

# The Parish of Burham & Wouldham

**September  
2011**



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**THE PARISH OF BURHAM & WOULDHAM**  
**All Saints Church, Wouldham**  
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**TREASURER NEEDED!**

Do you enjoy figures and have a little spare time to offer?

The All Saint's Church Treasurer, Janet Parris has moved away from our villages. Thankfully she's kindly agreed to travel backwards and forwards for meetings till 2012 but we can't expect her to do that indefinitely.

Janet has offered to induct any volunteer into the mysteries of being a Church Treasurer so should this be of interest to you, please email her at: [parris50@hotmail.com](mailto:parris50@hotmail.com)

**Want to advertise your business to 1200 homes per month  
in Burham & Wouldham?**

A sixth page advert is only £10 per issue or £80 per year  
*Contact the Editor for all sizes and prices. See back cover.*

Donations are always gratefully received for flowers for  
All Saints Church, Wouldham:  
Contact: Catherine Gore, Ringshill Farm. Tel: 01634 404742



Dear Friends



*Jennie writes of the mystery of the Unknown Donor.....*

I have a young friend who about 5 years ago received the gift of a kidney from a donor quite unknown to him. It gave Bob, for the second time, the gift of life and he now lives in thankful response to that gift. Bob is simply a joy to know.

Years ago, a wise and generous person (male or female we do not know) donated not an organ of their body, but a portion of their money for the future repair of our parish church, thereby ensuring it's ongoing life. That is the gift (ring-fenced that it might be used only on repairs) which has enabled the present refurbishment of All Saint's Church, curing the damp-rot problem and adding facilities that make the building serviceable for our 21st century needs. All villagers and village organisations are invited to come at 10.30am on Sunday 11th September to a service in which we will thank that Unknown Donor for his or her wise forward looking mind and generosity towards us and dedicate these works to God's ongoing purpose and glory.

He or she, that Unknown Donor, intrigues me. Was there something in their life that triggered this wise and generous act? Was it a way of saying 'thank you' for something they felt God had done for them? We will never know, for our benefactor is totally anonymous in name ... though perhaps not in character. For they must surely be someone who appreciates the importance of a community's sacred space; as a special place of beauty; as a place specially set apart; as a special place where all, of whatever background and belief can go... freely ... in awe or sorrow, joyfully together or thoughtfully alone, to 'be' in just the way they, then, need to 'be'.

A community's sacred place is important to each person and each generation needs to cherish and care for it in the way appropriate to their day. The God inspired Unknown Donor has enabled us to do that and it is right for the community to come together in thanksgiving . Do come.

And it may be, that like me, you would like to use this occasion to follow the example of the Unknown Donor and make some modest financial donation to support the work of the Parish Church as your token of thankfulness to God for some blessing you have received. It could be the birth of a child or grandchild, your marriage in All Saints or a wedding anniversary, the answer to some prayer for guidance or help, or the peace of heart you know. If so, enclosed within this magazine is an envelope which you may bring to the:

**Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving at 10.30am on Sunday 11th September** or else leave in the collection boxes at Frost's Garage in Burham and the Wouldham Store, or post through letterboxes of The Rectory, 266 Rochester Rd. Burham and 175 High St Wouldham. All Saints is the Parish Church of each and every villager. Yours to enjoy and keep special.

*Yours Jennie*

**It's September and the refurbishment of All Saint's Church is complete!**

Usual activities such as choir and bell ringing practice, monthly Coffee Mornings and Story-Rhyme-Time for parents and little ones will recommence.

If you are interested in becoming involved, come to one of their meetings.....  
To view the refurbishments, come to a Sunday open church and cream tea.....

**Come and view the  
Refurbished**

**All Saints Church**  
and enjoy **Cream Teas**  
between  
**2pm & 4pm on Sundays**  
**4th, 11th, 18th September.**

**PCC MEETING. 14th September.**  
**7.30pm. All Saints**

You are invited to the  
**"World's biggest Coffee Morning"**  
to raise money for  
MacMillan Cancer Care  
at All Saint's Church, Wouldham.  
**10.30- 11.30 am**  
**Friday 30th September .**  
Also a Bring &Buy and Raffle.

**Produce Stall**

At the Sunday Morning  
Service in all Saint's Church  
there is now a Produce Stall.

Here surplus garden  
vegetables, fruit and gifts of  
jam, cakes, biscuits or  
home-made cards may find an  
eager customer and help  
make some funds for the  
church.

**Parish Harvest Thanksgiving Service**  
**10.30am, Sunday 2nd October**

followed by a

**Community Harvest Lunch**

Both at All Saint's Church.

There will be more details of these  
on the Sunday pew sheets and in the  
October Magazine

**HOUSE GROUP**

**3.30pm, 16th September**  
12 Trafalgar Close, Wouldham  
New members are very  
welcome

**'Story-Rhyme-Time'**

for parents and little ones, recommences:  
**All Saints, 10.30am—11.30am**  
**Friday 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th September**

**MEN'S SUPPER, 7.30pm, Tuesday 6th September.**

**Function Room, Medway Inn, Wouldham**

Guest Speaker, Margaret Phillips: Life in Angola and Lesotho today.  
Book with Dennis: 01634 672060

**SEPTEMBER**  
**Church of England Services**  
**All Saint's Church, Wouldham**



**Sunday 4th September**

10.30am, Family Service	All Saints, Wouldham
1.00pm, Baptism of Daniel, Grace & Rachel	All Saints, Wouldham

**Sunday 11th September,**

10.30am, Service of Dedication & Thanksgiving for the Refurbishment of All Saints Church. Led by Venerable Clive Mansell	All Saints, Wouldham
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**Thursday 15th September**

10.30am, Holy Communion	Winchester House
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**Friday 16th September**

10.00am Holy Communion in the Community	31 Hall Road, Wouldham
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**Sunday 18th September**

10.30am, Messy Church	Burham Old School
1.00pm, Baptism of Zachery	All Saints, Wouldham

**Sunday, 25th September**

10.30am, Holy Communion.	All Saints, Wouldham
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**Friday 30th September**

9.15am	Wouldham School Harvest Thanksgiving. All Saints, Wouldham
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The Parish of Burham and Wouldham invites all villagers to  
**A Service of Dedication and Thanksgiving for the Refurbishment  
of All Saint's Church at 10.30am on Sunday 11th September.**

**Led by the Archdeacon, Clive Mansell.**

Our Parish Church is here to serve all the people of Burham and  
Wouldham. We intend that it should do so more fully as a result of the  
refurbishments. Come and celebrate with us.

**Would you like to say 'Thank You' to God** for some present blessing of:  
peace of mind or strength restored or for the love and care of a particular  
person, by making a modest gift of money to help the work of the Parish  
Church? Then please use the enclosed envelope, bringing it to the above  
Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication or handing in at Frost's Garage in  
Burham or the Wouldham Store or 175 High St, Wouldham.

# Arts and Heritage

St Mary's Church  
Burham



ALL WELCOME  
AND IT'S FREE!

SEPTEMBER 10/11<sup>TH</sup>

from 12 -6 pm

## SATURDAY

**Exhibition of art by  
local artists from  
Burham, including:  
paintings, pottery,  
sculpture, hand  
carved walking  
sticks, textiles.**

**Tea, Coffee and  
yummy Cakes!**



## SUNDAY

**Exhibition open plus a  
drop in drawing  
workshop from 1-4**

**All materials provided  
any age welcome.**

**Come along and do  
some drawing!**



# **THE CHURCH IN BURHAM (Methodist)**

**Minister:- Rev Gary Watt Tel No 01732522722.**

**Stewards:- Eileen Smith, Joyce Brown and Rod Murr**

**Any requests for Baptisms, Weddings or Funerals  
should be made to Rev. Gary Watt or one of the Stewards**

## **SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER**

**Sunday September 4th 4.30pm Evening Worship led by Rev. Clifford Newman**

**Sunday September 11th 10.30am**

**Morning Worship led Dr. Berry**

**Sunday September 18th 4.30pm**

**To be arranged**

**Sunday September 25th 10.30am**

**Celebration of Harvest -**

**led by Rev. Gareth West**

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.

**We extend a special welcome to our Harvest Celebration on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Produce will be sent to the Salvation Army to fill food parcels for the needy in the Medway towns. We would therefore prefer non-perishables such as tins, packets and jars. Any gifts can be left in the Church porch during that week, or brought to the Sunday service.**

**Do come and join us for a Service of Thanksgiving and Praise.**

### **OTHER ACTIVITIES:-**

Our weekly **Afternoon Tea in the Church** each Tuesday from 3.0pm till 4.30pm will continue as usual. 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!!

Our **Country Lunch this month will be held on September 8th at 1.0pm** with the usual menu of soup, cheese and crusty bread followed by fruit crumbles and ice cream. The charge for this has been increased to £2.50 but is still a bargain!!!

During the recent renovations we found a large painted banner depicting scenes from the Bible with **BURHAM WESLYAN SUNDAY SCHOOL** on one side. We are anxious to learn of its origin and so far no-one has any knowledge of it. We hope to find some way of displaying this as it seems too lovely to hide away. Sometime in October we plan to have an 'Open Day' when this banner will be on show and we may have a Sponsored Hymn Choice and serve tea and cakes. More information about this in the next Magazine. If any one knows anything of the Banner we will be most pleased to hear from you. 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. Contacts:- Eileen and Trevor Smith - Steward and Property Steward Tel. No 867022. Joyce Brown – Steward Tel No. 86441.

Rod Murr – Steward and Property Steward Tel No 868075

## BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Welcome back after the summer break. The draft minutes from each monthly Parish Council meeting can now be viewed on the Burham website:

[www.burhamvillage.com](http://www.burhamvillage.com). So take a look and see what we have been up to.

Queens Jubilee 2012: 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). Very good news, over £65,000 has been secured for the MK II skate ramp in concrete. We were unable to secure the whole amount (approximately £110,000), so we are phasing the project. The first phase will be taking place during September/October 2011 with a view to having the ramp open in time for the October school half term. Much time has and will be put into this project until it is complete. I would like to personally thank all the different groups and individuals for their comments and advice.

Fly-tipping continues within the village. If you see any fly-tipping taking place or taken place around the village, please report it to TMBC on 01732 844522.

Just a reminder to keep recycling your glass, cardboard, paper and plastics at the Village Hall car park amenity. This generates funds for the village and the more you recycle, the more funding is obtained. KCC have withdrawn some buses on the 135 and 155 Chatham-Maidstone and Maidstone-Chatham routes. If you would like further information, just give me a call.

PC Steve Grantham has changed his mobile telephone number to: 07980 683666.

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](mailto: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 26 September 2011, 7.30 pm in the Old School Community Centre, Corner of Rochester Road/Bell Lane.

*Pam Saunders, Clerk*

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### **Churches' Ride and Stride, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Hundreds of people across the County of Kent are preparing to get on their bikes or put on their walking shoes to raise funds for churches and chapels in the area. The Friends of Kent Churches sponsored Ride and Stride will have participants visiting as many churches as they like from the 750 taking part. Each individual plans his or her own route between 10am and 6pm. Those sitting in churches to welcome visitors may be sponsored too.

This year the Friends are hoping to equal or even exceed last year's total of £140,000. Sponsor forms, and a list of all the churches which will be open are available from your church or from: Carolyn Millen on 01622 843383.

**Come & join in. It's a really fun day!**



## SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Tuesday 6th September	7.30pm	<b>Wouldham Parish Council Meeting</b>	Wouldham Village Hall
Tuesday 20th September	7.30pm	<b>WI Meeting</b> Mrs Wendy Windiate: Demonstration of Sugar Craft. Competition: Favourite Recipe	Burham Village Hall
Thursday. September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th.	10.30 - 12 noon	<b>Thursday Community Club &amp; Hi Kent Hearing Aid Clinic here on 15th September</b>	Old School Community Centre, Burham
Monday 26th September	7.30pm	<b>Burham Parish Council Meeting</b>	Burham Old School

## HELPING OUT WITH YOUR GRANDCHILD?

Enrol in the groundbreaking class for grandmothers  
**THE GRANNYNET COURSE**



### The Grannynet Children's Centre Programme will include:

Come and learn how to be supported through Grannynet  
Learn how to resuscitate a baby and cope with choking,  
Be updated with baby-led weaning  
and nutrition  
Networking and local support  
Grandparents rights  
Safety in the home  
Baby equipment  
Cot death prevention  
Peer support

*"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'.*

**Fridays, 1.30 – 3.30pm**  
**7<sup>th</sup> October – 4<sup>th</sup> November**  
**(5 weeks)**  
**Burham Children Centre**

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



# ***The Toastmasters Inn***

*65-67 Church St, Burham, ME1 3SB*



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lunchtime food  
&  
Fresh Baguettes*



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Filled Jacket Potatoes  
and Basket Meals*

*A warm welcome from  
Dave and Alison*

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*Shepherd Neame, Wells and Young's, Skinners, Hardy & Hanson  
O'Hanlons, Rudgate, Ruddles, Old Dairy, Greene King  
Plus many more*

## ***Special Offer***

*Master Brew @ £2.60 a pint*

## ***The Viceroy Tandoori Restaurant***

*& Take Away  
01634 869181*

## ***New Special Offer !!***

*Mo and his team are pleased to announce that Tuesday Night is  
now banquet night!!*

*Any Starter, Any Main, Any Side with rice or naan for  
just £9.95*

*(Plus £1.00 for King Prawn Dishes)*

*Parties catered for with private bar*



## CHILDREN & YOUTH GROUPS

### **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](http://www.kentchildrenscentres.org.uk) and see the calendar for "What's On" weekly/monthly.

**NEW!**

**5 week Baby Yoga course for mums with new babies.  
Starting 12th Sept. 1:30pm - 2:30pm Burham Children's Centre**

*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 (12.20pm – 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](mailto: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)

Whilst looking through some ancient parish paperwork online, I came across a letter written to the Rector of Wouldham, dated 6<sup>th</sup> June 1913, explaining the origin of the inscription on the weather vane of All Saints Church Tower: FC1624. It seems that it refers to the gift of some of the bells to the church in 1624 by the then rector of the parish, a Francis Cacott on the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of his induction! Mr. Cacott was rector from 1603 to 1656. What is equally interesting, however, is the fact that he was also the headmaster of Kings School, Rochester! So even then we had a part-time rector, but he did stay for 53 years.

### **CAPTAIN JOHN BLACKBURN HART**

In the January issue of this magazine, I wrote a short piece about the remains of a man buried in the centre aisle of All Saints Church, Wouldham. John Blackburn Hart had been a soldier with the 95<sup>th</sup> Regiment, (the Rifles), 200 years ago with the Duke of Wellington's army in Portugal, Spain and France which ended with the defeat of Napoleon Bonaparte at Waterloo. He was a Captain and involved in many of the main battles of that war, and in the heroic exploits of his very special regiment.

Much about him remains a mystery, as there is little written about him directly, just a brief reference here and there and research is very frustrating, so I have had to read various books and accounts of other people at the time, people who must have known him, lived and fought alongside him for months, even years on end.

Recently, Heather and I made a sort of little pilgrimage to northern Spain, to visit a few places where the British Army's (and John Hart's) final battles in Spain were fought. First though we revisited the "Rifles" museum in Winchester, where Mrs. Pullen, the Curator, had kindly offered to show us John Hart's military chest. I suppose it was similar to those of scores of officers at the time – dark polished wood with lots of brass fittings, but his brass name-plate is very clear – "Capt. J. B. Hart, Rifle Regiment".

Our first visit in Spain was to the town of Vitoria, the scene of a might battle in June 1813, resulting in the rout of the French Army and the near capture of King Joseph Bonaparte and Marshal Jourdan, the capture of all the French artillery except just one gun, all the money and treasure of the Army, the stolen treasure and valuables from Spain, and the wives of the two senior French generals! (The latter were given protection by British Army officers and conveyed through the front lines back to their husbands).

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The Rifles played a very important part in the battle. We visited some of the villages mentioned in reports of the battle, particularly those with bridges over the River Zadorra, always scenes of great activity and contest. To our chagrin, the main centre of the battle, the village of Arinez, is now Vitoria Airport! In the Army museum at Vitoria we were able to see a very large panoramic model of the battlefield, of high quality. In total, some 165,000 troops took part on both sides.

Our other visit was to the area north of Pamplona (which was besieged for months before several attempts to relieve it by Marshall Soult's army finally failed). The 95<sup>th</sup> Rifles saw considerable activity around the bridges over the River Bidassoa in the Autumn 1813, notably those of Sunbilla, Igantzi, Lesaka and Vera. This comparatively small band of riflemen were called upon to either take or defend these tactically important positions on numerous occasions. The most famous action was at the bridge at Vera, 1<sup>st</sup> September 1813, where one company (about 70), under a Captain Cadoux was ordered to hold the little bridge, (like Aylesford) against a whole division of French, numbering about 10,000, trying to escape capture by the large British/Spanish force. The new commanding officer of the Light Brigade, (not understanding Rifles tactics) failed, despite pleas from all and sundry, to send re-enforcements and Cadoux and 16 of his men were killed as they hung on. (Shades of Arnhem in later years?). (Cadoux and John Hart were almost certainly friends or at least companions). On the old bridge at Vera we found a memorial stone to Daniel Cadoux and gallant riflemen, inscribed in English and Spanish.

It is known that John Blackburn Hart was slightly injured during fighting at Vera on 31<sup>st</sup> August 1813 but was later severely wounded at the main British crossing of the Bidassoa on 7<sup>th</sup> October 1813. At this time the British, Spanish and Portuguese armies first entered France in pursuit of the French army of Marshall Nicholas Soult. It seems that the wounded Captain Hart was repatriated, and he was promoted Major in December 1815 and by May 1816 he was semi-retired on half pay with a small territorial regiment.

It is at this point that the trail goes cold again. Apart from his burial in All Saints Church eight years later, we are left with no known records or information as to his connections with our parish. Why was he here? Had he any family? What did he do here and where exactly? Would he have briefly known Walter Burke? – and so the mystery remains, of our colourful tenant.

*John Lloyd. June 2011*

# PARISH NEWS

## Baptisms

**Tyrone Dale Parker**  
**Amarni Dale Parker**  
both 24th July  
All Saints, Wouldham  
**Elliott Neil Chatten**  
21st August  
All Saints, Wouldham



## Choir Practice

Practices are held on  
Thursdays at  
7.30pm—9pm.  
New junior and senior members are  
made most welcome:

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## 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*

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## PEWS & CHILDREN'S WOODEN CHAIRS FOR SALE

There are 10 children's wooden  
chairs and possibly a number of pews  
of differing lengths for sale from All  
Saint's Church. Anyone interested  
should Contact the Rector, the Rev.  
Jennie Bradshaw: 01634 666862

## 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

<p><b>ALLOTMENTS AVAILABLE IN WOULDHAM CONTACT—ANDY MARR: 01634 683786</b></p>
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## Bulky Refuse Collection

*TMBC Helpline 01732 876147  
[www.tmbc.gov.uk](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk)*

**Wouldham - 3rd September**  
Village Car Park, Knowle Rd,  
8.0am – 9.0am.

**Burham – 10th September**  
Village Hall Car Park,  
8.0am – 9.0am

**Eccles – 3rd & 17th  
September**

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.*

***Strangers in a Strange Land?***  
***The Medway Megaliths and the Earliest Farmers in Britain***  
**Tuesday 13th September, 7:30pm,**  
**Lecture Theatre, Sessions House, County Hall,**  
**Maidstone, ME14 1XQ**

New archaeological fieldwork in the Medway Valley has revealed exciting new information about the Medway Megalithic Neolithic monuments. The talk will be given by Paul Garwood, Birmingham University lecturer in Prehistory and will outline the results of the project so far and our wider understanding of the earliest Neolithic farming communities in Britain.

**Booking is required: Contact—Valley of Visions. Tel. 01634 242826**  
**Email: [mail@vov.kentdowns.org.uk](mailto:mail@vov.kentdowns.org.uk)**

**Burham Football Club.....**

. We would like to say a big thank you to all those who supported the Mini Olympics and Fun Day. Although the weather was terrible, it was a great success, with the club raising much needed funds. Thanks again to all the people who braved the weather and made it a day to remember.

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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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Orders can be taken.

**Use it or loose it!!**

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Agricultural  
Association**



**Ploughing Match &  
Gymkhana**

**Saturday, 24 September**

**Rings Hill Farm, Wouldham,  
Rochester, ME1 3TP**

**FUN DAY OUT FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

**HORSE, VINTAGE STEAM AND  
CONVENTIONAL PLOUGHING.**

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CRAFT STALLS**

**Sec: Tom French/Sue Ellse  
Tel: 01233 740077**

# **Medway Inn**

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School opens for all children from Year 1 to Year 6 on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September and for Year R from Thursday 8<sup>th</sup>. It is always exciting to start a new year and we look forward to everyone being keen and ready in their classrooms on that first morning.

‘Out of the Box’ is our theme title for Otter and Badger Classes and ‘World War II’ is our theme for Caterpillar, Hedgehog and Owl. The children will be covering lots of things underneath these umbrella titles and we encourage families to get involved and be interested in all that we do.

Year 5 & 6 will be looking forward to their week in France starting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

Swimming will start on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September for children in Years 2, 4 & 6. This will be a 12 week program but not including 5<sup>th</sup> October.

Children in Year 6 may well be taking 11plus tests which happen in school on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> September for the Kent test and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> for the Medway test. Good luck to all those taking these! This is also the time of year for parents to look at secondary schools and make decisions about which secondary school you would prefer. This is always a difficult time and we wish you peace and success throughout the whole process!

As usual, if you would like more information about anything happening in school then please call in, phone or visit the website. We are always interested in getting involved in local groups, activities and events.

## **Dates for your diary**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Start of school year.
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	First swimming session for Yrs2, 4 & 6
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> & Weds 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kent Eleven Plus testing
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Year R start full time
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Medway 11plus test
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Year 5&6 residential visit to France

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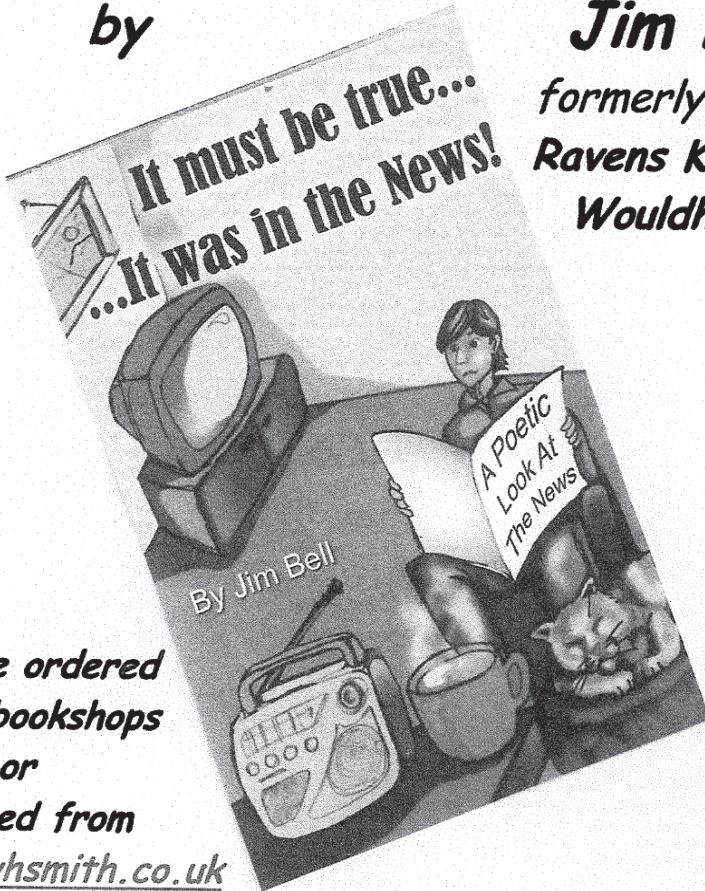
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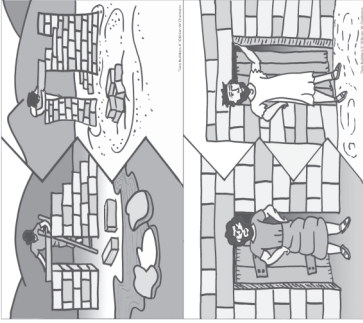
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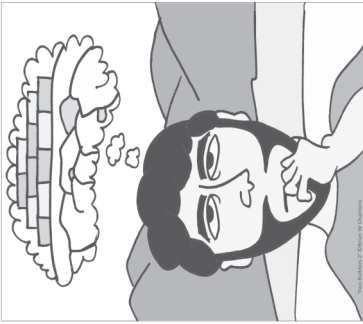
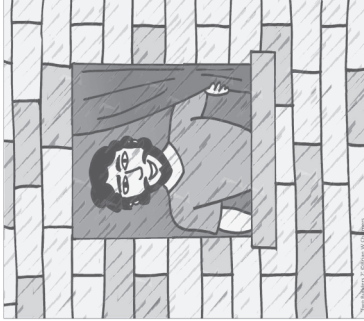
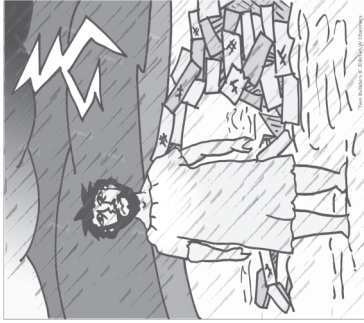
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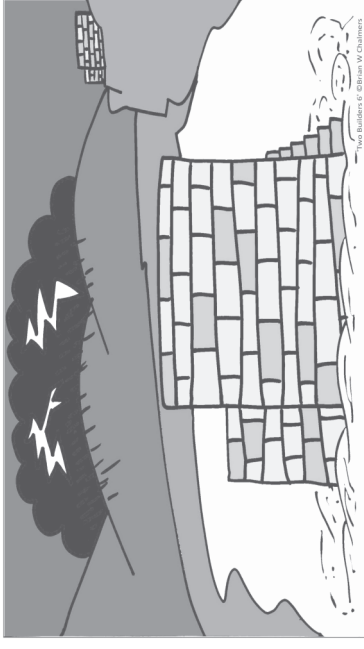
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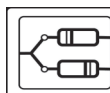


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