

WOULDHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

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Police Beat Officer: Cole Brown Call
101 (non-emergency)
or 999 (emergency)

NHS 111: For urgent medical help, call
111 or visit 111.nhs.uk

Report It



Potholes:
www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/roads/potholes

Water Leaks: www.southeastwater.co.uk

Fly Tipping:
www.tbmc.gov.uk/bins-waste/report-fly-tipping

Road Closures: <https://one.network>

Stay Connected on Facebook



- Wouldham Parish Council
- Keep Wouldham Connected
- Wouldham Youth & Community Information
- Peters Village Connect

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Regular Weekly Groups & Activities in Wouldham

Mondays

- Craft & Chatter Club – 1st & 3rd Mondays 10-12pm, Wouldham Village Hall. See page 6.
- Chair Exercise – 2nd & 4th Mondays 10.30-12pm, Wouldham Village Hall

Tuesdays

- Kent Mobile Library – See page 19 for details
- Book Club – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm, Wouldham Village Hall
- WI (Women's Institute) – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm, Burham Village Hall See page 17.
- Over 60s Club – 2:00-4:00pm, Watermans Arms
- Jelly Tots Toddler Group – 9:30-11:00am, Village Hall (term time only) – see page 20.
- Youth Club (11-16 yrs) – 5:30-7:15pm Village Hall (members only, term time) See page 20.
- Winchester House Toddler Group – 10:30am, 3rd Tuesday of the month. See page 18.
- Allotment Wellbeing Garden Tues 3rd/7th Feb 3rd/17th/30th Mar, 10am till 12pm see page 5.

Wednesdays

- Wouldham Walk – 10:30am, Meet at the Village Car Park. See page 18.

Thursdays

- Youth Club (8 yrs – Year 6) – 6:00-7:15pm, Wouldham All Saints School (*members only, term time*) See page 20.
- Church Choir Practice – 7:30pm

Fridays

- Little Lights Toddler Group – 9:15am, All Saints Church (*term time only*) see page 11.
- Wouldham Coffee Mornings – 10:00am-12:00pm, Village Hall (*1st/3rd Friday*)
- All Saints Church Community Coffee Morning – Last Friday of the month, 10:45am-12:00pm

Sundays

- Touch Rugby – 10:00am, Wouldham Recreation Ground
- Little Pickers litter pick – 2nd/4th Sunday meet outside Co-op, all welcome, Equipment provided. 1-2pm.

All Saints Church Wouldham

Services and Activities

There is a service at All Saints at 10-30 every Sunday
 First Sunday of the month Holy Communion 8-30am ASW
 First Sunday 10-30 am All Age Service with music group ASW
 Wednesday, Thursday, 9-30am Morning Prayer Fridays 8-45 am during
 school term time.ASW
 Little Lights Toddler Group every Friday at 9-30am during term time ASW
 Coffee Morning last Friday of the month 10-45am to 12midday ASW

FEBRUARY

13 th 11am Holy Communion BCC
 15 th 3pm Café Church BCC
 18 th 7pm Ash Wednesday Imposition of Ashes ASW

MARCH

Friday 6 th March 10-30am World Day of Prayer Service at East Malling
 St James the Great Church. Parking nearby.
 Friday 13 th 11am Holy Communion BCC
 Sunday 15 th March 8-30am Holy Communion ASW
 10-30am Mothering Sunday Service (no communion) ASW
 Sunday 29 th March 10-30am Palm Sunday Service St Mary's Old Church
 March 30 th and 31 st 9pm Compline ASW

ASW - Wouldham BCC - Burham All services and activities can be found on our Website.

Usual working on Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays Tel: 01624393936

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News from All Saints Church

A belated happy new year to you all.

We had a very happy Christmas at All Saints, with our Carol Service, Christingle Service, and our Christmas services well attended. In particular, our new venture which was a 'First Mass of Christmas' at 7pm was particularly popular with several people commenting that they found the time much more manageable.

January can seem such a difficult month to get through, after all the Christmas and New Year celebrations, it does rather feel as if life is a bit dull as we work our way through the d and the cold – and this year, January has been particularly cold, lots of ice and even some flurries of snow. But the days are getting longer and we are now looking towards the Spring and our Lent and Easter services.

This year Ash Wednesday falls on the 18th February and our Ash Wednesday service will take place at 7pm in the evening. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and the service gives us all an opportunity to reflect on our lives and ponder again what Lent and Easter means to us. The annual observance of Lent is not just about giving up stuff – chocolate, wine, pizza and can we actually make it to the end of Lent without giving in? Lent can also give us an opportunity to step back and really think about what is important in our lives. At All Saints, we will be following a Lent Book this year, and will hopefully be arranging some discussion sessions; if you feel this is something you would like to join in with, please keep an eye on our facebook page and our 'Church Near You' page where details will be posted nearer to the time. We will also make sure a poster is pinned up outside the church.

Café Church continues to meet regularly on the 3rd Sunday of every month at 3pm in the Burham Old School Community Centre. This is a very simple gathering, where we have cake, tea and coffee, think about a theme relevant to the time of year and have a very simple service of singing and prayer. We have also launched a weekday communion service. This is taking place on the second Friday of every month at 11am. This too takes place at the Burham Old School Community Centre. Please feel to join us. Keep safe and warm during these cold months

Rev Nicky Rawlins
Priest in Charge,
Benefice of Burham and Wouldham
revnickyrawlins@outlook.com
07763 846587

Easter Services All Saints Church
Holy Week

April 2nd 7pm Maundy Thursday
Service

April 3rd 12-2pm Good Friday Vigil
April 5th Easter Day

5-30am First Light Service
10-30am Holy Communion

Were you a member of Girlguiding?



Wouldham Rainbows, Brownies and Guides would love to see photos of you in your Girlguiding uniform for **World Thinking Day!**

We would love to invite you and the community to

Wouldham Village Hall
on **Wednesday 25th February**

to our fundraising

Family Bingo Night and Quiz Night!

Bingo Night

at 5:45pm - 6:45pm

Quiz Night

at 7:15pm - 8:15pm

Raising funds for the **Easter Fun Day** on
Friday 3rd April at
Peters Village Community Centre

Wouldham Allotment
Community Well-being Garden

Drop in and enjoy the garden

Every other Tuesday morning
10am till 12pm

For more information and details of when the garden is open contact Ashley Crowdey to be added to the WhatsApp chat.

Mobile: 07852485291

Email: wouldham.allotment@outlook.com

Sunday 1st March

2pm-4pm



Wouldham Village Hall, 15 High Street, ME1 3XB

If you grow your own and have a surplus of seeds or if you're looking for something new come along for this seed swap. There will also be some plants on sale.

If you don't have any seeds to share, you're invited too.

How it works:

- Free event
- Clearly label your seeds
- Place your seeds into the areas provided
- Look at what's there and take what you need.
- If you don't bring anything, you can still purchase some.



The more people
there the more
seeds to share!

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Easter Fun Day

Friday 3rd April
1pm till 5pm

• At Peter's Village Community Centre

- ★ Bouncy Castles
- ★ Easter Trail
- ★ FREE Easter Crafts
- ★ Raffles & Stalls
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Food & Drinks
- ★ Animal Petting Area & Much More!

Meet
THE EASTER BUNNY!

Raising funds for Wouldham Girlguiding Units

INTERESTED IN TAKING ON AN ALLOTMENT?

PLEASE CONTACT

wouldham.allotment@outlook.com

FOR MORE DETAILS.

or find us on Facebook.

Wouldham Allotment Association



*Grow your
own fruit and vegetables*




Join us today!



The adventure starts here

Make new friends, build your confidence and
inspire our young members in Wouldham.

Register your interest to volunteer in Girlguiding
[http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-
involved/become-a-volunteer](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer)

More information  wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com

Wouldham Craft & Chatter Club

ALTERNATE MONDAYS 10AM-12PM

WOULDHAM VILLAGE HALL

From beginners to experts, everyone is welcome, just
bring along your knitting, crochet or latest craft project.
NO NEED TO BOOK - FREE TO ATTEND.

Come and meet new people, take time out to relax
and enjoy a chat, learn new hints and tips, get started
on that new hobby or get involved with
one of our community projects.

See you there!

2026 DATES:

- January 5th/19th
- February 2nd/16th
- March 2nd/16th

Please join the PTA Friends of Wouldham
All Saints School at our

Prizes

Adults
only
event



Bring
your
own
drinks
and
nibbles

Raffle

Tables of 6
per team.

£5 per
person.

On Friday 6th February 2026
7pm in the school hall

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-qmvmzvm>



WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Keep up to date by visiting: www.wouldhampc.com or via Facebook

Our last meeting was on the 6th January 2026. Minutes etc will be on our website on approval. The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 3rd March in the Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm. Agenda and details can be found on the website 3 days before the meeting.

SECTION 106 FUNDED ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

Continuing Regular Courses/sessions

- **CHAIR EXERCISE** – to increase balance, strength, and mobility – FREE Alternate Mondays (2nd & 4th), 10.30am – 12 in the Village Hall
- **CHATTER & CRAFT:** – Informal group to do your own projects or join in a community project – FREE Alternate Mondays (1 st & 3rd), 10.00am – 12 in the Village Hall
- **ART GROUP:** – Informal group to do your own projects or join in a community project – Fridays 11am- 1pm in Peters Village Community Centre – FREE

Upcoming Courses – (if there is a demand)

- **DEALING WITH CONFLICT:-** This course provides you with an opportunity to learn some skills to diffuse conflict or challenging behaviour in your job, with your family, or just in everyday life.
- **FIRST AID:-** Full day accredited course
- **CUSTOMER SERVICE:-** Full day accredited course
- **START YOUR OWN BUSINESS/MICRO BUSINESS:-** Introduction course

For further information or to sign up to any of these courses, please contact: clerk@wouldham-pc.gov.uk

SPEEDWATCH

The Speedwatch continue to monitor speeds and welcome its new members. Due to the amount of speeding around the Parish, the Police mobile units are still regularly around and have issued a number of tickets. SO, WATCH YOUR SPEED! If you would like to join this group please register on: <https://communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-Register.php> .

ALSO NOTE: all speeders are also reported to DVLA for tax and insurance checks!



WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you are struggling with debt or need advice on benefits please contact:
Citizens Advice in North & West Kent – Tonbridge & Malling on 0808 2787810
Or visit: <https://www.citizensadvicenwk.org.uk>

ROADS/FOOTPATHS/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Hopefully, now drainage works have been completed along Pilgrims Way, the regular flooding will stop and the road surface may last longer. KCC have agreed to install steps at the entrance of footpath MR179. This will make it safer for walkers exiting the footpath onto Knowle Road.

It has been reported that some areas of the High Street are looking unkempt and making the main route through the village unwelcoming. With spring coming, could we ask everyone to take the opportunity to tidy front gardens, remove rubbish, fix fences etc.

THANK YOU

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

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

NO ENTRY INTO HIGH STREET

There seems to have been some confusion with the new signage. KCC had to change it to a new **(NO MOTORISED VEHICLE)** sign to enable bicycles and horses to come through. For those who are unsure, a motorised vehicle is a **CAR, VAN, TRUCK, MOTORBIKE or HORSE BOX** (who regularly comes through!)

The offence and fines associated with the prohibition of motor vehicles restrictions are still the same and can, AND ARE, being enforced by Kent Police in the same way.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) - SNODLAND OUTREACH

Citizens Advice runs a drop-in session in Snodland on Monday mornings from 10am – 12.30pm to offer general advice.

They are working from: Snodland Town Council Offices, Waghorn Road Snodland. ME6 5BQ:

You can drop in to our office to speak to someone. But if you would like to pre-book an appointment, contact 0808 2787810 to see if this is an option.



WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



DEFIBRILLATORS

The Parish Council have paid for 3 defibrillators in the village. They are located at: **THE VILLAGE HALL**, 15 High Street, **THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**, Tolhurst Close, Peters Village and outside **165 HIGH STREET**.

LIFEBUOYS

As we all live near a very fast-moving river, the Parish Council have paid for Lifebuoys along the river in Peters Village. It is vital that these are always fit for purpose. They are checked monthly by Councillors and should only be opened in case of emergency.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

DOG POO! Parks, footpaths, other people's gardens – we really need **ALL DOG OWNERS** to do their bit. Just because it's dark in the early mornings and evenings, or you are on your phone! – it doesn't mean that you don't need pick it up! Wouldham has the highest number of dog poo bins per person in the whole of the Borough, so there is no excuse not to use them! Volunteers regularly put bags around the village for **EMERGENCY** use. Please use these if you forget to take one out with you and **DO NOT** take handfuls (which people have been seen doing and is unfair on the volunteers who buy them for the benefit of the Parish).

WOULDHAM COMMON

There have been a number of issues regarding motorbikes and quad bikes wrecking the picnic area. Not only have they been churning up the ground, they have ruined the benches and intimidated other users/walkers. If you see anyone causing damage or fly tipping, please report to 101 with any evidence.

LOCAL PLAN – REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION

There has been a fantastic response from the Parish to the Local Plan consultation with just under 40 people attending the TMBC presentation and 111 people responding to the online consultation. Although Wouldham only has one new build site, the enormous amount of building in the surrounding areas will have a huge impact on Peters Village in terms of traffic travelling through the parish. TMBC are now considering the responses and will publish the Regulation 19 consultation on the final document Aug-Sept 2026.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch schemes are now running in both parts of the Parish, Peters Village and Old Wouldham. Please visit:

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/> to sign up to either scheme where you can receive support to report crimes and make the area safer.

If you would like to take part or have any suggestions about learning courses, please get in touch with me.

Clerk Tina Miles clerk@wouldham-pc.gov.uk Tele: 07904281522

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**HOME
START**
South West Kent

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Help us support more families in need
around Wouldham



Volunteers Needed to Support Wouldham Families

To find out more and apply, please
contact scheme manager

Sarah Jarvis at

contact@home-startswk.org.uk or visit
www.home-startswk.org.uk/volunteer

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to support a family in the Wouldham area? Charity Home Start South West Kent needs people with parenting experience to support families with babies and young children. Our team of volunteers offer weekly visits with a range of support – it could be listening to a new parent who's finding things tough or playing or doing crafts with preschoolers, trips to the park or helping parents to organise things in the home.



HALL HIRE

Wouldham Village Hall



SLOTS AVAILABLE MOST DAYS AND THURSDAY & FRIDAY EVENINGS FOR RECURRING BOOKINGS

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.

Business bookings, contact for rates.

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

To book email WouldhamVillageHall@gmail.com.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK



We're supporting All Saints Church Wouldham
in their collection for the Food Bank at the
East Malling Centre.

If you'd like to get involved we're accepting tinned food donations,
just drop them. at our home and we'll do the rest!

Winchester House Care Home
180 Wouldham Road, Rochester, ME1 3TR
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WOULDHAM
**LITTLE LIGHTS
TODDLER GROUP
FRIDAY**
EVERY WEEK IN TERM
TIME

0-5
YEARS

9:15
TILL
10:30
AM

A Morning Full of Fun
All Saints Church, Wouldham, ME1 3TD
Come along and enjoy a morning of crafts, toys,
stories and songs!
Free tea, coffee & Biscuits
Suggested donation £1 per family

Gardening Notes: February & March in Wouldham

The garden may still look quiet, but there is plenty happening beneath the surface.

February and March often feel like the turning point in the gardening year. The days are slowly lengthening, the light feels a little stronger, and the first signs of life begin to appear. Snowdrops, crocuses and early daffodils bring welcome splashes of colour, while hellebores hold their own in borders and pots. Even a brief walk into the garden can be uplifting at this time of year.

“Gardening at this time of year is about noticing more than doing.”

This is a good moment for **small, unhurried tasks** rather than major changes. Borders can be gently tidied, removing obvious dead growth while leaving seed heads and hollow stems in place to support wildlife. Fallen leaves can be cleared from lawns and paths, but added to the compost heap to break down naturally. On milder days, simply turning the soil lightly with a fork helps improve drainage without disturbing it too much.

Pots and containers benefit from some quiet attention now. Winter displays can be refreshed, compost topped up, and pots cleaned ready for spring planting. If you have empty containers, grouping them neatly or storing them away will help keep the garden looking cared for, even before new growth begins.

February and March are also ideal months for **gentle preparation indoors**. Seeds such as sweet peas, tomatoes and early vegetables can be sown on a windowsill or in a greenhouse. Labels, trays and pots can be sorted and cleaned — small jobs that make the busy months ahead feel more manageable.

Bird feeders should still be kept topped up, and fresh water provided where possible, as food sources remain limited. Taking time to watch the birds is one of the simple pleasures of late winter gardening.

Above all, this is a season for patience. The garden is waking up in its own time, and careful, quiet attention now will be rewarded as spring steadily unfolds.



OnLine Safety



Never
Share Your
location online
to Anyone you
Don't know!



Don't Share
Personal information

Think before
You click!



Never click on
links!



Don't
Share
Your pass
word.



Don't Speak
to People
You don't
know



Wouldham Football Club 1960 – 1961 (part 5)



At the beginning of March 1961 Wouldham FC were in a great position to capture the league title of the Maidstone and District Football League, but both Len Social and Snodland were also in strong positions in the table. On the eve of the Saturday 4 March Snodland were top with 25 points, Len Social second with 21 points, and Wouldham third with 15 points. Although ten points behind Snodland, Wouldham – due to success in cup competitions – had six games in hand over Snodland, and with two points for a win, the Kent Messenger (KM) succinctly captured the situation on Friday 3 March with the comment that ‘Wouldham, last year’s runners-up cannot afford to drop a single point if they are to catch Snodland.’

Saturday 4 March saw Wouldham travel to Maidstone, where they reduced the points difference against Snodland with a 4-1 win against Maidstone ‘A’ FC. Snodland had no game that Saturday so the gap was now reduced to eight points. (Only two points for a win were awarded in the 1960–61 season.)

Wouldham’s success in cup competition had seen them reach the final of the Kent Junior Cup, (a game they lost 5-4 to Borough Green), and the semi-final of the Maidstone League’s Challenge Cup ‘A’. This last-four tie would be played later in March against Wouldham’s league rivals Snodland, and following an eventful day of football on Saturday 11 March the KM noted ‘Wouldham’s chance of a notable double.’

The reason for this speculation was the ‘shock 2-1 defeat’ Snodland suffered against Coombe Estate at South Park, Maidstone. This result, and Wouldham’s 4-2 win over Staplehurst (at Wouldham Rec) on the same day, reduced the points gap to six, increased the excitement in the local press, and added to the pressure on Snodland.

Now, the destination of the league title was in Wouldham’s hands, if they won their remaining games they would be Maidstone & District League Chions.

There remained one more Saturday in March before the semi-final clash with Snodland, when on 18 March both Snodland and Wouldham won their league matches, Snodland defeated Hadlow 2-1, while Wouldham made what could be described as a ‘statement win’ with their 5-0 victory over second-placed Len Social, which saw them move past Len and into second place in the division table. By full-time on Saturday 18 March Snodland remained in first place with 27 points and Wouldham second with 13 points, and – crucially – five games in hand.

The following Saturday (25 March) brought a pause in league football in order to play rivals Snodland in the semi-final of the Challenge Cup. As noted above, Wouldham were on a hot streak of form in the league, while Snodland had suffered an unexpected defeat. The semi would also be the fourth meeting of the River Medway rivals so far in the season – Snodland had won in the first league encounter in the autumn, Wouldham had then knocked out Snodland from the Kent Junior Cup in January, and then in February the points had been shared with a 2-2 draw in the league.

The KM set the scene for the tie reporting on Friday 24 March that ‘sparks should fly in this semi-final [as] only Snodland stand in the way of Wouldham completing the league and cup double.’ The report concluded by describing the semi-final as ‘the match of the season’, such was the anticipation.

Wouldham’s remaining fixtures 1960–61 season

25 March 1961
Snodland (away)
Challenge Cup ‘A’ semi-final

... If Wouldham could overcome Snodland in this semi, Hadlow awaited in the final:

20 April 1961
Hadlow (neutral)
Final at the Athletic Ground, Maidstone

Plus eight league games

Neil Miners



Bridging the Medway

Wouldham Bridging Camp and a Century of Royal Engineer Training

Tucked away along the River Medway, lies a site that once played a vital role in British military engineering. Known as Wouldham Bridging Camp, this quiet riverside landscape trained generations of Royal Engineers in the art of military bridging — skills that would prove essential in conflicts across the world.

Established in the 1860s, the camp was chosen for its ideal natural conditions. The Medway provided a challenging water obstacle, perfect for practising “wet bridging” techniques using pontoons, trestles and temporary military bridges. Each year, sappers returned to Wouldham to train under realistic field conditions, often battling mud, tides and weather.

“Wouldham was where theory met reality — bridges were built, tested, and rebuilt again.”

In its early years, the camp was largely tented, with soldiers living in temporary accommodation during training seasons. Over time, the site expanded to include kitchens, ablution blocks, workshops and administration huts, evolving into a semi-permanent military facility.

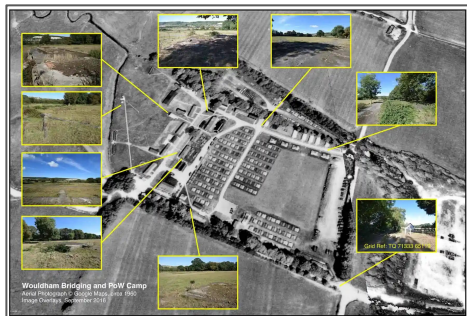
During the Second World War, bridging became a critical battlefield skill. Engineers trained at Wouldham went on to construct river crossings under enemy fire across Europe, enabling armoured advances and supply routes. After the war, the camp briefly served as Prisoner of War Camp No. 654A, before returning to its original training role.

By the 1960s, Wouldham had become the Eastern Command Bridge Training Camp, hosting year-round exercises and equipment trials. Advanced bridging systems, including Bailey bridges and heavy ferry equipment, were assembled and tested on the Medway’s shifting waters.

Despite its importance, the camp eventually closed, and its buildings were dismantled. Today, only subtle traces remain — foundations, earthworks, and faint paths visible in old aerial photographs.



Though largely forgotten, Wouldham Bridging Camp remains a powerful reminder of the unseen places that supported Britain’s military efforts — where practical skill, teamwork and engineering ingenuity quietly shaped history.





Coffee Mornings

Wouldham Village Hall, every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month 10:00-12:00pm

Wouldham All Saints Church, last Friday of the month 10:45-12:00. Please come along for a cup of coffee/tea, lovely cake, and a natter.

Church Choir All Saints Church, Wouldham. Choir practices are normally held in the church at 7:30pm 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

Craft & Chatter Club Mondays fortnightly 10-12pm Wouldham Village Hall. Free, all welcome.

Over 60's Club Every Tuesday at The Watermans Pub from 2pm-4pm. All over 60s welcome. There's a weekly quiz. Subs £2.50 per week plus £1 for 2 games of Bingo (cash prizes) and 50p for raffle. Free cakes, savouries, tea and coffee.

Burham & Wouldham WI Every third Tuesday in the month with a variety of speakers on different topics. We are a small friendly group and welcome new members, if you are interested come along at 7.30pm and keep an eye on Facebook for details of the next meeting. You will be warmly welcomed, give us a try before joining.

Youth Club 8yrs -17yrs, Tues & Thurs, <https://www.facebook.com/WYandCI/> for info. **Members Only.**

Jelly Tots Parent and Baby Group age 0-5 years, Tuesdays 9:30am-11am (term time only) held at Wouldham Village Hall. Refreshments supplied. We are a friendly group so why not pop along and join us?

Girlguiding Rainbows (age 4 to 7) Brownies (age 7 to 10) Guides (age 10 to 14)

Spaces available. If interested please register at Girlguiding.org.uk Or if you would be interested in volunteering then please contact Ashley Crowdey, 07852485291 Email: wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com

Wouldham Book Club meet in Wouldham Village Hall on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. New members are always welcome. If you would like to join please contact Sarah on 07766074527.

Speedwatch Interested in joining Kent Community Speedwatch?

Register here: www.communityspeedwatch.org. Always looking for new members to join our team.

Mammoths Touch Rugby Group Come and try Touch rugby for free every Sunday 10am in Wouldham Rec. All abilities welcome and we welcome all new members.

Free Courses - Check out the free courses on page 7. Contact clerk@wouldham-pc.gov.uk to book a course.

BURHAM & WOULDHAM WI

It's a New Year and the WI has a brand-new programme of events. We have a varied programme planned, including talks on Policewomen in Kent, Health and Beauty, and The Gardens at Great Dixter, among others. Alongside this, we will continue our popular Craft and Conversation afternoons, coffee mornings, whist events, outings, and community activities. Why not come along and join us?

However, the WI is about much more than tea, chat, and *Jerusalem*! Each year, members support a resolution where they feel they can make a real difference in their community. One current WI caign is Bystanders Can Be Lifesavers. In support of this, and to encourage everyone to learn basic CPR and defibrillator skills, we are planning two free training sessions at the Burham Community Centre:

- Saturday 25th April
- Sunday 26th April

These sessions are open to everyone from our villages and will be led by St John's Ambulance teams. Please put the dates in your diary, spread the word, and look out for more details nearer the time.

We will be debating this year's WI Resolutions at our January meeting.

Our Craft and Conversation afternoons take place on the first Monday of each month and are open to anyone who would like to bring along a craft project. Following a recent talk from Making Miracles, a Kent-based baby charity, some members are creating items to support their fundraising. We have also been asked by Standing With Giants to make poppies, so if you are between projects, we can always help with ideas. And of course, there will be tea and chat!


We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in Burham Village Hall. Most meetings are open to all, and we warmly welcome any women who would like to come along, meet us, and find out more. Just email burhamwouldham@wkfwi.org.uk and we will be happy to look out for you and meet you at the door.

The wider WI also offers many opportunities, including regional events, classes, and a comprehensive online library of courses covering both business development and crafting ideas.

There is always plenty going on, with a mix and match of activities to suit different interests. Do come along and see what we have to offer. It won't always be an all-singing, all-dancing night out (although we do both from time to time!), but you can expect company, friendship, and a warm welcome.

For more information about our next meeting, please contact Margaret Wood

 burhamwouldham@wkfwi.org.uk

 01622 718665

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INSPIRING WOMEN

**3RD TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH (EXCEPT AUGUST)**

7.30 PM

BURHAM VILLAGE HALL, ME1 3SH

FOR MORE INFO -
burhamwouldham@wkfwi.org.uk



The Community Bridge website is available to help residents be able to find new local groups & activities to attend.

Please visit www.communitybridge.co.uk

The website lists almost 200 local groups and organisations, which can be searched by village or activity. For exle, select "Wouldham" from the drop-down list and you will be able to see every group and activity in Wouldham.

If you run a group or activity and would like to be listed (free of charge) there is a button to submit your details which will be added at the next monthly update.

TODDLER GROUP

Winchester House Care Home

Every 3rd Tuesday Of The Month

Join us for a morning of play, singing and stories in our monthly baby and toddler group. The group is free to attend and there will be refreshments and snacks provided.

Please contact us below for more information, we hope to see you there!



Wouldham Walk

onbridge & Malling health walks are free, fun and riendly - perfect to help you get active, meet new people and improve mental health and well being.



Where: Knowle Road car park, ME1 3XB

When: Every Wednesday

Walk starts: 10.30am from the car park

Walk lasts: 60-90 minutes

No need to book, just turn up!

Walks are subject to change so please check our website

Join us for refreshments afterwards.

Winchester House Care Home
180 Wouldham Road, Rochester, ME1 3TR
Tel: 01634 685001 • www.barchester.com



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Nursing Care • Dementia Care • Respite Breaks

ait: tmhc.gov.uk/community/health-one/3

Email: healthy.living@tmhc.gov.uk

Word Search

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REPORT

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden →, ↓, and ↘.



Kent Libraries

MOBILE LIBRARY DATES & LOCATIONS

3 and 17 February - 3, 17 and 31 March

14 and 28 April - 12 and 26 May - 9 and 23 June

Wouldham

Walter Burke Avenue, ME1 3YJ 1:05pm - 1:35pm

Ravens Knowle, Knowle Road, ME1 3XS 1:45pm - 2:15pm

Burham

Burham Village Hall, Rochester Road, ME1 3SH 2:25pm - 3:25pm

For more information:-

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/libraries/visiting-a-library/mobile-libraries>

Jelly Tots Stay & Play

Every Tuesday in term time 9:30am-11:00am

For ages 0-5 years

£2 per family

Bring your little one for sensory play, crafts, nursery rhymes, and more!

Tea, coffee, hot chocolate & biscuits included

Woulham Village Hall, High Street, ME1 3XE

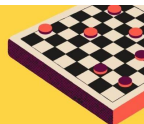
CONTACT

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07593 575450



Ages
8 - 17



Woulham Youth Club

TUESDAYS

Woulham Village Hall

Yr7-17yrs 5.30-7.15pm

THURSDAYS

Woulham All Saints School Hall

8yrs-Yr6 6.00-7.15pm

£5 MEMBERSHIP FEE

£1 PER SESSION

Sports, arts and crafts,
games, movies, table
tennis, table football and
many more fun activities!

For more info please visit:
www.facebook.com/WYandCI



How can my child be seen more easily?

ON DULL DAYS...

- Children can wear bright or fluorescent colours
- High-visibility tabards and other clothing can be purchased from many retailers
- Fluorescent armbands can worn over coats and other clothes
- Use bags in bright colours or with high-visibility strips

AT NIGHT...

- Reflective clothing reflects light from car and bike headlamps
- Reflective armbands, clothes and accessories should be placed on bags and clothing, or over it
- Remember that fluorescent colours don't show up in the dark

HOW TO STAY COOL...

- For older children who may see fluorescent and reflective items as 'uncool', stickers for bags or coats can be purchased



Love Walking? Come and Join Us!

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

We offer a variety of group walks, mostly on **Sunday mornings** with additional **mid-week rambles** each month.

Make New Friends - Get Fit - Explore the Kent Countryside!

New Members Welcome!

- Friendly, Guided Walks in Beautiful Scenery
- All Ages and Abilities Welcome
- Keep Active, Healthy & Have Fun!

Join Us Today!

Find out more & become a member:

www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk

Eating and Drinking

The Watermans Arms,
Wouldham.

Tel. 07703 824893
Pub/Restaurant.

The Butchers Block, Burham

Tel. 01634 786626
Pub/Restaurant

The Robin Hood, Burham

Tel. 01634 861500
Pub/Restaurant

The Windmill Inn, Burham

Tel. 01634 864570
Pub/Restaurant.

Happy House Chinese, Burham

Tel. 01634 668326 Takeaway

The Medway Inn & Ruby's
Indian, Wouldham

Tel 01634 869181
Pub/Restaurant/Takeaway

Fireaway Pizza, Peters Village

Tel. 01634 900200 Takeaway

Good Cod Fish & Chip Van

Tel. 07840181091
Wednesday Burham Village
Hall,
Saturday Wouldham Rec.
Takeaway



Defibrillators

Our defibrillators are at;



- Burham Parish Office
- Wouldham Village Hall, 15-17 High Street
- 165 High Street, Wouldham
- Community Centre, Tolhurst Road, Peters Village.

If a machine is needed call 999 for the code and instructions.

Prescriptions

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.

Dog Warden



If you need to report an incident, dog fouling or misbehaviour, please report to:

Tonbridge And Malling Dog
Warden on 0845 241 7253.



Dispensary (Burham) Opening Times

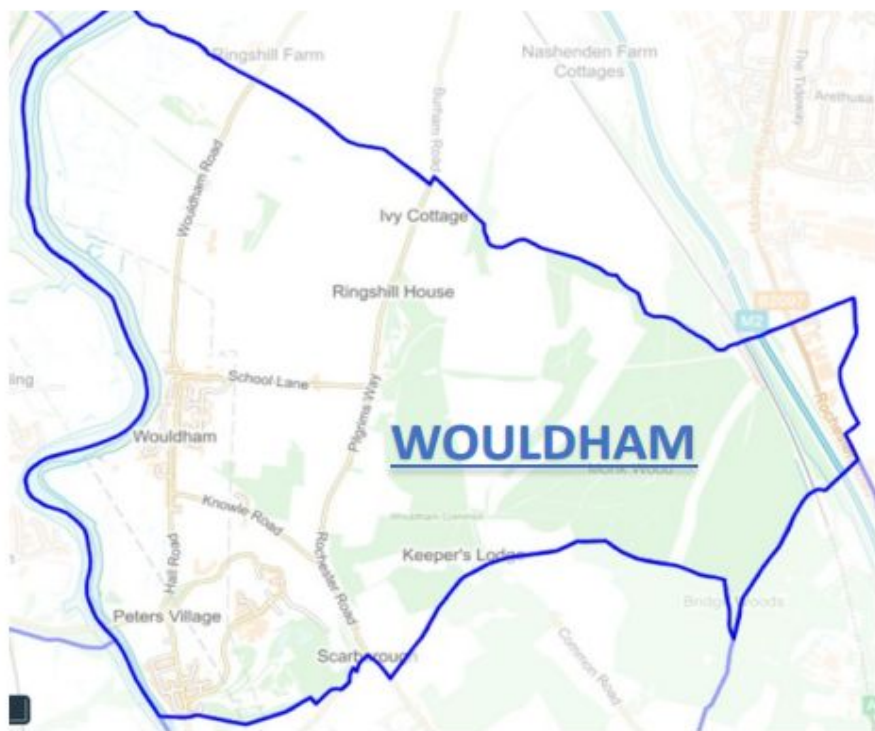
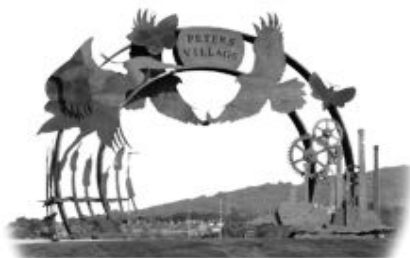
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	8.45am - 12.00pm	2.00pm - 4.45pm
Tuesday	8.45am - 12.00pm	2.00pm - 6.15pm
Wednesday	8.45am - 12.00pm	2.00pm - 6.15pm
Thursday	8.45am - 12.00pm	2.00pm - 4.45pm
Friday	8.45am - 12.00pm	2.00pm - 6.15pm
Weekend	CLOSED	CLOSED

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