

Wouldham Parish Magazine



**April - May
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- ◆ **Fly Tipping:**
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- ◆ **Road Closures:**
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- Peters village connect

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Thankyou!

I would like to thank Eddie Bell and Rosemary coming to the rescue for Wouldham All Saints CEP winter fayre.

The Friends of Wouldham are so very grateful for you stepping in last minute.

Best PC chairman ever!

Many thanks and kind regards

Sarah Doyle former
Chairperson of The Friends
of Wouldham All Saints CEP



Dates for your calendar.

April:

- **Friday 5th, Coffee Morning, Wouldham Village Hall, 10am-12pm.**
- **Tuesday 2nd, Library Bus, 1:05pm – 1:35pm Walter Burke Ave.**
- **Tuesday 9th, WPC meeting, Wouldham Village Hall, 7:30pm.**
- **Friday 19th, Coffee Morning, Wouldham Village Hall, 10:00 - 12:00.**
- **Tuesday 16th, Library Bus, 1:05pm – 1:35pm Walter Burke Ave.**
- **Friday 26th, Coffee Morning, Wouldham Church, at 10:45.**
- **Tuesday 30th, Library Bus, 1:05pm – 1:35pm Walter Burke Ave.**

May:

- **Friday 3rd, Coffee Morning, Wouldham Village Hall, 10am-12pm.**
- **Tuesday 14th, Library Bus, 1:05pm – 1:35pm Walter Burke Ave.**
- **Friday 17th, Coffee Morning, Wouldham Village Hall, 10am-12pm.**
- **Tuesday 28th, Library Bus, 1:05pm – 1:35pm Walter Burke Ave.**
- **Friday 31st, Coffee Morning, Wouldham Church, at 10:45.**

APRIL SERVICES and EVENTS

ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

EVERY SUNDAY

9-15am Morning Prayer. 10-30 Sung Eucharist.

April 7 th 2 nd Sunday of Easter 10-30am

April 14 th 3 rd Sunday of Easter 10-30am

April 21 st 4 th Sunday of Easter 10-30am

April 28 th 5 th Sunday of Easter 10-30am

Last Friday 26 th April Coffee Morning in Church

10-45 to 12noon

Little Lights Toddler Church at All Saints 9-30am

every Friday in term time only.



MAY SERVICES and EVENTS

ALL SAINTS CHURCH.

EVERY SUNDAY

9-15am Morning Prayer. 10-30 Sung Eucharist.

May 6th 6th Sunday of Easter 10-30am

May 9 th Thursday 7-30pm

Ascension Day. St Marys Church Burham

May 12 th 7 th Sunday of Easter 10-30am

May 19 th Pentecost Sunday 10-30am

May 24 th Trinity Sunday 10-30am

Last Friday 31 st May Coffee Morning in Church

10-45 to 12noon

Little Lights Toddler Church at All Saints 9-30am

every Friday in term time only.





April/May in Your Garden



'SPRING: A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can really be.'

Spring is finally here – it's such a hopeful time of year with the blossom on the trees and gardens and hedgerows all bursting into life. With the daylight hours extending the opportunities to get out into the garden and hopefully warmer weather will follow.

In the borders, prune back early flowering shrubs such as Forsythia and Photinia Red Robin as these produce their flowering stems through the summer months. Hopefully the preparation put into your outside spaces earlier in the year will mean that the garden is looking fresh and ready for the coming season. Come the end of April clearing away debris from spring flowers (with the exception of Daffs and Tulips which should only be dead-headed for now) will clear space for the emerging growth for herbaceous perennials. These can be lifted and split now if they have spread, and either replanted in a different area of the garden or gifted to friends and family. Finish mulching around fresh growth, and include some slow release feed such as blood, fish and bone to promote healthy 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.

Please remember in spring that birds will be feeding their young, so welcome a healthy supply of caterpillars, aphids, slugs and snails, and if the birds visit your garden in spring it is likely they will continue visiting through the summer and will help to keep pest populations under control naturally.

Spring is a great time to start with lawn care too, especially given the wet winter we have experienced this year. If your lawn is showing signs of wear, either through compression or waterlogging, then address those now before the garden is in full use. To relieve these symptoms, spike the area with a garden fork, or use a lawn aerating tool which will create holes in the ground, then brush sand into the holes to improve the drainage going forward. Raking out moss (or scarifying) and removing any large weeds will also improve the appearance and condition of your lawn for the coming season. Repair any damaged lawn either by cutting out and replacing with fresh turf or by scarifying back and sowing with fresh seed. Finish by watering with some lawn

weed and feed, which will help feed and strengthen the grass whilst also helping to keep weeds under control. Regular mowing and cutting of the edges will keep your lawn looking trim throughout the season – with the exception of No-Mow-May of course.

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, chillis 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 sure 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.

Sue Durrani

New Chess Group

Have you ever wanted a game of chess. Perhaps you would like to learn to play this interesting game. Then why not come along to our new friendly Wouldham Chess Club being held every Friday in April from 7-8pm in the Wouldham Village Hall.

Cost £1 pp



All are most welcome.


Rainbows
Wouldham
For ages 4 to 7


Brownies
Wouldham
For ages 7 to 10


Guides
Wouldham
For ages 10 to 14

Join us today!



The adventure starts here

Make new friends, build your confidence and
inspire our young members in Wouldham.

Register your interest to volunteer in Girlguiding
[http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-
involved/become-a-volunteer](http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer)

More information  wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com





WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL APRIL/MAY

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

Our last meeting was on the 5th March, 2024. Minutes etc will be on our website on approval. The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 9th April, 2024 in the Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm. Agenda and details can be found on the website 3 days before the meeting.

Memberships now available for new Community Minibus

Members can currently book for the regular shopping (approx. 9.30am with 3hrs in town) Further details will can be found on <https://wouldhampc.com>

Monday - Strood

Wednesday- Chatham

Tuesday - Hempstead Valley

Thursday - Strood

Alternative locations can be arranged depending on bookings. We are hoping to include a Garden Centre in April.

Section 106 funded Adult Education courses

Upcoming courses:

- Chair Exercise – to increase balance, strength and mobility – Starts Monday, 29th April, 10.30am – 12 in the Village Hall
- Line Dancing – Fridays, 5-6pm in the Village Hall
- Emergency First Aid at Work (1 day, accredited) – Wednesday, 17th April, 9.30am – 5pm in the Community Centre (fully booked - waiting list available)
- Crafting and Textiles Group - Hoping to start after Easter, 2nd and 4th Fridays 10-12 in the Village Hall
- Introduction to Sign Language -progression 1, 2 - Wednesday, June (tbc), 10th July, and 11th September 10am – 12 in the Village Hall
- Level 2 Food Allergen Awareness – Monday, 10th June 12 noon – 5pm in the Community Centre
- Five ways to wellbeing (introduction into mental health) – Tuesday, 25th June 10 – 1pm in the Village Hall
- Level 2 Food Safety in Catering – Thursday, 17th July, 9.30am-4.30pm in the Community Centre
- New cooking course starting in May.

To sign up to any of these courses, please contact: clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

Speedwatch

The Wouldham and Peters Village Speedwatch groups have now been merged. In addition to the 6 volunteers from Wouldham, there are also 6 inactive members from Peters Village, who we hope will complete their training and participate in sessions. 3 new sites have been requested in Peters Village, one session has already been carried out at the start of the village, by Scarborough Lane.

As the weather improves, there will be more sessions across the Parish at different times of the day. **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

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>

Coffee Morning

Whitney from EON, who is working alongside Tonbridge and Malling Council will be coming along to our regular Coffee Morning on Friday 19th April to discuss funded schemes available to help low-income households with energy efficient measures in off gas areas. Coffee Mornings run the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month from 10am – 12. All are welcome.

Defibrillators

We currently have 2 defibrillators in the village. They are located at both ends of the village: The Village Hall, 15 High Street and The Community Centre, Tolhurst Close, Peters Village. We are also hoping to have an additional one installed at the Watermans Arms soon. If needed, call 999. The emergency service will give you the address and access code to access the equipment as well as instruct you in its use.

Lifebuoy

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

Public Open Spaces

Whilst reports of ‘uncontrolled/aggressive’ dogs in the area seem to have reduced, a small number of owners still seem to be incapable of picking up after their dogs. This causes a great deal of stress and anger among those who are responsible, caring owners as well as those who must deal with the results of treading in it, or suddenly finding it on the wheels of pushchairs etc.

Dog poo is linked to illness, pollution and antibiotic resistance. Dog faeces may contain microorganisms that cause illness in humans such as Salmonella, E. coli, Giardia and internal parasites.

Dog poo can also be a potential reservoir for antibiotic-resistant bacteria, meaning humans could develop bacterial infections that are difficult to treat through contact with dog faeces.

Wouldham has the highest number of dog poo bins per capita than anywhere else in the borough, so **PLEASE USE THEM!**

Youth & Community Worker

The Parish Council have been awarded funding from TMBC/S106 to appoint a new member of staff to lead new youth clubs and support community activities in the Parish. Full details are available on <https://wouldhampc.com/>. If you would like to chat about this position, please give me a call. If we are unable to appoint to this post, we will have to return the funding which would be a shame as we fought so hard to get it.

Community Warden and Police Surgery

The KCC Community Warden and Local Police Beat Officer hold a drop-in surgery the last Friday of the month at the Community Centre. The next one will be 29 th March from 10am – 12. As well as being able to report any issues, the aim is to:

- ◆ improve community resilience
- ◆ support the elderly and vulnerable
- ◆ foster community cohesion and wellbeing
- ◆ assist with navigating community services.

Please pop along if you need any help.

Save the Date - Thursday 6th June, 2024

We are currently planning a small event to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D Day.

A lantern parade, remembrance and 1940's sing-a-long will take place from 7pm on Thursday, 6th June. Nationally, the Beacon lighting will take place on Thursday 6th June at 9.15pm. If anyone has local memories of family members being involved in this important event, which led to the end of WW2, please contact me.

Burham Allotments – Bell Lane, Burham

Burham Parish Council have advised that they have some allotment plots available, various sizes. Please contact Dave Young on 01634 867669 for further details.

And Finally...

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

Clerk Tina Miles

clerk@wouldhampc.co.uk

Tele: 07904281522



BARCHESTER
Celebrating life

NATIONAL GARDENING WEEK

From Monday 29 April
11.30am – 4.30pm

Join us as we celebrate National Gardening Week with some garden-themed activities including flower arranging, potting plants and growing seeds.

Refreshments will be available throughout the day, including tea, coffee and delicious cakes!

NATIONAL SCRABBLE DAY

at Winchester House Care Home

Saturday 13 April
3pm. – 5pm

Join us in one of our spacious lounges where we'll be having a game of Scrabble with multiple teams and prizes for the winners

Everyone's welcome!

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



Activities and Groups



Girlguiding

If your daughter would be interested in joining rainbows (age 4 to 7) Brownies (age 7 to 10) Guides (age 10 to 14) spaces available now. Please register at Girlguiding.org.uk

Or if you would be interested in volunteering then please contact Ashley Crowdey, 07852485291
Email: wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com

Coffee mornings

- ◆ Wouldham Village hall, every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month 10:00-12:00
- ◆ Wouldham All Saints Church, last Friday of the month 10:00-12:00

Bell ringing

All Saints Church, Wouldham 8pm Wednesdays.
New ringers welcome.
Contact Tina Miles: 07967795913

Church Choir

All Saints Church, Wouldham.
Choir practices are normally held in the church at 7:30pm on Thursdays. There are vacancies for over 18s in all voice parts. For more information please contact Douglas Henn-Macrae
Email: douglas@gundulf.org.uk 01634 683096

Speedwatch

Interested in joining Kent Community Speedwatch.
Register here: www.communityspeedwatch.org

Mammoths,

Touch rugby train on Sundays 10am - 11am at Wouldham rec.

Borstal Bowls Club

welcome new members every Thursday 6pm, no equipment needed.
Borstal bowls club, Wouldham road. Contact Keith 07891585422.
www.borstalbowlsclub.co.uk



Guided group walks



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

We explore the beautiful countryside of Tonbridge and Malling and surrounding areas.

You don't have to be a Ramblers member to try a couple of walks with us, to help you decide if you'd like to join. If you're new to our walks, it's a good idea to contact the walk leader beforehand to check that their walk will suit you.

For details of all our mid-week and Sunday walks, and walk leader contacts, see www.tonbridgeandmallingramblers.org.uk.

Jelly Tots

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

Chess Club

every Friday in April from 7-8pm in the Wouldham Village Hall.
£1 pp and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Wouldham Book Club

Recently started, if you would like to join please contact Sarah on 07766074527 and you can be added to our WhatsApp chat.
We meet in Wouldham Village Hall on the 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30pm. Please feel free to pop along.

Free Courses

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

The Archaeology of Wouldham (Part 5 – Neolithic period, domestic bliss)

Hello again Wouldham, and for this episode of the magazine we continue with our journey through the Neolithic period (c. 4,000BC – 1,800BC). In the last episode we described the ‘sedentary’ lifestyle of the Neolithic period and by this we effectively mean small, isolated groups of people, possibly families, settled in one place, working within the local landscape, rather than the migrating hunter-gatherers of the earlier Mesolithic period.

So why did this change come about, when did the Mesolithic, or Middle Stone Age (meso = middle, lithic = relating to, or composed of stone) become the Neolithic, or New Stone Age (neo = new)? Firstly, it is important to remember that this was not an overnight change and that the terms we use are to aid our contemporary understanding of time and chronology. The people of the time certainly did not identify as being Neolithic. It represents a time in human prehistory when specific ways of life were evolving, when technology was improving (or changing), when something so revolutionary, like the change from migrating tribes to settled farming groups, occurred.

The earliest evidence for farming in Britain dates to the Early Neolithic period with evidence coming from pollen analysis rather than artefacts or monuments. It would have been small-scale, very localised dispersed farmsteads, farmsteads that have parallels with evidence recorded on the continent in the Rhineland. It certainly does appear then, that the emergence of farming in Britain can be associated with early migration from Europe in the first half of the fourth millennium BC. Over the course of the following 3,000 years or so, these practices were adopted by more migrating groups and by the end of the period the population grew, and Neolithic settlement is now visible in most regions of Britain and Ireland.

Early farming groups built small abodes and cleared small patches of land for crops and animals. The fertile free draining lands around the River Medway provided an ideal landscape for these early famers. Recent archaeological investigations close to the Early Neolithic Causewayed Enclosure (detailed in last month’s edition) recorded the presence of two Neolithic houses while excavations carried out before the development of Peters Village recorded the presence of a third similar structure located on the edge of the river floodplain just north of Burham Court below New Court Road.

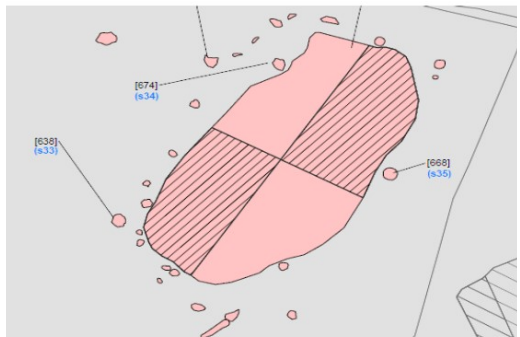


Figure 1 The Neolithic house at Peters Village (c/o Museum of London)

The house measured approximately 8m in length by 4m in width, was oval in plan and had a series of postholes and stake holes around a sunken floor, as shown above. The size of the structure certainly indicates that this was used by a small group, possibly a family. There is no reason why we should not assume that similar structures are present within the fields surrounding our village; small, isolated buildings used by family groups who cleared the land of trees and plants and farmed the fields that our farmers use today.

There is also evidence for larger structures. Excavations carried out during the construction of the CTRL rail line recorded a large rectangular building located close to the White Horse Woods just north of Bluebell Hill. Measuring approximately 17.5m in length and 7m in width this structure consisted of 6 rows of postholes traversed by a further 10 rows of postholes, with flanking gullies and later porches. This building is not in isolation either as there are reports of a second similar building recorded directly south adjacent to the Pilgrims Way.



Figure 2 To the left, a plan of the Neolithic Hall recorded at White Horse Wood with an artist's reconstruction on the right (c/o Oxford Archaeology)

So, we have two contrasting forms of structure; the smaller domestic building such as the one recorded in Peters Village and the larger rectangular 'longhouse' recorded at White Horse Woods. Is it possible that these larger buildings were more communal; meeting places for trade or celebration, or are they possibly associated with some sort of tribal leader? Both suggestions are certainly viable and with that we start to see our first evidence for the creation of communities. These communities would have had meeting places, trade centres, places for social interaction, and, following the business of the day they would have retired to their smaller private farms.

With community comes identity, who am I and where do I fit in? The importance of your ancestors places you and your family within the landscape, a landscape that now starts to see the emergence of large funerary structures and stone monuments, both of which we will look at next time.

Next time: Neolithic period (it was monumental)

David Britchfield BA(Hons) MCIfA.

Ravelin Archaeological Services



Eating and Drinking:

- ◆ The Watermans Arms, Wouldham. Tel. No.: 01634 681830 Pub/Restaurant.
- ◆ The Butchers Block, Burham: Tel. No.: 01634 786626 Pub/Restaurant/takeaway,
- ◆ The Robin Hood, Common Rd, Burham: Tel. No.: 01634 861500 Pub/Restaurant/takeaway.
- ◆ The Windmill Inn, Burham: Tel. No.: 01634 864570 Pub/Restaurant/takeaway,
- ◆ Happy House Chinese, Burham: Tel. No.: 01634 668326 Takeaway,
- ◆ The Medway Inn & Ruby's, Wouldham: Tel. No.: 01634 869181 Pub/Bar meals/Indian Restaurant/takeaway, .
- ◆ Fish & Chips Van: Tel. No.: 07840181091
Tues. Bluebell Hill Village hall. 4pm - 8pm
Wed. Burham car park 4pm - 8pm
Thur. Cuxton main street. 4pm - 8pm

Defibrillators are situated at Burham Parish Office, Wouldham Village Hall, High Street, and the Community Centre, Tolhurst Road, Peters Village. If a machine is needed call 999 for the code and instructions

Prescriptions can be arranged to be collected, thanks to a service offered by the church. The surgery requires 4 days notice to prepare them and 24 hours notice is required for volunteers to collect them. Contact Rachel Harris (who will be available to deliver medicines on Tuesdays and Thursdays) on 07725 289194 for more details.

Dog Warden if you need to report an incident, dog fouling or misbehaviour, please report to our local Tonbridge And Malling dog warden on 0845 241 7253 .



INTERESTED IN TAKING ON AN ALLOTMENT?

PLEASE CONTACT

wouldham.allotments@outlook.com

Half plots available at £29 for the year for Wouldham residences. Addition £10 charge for out of area.

Grow your own fruit and vegetables!

Foodbank

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

Local places supporting the foodbank:

Wouldham All saints Church
Peters Village Coop
The Medway Inn
111 High Street

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

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



Free home energy upgrades available now

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council is helping residents save on energy use and make their homes warmer with the Home Upgrade Grant Scheme – open now.

Residents who rely on oil, electricity, liquid petroleum gas (LPG), coal, or wood to heat their homes could dramatically improve their home's energy efficiency for free and save money in the long run. Under the scheme, measures including insulation, air source heat pumps and solar panels are all available to residents that meet certain criteria.

Home Upgrade checklist:

- Do you own your property or rent from a private sector landlord?
- Does your heating source include oil, electricity, LPG, coal, or wood?
- Is your household income below £36,000 annually? (Earning threshold varies in some postcode areas).
- Is your property's Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating D, E, F, or G? (Help is available to find this out).

Funding for the Home Upgrade Grant scheme has been allocated to local authorities by central government. Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council has partnered with E.ON Energy Solutions Limited to deliver the scheme.

The team will be at Wouldham Village Hall Coffee Morning to discuss the scheme, hand out freebies and advice on energy saving.

Cllr Robin Betts, Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Street Scene and Environment Services, says: 'This really is a great opportunity for those eligible to take control of their energy use and save money on energy bills. I urge people to find out more about the scheme. We will ensure successful applicants receive the most suitable upgrades for their homes and it won't cost them a penny. In turn, we hope the scheme will help to create a more energy-efficient community and reduce the carbon footprint of the borough.'

To find out more about the scheme and apply, visit www.tmbc.gov.uk/housingupgrade or call E.ON on 0333 202 4820 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday).

Contact: corporate.communications@tmbc.gov.uk
01732 876009



Bingo Night

Saturday 20th April, from 6pm



Winchester House Care Home

Join us for our bingo night at
Winchester House to raise money
for our Residents' Fund.

There will be a selection of fabulous prizes to be won and refreshments available. The doors are open from 5.30pm and the game will begin at 6pm.



April Wordsearch

I T M S P R I N G M R I D K S
Z U F W U H R E H L L L M O L
D R T O D E A S T E R T K N I
Z F T B D Z S T A G Y O N B O
A T N B L N P I C N I C I Y M
B U A I E O R L Y H A A D M U
D L A R S A O S A T O L L F C
A I O D L A U M H D S F N X I
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BEAUTY BIRDS BLOOM BLOSSOM
CALF CATERPILLAR DAFFODIL DIAMOND EASTER
GROWTH HATCH LADYBUG NATURE
NEST PICNIC SHOWERS SPRING SPROUT

Mobile library



Kent Libraries

Locations...

- ♦ Wouldham Walter Burke Avenue, 1:05pm – 1:35pm
- ♦ Wouldham, Ravensknowle, 1:45pm – 2:15pm
- ♦ Burham Village Hall, 2:25pm – 3:25pm

(for dates see page 3)

For updates and info see

www.kent.gov.uk/mobilelibraries

Wouldham village hall hire

Available for:

- ◆ Private functions / parties
- ◆ Regular bookings (for groups to meet or small businesses to hold classes)
- ◆ Meetings or training sessions

Costs:

- ◆ £13 per hour for private bookings (minimum of 3 hours)
- ◆ £14 per hour for business rates.

A damage deposit of £50 is required when booking the hall.

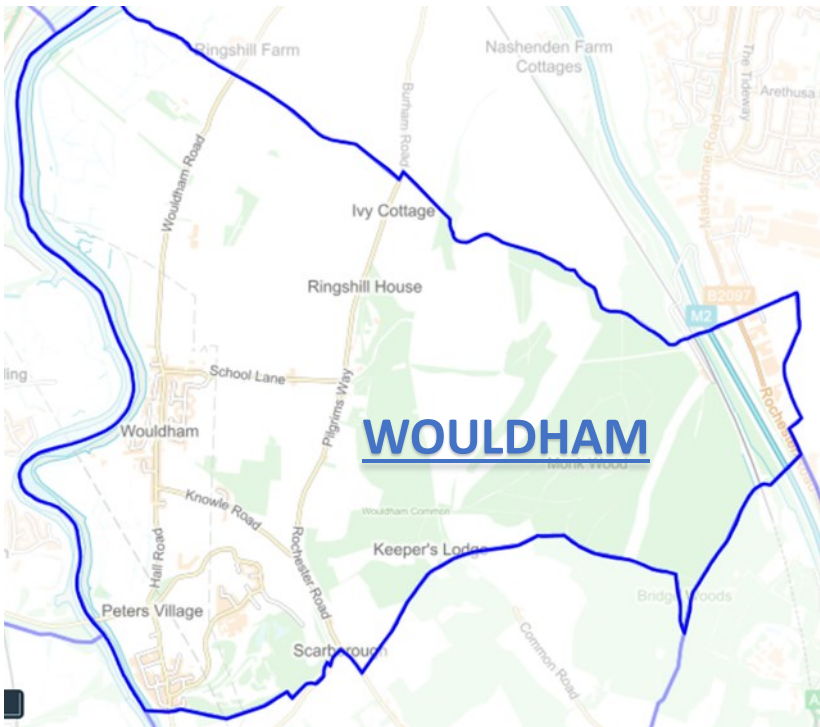
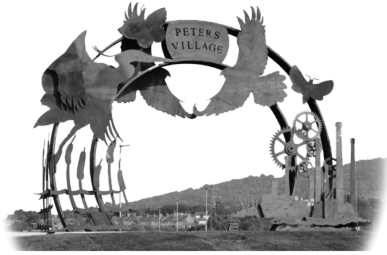


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