

Wouldham Parish Magazine



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- ◆ **Water Leaks:**
www.southeastwater.co.uk
- ◆ **Fly Tipping:**
www.tmbc.gov.uk/bins-waste/report-fly-tipping.
- ◆ **Road Closures:**
<https://one.network>



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- Keep Wouldham connected
- Peters village connect

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WELCOME

Hope you are enjoying the lovely English weather and I suspect we are still having a hose pipe ban. We would like to wish all the children moving up to Secondary Schools the best of luck.

Congratulations on the new Peter's Village Hall opening, exciting new groups coming soon.

I hope you all enjoy reading, if you are interested any advertisement or have any excited events to add, please get in contact.

Dates for your calendar.

August

- **Friday 4th, Coffee morning Wouldham Village Hall 10:00-12:00. NHS Health Check.**
- **8th, library bus (for details see page)**
- **Wednesday 9th, Village Hall Council drop in 9:00-12:00.**
- **Friday 18th, Coffee morning Wouldham Village Hall 10:00-12:00.**
- **Sunday 20th, Little pickers meet outside Co-op 10:00-11:00.**
- **Tuesday 22nd, Library bus (for details see page)**
- **Friday 25th, Coffee morning Wouldham Church 10:00-12:00 .**

September

- **Friday 1st, Coffee morning Wouldham Village Hall 10:00-12:00.**
- **Tuesday 5th, Start of term 1, Wouldham All Saints School.**
- **Tuesday 5th, Library bus (for details see page)**
- **Friday 15th, Coffee morning Wouldham Village Hall 10:00-12:00**
- **Sunday 17th, Little pickers meet outside Co-op 10:00-11:00.**
- **Tuesday 19th, Library bus (for details see page)**
- **Friday 29th, Coffee morning Wouldham Church 10:00-12:00.**

AUGUST SERVICES and EVENTS

ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

EVERY SUNDAY

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

August 6 th Transfiguration 10-30am

August 13th Trinity 10 10-30am

August 20 th Trinity 11 10-30am

August 27th Trinity 12 10-30am



Toddler Church at ALL Saints 9-15am to 10-15am

SEPTEMBER SERVICES and EVENTS

ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

EVERY SUNDAY

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

September 3rd Trinity 13 10-30am

September 10th Trinity 14 10-30am

September 17th Trinity 15 10-30am .

September 24th Trinity 16 10-30am

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

Coffee Morning Last Friday of the month
September 29th.

Do come and join us anytime. Everyone
welcome.





WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL - AUG/SEPT

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

Our last meeting was on the 4th July, 2023. Reports etc will be published on our website. There is NO meeting in August, so the next meeting will be on Tuesday the 5th September, 2023 in the Village Hall,

commencing at 7:30pm.

Agenda and details can be found on the website 4 days before the meeting.

Wouldham Village Hall

Unfortunately, after many years of providing a service to Wouldham, Jellybeans Pre-school have decided to close. However, the Parish Council and Village Hall Charity are looking to encourage new groups to fill the gap and there is a new baby yoga and massage starting in October/November and a Parent and Toddlers group being arranged by mums. There will also be another Health Check session on 4th August, during the Friday Coffee Morning.

Peters Village

The Parish Council formally asked Borough Councillors to facilitate a site meeting with Trenport on 15th June and were asked to provide questions prior to a meeting. The email sent is as follows:

1. The Parish Council has agreed to purchase Salt Bins and it has been agreed by TMBC that they will fill them and keep them topped up. All we require is permission and location for these Salt Bins.
2. We would like to provide a notice board outside the Co-op. We have spoken to the Manager, who is agreeable. However, again this needs permission.

3. The Parish Council supplied public benches for Peters Pit which were vandalised. The Council agreed to supply sturdier and more expensive benches of a metal/concrete/wood construction, again, at our cost. We would like these to benefit those using the MUGA and be in keeping with other street furniture. So, we would like to know when and where this is going to be installed and the best place to site the benches. Also, if you have requirements for the type of benches we should look at. In addition to 3, we would like to provide a friendship bench somewhere on the estate.

4. We understand that residents are paying (SJS/MVS?) a service charge for the Community Centre and there is growing frustration that they are not being allowed to use a facility they are paying for. Can they show us around the Centre, explain the management arrangements for booking and when it will be available. I did speak to Eilish about supporting an opening event, this is something we would still like to be involved with.

Also, with both our Beat Officer and Community Warden now operating in the area, they need their base available. (The Community Warden wants to start a Food Bank drop-off/pick up point)

5. We would like to understand firsthand the up-to-date position with regard to the building, opening of the Medical Centre and to confirm or scotch the alternative rumours.

6. Can you please advise us which Companies/Services are taking the 3 shops under the dentist surgery.

7. A second post box was agreed with the postal services on the completion of Worrall Drive and Keepers Cottage Lane, and the surrounding developments in that area. Can you please advise us if you require the second post box. Also, we are currently producing our Highways Improvement Plan for KCC Highways and our Infrastructure Plan and would like input regarding any issues being experienced. So far, we have:

- A pelican crossing on Village Road near the Co-op to safeguard Children getting to school, particularly as this road is becoming busier and faster.

- Yellow lines around the school.
- Additional parking facility around the school (potentially using part of the field).
- Hump and speed signs along Village Road as at the end of July, there has been no response, but we shall continue to chase.

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

Check on roadworks: <https://one.network/>

Potential Adult Education Courses Available Locally

We are working closely with TMBC to release some of the moneys due to the Parish under the S106 Agreements. So we are speaking to Adult

Education in order to facilitate different courses such as Family Learning,

Autism Awareness, Introduction to Seasonal Crafts i.e card making, floristry, decorations etc. and Managing Children's Behaviour. If you have any other ideas, please let us know.

Friendship Benches

Following a suggestion at the Annual Parish Meeting to have Friendship Benches around the Parish, Cllr Miles has led this project and has obtained



agreement from Orbit to provide one near their housing in Peters Village. This means that we can have more dotted around the Parish and are just waiting for approval from Trenport to install them. Other sites in Wouldham have not yet been identified, so if you have any ideas where they should go, please get in touch.

No-Entry Experiment - High Street

The KCC road change has now been in operation for some time. Whilst there are still some that think that the No Entry doesn't apply to them – it does!, the overall affect has been that traffic is generally flowing around the village better. Police letters have been sent to some offenders and there has been some enforcement. They continue to monitor the situation with regular patrols and discussions on a way forward. However, it has raised further infrastructure issues which would need to be looked at if the trial is adopted. i.e. better passing bays and reduced speed limits along Pilgrims Way, junction changes/improvements at School Lane and the Knowle around the village and Residents still have time to get their comments to KCC via <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/high-street-wouldham>. The deadline for submissions is 30th November, 2023.

Community Minibus

We have received a grant to provide a Community Minibus for Wouldham and Burham. This is a membership scheme open to all residents, which would be around £10/year, but will enable subsidised fares as bus and travel passes would not be applicable. This could be used for a 'shopper' service, group hire or day trips, so we need YOUR ideas Please email: clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk for further information

Council Drop-in and Cookie Hut Pop-up Shop

You can now drop into the Village Hall on Wednesdays from 9am - 12 for a cuppa and chat with the Clerk, other Councillors/agencies to discuss ideas for the village. Also, during this time, the Cookie Hut will be on site selling their delicious cookies and cakes.

And finally...

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

Clerk Tina Miles

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COMING SOON!

New renovations to Wouldham
Village Hall

available for hire from late August.

email

wouldhamvillagehall@gmail.com



INTERSTED IN TAKING ON AN ALLOTMENT?

PLEASE CONTACT

wouldhamallotments@outlook.com

Half plots available at £24 for the year for
Wouldham residences. Addition £10 charge for
out of area.



Grow your own fruit and vegetables!

The Archaeology of Wouldham (Part 1 - Introduction)

Until relatively recently when I was asked what I do for a job I was usually faced with an unknowing grin, or a hesitant nod of the head when I said that I am an archaeologist. The puzzled expressions, however, soon changed into relief and acknowledgment when I mentioned two simple words: 'Time' and 'Team'. Over the past 30 years or so television programmes such as Time Team, Digging for Britain, and more recently The Great British Dig have undoubtedly introduced the archaeological world into people's homes, whether that be on the TV or via social media and video streaming applications. 'Ah Time Team' people now say, 'I know what that is; found any gold recently?' Well, the short answer to that is yes, but it is not at all common, and I certainly do not get to keep any of it.

So, what is archaeology? Firstly, I think it is important to note that we do not dig up dinosaurs, we leave that to our palaeontology friends. The technical, rather dry, definition is that 'archaeology is the study of human activity through the recovery and analysis of material culture', or the study of (ology) the ancient (archaeo). We investigate by carrying out excavations both large and small, where all archaeological finds and features (ditches, pits, postholes, etc.) are recorded, assessed, and then published so that we can gain insights into our past, our ancestors, and our landscapes which can be passed on for prosperity and future generations.

So why dig in the first place? That is a very good question. The easy answer is because these important sites are now under increasing threat due to development and construction. Thanks to changes in

planning legislation over the last 30 years it has been possible to progress our knowledge of the Archaeological environment due to local developments which are subject to archaeological planning conditions. The 'polluter pays' principle mean that planning applications are now subject to environmental consideration, and archaeological remains form part of that environment.

As we are all very aware development in Kent and the Southeast has increased exponentially over the last few decades leading to many archaeological investigations being conducted; recording sites that would have otherwise been destroyed and forgotten. I remember as a young lad my father, who worked in construction all his life, told me stories of his time digging holes around Rochester finding underground tunnels and just filling them with concrete. Thankfully, those days are now well behind us as archaeologists are frequently involved in the construction process at a very early stage of the development. Never has this been truer than in and around our own villages. Many archaeological investigations have been carried out and are being carried out right on our doorstep and over the course of the next few months I would like to share the results from those excavations with the you, the reader. The archaeology of Wouldham and the surrounding landscape will start to emerge as, over the next few editions of the magazine, we explore recent archaeological remains associated with Peters Village, the new school, and Margetts Pit adding to the myriad of archaeological material already known on our doorsteps.

David Britchfield BA(Hons) MCIfA
Ravelin Archaeological Services



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) spaces available now. 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

Speedwatch

Interested in joining Kent Community Speedwatch.
Register here: www.communityspeedwatch.org

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.tonbridgeandmallinghamblers.org.uk.

Thursday 3 August	A gentle stroll from the picturesque village of Matfield. Moderate difficulty.	5 miles
Sunday 6 August	A leisurely walk from Farleigh Green crossing the Medway at Teston Bridge, then past Barming Bridge and over East Farleigh Bridge, returning through farmland, orchards and woodland. One short steep road climb.	5.5 miles
Sunday 13 August	Brenchley South-West Loop: a leisurely and shady walk with plenty of trees, lakes and ponds. Some hills and stiles and short sections on roads.	5.3 miles
Wednesday 16 August	Pushing out from The Boathouse - a leisurely flat walk from Yalding along the Medway to East Peckham and back.	5.5 miles
Sunday 20 August	Circular walk from Ide Hill to Toys Hill and on to French Street and the Phillippines, returning via Emmetts Garden. Fairly hilly walk; moderate difficulty. Great views.	6 miles
Wednesday 23 August	Fish and Chip Supper walk from Wrotham up the Downs to build an appetite for a fish supper at the Rose and Crown. Moderate difficulty.	3.5 miles
Saturday 26 August	Walk from Borough Green to Basted Mill, then past Old Soar Manor and Dunks Green to Shipbourne for a picnic. Return via Fairlawne Estate and orchards. A mix of footpaths and quiet lanes. Moderate difficulty; some stiles.	10 miles
Walks usually start mid-morning. There's a short half-way break (bring refreshments) and we usually finish near a pub. Most walks are dog-friendly (see website).		



August-September in Your Garden

'I know that if odour were visible, as colour is, we would see the summer garden as rainbows.'

As summer wanes, the nights are drawing in and we enjoy our last bank holiday weekend before Christmas, it is the ideal opportunity to enjoy the garden in its summer splendour. The brightness of spring and early summer blooms now give way to the deep and sultry colours of late summer and autumn, with Dahlia, Achillea, Penstemon and Crocosmia all in full bloom. Roses too will be continuing to flower especially if you make dead-heading part of your weekly garden routine – most flowering plants will continue to produce new blooms if they are routinely dead-headed, so check over all displays to ensure you are getting the best from them.

We are all learning to accept that with the changing climate, we are needing to adapt the way in which we garden, by both finding ways to help our garden spaces survive both the droughts and the heat, but also at the same time trying to help the wildlife that rely so heavily on our green spaces. There are an increasing number of shrubs and perennials that are adapted to being able to cope with dry conditions, many of the grasses such as Miscanthus and Hakonechloa are well known, but there are also many flowering perennials such as Salvia, Lavender, Nepeta and Verbena as well as shrubs such as Abelia, Arbutus and Eleagnus that will all cope well with dry conditions. Good drainage is key for these plants, but it is also essential to ensure they are watered regularly whilst they get established, but once established they should be more than able to cope well with our increasingly dry summers.

Whilst things have had a slower start in the vegetable garden this year, by now most things will be into their main growth. Peas and beans will be producing pods, so be sure to harvest regularly to encourage more flowers and hence more pods, the same is true of courgettes so also harvest these young to encourage more fruit to set. Sweetcorn and squashes will now be swelling ready for harvest

over the next few months too. By now Garlic should have been dug up and dried ready for storage, & onions will also be dying back ready for harvesting – once the leaves fall over & start to brown that's the time to lift them, and again dry them ensuring the skins are dried before storing them for use over the coming months. Tomatoes, Chillies and Peppers will also be setting their fruit and ripening, which all enjoy a sunny spot to help them ripen evenly and to keep flowering. Regular watering is key to successful tomatoes, however chillies prefer less water as that helps to increase their heat. Make sure to harvest tomatoes at peak ripeness and either use in salads and side dishes, or freeze for storage over winter – both tomatoes and chillies can be frozen raw so the harvest can be enjoyed well into winter. Regular feeding with a general purpose food will help to keep all veg crops in peak condition and help them to produce more flowers and subsequently more fruit, so include feeding in your routine with weeding



Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- Keep removing side shoots from tomatoes to direct energy to fruits
- Continue to harvest lettuces, radishes and other salads, and also soft fruits, blueberries, blackberries and currants.
- Sow additional quick crops such as carrots, peas, radish & lettuce to extend your growing season
- Be Water Wise. Lawns do not need watering in drought conditions, so focus watering to pots and any border plants that are wilting. Consider saving bath water to water the plants – the small amounts of detergents won't harm your plants and its more cost effective!
- Finish pruning cherry and plum trees before September.
- Feed & Weed treatments can be applied to lawns in the growing months, but check the weather before applying as they work best in warm weather when the ground is damp
- Consider the functional aspects of your garden – is it adapted to enable you to ENJOY YOUR GARDEN whilst the summer lasts.

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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

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.

Dog Warden if you need to report an incident, dog fouling or misbehaviour, please report to our local Tonbridge And Malling dog warden on 0845 241 7253 .

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>

More information  wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com

LITTLE PICKERS!

Dates

Sunday 20th August
Sunday 17th September
Sunday 8th October
Sunday 19th November
Sunday 17th December

Meet outside the Co-op in Peters Village.
All Equipment provided.



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 TITHONIA COSMOS RASPBERRIES GLOBE THISTLE APPLES
 GRAPES SWEETCOEN AUBERGINES POTATOES

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



Kent Libraries

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.

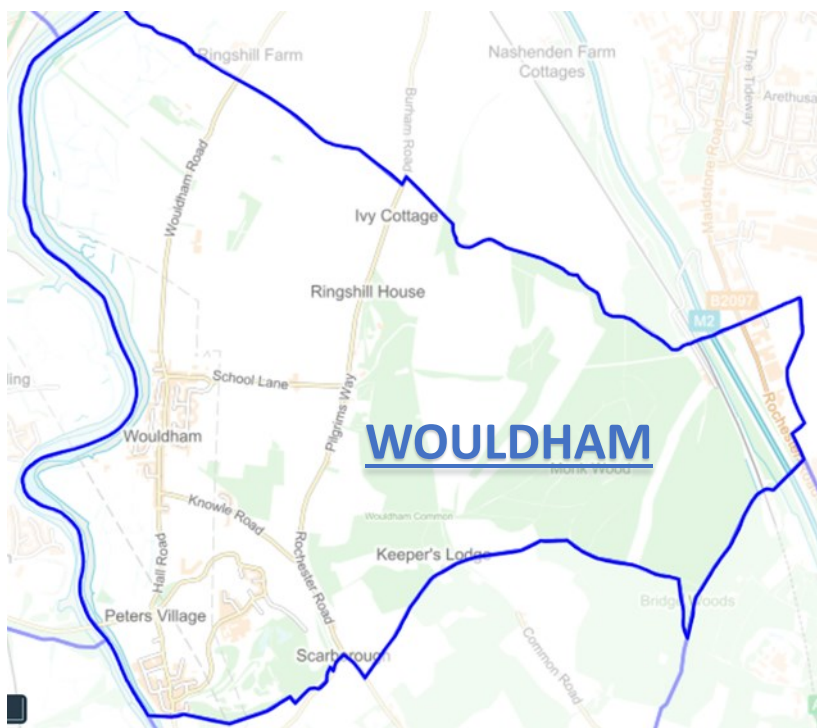
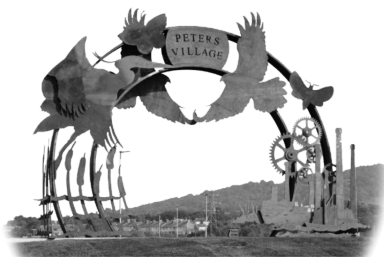
A damage deposit of £50 is required when booking the hall.

To book email Wouldhamvillagehall@gmail.com

Magazine team

If you would like anything included in a future edition, please forward details by 12th September to allow us adequate time to get it into the October/ November edition

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