

Wouldham Parish Magazine

August - September 2026



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Useful Contacts/Information

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Allotments

Wouldham: Ashley Crowdey (Chairperson)

wouldham.allotment@outlook.com

Burham: Dave Young 07719854538

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/wh-at-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

Magazine Enquiries:

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Where to report Anti-Social Behaviour

Where to report issues at Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council

To report Anti-Social Behaviour



To report parking issues



To report noise issues to the Environmental Protection Team



To report fly tipping and street waste issues



Where to report issues at Kent County Council

To report potholes, drainage, pavements, overgrown foliage foot paths etc.



For Social Services concerns for adults and children



Where to report issues to Clarion Housing Association

To report issues regarding a Clarion housing property:

Clarion Housing Contact Centre customerservices@myclarionhousing.com or telephone 0300 500 8000

How to report to the Police

All crime should be reported to the police. This includes drug dealing, the use of illegal bikes/motorised vehicles or abusive behaviour.

In an event of emergency call 999. For non-emergencies call 101 or go to www.kent.police.uk

You can also report anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800555111 or www.crime-stoppers.org

REGULAR WEEKLY GROUPS & ACTIVITIES

IN WOULDHAM

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

MONDAYS	• Craft & Chatter Club – Fortnightly, 10:00–12:00pm, Wouldham Village Hall. Free, all welcome. See page 9 for dates. • Chair Exercise – Alternate Mondays from craft club (above) 10:30am–12:00pm, Wouldham Village Hall.
TUESDAYS	• Kent Mobile Library – Fortnightly (<i>see magazine for dates</i>) • Over 60's Club – Every Tuesday, 2:00–4:00pm, The Watermans Pub. All over 60s welcome. 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. • Book Club – 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm, Wouldham Village Hall. New members welcome. Contact Sarah on 07766074527. • WI (Women's Institute) – 3rd Tuesday of the month, 7:30pm, Burham Village Hall. All welcome. See Facebook for details. • Youth Club (11–17 yrs) – 5:30–7:15pm, Village Hall. <i>Members Only, term time.</i>
WEDNESDAYS	• Wouldham Walk – 10:30am, Meet at the Village Car Park.
THURSDAYS	• Youth Club (8–11 yrs) – 6:00–7:15pm, Wouldham All Saints School. <i>Members Only, term time.</i> • Church Choir Practice – 7:30pm, All Saints Church, Wouldham. Vacancies for over 18s in all voice parts. For more information contact Douglas Henn-Macrae Email: douglas@gundulf.org.uk Tel: 01634 683096
FRIDAYS	• Coffee Mornings – Wouldham Village Hall, every 1st & 3rd Friday of the month, 10:00–12:00pm. • All Saints Church Community Coffee Morning – Last Friday of the month, 10:45–12:00pm. Come along for a cup of coffee/tea, lovely cake, and a natter.
SUNDAYS	• Mammoths Touch Rugby Group – Come and try Touch rugby for free every Sunday, 10:00am, Wouldham Recreation Ground. All abilities welcome and we welcome all new members. • Little Pickers Litter Pick – 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, Meet outside the Co-op, all welcome. Equipment provided, 1:00–2:00pm.

OTHER GROUPS & INFORMATION

Girlguiding

Rainbows (age 4–7)
Brownies (age 7–10)
Guides (age 10–14)

Spaces available.

If interested please register at Girlguiding.org.uk

Or if you would be interested in volunteering then please contact Ashley Crowdey
Tel: 07852 485291

Email: wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com

Speedwatch

Interested in joining

Kent Community Speedwatch?
Register here:

www.communityspeedwatch.org

Always looking for new members to join our team.

Free Courses

A range of free courses are available.

For more information and to book a course, contact:

clerk@wouldham-pc.gov.uk

Youth Club

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



Eating and Drinking

The Watermans Arms, Wouldham.
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.



WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL



**WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL
AUG/SEPT 2026**

Keep up to date by visiting: www.wouldhampc.com or via Facebook
Our last meeting was on the 2ND June, 2026. Minutes etc will be on our website on approval. The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 1st September, 2026 in the Village Hall, starting at 7:30pm. Agenda and details can be found on the website 3 days before the meeting.

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>

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**.



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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?

RECREATION GROUND

With Summer Holidays in full swing, we would like to remind residents that the rules for users are to ensure everyone can safely enjoy the area. These rules, are at each entrance and on our website. Please make sure you are aware of them.

VILLAGE HALL

As you may have seen a new frontage has been installed at the Hall. This will make it easier for wheelchairs/prams etc to access the Hall and provide a nice seating area. We thank the Big Lottery for agreeing to fund this project and hope it open up more opportunities in the future. Watch out for the formal unveiling of the new area, together with the Community Mosaic in September!

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



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CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU (CAB) - SNODLAND OUTREACH

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

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

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

BULL LANE, ECCLES CLOSURE

Important Travel Update

Bull Lane, Eccles is undergoing a rolling road closure while SGN replace gas mains.

17 Works started: 22 July
17 Expected completion: 30 August

The closure affects Bull Lane between: Rochester Road / Pilgrims Way junction and Mackenders Lane junction.

During the closure, vehicles travelling to Eccles must access from the south via Aylesford. Official diversion routes have been provided by SGN and Kent County Council using the A229 Blue Bell Hill and Forstal Road.

Bus Service Changes

Due to the closure, Nu-Venture Service 29 will be unable to operate as one complete route. The service will be split into two separate services: The 29A serving Wouldham & 29B going from Eccles to Maidstone.

SERVICE 29A

Temporary Nu-Venture bus 29A will start from Burham at 0920 serving bus stops OPPOSITE those normally served by Bus 29. It will also serve Wouldham (opposite normal stops) at 0927 then Peters Village Co-Op at 0930 and Keepers Cottage Lane (0932) before following a diversion route to Maidstone, returning from Maidstone at the earlier time of 1125 to Peters Village, Wouldham and Burham:

www.nu-venture.co.uk

Phoenix Medical Practice Patients

Please be aware that the Bull Lane closure may affect your journey to the Eccles Surgery. When booking appointments, please consider whether you will be able to access the surgery and allow extra travel time due to the diversion routes. If you have any concerns, please contact the practice for advice.



All Saints Church Wouldham

Services and Activities



Wouldham All Saints Church Wouldham and The Parish of Burham

Service pattern June to September 2026

1st Sundays 8-30 am Holy Communion 10-30am All Age Service

2nd Sundays 10-30am Parish Communion

3rd Sundays 10-30am Parish Communion

4th Sundays 10-30am Parish Communion

5th 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.

2nd 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

Position	Persons	Contact details
Church Wardens	Mrs Sue Jarvis My Tim Reed	07742 651986 07849 634901
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Organist & Chairmaster	Douglas Henn-Macrac	01634683096 douglas@gundulf.org.uk
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

Summer is coming!

Well it's here – well and truly here if the weather is anything to go by. I have something of a love/hate relationship with summer. I love the light, the long evenings, the flowers, the summer fruit and vegetables. On the other hand, I am not keen on mosquitos or other biting insects and I am not good with excessive heat. One of the advantages of being the Vicar of a medieval church is that in summer it is a cool space, away from burning sun and blistering temperatures.

But perhaps the thing I most love about summer is the way that time slows down. As the summer months pass by, we become less busy and into August, we are truly into a period of rest.

Rest is very biblical, written into the very earliest parts of the scriptures. Once God had done with creating, he rested and in the Ten Commandments, he told us that we needed to rest as well. But I have to confess, like many other people, I am not very good at it.

Our society values doing and we tend to be quite critical of what we perceive to be laziness. We often don't look for space to simply be and if by chance, it comes our way, we rush about seeking to fill it up as quickly as possible.

But we need to rest. Our bodies and minds need time to unwind and to let go. And summer is the ideal time to do this. So much is closed, paused, suspended, that we should perhaps take the hint and do so ourselves.

And remember that living our lives to the fullest does not always require us to 'fill the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds worth of distance run' as Rudyard Kipling once put it. Living our lives fully sometimes means just allowing ourselves to be. To remember that God, in wanting the best for us, gave us permission to rest.

Our ordinary Sunday services continue during August but Café Church and our Bible Study will be paused. Our choir always takes August as rest, so the services will be quieter.

Things get going again in September. Our organist retired at the end of July and because of that, we will be exploring different ways of using music. Café Church starts again and in addition, we are launching a 'Messy Church' – look out for the advertising. And our regular All-Age service continues on the first Sunday of every month.

So may I wish you all a restful, enjoyable August however you spend it and a rejuvenated September.

God bless you all. Rev Nicky Rawlins

Priest in Charge, All Saints Church.

Tel 07763 846587 Email: revnickyrawlins@outlook.com

Wouldham Craft & Chatter Club

ALTERNATE MONDAYS 10AM-12PM

WOULDHAM VILLAGE HALL

From beginners to experts, everyone is welcome, just bring along your knitting, crochet or latest craft project.
NO NEED TO BOOK - FREE TO ATTEND.

Come and meet new people, take time out to relax and enjoy a chat, learn new hints and tips, get started on that new hobby or get involved with one of our community projects.

See you there!

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



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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 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



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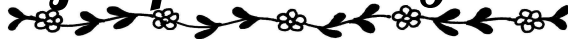


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Aug-Sept in Your Garden



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

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

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

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

Other things to be doing in the garden now:

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

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or email yc-worker@wouldham-pc.gov.uk

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FRIDAYS **FREE!**
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IN WOULDHAM**

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LOCAL FOODBANK

Here for our Community

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TO MAKE A DONATION

You can drop off food and essential items at any of the following locations:



CO-OP WOULDHAM

During store opening hours



ALL SAINTS CHURCH PORCH, WOULDHAM

SUNDAYS
9.30am - 12noon



THE WINDMILL PUB, BURHAM

During pub opening hours

Every donation, big or small, makes a real difference



FOR HELP OR ADVICE

If you or someone you know is in need of support, please get in touch using one of the options below.



CALL GWEN
on
01732 846314



EAST MALLING CENTRE
on
0808 278 7810



SNODLAND HUB
on
01634 240228
TUES / FRI / SAT
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BORSTAL

Borstal - The Queen Mother Court

Borstal Road
Rochester
ME1 3JF

Frequency:
Once a month - every 1st Friday

Open: 10am - 11am

Dates 2026:
7 August, 4 September,
2 October, 6 November, 4 December

Notes: No appointment needed.
Drop in and wait your turn.



BURHAM

Burham - Old School Community Centre

Rochester Road
Burham
ME1 3SY

Frequency:
Once a month - every 2nd Thursday

Open: 10.30am - 11.30am

Dates 2026:
August - no clinic, 10 September,
8 October, 12 November, 10 December

Notes: No appointment needed.
Drop in and wait your turn.



SNODLAND

Snodland - Christ Church Hall

Malling Road
Snodland
ME6 5EE

Frequency:
Once a month - every 1st Thursday

Open: 10am - 11.30am

Dates 2026:
6 August, 3 September,
1 October, 5 November, 3 December

Notes: No appointment needed.
Drop in and wait your turn.

HI-Kent

Hearing Help in Kent

For more information about our services across Kent, visit:
www.hikent.org.uk



Registered Charity No. 1161194

Supporting people with hearing loss across Kent

Wouldham Walk

Tonbridge & Malling health walks are free, fun and friendly - perfect to help you get active, meet new people and improve mental health and well being.



Where: Knowle Road car park, ME1 3XB

When: Every Wednesday

Walk starts: 10.30am from the car park

Walk lasts: 60-90 minutes

No need to book, just turn up!

Walks are subject to change so please check our website

Join us for refreshments afterwards.



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Visit: tmbc.gov.uk/community/health-one/3

Email: healthy.living@tmbc.gov.uk

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NOMINATE YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY HEROES!



They make a difference. Let's celebrate them!

The search is on for the borough's community champions as nominations open for this year's Tonbridge and Malling Community Awards Scheme.

The Community Awards Scheme, from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council returns to recognise individuals, groups, and organisations who go above and beyond to make a positive impact in their local area.

From tireless volunteers to inspiring young leaders, the awards will celebrate outstanding contributions to community life, volunteering, and local service. Whether it's a neighbour or young person who always lends a hand, or a group making a real impact - residents are encouraged to nominate those who make a difference.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- Individual volunteers of the year
- Young community champion (aged 17 and under)
- Outstanding community group
- Environmental contribution award
- Community safety award



Thank you to our amazing community champions!

“Clir Des Keers, cabinet member for community services, said:

“We are proud to bring back the Community Awards Scheme following last year's success. We want to recognise the incredible efforts of those who help make our borough a better place to live, work, and socialise. These awards are a chance to celebrate the people who give their time, energy, and passion to support others and strengthen Tonbridge and Malling.” **”**

NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE BOROUGH, CLOSING 1 OCTOBER.

To nominate someone, complete the online nomination form at

www.tmbc.gov.uk/communityawards

Let's recognise the people who make our borough an amazing place!

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
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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



Love Walking? Come and Join Us!

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

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The Lost Ferry of Wouldham

How generations crossed the River Medway before Peters Bridge

Today, it's hard to imagine a time when there was no Peters Bridge linking Wouldham with Halling. Thousands of vehicles cross the river every day, making journeys quick and easy. But for centuries, the only way across the Medway was by boat.

The Wouldham Ferry was an important part of village life for hundreds of years. Long before modern roads and bridges, the ferry carried local residents, workers, cyclists and even livestock across the river.



The ferry was operated by local ferrymen who worked incredibly long hours to keep the service running. Mr Stevens, the last ferryman, later remarked that he was "glad to be redundant" after regularly working 18-hour days to meet the needs of the community.

The crossing itself was only a short journey, but it played a huge role in everyday life. Imagine waiting on the riverbank on a cold winter morning for the ferryman to row across, or returning home after dark with nothing but the sound of the water and the gentle splash of the oars.

As transport improved during the twentieth century, demand for the ferry gradually declined. More people owned cars, road networks expanded, and new bridges elsewhere along the Medway made crossing the river much easier. Eventually, the Wouldham Ferry made its final crossing in **1964**, bringing an end to a service that had connected the two villages for generations.

Over fifty years later, in **2016**, Peters Bridge was officially opened as part of the Peters Village development. Once again, Wouldham had a direct crossing over the Medway—this time designed for modern traffic, cyclists and pedestrians.

Although the ferry has long since disappeared, its memory lives on in local history. For many older residents, it was simply part of everyday life—a practical and reliable way of getting from one side of the river to the other. For younger generations, it serves as a reminder of how much the village has changed over the years.

The next time you cross Peters Bridge, spare a thought for the villagers who once stood patiently on the riverbank, waiting for the ferryman to row them across. It may only have been a short journey, but for centuries it connected communities, supported local life, and became an important part of Wouldham's rich history.



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Burham Village Hall, Rochester Road, ME1 3SH 2:25pm - 3:25pm

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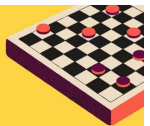
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BURHAM & WOULDHAM WI



Here we are, peak summer, a time when the WI traditionally takes things a bit slower. As a membership organisation we are very much led by our ladies schedules and interests and summer means holidays and being with the family, so we do not have a formal meeting in August.

But that doesn't mean we take a complete break: we have a lot of people interested in gardens and gardening, so we'll be off to the Weald on an outing in August for a bit of plant hunting helped along by homemade cake and tea. We'll also 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 skill and learn new things.

Our next main meeting will be on Tuesday 15th September which will centre round our Produce Show where our members will have the opportunity to show off their skills from jams to Jonagolds and marmalade to marrows to tapestry and tatties! While in October we have Jean Surrey coming along to talk to us about Great Grandma's Needlework Box and Contents. Most of our meetings are open to any woman who wants to come along as a visitor, to meet us, chat, listen to our speaker and see what we are about. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month in Burham Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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. And we have a monthly Whist Morning too.

Meanwhile West Kent WI Federation has a number of events lined up including a Speakers' Audition Day, a Singing Day, and a Federation Day of multiple speakers covering gardening, acting and shoes and a chance to buy handmade items from a selection of stalls.

The WI offers company, friendship and a warm welcome to find out more contact Margaret Wood on

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In May 1961 Wouldham Football Club had secured its place in the history books of the Maidstone & District Football League by achieving the double (winning the league and cup), a triumph which emulated the great post-war teams of Barming FC and Eccles FC who had both won the double in the years immediately after the Second World War. After the celebrations had ended, and September had arrived again, football returned from its long summer break for the 1961-62 season. The question that must have been asked by the players, supporters and management of Wouldham, was could the team repeat the historic success of last year?

Before the season kicked-off the Kent Messenger had reported on the healthy state of the Maidstone League. A report on the Annual General Meeting of the League held in July 1961 noted that the 88 teams entered – divided into seven divisions – was the highest number ever registered. The Annual Meeting was held at the Maidstone Working Men's Club and was chaired by Mr W Ewart Langley, who was chairman of the League for over 50 years. Wouldham were defending champions in the Premier Division, and as well as facing opposition from their great rivals, Snodland, ten other teams - Barming, Benenden, Coombe Estate, East Malling, Eccles, Hadlow, Len Social, Maidstone United 'A', Reed Medway Sacks, and Tovil & Bridge Mills - would be in the top tier, and no doubt looking to take points from Wouldham.

Another Wouldham-Snodland rivalry would also take place in the 1961-62 season. Both clubs had reserves sides competing in Division 3A of the league. So local football fans of both villages could look forward to double the number of local derby matches in the new season. A further report in the KM, printed on the eve of the season (1 September 1961) described both reserve sides as 'serious contenders' for the 3A division title. The report also noted that in the Premier Division, newcomers Maidstone 'A' and Snodland would be looking 'to put an end to Wouldham's victory march.' Eccles was also noted as a possible title-winning side, with the report noting the club were 'making every effort to regain their lost glory of the 1920s' a decade when Eccles won the Maidstone League a remarkable seven times.

The season commenced on Saturday 2 September 1961. Snodland and Eccles won their opening games, but Wouldham – as in the previous season – were late to begin their fixtures, as the first Wouldham game took place on Saturday 23 (September). Fortunately the KM listed the team sheet, and playing for Wouldham as they began the title defence against East Malling were: Terry Harris, Brian Banks, Ivor Cornhill, Derek Tupper, Pat Cornhill, Brian F., Ginger Kellaway, Dennis Cornhill, Ron Lee, John Blackman, Ray Wimsett. The newspaper report recalled Wouldham's League and Cup heroics of the previous season and asked – 'can Wouldham do it again?'

Wouldham made a winning start, and collected two points at East Malling with a 3-2 victory. Given their late start, by the end of September 1961 Wouldham's title rivals were already ahead in the table – Eccles were pacesetters with five wins from five games, while Snodland had enjoyed a solid beginning to the season, with three wins and a draw putting them second. Wouldham's two points put them in ninth place. At the time of writing it is unclear why Wouldham were such late starters, and the club went through the majority of the season with games in hand over their main rivals.

Wouldham's next match would open their defence of the Challenge Cup 'A' as Holoplast from Division 1 awaited in the first round. Following this tie Wouldham's next three fixtures would be:

14 October 1961	Snodland	(home)	Premier Division, Maidstone League
28 October 1961	Tovil & Bridge Mills	(home)	Premier Division, Maidstone League
18 November 1961	Maidstone 'A'	(away)	Premier Division, Maidstone League



Summer bucket List - Fun Things to Do in Wouldham

- ☐ Walk to the Wouldham Common and enjoy the view. Remember to take water!
- ☐ Make a daisy chain.
- ☐ Go on a bug hunt.
- ☐ Find a heart-shaped stone.
- ☐ Watch the boats on the River Medway.
- ☐ Have a picnic and play in the Recreation Ground.
- ☐ Walk the Riverside in Peters Village, how many creatures can you see?
- ☐ Take a family walk down to the Historic St Mary's Church in Burham.
- ☐ Watch the sunset.
- ☐ Draw or paint a picture of your favourite local view.
- ☐ Ride your bike around the village (with a helmet).
- ☐ Do a litter pick (with an adult and gloves).
- ☐ Read a book outside.
- ☐ Build a tiny fairy house from natural materials.
- ☐ Take a family photo somewhere beautiful in Wouldham.



WOULDHAM WORDSEARCH



Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → and ↓ and ↘

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ALL SAINTS CHURCH
BURHAM
PETERS VILLAGE

RECREATION GROUND
RIVER MEDWAY
VILLAGE HALL
WOULDHAM



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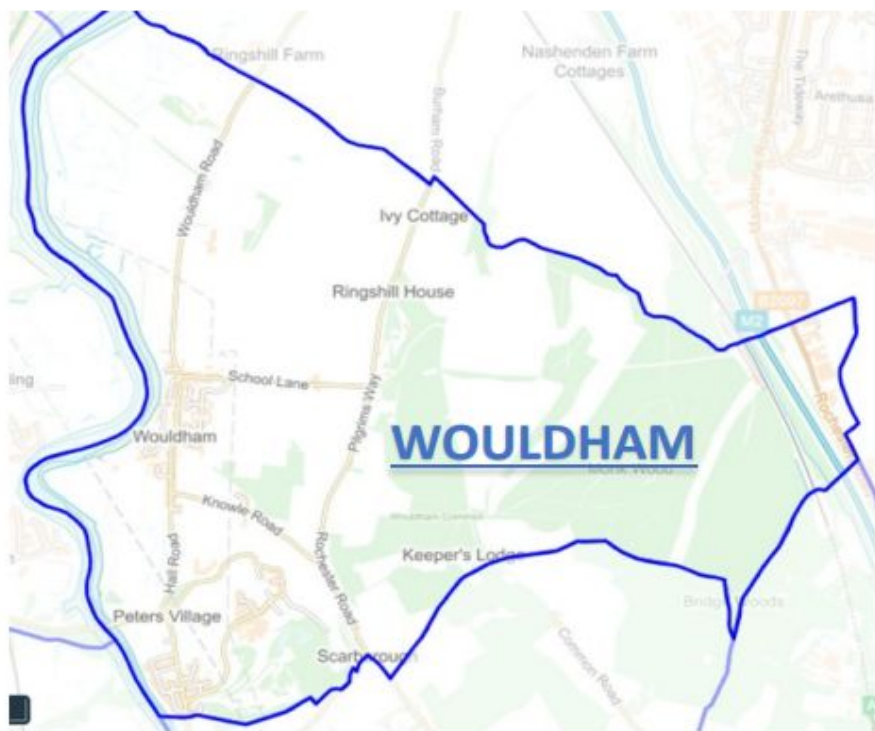
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