

The Parish of **November 2011** Burham & Wouldham



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THE PARISH OF BURHAM & WOULDHAM
All Saints Church, Wouldham
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ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER

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

The small choir rehearses weekly on Thursday evening.

This is a voluntary position.

If you are interested, contact Heather Lloyd: 01634 863345



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

Contact Gwen Worcester, Church Warden: 01634 672060

Dear Friends



Jennie writes on remembering

My Mother was chatting to a salesman in her front room. I joined in the conversation which soon left the product on sale to;- ‘Where do you come from?’ ‘Bet you’ve never heard of it,’ says I. ‘It’s Burham, a village upstream from Rochester’. ‘Heard of it’ says he, ‘I was brought up in Wouldham. Lived opposite the church. Never attended but went there for the school harvest and on Trafalgar Day. Do they still put flowers on that fellow’s tomb? Well I never! Was a great place to be a lad in. Me and my pals would go down the chalk pits first thing and our Mums never saw us again till supper time. Does the High Street still get jammed up? I remember the village discussions about a back-road through the allotments. Nothing came of it. Do you know?’ And yes, several are still familiar surnames in the village these three decades later.

That’s joyful remembering, and perhaps village communities particularly encourage such ‘remembering’ because they are ‘people-sized’. Just as you can be a valued member of a choir or the football team or the WI, because they are people-sized so you can be a valued member of a people-sized village. I guess it’s not the same in suburbia or a town. In suburbia you may become a ‘prominent resident’ and in a town perhaps a ‘valued citizen’, but the majority possibly remain anonymous householders. Here though, in the villages, we can all be that special thing ‘a member’, which is very like the different members of our own bodies; legs and arms, hearts and eyes. Those, when joined in good health and activity can become something that is very much alive and kicking with its own character.

This ‘remembering’, it can be done in two ways. The salesman remembered in a nostalgic way, going back in his mind to the folk and events of his childhood. It didn’t change anything today. Alternatively we can let the past trigger our present actions as ‘village members’, living and working together today to create communities buzzing with neighbourliness and active in support of our two schools, parish councils, churches, shops, pubs and organizations catering for tiny-ones to the most senior.

On November 13th, when we gather around the War Memorials at Burham and Wouldham to hear again the names of those who sacrificed their lives for us in two World Wars, is it not this second active type of remembering that most honours them? At each fortnightly service of Holy Communion in All Saints the congregation pledges itself before God to ‘pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life’. Surely that’s what God desires of us?

Yours Jennie

The Refurbishment of All Saint's Church is complete!

Choir Practice

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

COFFEE MORNING

Friday 25th November

10.30—11.30am

**All Saints Church,
Wouldham**

All are made most welcome



'Story-Rhyme-Time'

for parents and little ones:

10.30am—11.30am

Friday 4th, 11th, 18th

& 25th November

All Saints Church, Wouldham



Produce Stall

at the Sunday Morning
Service in all Saint's Church

Here surplus garden
vegetables, fruit and gifts of
jam, cakes, biscuits or
home-made cards are for sale.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning held in All Saints on Friday 30th September raised £150 for that charity.

Thank you all who gave your support to this important charitable organisation. Coffee mornings are held at 10.30am on the last Friday of each month in All Saints.

If you wish to hold a coffee morning to aid a particular charity, please speak with—

Gill Saunders (861424) or Gwen Worcester (672060)

A SINCERE THANK YOU to all

who in September gave a **'Thank You Gift to God'** in support of the work of the Parish Church of All Saints.

The total given to the General Fund was £1345.94 which will increase by the amount added by HMRC in respect of gift-aided donations. A further £362 was given to the Church Restoration Fund.

The PCC has a care to use all donated monies diligently, focusing on the work the church should do to serve all the people, both young and older in the villages of Burham and Wouldham.

Thank you for your support, *Jennie*

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



Sunday, 6th November

10.30am, Family Service & Baptism All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 13th November. Remembrance Day

10.30am, Wouldham Remembrance Sunday Service, All Saints

2.00pm, Burham Remembrance Sunday Service
commencing in the Memorial Garden & then
afterwards at Burham Methodist Church.

Thursday, 17th November

10.30am, Holy Communion Winchester House

Sunday, 20th November

10.30am, Messy Church Burham Old School
1.00pm Baptisms All Saints, Wouldham

Thursday, 24th November

2.30pm Burham School Advent Service. Burham School

Friday, 25th November

10.00am Holy Communion in the Community 31 Hall Road,
Wouldham

Sunday, 27th November. Advent Sunday

10.30am, Holy Communion. All Saints, Wouldham

*This is Rev' Jennie Bradshaw's last Church service for us
in the Parish and afterwards we are gathering to thank her and
offer a toast at her retirement. (see our notice on page18)*

Wednesday 30th November

2.30pm, Wouldham School Advent Service Wouldham School



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
Sunday 13th November
Services in Wouldham & Burham *Details above*

Christmas Bazaar

1.00—3.00pm

Saturday, 12th November

Burham Village Hall



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY!

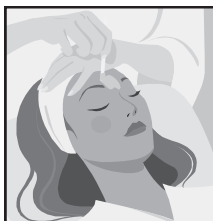
Refreshments, children's games, cake stall,
gifts, jams, Christmas cards, a raffle and
much, much more.....come and join in!
50p entry & Children are free.

PAMPER EVENING

Friday, 11th November

Burham Village Hall

Doors open at
6.30pm for
therapies &
treatments



Entry £3.50
Includes a glass of
wine.
Raffle

Therapies include: manicure, massage, facials,
Reiki, Tibetan Acupuncture, mud and more

THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist) Church St.

Minister:- Rev Gary Watt 01732 522722

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

Stewards & Property Stewards:

Trevor Smith 01634 867022. Rod Murr 01634 868075

Any requests for Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals should be made to:

Rev. Gary Watt or one of the Stewards.

SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER

Sunday November 6th, 4.30pm Evening Worship led by Rev. Tim Crome

Sunday November 13th ,2.0.pm. Remembrance Day Service led by Rev. Gary Watt and Rev Jennie Bradshaw

Service starts at the War Memorial and then moves to The Church in Burham

Sunday November 20th ,4.30pm Evening Worship led by Geoff Harris

Sunday November 27th ,10.30am Advent Sunday Service led by

David Stunnell

Remembrance Sunday

This year the Royal British Legion celebrates its 90th Anniversary. We hope that as many as possible will support the special Service on November 13th, starting at the War Memorial in Burham and then concluding in the Church in Burham. The collection from this service will be sent to the British Legion to support their work with servicemen from our Armed Forces.

Advent Sunday November 27th

We are holding a special service to celebrate the beginning of Advent and the start of the Christmas period. At this service, the decorated windows in the Church will be dedicated. As in previous years, members and friends of the Church and Burham School will decorate the windows, and the theme this year is the Christmas story as told in the Bible. Everyone is most welcome at this and every service, so please come and join us.

If you would like a lift to any of services and other events, please contact Trevor Smith on 867022.

OTHER ACTIVITIES:-

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

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

Country Lunch will be held on **November 11th** at 1.0.pm with the usual menu of soup, cheese and crusty bread followed by fruit crumbles and ice cream. This month the lunch will be held on the usual 2nd Thursday of the month.

Flowers. If you would like to commemorate an anniversary of a wedding or loss of a loved one or any other special occasion by putting flowers in the Church, please contact Eileen Smith on 867022 who will be only too happy to talk to you about this.

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WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At the last Parish Council Meeting, on 5th October, PCSO Julie Stoner reported on 2 thefts in the last month in Wouldham. The first was the theft of a caravan from the recreation ground car park and the second was the theft of a manhole cover in the village.

Local Community Warden, Dave Leipnik, updated us further on the 'Love where you live' Tonbridge & Malling Campaign. This will start in Wouldham with a litter pick up on Wouldham Common on 7th November. He will also meet with Jill Harris from Valley of Visions to work alongside Wouldham School on a project called 'Back to the future', starting in November. This will look at the past, present and future of Wouldham. In June 2012, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee will take place. Her Majesty the Queen will become only the second Monarch in British history to celebrate 60 years on the throne (the previous Monarch being Queen Victoria). Have you got any ideas on how you would like to mark this historic event in Wouldham? The Parish Council would like to hear from residents with their ideas and suggestions so please email the Parish Clerk.

On a final note, the Parish Council would like to say goodbye to the Reverend Jennie Bradshaw, to thank her for all her contributions towards community life in the village and to wish her all the best in her forthcoming retirement.

The next Parish Council meeting is on
Tuesday 1st November 2011 in the Village Hall.

Why not book your local Village Hall?

Are you are looking to hire a hall for a Children's or Christmas party or start a club in the Village? Contact Sarah Eggesden for availability details on 01732 870862

Streetlights - If you notice one that is not working, please report it to the Parish Clerk

Contact details:

*Community Warden, Dave Liepnick : 07977 982187
PCSO, Julie Stoner: 07772 226237
PC Steve Grantham: 07807 340052
Parish Clerk, Sarah Eggesden: 01732 870862
Email: wouldhampc@hotmail.co.uk*

Launch/Grand Opening **Skate Ramp MK II**



Saturday 12 November, 11.00am
Burham Recreation Ground

Including a couple of short and fun demos by professionals. Lots of drop-in learner sessions and some free product give-aways.
Equipment provided.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

Shoeboxes are sent to Eastern Europe for Christmas.

Some people have so little and things we take for granted can mean so much. Gifts are luxuries that can't be afforded. Please fill a shoe box with small gifts to bring joy this Christmas. Wrap a shoebox & lid separately. No food other than sweets. Note whether the gifts are for a: girl 3-7, girl 8-12, teenage girl, woman, elderly woman, boy 3-7, boy 8-12, teenage boy or man. Then attach the list to the outside of the box.

Please take your shoeboxes containing gifts to Doreen (864139) .

ASAP now please so that they can be shipped in time for Christmas

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Skate ramp MK II Phase 1: All being well, work has now been completed. The official opening has been booked for Saturday 12 November 2011 at 11.00am. The Mayor will be in attendance (*see flyer opposite*).

Rubicon, Europe's biggest and most active provider for skate board lessons will also be there for some extra fun, learner sessions and product "give-aways." Teaching/training sessions for skate boarders and BMX riders have been booked with Rubicon for Spring/Summer next year. Obviously I'll keep you updated nearer the time.

Speed Indictor Devices (SID's): As you are aware, the Parish Council has been trying their best to have some SID's installed in the village for several years. Finally, this is looking more positive. We are awaiting location plans and costs from KHS and it is hoped that the project could be funded from a pot of money via County Councillor Homewood for highway projects. As always, we will keep you posted.

Public Car Parks: As a reminder, if you are using any of the public car parks within the village (ie Village Hall, Bell Lane, and Church Street), your vehicle must have appropriate MOT, insurance and road tax. Recently, there have been some vehicles that have not been showing up to date road tax. Obviously with parking at a premium within the village, this is unfair to other users.

Recycling (in particular paper and cardboard): Keep up the good work! So far, since April you, the residents have raised over £1000 by recycling your waste cardboard and paper. Well done. Any funding raised in this manner, is spent on additional community projects over and above those normally addressed by the Parish Council.

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

Pam Saunders, Clerk

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FLOWER FESTIVAL FOR CHRISTMAS

**Friday December 2nd –
Sunday, December 4th
10.00am – 3.00pm**

The Churches Conservation Trust
www.visitchurches.org.uk
1 West Smithfield, London EC1A 9EE
Registered Charity No: 258612

CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY CANDELIGHT

**Saturday December 3rd
6.00pm – 7.00pm
Admission Free!**

Mulled wine and seasonal food



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St Mary's Burham Friends Group

FLOWER ARRANGERS! MUSICIANS! SINGERS! BANDS!

Want the chance to show what you can do!!

**If you enjoy singing, be brave and let our musical Leader help you be
in a Group, singing popular Christmas songs.**

St Marys Friends Group need you for an event on the 3rd December.

**Flower arrangers are needed for a Xmas festival of flowers starting with
set up on the Thursday the 1st Dec.**

CONTACT SALLY 07940776318

Sure Start Children's Centres

Burham

NEW!

Burham Children's Centre
Bell Lane, Burham. ME1 3SY
Tel: 01732 874086
Mobile: Jacqui Norwood 078724669

Monday—am. Baby and Toddler Group

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

Held at Burham Children's Centre. Free with no booking required.

Monday- pm Baby Yoga 5 week course

(Starts: 12th Sept 2011) Mondays 1:30pm-2:30pm.

Held at Burham Children's Centre (Course cost — £5)

(To book onto this course please call the above number)

Tuesday—am Music Mayhem

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

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

Wednesday—am Creative Play

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

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

Wednesday —pm New Baby Support, Weigh and Sensory Play

Free group. (Starting in October—date to be advised) every 2nd and 4th week at Burham Children's Centre—Tuesdays 1:30—3.00pm and every 1st and 3rd week in Aylesford (venue to be advised). Come along with your new baby and meet other parents.

Thursday—am Baby and Toddler Group

every Thursday 9:40am-11.00am.

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

Childminding Support Group

9:30am-11:30am. Free group

Held at Burham Children's Centre . (Starts on 8th Sept 2011)

Thursday—pm Twins Club

1:15-2:45pm. For parents with twins and multiple births. Held at Burham Children's Centre.

CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

Burham Children's Centre, Bell Lane

Our Centre covers the rural community of Burham and the surrounding villages providing support and services for parents and carers of children from 0-5 years in a friendly, welcoming environment. *See opposite page.*
www.kentchildrenscentres.org.uk Phone us on: 01634 686472

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. Adult help is needed.

Burham Pre-School. Burham Village Hall.

'Outstanding' Ofsted inspection, March 2011. We welcome children aged 2 – 5yrs. Sessions Monday's to Fridays from 9.15am to 11.45am.
Monday & Wednesday Lunch Club (11.45 – 12.20pm)
Afternoon session (12.20pm – 2.50pm) Come along and visit any morning and see if we are right for you. Supervisor - Tracey Beechey 01634 685239.
Pre-school - 07946 793781 E:Mail: Burham.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk

Jelly Beans Pre-School, Wouldham Village Hall.

Our Ofsted inspection found Jellybeans provision to be 'good'
Sessions run Monday to Friday 9.15am – 11.45am, and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, 12.25pm – 2.55pm. For all children aged from 2yr.
We also now run a lunch club, Tuesdays to Thursdays, 11.45am – 12.25pm,
Feel free to visit at any time, no appointment necessary.
For any further information, please contact Mrs Donna Cook, Supervisor, on 07581 661525 (out of session time) or 07855 041496 (during session time)

RAY STURGEON'S SALE OF 2012 CALENDARS

**Saturday, 5th November. 9.30am—12.30pm
At All Saint's Church, Wouldham**

Not to be missed!

**With pictures of the 3 Villages—
Burham, Wouldham & Eccles. £6.00 each**

The Rise and Fall of Cement Manufacture on the River Medway

Tuesday 1st November, 7:30pm. Burham Village Hall

An illustrated talk explaining how and why cement manufacture grew up and declined in the lower Medway Valley, with particular reference to local cement works in and around Burham.

Booking required.

Contact Valley of Visions:

01634 242826

E: mail@vovkentdowns.org.uk

United Charities of the Ancient Parish of Burham

Winter Fuel Grant 2011

Applications for grants towards the costs of winter fuel bills are invited from residents of the Ancient Parish of Burham.

To qualify for assistance applicants should be aged 65 years or over and have lived within the boundaries of the Ancient Parish for the past 10 years.

The weekly HOUSEHOLD income of applicants, i.e. the total income from all occupants, must not exceed £225 for single occupancy or £285 for multiple occupancy. For this purpose, income is determined after deducting half of rent payable (rent after deducting any housing benefit received) and ignoring attendance allowance and similar state benefits and credits. Only one application per household will be considered. The Trustees reserve the right to make such enquiries as they believe necessary to confirm entitlement to the grant.

Application Forms will be available from 1st November 2011 from:

Burham

Dave Young (17 Bell Crescent),

Jill Emptage (147 Rochester Rd)

Tony Ford (1 Downsview)

Roger Kiralfy (c/o Arkadia, 159 Rochester

Rd)

Jack Owen (22 Whitehouse Crescent)

Jill Parnell (177 Rochester Road)

Blue Bell Hill:

Barry Smith (296 Robin Hood Lane)

On Line:

www.burhamcharity.co.uk **e-mail:** info@burhamcharity.co.uk

All applications are handled in the strictest confidence

If you require help completing the form please feel free to ask a trustee.

Completed Application Forms should be returned to Mr. Kiralfy at the above address by 25th November 2011.

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BURHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome to Burham CE Primary School's news item.
We are proud to inform you of our achievements during the last academic year:

Our Foundation Stage Profile (where Reception age children are assessed for their Personal Social Emotional Development and Communication Language and Literacy) was 5% above the Kent average. This is the best outcome for Burham in the last 3 years.

Our end of Key Stage 1 key indicator of level 2B+ results showed the best outcomes for the last 3 years at 76.5% Reading, 70.6% Writing and 82.3% Maths. The improvement in writing is up 13% on 2010 and 30% on 2009.

Our more able pupils at the end of Key Stage 1 had the best three year consistency between maths, writing and reading level 3+ which is broadly inline with the Kent average.

Our pupil progress at the end of end of Key Stage 2 was above national average for making 2 levels progress with 84.6% at level 4+ in English and 92.3% at level 4+ in Maths.

Our more able pupils at the end of Key Stage 2 percentage for level 5 was broadly in line with the national average.

We should like to say well done to all our pupils (present and past) for their excellent achievements and working so hard plus thank all our teaching and support staff whose hard work and commitment have helped the school to attain such brilliant results. Last, but by no means least, we should like to say a huge thank you to all our parents for supporting the school and their child (ren) with homework.

Children at the school not only work hard but they play hard too and have the opportunity to attend a diverse selection of clubs run either during lunchtime or after school such as:

Kingsquad, Construction, Yoga, Singing and Dancing, Film, Knitting, Kwik Cricket, Football and Netball.

We also run a Breakfast Club from 7:45a.m. - 8:45a.m. which is open to all our children, costs only £2 for an hour's care and a healthy breakfast. During our Breakfast Club children have lots of fun playing games, making things, doing puzzles, playing table tennis etc.

Michelle Grima, Headteacher

PARISH NEWS

Baptisms

2nd October

Joshua William Norman

Alfie George Bulford



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*

NOTICE

The Rev' Jennie Bradshaw retires at the end of November. If you wish to express your appreciation in any way for Jennie's ministry here, contact Mary Davis (*see my full contact details on the back cover*). I will compile all these and gather them for Jennie for her last Church Service at All Saints Wouldham on 27th November. *Mary Davis*

THANK YOU

Thank you everyone who contributed to the McMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning at the end of September, we raised £150.

Thank you, Gill

Halls for Hire

(Please do not telephone after 8.0pm)

Burham Methodist Church Hall –
01634 864139

Burham Old School Community Centre – 01634 863322

Burham Village Hall –
01634 867669

Wouldham Village Hall –
Tel: 01732 870862

Burham Scout Hut (for youth) -
01634 863322

Bulky Refuse Collection

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Wouldham - 5th November
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Burham – 12th November
Village Hall Car Park,
8.0am – 9.0am

Eccles – 5th & 19th November
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.

**ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE
IN WOULDHAM
CONTACT—ANDY MARR:
01634 683786**

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

Tuesday 1st November	7.30pm	Wouldham Parish Council Meeting	Wouldham Village Hall
Wednesday 2nd November	7.30pm	PCC Meeting	All Saints Church Wouldham
Tuesday 15th November	7.30pm	WI Meeting Social Evening Produce Show	Burham Village Hall
Thursday. November 3, 10, 17, 24	10.30 - 12 noon	Thursday Community Club & Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic here on 17th November	Old School Community Centre, Burham
Friday 18th November	3.30pm	House Group	12 Trafalgar Close
Monday, 28th November	7.30pm	Burham Parish Council Meeting	Burham Old School



QUIZ NIGHT

**12TH
NOVEMBER**

BURHAM OLD SCHOOL

Cost—£4

**Bring your own nibbles &
drinks**

Further details:

Roger Dalton—

01634 867281 / 07850

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MEN'S SUPPER

Tuesday 1st November

7.30pm

**Medway Inn, Function
Room, Wouldham**

Guest Speaker: John Bloor—
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Last month was very busy and seems a blur! It began with 31 children spending a week in France. This was a very hectic week with lots of activities and visits packed in to each day. All had an amazing time and experienced much of French culture as well as reinforcing learning about WWII. Well done to all the children who went as they tried hard to get fully involved and behaved wonderfully. You were a pleasure to take away! Eleven Plus results were discovered and another big well done to all those who managed to get through it. A total of seven children have been assessed as being eligible for a grammar school place for next September. All who took the tests did well and nobody should be disappointed with their result. October was also the month of WWII visitors including a Morgan car, flying jacket and a Lancaster bomber gunner. Thank you to David Leipnik for making this happen. Our younger junior children enjoyed a trip to Dover Castle to find out about the Dunkirk evacuation and life in wartime tunnels. Visits to the RAF Battle of Britain memorial at Capel-le-Fearne also helped the children think about their theme some more.

Now that November is with us we will be starting new areas of learning with a big project about Wouldham past, present and future. If you have any useful information or can come and talk to classes about your memories of Wouldham over the years then please come and see us. Look out for us around the village seeking clues about the past!

Dates for your diary

Monday 31 st October	Start of term for all
Tuesday 1 st November	All Saints Day
Friday 4 th November	Cake Sale (with a fireworks theme?)
Monday 7 th November	Litter pick on Wouldham Common
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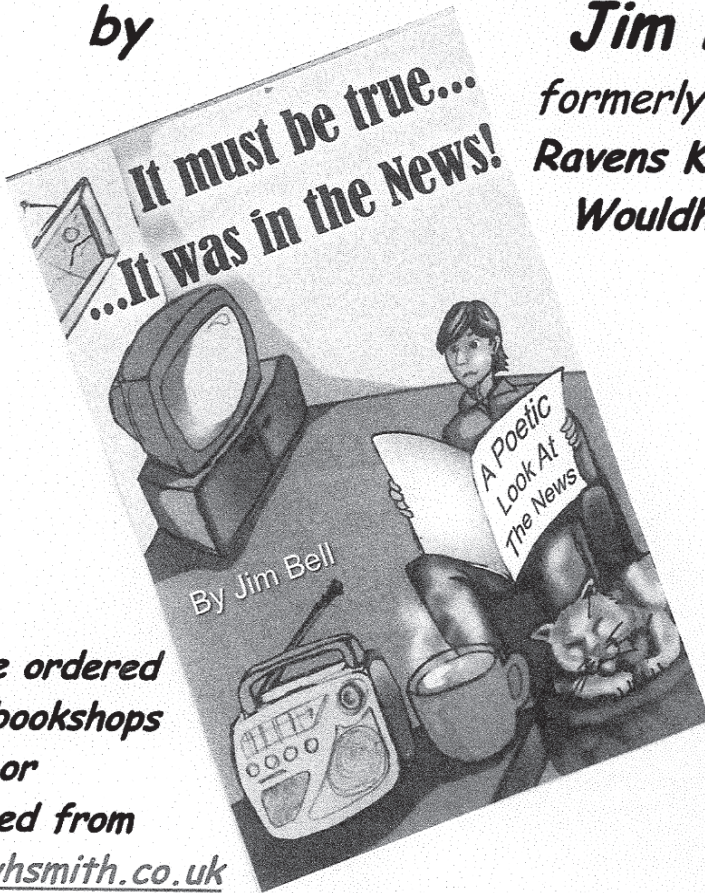
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The initiative aims to provide coats and other winter clothing for children and young people in the Diocese of Rochester who might otherwise have to go without.

Bishop James said, “December 2010 was the coldest December on record in England for the last 100 years. There are families who constantly struggle to provide warm clothing for their children. It's heartbreaking to see young people shivering on their way to and from school every day or knowing that they stay indoors because it is too cold to play outside. We hope to raise sufficient funds to help some of the most needy in our community.” The Bishop of Rochester is asking people to donate any sum to the Coats for Christmas campaign. Please help us make a difference to young people in the Diocese who would otherwise go to bed and wake up cold every single day.

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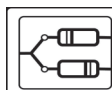


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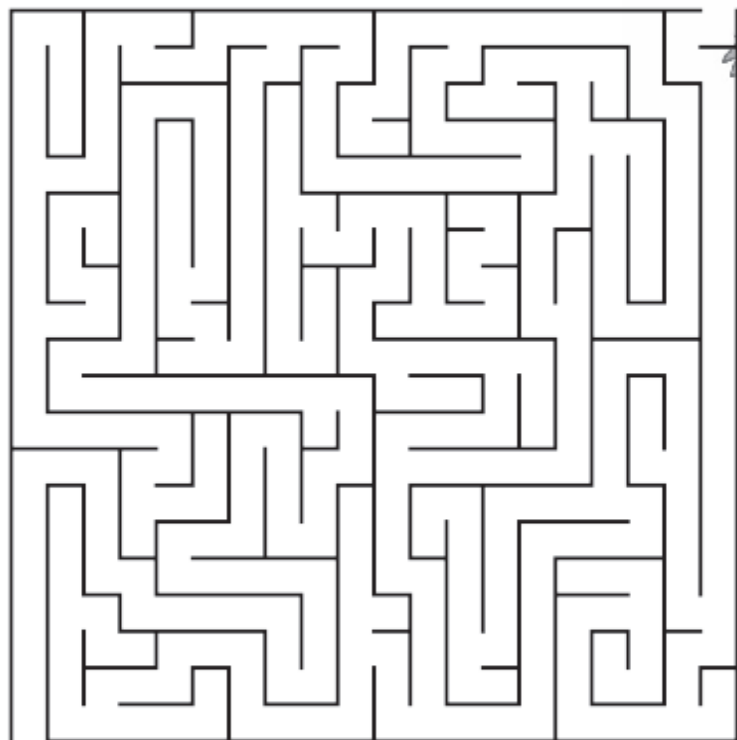




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