

# **WOULDHAM PARISH MAGAZINE**

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## Report It



Potholes:  
[www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/roads/potholes](http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/what-we-look-after/roads/potholes)

Water Leaks: [www.southeastwater.co.uk](http://www.southeastwater.co.uk)

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[www.tbmc.gov.uk/bins-waste/report-fly-tipping](http://www.tbmc.gov.uk/bins-waste/report-fly-tipping)

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

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



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# What's on in Wouldham

## AUGUST 2025

### Sun 3

- Cream Teas 2–4:15pm, All Saints Church

### Mon 4

- Chair Exercise 10:30am, Village Hall

### Tue 5

- Mobile Library, Various Stops

### Mon 11

- Craft & Chatter 10–12pm, Village Hall

### Sat 16

- Allotment Open Day 1–4pm

### Sun 17

- Little Pickers 1–2pm, Peters Village Co-op

### Mon 18

- Chair Exercise 10:30am, Village Hall

### Tue 19

- Book Club 7:30pm, Village Hall
- WI Meeting 7:30pm, Burham Village Hall

### Sat 23

- Proms Event 6pm, Winchester House

### Mon 25

- Craft & Chatter 10–12pm, Village Hall

### Thu 28

- Winchester Toddler Group 10:30am

### Fri 29

- Coffee Morning 10:45–12pm, All Saints Church

### Sat 30

- Wild West Wouldham Summer Fair 2–6pm, Recreation Ground

## SEPTEMBER 2025

### Mon 1

- Chair Exercise 10:30am, Village Hall

### Tue 2

- Youth Club 5:30–7:15pm
- Mobile Library, Various Stops

### Fri 5

- Coffee Morning 10–12pm, Village Hall

### Sun 7

- Cream Teas 2–4:15pm, All Saints

### Mon 8

- Craft & Chatter 10–12pm, Village Hall

### Mon 15

- Chair Exercise 10:30am, Village Hall

### Tue 16

- Mobile Library, Various Stops
- Book Club 7:30pm, Village Hall
- WI Meeting 7:30pm, Burham

### Fri 19

- Coffee Morning 10–12pm, Village Hall

### Sun 21

- Little Pickers 1–2pm, Peters Village Co-op

### Mon 22

- Craft & Chatter 10–12pm, Village Hall

### Thu 25

- Winchester Toddler Group 10:30am

### Fri 26

- Coffee Morning 10:45–12pm, All Saints

### Mon 29

- Chair Exercise 10:30am, Village Hall

### Tue 30

- Mobile Library, Various Stops

**GET !  
INVOLVED!**

## WEEKLY

**Tuesdays** - **Over 60s Club** 2–4pm, Watermans Arms. **Jelly Tots Toddler Group** 9.30–11am Village Hall (term time only). **Youth Club** 11–16 yrs 5.30–7.15pm (members only/term time only)

**Wednesdays** - **Wouldham Walk** 10:30am Village Car Park, **Bell Ringing** 8pm All Saints Church

**Thursdays** - **Youth Club** 8yrs–yr6, Wouldham All Saints School 6–7.15pm (members only/term time only) **Church Choir Practice** 7:30pm

**Fridays** - **Little Lights Toddler group** , 9.15am All Saints Church (term time only)

**Line Dancing** 5–6pm Wouldham Village Hall

**Sundays** - **Touch Rugby** 10am Recreation Ground

# All Saints Church Wouldham Services and Activities

**Every Sunday 9.15am Morning Prayer**

**10.30am Holy Communion**

**Morning Prayer Weds, Thurs and Friday 9.30am Summer Holidays.**

**Friday only 8.45 during term time.**

**Coffee Morning**

**Last Friday of the month 10.45am -12pm.**

**All welcome. Please join us.**

**Little Lights Toddler Church**

**9.15am on Fridays during term time**

**Cream Teas at All Saints Church on the First Sunday of August**

**and September from 2pm to 4-15**

**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, Wouldham

What a beautiful summer we are having. Perhaps a little too hot for some people – including me – but it's so nice to see the sunshine again.

Life continues well at All Saints Church. This last month, we have had cause to celebrate as a member of our community has recently been commissioned as an Anna Chaplain. Anna Chaplains are people who are particularly concerned with the spiritual care of older people and people with conditions such as Dementia. Our diocese, the Diocese of Rochester, is committed to this particular ministry of care and love. Our new Anna Chaplain is Marie Rayner and she was commissioned at a service by the Bishop of Rochester last week at Bishops Court. Marie regularly visits at Winchester House, the residential and care home in our parish, and she assists with home visits and taking communion to the homes of people who are not able to visit the church because of illness or other concerns. She is joined in this ministry with other members of our Pastoral Care Team. If you feel you or somebody you know or love would like a visit from Marie or from another member of our Pastoral Care team, then please do get in touch and we will be happy to arrange to visit or meet with you.

I continue to try and get around to meet new people. I have visited the coffee morning a couple of times and have met some of you there and recently I was welcomed by the Brownies, which was a very joyous experience. I am hoping to spend more time with them in the future.

Our joint service of Café Church which we celebrate with the Methodist Community continues to go well. We meet once a month at the Burham Old School Community Centre on the third Sunday of the month at 3pm – well, more or less; it does depend slightly on when everybody has managed to get cake and drinks in front of them. This is a very informal service and everybody is welcome.

This November, there will be a Confirmation Service in the group of churches, of which All Saints is part. If you feel that this is something you would like to explore, please contact me and I would be really happy to talk to you. You can either ring me or email me. My working days are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday and Sunday. I will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible.

I hope you all have a very happy summer, with plenty of time to relax and enjoy the beauty of the season.

Wishing you all God's blessings  
Rev Nicky Rawlins, Priest in Charge  
Tel 07763 846587  
Email : revnickyrawlins@outlook.com



*Marie with the  
Bishop of  
Rochester at her  
commissioning.*



# CREAM TEAS



All Saints Church  
Wouldham  
2.00pm – 4.30pm  
Every first Sunday  
of the month from  
June until September

**AGES  
8 - 17**



**BACK 2ND SEPTEMBER 2025**

## WOULDHAM YOUTH CLUB

**TUESDAYS**

**Wouldham Village Hall  
Yr7-17yrs 5.30-7.15pm**

**THURSDAYS**

**Wouldham All Saints School Hall  
8yrs-Yr6 6.00-7.15pm**

**£5 MEMBERSHIP FEE  
£1 PER SESSION**

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

For more info please visit:

[www.facebook.com/WYandCI](http://www.facebook.com/WYandCI)

# Little Pickers!

**EVERY 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

**Meet outside Peter's Village Coop 1pm till 2pm**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

**NEW DATES!**

**Follow our  
Facebook  
page**



**All Equipment provided – all ages welcome**

# the WI

## INSPIRING WOMEN

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

**7.30 PM**  
**BURHAM VILLAGE HALL, ME1 3SH**

**FOR MORE INFO –**  
**burhamwouldham@wkfwfwi.org.uk**

## FRAMING & PAINTED PORTRAITS

Work done locally

Please contact:  
07950551115

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MORIARTYASSOCIATES

## 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](mailto:wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com)

## TODDLER GROUP

Winchester House Care Home

Last Thursday of Every Month From 10.30am

Join us for an 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!



Winchester House Care Home  
180 Wouldham Road, Rochester, ME1 3TR  
Tel: 01634 685001 • [www.barchester.com](http://www.barchester.com)

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# WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025**

**Keep up to date by visiting: [www.wouldhampc.com](http://www.wouldhampc.com) or via Facebook**

Our last meeting was on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2025. Minutes etc will be on our website on approval. The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2025 in the Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm. Agenda and details can be found on the website 3 days before the meeting.

## **COMMUNITY MINIBUS**

Unfortunately, Burham and Wouldham Councils have decided to stop this service and return the minibus due to the lack of usage by residents. The current bus service now runs 5 days per week to Maidstone, so the reason for having it has now become obsolete.

## **SECTION 106 FUNDED ADULT EDUCATION COURSES**

### **Continuing Regular Courses/sessions**

- **CHAIR EXERCISE** – to increase balance, strength, and mobility – **FREE**  
Alternate Mondays (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>), 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<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>), 10.00am – 12 in the Village Hall
- **LINE DANCING** – Fridays, 5-6pm in the Village Hall £7/session

**For further information or to sign up to any of these courses, please contact: [clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldhampc.co.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. **SO, WATCH YOUR SPEED! If you would like to join this group please register on:**

**<https://communityspeedwatch.org/FRONT-v2-Register.php>**

## **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>





# WOUDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



## **ROADS/FOOTPATHS/GROUNDS MAINTENANCE**

As you will have noticed, there has been a great deal of road closures recently. KCC are trying to improve surfaces around the Parish, but this has coincided with City Fibre laying cables. Due to the inconsiderate late night working of City Fibre, the Parish Council formally complained and as a result, any future work by them must be done during working hours. Hopefully, by the time you read this, Pilgrims Way would have been patched and a surface protector laid and the High Street will have had all their potholes repaired. 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 be reported to: [www.southeastwater.co.uk](http://www.southeastwater.co.uk)

## **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](tel:08082787810) s to see if this is an option.

## **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.



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MARTIN

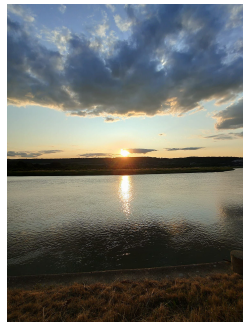


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HAWKINS



# WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



## **PUBLIC OPEN SPACES**

DOG POO! Parks, footpaths, other people's gardens - we really need ALL DOG OWNERS to do their bit. The problem areas now seem to be around the riverfront and paths leading to it.

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**

The Parish Council have been working with the Wouldham Rewilding Project volunteers, who have kindly produced an improvement plan for the Common. We have also had confirmation that the Woodland Trust will carry out a survey and produce an action plan to protect the Ancient Woodland which forms part of the Common later in the summer. It is a shame that a few do not respect the area, which has led to a disincentive to do anything, but we will try to make it much more welcoming over the coming years. If anyone is interested in volunteering with the Rewilding Project, you can find more details on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1810664929707980>

## **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 become a volunteer driver, or have any suggestions for learning courses, please get in touch with me.

Clerk Tina Miles [clerk@wouldham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@wouldham-pc.gov.uk) Tel: 07904281522



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KIRSTY WILLIAMS



## 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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## 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!*

**SUMMER 2025 DATES:**  
JUL 14TH & 28TH  
AUG 11TH & 25TH (B-H)  
SEP 8TH & 22ND

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# **WILD WEST**

## **WOULDHAM**

# **SUMMER FAIR**



Village Rec ME1 3XA



***'Life is like a flower. You have to enjoy its beauty before Summer ends.'***

What a summer it's been so far, hopefully the hot weather has encouraged everyone to make more use of their gardens, and to celebrate outside spaces both near and far. The joy of summer is having the time, with the lighter evenings and the warmer weather, to sit out and make the most of our own outdoor spaces every day. The heat this year coupled with the general lack of rain across Kent, and the rest of the South East, highlights what a precious resource water is to us, and to all life. When our gardens suffer and the lawns turn brown, it's easy to despair, but if your plants are well established then both they and the lawn will recover once the weather cools down and rain arrives. It's certainly highlighted to me, especially given the likelihood that global warming and over-development will exacerbate the shortage of resources, that we should all try to harvest as much of our rain water as possible. The simplest way to achieve this is by installing water butts, or any rain collection system, onto all of the down pipes from our roofs, both of homes, sheds, garages and any other outbuildings/ Help conserve water by placing a bowl or bucket in the sink and shower to help capture some of the water that would normally run away, use this to water your plants, they don't mind if it's a bit soapy etc. – they will welcome being watered !!

As the summer starts to fade, the colours of late summer turn to the rich deep colours as if in tune with the leaves as they start to turn to their autumn colours. With Dahlia, Rudbeckia, Helenium, Canna and Achillea all flowering away, the garden takes on a new vibrancy, and with regular dead-heading these should all continue to flower right through until the first frosts. Make sure you are also deadheading any annuals that are flowering as this will encourage them to continue to flower through until autumn as well.

In the vegetable garden summer and autumn are times of great harvest, with tomatoes, beans, cucumbers, squashes and salads all continuing to produce. Making sure you regularly harvest your crops will also keep them wanting to produce more. Keeping them fed and watered, even more so in the dry conditions, will also encourage them to keep cropping. You can continue to sow quick cropping salads into September too, as well as Coriander, Rocket and Pak Choi which all prefer slightly cooler temperatures. Planting out of Spring Cabbages should also be done promptly, to give them time to establish before the winter sets in, and to hopefully give a good crop when Spring arrives. Early autumn is the final opportunity for pruning back Cherry and Plum trees, and for any summer pruning to remove water shoots from Apples and Pears

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- Keep weeding – if the ground is hard then still remove the tops as it will help control the spread.
- Start thinking about spring bulbs – they will soon be available.
- Continue to water vigilantly – pots and baskets will dry out quickly in both warm and windy weather so will need watering every day.
- Keep bird feeders and baths topped up as the dry weather will have meant food and water are in short supply.
- Resume mowing only once the lawn has recovered from the dry and is in active growth – until then, keeping edges trimmed will keep it looking neat.



# Wouldham Allotments

## OPEN DAY

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

**1pm – 4pm**

Relax together and  
join us for some  
yoga

Plot sign  
Competition  
Raffle

Scarecrow craft

Plant sale

Refreshments

Ice cream

Van



**Grand opening of our community well-being garden**



Near 61 Oldfield Drive,  
Wouldham, ME1 3GP



**FIND US ON FACEBOOK!**  
Wouldham Village Allotments

Please Park at Wouldham Rec carpark. Spaces reserved for disabled parking and stall holders at the allotments. Contact if you are interested in entering the competition or a stall email – [Wouldham.allotment@outlook.com](mailto:Wouldham.allotment@outlook.com)

## Wouldham Football Club 1960 – 1961 (part 2)

By mid-October 1960 Wouldham Football Club were in fourth place of the Maidstone & District Football League's Premier Division, and were hoping to regain the league title, which had been won by Snodland – the rivals from across the river. Wouldham had won three and lost one in their opening league matches, and now faced their first real test: a trip across the Medway to play the reigning champions.

This match was played on Saturday 22 October 1960 and can be rightly billed as the heavyweight clash between the two biggest clubs in the Maidstone League. Snodland were defending champions, and Wouldham, as well as being last season's runners-up had been Maidstone League Champions in 1958-59 – before being dethroned by Snodland. In what must have been an exciting match at the Snodland Rec, Wouldham returned home the beaten team following a 3-2 win for Snodland, a result that meant Wouldham dropped to fifth place in the table, while Snodland moved into third.

After this defeat, as the autumn of 1960 progressed, Wouldham's fortunes improved and the team won all their remaining games of that year. (In fact Wouldham would remain unbeaten until February 1961). Their first win in this run of excellent results came in the Kent Junior Cup, as Wouldham defeated Sevenoaks 2-1 on Saturday 5 November. This victory was followed by a win in the league, as Wouldham defeated Maidstone 'A' 5-4 on Saturday 19 November.

The following Saturday brought a return to knock-out football, this time in the Maidstone League's Challenge Cup 'A' tournament, as Wouldham thrashed Barming United 10-0 in a second round tie. The next match was back in the Premier Division, and on Saturday 31 December Wouldham finished the calendar year with a fine win, this time beating Medway Sacks 4-0 in an away match. Despite these wins, the other top teams in the division had also been picking up points, so Wouldham remained in fifth place in the table, with a record of five wins from seven games.

After celebrating New Year's Eve (and without a day off to recuperate – New Year's Day would not become a Bank holiday until 1971) Wouldham had three home matches to look forward to in January:

7 January 1961    Maidstone Centrals                      (home) Challenge Cup 'A' Round 3

21 January 1961    Reeds Medway Sacks (home)              Premier Division Maidstone League

28 January 1961    Snodland    (home) Kent Junior Cup Semi Final



By Neil Miners

INTERESTED IN TAKING ON AN ALLOTMENT?

PLEASE CONTACT

[wouldham.allotment@outlook.com](mailto:wouldham.allotment@outlook.com)

FOR MORE DETAILS.

or find us on Facebook.

Wouldham Allotment Association



*Grow your  
own fruit and vegetables*



## Wouldham Walk

Tonbridge & Malling health walks are free, fun and friendly - 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.



**ONE YOU KENT**



Visit: [tmhc.gov.uk/community/health-one/3](http://tmhc.gov.uk/community/health-one/3)

Email: [healthy.living@tmhc.gov.uk](mailto:healthy.living@tmhc.gov.uk)



## Guided group walks – 2025



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.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk](http://www.tonbridgeandmallingeramblers.org.uk).

# WOULDHAM & BURHAM COMMUNITY GROUPS & CLUBS

## 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.

Bell Ringing All Saints Church, Wouldham 8pm Wednesdays. New ringers welcome. Please do get in touch if you are interested. Contact Rev Nicky Rawlins 07964697556.

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.

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. Welcome all over 60. We have a weekly quiz (brain training). Subs £2.50 per week plus £1 for 2 games of Bingo (cash prizes) and 50p for raffle. Free cakes and 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.

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](http://Girlguiding.org.uk) Or if you would be interested in volunteering then please contact Ashley Crowdey, 07852485291 Email: wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com

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?

Line Dancing Every Friday at Wouldham Village Hall, 5-6pm. Beginning and intermediate dancers are welcome to join our adult fun classes. Pop in anytime and get a dose of positive vibes with us!

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

Speedwatch Interested in joining Kent Community Speedwatch? Register here: [www.communityspeedwatch.org](http://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](mailto:clerk@wouldham-pc.gov.uk) to book a course.



A new Community Bridge website has been launched to help residents be able to find new local groups & activities to attend.

Please visit [www.communitybridge.co.uk](http://www.communitybridge.co.uk)

The new website lists almost 200 local groups and organisations, which can be searched by village or activity. For example, 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.



You're invited to our

# Celebrating the Proms

EVENT

**Saturday, 23rd August • from 6pm**

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**For further information, please get in touch with our friendly team.**

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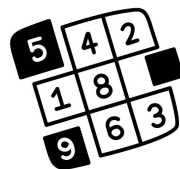
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**Kent Libraries**

## MOBILE LIBRARY DATES & LOCATIONS

**5TH & 19TH AUGUST 2025**

**2ND, 16TH & 30TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

### 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>

# WOULDHAM HISTORY

## The Waterman's Arms



**Address:** 151 High Street, Wouldham, ME1 3TY

Tucked along High Street in Wouldham, The Waterman's Arms isn't just another pub; it's a living piece of local history. While its name might conjure images of tranquil river life, this pub's legacy runs far deeper, intertwining with the very fabric of the village.

The Waterman's Arms first appears in official records around 1845, with William Langford noted as its landlord. Fast forward to 1910, and the original structure was completely replaced by the impressive brick building we see today. It was during this demolition that a fascinating secret came to light: a hidden double roof space, or "smuggler's loft," clearly designed for stashing illicit spirits. This discovery cemented the pub's clandestine past, hinting at a time when contraband flowed as freely as the Medway River.

In its early days, The Waterman's Arms was a vital hub for the local workforce, serving river workers and lime-kiln labourers. The property even boasted a stable block and a large beer garden to its south, though these have since made way for terraced homes. Despite these modern changes, the core of the building remains largely as it was after its 1910 rebuild.

After the Langford era, the pub was stewarded by the Baker family for three generations, guiding it well into the 20th century. Wouldham's High Street once buzzed with up to six pubs, including the now-closed Black Robin, Rose & Crown, Dog & Partridge, and Forester's Arms. Today, The Waterman's Arms is one of only two still standing, alongside the Medway Inn, a true survivor.

Now proudly owned by Shepherd Neame and run by two wonderful villagers, The Waterman's Arms continues to be a vibrant community hub. It's the place to go for real ale, family-friendly meals, lively quizzes, live music, and a welcoming beer garden.

Whether you're captivated by its Edwardian architecture, the lively pub atmosphere, or the intriguing tales of its smuggling past, The Waterman's Arms is a place brimming with stories—and well worth a visit for a drink and a chat.



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## Eating and Drinking

The Watermans Arms, Wouldham.  
Tel. 01634 681830  
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.



# HALL HIRE



## Wouldham Village Hall

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](mailto:WouldhamVillageHall@gmail.com).

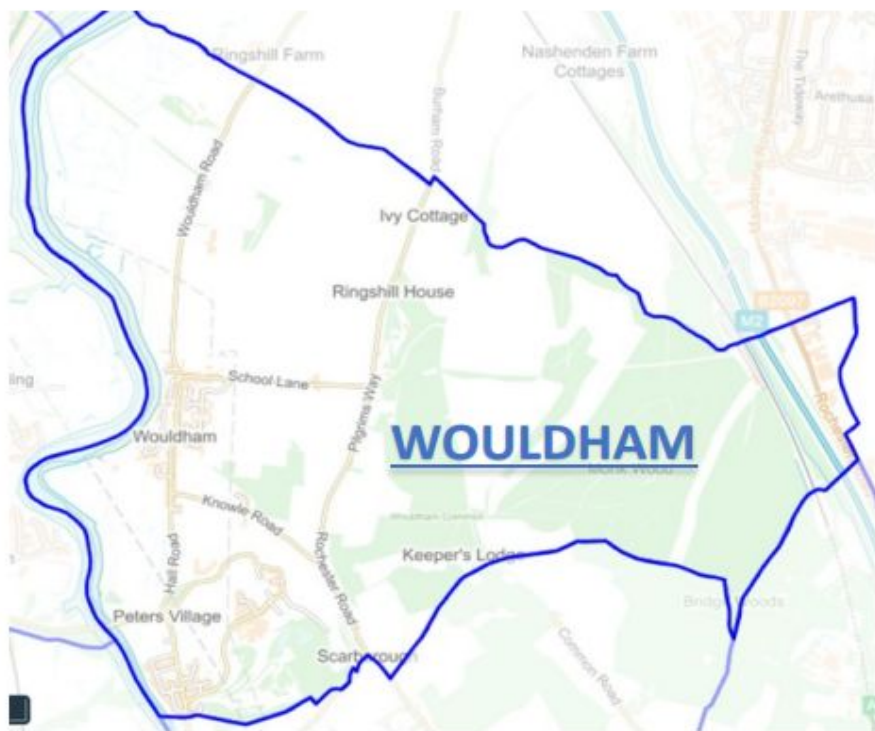
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