

Wouldham Parish Magazine



**June-July
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WELCOME!



Welcome to the June/July edition of the Wouldham Parish magazine. We hope you enjoyed the extra bank holiday, whether celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III with your own party, joining others, going to London to watch the procession, watching the day on the TV or just having an extra free day.

The next months have some exciting events coming to Wouldham, including; All Saints school Summer Fayre and Winchester House Summer Fete. (Details on pages 5 & 9)

Dates for your calendar.

June

- ◆ **Friday 2nd** Coffee Morning Wouldham village hall 10:00-12:00
- ◆ **Monday 5th** Start of term 6, Wouldham all saints school
- ◆ **Tuesday 13th** Mobile Library (for details see page 18)
- ◆ **Friday 16th** Coffee Morning Wouldham village hall 10:00-12:00
- ◆ **Saturday 17th** King Charles III birthday
- ◆ **Tuesday 27th** Mobile Library (for details see page 18)
- ◆ **Friday 30th** Coffee Morning Wouldham Church 10:45-12:00

July

- ◆ **Friday 7th** Coffee Morning Wouldham village hall 10:00-12:00
- ◆ **Friday 7th** Wouldham all saints school summer fayre (see page 5 for details)
- ◆ **Tuesday 11th** Mobile Library (for details see page 18)
- ◆ **Friday 21st** Coffee Morning Wouldham village hall 10:00-12:00
- ◆ **Friday 21st** End of term 6, Wouldham all saints school
- ◆ **Tuesday 25th** Mobile Library (for details see page 18)
- ◆ **Friday 28th** Coffee Morning Wouldham Church 10:45-12:00
- ◆ **Sunday 30th** Winchester house summer fête (see page 10 for details)

JUNE SERVICES and EVENTS

ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

EVERY SUNDAY

9-15am Morning Prayer. 10-30 Sung Eucharist.

JUNE 4th Trinity Sunday 10-30am

JUNE 11^t Trinity 1 10-30am

JUNE 18th Trinity 2 10-30am

Service with junior choir helping to lead worship.

JUNE 25th Trinity 3 10-30am

JULY SERVICES and EVENTS

ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

EVERY SUNDAY

9-15am Morning Prayer. 10-30 Sung Eucharist.

JULY 2ND Trinity 4 10-30am

JULY 9th Trinity 5 10-30am

JULY 16th Trinity 6 10-30am

Service with junior choir helping to lead worship.

JULY 23rd Trinity 7 10-30am

JULY 30th Trinity 8 10-30am

Toddler Church at ALL Saints 9-15am to 10-15am every Friday in term time .

CREAM TEAS July 2nd 2pm to 4-30pm.

Coffee Morning Last Friday of the month 10-45-12 midday.

The Friends of Wouldham All Saints

LET'S BRING THIS SUMMER
A JOYFUL SEASON

Summer FAYRE



FRIDAY, JULY 7TH

OPEN FROM 2PM- 4PM

Stalls available
from £20.00

WHAT YOU'LL FIND:

Refreshments, Games, Bouncy
Castles and much more.

More Details to follow....

CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Although not as big as the Jubilee, Wouldham was again pleased to be able to offer a celebration for everyone in the Parish.



With a fully decorated Hall, older residents came together for a formal Afternoon Tea and games. As well as making new friends, taking part in quizzes, and eating homemade cakes, many laughs were had as people tried to throw 'sticky ears' onto a portrait of King Charles III! All those attending received a commemoration pen and spoon.

On Coronation Day, the Bells rang out in celebration with 2 new ringers who 'Rang for the King' and they will all receive a special certificate to mark the day.

Again, residents from Peters and Wouldham Village joined for a fun day of craft activities and games at the Children's Tea Party. Thanks go to Ashley and her 2nd Wouldham Brownies for helping others to create mini bird houses, union jack pin wheels and playing games. Every child attending received a spoon and a badge to commemorate the day.

Ashley Crowdey (Sparrow), Wouldham Girlguiding Leader says *'Thank you to all those who donated to Chester's Rabbit Rescue, we raised £13. The 5 girls that helped were awarded with the 'I've been fundraising' badge for all their efforts helping the Coronation Party. We can't wait to cuddle and learn about Chester's Rabbit Rescue on the last week of term. We look forward to joining and helping to volunteer at many more events to come in our community.'*

Special thanks go to the small band of volunteers who made these events happen, particularly; Anne Marr and Sarah Briggs (Village Hall Committee), Daphne Parris, Rosemary Bell, Cllr Eddy Bell and Cllr Tracey Yard. And to Wouldham Parish Council for providing the funding.





WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

JUNE/JULY



Keep up to date by visiting: www.wouldhampc.com
or via Facebook: **Wouldham Parish Council**

Our last meeting was on the 16th May, 2023. This included the AGM. Reports etc will be published on our website. The Annual Parish Meeting was also held on this date reporting on proactive organisations in the parish

The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 6th June, 2023 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7:30pm. Agenda and details can be found on the website.

Elections

We are pleased to welcome 6 new members to the Parish Council. Tracey Yard, Paul Hopper, David Britchfield, Lin Simmonds, and Jane Miles join Eddy Bell and Andy Marr to represent the Parish (including Peters Village)

Roger Dalton and Dave Davis have been re-elected to the Borough Council and is joined by Alex McDermott as the boundaries have now changed to 'Aylesford North and North Downs Ward'

Roads/Footpaths/Grounds Maintenance

As a reminder, potholes etc can be reported directly to KCC through their website: <https://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/roads/potholes>

Water leaks can also be reported to: www.southeastwater.co.uk

Coronation of King Charles III

The Parish Council, Village Hall Charity and volunteers were pleased to deliver 2 successful events for the village. The Afternoon Tea for adults and Children's Party was a good chance for locals to get together and have fun.

No-Entry Experiment - High Street

The KCC road change will have started by now. Every household in the village will have received documentation and there is a website to have your say as to how it is working. This scheme is due to run for 6 months and can be extended up to 18 months to see if it works.

And Finally...

If you have any suggestions comments or would like to get involved, please contact me:

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Wouldham Girlguiding

I decided my Rainbow and Brownie units could help clean the Village for The Big Help Out Challenge. They both were very enthusiastic at trying to grab every piece they came across.



My Rainbows even managed to survive the English rainy weather and were still all smiling.

I have always wanted to become a leader ever since my Brown Owl at Upchurch Guides took our Guide unit on our first County pack holiday. I got to have so many exciting adventures and I then decided I wanted to keep making more fun memories with the girls.

I love the way guiding gives young people a space to be themselves and discover new things. The biggest thing it has done for me is increased my confidence. And I now have a great Guiding family.



Ashley Crowdey (Sparrow)



SUMMER FÊTE

Sunday 30 July

FROM

2pm -4pm



**Winchester House Care Home
Summer Fête has something for everyone!**

Delicious cake stalls, flower stalls and
Raffle and tombola with fabulous prizes
Plus, we'll have some mouth-watering refreshments .

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180 Wouldham Road, Rochester, ME1 3TR
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WOULDHAM PARISH HISTORY

The year was 43 AD and the Medway River was much busier than usual. The tranquillity of the Kentish countryside was being trampled away by the sandals of 40,000 Roman Legionaries under the command of Aulus Plautius and General Vespasian, future Roman Emperor. He had been given orders to conquer the land Britannia by the current Emperor Claudius.



Long before the days of Peters Village and cheeky Snodlanders using the fancy bridge to cross the Medway, the area of Wouldham was strategically important due to the ability to cross the Medway at low tide.

On the Snodland side of the river, the British Catuvellauni tribe, commanded by Caratacus were encamped with their many horse-drawn chariots. Vespasian used this point of the Medway to his advantage, sending specialist Celtic troops, known as Batavians, capable of crossing in heavy armour to cut the hamstrings of the British horses. The scene must have been terrible, but the damage was done. With Caratacus's forces diminished, Roman victory was assured and the British fell back. Although it would be several more years before Roman conquest was complete, this battle was undoubtedly a defining moment in our history and it's incredible that we walk on land steeped in such momentous events. To commemorate this battle a stone was erected on the Burham side of the river, which can be viewed by following the walk behind St

Mary's Church.



With thanks to M Johnson, Snodland Historical Society.
Further information on the group can be found on Facebook.
Museum open 2 -5pm Weds & Sun

Activities and Groups



Girlguiding

If your daughter would be interested in joining rainbows (age 4 to 7) Brownies (age 7 to 10) Guides (age 10 to 14)
Please register at Girlguiding.org.uk

Or if you would be interested in volunteering then please contact Ashley Crowdey, 07852485291
Email: wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com

Coffee mornings

- ◆ Wouldham Village hall, every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month 10:00-12:00
- ◆ Wouldham All Saints Church, last Friday of the month 10:00-12:00

Bell ringing

All Saints Church, Wouldham 8pm Wednesdays.
New ringers welcome.
Contact Tina Miles: 07967795913

Church Choir

All Saints Church, Wouldham.
Choir practices are normally held in the church at 7:30pm on Thursdays. There are vacancies for over 18s in all voice parts.
For more information please contact Douglas Henn-Macrae
Email: douglas@gundulf.org.uk 01634 683096

Over 60's Club

Watermans Arms on Tuesdays from 2-4:00pm for quizzes, bingo, trips out and good conversation. Membership is £2.50 per week which pays for the trips.

Mammoths,

touch rugby train on Sundays 10am in the rec

Borstal Bowls Club

welcome new members every Thursday 6pm, no equipment needed.
Borstal bowls club, Wouldham road. Contact Keith 07891585422.
www.borstalbowlsclub.co.uk



Our friendly group is one of 13 Ramblers groups in Kent and part of the national Ramblers walking organisation.

We explore the beautiful countryside of Tonbridge and Malling and surrounding areas.

You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try a couple of walks with us, to help you decide if you'd like to join. If you're new to our walks, it's a good idea to

contact the walk leader

beforehand to check that their walk will suit you.

For details of all our mid-week and Sunday walks, and walk leader contacts, see www.tonbridgeandmallingsramblers.org.uk.



Thursday, 8th June, Barming to East Malling, 5mi / 8.1km, Leader Steve



Sunday, 11th June, Walk from the Bottle house, 5.6mi / 9km, Leader Fiona



Sunday, 18th June, Groombridge to Ashurst, 6.8mi / 10.9km, Leader Nicola



Sunday, 25th June, Yalding circular, 6mi / 9.7km, Leader Mike T



Wednesday, 28th June, An evening stroll around Yalding., 4mi / 6.4km, Leader Carole L



Sunday, 2nd July, Happy Valley, Harvel and Wood Hill, 4.5mi / 7.2km, Leader SallyAnne



Thursday, 6th July, OVER THE HILL TO WEST PECKHAM, 5.2mi / 8.4km, Leader John



Sunday, 16th July, Harrietsham North Downs Way, 5mi / 8.1km, Leader Steve



Thursday, 20th July, The Darnley Trail, 6.2mi / 10km, Leader Robin A



Sunday, 30th July, Penshurst and the Eden Valley, 5.5mi / 8.8km, Leader Dorothy

June in Your Garden

'Each fairy breath of summer, as it blows with loveliness, inspires the blushing rose.'

With the promise of high summer, June is a time to make the most of your garden & enjoy spending time in your own patch of nature. By now there should be plenty of colour, Roses, Peonies and Osteos are all looking glorious, mixed with strong healthy shrubs as a backdrop meaning hopefully the gardens are at their best. Early efforts put into weeding and mulching during spring will be paying off by helping to reduce competition and holding moisture in the soil, which mean less watering required, and healthy plants will be encouraging a mix of bugs and wildlife into the garden. It's important to maintain a healthy balance between all things in the garden, and many bugs act as a food for other wildlife, or help with pollination, so bear this in mind before reaching for chemical bug sprays etc. A good natural alternative for removal of aphids is a garlic spray, by crushing a few cloves of garlic & steeping in water before sieving and placing in a spray bottle – use it to spray the aphids and over the course of a few days there should be a noticeable improvement.

If you have been taking an interest in Chelsea Flower Show, then you will be aware of the drive towards sustainability in gardening. In practical terms for gardeners, this means a move towards soil improvement to encourage strong healthy plants. This is also helped by choosing the right plants for the right place – so take time to learn about your soil as well as the aspect of your garden (does it face North or South for instance, which are the sunny or shady areas?) – in our local area we are lucky that the soil is a chalky loam which means it is relatively neutral and will support most plants. Adding compost, either home made or shop brought, will undoubtedly help to improve your soil by adding back nutrients that get washed away during winter, but by adding an additional balanced slow release natural fertiliser such as blood, fish & bone it will keep nutrients topped up through the season. It can be easily sprinkled onto borders, into pots and around the veg garden as well.

In the veg garden the harvests should now be under way with early lettuce, peas, broad beans & radishes being ready. Now the weather is warmer, it's easy to sow more seed directly into the ground, salad crops such as beetroot, spring onions, lettuce, radish & pea shoots are all ideal. Summer crops like Runner or French beans, cucumber, courgettes, sweetcorn & Squashes can be sown directly, or if you have sown seed previously the plants can now be planted out. If space is

limited, most crops can be grown in pots, but it's important to remember to water them every day & feed regularly too. Also Tomatoes and Chillies (pinch out the tops to encourage bushy growth) can be planted out, either in beds, pots or grow bags. Keep the tomatoes well watered and again feed regularly, remembering to pinch out side shoots as they develop. Once the chillies have started to flower, it's better to let them dry out a little between waterings' – stressing the plants encourages more heat in the fruit themselves.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- If you observed 'No-Mow-May' then now is the time to restart the regular mowing regime.

- Start dead-heading summer blooms especially in baskets and pots to keep promoting more flowers.

- Support taller plants – inserting stakes, canes or supports early will make this easier.

- Water vigilantly – pots and baskets will dry out quickly in warm weather so need watering every day to ensure they don't dry out.

- Keep bird feeders topped up as birds will be busy nesting at this time, and make sure there is fresh water in the bird bath too.

Eating and Drinking:

- ◆ The Watermans Arms, Wouldham. Tel. No.: 01634 681830 Pub/Restaurant.
- ◆ The Butchers Block, Burham: Tel. No.: 01634 786626 Pub/Restaurant/takeaway,
- ◆ The Robin Hood, Common Rd, Burham: Tel. No.: 01634 861500 Pub/Restaurant/takeaway.
- ◆ The Windmill Inn, Burham: Tel. No.: 01634 864570 Pub/Restaurant/takeaway,
- ◆ Happy House Chinese, Burham: Tel. No.: 01634 668326 Takeaway,
- ◆ The Medway Inn & Ruby's, Wouldham: Tel. No.: 01634 869181 Pub/Bar meals/Indian Restaurant/takeaway, .
- ◆ Fish & Chips Van: Tel. No.: 07840181091
Tues. Bluebell Hill Village hall. 4pm - 8pm
Wed. Burham car park 4pm - 8pm
Thur. Cuxton main street. 4pm - 8pm
Sat. Wouldham car park. 4pm - 8pm

Defibrillators are situated at Burham Parish Office, Wouldham Village Hall, High Street, and the Community Centre, Tolhurst Road, Peters Village. If a machine is needed call 999 for the code and instructions

Prescriptions can be arranged to be collected, thanks to a service offered by the church. The surgery requires 4 days notice to prepare them and 24 hours notice is required for volunteers to collect them. Contact Rachel Harris (who will be available to deliver medicines on Tuesdays and Thursdays) on 07725 289194 for more details.

Lemon Madeleines

(Makes 12)

Madeleines are a classic French, small sponge cakes made using a génoise style batter. They traditionally have a distinctive shell-like shape.

Ingredients

- ◆ 100g plain flour
- ◆ 100g caster sugar
- ◆ 2 eggs
- ◆ 1 lemon (zest and juice)
- ◆ $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp baking powder
- ◆ Icing sugar for dusting



Method

1. Whisk together the eggs and sugar until light and fluffy.
2. Gently fold in the rest of the ingredients and rest in the fridge for 20 mins.
3. Preheat oven 180c, 160c fan, gas mark 4
4. Pour rested mixture evenly into non-stick madeleine tray (could use a muffin tray)
5. Bake 8 to 10 mins or until risen a little in the middle and cooked through
6. Allow to cool slightly before turning out and dusting with the icing sugar.

Enjoy still warm, with a coffee outside on a sunny day.

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Kent Libraries

Mobile library

Locations...

- ◆ Wouldham Walter Burke Avenue, 1:05pm – 1:35pm
- ◆ Wouldham, Ravensknowle, 1:45pm – 2:15pm
- ◆ Burham Village Hall, 2:25pm – 3:25pm

(for dates see page 3)

For updates and info see

www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries

Contact: Joanne.woolgar@kent.gov.uk

Wouldham village hall hire

Available for:

- ◆ Private functions / parties
- ◆ Regular bookings (for groups to meet or small businesses to hold classes)
- ◆ Meetings or training sessions

Costs:

- ◆ £13 per hour for private bookings (minimum of 3 hours)
- ◆ business bookings contact for rates.

A damage deposit of £50 is required when booking the hall.

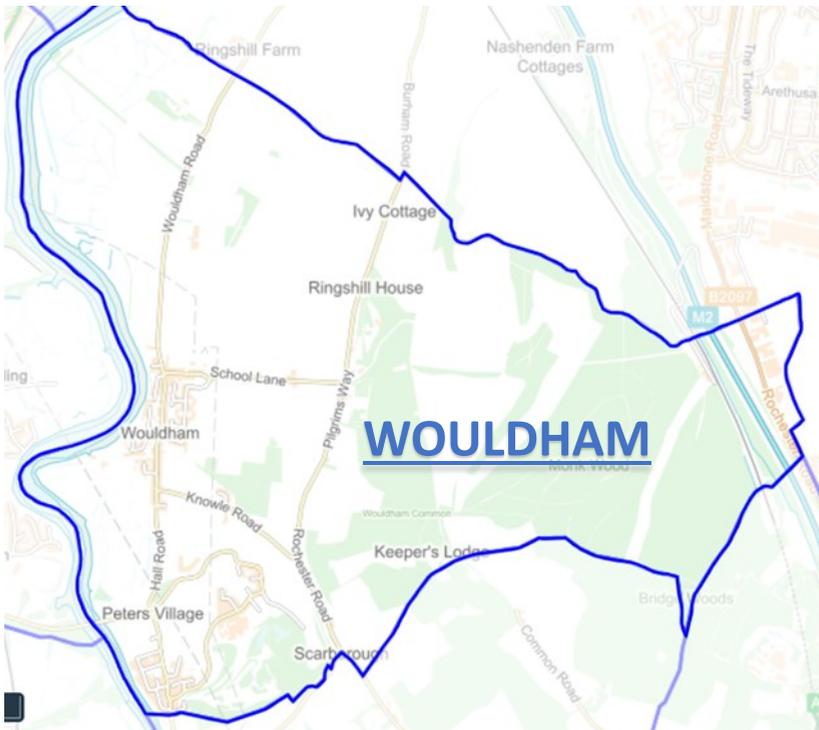
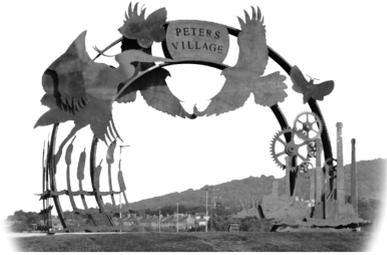
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