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A listening ear -
*Julia Bell behind the bar of
The Windmill Village Pub*

How did it all begin?

About 8 years ago the news that The Windmill Pub was about to close was viral. A last minute reprieve kept it going for a few more years before the shutters finally came down and it was left empty and in a sorry state.

Why a community pub?

The Pub has been a Burham fixture since 1847 and its closure was a big blow. A social hub that serves the community, supports local groups and is a part of the social fabric is far too important to be lost. Some people go out and buy a zoo *We Opened A Village Community Pub!*

Do groups use the pub much?

We have between 15/20 groups that meet here on a regular basis. These include art classes, a book clubs, coffee mornings and range from *The WI* to *The Friends of St Mary's Old Church*. We are currently working with KCC Cllr Kennedy to develop a mental health programme that supports issues such as autism and ADHD.

What is a typical week for you?

We are open from 12noon to late seven days a week and have a rolling programme of events. There are quiz and card nights that test the little grey cells, open mic and karaoke events for the extroverts, 'legs eleven' for the bingo callers and the headbangers can rock to live bands.

What brings a smile to your face?

People enjoying our Roast dinners served on Sundays from 12.30pm-6pm for £9.95. We also support the housebound and elderly by offering a Sunday Roast takeaway service.

What's your pet peeve?

It has to be cigarette butts, they drive me nuts!

Name your biggest highlight so far

Spitting' Feathers is a 15 piece band that performs here twice a year. They have to play in our garden as there are too many to fit inside the pub!

Supporting the local community

We support a wide variety of activities in Burham including the different War Memorial events, sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt, the village Christmas Tree and provide the Halloween 'treats' bags that are hung on the tree at Whitehouse Crescent. We also fund-raise for local and national charities by holding raffles and sponsor equipment at Winchester House.

What would you say to wrap up?

The Windmill Pub is for the community and I welcome everyone using it. It is a lifeline for so many when it is needed - lights on, fire burning and a warm welcome always. Even if you don't want a pint or a Harvey Wallbanger, the kettle is always on.

SUPPORTING BURHAM'S LOCAL COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS

One of my priorities is to support individuals and groups who do good work for the local community.

In the past few weeks I have signed-off a grant of £250 for the Burham and Wouldham WI for them to deliver free of charge life-saving courses for local residents. This is part of their national "Bystanders can be Lifesavers" campaign.

And this week I visited the Burham Thursday Club and presented them with a cheque for £300 to cover the cost of the Christmas and Easter parties for local senior citizens.

This brings to a total of £7,550 of donations and grants to the Burham community since you first elected me in 2021.

If you run a community group and would like a grant to support a specific project please email me at andrew.kennedy@kent.gov.uk for an application form.

DEMOCRACY DIES AT COUNTY HALL

Residents may know that the current leadership at KCC have voted through £140,000 of funding to employ political advisers at your expense.

I voted against this and even proposed an amendment at last week's Budget Meeting to defund spending on political advisers and instead transfer the money to local Community Grants. This would have given each councillor a further £1,750 to support local voluntary groups and charities.

Despite my amendment being signed-off as valid by KCC's Legal Officers (a requirement before anything can be discussed) the Reform-UK Chairman of KCC refused to allow a debate. This is the first time this has happened.

You may not have voted for me, and you may not agree with everything I stand for, but I hope you can agree that to block a debate on a perfectly valid amendment is not only undemocratic but also a worrying development.

I am grateful to my Conservative colleagues but also to Labour, Green, LibDem and Independent councillors who supported me, to no avail.

If you agree with my position and would like to sign the petition against spending your money on political advisers, please scan the QR code below.



As always, if you need my help or advice on any KCC issues please do not hesitate to get in touch. My email address is: andrew.kennedy@kent.gov.uk

BEEN THERE, DONE THAT

Dee and a man of many parts



Seeing double -
Robin in his workshop studio

He played the piano when he was seven, later he was to pick up the violin but his musical awakening was *The Shadows* playing *Apache*. Robin heard the echo-drenched sound and bought his first guitar for £4 19s 6d (£4.95), another 2/6d (12.5p) for a pickup, got his dad to convert an old TV set into an amplifier and the next pop sensation was ready to strut his stuff. He grew up in Strood and after leaving Gravesend Grammar on to Rochester Art School (now the visitor centre) for a few months before having to get a job to pay for his way.

Robin Oakley is a man of many parts. He has been a successful musician, started a picture-framing business with galleries dotted around Kent, with Dee his wife, and an artist specialising in portraits of pets and can still be found at craft fairs with samples of his work.

His career in music started when he formed a trio with his mum on drums (who played in a dance band) and his brother playing a homemade guitar. They found early success and were soon performing in clubs, concert parties and a wide variety of venues. By the mid-sixties he was playing in a *Shadows* tribute act which was voted the top Medway Towns Band in 1965 by the then popular *Beats*

Magazine. The band's fame quickly spread and they were soon sharing the bill with the likes of Kathy Kirby, the Beverley Sisters and Joe Loss and his orchestra. They toured all over England and most of Wales at their peak. He speaks fondly of a Christmas Concert with Graham Kendrick and Rick Wakeman, the YES frontman. Another highlight was being part of the choir that accompanied Cliff Richard for the Wales Millennium concert at the Cardiff national stadium for the BBC's *Songs of Praise* programme.

After his first marriage in the early seventies, Robin changed careers and got a full-time job with Letraset, although he continued playing music at the weekends. Ten years later he had split from his wife and met Dee, who had also recently divorced, and by an odd mixture of coincidences they sparked and have been together since then as a married couple and business partners.

These days Robin, although he is of an age to enjoy a well earned rest, still plays for various local groups and is a regular at the monthly Cafe Church gatherings at the Old School Community Centre. He continues to paint portraits of pets and people and run his picture-framing business with Dee at his side.

The future of local councils



Residents, businesses and community groups in Kent & Medway can take part in an important consultation on the future of local councils.

At the moment, different councils are responsible for different services. For example, KCC provides services such as education, social care and highways, while borough councils like Tonbridge and Malling deliver services including waste collections and recycling, planning, housing and leisure services. Under the proposals, a smaller number of unitary councils would each deliver all local services within their area - bringing everything together in a simpler, joined-up way.

Our preferred option

The consultation invites views on the

five options for LGR that were submitted by councils across Kent and Medway before Christmas. This includes the three unitary option known as Model 3a, supported by the greatest number of councils, namely TMBC, Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks, Maidstone and Folkestone & Hythe. Model 3a would see existing councils in Kent come together into three unitary areas, made up of Tonbridge and Malling, Sevenoaks, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells in the west; Dartford, Gravesham, Medway and Swale in the north and Ashford, Canterbury, Thanet, Dover and Folkestone & Hythe in the east.

Have your say

We encourage everyone to spare a few minutes to take part in the consultation. By sharing your views, you will help shape the future of local services in Tonbridge and Malling. The consultation is open now and closes on Thursday 26 March 2026. Option 3A. Big enough to make a difference, small enough to care. For more info and to take part: <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/>

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LOCAL HISTORY

Burham before the bricks & cement



Hawkswood stone
erected by the Corporation of Rochester to mark the upstream boundary of the City's fishery.

The village of Burham as we know it today has evolved over the course of time. Even the street names which we are familiar with have changed throughout history. Edward Hasted, writing in the late 18th Century, stated that the Court Lodge and the nearby church stood close to the river. He also refers to the two hamlets of Great and Little Culing (Culand) on the lower road leading from Rochester to Aylesford, near the former of which were several pits of potters' clay.

He also mentions the hamlet of Scarborough, and also a place formerly in the parish called Halygarden. Here there was a spring, to which pilgrimages were made from neighbouring districts. During the reign of King Richard II, the Carmelites at Aylesford Priory were granted use of this spring and the surrounding land. They were also granted permission to construct an aqueduct to carry water from the spring to the Priory. He also refers to a piece of land called Hawkswood, where a stone was erected by the Corporation of Rochester. The stone marks the upstream boundary of the

City's fishery. It also serves as the downstream boundary for the Mayor of Maidstone's fishing rights, together with that of the Lower Medway Navigation Company.

The Census of 1841 shows that Burham had changed very little since the time of the Domesday survey; it was still a collection of small hamlets. The total area of the parish was one thousand five hundred and eighty seven acres. There were sixty three houses and the population numbered three hundred and eighty. No nucleated village as such existed, and the only road mentioned was Burham Street, now known as Rochester Road.

The Census of 1851 mentions Lime Kilns and Burham Village. The Brickfield Superintendent is recorded as living at the Parsonage, which later became Shant Cottage - an alehouse in the Brickworks. The rise of industry and construction of Thomas Cubitt's 'Work' had resulted in people moving to the village from much further away, including workers previously employed at Cubitt's former London base.

- Michael Booser



Charlotte Bronte

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A Current campaign

Bystanders can be life savers



Hello! We're well into our 2026 programme of events. We'll have talks on Health and Beauty, the Gardens at Great Dixter, Shoes, a Produce Show and more, and we're backing that up with our Craft and Conversation afternoons, coffee mornings, whist events, outings and community events. Why not come along?

However, the WI is not just about tea, chat and Jerusalem! Every year members get behind a resolution where they feel they can make a difference within their community. A current WI campaign is Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers and in support of that, and to encourage everyone to do some basic CPR and Defibrillator training, we are planning free sessions in the Community Centre in Burham on Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th of April for any and everyone from the villages to come along. Sessions will be led by St John's Ambulance teams. So please put the dates in your diary, spread the word and look out for more details nearer the time.

Our Craft afternoons are held on the first Monday of the month and are open to anyone who wants to come along with their own project. Some of our members are working

on fundraising knits for Making Miracles, a baby charity based in Kent, so if you're between projects, we can help with ideas. Of course, there will be tea and chat!

Our monthly meetings are on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Burham Village Hall. Most meetings are open and we welcome any women who would like to come along, meet us, and find out more. Just drop us a note to burhamwouldham@wkwfi.org.uk and we'll make sure to look out for you and meet you at the door.

The wider WI offers regional events and classes – there's a group meeting with speakers in Ditton in April and a Murder Mystery in May - and there is a whole online library of free courses both for personal development and crafting ideas.

There is a lot going on and always a variety of things to join in to suit your interests. Do come along and see what we have to offer. It won't necessarily be an all-singing/dancing night out (although we do both from time to time!) but we offer company and friendship and a warm welcome. Contact

- Margaret Wood on
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ABOUT US

The Team & Place

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Beer Garden

Enjoy our secluded walled beer garden where we host occasional BBQ's and entertainment.

Happy Days

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Time to relax and enjoy the weekend



What village pub would be complete without a few events to get the community together? Keep an eye a out for our social events, darts nights and quizzes. If you are a community group looking for a place to meet, drop by and say hello.

Live Music & entertainment

Jam nights/Live music on Last Thursday of Month. Check our socials for info.

HOURS

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The Windmill Burham

Lent is a time to open our hearts



I am writing this on Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the season of Lent, a 40-day period, (plus Sundays!) when Christians are called to prepare themselves for Easter through prayer, fasting, and repentance. Sarah Phillips writes: *'Lent is a time to open the doors of our hearts a little wider and understand our Lord a little deeper so that when Good Friday and Easter come, it is not just another day at church, but an opportunity to receive the overflowing grace God has to offer.'*

However you choose to mark this season – whether that means giving something up, taking something up (like the '40 Acts of Kindness' challenge), or something else entirely – may the door of your heart be widened, and may you know what it is to be deeply loved.

This Lent, we are also celebrating the first birthday of Burham's monthly 'Café Church.' A year ago, Rev Nicky Rawlins and I wrote to you to let you know that, on the third Sunday of each month at 3pm, there would be an informal act of worship at the Old School Community Centre, held by the Anglicans and Methodists in partnership, with



music, conversation, puzzles, and lashings of tea and cake.

It has been a joy to see these services grow and develop – at a recent Café Church, there were 27 of us, plus 3 dogs! Anyone is welcome – if church isn't normally for you, why not join us and try something a little different? The cake is delicious, the conversation is always interesting, and the company is excellent (if we do say so ourselves). The next Café Church gatherings will be at 3pm on 15 March, 19 April and 17 May.

As the Methodist community in Burham, we would love to welcome you to the monthly Country Lunch at the Old School Community Centre, at 12.45pm on the third Thursday of the month. Delicious homemade soup and crumble for only £3!

Although we no longer have a building, we are delighted that the Methodist Church has a continuing presence in the village, and we are here to pray for you and to serve you as best we can. If you have any questions, or would like to talk, or for someone to pray for you, please don't hesitate to be in touch.

Every blessing,

- **Rev Naomi**

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URGENT STONEMWORK REPAIRS

St Mary's Church scaffolding



It was good to see the urgent stonework repairs at St Mary's underway with the scaffolding in place at the start of this year. The work will take around 2 months costing up to £15,000, funded by the Churches Conservation Trust.

- Philip Badman
Friends of St Mary's, Burham



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A year on, pondering life past and present

It has been wet and cold but Spring is on its way and in some places it is possible to see the snowdrops flowering and the daffodils showing their leaves – particularly in St Mary's Graveyard.

Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Day has come and gone and we are now into the season of Lent, a time to reflect upon where we are in life, the things that are going well, the things that perhaps might not be so happy; a season to think things through.

For Christians, Lent is the time when we prepare for Easter, when we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. To that end, we are currently running a Lent course on Thursday evenings at 8pm. We meet in 'The Windmill' and if you want to come along to see what it is all about, you will be very welcome.

The Benefice of Burham and Wouldham has also launched a new service in Burham. On the second Friday of every month, at 11am, there is a short reflective Communion Service in the Burham Old School Community Centre, and everybody is very welcome to attend this service.

The Rev Naomi Oates has written about the joint Methodist and Anglican Café Church service that we run together on the third Sunday of the month. It is a very informal service, with tea and coffee and lots of cake – and don't worry if you are dairy or gluten-free as we cater for those diets as well.



And as always, we meet regularly in All Saints Church, Wouldham. Our regular Sunday morning service is at 10.30am. On the first Sunday of the month, we have a spoken Communion at 8.30am and a more informal service at 10.30am. In March, our Mothering Day service is on the 15th March and will also be a more informal service, with the Communion service at 8.30am. I am not sure what we will be doing in the service, but we will be celebrating caring and mothering in all its different ways so please do come along.

And as always, if you wish to have a word with me, please feel free to contact me.

Wishing you a fruitful Lent season

- Rev Nicky Rawlins

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- **Robert Niechoj**, Practice Manager

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Join our vibrant and welcoming group, proudly part of the national Ramblers walking charity.

Non-members are welcome to try up to three free 'taster' walks with us. If you're new to our walks, please contact the walk leader to check that their walk will suit you.

For full details of all our future walks, see **Tonbridge & Malling Ramblers on Facebook** or www.tonbridgeandmallingramblers.org.uk.

See *Offham's quain* on our 15 March walk

Sunday 1 March	Trosley Trot: fairly flat circular walk from Wrotham along the bottom of the North Downs with good views. Moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Sunday 8 March	Gentle circular walk from the Little Brown Jug to Bough Beech. Spot ducks, seagulls and cormorants. Moderate difficulty.	6 miles
Thursday 12 March	From Trosley Country Park along the North Downs Way and Pilgrims Way to visit Coldrum Long Barrow. No stiles. Moderate difficulty.	6.2 miles
Sunday 15 March	Leisurely circular walk from Offham to West Malling and Ryarsh via St Leonard's Tower and Manor Park Country Park. Mainly flat across farmland and woodland. Three stiles.	5.7 miles
Thursday 19 March	Knockholt to Chevening Circular: explore the North Downs escarpment with views over Chevening House and the chance to see deer and red kite. Three stiles; moderate difficulty.	5 miles
Sunday 22 March	Leisurely Spring Stroll from Leigh around Cinder Hill, Charcot and Coppings Brook. Woodland tracks, field paths, quiet lanes.	5.5 miles
Thursday 26 March	Circular walk from Birling with a gentle ascent towards the North Downs and along the North Downs Way. Mix of footpaths and quiet lanes. moderate difficulty.	5.5 miles
Sunday 29 March	Trottscliffe and Wrotham circular walk with some great views along the North Downs. Moderate difficulty.	miles

Walks usually start mid-morning. There's a short half-way break (bring refreshments) and we usually finish near a pub. Most walks are dog-friendly (see website).

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

COUNTRY LUNCH

THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH
 12.45PM

THE OLD SCHOOL COMMUNITY CENTRE, BURHAM

TWO-COURSE LUNCH FOR JUST £3
 ALL ARE WELCOME!

BURHAM PARISH COUNCIL

A roundup of local news & issues from Pam

Please note

Change of email address to:
clerk@burhampc.co.uk

New domain name for our website:
www.burhamparishcouncil.org.uk

Allotments

During early March 2026, a lorry load of compost has been booked for delivery to the allotments.

New Gate

A new wooden gate (at the left-hand corner of the recreation ground where the stile was) has been installed, and a post on the fence line in Court Meadow (New Court Rd side) has also been replaced by Boundary fencing.

Old School Community Centre

A grant application to FCC for the Solar panels at the Old School has been submitted. A decision should be made by June. If the application is declined, then the project may not go ahead.

Pilgrims Way potholes

Further work to the surface/pot holes

of Pilgrims Way Split Rd has been scheduled by Highways in the new financial year.

Trenport (Property Holdings) Ltd

have gone into administration. The future of any of their sites lacks certainty at this time. This may also apply to the lease on Court Meadow which is due to expire June 2026.

Tree problems

We will be looking at addressing tree problems (where we are responsible) within the next few months.

Vacancy

We still have one vacancy for a volunteer parish councillor. If you are interested, please give me a call.

If you have any items that you would like the Parish Council to discuss, just give me a call on 01634 685936, e-mail me on clerk@burhampc.co.uk or join in at the next scheduled meeting, which is due 30 March 2026 7.30 pm at the parish building -

- Pam Saunders – Clerk

Police incidents

This is a report of the calls received for the Burham area from the beginning of the month

Assaults – 0 Theft – 0
Burglary – 0 Criminal Damage – 0
ASB - 1

The crime numbers remain low in your area and we have only had 1 ASB related call this month.

Defibrillators - Save a life

There are three defibrillators in Burham (*locations on back cover*)

These devices come with simple instructions so almost anyone can use them in a cardiac emergency.

If you want to learn more the BHF offers a 15 minute RevivR CPR training on your phone or tablet

For details visit: bhf.org.uk

WHAT TO DO, WHERE TO GO

Burham clubs, organisations & services

All Saints Church

Burham & Wouldham Parish is in the Diocese of Rochester. The Church, of Saxon origin, is situated at High Street, Wouldham. Gwen Worcester

All Star Performers

We are a Musical Theatre company catering for 0-18yrs. All classes held in the Old School Community Centre on Saturdays. Facebook, 0738 808 4862 or allstarperformers@outlook.com

Bear Paws Quilters

We meet at the Community Centre twice monthly on Wednesday evening, 7.30-10pm. We have 30 members, covering all adult age groups. Kathy White. 0742 516 5742

Book Exchange

1st Friday each month, at the Old School Community Centre, 10.30 - 12noon Eileen Smith. 01634 867022

Burham Allotments

For availability and current rates; Dave Young 07719 854538.

Burham Baton Twirlers

Burham Village Hall, every Thursday 5-7pm Lyn Robinson 0772 937 3558

Burham Old School Community Centre

Owned and refurbished by the Parish Council includes changing facilities. To hire, Emily 07834 395027

Burham Church of England Primary School

The school draws from Burham and further afield with a good reputation for high academic standards, a strong Christian ethos, and a caring atmosphere. Head: Holly Goddon 01634 861691

Burham Methodist Church

The church is now closed but it continues to have a presence. Contact Eileen Smith: 01634 867022

Burham Music Hall

We currently host regular Quiz and Bingo nights as well as a Christmas Panto & we meet most Thursday evenings at Burham Village Hall. New members are welcome. Simon Hughes 0798 035 7185

Burham old Church of St Mary's

Visit our Facebook page for events updates www.facebook.com/stmarysburham

Burham Parish Council Offices

The home of the Parish Office with a small meeting area. Parish Office, Rochester Road, by the Village Hall.

Burham Pre-School

We aim to help our children become independent, confident little people and cater for 2-5 year olds. We welcome families from Burham and local villages; call to see if we are right for your little one. Burham Village Hall, morning & afternoon sessions available from Mon. to Fri. Tracey Beechey: 0771 082 9954 or burham.pre-school@hotmail.co.uk

Burham Short Mat Bowls Club

The Club has 30 members and is open to all adult age groups. We meet on Mons & Weds evenings in the Village Hall 7.30- 9.30 pm. Irene Benton 01634 867466

Burham United Charities

A local charity that provides assistance to those living within the old parish boundaries (i.e. Burham Village and parts of Blue Bell Hill). If you, or someone you know, are on a low income or has an exceptional need which is not provided for by Welfare Benefits, we may be able to help. Dave Young 07719 854538 or Roger Kiralfy 01634 869900

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Burham clubs, organisations & services

Burham Village Hall

A large building in the centre of the village adjacent to the Recreation Ground. It is the venue for a wide range of activities including charity events, wedding receptions & many community groups. To hire: Aileen Bergin 0784 288 3028.

Burham & Wouldham Book Club

We meet every third Wednesday of the month in The Windmill Pub at 7.30pm to discuss the book we borrow from the library. A small friendly group with a wide range of opinions. Contact Gwen Worcester 0785 440 0506.

Burham Walking Group

We meet monthly at 10.30am on the last Wednesday of the month for a gentle local stroll. For details contact: Gwen Worcester 01634 672060

Burham & Wouldham Foodbank

For collection points see inside back cover. If you require help please ring Gwen Worcester 01732 846314 for confidential advice.

Burham & Wouldham WI

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm at Burham Village Hall. Get in touch or just turn up – we will be pleased to see you. BurhamWouldham@wkwfi.org.uk. Margaret Wood 01622 718665

KCC Mobile Library Service

The library vehicle is parked in the Village Hall car park operating on alternate Tuesdays 2.25 - 3.25pm (red route). For updates and further info: www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries

Country Lunch

Held monthly at 1pm in the Old School Community Centre, on the 3rd Thursday in the month. A simple meal of home-made soup, bread,

cheese, apple crumble & tea/coffee are served for £3. Eileen Smith 01634 867022

Duet Dance School

Held in the Community Centre on Wednesday between 3pm & 4pm. Julie/Hayley 0783 478 0669

Force Medway Group

This is a self-defence group for all ages held in the Burham Village Hall on Weds 6-7.15pm & Fri 6-8.30pm. Stuart Lowe 0755 790 6249 www.forceselfdefence.com

Messy Church

Held at various locations and varying times locally. Contact Tonia Plowman 0759 357 5450

Sword Fencing

At Community Centre on Thurs 7.30-9.30pm. tony.devine01@gmail.com

Sunday Karate

At the Community Centre 10-12noon P Shepherd. 0775 792 5776

Thursday Morning Comm. Club

An informal get-together for all ages at the Old School Community Centre between 10.30-12noon on Thursday mornings. Admission fee is £2 includes all refreshments and a free raffle. Hi Kent Hearing Clinic attends once a month and there are outside speakers sometimes. The Club also organises regular day trip outings. Anne Taylor 01634 684927

Winchester House Care Home

Residential and 24-hour nursing care over five separate units. 180 Wouldham Rd, Wouldham ME1 3TR Call: 01634 624957

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

Burham businesses and services

The Butchers Block

Traditional dog-friendly country pub with classic fare. 01634 786626
www.thebutchersblockpub.co.uk

Frosts Service Station & Store

Serving Burham for 50 years with garage services & a general store

Good Cod Mobile Fish & Chips

Burham Village Hall car park:
Wed. 4pm-8pm. 0784 018 1091

Happy House Chinese Takeaway

Chinese takeaway. Collection/
delivery available. 01634 668326 or
see our Facebook page.

The Robin Hood

700 year-old pub with two bars,
formal dining and gardens. 01634
861500. www.robinhood-pub.co.uk

The Vale Bakery

Fresh baked bread, pastries & pies
on the premises. 01634 861572

The Windmill Pub

Village Pub with a beer garden.
Family & dog friendly. 01634 394882
Visit www.windmillburham.com or
our Facebook page

BURHAM & WOULDHAM

Local foodbank collections

Collections continue in the two villages and you can donate at The Windmill Pub, 4 Church Street, Burham; The Co-op in Peters Village; 111 High Street, Wouldham, or in the Wouldham church porch on Sundays from 9.30 to 12noon. If you require help please ring Gwen Worcester 01732 846314 for confidential advice.

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Services for March & April

MARCH

Friday 6: 10-30am World Day of
Prayer Service at East Malling. St
James the Great Church. Parking
nearby.

Friday 13: 11am Holy Communion
BCC

Sunday 15: 8-30am Holy
Communion ASW

10-30am Mothering Sunday Service
(no communion) ASW

Sunday 29: 10-30am. Palm Sunday
St Mary's Old Church, Burham

Monday 30 and Tuesday 3 at 9pm
Compline ASW

APRIL

Wednesday 1st: 9pm Compline
Maundy Thursday: 7pm Service
ASW

Friday 3rd: Good Friday Vigil 12-
2pm.ASW

Sunday 5th: EASTER DAY

5-30am First Light Service ASW

10-30am Holy Communion ASW

Friday 10th: Holy Communion BCC

APRIL 19th: Café Church BCC

Gwen Worcester

ASW = All Saints Church

BCC=Burham Community Centre

Defibrillators

There are currently two defibrillators in Burham located outside:

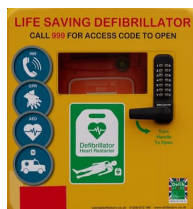
The Parish Council Office

Frosts Service Station & Store

A third defibrillator is located at:

The Phoenix Medical Practice

To access the defibrillator call 999 for the code and instructions



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