

Wouldham Parish Magazine

———— June - July 2026 ————



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Emergency & Support

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

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

Report It

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

Water Leaks: www.southeastwater.co.uk

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

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

TMBC Bin Collections

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/forms/waste-collection-dates>

Stay Connected on Facebook

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

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Eating and Drinking

The Watermans Arms,
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Tel. 07703 824893
Pub/Restaurant.

The Butchers Block, Burham
Tel. 01634 786626 Pub/Restaurant

The Robin Hood, Burham
Tel. 01634 861500 Pub/Restaurant

The Windmill Inn, Burham
Tel. 01634 864570
Pub/Restaurant.

Happy House Chinese, Burham
Tel. 01634 668326 Takeaway

The Medway Inn & Ruby's Indian,
Wouldham
Tel. 01634 869181
Pub/Restaurant/Takeaway

Els Coffee, Peters Village
Tel. 01643 559648 Coffee Shop

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
- Frosts Garage Burham
- 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.

Regular Weekly Groups & Activities in Wouldham

(further information on these groups can be found throughout the magazine)

<p>MONDAYS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craft & Chatter Club – Alternate Mondays 10am–12pm, Wouldham Village Hall. See page 9 for dates. • Chair Exercise – Alternate Mondays from craft club (above) 10:30am–12pm, Wouldham Village Hall.
<p>TUESDAYS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent Mobile Library (fortnightly) • Book Club – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm, Wouldham Village Hall • WI (Women’s Institute) – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm, Burham Village Hall • Over 60s Club – 2:00–4:00pm, Watermans Arms • Jelly Tots Toddler Group – 9:30–11:00am, Village Hall (<i>term time only</i>) • Youth Club (11–16 yrs) – 5:30–7:15pm, Village Hall (<i>members only, term time</i>) • Winchester House Toddler Group – 10:30am, 3rd Tuesday of the month • Allotment Wellbeing Garden – Alternate Tuesdays 10am–12pm
<p>WEDNESDAYS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wouldham Walk – 10:30am, Meet at the Village Car Park.
<p>THURSDAYS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Club (8 yrs – Year 6) – 6:00–7:15pm, Wouldham All Saints School (<i>members only, term time</i>) • Church Choir Practice – 7:30pm
<p>FRIDAYS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little Lights Toddler Group – 9:15am, All Saints Church (<i>term time only</i>) • Wouldham Coffee Mornings – 10:00am–12:00pm, Village Hall (<i>1st/3rd Friday</i>) • All Saints Church Community Coffee Morning – Last Friday of the month, 10:45am–12:00pm
<p>SUNDAYS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Touch Rugby – 10:00am, Wouldham Recreation Ground • Little Pickers litter pick – 2nd/4th Sunday Meet outside Co-op, all welcome. Equipment provided, 1–2pm.



WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL JUNE/JULY 2026

Keep up to date by visiting: www.wouldhampc.com or via Facebook
Our last meeting was on the 5 th May, 2026. Minutes etc will be on our website on approval. The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 2 nd June, 2026 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 PROJECTS

As our formal relationship with Adult Education comes to an end, we are pleased to report that community activities over the last 3 years achieved a real change to what's available in the parish if people want to get involved.

Over the last 3 years, we have had...

- 507 people signed up to courses and sessions
- 2320+ attendances
- 3 sustainable groups continuing to provide opportunities

Continuing Regular Courses/sessions

- **CHAIR EXERCISE** – to increase balance, strength, and mobility – £3./session Alternate Mondays from Craft & chatter club (see page 9 for dates) 10.30am – 12 in the Village Hall
- **CRAFT & CHATTER CLUB**: – Informal group to do your own projects or join in a community project – Donations welcome. Alternate Mondays (see page 9 for dates) 10.00am – 12 in the Village Hall
- **ART GROUP** – A friendly group to explore different art projects - Fridays, 11.30-1.30pm in Peters Village Community Centre – Donations welcome

We still have a small budget for further educational session both with the education funding and Youth & Community funding. So, if you any ideas, please speak to Ann-Marie – Y & C Worker or me.

yc_worker@wouldham-pc.gov.uk

clerk@wouldham-pc.gov.uk

SPEEDWATCH

With all the road closures etc, it is easy to get frustrated and try to catch up on your time. But what if that meant hitting a child or elderly person crossing the road. Is it worth it? PLEASE WATCH YOUR SPEED!

If you would like to join this group please register on:

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



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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>

To plan routes or see which roads are closed go to: <https://one.network>

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

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>

DEFIBRILLATORS

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

LIFEBUOYS

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

PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

DOG POO! Parks, footpaths, other people's gardens - we really need **ALL DOG OWNERS** to do their bit. **BE RESPONSIBLE**. Do you really want to be the reason someone's child or grandparent becomes ill due to touching it on shoes or bikes/prams etc?

MESSY GARDENS

Now the Spring is here, it's time to tidy your gardens. **We are still having regular complaints about properties on the High Street** which let the area down. Here are a couple of things to bear in mind...

Section 215 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

This section enables councils to serve a notice on owners or occupiers of land if its condition adversely affects the amenity of the neighbourhood. This includes gardens that are overgrown, filled with rubbish, or visually detrimental to the surrounding area.

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

Community Protection Notices (CPNs) can be issued under this act if a garden's condition contributes to anti-social behaviour. This could include persistent mess, unpleasant smells, or structures that interfere with neighbours' use of their property.



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RATS!

The breeding season for rats typically begins in late winter and early spring, with females capable of producing up to 40 offspring in a year. To prevent a rat population explosion, it is crucial to act before the breeding season begins.

Here are four practical steps to take immediately:

Look for signs of rat activity: Check for dark, tapered droppings, gnaw marks, and scratching sounds, particularly at night or in loft spaces.

Seal entry points: Rats can squeeze through gaps as small as 2cm. Check for cracks around pipes, gaps beneath doors, and holes in external brickwork.

Remove temptations: Reduce food waste, clutter, and overgrown vegetation to make your property less appealing to rats.

Call in a professional: A pest controller can identify how rats are getting in, locate nesting sites, and implement a treatment and proofing program tailored to your property.

Taking these steps early can prevent a manageable problem from becoming a serious infestation within weeks. Proofing and prevention at this stage are more cost-effective than dealing with a full infestation once breeding is underway.

FLY-TIPPING

With the increase of fly tipping in the area, the Borough Council and Police are pleased that individuals, either anonymously or in person, continue to provide information.

If fly tipped waste is blocking the public highway and may cause an accident, it should be reported urgently to Kent Highways on 03000 418181 between 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday or on 03000 419191 at all other times.

The council, environment agency and police can prosecute anyone caught fly tipping. Fines can be large - up to £50,000 or a six-month prison sentence. If convicted in a crown court the fines are unlimited. The police can also seize vehicles involved in fly tipping.

Reports can be made via: <https://www.tbmc.gov.uk/bins-waste/report-fly-tipping>
OR download <https://countryeye.co.uk/> and you can just send a picture with your GPS location.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) - SNODLAND OUTREACH

Citizens Advice runs a drop-in session in Snodland on Monday mornings from 10am – 12.30pm to offer general advice. They are working from: Snodland Town Council Offices, Waghorn Road, Snodland. ME6 5BQ:

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

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

All Saints Church Wouldham Services and Activities

Wouldham All Saints Church Wouldham and The Parish of Burham

Service pattern June to September 2026

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 Café Style Service with Holy Communion

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

Church community coffee morning last Friday of month. 10-45am -12 midday. Everyone welcome

Cream Teas All Saints Church Wouldham First Sundays of the month June to September inclusive.

2pm , last orders 4pm. 2 Homemade Scones Jam and Cream £5-50P Everyone welcome.

Burham Community Centre

Café Church A Joint service with Methodist Church on 3rd Sundays of the month at 3pm.

2 nd Friday of the month at 11am Holy Communion.

All services and activities can be found on our Website.

Usual working on Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays Tel: 01624393936

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Safeguarding officer	Mrs Helen Wells	01634 685935 hwells2@btinternet.com
Bell ringing	Rev Nicky Rawlins	07964697556
Church Treasurer	Mrs Nicky Grimes	01634 864319



News from All Saints Church

What do Christians do ...?

The Christian year is a bit strange; the first six months are fraught with festivals and busyness and the second with apparently very little going on at all.

From Advent (normally the end of November or the first couple of days in December) we move into Christmas, then Epiphany (at the beginning of January), on into Lent, Easter, Ascension, and finally Pentecost and Trinity, all of which covers about six months. After that, we are into what we call Ordinary Time when whilst we might have such happenings as Harvest and All Saints, actually there are no high festivals at all. For the clergy, the first six months of the year can feel like a rollercoaster ride as we move with speed from one festival to another, all whilst trying to keep up with the day-to-day life of the parish. So what does a Vicar do during the weeks and months after Trinity Sunday?

Well, in my case, try to catch up with the paperwork ... one of the things that never seems to go away! For another, continue with the ordinary life of the parish – that means continuing with regular prayer, leading services, visiting schools, attending governors' meetings, managing the churchyards as well as the church, undertaking baptisms, weddings and funerals, continuing with encouraging the church congregation in their Christian lives – which can mean anything, leading Bible studies, praying with people, visiting and taking communion to people unable to get to church and just generally being around as much as possible given that I work part-time.

At the May Café Church in Burham Old School Community Centre, the Rev Naomi Oates encouraged us to think about our Monday to Saturday Christian lives and I felt that this was a particularly appropriate moment to do this because being a Christian isn't just about visiting church; it's about how we live our day to day Christian lives for the rest of the time. It's about looking to Christ as the model of how we are as a community and it's about accepting and sharing the joy of Christ in all that we do.

Christmas and Easter are the high points and the exciting times in the Christian year, but in many ways the most important are actually the humdrum weeks after Trinity as we try to put into action all that we have experienced.

What do Christians do in the ordinary months of the year? Try to be Christian and if you would like to think about that or talk about it, why not join us at one of our regular services. You would be very welcome. And if you want to talk to me, please feel free to contact me.
Wishing you all a happy and enjoyable Ordinary Time.

Rev Nicky Rawlins
Priest in Charge, All Saints Church.
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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!

2026 DATES:
June - 8th & 22nd
July - 6th & 20th
August - 3rd 17th & 31st

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

If Urgent Help is Needed...

If you or someone you know needs urgent help but is in fear of being heard by the person they are frightened of or they are in a situation where they need the police but feel they can't talk out loud for fear of being heard, they can dial **999** and add **55**.



This will let the emergency operator know that someone is in need of help but may not be able to communicate with them.

IN MOST CASES



The police maybe able to track the callers telephone number and trace their whereabouts.



BUT it may not always be possible to track all mobile phone numbers and their location.



— IF THAT IS THE CASE —
please do all you can to find a friend or neighbour that you trust to help you to be free from the situation you find yourself in.



YOU ARE NOT ALONE.
Help is available. You are important.

E-scooters – are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's Illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's Illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



Kent Police

Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.
For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters
www.kent.police.uk/road-safety

June - July In Your Garden



By the time June arrives, gardens across Kent are bursting with colour, buzzing with life, and growing faster than ever! These warmer months are some of the busiest – and most rewarding – times for gardeners. Whether you have a large garden, a small patio, or just a few pots outside the door, there's plenty to enjoy and a few important jobs to keep on top of.

Watering Wisely

Longer days and warmer weather mean plants dry out quickly. Try to water early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler. This helps prevent water evaporating too quickly and gives plants time to absorb it properly. Hanging baskets, pots, and newly planted flowers may need watering daily during hot spells. Adding mulch – such as bark, compost, or grass clippings – around plants can help lock moisture into the soil and reduce weeds too.

Lawn Care

Lawns tend to grow rapidly in June and July, so regular mowing keeps them looking tidy. However, during very dry periods it's best to raise the cutting height slightly, as longer grass helps protect the lawn from drying out and turning brown.

Supporting Wildlife

Summer gardens are full of wildlife activity, and a few simple actions can make a big difference:

- Keep bird baths topped up with fresh water, especially during hot weather. Birds need water not just for drinking, but for bathing too.
- Leave shallow dishes of water for bees and insects, adding a few pebbles so they can land safely.
- Avoid using harsh pesticides where possible, as these can harm helpful pollinators.
- If you spot young birds or hedgehogs in the garden, give them space and avoid disturbing nesting areas.

Many gardeners are noticing fewer butterflies and bees than in years gone by, so every wildlife-friendly garden helps.

Flowers & Deadheading

June and July are peak flowering months for roses, geraniums, petunias, and many other summer favourites. Regular deadheading – removing faded flowers – encourages plants to keep blooming for longer. Tall plants such as delphiniums, dahlias, and sunflowers may need staking to stop them flopping over in windy weather.

Fruit & Vegetables

There's still plenty you can sow in early summer. Lettuce, radishes, beetroot, carrots, spring onions, and runner beans can all be planted now for later harvests. Herbs such as basil, parsley, and coriander also grow well during these warmer months. Strawberries should be ripening nicely by now, and tomatoes will benefit from regular feeding and watering.

Watch Out for Weeds

Warm weather and occasional rain mean weeds seem to appear overnight! A little weeding each week is far easier than tackling an overgrown patch later on. Hoeing on dry days can help weeds shrivel quickly in the sun.

Enjoy Your Garden

Most importantly, take time to enjoy the garden. June and July are wonderful months for outdoor meals, evening sunsets, listening to birdsong, or simply relaxing with a cup of tea surrounded by flowers and greenery.

Gardening doesn't have to be perfect – even a few pots of flowers or a tiny patch left for wildlife can bring colour, joy, and life to your outdoor space throughout the summer months.



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big lunch

2026



THE WOULDHAM BIG LUNCH

BRING A PICNIC. JOIN THE FUN!



WOULDHAM
RECREATION GROUND



SUNDAY
JUNE 7

12-3
PM



TUNES FROM
DJ SCOOBY



GAMES & SPORTS
EQUIPMENT
PROVIDED BY
WOULDHAM
YOUTH CLUB



ICE CREAM
VAN
WILL BE
ATTENDING



BBQ
PROVIDED BY
MAIDSTONE
SCOUTS GROUP



Come along, meet your neighbours, and enjoy great food, music, and activities.



Wouldham Craft and Chatter Mosaic Project

This vibrant three-panel mosaic is a celebration of creativity and community, lovingly brought to life by the members of Wouldham Craft and Chatter Club. The project began in December 2025 with ideas, sketches, and shared inspiration.

In January, local artist Kathleen Keefe kindly joined us to offer guidance and encouragement, helping to shape our vision. Members also shared examples from their holidays and travels, sparking ideas that influenced the final design.

Following a call-out on social media for tile donations, the response from the local community was overwhelming. Generous contributions from residents and Gordon Children's Academy in Strood, provided enough materials to bring the entire project to life.

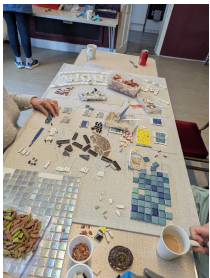
Tiling began in February, and over four months, our dedicated group met fortnightly, carefully placing each piece. What started as individual fragments gradually transformed into a cohesive artwork, built through patience, teamwork, and shared enthusiasm.

Each of the three panels tells part of Wouldham's story. One captures the character of the village, from its rows of terraced houses to its agricultural heritage, symbolised by a horse and cart. The horse, affectionately named Claude, after our member Claudia, whose hard work and talent helped bring him to life. Another panel features the Wouldham emblem, as seen on the village sign, alongside the initials of all who created the mosaic—plus those of our dear friend and craft club member, Christine Wotton, whose memory is held within this piece. The final panel reflects the natural beauty and history of the area, depicting the village church, the River Medway, and a narwhal—a nod to the remarkable event when one washed up locally in 1949, and is now displayed in London's Natural History Museum.

This project has been a true labour of love. Every participant has contributed time, care and creativity, and together we have created something we are immensely proud of. We hope this mosaic will stand proudly outside the village hall for many years to come, bringing joy to all who pass by.

Created by Mima Vicentijevic, Paula George, Tracey J Yard, Louise Martin, Deborah Sorrell, Ann-Marie Church, Michelle Instance, Gill Saunders, Caroline Collier-Ward, Margaret Allen, Ashley Crowdey & Claudia Starbuck.

Grand unveiling date to be confirmed but please do keep an eye on facebook updates and join us to celebrate.



SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL FOOD BANK



We're supporting All Saints Church Wouldham in their collection for the Food Bank at the East Malling Centre. If you'd like to get involved we're accepting tinned food donations, just drop them. at our home and we'll do the rest!

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



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WOULDHAM
**LITTLE LIGHTS
TODDLER GROUP
FRIDAY**
EVERY WEEK IN TERM
TIME

**0-5
YEARS**

**9:15
TILL
10:30
AM**

A Morning Full of Fun
All Saints Church, Wouldham, ME1 3TD

Come along and enjoy a morning of crafts, toys, stories and songs!
Free tea, coffee & Biscuits
Suggested donation £1 per family

TODDLER GROUP

Winchester House Care Home

Every 3rd Tuesday Of The Month

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

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



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



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Love Walking? Come and Join Us!

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

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

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

New Members Welcome!

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

Join Us Today!

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www.tonbridgeandmallingramblers.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: douglas@gundulf.org.uk 01634 683096

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

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

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

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

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

Girlguiding Rainbows (age 4 to 7) Brownies (age 7 to 10) Guides (age 10 to 14) Spaces available. If interested please register at Girlguiding.org.uk Or if you would be interested in volunteering then please contact Ashley Crowdey, 07852485291 Email: wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com

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

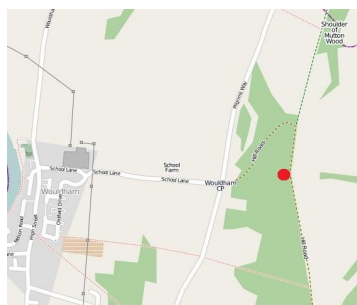
Speedwatch Interested in joining Kent Community Speedwatch? Register here: www.communityspeedwatch.org. Always looking for new members to join our team.

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

Free Courses - Contact clerk@wouldham-pc.gov.uk to book a course.



Nestled on the edge of the North Downs, Wouldham Common is one of the village's hidden treasures and a wonderful place for a peaceful countryside walk.



From the top of School Lane at its junction with Pilgrims Way, follow Hill Road eastwards to the top of the hill, where the Common can be found on the right-hand side, offering open green space, fresh air, and beautiful panoramic views across the surrounding Kent landscape.

There is also another lovely way to reach the Common. By taking the pathway to the left of the Wouldham Allotments and following the route up through the fields, and up the steep set of steps (red dotted line on map).

The walk towards the Common gently leaves the village behind and opens out into the quiet countryside, making it perfect for walkers, dog owners, and families wanting to enjoy a little time outdoors. The route provides fantastic views back across the village and surrounding farmland, offering a peaceful walk that truly showcases the beauty of the local area and gives visitors a chance to enjoy nature at a slower pace. Along the way, you are treated to rolling hills, hedgerows alive with birdsong, and sweeping views that change beautifully with the seasons. In spring and summer, the area is filled with wildflowers and butterflies, while autumn brings golden colours across the fields and woodland edges.

The Common itself is a haven for wildlife. Birds can often be heard singing, while butterflies, bees, and other pollinators thrive among the grasses and wild plants. On quieter days, you may even spot rabbits or birds of prey soaring overhead. It is the kind of place where people naturally slow down, pause for a moment, and appreciate the simple beauty of the outdoors.

If you follow this route, you can reach The Robin Hood Pub, which is always a welcome place to stop and rest before heading home.

In today's busy world, places like Wouldham Common are increasingly important. They provide space to walk, exercise, relax, and reconnect with nature, all right on our doorstep. Whether you approach from Hill Road or take the footpath beside the allotments, a visit to Wouldham Common is always rewarding — a chance to enjoy some of the finest countryside views our village has to offer.



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

Please visit www.communitybridge.co.uk

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

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



Kent Libraries

MOBILE LIBRARY DATES & LOCATIONS

9 and 23 June

7 and 21 July

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>

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Support local families in need

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Are you passionate about supporting families with young children? Come and join our team at Home Start South West Kent helping parents with children under 5 who are finding life tough.

Our volunteers, who are all parents themselves, providing a listening ear, compassion and practical help at home and getting out and about.

We always need people who can cover the Wouldham, Larkfield and Snodland areas so if you are have parenting experience and can spare a couple of hours a week we'd love to hear from you!

Our next training course is in June and is run regularly throughout the year.

To find out more, please contact scheme manager Sarah Jarvis at contact@home-startswk.org.uk or visit www.home-startswk.org.uk/volunteer

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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Email: healthy.living@tmbc.gov.uk

BURHAM & WOULDHAM WI

Hello! Before I tell you about what we've got lined up over the summer, I want to publicly thank all those who helped us put on our April **Bystanders can be Lifesavers** event.

We were grateful for Andrew Kennedy's backing for our grant application to KCC and to Mark Jones at Peters Village Co-op for a donation as well as the ongoing support from the Old School Community Centre committee. Thank you as well to all those people, including the Parish Councils, who put up posters and spread the word. Of course, we could not have held it all without the lovely St John's volunteers who shared their expertise and weekend so willingly. And, of course, thank you to all who came along – we hope you've gained confidence in CPR skills– while hoping you don't need them too often!!

As usual, the WI has a lot coming up. We will be continuing our Craft and Conversation afternoons in the Community Centre on the first Monday of the month from 2pm-4pm throughout the summer. The sessions are open to anyone who wants to pop in, have a cuppa and a chat, show off crafting skills and learn new things.

Most of our meetings are open to any woman who wants to come along as a visitor, either to see what we are about or listen to our speaker (although we do reserve our birthday and Christmas meetings to pre-invited guests). On Tuesday 16th June at 7.30pm in Burham Village Hall, Chris O'Donoghue is coming to talk about Great Dixter. If you want to pick up hints for your flower borders, this is a talk for you. Let us know if you plan to come and we'll look out for you and give you a front row seat.

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We continue our regular walks on the last Wednesday morning of the month when anyone is welcome to join us and you'll find us at the monthly quiz at the Windmill in Burham. We're planning an outing towards the end of June and although we do not have a regular meeting in August we will make sure we get together over the summer. Meanwhile West Kent Federation is offering watersports in June in Maidstone and a July day of talks and demonstrations in Sevenoaks.

The WI offers company, friendship and a warm welcome to find out more contact Margaret Wood on BurhamWouldham@wkwfi.org.uk or 01622 718665 for more information.

Wouldham Football Club 1960 – 1961 (part 7)



By mid-April 1961 Wouldham Football Club were in a strong position to achieve the double in the Maidstone & District Football League – winning the Premier Division and Challenge Cup 'A'. The possibility of Wouldham achieving this feat had been growing during the final weeks of the season, and the Kent Messenger had reminded its readers on Friday 24 March that the double had only been 'accomplished by two clubs, Barming United in 1947-48 and Eccles in 1948-49.' The following weeks would tell if Wouldham Football Club could write its own place in the history of the Maidstone League.

In the Premier Division Wouldham's 3-1 win against Len Social on Saturday 15 April moved them to 27 points in the league, four points behind the leaders – and local rivals for the title – Snodland. However, Wouldham had four games in hand over Snodland meaning that Wouldham needed to win their remaining six games to become league champions. And in the week commencing Monday 17 April Wouldham reduced the points gap to just two following a 3-2 win. Unfortunately, at the time of writing the opponents in this game are unrecorded.

The opponents for the Challenge Cup 'A' final on Thursday 20 April are recorded, and under the floodlights of Maidstone United's Athletic Ground, Wouldham secured the first part of the double, as they defeated Hadlow 5-1 to lift their first silverware of the season – the Challenge Cup 'A'.

Unfortunately for Hadlow, they were to face Wouldham again just two days after their cup final disappointment as the two teams met again for a league game on Saturday 22 April. Wouldham again proved their superiority, this time with a 6-1 win, which moved them to 31 points. The gap now with leaders Snodland was reduced to two points.

Snodland concluded their league campaign three days later with an evening game against Tovil & Bridge Mill on Tuesday 25 April, when Snodland collected a further two points after a 4-0 win. With Snodland's early conclusion to the season Wouldham now had a target – they needed to surpass Snodland's 35 points.

The first game ended in a 'big shock' as the KM reported on Friday 5 May that Wouldham had 'crashed to an unexpected defeat to Marden' who were themselves 'fighting desperately against relegation'. This setback was followed with a mid-week game against Eccles (double winners in 1948-49) when Wouldham put themselves back on track with an 8-1 victory. Therefore, the Kent Messenger was able to set the scene for the away game at Barming – another evening kick-off on Friday 5 May against the other former double-winning club – by anticipating 'the biggest crowd of the season' to attend the match because the stakes were equally high for Barming United who faced the very real prospect of relegation to Division 1, a prospect lamented by the KM as a 'tragedy ... for a team which not so long ago was the pride of the Maidstone League.' At full-time on Friday evening Wouldham had secured the two points that meant they equalled Snodland's 35 points, and a superior goal average moved Wouldham above Snodland into first place with a game in hand. The new champions concluded the 1960-61 season with a win against Marden on Saturday 6 May, at the Wouldham Rec. (Unfortunately at the time of writing the exact scores of these two final victories are unrecorded.) When the final whistle at the Rec concluded the 1960-61 season, it was Wouldham who were the 'pride of the Maidstone League' having secured the League and Cup double. The final table was published in the KM on Friday 12 May and records Wouldham as champions and Snodland as runners-up:

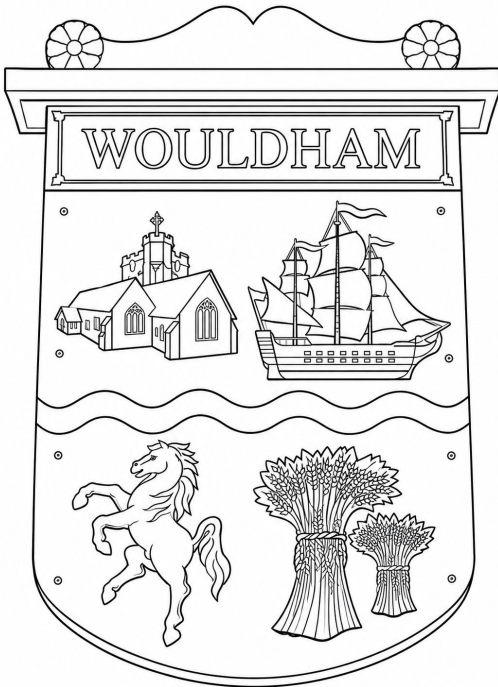
Maidstone & District Football League, Premier Division, Final Table 1960-61

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2	Snodland	22	16	3	3	63	31	35

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A palm tree!

How do we know that the ocean is friendly?
It waves!

What part of the fish weighs the most?
The scales.

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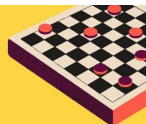
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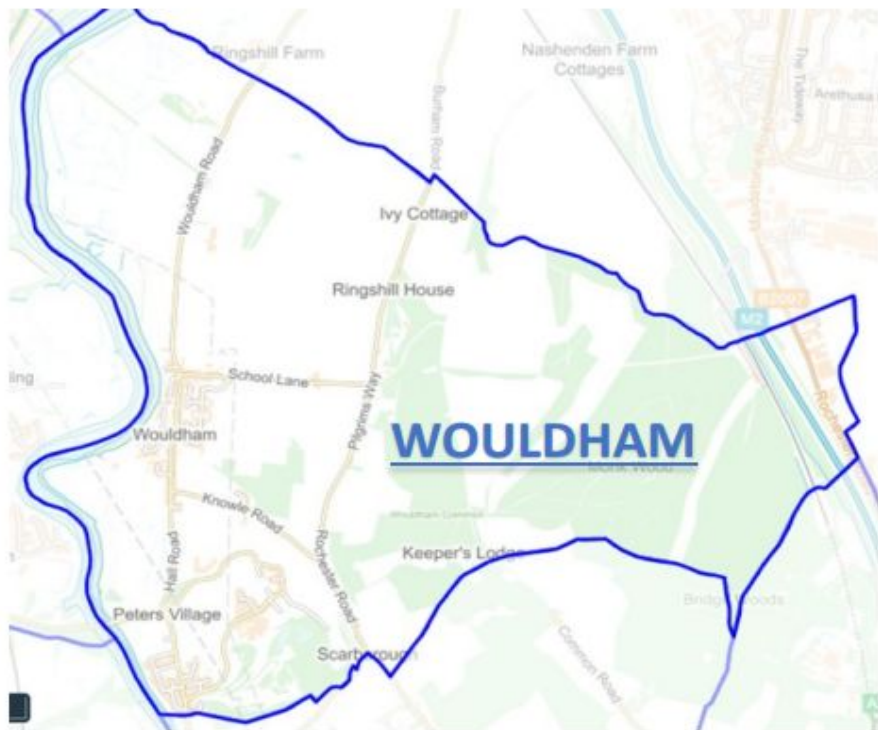
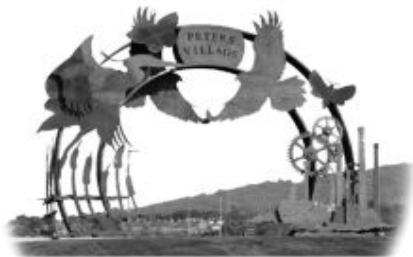
Day	Morning	Afternoon
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Tuesday	8.45am - 12.00pm	2.00pm - 6.15pm
Wednesday	8.45am - 12.00pm	2.00pm - 6.15pm
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