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Dear Friends



Jennie writes about the harvest.....

The September sunshine had brought out the butterflies and the families at the Rainham Riverside Country Park. And like the butterflies, older couples and young families flittered amongst the humps of bramble shoots, the sloe bushes and the wild plum trees gathering—in their harvest. I imagined the apple and blackberry tarts, plum pies and sloe gin that would be the future enjoyment of that 'gathering-in'. Mother, in her wheel-chair, was a more immediate relisher of the bounty about us, downing at one mouthful the blackberries I put into her hand 'because that way you really get the taste!'

Undoubtedly harvest is a time of blessing but not all our harvests have been so easily won. The endless rainless weeks of late spring were anxious ones for the farmers as they saw the grass fail to flourish for their new-born lambs and the sprouting cereals and arable crops become stunted in their growth. The 2011 UK wheat harvest is predicted to be 20% down with the inevitable consequence that has for all in the price of bread.

Surely though, our food is precious not just in terms of how it touches our pocket but also because of the toil and care expended on it by farmers and too the hidden resources animal and plant crops use up. An average slice of bread weighing 1½ oz and containing perhaps 1oz of wheat grain requires 1000 oz. of water to grow, that being 62lbs 8oz of water or approximately 13½ pints. Every time we bin a stale but toastable slice of bread we bin also the careful toil of our farmers, over 1½ gallons of good water in a water fragile world and the innate precious growth God has given to the seed. If the complex Nestlé's York factories that make over a billion KitKats each year can achieve zero waste to landfill status, could we not do the same in the simpler ordering of our domestic food supplies?

Now is the time of Harvest Thanksgiving Services in churches and schools. Let us go with hearts full of thankfulness for the enjoyment and security that harvest brings us but also ready to be accountable to God in the consumption of 'our daily bread'.

The Refurbishment of All Saint's Church is complete!

Our usual activities have recommenced. Come along and get involved

Parish Harvest Thanksgiving Service

10.30am, Sunday 2nd October followed by a Community Harvest Lunch in the Church.



Come & give thanks for the harvest and all that we have been given & enjoy our Harvest Lunch afterwards together with old & new friends.

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 28th October 10.30—11.30am All Saints Church, Wouldham



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for parents and little ones:

10.30am—11.30am Friday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th October All Saints Church.



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Here surplus garden
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jam, cakes, biscuits or
home-made cards are for sale.

Wouldham School, Trafalgar Service at All Saints Church. Friday 21st October. 9.15am



Walter Burke was the Purser aboard HMS Victory during the Battle of Trafalgar. He is famously portrayed cradling Admiral Lord Nelson in his last dying moments. He retired from the Navy to live in Wouldham where he owned both Purser Place and Burke House and where he died. He is now at rest in All Saint's Churchyard (close to the church door) and the headstone to his grave reads:

'Sacred to the memory of Walter Burke Esq' of this parish who died on the 12th of September 1815 in the 70th year of his age. He was Purser on His Majesty's ship Victory in the glorious Battle of Trafalgar and in his arms the immortal Nelson died'. Every year for over 100years, children from Wouldham School walk to Wouldham Church for a service on Trafalgar Day and each lays a posy of flowers on Walter Burke's grave.

OCTOBER

Church of England Services

All Saint's Church, Wouldham



Sunday, 2nd October

10.30am, Family Harvest Thanksgiving Service All Saints, Wouldham 2.30pm, Baptism of Alfie & Joshua All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 9th October,

10.30am, Holy Communion All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 16th October

10.30am, Messy Church Burham Old School

Thursday, 20th October

10.30am, Holy Communion Winchester House

Friday, 21st October 🕏

9.15am Wouldham School Trafalgar Day Service. All Saints, Wouldham

Sunday, 23rd October

10.30am, Holy Communion. All Saints, Wouldham

Friday, 28th October

10.00am Holy Communion in the Community 31 Hall Road,

Wouldham

Sunday, 30th October

10.30am, Sunday Worship All Saints, Wouldham

Harvest Thanksgiving Service 10.30am, Sunday 2nd October



It is customary to bring gifts of food to church as a token of our gratitude to God for the harvest. These will be given to the Salvation Army Centre in Chatham and The Rochester Quakers for their work amongst the local destitute. They prefer to receive tinned and dried foods that can be easily distributed and stored for later use.

'Thank you' to all who offer help in this way.



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

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

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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 OCTOBER

Sunday October 2 nd	4.30pm	Evening Worship led by Rev. Tony Graff
Sunday October 9 th	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Rev Melvyn Cooke
Sunday October 16 th	4.30pm	Evening Worship led by Trevor Smith
Sunday October 23 rd		Holy Communion led by Rev. Gary Watt
Sunday October 30 th	10,30am	Morning Worship led by David Newell

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:-

Afternoon Tea each Tuesday in the Church 3.0.pm— 4.30pm with a Fun Quiz All are welcome.

Country Lunch - October 6th at 1.0.pm. There is an increased charge of £2.50 but is still a bargain!!! Please note that this is a week earlier than usual as there is a village trip arranged for October 13th.

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.

Ray Sturgeon from Eccles will be bringing his 2012 Calendars to the Church in Burham one Saturday during October. These Calendars will have photos of Burham, Eccles and Wouldham. The proceeds from the sale will be given to the local Schools. Further details of this will be advertised in the Kent Messenger and on local Notice boards and at Frost's Service Station once we have a date arranged with Ray.

OPEN AFTERNOON.

DO COME AND JOIN US

SATURDAY OCTOBER 22^{nd.} 2.0 - 4.0.pm

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WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

At the Parish Council Meeting this month, PC Rob Sayer reported the theft of a Glendale caravan taking place between Friday 2nd September at 18:00 and Saturday 3rd of September at 10:30, from the car park in Hall Road.

Dave Liepnik – our Community Warden has been finding out about the "Love Where You Live" Campaign. Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council are taking part in this campaign and would like to become an active ambassador for clean, green places throughout England and the UK. The campaign aims to encourage people to take personal responsibility and

positive action in making sure that their neighbourhood is litter free. It is also about raising awareness and educating about the prevention of littering. **Mr Liepnik** is currently looking at working with the school on a project to improve the recycling area in the recreation

ground.

Village Hall Update

Planning has been approved for the new Village Hall to be built on the Recreation Ground, which is very exciting! At present the Parish Council is looking at the next stages of the project which include fundraising and finding an appropriate contractor. The style of the hall will be wooden clad on the outside with sustainable, eco friendly energy systems in place. Watch this space! On the subject of the Recreation Ground, funding to provide some more adult equipment has been approved as the current equipment has proved so popular. Also – if you fancy improving your fitness in a fun and exciting way – why not go to the **Zumba Classes** that are now being run at 1.30pm on Friday afternoons in the Village Hall? Pop along to find out more or to join in.

Contact Sarah Egglesden if you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss - or come along to our monthly meeting on the first Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Likewise, if you would like to hire the village hall (£25 for 3 hours)please contact Sarah.

Finally, please do not hesitate to let us know if you notice street lights that need replacing, uneven paving or any other maintenance issues as you are going about the village. Together we can all help to look after our lovely Village.

Contact details:

Community Warden, Dave Liepnick: 07977 982187

PCSO, Julie Stoner: 07772 226237 PC Steve Grantham: 07807 340052

Parish Clerk, Sarah Egglesden: 01732 870862

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Burham Children's Centre, Bell Lane

Welcome to Burham Children's Centre.

We are a brand new Children's Centre which is still in its infancy. 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. We have a strong emphasis on community involvement and encourage our families to participate in all areas of the Centre. We can also assist families to find existing groups and activities running in the villages and surrounding areas. The Centre runs an exciting timetable throughout the year including school holidays. For more information on any of our activities and services, look on our website: www.kentchildrenscentres.org.uk and see the calendar for "What's On" weekly/monthly. See pages 12 &13.

Phone us on: 01634 686472 or contact our Community Involvement Worker: Jacqui on 07872 466933

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 (12.20 pm - 2.50 pm) 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)

Sure Start Children's Centres

Burham

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

Mobile: Jacqui Norwood 078724669

WHAT'S ON?

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.

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Fridays, 1.30 – 3.30pm 7th October – 4th November (5 weeks) Burham Children Centre "We really got a lot out of your course... it made all the difference being able to discuss all the topics you covered together. The midwife obviously has a huge wealth of experience and gave us all confidence in the new thinking..." Grannynet Course attendee'.

To book your place, contact: Jacqui Norwood, Burham Children's Centre. Bell Lane. Tel: 07872466933. Office: (01634) 686472

ADDITIONAL GROUPS RUNNING FROM: WOODLANDS CHILDREN'S CENTRE, Chapman Way, East Malling, ME19 6SD.

Contact Mobile: Jacqui Norwood—07872 466933

Monday Breastfeeding Support Group 12:30-3.300pm.

Drop in for a chat with other breastfeeding mums and the Woodlands very own trained "Breast Buddies".

Tuesday International Parent's Group 1pm—2.30pm (every fortnight starting 11th Jan) For parents for whom England is not their home country.

Tuesday Mums without Mums 1pm—2.30pm (1st Tuesday of every month) Are you without the support of your Mum? Come along to our free group.

Wednesday YAPS Group 12pm—2pm. For young parents and parents to be under 20 years of age. Free with lunch provided and no booking required.

Thursday Portage 1.30pm—3pm.

Bookings made through Portage only for this group.

Saturday Dad's Group 10am - 12pm (2nd Saturday of every month) A group for all Dads, Grandads, Uncles, Step Dads and Male carers

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

After receiving 4 tender documents, Wheelscape was awarded the contract for the MK II skate ramp, phase A. Work was due to commence mid September (weather permitting) so hopefully it is progressing well. Whilst it is anticipated to have the new ramp open by October half term, the -

Skateboard Launch/Official Opening will be on Saturday 12 November 2011 at 11.00 am.

The Mayor will be in attendance to cut the ribbon and of course all residents are welcome to attend. The more the merrier.

An application has been submitted a Local Member's grant (KCC Councillor Homewood) for £2,500 towards the project and also another has been submitted to TMBC for £5,000. Processes are under way to endeavor to secure further funding so that Phase B of the skate ramp can progress in the not too distance future. Fingers crossed.

The former Fleur de Lys Site: 125 Rochester Road: Erection of 8 residential units comprising of four bedroom detached dwellings and 2 three bedroom semi-detached with associated access and parking facilities. It is the Parish Council's understanding that TMBC granted permission for the above. However, it is subject to a legal agreement between the developer and the Borough Council which can take up to 8 weeks to come through. As you are aware the Queen celebrates her 60 years on the throne in June 2012. The Parish Council is seeking suggestions on how the village can celebrate this special event. If you have any suggestions or ideas, just let me know (contact details below).

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 31st October 2011, 7.30 pm in the Old School Community Centre, Corner of Rochester Road/Bell Lane.

Pam Saunders, Clerk

BURHAM CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



Hello from all of us here at Burham CE Primary School. It has been lovely to see all our children and staff come back safely after a well-deserved summer break – which seems a long time ago now!

The children (and staff) were excited to see the many changes that had taken place over the holidays. We have brand new windows; our front foyer has had a face lift(!); our Foundation Stage outdoor area has a new canopy and is now fully self-contained. Most exciting of all has been our library refurbishment and I would like to take the opportunity to thank our 4 'library fairies' who came in during the break to paint a fantastic mural on the wall. So thank you to Andrea Shepherd, Julie England, Viv Fields, Gill Gardner and Tracy Greeney – it looks brilliant! We also welcome our new children who have joined the school either in Foundation Stage or in other year groups; new families and hope that there are many happy memories to come. Don't forget to look out for dates for 'Family Time' when we gather together to celebrate the achievements of our children.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Michelle Grima, Headteacher

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PARISH NEWS

Baptisms

Daniel Sanson & Grace Sanson.
Rachel Phillips

4th September

Zachary Dryden 18th September All Saints, Wouldham



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THANK YOU

Thank you to all who supported our cream teas in All Saints Church during September. We will repeat these monthly next summer.

Gwen Worcester—Church Warden

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

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Eccles – 1st & 15th October

Bull Lane lay-by, 8.0am – 9.0am

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OCTOBER MEETINGS

Tuesday 4th	7.30pm	Wouldham Parish Council	Wouldham
October		Meeting	Village Hall
Tuesday 18th October	7.30pm	WI Meeting Mr Derrick Fulford: Life in one of HM Prisons. Competition: Favourite Crime Novel	Burham Village Hall
Thursday. October 6, 13, 20, 27	10.30 - 12 noon	Thursday Community Club & Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic here on 20th October	Old School Community Centre, Burham
Monday, 31st	7.30pm	Burham Parish Council	Burham Old
October		Meeting	School

BOOK CLUB

7.30pm, Wednesday, 19th October Burham Methodist Church

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Diane Fitter on 01634 222875 dianefitter@btinternet.com

FOCC (Medway) will undertake CRB checks as it is committed to safeguarding children

Wouldham All Saints Church of England Primary School

The school year has got off to a successful start with some great interest in World War Two for our junior children. It didn't take long before squadrons of Spitfires were being scrambled to meet the threat of German bombers flying down the corridor! Fortunately the blitz preparations haven't been needed too and it has probably been many a year since the school held both fire and air raid drills in the same term!

We have welcomed new Year R children who have settled in well and are enjoying their new experiences in Otter Class. We have also welcome two new governors – Mrs Sarah Evans and Mrs Emma Warburton and we are grateful to you both in your new voluntary role.

We continue to work hard in all areas and are particularly focussed on driving forward skills in communication and language, refining skills and confidence in practical problem solving and being more active and hands on with science.

October looks to be an exciting month – we start by taking Years 5 & 6 to France for a week. This sort of experience always creates lasting memories and really helps build independence and confidence as well as forming strong bonds between the children. It is sad that many schools seem to reduce their opportunities for this sort of learning due to costs and the rather high levels of bureaucracy and red tape to get through.

We also have a 'Pick a Project' event on Tuesday 18^{th} October (in the afternoon) where we try and organise a range of activities that may not be on the normal curriculum. Maybe you have a skill or interest that you can share with the children. Is there a skill like knitting, lace making or jam production, gardening or bird spotting that you could share with the pupils? If so, and if you're available for the afternoon then please get in touch. Don't forget Trafalgar Day -21^{st} October from 9:15 in the churchyard.

Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd
Tuesday 11th
Friday 14th
Tuesday 18th
Sch

Thursday 20th Friday 21st

Year 5&6 residential visit to France

Family Trust leading worship

'Medway Queen' talk School Photographs

Pick a Project afternoon

Show 'n' Share – 3:15 to 4pm Trafalgar Day. 9:15 in church.

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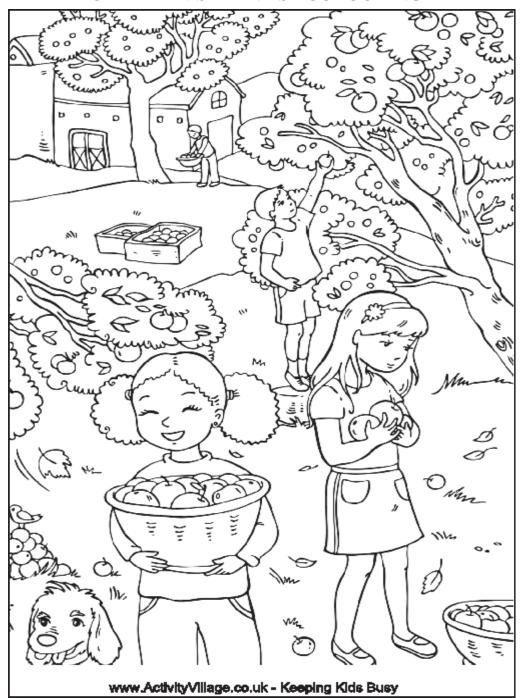
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Your Community PC Steve Grantham: 07980 683666

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have already prosecuted 5 "ghost" plumbers who did not use the chance to own up to extra undeclared income. They warn that 600 more arrests are planned and Kent has been identified as one of their initial target areas.

It's not just tradesmen...Doctors, teachers and anyone else who might "do a bit of work on the side" are being targeted, not to mention any one who rents out property without declaring it...The Revenue's Ghost Busters have reviewed trade association memberships, adverts, ebay and websites, and say they "know more than you might think" and are out to get you. Voluntary disclosure before they ask could avoid £'000s in penalties and even prosecution for tax evasion so if you are "a bit behind" with your tax affairs or just not sure what and how to tell them, who you gonna call?

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