## **Wouldham Parish Magazine**



October- November 2023

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- ♦ NHS111: If you require urgent medical help ring 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk

#### Potholes:

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

#### Water Leaks:

www.southeastwater.co.uk

#### ♦ Fly Tipping:

www.tmbc.gov.uk/bins-waste/report-fly-tipping.

#### ♦ Road Closures:

https://one.network



#### Facebook pages

- Wouldham parish Council
- Keep Wouldham connected
- Peters village connect

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#### **WELCOME**

It's wonderful to see so much community spirit this year, the rock snake getting lots of attention, starting up a new Peter Village Association, new members joining the PTA at Wouldham School, lots of fundraising events and so much more.

Welcoming Wouldham Schools new head teacher Mrs Baldwin and her dog Winnie, which has been a massive hit with all the children and parents. I hope we all show our support and come along to this years Fireworks night on Saturday 4th November.

I hope you enjoy reading and attending some of this Autumns fun events, courses or activities.

### Dates for your calendar.

#### October:

- Tuesday 3rd, WPC meeting Wouldham Village Hall, 7:30pm.
- Friday 6th, Coffee Morning Wouldham Village Hall, 10:00-12:00.
- Friday 20th, Coffee Morning, Wouldham Village Hall, 10:00-12:00.
- Monday 23rd, Wouldham Village Hall EGM meeting, 7pm.
- Friday 27th, Coffee Morning, Wouldham Church, 10:00-12:00.

#### November:

- Friday 3rd, Coffee Morning, Wouldham Village Hall, 10:00-12:00.
- Saturday 4th, Wouldham School Firework Night.
- Friday 17th, Coffee Morning, Wouldham Village Hall, 10:00-12:00.
- Friday 24th, Coffee Morning, Wouldham Church, 10:00-12:00.

#### **OCTOBER SERVICES and EVENTS**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH.
EVERY SUNDAY



9-15am Morning Prayer. 10-30 Sung Eucharist.
October 1st Harvest Festival 10-30am
October 8 th Trinity 18 10-30am
October 15 th Trinity 19 10-30am.
October 22 nd Trinity 20 10-30am
October 29 th Trinity 21 10-30am

Little Lights Toddler Church at All Saints 9-30-am to 10-30am every Friday only term time.

Celebrating Harvest on October 1 st Trinity 17
Junior Choir will be with us on 15 th October.

Coffee Morning
Last Friday of the month October 27 th at 10-45am

Do come and join us anytime. Everyone welcome.



#### NOVEMBER SERVICES and EVENTS

ALL SAINTS CHURCH.
EVERY SUNDAY

9-15am Morning Prayer. 10-30 Sung Eucharist. November 5th All Saints Day Service 10-30am November 12th Remembrance 10-30am November 19 th 2 nd before Advent 10-30am November 26th Christ the King 10-30am



Little Light Toddler Church at All Saints 9-30am to 10-30am every Friday only term time.

All Saints Day 1 st November.

Remembrance Service 12 th November 10-30am

Coffee Morning

Last Friday of the month -24 th November 10-45

Come and join us anytime. Everyone welcome.

Church Annual Christmas Fair 18 th November in Burham Village Hall 1pm to 3pm.

Entrance £1 including tea/coffee and biscuit

Children Free .

Big Band Christmas Concert 18 th Nov 7pm.

#### The Archaeology of Wouldham (Part 2)

Hello again residents of Wouldham and welcome to our second instalment of 'The Archaeology of Wouldham' as we approach the start of the journey into our village's past.

Now, although this is a Wouldham Parish magazine it will be necessary to look at the wider landscape in order to gain an understanding of our ancestors that lived and worked the land around us since the last Ice Age. Therefore, modern borders and parish boundaries will need to be put to one side as we include our neighbouring villages of Burham, Eccles, Aylesford, Borstal, and even Rochester. To understand our own village, we need to know where that village is within the wider contemporary landscape.

I aim to start with the earliest of chronological phases, the prehistoric period which can be divided into the Mesolithic periods (8000-4000BC), the Neolithic period (4000-2200BC), the Bronze Age (2200-700BC) and the Iron Age (700BC – AD 43) and then move to the Romans (AD 43 – 410), the Anglo-Saxons (AD 410 – 1066) and the medieval period (AD 1066 – 1500). The post-medieval (AD 1500-1800) and modern period (AD 1800+) will then also be considered, and importantly so, because the Wouldham that we know today was largely shaped around industry, in particular the lime and cement works.

But to start at the beginning, as David Copperfield said, we venture beyond the Mesolithic period and briefly touch on the earliest recorded archaeological remains which date to the 'Old Stone Age', or to use the correct terminology, the Palaeolithic period 650,000 years ago, a period that is distinguished by the original development of stone tools. Kent is an important place for Palaeolithic archaeology, having far more recorded finds than any other county. The reason for this? Well, flint is commonly found as nodules within the natural Chalk and southern England has plenty. The deposits containing Palaeolithic tools are often deeply buried, so they are usually only exposed by quarrying or major construction projects. They are also difficult to find and yet just up the road at Ebbsfleet evidence for a number of sites have been recorded with Neanderthal occupation dating back 60,000 years.

Wouldham has three records which date to this period: a handaxe which was found at Starkey's Farm, mammal bone and shellfish recorded at Rings Hill Farm, and within the vicinity of Wouldham Hall numerous bones from Ice Age mammals. Add to this the mammoth tusk found during the quarry works at the top of Knowle Road (have a look at the Wouldham Village History website: http://www.wouldhamvillage.com/peterswouldhamhall.html) and we can start to piece together the jigsaw of our past.

The archaeology of Wouldham and the surrounding landscape will become much larger 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.

Next time: The Mesolithic and Neolithic periods

David Britchfield BA(Hons) MCIfA

#### **Ravelin Archaeological Services**





Enjoy some company and a nutritious meal

We know meal times can be a
lonely time for some older people.

That's why we are inviting local older people to take advantage of our great hospitality and join us for a nutritious lunch at [Enter Venue]

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WINCHESTER HOUSE



#### Parade Starts - 10am

Village Road closed for 15 minutes. All welcome, come join the Girlguides.

Wouldham Church Service Starts - 10:30am







Wouldham Brownies got to go on their first Brownie Pack Holiday this Summer Holidays. We staying at one of the Girlguiding centers, Paxwood in Dartford.

The girls choose the theme to be around the world so we did a treasure hunt, trash fashion, flag cupcakes, Eifel towers, campfire roasting smours and singing ,and lots more fun playing in the park and on the zip line.

In their holiday patrol groups the girls all got a turn at being, cooks, waitresses and porters. They all did a fantastic job at cooking, cleaning and having lots of fun while doing it.

They can't wait to go on their next Pack Holiday and do a whole new theme, maybe Space or Disney or my favourite Harry Potter.





## WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

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

Our last meeting was on the 5th September, 2023. Minutes etc will be published on our website.

The next meetings will be on Tuesday the 3th October, and 7th November, 2023 in the Village Hall, commencing at 7:30pm. Agenda and details can be found on the website.

#### **New Community Minibus**

We are nearing a start date to provide a minibus shopper service to the Medway Towns. Mondays and Thursdays will be to Strood, Tuesdays will be to Hempsted Valley Shopping Centre and Wednesdays will be to Chatham. We will also be arranging day trips, so if you have any suggestions, please me know.

We are now looking for volunteer drivers between 25 and 75 years. All volunteer drivers will received full accredited MIDAS training and will qualify to join the day trips free of charge.

#### Section 106 funded adult education courses

You will know by now that we have started of offer adult education courses. These have been made possible following lengthy negotiations with TMBC to draw down developer contributions. Due to tight timescales, we have mainly publicised these by Facebook and word of mouth. However, we are currently talking to Adult Education to provide a longer term programme which will be publicised over the coming months.

#### **Speedwatch**

We delighted to say that the Speedwatch team are now running regular sessions in the mornings and evenings. It has been noted that traffic travelling down Knowle Road remains an issue and will continue to be a focus point for enforcement.

All details are passed to the Police for action. Currently they report:

Police Actions, this period

1 st Record Observed = 163

Hand delivered FO1 = 3

Letter Sent FO2 = 31

Letter Sent MO2 = 1

Superseded = 1

Unfortunately, there is still little interest from residents in Peters

Village. Hot spots have been identified and the equipment is available. So, if you are concerned about the speed of vehicles travelling through the area, or would like further information, please check out

https://communityspeedwatch.org/

#### 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

#### **Defibrillators**

We currently have 2 defibrillators in the village. They are located at both ends of the village:

The Village Hall, 15 High Street

The Community Centre, Tolhurst Close, Peters Village

#### Lifebuoys

As we all live near a very fast-moving river, it is vital that all our lifebuoys are always fit for purpose. They are checked monthly by Councillors and should only be opened in case of emergency. What if it was your son/daughter, mother/father that needed saving and there was no life equipment available?

#### **Recreation Ground**

There have been a few reports of 'uncontrolled/aggressive' dogs using the recreation ground. ALL DOGS MUST be kept under control and not cause stress to other dogs or members of the public.

It is an offence under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 for a dog to be dangerously out of control and to put a person in fear of being attacked. The main points of the Act are:

- a magistrate can issue a control order which could result in the dog being destroyed. The owner can also be fined or receive a prison sentence of up to six months or both.
- if your dog bites a person the sentence is increased to a fine or a prison sentence up to two years or both.
- if your dog attacks and injures another animal you could be sued in a county court for the damages caused.

You must therefore inform the dog warden who will investigate and take the appropriate action.

Telephone: 01732 876181 Email: dog.warden@tmbc.gov.uk

#### And Finally...

If you would like to become a volunteer driver, or have any suggestions for learning courses, please get in touch with me.

Clerk Tina Miles clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk 07904281522





# Vintage & Antiques Fair

Join us for a fun afternoon browsing stalls filled with;

Furniture, Jewellery, Stamps, Bric-a-Brac, Antiques, Collectibles, Glassware, Military memorabilia

& much more

### Next Event:

## SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 11am - 3pm



Peters Village Community Centre Tolhurst Close Wouldham MEI 3AP



For more information please contact us via one of the below;

Phone - 07445 127977

Email - Jrauctioneers@gmail.com

Facebook - J R Auctioneers





# WOULDHAM VILLAGE HALL New renovations are complete!

New kitchen and disabled toilet

email to book:

Wouldham
villagehall@gmail.com





#### INTERSTED IN TAKING ON AN ALLOTMENT?

#### **PLEASE CONTACT**

#### wouldham.allotments@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!

#### **Foodbank**

Your local foodbank is at The East Malling Centre
This centre provides a foodbank for those folk from Wouldham,
Burham, and Peters Village who need a helping hand.

Local places supporting the foodbank:
Wouldham Allsaints Church
Peters Village Coop
The Medway Inn

Looking for tinned and dried foodstuff along with fresh fruit and vegetable donations.

If you require help please contact 01732 846314 and you will receive a kind response and more information.



# **QUIZ NIGHT**



On Saturday 14th October 2023 7:30pm at Wouldham Village Hall





Teams of up to six persons—£3/person
To book your table contact Anne on 01634 683786
Bring your own drinks and snacks
Raffle to be held on the night

Any Prize Donations will be gratefully received.

Please support this Community event.

Any money raised will be used to support Hall users.





### **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 - 11am at Wouldham 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





Ramblers



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.tonbridgeandmallingramblers.org.uk.

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Thursday, 5th October, Upper Halling and the lost village of Dode, 5mi / 8km, Contact Dorothy W.



 $\textbf{Sunday, 8th October, Hever-round the Chiding Stone}, 5 mi \, / \, 8 km, Contact \, \textbf{Geoff D.}$ 



Sunday, 15th October, Westerham Wandering, 5.5mi / 8.9km



Thursday, 19th October, Stansted Circular, 6mi / 9.7km, Contact Robin A.



Sunday, 22nd October, Battle of Trafalgar from Victory Wood, 6.7mi / 10.8km, Contact Nicola B.



Sunday, 29th October, Birling, 5.5 mi / 8.9 km, Contact Simon P.

#### **Jelly Tots**

Parent and Baby group, Tuesdays 1pm till 2:30pm. (term time only) Wouldham Village Hall.

#### **Free Courses**

Check out the free courses on page . Contact clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk to book a course.



#### October - November in Your Garden



How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and colour are their last days.'

As the nights draw in and the temperatures drop, so do the autumn leaves. One of the most wonderous sights of the gardening year is the warm hues of autumn leaves as they fall to the ground and create a multi-coloured carpet across once grey pavements. Be sure to enjoy this last blast of colour before the winter months arrive – wrap up warm for an autumnal walk in parks and forests to really make the most of it.

Autumn is often seen as a time to 'put the garden away for winter', but there is often still routine jobs that can be done through autumn and in winter, if the weather allows. Resist, if you can, to be too tidy as leaving some stems, twigs and leaves lying on the ground or in situ before being cut back, will aid hibernation of many of our beneficial insects. Clearing can wait until spring if you can bear it. However, raking up (most of the) fallen leaves is an essential job to maintain the lawn – but they can be swept into beds and borders & left to rot down, or collected up into sacks or a separate pile to create leaf-mould, which is an excellent soil improver.

If you haven't given hedges a final tidy, then do this before November ideally, as by then some birds are already eying up nesting sites ready for early next year. Choose a fine (frost free), dry day to do this to minimise damage to leaves and to give the stems time to heal over before dusk.

Autumn is the best time to be planting spring bulbs – classics such as Narcissi, Hyacinth, Snowdrops, Aconites, Crocus and Anemones can all be planted in Sept/Oct, but wait until Nov if you are planting out Tulips & Alliums. For something a bit different, choose Fritillaria (there are tall Crown Imperial, or smaller Raddeana, or Meleagris which is great for naturalising), Squill (great for coastal locations) or Erythronium (great for shady borders). Bulbs can be planted into pots (use the lasagne method to really make the most of the space by layering up bulbs – largest at the bottom and smallest at the top), into borders either in clumps or drifts for the best impact, or into lawn to naturalise.

Any new planting should also be done before the end of October, whilst the soil still retains some warmth, but has the advantage of the autumn rain to maintain moisture. Shrubs can be planted out, and even weary perennials can be lifted, divided and replanted in autumn if the conditions are still warm and reasonably dry. Small trees can be planted too, but make sure to stake them as winter winds can cause wind rock, which will weaken to roots. Ensure you have

some evergreen shrubs in your garden to give interest through the winter months too – Holly, Yew, Sarcococca and Viburnum all do well in our climate and can be maintained at the size and shape appropriate to your garden. They can also be topiarised if you so wish.

In the vegetable garden things will be slowing down for winter, and it is a time for prep for the next growing season. However, there are plenty of crops that will continue to grow and give a harvest through winter if you have planted them out through the summer months. Brussel Sprouts, Kale, Cabbages, Leeks, Carrots and parnsips will all be quite happy to grow in the ground over winter. Finish harvesting remaining tomatoes, chillies and peppers, and prepare squashes for storage over the next few months. If you keep them in a cool dry place then they should keep perfectly well until December at least. If you have a real glut of veg then they can all be frozen, either raw, or prepped into soups and sauces ready to be used straight away. Spring cabbages can also be planted out now – but is a job to be done sooner, rather than later. If you are lucky enough to have a greenhouse, some crops can be grown on under cover, salads will be fine until it gets too cold, but consider sowing some winter salad leaves instead. Also brassicas can be grown under cover – purple sprouting broccoli for example – should be happy in the greenhouse until space is needed for other crops in spring.

#### Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- Harvest Apples and Pears, & store any excess for use through winter. These can also be frozen for use in pies and crumbles.
- Continue to mow the lawn if it is still growing, however cut on a higher setting than in the summer to avoid damage. Consider spiking the lawn if it has compacted areas using a garden fork is fine and brush in a mix of sand and compost to help aerate the ground.
- Empty pots with summer bedding in & replace with winter bedding plants to give some extra colour through winter. Heathers, Ivy, Pansies and Cyclamen are all hardy through the winter, & pop a few spring bulbs in to prolong the display into spring.
- Sow crops for early spring such as Broad Beans and Peas. Also Garlic and Onions can be planted out now.
- Autumn is bare-root season, so can be ideal for Roses, Fruit Trees and hedging. Prepare your planting space before they arrive as its important to plant these as soon as they arrive as the delicate roots can dry out quickly.
- Move pots with tender plants in to the shed or garage to keep them frost free over winter. Cut back foliage if required or cover with fleece for an extra layer of protection.
- Collect seeds from hardy perennials such as Hollyhock, Foxglove, Poppy and Astrantia. Store in envelopes in a dry place ready for sowing in spring, or scatter around the garden where you want them to grow next year.

  Sue Durrani

#### **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/getinvolved/become-a-volunteer



More information wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com



#### Autumn Wordsearch

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ACORN APPLEPIE BONFIRE CORN FAMILY FIREWORKS
FLANDERS GUYFAWKES HARVEST HEROES PARADE POPPY
PUDDLE PUMPKIN REMEMBER SILENCE SOLDIERS WREATH

## **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)

(101 dates see page 5)

For updates and info see <a href="https://www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries">www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries</a>

## 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

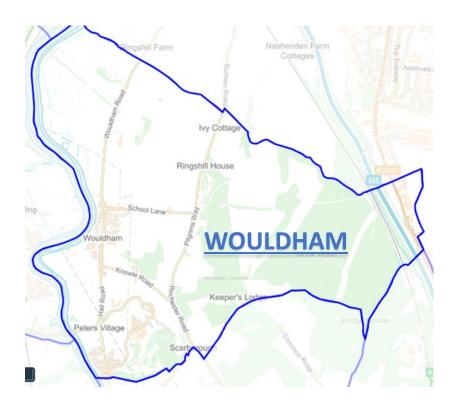
### Magazine team

If you would like anything included in a future edition, please forward details by 20th November to allow us adequate time to get it into the October/November edition.

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	£15	£60	£100
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	£25	£100	£180
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