

WOULDHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

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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](http://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/repor
t-fly-tipping](http://www.tmbc.gov.uk/bins-waste/report-fly-tipping)

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

TMBC Bin Collections

[https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/forms/was
te-collection-dates](https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/forms/was-te-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

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.

Regular Weekly Groups & Activities in Wouldham

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

<h2>Mondays</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craft & Chatter Club – 1st & 3rd Mondays 10–12pm, Wouldham Village Hall. • Chair Exercise – 2nd & 4th Mondays 10.30–12pm, Wouldham Village Hall
<h2>Tuesdays</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kent Mobile Library (fortnightly) • Book Club – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30pm, Wouldham Village Hall • Wouldham Book Club are planning a film screening, details the please check Facebook for updates • 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 (term time only) • Youth Club (11–16 yrs) – 5:30–7:15pm Village Hall (members only, term time) • Winchester House Toddler Group – 10:30am, 3rd Tuesday of the month. • Allotment Wellbeing Garden Tues 3rd/7th Feb 3rd/17th/30th Mar, 10am till 12pm
<h2>Wednesdays</h2>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wouldham Walk – 10:30am, Meet at the Village Car Park.
<h2>Thursdays</h2>	<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
<h2>Fridays</h2>	<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
<h2>Sundays</h2>	<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



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

Our last meeting was on the 3rd March, 2026. Minutes etc will be on our website on approval. The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 7th April, 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 ADULT EDUCATION COURSES

The main funding is due to come to an end in the summer. Although we still have a small amount of funding to put towards courses as needed, these will be provided by individual tutors or other organisations.

We are currently accepting sign-ups for a **'Creating Healthy Snacks on a Budget'** This will teach you how different foods affect moods and help support healthy diet, whilst saving money.

DATE: 14th May **TIME:** 10am - 12.30pm

VENUE: Wouldham Village Hall

(details on page 11).

Continuing Regular Courses/sessions

- **CHAIR EXERCISE** – to increase balance, strength, and mobility – **FREE**
Alternate Mondays (2nd & 4th), 10.30am – 12 in the Village Hall
- **CRAFT & CHATTER:** – Informal group to do your own projects or join in a community project – **FREE**
Alternate Mondays (1st & 3rd), 10.00am – 12 in the Village Hall
- **ART GROUP** – A friendly group to explore different art projects -
Fridays, 11.30am - 1.30pm in Peters Village Community Centre - **FREE**

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER TO COME ALONG ON 28TH MAY TO SEE WHAT THE COMMUNITY CAN ACHIEVE WHEN IT WORKS TOGETHER (details on page 12).

For further information please contact: clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk



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SPEEDWATCH

The Speedwatch continue to monitor speeds. But still there is no representation from Peters Village!

Due to the amount of speeding around the Parish, the Police mobile units are 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 also be reported to: **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.

PUBLIC OPEN SPACES

DOG POO! Parks, footpaths, other people's gardens - we really need **ALL DOG OWNERS** to do their bit. If you are on jogging or talking on your phone or to friends, you still have to be aware of your dog and act responsibly. Dog poo bags have kindly been put up around the area by a volunteer who hasn't even got a dog to help owners **BE RESPONSIBLE**. Do you really want to be the reason someones child or grandparent becomes ill due to touching it on shoes or bikes/prams etc?



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MESSY GARDENS

Now the Spring is here, it's time to tidy your gardens. We are 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.

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.

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>

CAMERA AT THE NO ENTRY

We have now had the first batch of footage identifying people ignoring the law and driving through the No Entry. This is currently being reviewed and will be passed to the Police for processing.

Clerk Tina Miles clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk Tele: 07904281522

All Saints Church Wouldham Services and Activities

There is a service at All Saints at 10-30 every Sunday

First Sunday of the month Holy Communion 8-30am ASW

First Sunday 10-30 am All Age Service with music group ASW

Wednesday, Thursday, 9-30am Morning Prayer Fridays 8-45 am
during school term time.ASW

Little Lights Toddler Group every Friday at 9-30am during term
time ASW

Coffee Morning last Friday of the month 10-45am to 12midday
ASW

ASW - Wouldham BCC - Burham

All services and activities can be found on our Website.

Usual working on Sundays, Tuesdays & Fridays Tel: 01624393936

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Monuments & Churchyard, and wedding enquiries	Rev Nicky Rawlins	07964697556
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

Hallo from All Saints

After what felt like the wettest winter ever ... it has finally dried up and the sun has come out. Spring is here and the spring flowers are definitely out.

We are now well into the season of Lent and Easter is very nearly upon us. Lent is a time when we can take time to reflect upon where we are in life, the things that are going well, the things that perhaps might not be so happy. It is a season which gives us an opportunity to think things through and although we are nearly at the end of the season, there is still time for reflection and pondering. I find a walk in the spring sunshine, looking at the beauty of the season really helps me to concentrate on the wonder of God's creation.

This week, the new Archbishop of Canterbury has been undertaking a pilgrimage prior to her installation at Canterbury Cathedral. She has been walking the traditional Becket Pilgrims Way and as the parish of Burham and Wouldham on is the Pilgrims Way, part of her route has included Wouldham and Burham, walking past All Saints' Church and St Mary's Church. Part of her pilgrimage has been to pray for the communities through which she has been walking so I asked for her prayers for the young people and schools of this community.

Parish life continues. Our Café Church service continues to meet at 3pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month and in April, we will be hosting Jonathan, Bishop of Rochester. The Café Church service is a very informal service, lots of tea, coffee and cake with plenty of opportunity to talk, to ponder, pray and sing. Please do come and join us.

There is a new weekday Communion Service which we celebrate at Burham Old School Community Centre. We meet on the 2nd Friday of each month at 11am. This is a quiet reflective service.

And as always, we meet regularly in All Saints Church, Wouldham. In April, our Easter Day celebrations begin at the Dawnlight service at 5.30am and then we have a Parish Communion service at 10.30am. All are welcome.

We also have a small group meeting regularly in the Watermans' Arms – when we discuss what Christian life means to us – there are no set answers and we think about what being Christian means in everyday life. If you are interested in this, please do email or ring me and I can give you the dates of the meetings going forward.

And as always, if you wish to have a word with me, please feel free to contact me.

Wishing you a very happy and blessed Easter – with hopefully plenty of chocolate.

Rev Nicky Rawlins
Priest in Charge,
Benefice of Burham and Wouldham
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Easter Services All Saints Church
Holy Week
April 2nd 7pm Maundy Thursday Service
April 3rd 12-2pm Good Friday Vigil
April 5th Easter Day
5-30am First Light Service
10-30am Holy Communion

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:

- March 30
- April 13 & 27
- May 11 & 25
- June 8 & 22

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

WOULDHAM ALL SAINTS COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL

COLOUR RUN!

SATURDAY 16TH MAY 2026
12PM - 5PM

MUST BOOK YOUR TICKETS TO PARTICIPATE!

£5 TO RUN!
 Includes: Running the course, A White Top & a Medal!

SPECTATORS WELCOME TO WATCH ON THE FIELD!

ICE CREAM VAN • DELICIOUS FOOD & DRINKS • RAINBOW RAFFLE • HOMEMADE GOODS & MORE!

WHY NOT GO ONE STEP FURTHER BY GETTING SPONSORS FOR THE COLOUR RUN. HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THE SCHOOL OR A CHOSEN CHARITY.

SPONSOR FORMS CAN BE COLLECTED FROM THE OFFICE

SCAN TO BOOK TICKETS

the WI

INSPIRING WOMEN

3RD TUESDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCEPT AUGUST)

7.30 PM

BURHAM VILLAGE HALL, ME1 3SH

FOR MORE INFO -

burhamwouldham@wkwfi.org.uk



April - May In Your Garden

'Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.'

Finally, after what has felt like an endlessly wet winter, Spring is here. The early leaves are budding, the spring bulbs and primroses are brightening gardens and the roads, and the blossom is adorning the trees. It brings hope for the rest of the gardening year.

By now many of us will have started mowing our lawns to tidy them up after winter. But don't be too hasty, as there is still the chance of frost through until April, so keep cutting on a high cut until then. Spring is also a good time for lawn maintenance – scarify to remove built up moss and thatch, repair bare patches, followed by sparingly applying fresh seed to fill the gaps and encourage a healthy lawn. Using a half moon to recut lawn edges, or lawn shears to trim back, will keep the lawn looking neat all through spring.

In the borders, hardy perennials will by now be starting to put on growth for the coming season, so keep an eye on their needs at this early stage. Some may suffer some pest damage, slugs love the young fresh growth, whilst others might need a mulch or feed to replenish for the next season (concentrate this to Roses and shrubs at this time), and others may need a moisture boost to get going (check pots, or those underneath overhanging trees or close to fences or walls etc.). General application of a mulch at this time of year, is a really worthwhile task as not only does it act as a weed suppressant, it also helps to lock in moisture by improving soil structure, which ultimately helps strengthen plants for the new seasons growth. Remember that strong healthy plants will resist any minor pest attacks, so ensuring healthy plants from the outset will reduce the need for any alternative measure such as pesticides which will affect both beneficial insects as well as anything less desirable.

By now Roses should have been pruned back to a healthy outward facing bud, Cornus should have been cut back to approx. 2ft tall and Clematis Type 2 should have been cut back. Spring flowering shrubs will be in full flow, and can be tidied back once they have finished flowering, however be mindful of any dense shrubs that might be supporting nesting birds – in which case leave these until such time as all chicks have fledged.

In the veg garden spring is a busy time. If you sowed Broad Beans in January they will be ready for planting out now as young plants – protect them for the first few weeks until they have settled in as hungry pigeons can soon massacre the fresh young stems !! If your early seedlings of tomatoes, chillies and aubergines have also sprouted and developed two sets of leaves then these can also be potted on into larger individual pots for growing on – these will need to stay protected either indoors or in a greenhouse until May before planting out ideally. It's also time to really get lots of seeds sown – summer veg seeds that can be sown now include Courgettes, Runner Beans, Peas, French Beans, Cucumbers, Pumpkins and Squash, Sweetcorn, all Salads and Herbs, and many more besides.

These are all more 'traditional' veg garden staples, but why not try something different this year as well such as Luffa, Asparagus peas or Yard Long Beans (please ensure you purchase seeds from a reputable supplier though otherwise you might end up with something entirely unexpected!!).

By April the ground should be warm enough to sow Carrots and Parsnips directly into the ground. Choose a dry day, create a small trench approx. 5mm deep, water the trench prior to sprinkling your seed along as sparsely as you can as this will avoid the need for thinning later on, cover over and avoid watering for a week or so to let the seed and soil settle back into place. Peas and Broad Beans can also be sown direct by making small individual holes and dropping a seed into each, cover over and water in. Mark your rows so you know what you have sown. Most veg can be sown successionaly to extend the cropping season, especially if you are sowing early in the season, so once you have sown a few seeds now, set the packet aside for a few weeks and then sow a few more – hopefully by this time the first set will be strong enough to be potted into larger pots to grow on for a little longer before planting out. If the weather is warmer, in particular night time temperatures are regularly above 5degrees, then seedlings are ready to be planted outside into their final growing position, so make sure your ground is prepared ahead of time. Follow the spacings recommended on the packet and water in well to ensure they are off to a strong start. Most veg is also suitable to being grown in pots, so if you don't have much outside space, make use of pots as well – even potatoes grow successfully in a large pot.

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

- Keep bird feeders topped up – this will help adult birds with a ready food supply whilst they are feeding young.
- Don't forget 'No Mow May' – if you can leave you lawns to grow throughout May you will be helping nature and the biodiversity of your garden no end.
- Clean out any remaining debris from your pond using a net and stick, and leave anything removed by the side of the pond for a day or two to allow any small pondlife to get back to the water.
- Continue to tie in new growth on climbing Roses and Clematis
- Sow annual flowers such as Cosmos, Marigold, Sunflowers, Wildflower mix, Nasturtium, Zinnia and Nicotiana for flowers through summer.



- Create Your Own - **HEALTHY SNACKS**

14th May 2026

10am - 12.30pm

Wouldham Village Hall, 15 High Street, ME1 3XB

- **Make your own healthy snacks!**
- **Learn how different foods affect your mood**
- **Discover how foods affect energy levels**
- **Take home recipes to try at home!**

ALL INGREDIENTS WILL BE PROVIDED.

Please note, course ingredients will include nuts and dairy products.

People with allergies should be aware.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A PLACE, PLEASE CONTACT:

CLERK@WOULDHAM-PC.GOV.UK OR CALL 07904281522



Celebrating the end of our partnership project and the positive changes we've achieved together in Wouldham, Burham & Peters Village

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

Thursday 28th May
10am - 1pm

At Peters Village Community Hall, Tolhurst Close, Rochester ME1 3AP

Fun for all the Family

ACTIVITIES

- Fun family games
- Flower arranging
- Clay modelling
- Craft activities
- Balloon modelling and more

EXHIBITIONS

- Art Class
- Mosaic Wall Project
- Crochet - Poppy Making Display
- Wouldham Wall Hanging

COMMUNITY SUPPORT & ADVICE

- Wellbeing
- Mental health
- Benefits
- Safety
- Community Services

FREE lunch provided by The Cookie Hut

Register by scanning the QR code.
Or contact Tina Miles on 07904 281 522



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

**HOME
START**
South West Kent



VOLUNTEER WITH US!

Help us support more families in need around Wouldham



Volunteers Needed to Support Wouldham Families

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



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 rambles** 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!

Find out more & become a member:

www.tonbridgeandmallingramblers.org.uk



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.

WOULDHAM HISTORY

Faith Through the Ages: The Story of All Saints Church, Wouldham

All Saints Church, Wouldham:

A Thousand Years of History

All Saints Church in Wouldham is a remarkable testament to over a thousand years of history. From its early Saxon origins to its survival through war, the church reflects the enduring importance of faith and community in the village.

The site itself has been significant for far longer than the church. Evidence points to Celtic and even Bronze Age habitation, suggesting that people have gathered here for thousands of years. The earliest church was likely a simple wooden structure, replaced by a stone building around 1058. By the time of the Domesday Book in 1086, All Saints Church was already established.

Around 1070, the church underwent a unique transformation. Rather than demolishing the earlier structure, a new Norman church appears to have been built around it, allowing worship to continue uninterrupted. Over the following centuries, the building was gradually expanded. A new front was added around 1200, with north and south aisles following in about 1258. By 1283, when the first Rector, Walter, was appointed, the main structure was likely complete.

Further additions came in the medieval period. The chancel was finished around 1350, and in 1460 a tower was added, funded by the will of Stephen Slegge, who had requested the construction of a steeple. These features still define the church's appearance today.

One of the church's most notable treasures is its bells. In 1624, four bells were cast by Joseph Hatch, forming one of only four surviving complete sets from that period.



In 1899, Edwin and Henry Peters donated two additional bells and a clock to celebrate Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. They later gifted an organ in 1905, further enhancing the church's role in village life.

The 20th century brought new challenges. On 23rd August 1940, during the Second World War, a bomb fell nearby, destroying the east window and part of the chancel roof. Despite this damage, the church was repaired by 1947, continuing its long tradition of resilience.

Behind the church once stood Rectory Wharf, where barges transported agricultural goods along the Medway. In 1949, this quiet spot became the site of an extraordinary event when a narwhal washed ashore—only the second recorded example of this happening in Britain in 500 years. The body was later taken to the Natural History Museum.

Today, All Saints Church stands as a living monument to Wouldham's past. Its walls tell a story of continuous change, from Saxon beginnings to modern restoration. More than just a historic building, it remains a symbol of endurance, community, and the passage of time.



COMMUNITY BRIDGE

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.

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!



Wouldham Walk

onbridge & 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.

Winchester House Care Home
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Our meeting in April includes Peter Batty talking about Hidden Gems of Kent, it's always good to hear about our county and countryside. In May we hold our AGM.

The main focus of our attention at the moment is preparing for our Bystanders can be Lifesavers event on the afternoons of Saturday 25th and Sunday 26th April when we welcome any and everyone from the villages to Burham Community Centre to learn about CPR and Defibrillator use for FREE. Our aim is to increase confidence in offering help in a cardiac emergency and help save lives. Come along, learn something valuable, spread the word, bring your friends. We're providing the arrangements and the tea, St John the know-how, and kind community grants from KCC, via Andrew Kennedy, and the Coop in Peters Village (thank you so much!) are helping towards the costs. It is a true community event – just needs you to be there too!

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Wouldham Football Club 1960 – 1961 (part 6)



On the eve of the Challenge Cup 'A' semi-final against Snodland, Friday 24 March 1961, Wouldham were on a great run in the Premier Division of the Maidstone & District Football League, and winning the league title was firmly in their hands. Wouldham's last defeat in the league had been in October and the club were now second in the table with five games in hand over the leaders Snodland. The local Press reflected the growing sense that Wouldham were on the brink of achieving something special, with the Kent Messenger (KM) reporting on 17 March that after a 4-2 win against Staplehurst, 'cock-a-hoop Wouldham stand on the threshold of accomplishing the rare feat of the elusive cup and league double, last achieved by Eccles ... in 1948-49.'

Snodland Football Club, both in the league and cup, stood in the way of Wouldham crossing the threshold described by the KM and Wouldham's first challenge was to overcome Snodland in the cup semi-final, a tie that was played at Snodland Rec on Saturday 25 March. The KM's build-up to this game listed the Wouldham team as: T Hanns, I Cornhill, N Norris, D Tupper, P Cornhill, B Gore, D Wallace, D Cornhill, R Lee, J Blackman, B Wimsett. The report added that this was 'Wouldham's strongest team, with wingers Dick Wallace and Bob Wimsett holding the key to their success' and concluded with a prediction Wouldham would reach the final, noting 'Wouldham's big-match temperament should see them through.'

The Kent Messenger's prediction proved accurate and at the full-time whistle Wouldham had secured their place in the final with a 4-1 win. Unfortunately during the research for this article, the semi-final match report in the KM was lost due to a tech issue, but hopefully this highlight of Wouldham's 1960-61 season will feature in a future piece for the village magazine.

With their place in the Challenge Cup 'A' final secured Wouldham could now turn their attention to their league campaign, and the need to keep winning games to secure the Premier Division title. Before the final, scheduled to be played on Thursday 20 April, Wouldham had four league games against Eccles, Tovil Bridge & Mills, Len Social, and Coombe. The first game was away against neighbours Eccles – the last team to complete the double – on Saturday 1 April. Wouldham continued with their superb league form and travelled the short distance back to Wouldham with a further two points following a 4-2 win. With Snodland not having a fixture Wouldham's victory closed the gap at the top of the table to four points.

The following Saturday saw no change in the points difference, as both Wouldham and Snodland recorded wins on Saturday 8 April, Wouldham impressively beat Tovil Bridge & Mills 7-1 at home, while Snodland defeated Marden British Legion 4-3 in an away game. Fortunately, the South Eastern Gazette reported on Wouldham's next game against Len Social on Saturday 15 April, when Wouldham turned on the style as the Gazette's Barry Hillier described that Wouldham's 'football artistry' was on display in a fine 3-1 victory, with Wouldham proving to be a 'good all-round side.' Despite going behind early on, Wouldham's 'fast-raiding wingers' Dick Wallace and Bob Wimsett were credited as paving the way to victory with goals in the second-half. This win meant Wouldham now only needed six points from five matches to win the championship.

Wouldham's fixtures April 1961

17 April 1961	Coombe Estate	(home)	Premier Division, Maidstone League
20 April 1961 Maidstone	Hadlow	(neutral)	Challenge Cup 'A' Final, The Athletic Ground,
22 April 1961	Hadlow	(away)	Premier Division, Maidstone League
29 April 1961	Marden	(away)	Premier Division, Maidstone League



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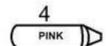
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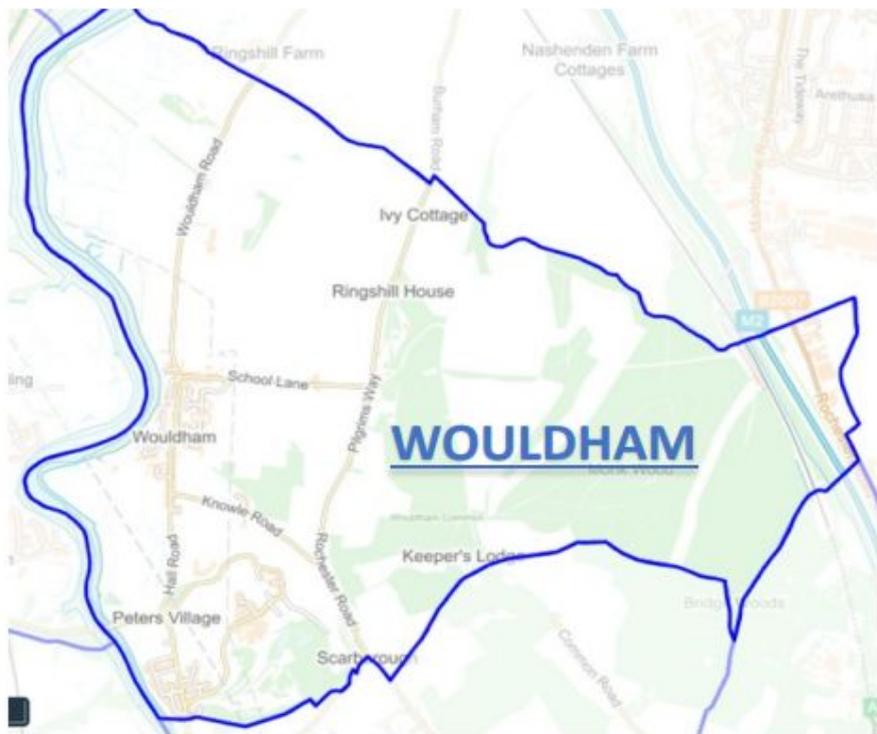
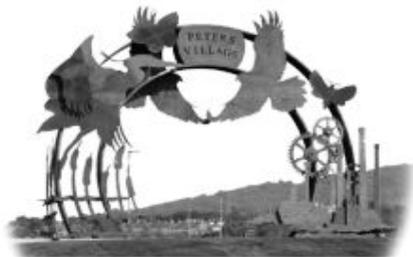
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