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Every year, as part of their A Level Product Design coursework, BGS students produce and execute designs for a community project. This year they worked with the Hall to come up with some amazing ideas. Councillors chose the two designs featured here.

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The youth centre building is leased to the Trustees by Buckinghamshire Council on a peppercorn rent. We are responsible for the general maintenance and upkeep of the building and the financial side of running the centre to enable the Youth Club to operate.

To cover the cost of this, we raise funds through lettings to local groups and organisations as well as private individuals. We can also access grants for specific projects.

The Youth Club presently runs two nights a week and provides a place for young people in the Burnham area to socialise and develop life skills in a safe environment.

The Trustees do not get involved in the Youth Club sessions. These are run by a separate management committee and a valued group of volunteers.

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Stepping up design at Burnham Park Hall

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The first design is a wonderful collection of colourful pictures of Burnham drawn by younger students which now decorate our stairs, drawing visitors upstairs (front page).

The second piece is an incredible coffee table with a 3D representation of important buildings in Burnham, and beautifully designed books of photographs of Burnham through the years selected in conjunction with Burnham and District Heritage Society. The table now has pride of place on our first floor landing.

Chair of the Burnham Park Management

Committee Ekta Kaur Ross congratulated the students on their magnificent work, and thanked them for the pieces that will be a very valued part of the hall for years to come.

Cllr Marie Hammon then accepted a gift of additional photo books on behalf of Burnham and District Heritage.

Hall Manager Sharon Smith said: "it's really important to us that this isn't just any village hall. It's Burnham's village hall, and we love that it's full of Burnham designs, like these amazing pieces as well as our heritage wall, embroidery and tapestry."



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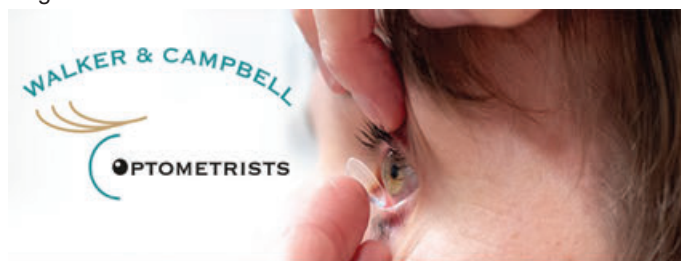
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Guild members enjoy a summer of fundraising

THIS SUMMER was a very busy one for the Townswomen's Guild of Burnham as we held our annual charity teas and lunches.

They were all well attended especially the main lunch held in one of the member's garden with 24 guests in attendance. The grand total raised was £600 and we have drawn up a list of local charities to whom we will be presenting cheques in the near future. These include Burnham Youth Club, Thames Valley Adventure Playground, Phoenix Rugby Club, Thames Valley Hospice and Round And About.

Our first meeting back in September was held memory of Hazel Edwards, a past member, who left us a small legacy. We enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea with members reminiscing about Hazel and all the good work she did for the Guild.

This December we have been invited to take part in a new venture at St Peter's Church Christmas Tree Festival. We would love to see you there and we will have copies of our new programme.

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Burnham Foundation inspires and enhances many village projects

THE BURNHAM FOUNDATION (TBF) was established in 2013 having been inspired by the 2012 Olympiad which captured so much imagination and excitement especially in Dorney and in and around Taplow and Burnham.

The Foundation's original purpose was to encourage volunteering and support sporting and cultural events and more recently it expanded its horizon to also support environmental awareness and action. This led to the creation of the Burnham Park Tree Trail in 2020 and the St Peter's Churchyard Tree Trail in 2022.

To date TBF has made 44 grants ranging from £100 to £750 with a total value in excess of £13,500. Its first grant was made in 2013 to Friends of Burnham Library who were staging an arts competition.

Grants have since been made to many local sports clubs as well as to local initiatives such as Burnham Lighthouse, Burnham Sheddars, The Well at Lent Rise and May's Chocolate House.

The Burnham Foundation also has the capacity to support genuine innovation such as The Village Project in 2024 which involved staging a photograph capturing all the groups that actively support community life in Burnham and, most recently, Round And About's 'Big Sing' which took place on August Bank Holiday Sunday (see facing page).

Over 115 sang their hearts out in Burnham Park Hall and hopefully it will stimulate many more events involving community singing which provides so much enjoyment and a sense of belonging.

TBF's income has mostly been generated by staging events with generous sponsorship; for example The Dental Surgery Burnham supported The Big Sing. Since 2013 there have also been welcome annual donations from a few local citizens.

Recently it was a great boost to receive a £100 donation from a local resident who learned, somewhat by chance, about TBF's purpose and it will soon be receiving a grant from The Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches.

To date TBF has received one small legacy from another local community member and would certainly wish to attract more local donations and legacies from community members who have both given and taken so much pleasure from living in and around Burnham.

TBF currently has four trustees - Les Stuart, Pam Rogers, Julie Richards and me, and we operate as a local, not for profit organisation which is able to attract Gift Aid funding.

TBF's effectiveness would also be enhanced significantly by a volunteer who would enjoy creating a more welcoming and informative website. Please contact TBF's chairman - Viv Nicholas - e-mail mrviv.nicholas@btinternet.com if you would like to learn more about The Burnham Foundation and especially if you would welcome the opportunity to enhance its website and profile.

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The Big Sing in good voice

THE BIG SING on the August Bank Holiday weekend saw the people of Burnham getting together to celebrate four significant anniversaries in song.

The brainchild of The Burnham Foundation (see chairman Viv Nicholas's piece on the facing page), the event marked 130 years of Burnham Methodist Church, 100 years of Taplow and Hitcham Women's Institute, 60 years of Burnham Community Association and 40 years of Cornerstone at St Peter's Church.

Below are the responses of happy atten-

dees.

"What a delightful event! Enjoyed by so many of our local residents of all ages. Celebrating such significant village anniversaries was such a super opportunity to bring people together to enjoy the power of song. Not only was the event musically successful, it also bought folks together socially. Many people asking 'When's the next one?! Well done!'" Mike and Chris Smith.

"It was an excellent and community focused event which attracted an impres-

Big Sing musical mentors Lizzie Cullen and Sue Beach with images from Burnham Park Hall, and St Peter's

sive number of participants and was enjoyed by all. This included my Mum, who doesn't have a direct connection with Burnham except through me, and was very impressed and enjoyed it!" Adam Killeya, Burnham Parish Council Clerk.

"Thank you Viv for arranging such a wonderful singalong – everybody loved it. It was very well organised and we are looking forward to the next one. Best Wishes." Jean and Rob Stanger.

"The Big Sing was a very enjoyable event and the participants clearly loved it," said choir leader Lizzie Cullen.

"There is a lovely opportunity in Taplow every Saturday morning in term time for children to sing," adds Lizzie, who works with two groups. There is a Children's Choir from 10am-11am for boys and girls from Year 3 – Year 7, and a Boys' Choir at 11.15am – 12.15pm, for those from Year 5 upwards who already have some experience of singing in a choir. Do visit any Saturday and have a look at www.taplowchoirs.org.uk

A Class Act – Robert Garner

ON SATURDAY, May 30, my sister Zoë and I said farewell to our father Robert Garner, known in our family as RFG. He died peacefully in the beautiful surroundings of Thames Hospice.

A civil, humanist service was attended by many of Dad's friends from all walks of his life, from his Geezers from W12 where Dad grew up, his shipping clients and friends from Greece and further afield. People from his beloved golf club, Lambourne on Dropmore Road, the South Bucks Bridge Club and many more friends and family, were all at Chiltern Crematorium, Amersham on June 24.

Dad and Mum, Patricia, moved to Burnham in 1971 where Mum had seen our family home on Dorney Wood Road, fallen in love with it and Dad made it happen.

Dad had a very successful career in the city working in the shipping industry, which lead him

to becoming a Freeman of the City of London. Mum gave up her London career and switched her enthusiasm to local social work in conjunction with Dr Bob Green and others, they set up Burnham Good Neighbour scheme.

Mum and Dad would spend their weekends flying around but they always started with a walk in Burnham Beeches with their two dogs, before Dad would set off on his bike or to the fishery to add to his never ending fish tanks.

When Mum died in September 2007, Dad was deeply saddened. He did find himself again, thanks to his belief in sport, his bike, golf and then bridge.

Zoë and I would like to say a very big thank you to the ambulance crew Simon and Liam, who took Dad to Wexham Park Hospital, for their patience and reassurance.

Dad (Robert) leaves his daughters Zoë and Claire and grandchildren Archie and Esmé.

Dad is greatly missed for his interviewing skills, sense of humour and silly texts.

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HELLO TO the Round & About readers. We hope you have been embracing the cooler weather and are ready for autumn now!

In this edition we wanted to share with you about an upcoming group and remind you of some regular offerings. You can visit our website to view our timetable of activities along with other information on useful local services.

If you would like to speak to us, please ring our office number on 01628 661441.

Do leave a message if the answer machine is on, we might be on another call, but we will get back to you.

Look after yourselves and each other.

Dawn Harries and the staff & Trustees of Burnham Health Promotion Trust



Singing For Your Memory and The Big Sing



THANK YOU to everyone who joined in with the Big Sing! (see pages 8 and 9)

Singing For Your Memory were happy to be a part of it and we hope there will be another one next year. Singing is a

great way to bring people of all ages together.

If you or anybody you know is suffering with any form of memory loss, then this may be just the group for you. We are a community singing group who meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month

at Burnham Community Library, 11am-noon.

We sing a range of songs from all decades and some show tunes. You don't have to have any singing experience and it's free. Singing is a great way to exercise the memory and put a smile on your face.

For more information contact Gemma on gemma@bhpt.org.uk

Thirty years of BHPT

BURNHAM HEALTH PROMOTION TRUST was set up 30 years ago next year (Nov 2027) and we are eager to hear from anyone who may have memories, stories or photos from groups, outings or projects they have worked on or been involved with during this time.

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PADSTONES: Padstones at Reedham House in Burnham village provides help and accommodation for vulnerable, single, and homeless young people aged 18 to 25.

The pantry at Reedham is available for residents who are struggling to afford food or who need a little extra support before they can visit the food bank.

As supplies were running low the Club provided a trolley load of groceries from Tesco at the Bishop's Centre. Rotarian John is pictured (right) with Emma, Scheme Manager at Padstones, following the Tesco trip.



Disability Aids: Our Rotary team supports PhysioNet by collecting unwanted disability aids. These are then sent to places around the world where they are really needed. We recently loaded up and filled a PhysioNet van with items we had collected. If you have any disability aids that you want to dispose of and would like them to be put to good use, drop us an email on contact@rcbb.co.uk.

Supporting Local Events: A team from Burnham Beeches helped at the Burnham Joggers Half Marathon and 10k run. Whilst most of the Rotary Team were marshalling, one brave member Terry ran the half raising money for Lighthouse, the Well @ Lent Rise and Rotary. Congratulations Terry and to all the other runners and Burnham Joggers.

Orchard Day Fun: The Club held its annual Orchard Day event on September 26 at Temple Dell. It was well attended, and visitors enjoyed the craft stalls, good food and cakes, Children's Activities, Arena Entertainment and of course the Bar/Prosecco stall. With the support of Claire's Comfy Canines, we also held a Fun Dog Show – a great time was had by all. A big thank you to Farnham Royal Parish Council for their support and to all the stallholders and entertainers. We are look forward to next year!

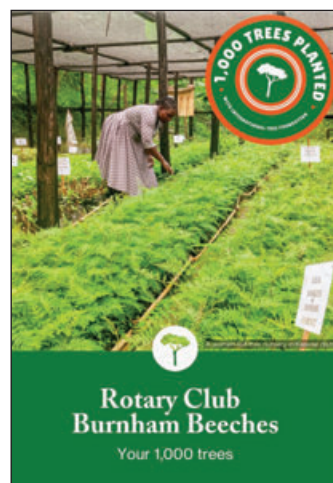
International Tree Foundation: Burnham Beeches Rotary has provided financial support to plant 1,000 trees in Uganda's Rwenzori Mountains region.

This effort is part of a broader restoration initiative with the Alpha Women's Empowerment Initiative and the International Tree Foundation to combat severe deforestation and climate vulnerability. You can learn more about these restoration projects on their website - www.internationaltreefoundation.org

Signature at Farnham Common BBQ: Our business partner, Signature at Farnham Common, held a barbecue to raise funds in support of Burnham Beeches Rotary. It was a great event blessed by excellent weather, Many thanks to Signature for their support. Rest assured all the funds raised with go to good causes!

Rotary is fun – come and join us: Want to have fun and help our local community - we are always on the lookout for new members. Come and join us. We are always on the lookout for new members. If your time is limited and you would like to occasionally help out why not become a 'Friend of Rotary' – You can find out more about this on our website, www.rcbb.co.uk (just click on the 'What We Do tab') or get in touch by emailing FriendsofRotary@rcbb.co.uk

Keith Greenough
Burnham Beeches Rotary



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Busy days ahead at May's Chocolate House

IT MAY BE cooler outside but things are hotting up in May's! After reducing our range of chocolates in the heat of the summer we are busy restocking and planning ahead for a busy Christmas.

Our local suppliers have also been restocking their shelves with some great new items and we are delighted that we will soon be welcoming a new supplier, Julie, with her lovely 'Gift from the Seas' products.



We are also continuing to develop our programme of regular activities which include:

1st Saturday of the month 11am to 1pm Welcome to Burnham (pictured above) – if you're new to Burnham this is a great opportunity to meet people and find out more about all that's on offer in our lovely village.

1st Tuesday of the month 11.15 to 12 noon Storytime at May's for 0 to 3 year olds and their parents or carers (pictured right)

Wellbeing Wednesdays 11am to 12.30 – a different theme each week of the month

1st Wednesday – Chatty Café with Bluebird Care

2nd Wednesday – Memory Sharing with Burnham & District Heritage Society

3rd, 4th, 5th Wednesday – A different speaker and/or topic each week. See details in shop or on our Facebook page

We are looking forward to our special community event **'Families Together in Burnham'** which will take place from 11am to 4pm on Sunday, October 18, in Burnham Youth Centre, Minniecroft Road.

The aim of the day is to give grandparents, parents and children the opportunity to enjoy spending time together whilst participating in a variety of community-led activities with other local families.

Tickets are available from the shop and cost £5 per person to include drinks and a light lunch. Under 5s are free.

Last, but not least, we are delighted to have welcomed some new younger volunteers recently who will be introducing themselves in the next edition of Round And About.

In the meantime, please do come and see us soon. Our usual opening hours are Monday to Saturday 11am to 4pm.

Shirley Shaw

Wake-up-Wednesday needs new volunteers

THE EARLY MORNING Wake-up-Wednesday, providing a breakfast snack for children catching school buses, has delayed its restart until November 4 (after half-term) in anticipation that two extra volunteers might come forward.

If you would like to help in this project then please contact me.

The Friday Lunch was in abeyance over August but along with attendees of Wednesday's The Meeting Place undertook many trips and outings utilising the Burnham Community Association's Mini-bus, even stopping on the way back from Eastbourne to take in the partial eclipse.

On Saturday, October 10 the charity runs its Autumn Craft Fair from 10am to 2pm at The Methodist Church Hall.

Looking forward to December 11, The Well @ Lent Rise is hosting a Cabaret Dinner, as a fundraiser, at Burnham Beeches Golf Club (see poster, right). If you would like the opportunity to dress up in your finery contact Kim 07469879199.

Terry J Gamble 01753 648759 or 07450 004863



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WE'VE BEEN putting a LOT of working into further enhancing our hall recently, to keep it as the heart of our community, and we hope you can join us there soon. Developments include:

REDECORATING THE DROPMORE: Our awesome Hall Manager Sharon and Caretakers Gary and Matt have been cleaning and repainting the Dropmore Hall so that it looks good as new! As well as new coats of paint and varnishing, all of the blinds have been cleaned.

We deliberately keep the Dropmore in a neutral colour so that it fits with whatever colours YOU want for YOUR event.

To hire the newly sparkling hall, or any of our other excellent and well-equipped spaces, please see <https://www.burnhampark.co.uk/> or come into the hall for a chat with our lovely Bookings and Events Supervisor Kirsty!

SPRUCING UP: We've been doing lots more sprucing up around the place too, including power-washing our outside spaces, and cleaning up the entrance sign until it looks newer than new! This is part an ongoing programme of keeping the hall looking its best, and you'll be seeing more newly sparkling surfaces soon!

TUCK IN AT TOMMY'S: We're also delighted at the success of a great 2026 addition to our hall offering – Tommy's Café @ Capelos.

They serve awesome food and drinks every weekday, and are hoping to expand to some weekends. The food is amazing – you can take the Parish Clerk's word for it, as they were the first customer!

BGS DESIGN PROJECTS (SEE PAGES 1 and 3)

Coming up at the hall

WE HAVE three big public events at the hall in October, which we hope you can join us for:

● **Friday, October 9:** Comedy Night, 7pm. £17, tickets from [ticketsource/burnhampark](https://ticketsource.com/burnhampark)

● **Friday, October 23:** Band Night with Loose Connection (modern pop, classic rock and ballads): FREE

● **Saturday, October 31:** Kid's Halloween Party. 3-7pm. £3 per child (free for the accompanying adult). Tickets from [ticketsource/burnhampark](https://ticketsource.com/burnhampark)

We have also just launched our exciting new cinema club, with FREE screen showings of films at Burnham Park Hall

CINEMA CLUB:

● **Friday, October 30,** film starts 7.30pm: Rocky Horror Picture Show

● **Sunday, November 1,** 6.30pm: Les Misérables

● **Friday, November 27,** 7.30pm: Michael by Jafaar Jackson

● **Friday, December 11,** 7.30pm: Hunt for the Wilderpeople

Kids' cinema club:

● **Tuesday, October 27** double bill

11am: Monster House; 3pm Hocus Pocus

● **Sunday, November 8,** 3pm: The Magic Faraway Tree

● **Sunday, December 6,** 3pm: Elf

We will have more exciting events coming up in December – more details in the next edition; but please note now in your diaries: **Saturday, December 5:** Christmas event 1pm – 8pm: brought to you in conjunction with the Burnham Business Association.

Santa and his reindeer will be at the hall, the BBA will be organising lots of excitement in High Street, and the Hall Christmas Lights will be switched on at 6.30pm.

This is in addition to all of our amazing regular hires and events put on by other organisations: please follow Burnham Park Hall on Facebook to keep up to date!

If you are interested in hiring the hall please visit our website www.burnhampark.co.uk/, and come into the hall for a chat about how we can help!



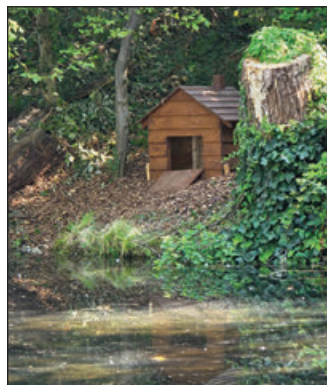
More at the Pond (and the Palace!)

AS REGULAR READERS will know, a lot of effort has gone into the Pond at Lent Rise Road recently, with a great tidy and lots of new amenities added earlier in the year before our Grand Reopening by the Lord Lieutenant.

Since then we've kept up the momentum with the (unplanned but very welcome!) return of frogs to the pond, and the addition of the awesome Duckingham Palace (pictured) – a great duck house sponsor by Cllr Pat Bird, built by the geniuses of Burnham Men's Shed, and installed by our superb grounds team.

There's more still planned to come, including a crocus planting project kindly funded and led by the Rotary Club of Burnham Beeches. We're also still hoping to add a duck feed machine and more!

We now also have a dedicated Pond page on our website: <https://www.burnhamparish.gov.uk/the-pond-lent-green-lane>



OTHER PARISH COUNCIL UPDATES:

- Our awesome new Little Library, designed by local artist Maralin Cottenham and sponsored by Slough Viva is now officially open for bringing and taking books. (ribbon cutting above.)

- The awesome recently added Padel Courts at the George Pitcher Memorial Ground, owned and installed by local company Padel Powerhouse Limited, continue to be open for business and can be booked at <https://playtomic.com/clubs/padel-powerhouse-burnham>.

- The Council held a very well-attended meeting of its Planning Committee to consider the application for up to 800 houses at land west of Lent Rise Road. The Committee recommended refusal of the application, and the full reasons can be seen in the minutes section of our website. The final decision will now be made by Buckinghamshire Council.

- By the time you read this, the upgrade to the toilets in the George Pitcher Memorial Ground pavilion will hopefully be well under way. Watch this space, as we hope to have pictures for the next edition!

- We are hoping to complete work to restore the mural at Burnham Park Hall in late September.

- We're also doing some planning for cleaning and other works to the War Memorial in 2027, working with our friends at Burnham Royal British Legion.

New year at Dorney School

WE HAVE MADE a great start to the new school year at Dorney School. We have limited spaces available in some years groups so do come and visit us – take a look at what a village school in a beautiful setting can offer your child (see date details below)

Pictured here are some fun things we get up to at school.



In the summer, Year 5 artwork was displayed in Burnham Park Hall in celebrating our great local community. We are passionate about helping pupils develop and grow in an ever-changing world. Our children thrive in a happy, positive and inclusive environment – Dorney is a little village school with a BIG heart in which everyone belongs.

Mrs S Lee, Headteacher

Dorney School's open days are on Tuesday, October 6 from 10am to 11am; Wednesday, November 11 from 1.30pm-2.30pm; Thursday, December 3 from 10am-11am and Tuesday, January 12 from 1.30pm to 2.30pm. Visit their website www.dorneyschool.co.uk or call 01628 620871 to arrange a visit.

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Save Our School campaign moves forward

THE CAMPAIGN steering group are especially grateful to the 56 local residents that took the trouble to register with Bucks County Council's Local Plan proposal to demolish Burnham Upper school site and build 125 houses. We plan to study all the responses but so far a couple of interesting thoughts have emerged:

"Burnham is the only place in England that has a grammar school and NO non-selective school in its local area."

"Buckinghamshire Council are determined to close Burnham's non-selective secondary school as it will then ensure an improvement in its Ofsted rating as it has shipped out non-academic children to neighbouring councils whilst bringing in academic children who have passed the selection test in Year Six or reached the entry level requirement at Year 11 to its grammar school."

The Save Our School steering group have also developed what it describes as a 'FRESH, ENGAGING and INFORMED



APPROACH'. We are asking Bucks CC to take a holistic approach, to stop looking in isolation, and work with Slough Borough Council and The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead to determine the optimal, non-selective educational provision for the three councils with specific regard to children and families in Burnham and its surrounding communities.

In addition, we are delighted to advise that we have secured the support of the Cambridge Consulting Network, a highly professional, independent and capable organisation

(<https://www.cambridgeconsultingnetwork.co>) to further support our campaign.

Their work commences in October and is likely to take three months to complete, at the end of which we hope to have indisputable information and data with which we can challenge Bucks CC and take our campaign to another level.

Viv Nicholas saveourschool.org.uk

Time will tell how much summer heatwave has impacted nature

THE WAY IN which the hot summer weather continued week after week did remind me of the summer of 1976. That summer was followed by an exceedingly wet autumn. I wonder if the same will happen this time?

Butterflies and damsel and dragon flies have enjoyed the sunny weather and species such as meadow brown and common blue butterflies have been regular visitors to grassy areas. Hopefully they have

taken advantage of the unmown grass in St Nicolas Churchyard and laid their eggs on the grass stems.

As the caterpillars emerged they will have fed on the grasses and by now will have made their way down stems to soil level, where they will spend the winter.

At the end of August our native grassland butterflies were joined by buttercup-yellow clouded yellow butterflies which had flown all the way from Southern Europe and

North Africa.

Clouded yellow butterflies do not survive the British winter, although warmer winters may mean that this changes.

Earlier in the summer you may have spotted a Jersey tiger moth (pictured above).

These day flying moths are a striking orange-copper colour in flight, but when they are resting their colourful hind-wings are hidden under the forewings, which have black and white markings resembling those of a tiger.

The Jersey tiger moth used to be known only from Jersey and south Devon, but the warming climate means that the species is extending its range further north and it is now frequently recorded in London and the Home Counties.

We shall have to wait to see how our trees have coped with the scorching temperatures and summer drought. The leaves on some trees had turned brown and were being shed by the end of August. This does not necessarily mean that the tree has died. If the leaves are unable to photosynthesise and have become a strain on the plant in drought conditions, many plants will drop their leaves as a survival tactic.

We shall have to wait until next year to see how many of these trees come back to life. The poor growing conditions will be marked by a very narrow growth ring in the heartwood of the trees that survive.

By looking at the width and pattern of growth rings in wood from old buildings and furniture, scientists are often able to work out, not only the climatic conditions in which the tree grew, but also where and when it was felled.

For all living organisms life is a struggle and survival depends on whether the organism is strong enough to fight through adverse conditions, such as drought. Our ancient trees, including the beech pollard from Burnham Beeches have survived many extreme weather conditions over the hundreds of years that they have been alive, and time alone will tell what impact the hot summer and drought of 2026 has had on them.

Pamela Taylor



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These everyday outings are critical for a future guide dog to learn how to remain steady and focused in a range of environments.

Stephanie Ranson (pic-

tured, right), Guide Dogs' Puppy Development Advisor in the area, said this early exposure is so important in shaping a confident and well-adjusted guide dog:

"Our Puppy Raisers do an amazing job helping our pups prepare for their future life as a guide dog. Being exposed to different situations and environments when they are small means they grow in confidence and can approach those environments with ease once in their working role."

The role of a puppy raiser requires dedication, patience, and a genuine love for dogs. While there will undoubtedly be challenges – every puppy has their moments! – you won't be on this journey alone.

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"You'll have a dedicated team behind you every step of the way to answer your questions and give you advice and support with your pup," Steph added.

Volunteer Puppy Raiser Myriam (pictured, left) said: "It's an amazing journey. Once you get that graduation picture you forget about the remote control being chewed or the odd tiddle here and there. It's the sense of pride knowing that's your little life changer up there."

And while saying goodbye can be emotional, the knowledge that you have played



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Loraine, Mark and Richard, Denise, Kevin and Martin and Steve, Robert and Gilly beat Ladygate by 9 shots in the semis in the morning to qualify for the final against Hayes in the afternoon. The final was tense but Hayes eventually won through by 5 shots. A great effort by Burnham and Harefield were great hosts, providing drinks, lunch and snacks.

It was a busy weekend as on the Saturday Burnham played Broadway in the Mary Price double rink competition. As the match was at home there were plenty of supporters. It was a very close match which ended with Burnham winning on both rinks and a final score of 34- 25 resulting in qualifying for the semifinal of the competition playing Waddesdon at home the following weekend. The Burnham team managed to beat Waddesdon 35-30 to qualify for the final against Gerrards Cross. This proved to be a tough match and with 3 England players Gerrards Cross won the title.

This year the finals matches from the internal competitions were again spread over more days which made it easier for spectators to watch with fewer matches on the green. With over 90 playing members there was a record number of entrants for the club competitions. The standard of bowls was extremely high and provided the spectators with some tense moments and some members winning by one point on the final end.

Len Hall won the Presidents Cup, Gilly



Bunce the Valan, Richard Thompson the McGown Quaich 2 Wood, Nicola Jones the Hilary Hall Memorial Trophy and the Cannon Cup. Adam Davies the Novices, Len Hall and Martin Marriot the Stannard Trophy, George Czasnicki and Paul Jeffries the Drawn Pairs, Helen & Derek Hotson the Couples Trophy, Nicola Jones, Peter O'Connor and Phil Blackman the Ball Trophy. The John Hole Memorial Trophy was won by Mark Hope, Helen Hotson, Iain Gibbs and Geoff Whitton.

There have been three one day competitions which involved some very competitive bowls but are also great social occasions. The members have also played in over 20 matches with

clubs in the local area.

Although the green will close at the end of September the clubhouse and bar will remain open for social activities during the winter. If you are looking for a venue for a party, meeting, or wake then the bowls club can be hired out. Bar and kitchen facilities are available if required and there is a large car park. For more information visit www.burnhambowlsclub.co.uk

Frances Hope

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Every supporter who comes through the turnstiles also helps Burnham FC continue to develop both on and off the pitch. Entry for under 18s is now free too.

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Weekday masses are preceded with morning prayer starting at 9.15 and followed by the Rosary.

LIVE STREAMING of Sunday morning 9.30am

Farewell to Fr Benedict Tinka

WE SAY A fond farewell to Fr Benedict, who has been with us for many months and has become such a much-loved part of our parish family.

We are so grateful for his kind assistance, his inspiring homilies, his gracious smile and, of course, that wonderful twinkle in his eye! Fr Benedict, thank you for all that you have shared with us and for the warmth, joy and kindness you have brought to our parish. We wish you every blessing and happiness in your forthcoming endeavours and pray that God will continue to guide and strengthen you in all that lies ahead. Please don't be a stranger – you will always have a warm welcome here and a special place in our hearts.

A Special Day of Faith and Celebration: On September 17, we were blessed to celebrate a truly wonderful Confirmation Service, officiated by Canon Tony Brennan. It was a joyful and prayerful occasion as our 19 candidates received the Sacrament of Confirmation, surrounded by their families, friends and parish community.

We give thanks for this special celebration and for each of our young people as they continue on their journey of faith. We pray that the Holy Spirit, whose gifts they have received, will guide, strengthen and

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inspire them throughout their lives, helping them to grow in faith and to use their gifts in the service of others

A Space for Peace and Quiet: In a world that can often feel busy, stressful and overwhelming, why not take a little time for yourself? Our church is a safe, peaceful space, open to everyone – whether you are looking for a moment of quiet contemplation, a place to gather your thoughts, pray, or simply sit quietly and let go of the stresses and worries of everyday life. There is no pressure and no expectation – just a welcoming space where you can pause, breathe and find a little peace. The church is open every Tuesday from 2pm – 3.30pm and Thursday from 4pm – 5.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Catholic Women's League: On August 1, we were delighted to celebrate 120 years of the Catholic Women's League at the beautiful Church of the Immaculate Conception on Farm Street, London.

Founded by Margaret Fletcher in 1906, the League continues to build on her vision of faith, friendship and service, supporting parish life, reaching out to those in need and empowering women within our communities. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our rich history and the many women who have contributed to the life and mission of the League over the years.

Looking ahead, our Mass for the Sick and Elderly will be celebrated at St Andrew's Shared Church on November 21 at 2pm. All are warmly invited to join us for this special and prayerful celebration.

We continue to meet on the first Monday of each month, and we warmly welcome anyone who would like to join us for friendship, fellowship and service.

Many Hands Make Light Work: And finally, as always, our church is wonderfully supported by the many parishioners who generously volunteer their time and talents to help with the many activities and ministries that take place throughout the year.

If you would like to meet new people, make new friends and play a part in the life of our parish, there are so many ways you can get involved – regardless of your age, experience or ability. Whether you have just a little time to spare or would like to become more involved, there is a place for everyone.

From flower arranging to singing, musicians to cleaners, gardeners to painters – every helping hand is needed, valued and greatly appreciated. **Our parish is what it is because of the wonderful people who give their time, talents and energy so generously.** Contact the Parish Office and we will put you in touch with the right person.

Brid Vaughan



CIPPENHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

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ALL ARE WELCOME to our service on **Sunday mornings** at 10.30 with a variety of guest speakers.

Harvest Celebration: Sunday, October 18, from 10.30am–12noon.

Bright Night: (a fun alternative to Halloween) Follow our light trail to receive a treat. Saturday, October 31, 5.15–7pm. *Hot chocolate will be served.*

'Trinity Baptist Church' share our site and have their service at 1.30 on Sunday afternoons.

On **Monday mornings** from 10.15 to 11.30 **'Bumps and Babies'** for expectant and new parents with babies up to 2 years.

A place to chat, make friends & enjoy a cuppa. Further details contact lucy@cippenhambaptistchurch.com.

Tuesday afternoon at 2.15 is **'Tuesday Fellowship'** for

seniors which has a varied programme of quizzes, bible studies, speakers and outings. Contact Richard on 01753 535834 for details.

Friday morning from 10.30am our café **'The Haven'** is open in the church vestibule for coffee and a chat.

'Always Growing' pre-school is open during Slough school terms on all weekdays with sessions between 9am and 3pm. (Funded 2, 3 & 4-year-old places are available).

Call 01628 604153 or 07960 379772 for more details or see www.alwaysgrowing.co.uk.

We rent out different sizes of halls and rooms for community use.

Please ring the Church office on 01628 410859 or email office@cippenhambaptistchurch.com for information.

Have a look at our website at www.cippenhambaptist.org and look us up on Facebook.

Ken Horn

BURNHAM METHODIST CHURCH

The Church at the Crossroads

Burnham Methodists are looking forward to a good group of activities this autumn.

Our **Toddler Group** will be up and running (not too fast!) by the time you read this magazine.

We have a book corner in the main hall and are delighted to see the interest – and sometimes excitement over a book in the hands or eyes of our little ones. Our adults find it a great pleasure to share a book with one or the other of them.

Our doors open round about 9am on Tuesday and we close around 11.30am but it's not too strict.

Changing ages, the **Monday Club** welcomes all and a very pleasant afternoon is always in place. Occasionally, an outing is also available.

On Thursday the **CAMEO lunch club** is at 12 noon. You would be very welcome.

The Meeting Place on Wednesday, which comes from The Well @ Lent Rise offers cheerfulness outings, excellent refreshments – and friendship.

We also have a **Craft Group** and would be very glad to give you more information.

The Methodist Church at Lent Rise are looking forward to celebrating their 130th birthday next year. More of that next time.

God bless, **Hilary Evans** 01628 964138.

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CHURCH NEWS

ST MARY'S CHURCH, HITCHAM

IN SEPTEMBER 1819, John Keats took a walk near Winchester, along the water meadows of the River Itchen, and went home to write a poem about autumn.

He speaks about mist and ripeness and apples weighing down the branches. In his life at the time, he was short of money and his brother, George, had emigrated to America and was also in serious financial trouble.

His own health was beginning to fail, and, within 18 months, he would be dead at the age of 25.

Keats had every reason to wander round those fields in a daze and see nothing at all, but he discovered the beauty of autumn.

I think, as a culture, we're very keen on spring – growth, youth, things getting bigger and better each year. But autumn seasons can be harder to talk about, when we're grieving or worn out, and it can feel as though we've somehow fallen behind.

As followers of Jesus, however, we take those difficult seasons seriously. There's a well-known passage in the Bible, in the Book of Ecclesiastes, which says there's a time for everything: a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to weep and a time to laugh. And God can be found in all of them. Traditionally, in October and November, the Church gives thanks for the harvest, and we remember those who've died fighting for the freedom of our country. You'd be very welcome to join us for both these events.

Our **Harvest celebration is on Sunday, October 11**, with a short, combined service at 11.30am followed by lunch. On **Remembrance Sunday, November 8**, we'll gather at the war memorial in front of the church at **10.45am** for a short act of remembrance, before going inside for our service of remembrance. If there's someone you're holding in your hearts at this time of year, do come and join us.

We're also about halfway through Alpha at the moment, and it's going really well. If you've not come across it before, Alpha is a relaxed course exploring the big questions of life and faith, and we put it on especially for people who wouldn't call themselves 'religious' and those who don't yet have a faith.

We eat together, we watch a short film, and then talk about it in small groups, with every question welcome and no pressure at all.

We'll be running it again, so if that sounds like you'd be interested in, email me at vicar@stmaryshitcham.org.uk and I'll let you know when the next one starts.

For families, Julie Richards, our Children and Families Minister, runs Kids Church on the third Sunday of each month, and from January that becomes every week.

Julie would love to hear from you at julie@stmaryshitcham.org.uk. **Roots and Shoots toddler group meets on Monday mornings, 9.30 to 11.30am.**

And there's our Roots & Shoots Café on the last Saturday of every month: soft play, craft and all the toddler toys, plus home-made cakes, biscuits and proper coffee for the grown-ups to buy. No need to book, so just come along. It's £1.50 per child, capped at £3 per family.

Our usual **Sunday services are at 9am (contemporary) and 11am (traditional)**. Christmas is already taking shape here, and we'll have all the details of our carol service and Christmas services in the next issue.

Find us at www.stmaryshitcham.org.uk, on Instagram and Facebook @stmaryshitcham, or email info@stmaryshitcham.org.uk.

Much love, **Rev. Chris Hassell**

ST NICOLAS CHURCH TAPLOW & ST ANNE'S DROPMORE

AS WE HEAD into the autumn there is lots to enjoy:

Saturday, October 3, Coffee and Cake – St Nicolas church building is open from 10am to 12.30pm and we welcome you to pop in for a cuppa and wonderful home-made cake.

A great time to spend with old friends and new in this beautiful place in the heart of Taplow village.

Saturday, October 10, Autumn Craft Event – 12 noon to 4pm – Celebrating Creativity, Community and Local Talent – see attached poster for details.

Saturday, October 31 – IN CONCERT at St Nicolas, Taplow 7pm – Come and hear the results of a shared afternoon workshop from Taplow Youth Choir with Coro, London Chamber Choir, known for stunning performances. Tickets £10 on entry at St Nicolas Church

Saturday, November 28 – St Nicolas Christmas Fair – for more information nearer the time check our website and Facebook pages

Worship at St Nicolas - **Sundays at 10.45am** and **Wednesdays at 12.30pm**

Parish Eucharist on 1st, 2nd, 3rd and any 5th Sunday, Informal worship for all on 4th

Sunday.

Remembrance Service is at the earlier time of **10.15am on Sunday, November 8**, ending with the two-minute silence and laying of wreaths at the war memorial.

Taplow Tots and Tea takes place Wednesdays in term time for all parents/carers, babies and toddlers from **9.30am to 11.15am**. Closed during half term school holiday.

Hope Café is on the first Wednesday of every month **2pm to 3.30pm** for all who enjoy tea, homemade cake and conversation. Opened in 2022 especially to support those who had been bereaved. No need to book – just turn up. For more details ring Jane on 07848 228456

For more information on St Nicolas please visit our website www.st-nicolas-taplow.org or email Rev. Jane Cresswell on jane.stnicolas@gmail.com

St Anne's Dropmore

YOU ARE WARMLY welcome to join us for worship on the 2nd or 4th Sunday of every month at 9.15am. An additional service is held at that time when there is a 5th Sunday in the month at special seasons.

CHURCH NEWS

ST PETER'S CHURCH

SPONSOR A SPOTLIGHT! In the last edition I wrote at length about our new lighting project which would see a complete overhaul of the current church lighting, bringing both considerable ecological and economic benefits, as well as accentuating the beauty and heritage of St Peter's.

I am delighted that over the summer we secured all necessary permissions to carry out the work, and we hope things can get started later this month.

We have already been blessed with several generous donations towards the cost from both individuals and local groups, but there is still a long way to go until we reach our target.

Could you help us to light up St Peter's by contributing to our Sponsor a Spotlight initiative? Making a donation is really easy, simply scan the QR code on the attached flyer which will take you to the 'Give a Little' page. Thank you.

Lighting aside, autumn is jam-packed with different services and events at St Peter's, and we'd love to see you at them:

Harvest Festival – Sunday, October 11, at 10am – All Age service

Confirmation Service and re-dedication of Cornerstone with the Bishop of Buckingham – Sunday, October 25, at 10am

Half-term Pumpkin Carving Workshop – Wednesday, October 28, at 3pm in Cornerstone

Remembering Loved Ones – Sunday, November 1, at 3pm

Remembrance Sunday Service – Sunday, November 8 at 8am

BIG NEWS – St Peter's Christmas Tree Festival 2026!

WE ARE VERY excited to be hosting our inaugural Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter's this year.

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- Wide beam spotlight - £78
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- Pico switch on/off/dim - £68

From Thursday, December 3 until Sunday, December 6, St Peter's will be filled with Christmas Trees decorated to showcase our local groups, schools and charities in a celebration of community spirit and Christmas cheer. *More details to follow...*

Rev Josh Cleaver

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

THIS IS A TRIBUTE to my father, Philip Chapman, a URC elder who died earlier this year.

Philip was born in 1935 in Wymondham, Norfolk, home to many generations of his family. He trained as an architect's assistant before National Service and then pursued a career in local government. He remained at heart a Norfolk boy through career moves to Lincolnshire and in 1969 to Burnham. He supported Norwich City from his armchair to his last days.

Philip always prioritised his family and his hobbies. In Norfolk as a keen amateur photographer he worked freelance, developing his prints in his makeshift darkroom. In his youth he was a time trial cyclist, swam in the Norfolk Broads (alongside frog's spawn!) and a fisherman, spending nights casting from east coast beaches. Philip took up golf at Burnham Beeches, serving on its committee. He arranged fundraising events for the Lions Club and for the URC.

Philip was an accomplished, hands-on man who oversaw and supported the build of two houses. In Burnham he built a conservatory, re-modelled the garden and helped his children in their homes. At work, he was proud of his role in the build of the second nine holes at Farnham Park.

He and his late wife, Beryl, shared a passion for gardening; his pride and joy was their alpine garden. They raised in excess of £30,000 by annually opening their stunning garden for a cancer coffee morning.

In retirement Philip started a new career as a writer, publishing three books about early 20th century life in Norfolk. He wrote for Post Card Monthly and Family History magazines and regularly contributed to Suffolk and Norfolk Life, publishing articles until this year.

He loved recounting stories to his grandchildren, painting vivid pictures of the past. This year he was overjoyed to meet his great grandson.

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Howard Chapman

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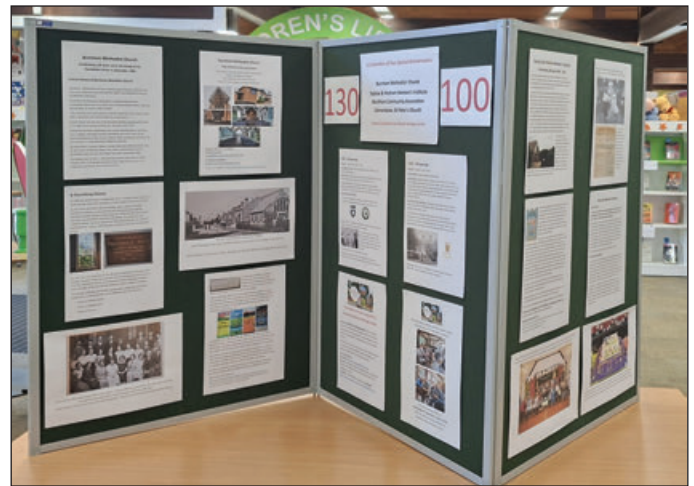
Burnham and District Heritage Society News

HAVE YOU SEEN our Anniversaries Display (pictured right) which is currently in Burnham Library? It features the four anniversaries celebrated in Round And About's Big Sing: Burnham Methodist Church 130 years, Taplow and Hitcham Women's Institute 100 years, Burnham Community Association 60 years and Cornerstone 40 years. If you haven't seen it yet, do take a look when you next visit the Library.

Our monthly Memory Sharing events in May's Chocolate House continue to be popular (pictured below).

They are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 11am to 12.30pm. In September we enjoyed reminiscing about Burnham Adult Education Centre and were fascinated to look through the old prospectuses and read about the huge variety of courses that were on offer.

On October 14 our theme will be Burnham Community



Association's contribution to the village over 60 years. Do join us if you can.

This year's Annual Meeting will be held in Burnham Park Hall (Meeting Room 1) at 7.30pm on Thursday, November 19.

We are delighted that our guest speaker will be Denis Colman who will be sharing his memories of moving to Britwell as a small boy 70 years ago.

Everyone is welcome but to help with our planning please let us know if you plan to join us (email burnhamheritage@btinternet.com or call 01628 665932).

Shirley Shaw

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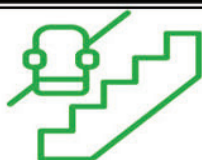


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