of others including the community at large. Through such actions, embraced together, we create the spirit of the community we live in. And that communal spirit, in turn, deeply influences the quality and richness of our own lives. The skidding protesting lady might point her accusing finger at some 'them', but God's challenging way for us to find purpose and happiness, peace and security, is through *our lives lived compassionately in community* and a few packets of sprinkled salt next snowfall might help persuade each of us of the fact.

Wasn't it Jesus who said: 'You shall be like salt'?

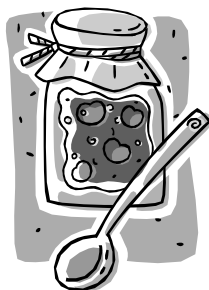
Yours Jennie

Lemon Curd Making

At the Rectory, Burham

6.30pm, Friday 19th February

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themselves a pot!**



You are warmly invited to:

A WINTER PARTY FOR ALL THE FAMILY

All Saints Church, Wouldham

6.30pm, Friday 12th February

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do your own party piece of song, poem, riddle,
music, monologue, joke, magic etc.**

**Please bring plate, cutlery and glass, and if able,
a contribution to the shared supper table.**

COFFEE MORNING

10.30am,

Friday, 26th February

All Saints Church, Wouldham



February Church of England Services



Thursday 4th February

9.15am	Wouldham School Candlemas Service	All Saints, Wouldham
3.15pm	Thursday Church	Wouldham School

Sunday 7th February

10.30am	Wouldham & Burham Schools celebrate 'Education Sunday'	All Saints, Wouldham
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Sunday 14th February

10.30am	Holy Communion	Burham Community Hall
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Wednesday 17th February

8.00pm	Ash Wednesday Service	All Saints, Wouldham
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Sunday 21st February

10.30am	Holy Communion	All Saints, Wouldham
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Thursday 25th February

2.45pm	Family Time Service	Burham School
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Sunday 28th February

10.30pm	Holy Communion,	All Saints, Wouldham
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Supporting the Work of All Saints Church Wouldham

A Stewardship Programme was held in the autumn of 2009 inviting people to support the work of All Saints Church by volunteering for practical tasks and by regular financial giving. Unfortunately some of the response envelopes did not find their way back to the Church Stewardship organiser and these people will not have received a letter of acknowledgement and thanks, or a supply of envelopes if they were offering monthly donations. If you are one of these people, I apologise sincerely and ask that you get in touch with myself so that I can rectify the matter.

Rev Jennie Bradshaw—01634 666862

MEN'S SUPPER

7.30pm, Tuesday 2nd February

Medway Inn, Wouldham

Speaker: Dennis Worcester

Contact Dennis to book: 01634 672060



VALENTINES BALL

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Saturday 13th February 2010
Burham Village Hall
7:30pm - 11:30pm
Tickets: £10

Call Danielle: 07774 001730

CHURCH BOOK CLUB

7.30pm, Wednesday 10th February

4 Church Street, Burham

The Book Club meets bi-monthly for a pleasant social evening discussing a book that all have read. New members are made most welcome. This month we are reading: *Flowering Wilderness* by John Galsworthy. Rebecca Scott has a spare copy to lend. Tel: 01634 668693



FEBRUARY Methodist Services

BURHAM CHURCH, CHURCH ST

Services in February

February 7 th	10.30am	Morning Worship
February 14 th	4.30pm	Evening Worship
February 21 st	10.30am	Morning Worship
February 28 th	4.30pm	Evening Worship

A warm welcome is extended to everyone at these Services.

Further details will be on the Church and Village Notice Boards.

Other Activities

Our Country Lunch this month will be held on the third Thursday February 18th at 1.0pm. Please come and join us for a meal of homemade soup, crusty bread and cheese, followed by fruit crumble and ice cream and tea or coffee.

We shall be holding our weekly Afternoon Tea at 3.0pm in the Church in Burham, when you can enjoy a friendly chat, a quiz together with a cup of tea and homemade cake.

Every one is welcome.

Lent Study Course 2010

We shall be following the latest Ecumenical Study Course from York – ‘When I Survey....Christ’s Cross and Ours’. According to the Bible, the death of Jesus is not the end of a track – it’s the gateway into life. His crucifixion gives rise to many key themes and we will explore some of these in this course, including the place of silence in our noisy world, despair and hope, a suffering world; the challenge of living as disciples when Christianity is no longer mainstream.

Session 1	Darkness at Noon
Session 2	Into Great Silence
Session 3	The Child on the Cross
Session 4	Outside a City Wall
Sessions 5	Touching the Rock

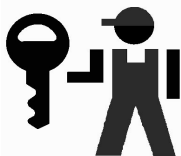
The sessions will take place at the home of David and Rebecca Kennedy - 63 Downsview, Burham on Fridays February 26th, March 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th. Each study session will start at 7.0pm with a meal. We welcome Christians of all denominations and all those seeking a way of faith.

For further information, please contact David and Rebecca Kennedy Tel No 864614 or Trevor Smith Tel No 867022.

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FEBRUARY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 2nd February	7.30pm	Men's Supper Speaker: Dennis Worcester Book with Dennis: 672060	Medway Inn Wouldham
Every Thursday 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th February	10.30 - 12 noon	Thursday Community Club *Hi Kent is unable to hold a Hearing Aid Clinic this month	Old School Community Centre Burham
Every Tuesday 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd February	3.00— 4.30 pm	Join us every Tuesday afternoon for a cup of tea, cake, a quiz and friendship	Burham Methodist Church
Wednesday 3rd February	9.00 - 10.30am	Coffee Morning In aid of Breast Cancer Research	Burham Community Centre
Tuesday 9th February	7.30pm	Open Parochial Church Council Meeting. To obtain the views of the Parish on the type of future seating in the Church	All Saints Wouldham
Wednesday 10th February	7.30pm	Church Book Club <i>See page 6</i>	4 Church St Burham
Friday 12th February	6.30pm	Winter Party for all the Family <i>See page 4</i>	All Saints Church Wouldham
Thursday 18th February	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 16th February	7.30pm	WI Meeting	Burham Village Hall
Friday 19th February	6.30pm	Lemon Curd making <i>See page 4</i>	The Rectory Burham
Friday 26th February	10.30- 11.30am	Coffee Morning	All Saints Wouldham

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BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Welcome back after the Christmas break. We hope that you all enjoyed the festive season and that the snow and ice didn't disrupt your daily routine too much.

Police Officer Jackie Wilkinson has joined the Neighbourhood Policing Team, covering the local area. Further information regarding two additional officers should be available shortly.

At the time of going to press, there are no further updates on the moving of the "children crossing" stencil to the recently installed crossing point in Rochester Road, nor is there any up date on the installation of the 2nd phase barrier outside the school.

The new bench at the left hand side of the top of the recreation ground has now been installed, with funding from our local KCC Member, Peter Homewood.

The Parish Council, together with local residents, are in the first stages of looking at the possibility of replacing the existing skate ramp with a Mark II version. If you have any ideas (sensible ones only please) regarding this, please let me know.

The application for the Valley of the Visions Project Trail has now been submitted and we await further information from them.

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!!!!

Also, during periods of bad weather, could we ask residents to check on their neighbours, particularly the elderly to ensure that they are OK. If you or your neighbours need any form of assistance, let me know and I will endeavor to assist.

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 22 February 2010, 7.30 pm in the Old School Community Centre, Corner of Rochester Road/Bell Lane.

Pam Saunders, Parish Clerk

HEART OF KENT HOSPICE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Skydive. Sunday 28th March 2010. Headcorn

Tandem Skydive from 10,000 feet attached to a professional instructor. No experience is necessary as all training is given.

An evening with Tim Stockdale in aid of The Heart of Kent Hospice

Tuesday 6th April 2010. 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Hadlow College, Hadlow

Tickets in advance: Adults £20, Children £15

Bluebell Walk

Sunday 2nd May 2010. Harrietsham

A sponsored 8½ mile fun walk for all the family including the dog along the North Downs and through beautiful countryside. Free Ploughman's lunch on return, kindly sponsored by the staff of Tesco, Grove Green.

Pedal for Pounds

Sunday 13th June 2010. Sutton Valence. A sponsored 25 mile bike ride. Each rider will receive a medal.

Vietnam Trek 2010

Saturday 23rd October 2010 to Friday 5th November 2010

Stunning international trek to Vietnam including ascending to Fansipan peak, working on a local project and an overnight trip on a traditional junk around the breathtaking Ha long bay.

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WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Wishing you all a prosperous and Happy New Year

At our meeting in the village hall, we discuss issues on our agenda, e.g the highways, paths, lighting, the countryside, planning and parking. We would welcome more members of the public to the monthly Parish Council meeting.

There was 'A Litter Pick' at Wouldham Common in November. Anyone who sees vans unloading on Hill Rd or off-road motorbikes please take their registration numbers and inform the warden. Mobile 07977982187.

At the December meeting we had quite an extensive crime report. Our Police Community Officer informed us there were: 2 attempted burglaries, a car stereo stolen, and 2 break-ins at the electricity sub station on School Lane. There was also damage to car tyres. Two youths were arrested for possession of drugs, one power cable was removed from an overhead power cable and there was theft of lead flashing from roof of All Saints Church, Wouldham. If anyone sees a crime in progress please ring the police .

Police and PCSO have conducted regular patrols of the High Street in Wouldham due to parking on the pavement and double yellow lines. Please do not park on pavements and leave access for pedestrians and the disabled.

Police officer Jackie Wilkinson will be starting on Monday 4th January 2010 to cover Burham, Eccles and Wouldham. We wish her well in her new job.

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.

Please be vigilant about scooping up DOG POOP, we seem to have quite a problem on our streets. A woman in East Malling has been successfully prosecuted by TMBC under the Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. The Councils' Dog Warden can be contacted on 01732 876181 or by email: dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk

We would love to hear from keen walkers in the village. We need village participation in the Valley of Visions project. We would like to know where we can place benches and signs along the two proposed walks. Please contact the parish clerk if you are interested.

The fundamental rules for road works are about to be changed. Firms will first have to obtain a permit before they can dig roads up. This will help to prevent several firms all digging up a road at different times. Emergency road works are unaffected.

The floor in the village hall is being renovated and polished over the Christmas Holidays. Do not forget to visit Wouldham Common in the New Year for the wonderful views.

Look out for any elderly neighbours to keep warm and safe during the winter.

If you have any items you would like the Parish Council to discuss. Email the Parish Clerk, 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 2nd February, 7.30pm at the Village Hall. *Anthea Parnell, Parish Councillor*

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*

THANK YOU

Having spent a while in hospital
before Christmas, I would like to
thank everybody for their cards,
kind wishes and beautiful flowers
I received. Many thanks.
Maddie Owen

Parish Council Meetings: Wouldham

Tuesday 2nd February, 7.30pm.
Village Hall.

Burham

Monday 22nd February, 7.30pm,
Old School Community Centre.

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

Bulky Refuse Collection

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

Wouldham - 6th February

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

**Burham –
13th February
Village Hall Car Park,**
8.0am – 9.0am

**Eccles –
6th & 20th February**
Bull Lane lay-by, 8.0am – 9.0am

*Do not leave waste unattended at the
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waste vehicle arriving.*

POPPY APPEAL

A big thank you to all residents of Wouldham who gave so generously to the British Legion last November. The total sum raised was £873.35. Thank you, Trisha Rothwell
Poppy Appeal Organiser

POPPY APPEAL

Well done Burham, once again we have achieved our goal and raised £1276.67. Thank you so much and a big thank you to all who helped collect this wonderful amount.
Margaret Mather

Trenport Investments - Peters Village: notice of works and inspections

Over the next few months, the following utility companies will be undertaking works and inspections on Trenport land in the Wouldham and Burham areas:

1. **EDF:** Tree and scrub clearance under and around exiting electrical lines in December and January
2. **National Grid:** Next few months - inspections, which may involve climbing some towers.
3. **Southern Gas:** March 2010 onwards - underground pipe replacement works from Rochester Road down to Bell Lane.

VALLEY OF VISIONS COMMUNITY TRAIL

Some of you may have heard about the Community Trail project and I'd like some thoughts - however general - from interested residents on the following: Themes /ideas /materials for the so-called 'gateway sculpture' and on its location and that of the proposed raised bed in the same area. We'd like to put them on the grass in the general area of the village sign. While you are out and about walking can you think of specific locations for benches? I can let you know where the route goes if you'd like to comment. We are proposing a Burham walk festival - thoughts on dates. I have in mind 4 weeks sometime in May /June. Is there anything locally we need to work around? Please forward any information to myself, Wendy Neath, email: wendy.neath@btinternet.com 01634 861339 or 07802 676 896 by 15 February 2010

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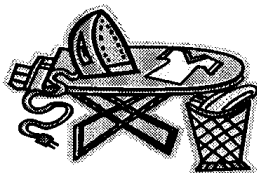
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Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

February is always a good month as it marks just about half way through the school year and comes at the end of a seemingly infinite January. 2010 has already seen many interesting moments and one of the highlights was the ‘big snow’ in early January. Memories of sledging (on summer sports day sackrace jumping bags!) on the new school field will be held by many for years to come. The addition of a sloping bank was possibly not planned for such eventualities but was definitely an added bonus for this very welcome addition to the school environment.

February is full of action with a visit from an inflatable planetarium to support our study of space. Candlemas is next on the list on Thursday 4th. This will take place in All Saints Church from 9:15 and involves all children from Year 2 and above. Candlemas recognises Jesus as a child and his presentation at the temple. It also looks backwards to Christmas and forwards to Easter to try and tie the significance of the two parts of the Christian calendar.

We also have Learning Progress Meetings to look forward to which means parents and children can talk with teachers about what has been achieved and what needs to be done next to continue making progress. These are important meetings and we encourage all parents to attend. The meetings start at 3pm and appointments are made up to 6pm. These are taking place on the 8th and 9th February.

A rather strange addition to our calendar is Shrove Friday on the 12th, which is the last day of Term 3. This is because Pancake Day falls the next Tuesday and we’re away from school. We have developed quite a tradition of marking the start of Lent and we didn’t want to miss it, hence the introduction of Shrove Friday into Wouldham! Please don’t tell us we’re wrong – we already know!

Dates for your diary

February 1st – Planetarium and moon robots visit Wouldham

February 4th – Candlemas worship (Yrs2-6) at 9:15 (All Saints)

Thursday Church led by The Family Trust. 3:15pm

February 8th & 9th – Learning Progress meetings for all classes (3-6pm)

February 12th – Shrove Friday celebrations. Last day of Term 3

February 22nd – First day of Term 4

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

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Burham Senior Youth

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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,
Monday's to Fridays from 9.15am to 11.45am.
Monday Lunch Club (11.45 – 12.20pm) &
Afternoon session (12.20pm – 2.50pm)
Introduction to Pre-School Session for 2-2½ yrs. Tuesday 12.30- 2.30pm.
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. All children from 0-5 years of age are welcome with parent. Contact Dion Darley, East Malling Children's Centre, 01732 873284 or 07826 868082



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CHILDREN'S PAGE

When Jesus was twelve

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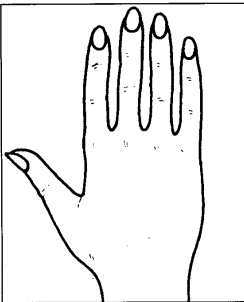


Can you find 10 differences?

Children should ask questions

Some questions are easy.

How many fingers?



Some are harder.

Where is Timbuctoo?

What is Prince William's middle name?

Some are almost impossible.

How many stars in the sky?



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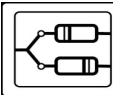


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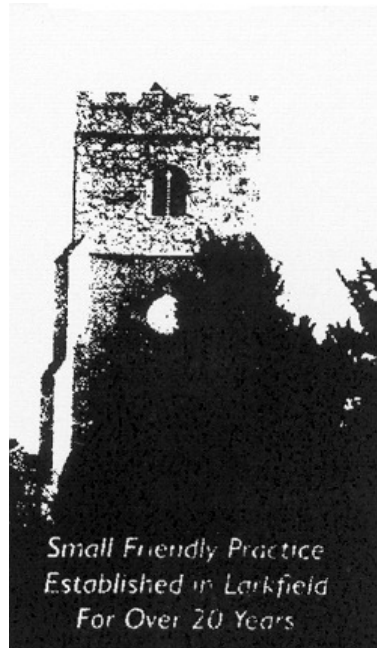
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