

# WOULDHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

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or 999 (emergency)

NHS 111: For urgent medical help,  
call 111 or visit [111.nhs.uk](http://111.nhs.uk)



## 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)

Fly Tipping:  
[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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- Wouldham Parish Council
- Keep Wouldham Connected
- Wouldham Youth & Community Information
- Peters Village Connect





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# What's On in Wouldham?


## Mondays

-  **Craft & Chatter Club** – 1st & 3rd Mondays 10-12pm, Wouldham Village Hall. See page 6 for details
-  **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 for details
-  **Over 60s Club** – 2:00-4:00pm, Watermans Arms
-  **Jelly Tots Toddler Group** – 9:30-11:00am, Village Hall (*term time only*)
-  **Youth Club (11-16 yrs)** – 5:30-7:15pm Village Hall (*members only, term time*) See page 10 for details




## Wednesdays

-  **Wouldham Walk** – 10:30am, Meet at the Village Car Park. See page 17 for details


## Thursdays

-  **Youth Club (8 yrs – Year 6)** – 6:00-7:15pm, Wouldham All Saints School (*members only, term time*) See page 10 for details
-  **Church Choir Practice** – 7:30pm
-  **Winchester House Toddler Group** – 10:30am, Last Thursday of the month. See page 6 for details

## Fridays

-  **Little Lights Toddler Group** – 9:15am, All Saints Church (*term time only*)
-  **Wouldham Coffee Mornings** – 10:00am-12:00pm, Village Hall (*fortnightly*)
-  **All Saints Church Community Coffee Morning** – Last Friday of the month, 10:45am-12:00pm

## Sundays

-  **Touch Rugby** – 10:00am, Wouldham Recreation Ground

# All Saints Church Wouldham Services and Activities

## All Saints Church Wouldham

Service pattern from October 2025

1 st Sundays 8-30 am Holy Communion

10-30am All Age Service

2 nd Sundays 10-30am Parish Communion

3 rd Sundays 10-30am Parish Communion

4 th Sundays 10-30am Parish Communion

5 th Sundays 10-30am Parish Communion

Little Lights Toddler Church Fridays term time 9-30am to 11am.

Church community coffee morning Last Friday month.

10-45am -12 midday. Everyone welcome

Burham Community Centre

Joint service with Methodist Community on

3rd Sundays 3pm Café Service

## What's happening ?

7 th September Cream Teas 2pm -4-15pm.

20 th September 2pm Talk by Phillip Badman on History and Architecture of All Saints. Refreshments available.

21 st September Café Church 3pm Burham Community Centre

21 st September 2pm Talk by Phillip Badman on History and architecture of St Mary's Church at St Mary's Burham.

26 th September. We will be joining Winchester House for Macmillan Coffee Morning.

5 th October Harvest Celebration at 10-30am Service

Donation of tinned and dry goods appreciated.

Soup and Pudding lunch follows with any donations collected for Poverty and Hope Appeal.

November 29 th 7pm The Peninsula Band return with a medley of tunes to get us in the mood for Christmas

Entry £10 pay on the door.

See notice boards for further Christmas events

All services and activities can be found on our Website



## News from All Saints, Wouldham

Goodness – Summer has ended quickly hasn't it. Sometimes summer seems to linger on into September and October, but the Autumn winds and rains seem to have kicked in very early this year. As I drive around the parish, I can see the trees losing their leaves already.

So as Autumn progresses on, we are looking towards everything that will be happening at All Saints in the next few months. On 5<sup>th</sup> October, we will be having our Harvest Festival service. This is at 10.30am. The church will be decorated and we gather together to celebrate the work that our farmers do in growing our food, to give thanks for what we have and to give food and other gifts in order to support all those who struggle. We donate everything we are given to the local Foodbank and everybody is welcome to come and join us for this celebration.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> November, we will have our Remembrance Day Service in Church. The service starts at 10.30am and we will then process out to the Lych Gate where our Act of Remembrance will take place. All are welcome at this service as we gather together to remember all those from Wouldham and the surrounding area who gave their lives in the Wars of the last century.

And the life of the church continues as it always does. We are slightly changing our pattern of service. In the past, the All-Age Service was celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month, but as of October, our All-Age Service will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday. There will be an 8.30am Holy Communion Service and then a more informal service at 10.30am.

Café Church continues to thrive. This takes place at 3pm on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at the Burham Old School Community Centre. It is a very informal service with cake – we always have cake – and is an opportunity to think a little about our lives and our world, to sing and to pray. We would love to see you there.

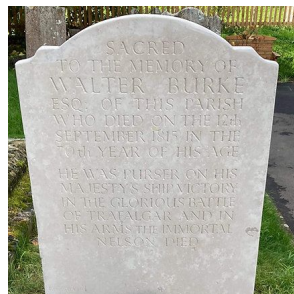
And finally on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, All Saints Church celebrates its patronal festival. We give thanks for our church and for all it has meant in this community over the years.

A busy Autumn and we look forward to welcoming you whenever you can visit us.

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



# Trafalgar Day and Wouldham's Lasting Connection Through Walter Burke



Every year on **21st October**, people across Britain remember the **Battle of Trafalgar**, when Admiral Nelson led the Royal Navy to a famous victory in 1805. In Wouldham, Trafalgar Day is especially meaningful because of our village's link to **Walter Burke**, a long-standing resident of the village and a direct witness to Admiral Lord Nelson's final moments.

At Trafalgar he was the **purser** (in charge of supplies and money) on board Nelson's flagship, **HMS Victory**. He was 60 years old at the time, the oldest officer on board.

Unlike Nelson, Burke survived the battle and returned to Wouldham and lived at two local residences until his death in 1815 at the age of 79—**Purser Place** and **Burke House**. Although both were eventually dismantled, their materials were transported to Maresfield in East Sussex, where a new house was built in 1937 and given the name *Purser Place* to preserve the connection.

Wouldham Church also keeps part of his story alive: two large shell cases that once stood at the gates of Burke House—believed to be relics from HMS Victory—are now placed beneath the window of **All Saints Church**. His life and story give our village a lasting connection to one of the greatest naval battles in history.

Burke's gravestone in **All Saints Churchyard** carries a powerful inscription:

*"He was Purser on His Majesty's Ship Victory in the glorious Battle of Trafalgar, and in his arms the immortal Nelson died."*

For over **100 years**, pupils from **Wouldham All Saints Primary School** have marked Trafalgar Day by walking to the church to lay flowers on Burke's grave. This tradition reminds each new generation that history is not just something far away—it is part of our own village story.

INTERESTED IN TAKING ON AN ALLOTMENT?

PLEASE CONTACT

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More information  [wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com](mailto: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!*

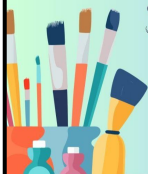
AUTUMN/WINTER

2025 DATES:

OCT 6TH/20TH

NOV 3RD/17TH

DEC 1ST/15TH



## 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!



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# WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2025**

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

Our last meeting was on the 2nd Sept, 2025. Minutes etc will be on our website on approval. The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 7th October, 2025 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 (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

**For further information or to sign up to any of these courses, please contact:**

**[clerk@wouldham-pc.gov.uk](mailto: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.

**SO, WATCH YOUR SPEED! If you would like to join this group please register on:**

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

## **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-lookafter/roads/potholes>**

Water leaks can be reported to: **[www.southeastwater.co.uk](http://www.southeastwater.co.uk)**

## **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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## **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.

## **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>

## **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).

Flyers - if you are posting flyers for an event around the village and on lampposts, please make sure these are removed promptly after the event.

## **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

# AUTUMN CRAFTS

## Make Your Own Leaf Lantern



As the evenings draw in, there's nothing lovelier than a warm glow on the windowsill or table. This simple craft uses autumn leaves to create a beautiful lantern—perfect for cosy evenings or as a seasonal decoration.

You will need:

- A clean glass jar (jam jars or coffee jars work well)
- Autumn leaves (freshly fallen, not too dry or crumbly)
- PVA glue (or Mod Podge if you have it)
- A paintbrush or sponge brush
- String or ribbon (optional, for decoration)
- A tealight candle (real or battery-operated)

Instructions:

1. Gather your leaves. Choose ones with bright colours—reds, oranges, yellows and browns all work well. Try pressing them between sheets of kitchen paper for a day if they're very curly.
2. Prepare your jar. Wash and dry it thoroughly, removing any labels.
3. Apply the glue. Brush a thin layer of glue directly onto the glass.
4. Add the leaves. Press your leaves onto the glued surface, smoothing them gently with your fingers. Overlap them slightly to cover the glass.
5. Seal it. Once the jar is covered, brush another thin coat of glue over the leaves to help them stick and last longer.
6. Decorate. Tie string, raffia or ribbon around the rim for a rustic touch.
7. Add your light. Place a tealight inside—battery candles are safest, especially if children are involved.

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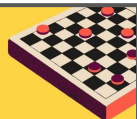
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**TUESDAYS**

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## **Volunteers Needed to Support Wouldham Families**

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 pre-schoolers, trips to the park or helping parents to organise things in the home.

Last year the charity supported 108 families and wants to recruit more volunteers who can cover Wouldham, Larkfield and Snodland. All volunteers receive free training, the chance to develop new skills, meet new people and have fun. Stephanie, who has been volunteering with us since September, says: "It's been really rewarding to work with families. I'm using all the skills I gained with my own children and love playing games and going out for trips to the park. But it's also great to support to parents going through a hard time by just being there to listen. I look forward to my visits as much as the mum I'm supporting!"

The next training course will be early November.

To find out more and apply, please contact scheme manager Sarah Jarvis at [contact@home-startswk.org.uk](mailto:contact@home-startswk.org.uk) or visit [www.home-startswk.org.uk/volunteer](http://www.home-startswk.org.uk/volunteer)

## October/November in Your Garden

*'I hope I can be the Autumn leaf, who looked at the sky and lived. And when it was time to leave, gracefully it knew life was a gift.'*

What a difference a month can make. It seems as though we have gone from the arid heat of summer through to monsoons heralding the start of autumn. The grass has now recovered and is back into the regular routine of cutting until the temperatures drop and the days shorten at the end of the month to allow it to rest over winter.

Whilst the weather is still mild, Aster, Echinacea, Rudbeckia, Roses and Dahlia are still blooming, and will continue until the first frosts, October is a time when the garden begins to fade and summer blooms that have finished flowering can now be cut back and added to the compost heap – although do leave some in-situ to create hibernation stations for our beneficial insects, these can then be cut back in spring. Collect seeds from your annuals and perennials such as Aquilegia, Sweet William and Lavender for sowing in early spring to create additional plants for free. Trim hedges by the end of Nov to tidy them ready for winter, and also to do an autumn feed treatment on the lawn and cut/trim the edges as this will help to keep them looking neat over winter. As the leaves change through their glorious autumn colours before falling to the ground, sweep them up and gather into heaps or sacks as these can be mulched down to be used as a soil conditioner. It's also a good time to plant any evergreen shrubs and bare root trees, as long as the soil is still warm, the roots will quickly settle in and establish in the warm moist soil.

In the vegetable garden, autumn is a great time of harvesting and preserving. Preserves and pickles have long been used as the method for storing fruits and vegetables for use through the winter seasons. Blackberries, plums and loganberries can be made into jam, apples and pears can be peeled and cored and frozen for use in crumbles, beetroot, chillies and cucumbers can be pickled to be used with salads or sandwiches, carrots, cauliflower, fennel courgettes and beans can all be made into piccalilli, tomatoes, chillies, courgettes, squashes and sweetcorn can also be frozen either raw or cooked ready for use in soups and sauces through winter. Or if you prefer, many soft and stone fruits can also be preserved in gin, vodka or rum to make a warming winter tipple.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- Plant out spring bulbs in gaps in the borders – Crocus, Narcissus, Bluebells, Aconites and Camassia will all provide early colour.
- Continue to water pots and baskets through until the frosts as they will still dry out quickly on warm days.
- Keep an eye on overnight temperatures, and if frost is forecast protect tender plants or bring inside if cold weather persists.
- Clean and tidy sheds and greenhouses ready for winter storage and in preparation of starting spring sowings in the new year.



# e-scooters – know the law

## What you need to know

e-scooters are classed as Personal Light Electric Vehicles (PLEVs), which means they are treated as motor vehicles and subject to the same legal requirements, such as driving licence, insurance, number plates, lighting, road tax, crash helmets etc.

**Without these, e-scooters cannot be used legally on the road.**

The Government is currently trialling the use of approved rental e-scooters as environmentally friendly modes of transport in some specific locations in the UK.

For the rest of the country, under current law, e-scooters can only be used on private land.



## What should I do now?

It's our priority to keep you and other road users safe. We are obliged to take action against anyone who is caught repeatedly using an e-scooter illegally or in a way that causes a nuisance to others. In these circumstances we have the power to seize the e-scooter under Section 59 of the Police Reform Act/165 of the Road Traffic Act – and we'd really prefer not to.

**Please make sure you only use your e scooter on private land.**

For more information about powered transporters and the law, visit [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)



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## Wouldham Football Club 1960 – 1961 (part 3)

January 1961 opened with Wouldham FC in sixth place in the Premier Division of the Maidstone & District Football League, with a record of five wins and two defeats from their first seven league matches. Wouldham were also still involved in the League's Challenge Cup 'A' competition and the Kent Junior Cup, so the New Year began with plenty of local optimism, especially as 1960 had finished with a fine run of results for Wouldham, the highlight being a 10-0 win over Barming United in the Challenge Cup.

This competition provided Wouldham with its first game in 1961, as Saturday 7 January brought the visit of Maidstone Centrals FC to Wouldham Rec for a third round tie. Wouldham's outstanding form in knock-out football continued with a 7-0 victory, which secured a semi-final against rivals Snodland. This match would be the season's second semi-final against Snodland, as Wouldham had already reached the semi of the Kent Junior Cup, a game to be played against Snodland on 28 January.

A week before this first semi-final against Snodland, Wouldham were back in Maidstone League action, and gained another two points with a 4-1 win against Reeds Medway Sacks at the Rec. This win moved Wouldham to fifth in the table and continued to close the gap on Snodland who were top of the division, and must have increased the anticipation for the next instalment of the Wouldham-Snodland football rivalry prior to the Kent Junior Cup semi-final. Both clubs were in an excellent run of form: following Wouldham's 3-2 defeat to Snodland in the league in October 1960, they had won all their games since, while Snodland (in the same period) had won nine and drawn two. This was a semi-final between two football clubs unaccustomed to losing. However by the full-time whistle at the Rec, it was Wouldham who celebrated progression to the Kent Junior Cup final following a 5-1 victory.

After knocking Snodland out of one cup competition, Wouldham could now turn their attention to reducing Snodland's lead of seven points in the Premier Division table. February promised to be an exciting month, with two league fixtures (one another clash with Snodland) and the cup final:

11 February 1961 Coombe Estate (away) Premier Division, Maidstone League

18 February 1961 Borough Green (Eccles\*) Kent Junior Cup Final

25 February 1961 Snodland (home) Premier Division, Maidstone League

\*neutral venue

Neil Miners





## 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



### 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.

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



## COMMUNITY BRIDGE

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.

### 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.



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

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

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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@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:burhamwouldham@wkwfi.org.uk)



## BURHAM & WOULDHAM WI

### POPPIES AND CHOCOLATE, QUIZZES AND YOGA!



So here we are already, days shortening, picking apples and blackberries and making back to school shopping lists. But it's also a time to relish new interests, meet new people and catch up with friends. Here at the WI we have an interesting programme of events and talks at our main meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of the month from 7.30 pm in Burham Village Hall.

In October, we have Catherine Hook coming to talk to us about All Things Sloe Gin and Chocolate (with samples, I hope), in November a yoga based stress buster session with Jeni Campbell from Inspired in Life and then we'll have a Christmas entertainment in December. Each meeting will also cover some wider WI business: maybe a discussion about the latest campaign and what we can do to support it locally: this year it's Bystanders can be Lifesavers. Or we'll be planning an event or choosing our speaker topics for next year. But we have lots of other things going on too.....

At the moment we're in the middle of a project to make poppies for the Burham Remembrance display this year and find getting together over the needles a great way to pick up new techniques and ideas. Upcoming poppy making dates are 13th October and 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 2pm at the Old School Community Centre in Burham. We have a team at the Windmill monthly quiz and sometimes we even win! We have regular whist mornings, local walks and during the winter months often meet for a coffee morning or an outing to somewhere of interest. And we are planning another of our renowned Quiz Nights for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October. Look out for our posts and posters.

The wider WI offers opportunities this autumn for craft days, talks, watercolour lessons, whist challenges and a whole array of online courses on business as well as craft themes.

There is just so much going on and always a mix and match of things join in to suit your interests. Why not put aside the ironing, WhatsApp and the weeding and come along and see what we are about, get in touch and arrange to come to a meeting – we would be pleased to see you. Margaret Wood – 01622 718665 or [BurhamWouldham@wkwfi.org.uk](mailto:BurhamWouldham@wkwfi.org.uk).

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**Kent Libraries**

## **MOBILE LIBRARY DATES & LOCATIONS**

**14th & 28th OCTOBER 2025**

**11th & 25th NOVEMBER 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>

# Wild West Comes to Wouldham!

Yeehaw! The Wild West blew into Wouldham for our Summer Fair on the 30th August – and while the wind certainly made itself known, it didn't stop us from having a fantastic day.

Stall holders, entertainers and guests travelled from far and wide, filling the village with laughter, music and plenty of cowboy spirit. From rides and ponies to face painting, country tunes and even surprise visits from Spiderman and Deadpool, there really was something for everyone to enjoy.



Our cowboy hat sales and the *Booty of Booze* raffle raised over **£300 for Wouldham Youth Club**, with the big prize going home with the lovely Laura. We'd also like to give a special mention to local artist **Anthony Martin**, who, due to the wind and rain, was sadly unable to perform. In true community spirit, Anthony generously donated his performance fee to the Youth Club – thank you, Anthony!

A huge thank you also goes to our brilliant volunteers, who helped plan, set up and pack away the fair. Without their hard work and dedication, none of this would have been possible.

The sunshine may have stayed away, but the spirit of Wouldham shone bright!

## 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



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](mailto:WouldhamVillageHall@gmail.com).

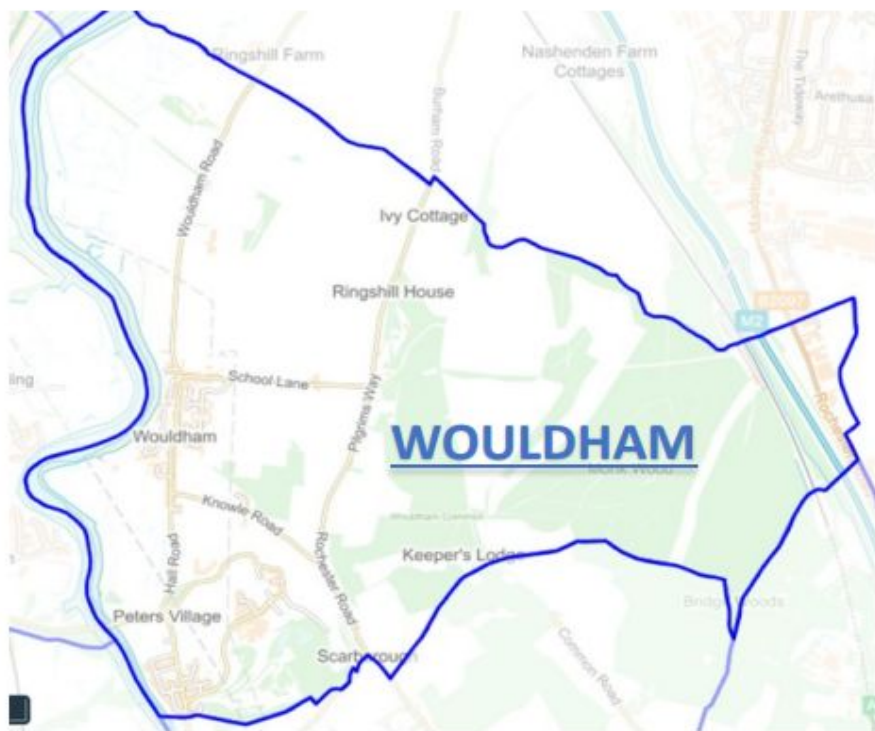
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