

The Parish of Burham & Wouldham

March 2011



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Dear Friends



Jennie writes on waste and hope

When they had all had enough to eat, Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Gather-up the left-overs that nothing is wasted. And they filled twelve baskets with the pieces of bread the people had not eaten’. [John 6 v12] I wonder who ate those left-overs? Recently I made ‘gooey caramel squares’ from a new recipe because the picture of them looked so tempting. Instead of crushed short bread the base was made of suet, flour and milk. It was suet crust pastry of course and not a tea-time treat at all! But determined not to waste the suet, flour and milk I cut off the pastry base, arranged it on stewed apples and served it up with custard. That way it made a quite acceptable hot pudding! And I guess God smiled.

By 2050 there will be another 20 billion people to feed and even today nearly one billion go daily hungry. What hope is there for us to meet that future challenge? Hope there is if we heed Jesus’ final sentence in the story of the feeding of the 5000. ‘Gather-up the left-overs that nothing be wasted’.

In the UK we presently waste 30% of the food grown. In the USA the figure is 50% and I believe that in Japan it is even higher. Some of this waste happens on the farms when apples are not picked, knobbly parsnips are rejected and over-ripe tomatoes dumped. Even where farmers do recycle by ploughing the crop in this produces only 1% of the energy it could have released as human food. Some of this waste is at production level in factories or supermarkets that make their own in-house breads and other fresh products. Some of this waste is in our own homes when we buy more than we need, often encouraged by a ‘buy one, get one free’ offer but eventually finding ourselves binning the free one when it’s passed it’s best.

We of the world’s rich nations tend to treat food as something we can consume or throw away without linking that with the plight of the world’s poor or the world’s forests. However by buying more food than we need, we devour land and resources that otherwise could be used to feed the billion who are currently underfed. All could be fed on a fraction of the food we currently throw away. Equally none of us would willingly agree to the clearing of great tracts of the Amazon forest. Yet that happens every day to satisfy our food demands.

Hope though is ours, for the solution is with us. We can participate with other ‘disciples’ who are already finding new ways of ‘gathering-up the left-overs’. Breweries are now selling—on their malted barley to farmers as cattle food. The organization ‘Fair Shares’ collects over-stocked food lines from supermarkets [but not those passed their sell-by—date] to distribute to charities like the Salvation Army, and I know an excellent café that always has bubble and squeak on it’s menu. Any other suggestions of how we might be ‘movers and shakers’ in this important hope?

Yours, Jennie

ALL SAINTS CHURCH REFURBISHMENTS

We had hoped that the repair and refurbishment of All Saints Church might be completed by Easter Sunday but the timetable for receiving the ordered floor tiles makes this unlikely. However the building contractors have guaranteed that the East End will be finished and usable for services by Friday 13 May, and the West End, which will be tarpaulined off, soon after. For Health and Safety reasons no one is allowed to enter the church whilst the work is underway without the permission of the works' supervisor. He may be contacted via the Rev Jennie Bradshaw. The churchyard though remains open to those who wish to visit and tend the graves of their loved ones.

BYE, BYE CHILDHOOD is a campaign being led by the Mothers' Union to help children to be valued as children and not targeted as adult consumers. Further information on the website: www.byebuychildren.org

LENT COURSE

TOUGH TALKthe hard sayings of Jesus.

7.30pm at the Rectory on:

Wednesdays 16th March, 23rd March, 30th March, 6th April,
& Friday 15th April

Everyone is welcome

Ring the Rector, Jennie: 01634 666862

THE GARDEN OF REST. ALL SAINTS CHURCHYARD

The Garden of Rest now has its large carved memorial stone. The service of dedication will take place at 12.30pm on Sunday 13th March and everyone from the two village communities is invited to be present. From that date onwards the ashes of loved ones may be interred there. Caskets though will not be permitted. The name, date of birth and death of the deceased can be inscribed upon the memorial stone at a cost currently of £230. Application for this should be made to the Rector. Flowers may be put at the foot of the memorial stone or if preferred in a vase on a windowsill within the church. If however you would like to donate the cost of flowers for an arrangement on your loved one's anniversary, please contact:

Mrs Catherine Gore. tel: 01634 404742

All Saints Church, Wouldham is closed for major refurbishments and repairs. Meanwhile all services except 'Messy Church' will be held in Wouldham Village Hall.

Sunday 6th March

10.30am Family Service

Village Hall, Wouldham

Wednesday 9th March

7.30pm Ash Wednesday Service

Village Hall, Wouldham

Sunday 13th March

10.30am Holy Communion

Village Hall, Wouldham

12.30pm Dedication of the Garden of Rest All Saints Churchyard

Thursday 17th March

10.30am Holy Communion

Winchester House

Sunday 20th March

10.30am 'Messy Church' & Treasure Seekers

Burham Community Centre

Sunday 27th March

10.30pm Holy Communion

Village Hall, Wouldham

Thursday 31st March

Messy Church for Mothering Sunday

Wouldham School



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Church St, Burham

MARCH SERVICES

Sunday March 6th 4.30pm Evening Worship led by Ray Borrett

Sunday March 13th 10.30am Holy Communion led by Gary Watt

Sunday March 20th 4.30pm Service led by Church Members

Sunday March 27th 10.30am Morning Worship led by Don Brand

Everyone is most welcome at all our services which vary from the more formal services of Holy Communion to rather less formal ones. We have tea, coffee and biscuits at the end of each service when there is an opportunity of sharing time with each other. If you would like a lift to any of services and other events, please contact Trevor Smith on 867022.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:-

We have an Afternoon Tea in the Church each Tuesday from 3.0.pm till 4.30pm to which every one is welcome to join in a chat over a cup of tea and homemade cakes. There is also a fun quiz to enjoy.

This month our Country Lunch will be held on Thursday March 10th at 1.0.pm with the usual soup, cheese and crusty bread followed by fruit rumbles and ice cream. We have sadly decided that we must increase the cost of this to £2.50 but is still a bargain!!!

LENT COURSE

We shall be holding a Lent Course starting on Tuesday March 15th and each following Tuesday up to April 12th. This will follow the Radio Kent schedule and we invite everyone to come along for a discussion and prayer time. As yet we do not know the details of the course but this will be advertised in the village and in the Kent Messenger. Please contact either Rod Murr on 868075 or Trevor Smith on 867022 for further details.

We have recently made some improvements to the paving outside the Church and there is now a ramp for easier access to the building. Further urgent repairs are planned in the near future as a result of the last Inspection of the Property which is carried out every five years.



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MARCH ACTIVITIES

Every Thursday. March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31	10.30 - 12 noon	Thursday Community Club *There will be <u>NO</u> Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic in March	Old School Community Centre Burham
Every Tuesday. March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	3.00— 4.30 pm	Join us every Tuesday afternoon for a cup of tea, cake, a quiz and friendship	Burham Methodist Church Hall
Wednesday 13th April	7.30pm	Parochial Church Council AGM	All Saints Wouldham
Saturday March 5	11.30am – 12pm 12— 12.30pm	Mobile police station. Regular Neighbourhood Meetings	Burham Village Hall car park Medway Inn car park, Wouldham
Thursday March 10	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.	Burham Methodist Church Hall
Tuesday March 15	7.30pm	WI Meeting Mrs Wendy Small—The donkey sanctuary Competition—pet photo	Burham Village Hall

Parish Council Meetings:

Wouldham Tuesday 1st March, 7.30pm. Village Hall.
Burham Monday 28th March, 7.30pm, Burham Old School

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Burham Church of England Primary School.

Michelle Grima, Headteacher



Hello everyone from Burham Church of England Primary School. We continue to have a busy time here with lots going on for the children. On Friday lunchtimes 2 volunteers Vera and Dorothy come into school to run a knitting club with the children from across the school. This serves a very special purpose as the children are knitting articles that will be put to very good use. Whether it is squares as part of a blanket or panels that will be made into children's jumpers they do it knowing that they are helping others.

Recently the children and ladies from knitting club came to host Worship in order to tell us about their contribution to a global charity. This was to help the other children understand that truly every little thing does make a difference. This also gave us background information for our visitors at the end of the week. On Friday of the same week Carmen and Paul from Christian Hope International joined the school for Worship and told us all about their important work in countries less fortunate than us and how grateful they were for the contributions of others.

This is our knitting club



I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our volunteers who come into Burham School and generously give up their time. THANK YOU!!!

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My name is Dorothy and about 3 years ago Rev Jennie, myself and one other, started teaching knitting at Burham School.

The children started with knitting a square and were awarded a certificate on completion. I offered to carry on when Rev Jennie left after one year, and the knitting Club was born.

From little acorns we have created many oaks. Some of the children were thirsty for more knowledge and have learnt different stitches and to read a pattern.

Last week I was asked to do an assembly with the knitting club children.

They told their story of the squares and that they are stitched together to make blankets and scarves, which are then sent to a Charity and in turn sent to third world countries or people in need after an earthquake or flood.

To date; with the help of mothers and grandmothers we have sent 8 blankets to our local charity "Blythswood" and 4 blankets, 7 scarves and 14 beanie hats to "Stitches of Hope", Christian Hope International'

Thank you to all who have helped in any way, please keep it up.

Dorothy Dowling

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WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

At the Council meeting this month it was reported that the glass door of the village shop was smashed and entry gained. There did not appear to be anything stolen but investigations are ongoing.

Tools were stolen from a van in Oldfield Drive. A suspicious vehicle seen at the time has since been recovered and is awaiting CSI results. If we all remain vigilant as a village, we can all be safer.

If you have anything to report, please contact: PCSO Julie Stoners' mobile is (07772226237), and PC Jackie Wilkinson's mobile is (07980683666). West Malling Police Office is 01732 529911.

Dave Liepnick (mobile 07977 982187), is our community Warden. He reminded us all that parking on pavements prevents residents, especially disabled ones, getting along safely. This is noted near the Russet Homes. There was an event this month to highlight SCAM MAIL. If any resident feels threatened by chain emails, contact the community warden and he will shred them. You can also report a scam to: www.consumerdirect.gov.uk/scams, or call Consumer Direct for advice on 08454 04 05 06. If in doubt, don't reply. Instead, bin it, delete it or hang up! A SCAM is scheming, crafty, aggressive and malicious. Don't let them con you.

Work is still ongoing around the Valley of Visions walks. The steps mentioned last month now have a kissing gate at the bottom. Everyone keeps praising the access now, so do plan your next Sunday walk up to the North Downs Way and Wouldham Common - we hope all the residents will try the designated walks. Hopefully every resident received a Community Trail Leaflet for Wouldham. If not, contact our Parish Clerk.

The next "Old Wouldham Event" will be in the Village Hall on 28th May 2011. This is not going to be an exhibition, but more a "bring your photos and get them scanned whilst you have a cuppa" type event. They will be aiming to find photos from about 1950 for "old Wouldham 2" but anything older that anyone has would be added to the existing set. More news on this next month, so keep a look out.

There are allotments available. Ring Andy Marr: 01634 683786

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 1st March 2011, 7.30pm at the village hall. Anthea Parnell, Parish Councillor

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BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Many thanks to all residents who made a donation towards Jill & Jim's collection. Over £500 was collected which was fantastic.

The planning application for an extension on Frosts Service Station shop has now been agreed by TMBC. Building work is due to commence early March. As you are aware, the Parish Council has been requesting speed indicator devices for sometime now, with Kent Highway Services (KHS) always declining our requests. Due to speed checks within certain areas of the village, the Police have now advised that consideration should be given to locating such signs within the village. A letter of support from the Police has now been received by the Parish Council and County Councilor Homewood and this has been forwarded to KHS for their consideration. The letter endorses the need for flashing style speed indicators signs, so hopefully KHS will look at this request favorably.

Whilst it is thought that all allotments will be allocated in April, please contact Councilor Dave Young on 01634 867669 for further information/details.

For those of you that are not aware, TMBC considered the former Fleur de Lys site planning application in early February. During the meeting, a request for deferment was put forward, as it became clear towards end of debate not all Councilors had all paperwork to hand, namely the handout that the applicant gave to Councilors and residents who attended the site meeting. The next Area 3 Committee Meeting is scheduled for 17 March 2011.

Replacements plum trees have now been planted on the pathway between the Village Hall and the recreation ground.

As a reminder because of a spate of vehicle thefts in Eccles, please ensure that all motor vehicles are locked and secure when not in use, even if only being unattended for a short while. It is understood that some of the thefts in Eccles relate to unlocked vehicles and as we know thieves are opportunists. Please also ensure that all valuables including Sat Nav's are removed or locked away, so that they cannot be seen. Also, as a reminder that all crimes should be reported to the Police including anti social behavior.

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 28 March 2011, 7.30 pm in the Old School Community Centre, Corner of Rochester Road/Bell Lane.

Pam Saunders - Clerk

PARISH NEWS

Rest in Peace

Sally, Sheila & Leslie
would like to thank family
& friends for their kind
thoughts, floral tributes & cards.
For their Mum, Nan & Great Nan
The Late Joan Brown



Choir Practice

Practices are held on
Thursdays at
7.30pm—9pm.



New junior and senior members are
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Roger Pick – 01634 842360

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Wouldham - 5th March

Village Car Park, Knowle Rd,
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Burham – 12th March

Village Hall Car Park,
8.0am – 9.0am

Eccles – 5th March

19th March

Bull Lane lay-by, 8.0am – 9.0am

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MOBILE LIBRARY VAN

The Mobile Library visits

Burham & Wouldham every week on a Tuesday at:

Wouldham, School Lane 1.15- 2.15pm

Wouldham, Post Office 2.20- 2.40pm

Wouldham, Ravensknowle 2.45- 3.00pm

Burham, Village Hall 3.05– 4.05pm

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Quiz Night

Saturday 19th March

7.30pm - 10.30pm

Old School Community Hall, Burham

Everyone welcome!

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Teams of 6 (£10) per team

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EASTER QUIZ

Easter Saturday, 23rd April, 7.00 for 7.30pm

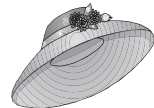
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March 2011

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Quiz Night Sunday 27th March from 7pm, free snack, teams of 4, £2 per person, cash prizes, please call to book in your team.

Clay Pigeon Shoots are held twice a month at the pub for further information contact Phil (01795) 437507

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Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

Wouldham All Saints, Burham and St Mark's, Eccles have been working hard at building up good relations between schools and one of many areas that we have developed is joining School Councils together. One decision made by them was to share assemblies with members of the school council visiting each school to take an assembly to help celebrate a Christian festival. Wouldham All Saints were first to do this last month and four very brave children took the message of Candlemas to all the children in this area. Very well done to you four – you set a high bar for others to follow! We will look forward to the next round which will be led by Burham on the theme of Pentecost.

The councils are now trying to find ways of developing our respective communities as well as fund raising and working hard at making our schools more environmentally friendly.

March is a busy month with trips to Leeds Castle, Rochester Cathedral and others as well as the celebration of Pancake Day (a big event at Wouldham All Saints). This year we're going for our own version of Mardi Gras!

Why not join us for a quiz? Friday 11th March at 7:30 for 8pm start. A team of 6 will cost £12. Bring your own drinks and snacks!

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 1 st March	Term 4 begins (School closed Mon 28 th Feb!!!)
Thursday 3 rd March	Otter & Badger class trip to Leeds Castle World Book Day
Monday 7 th March	Theatre group performing in school – Road Safety
Tuesday 8 th March	Pancake Day! Fancy dress! (theme – Mardi Gras)
Wednesday 9 th March	Friends of the School meeting at 2:15pm
Friday 11 th March	Quiz Night (7:30 for 8pm start)
Mon 14 th & Tues 15 th March	Learning Progress meetings for all classes
Friday 18 th March	Red Nose Day – Back to front!
Tuesday 22 nd March	Class photographs being taken
Thursday 24 th March	RE celebration event at Bishop of Rochester Academy for Owl Class.
Tuesday 29 th March	Year 2 and Year 3 at Rochester cathedral
Visit www.wouldham.kent.sch.uk or call 861434 for more information	

GOVERNMENT INSULATION GRANTS

Every home could benefit from free Government-backed insulation grants. Home owners, private tenants and landlords can all receive help towards the cost of insulating their property. This is particularly relevant considering recent utility bill increases and the change to the VAT rate. Loft insulation will save you up to £150 per year and cavity wall insulation, up to £115 per year

If you're on benefits or over 70, the chances are you'll qualify for FREE cavity wall or loft insulation as part of government measures to reduce UK carbon emissions. For everyone else, grants are still available for around 40-70% of the cost of insulation for your home. The application will be dealt with by the contractor installing the insulation as grants are not available for those wanting to carry out the work themselves.

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- Do ask a neighbour to look after your car keys if you go on holiday.
- Do invest in an effective security system if you are investing in a high value car.
- Do make sure you set your house alarm when you go to bed at night.

Have anti-tamper screws fitted to your car's number plates – reputable garages can give you information about your make of car, or you can attend one of our 'Safe Plates' events – keep an eye on www.kent.police.uk for dates and locations.

To protect your valuables:

- Make sure that sun roofs and windows are closed and all doors locked when you leave your vehicle.
- Don't give anyone the opportunity to see you putting your valuables in the boot or the glove box as there are no real hiding places.
- If your sat nav is portable keep it safe by taking it, together with the support cradle and suction pads, with you when you leave the car.
- Wipe away any suction pad marks left on the windscreen or dashboard, as thieves will look for these signs.
- Mark your property using the special security markers widely available.
- Make a note of the make, model and serial number of your sat nav and keep this information somewhere safe i.e. not in your car!
- Don't leave any valuables on view in your car – if you value it take it with you.

If you see suspicious vehicles near your home don't put yourself at risk but if possible make a note of the make, type and registration number and report it immediately to police.

If you would like crime reduction advice, or to talk about any local policing issues, why not come along to one of our regular neighbourhood meetings?

The mobile police station will be in the following locations on:

Saturday 5 March:

- **11.30am-12pm Burham Village Hall car park**
- **12pm-12.30pm Medway Inn car park, Wouldham**

You can contact your neighbourhood officers on the following mobile numbers:
PC Jackie Wilkinson – 07980 683666 , PCSO Julie Stoner – 07772 226237

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS...



Fundraising Collection Days

The Heart of Kent Hospice is looking for willing/enthusiastic volunteers to help us with Fundraising Collection Days in 2011. If you can spare just a few hours to help raise vital funds for your local Hospice we would love to hear from you.

The following collections are booked at various Tesco Supermarket's in the local area on the following dates:

Thursday 31st March 2011 – Grove Green

Wednesday 13th April 2011 - Lunsford

Thursday 14th April 2011 - Lunsford

Thursday 30th June 2011 – Farleigh Hill

To register your support, please telephone Karen Dockwray (Volunteer Services Development Officer) on 01622 792200 or email karen.dockwray@hokh.co.uk

Bluebell Walk – Sunday 1st May 2011

Volunteer Marshals are needed to help at our 24th year of the Bluebell Walk, starting at Harrietsham Village Hall. This is an 8 ½ mile walk and Marshals are required at certain points of the course and to man the walkers car park, not only to ensure peoples' safety but to give walkers that much needed encouragement.

Marshals will be required from 8.30am to approximately 1pm.

This is one of The Heart of Kent Hospice's biggest fundraising events of the year and we want you to be involved in the fun. To register, please telephone Karen Dockwray (Volunteer Services Development Officer) on 01622 792200 or email karen.dockwray@hokh.co.uk

The Moonlit Walk – Saturday 16th July 2011

This is the biggest Fundraising event of the year for The Heart of Kent Hospice with nearly £90,000 raised in 2010. The Hospice is hoping this year's event will be an even greater success but none of this is possible without... VOLUNTEERS!

We are looking for 100 people to help us with this event and are counting on you to fill one of these spaces. From registration, drink stops to marshals, there are loads of ways you can get involved. Starting and finishing at David Lloyd Fitness Centre, Kings Hill – walkers have the opportunity to complete either 6 or 10miles. Fancy dress is encouraged!

If you can stay awake (you will have no option with this party atmosphere!) from 10pm to approximately 2am, we would love you to sign up to join our volunteering extravaganza! To register to volunteer, please telephone Karen Dockwray (Volunteer Services Development Officer) on 01622 792200 or email karen.dockwray@hokh.co.uk

If I had my child to raise all over again

I'd finger paint more and point the finger less

I'd do less correction and more connection

I'd take my eyes off my watch and watch with my eyes

I would care to know less and know to care more

I'd take more hikes and fly more kites

I'd stop playing seriously and seriously play

I'd run through more fields and gaze at more stars

I'd do more hugging and do less tugging

I would be less firm and affirm more often

I'd build self esteem first and the house later

I'd teach less about the love of power and more about the power of love

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<<<Topical Tip <>Topical Tip <>March<>Topical Tip <>Topical Tip>>> Undeclared Income - A Warning...

In a recent prosecution an employed builder doing a little bit of "moonlighting" was convicted of not notifying the tax man and so evading tax of £3,558. Originally charged with tax evasion, he would have probably had to pay penalties of around **£4,000** (as well as the tax) which maybe got a few months suspended sentence. However, the charges were changed to mean that he had been living on illegally obtained income. Under the Proceeds of Crime Act the tax man then won a confiscation order for over **£700,000** (or 4 years in prison if he defaults)! The consequences of not being up front with the tax man have suddenly become a lot worse than a slap on the wrist and a fine. If (as they say) you have been affected by this story, please get in touch...

How to protect yourself from Scams

The Office of Fair Trading (OFT) estimates that consumers lose £3.5bn to scams every year, with the average victim losing £850. But many lose far more. Read on for OFT's top 10 tips to protect yourself from falling victim to fraudsters.

- Be suspicious of unsolicited letters, phone calls or emails asking you to send money – check out the sender and ask the opinion of family, friends or neighbours.
- If an offer looks too good to be true, it probably is.
- Think twice – ask yourself “Can I afford to lose money on this?”
- Never send money to anyone who says you’ve won a lottery or big prize – you’ll never see any winnings.
- Don’t be rushed into sending off money by time-sensitive deadlines.
- Never ring a number beginning **090** unless you know how much the call will cost and what you will receive.
- Never disclose bank account, credit card or personal details to people you don’t know.
- Don’t send money just because a letter seems official.
- Don’t be fooled by fake testimonials.
- Get help! Contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06

It is now believed that £4 billion (according to the National Fraud authority) is lost to scams in the UK each year, with some people becoming repeat victims who can lose thousands. What can never be underestimated is the effect on such victims and their loved ones as illustrated by the Think Jessica campaign at [**www.thinkjessica.com**](http://www.thinkjessica.com).

The general advice is that if it appears too good to be true then it probably is. However, it is of concern that those who are repeatedly falling victim to scams will not be in a position to heed this advice. If you know of someone who is possibly a victim of scams, please contact Trading Standards through Consumer Direct on 08454 040506 or at [**www.consumerdirect.gov.uk**](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk)

Also internet users, go to: [**www.hoaxslayer.com**](http://www.hoaxslayer.com) Hoax-Slayer allows you to check the veracity of common email hoaxes and aims to counteract criminal activity by publishing information about common types of internet scams. Hoax-Slayer also includes anti-spam tips, computer and email security information, articles about true email forwards, and more.

CUT THE JUNK

You can take some simple steps to cut the number of unsolicited offers you receive by post, phone and email. This will make it harder for the scammers to reach you and it will give you the confidence to treat any offers you do receive with extra caution.

Mailings

Reduce the number of unsolicited letters and other mailings you get by registering for free with the Mailing Preference Service at www.mponline.org.uk or by phoning 0845 703 4599.

Telephone calls

Reduce the number of unsolicited phone calls you get by registering your phone number for free with Telephone Preference Service at www.tpsonline.org.uk or by phoning 0845 070 0707.

You could ask your telephone company to block callers who withhold their number. They can even bar you from making calls to premium-rate 090 numbers (some phone companies charge for doing this).

Text/SMS messages

Reduce the number of unsolicited phone calls and texts you get on your mobile phone by registering your number for free with the Telephone Preference Service at www.tpsonline.org.uk or by phoning 0845 070 0707. If you receive a text/SMS service you don't want, reply with the word STOP. The service should end immediately.

For more advice or to make a complaint, contact your mobile network or PhonepayPlus, the regulator of services paid for through your mobile phone bill, on 0800 500 212 or at www.phonepayplus.org.uk

Email

Reduce the number of unsolicited emails you get by installing anti-spam software and a firewall on your computer. And then keep them up-to-date. For advice, go to www.getsafeonline.org



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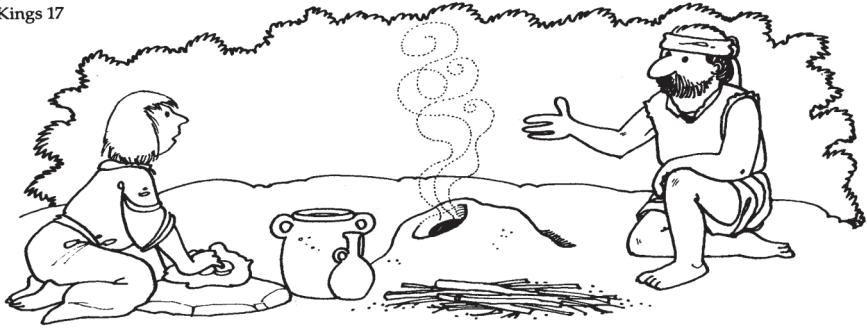
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CHILDREN'S PAGE

Elijah at Zarephath

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Give and it will be given
to you. A good measure
pressed down, shaken
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over will be poured into
your lap (Luke 6:38)

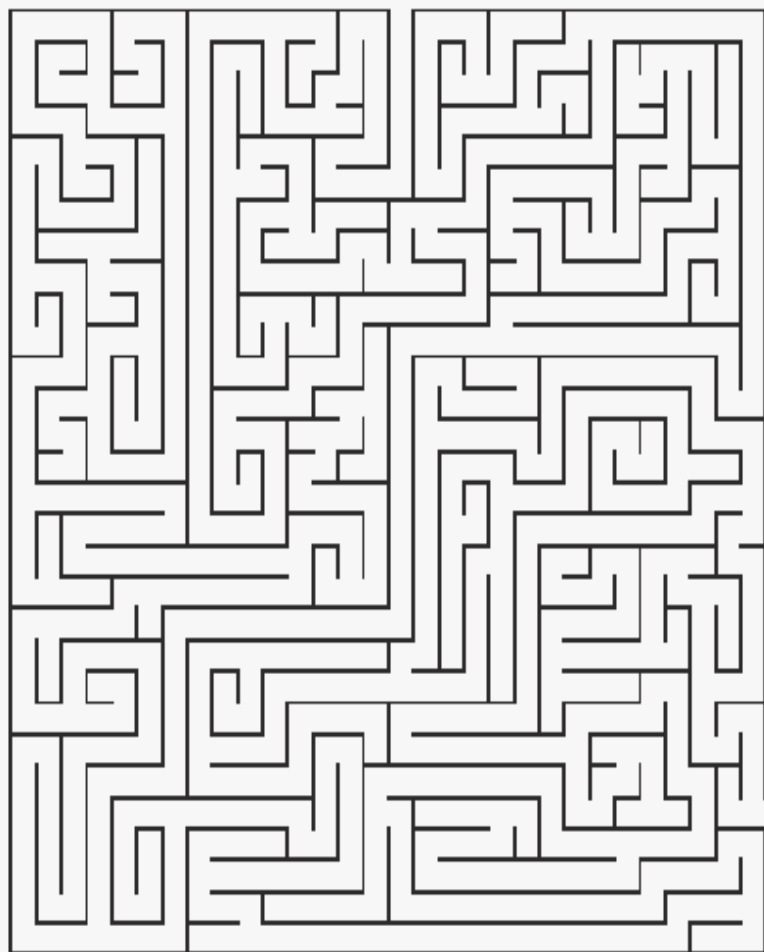
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For further information please contact the Children's Centre: 01732 874086

Burham Senior Youth

Tuesdays 7-9pm at Burham Scout Hut. Open to all youths who live in Burham. School years 6-11. Contact Thurza Browne 01634 863322.

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

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

Jelly Beans Pre-School, Wouldham Village Hall.

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We also now run a lunch club, Tuesdays to Thursdays, 11.45am – 12.25pm, with parents providing a packed lunch. Many parents use lunch club to take advantage of the opportunity for children to stay all day.

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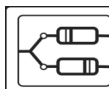
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