

Wouldham Parish Magazine



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2024

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- ◆ **Water Leaks:**
www.southeastwater.co.uk
- ◆ **Fly Tipping:**
www.tmbc.gov.uk/bins-waste/report-fly-tipping.
- ◆ **Road Closures:**
<https://one.network>



Facebook pages

- Wouldham parish Council
- Keep Wouldham connected
- Peters village connect

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Sean was often seen walking his beloved dog Jess around the village. Sean touched the lives of so many people without even knowing it by a simple act of Kindness, a comforting word, or his great sense of humour. He was a loving son and a great friend to many. His family would like to thank everyone for the beautiful tribute made in his memory to remember such a wonderful man.

Linda, Sean's mum x



Dates for your calendar.

June

- **Friday 7th, Coffee morning Wouldham Village Hall 10:00-12:00.**
- **11th, library bus (for details see page 22)**
- **Wednesday 9th, Village Hall Council drop in 9:00-12:00.**
- **Friday 21st, Coffee morning Wouldham Village Hall 10:00-12:00.**
- **Sunday 16th, Little pickers meet outside Co-op 10:00-11:00.**
- **Tuesday 25th, Library bus (for details see page 22)**
- **Friday 28th, Coffee morning Wouldham Church 10:00-12:00 .**

July

- **Friday 5th, Coffee morning Wouldham Village Hall 10:00-12:00.**
- **Tuesday 9th, Library bus (for details see page 22)**
- **Friday 19th, Coffee morning Wouldham Village Hall 10:00-12:00**
- **Sunday 21st, Little pickers meet outside Co-op 10:00-11:00.**
- **Tuesday 23rd, Library bus (for details see page 22)**
- **Friday 26th, Coffee morning Wouldham Church 10:00-12:00.**

All Saints Church Wouldham
Services and Activities



Every Sunday
9:15 to 9:30am Morning Prayer
10:30am Holy Communion

Little Lights Toddler Church
every Friday at 9:30am
during term time.

Coffee Morning
10:45am
last Friday of the Month.

Cream Teas in Church
Sunday 9th June
2pm - 4-30pm
Then first Sunday in the Month up to and in-
cluding September.





OPEN DAY

1st June

10:00–16:30

£1 Admission - children free

All Saints Church Wouldham

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History talks
with Philip
Badman
11am & 2pm

Join us to explore this
historic church with
saxon & norman
origins with music
interludes.

Adult tower
tours &
Childrens
trail!

Refreshments all day



REMEMBERING D-DAY 80

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING TO REMEMBER THOSE THAT GAVE
SO MUCH FOR US

DATE: **THURSDAY, 6TH JUNE**

PLACE: **RECREATION GROUND** TIME: **7PM – 10PM**

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|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| 6.30pm | Bells Ring out across the Nation |
| 7pm | Lantern Parade (Lead by Girlguiding) |
| 7.30pm | Proclamation & National Poem reading |
| 8pm | 1940's sing-a-long |
| 9.10pm | National Tribute & Beacon Lighting |
| 9.20-10pm | Singing and socialising |

**AS IT'S NATIONAL FISH & CHIP DAY, BOLLY
WILL BE IN THE CAR PARK FROM 8-10PM OR
YOU CAN BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS**



**ON 6th JUNE, 1944
4,413 MEN DIED,
SO THAT
FREEDOM WOULDN'T**



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Little Pickers!

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

Starting back on Sunday 19th May

Meet outside Peter's Village Coop

10am-11am

*We are
back!*



All Equipment provided – all ages welcome



WOULDHAM PARISH COUNCIL APRIL/MAY

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

Our last meeting was on the 7 th May, 2024. Minutes etc will be on our website on approval. The next meeting will be on Tuesday the 4 th June, 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 3 hrs in town)

Monday - Strood

Wednesday- different each week

Tuesday - Hempstead Valley

Thursday - different each week

Further details will can be found on <https://wouldhampc.com>

Alternative locations can be arranged depending on bookings. If a group of members would like to go somewhere different, if there are 4+ and it's within ½ hr drive, we can consider it. We would also like to go out during the weekends, but this can only happen if we have volunteer drivers.

Section 106 funded Adult Education courses

Upcoming courses:

- CHAIR EXERCISE – to increase balance, strength and mobility –Alternate Mondays, NEXT ONE is 10th June, 10.30am – 12 in the Village Hall
- LINE DANCING – Fridays, 5-6pm in the Village Hall
- CRAFTING AND TEXTILES GROUP - 2nd & 4th Fridays 10-12 in the Village Hall. STARTING 14th June.
- INTRODUCTION TO SIGN LANGUAGE -PROGRESSION 1 & 2 Wednesday, 5th June; 10th July, and 11th September 10am – 12 in the Village Hall

- LEVEL 2 FOOD ALLERGEN AWARENESS – Monday, 10th June 12 – 5pm in the Community Centre
- Five ways to wellbeing (introduction into mental health) – Course postponed due to lack of uptake.
- LEVEL 2 FOOD SAFETY IN CATERING – Thursday, 17th July, 9.30am- 4.30pm in the Community Centre

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 and the team are carrying out further sessions in Peters Village. However, we still need residents in Peters Village to become part of the team!

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>

Monday - Strood Wednesday- different each week

Tuesday - Hempstead Valley Thursday - different each week 2

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>

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.

Lifebuoys

As we all live near a very fast-moving river, it is vital that all our lifebuoys 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

The message seems to be getting through, but there are still a few irresponsible owners that do not pick up after their dog. We really need EVERYONE to do their bit.

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 and 'poo bag' bottles are located at many points in both the old and new village, so **PLEASE USE THEM!**

Youth & Community Worker

We are delighted to welcome our new member of staff, Ann-Marie Church who is currently planning new youth groups for the Parish. So that she can offer a good range of activities, she needs volunteers. If interested, please contact us. Full training can be given.

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D DAY 80 Thursday 6 th June, 2024 7pm – 10pm

To commemorate the 80 th Anniversary of D Day, we are having a get-together in the Recreation Ground. 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.

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



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.



INTERESTED IN TAKING ON AN ALLOTMENT?

PLEASE CONTACT

wouldham.allotment@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!

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You could be eligible to access free:

- Gifted 2-in-1 laptop
- Digital skills sessions
- One to one digital support

This is available for **Tonbridge & Malling residents** over the age of 16 and digitally excluded, that meet **one** of the following criteria:

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- Not in education, employment or training, or
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Wouldham Allotments

OPEN DAY



10th AUGUST 2024



A peek behind the scenes of your local Allotments



EVERYONE
WELCOME

Raffle
Competition!
Buy fresh, local produce
Plant sale
Refreshments
Kids activities



Near 61 Oldfield Drive,
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Wouldham Allotment Association

Activities and Groups



Girlguiding

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

Burham and 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 of Facebook for details of the next meeting. You will be warmly
welcomed , give us a try before joining.

Over 60's club

Meet every Tuesday at The Watermans Pub from 2pm-4pm.
Welcome all over 60. We have a weekly quiz (brain training).
Subs £2.50 per week plus £1 for 2 games of Bingo (cash prizes) and
50p for raffle. Free cakes and savouries, tea and coffee.

Mammoths

Touch rugby train on Sundays 10am in Wouldham rec park.



Guided group walks – June July 2024



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.tonbridgeandmallinghamblers.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.

Speedwatch

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



June/July Growing in your garden

Usually the risk of frost has passed by now, and with longer days there comes more sunshine and time to be in your allotment. If the weather is dry, then water your seed drills well before sowing any seeds – this way the young plants will develop a good root system.

Beetroot, broad beans, cabbage, cauliflower, early peas, lettuce, rhubarb, spring onions, radish, spinach can all start to be harvested now. Lift the earliest potatoes towards the end of the month and continue earthing up the rows of your other varieties. June is the end of the asparagus season, so stop cutting and give the plants a top dressing of general fertiliser to help build up the crowns for next year. Start to harvest the first of your soft fruits.

Successional sowings of beetroot, kohlrabi, lettuce and winter cabbage seeds can all be done now – follow the instructions on the back of your seed packets, but it is worth starting them off in trays indoors and then transferring them outside after a couple of weeks. Sow every 2 - 4 weeks for a continual supply of produce.

Brussels sprouts, cabbages, cauliflowers, celeriac, courgettes, outdoor cucumbers, French and runner beans, leeks, pumpkins, squashes, sweet corn, outdoor tomatoes can all be planted out into their final position now. As with all young plants water in carefully and protect from birds with netting.

Watch out for **aphids** (black fly on broad beans and greenfly on various crops) and thrips on brassicas – spray the plant with soapy water (diluted washing up liquid) or squash the flies with your thumb and finger. You can buy insecticides if you prefer, including a fatty acid soap to spray on the plants.

Carrot fly is a particular problem between May and September – when female flies lay their eggs. There are varieties of carrots on the market that have been bred to be more resistant to carrot fly (e.g. Fly Away and Resitafly) but none are 100% proof. To deter low-flying female flies, cover plants with horticultural fleece or place two foot high barriers around the plants (plastic bottle cloches work well). A biological control (pathogenic nematodes) can be bought from mail-order companies (known as Nemasys

Grow Your Own), to help control the young larvae or you can opt for chemical control in the guise of Westland Plant Rescue Fruit & Vegetable Bug Killer (Lambda cyhalothrin).

Cabbage root fly attacks the roots of brassicas. Female flies lay the eggs on the surface of the soil next to the stem of the plant. When transplanting out young plants, place a piece of carpet (or cardboard or fleece) around the base of the plant to create a collar, this will stop the flies from laying their eggs on the soil. Again the biological control (pathogenic nematodes) can be used to deal with any larvae.

This is the start of potato blight season, and if the weather is wet and humid in July then your crop is likely to be at risk. You can use fungicides containing copper to help protect your crop from the blight; these should be sprayed from June onwards if a wet July is predicted. (Crop rotation the following year is advisable). An infected plant will have a watery rot on its leaves, causing them to collapse – the infected matter should be binned or burned and not placed into your compost, as this will not kill the disease and it will reoccur the following year.



General tips:

- Hoe at every opportunity to remove weeds and break-up the soil. This allows water to soak down into the earth.
- rain in climbing beans and continue to put in supports for your peas. Water along the rows of peas to swell the developing pods.
- Carry on with the thinning out of seedlings of earlier sown crops.
- Don't allow plants growing under glass to dry out or overheat.
- Aim to keep the hoe moving at every opportunity. Water all crops at least once a week. Start to draw the soil up around the base of Brussels sprouts and sweet corn plants to encourage extra roots.

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 .


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For ages 4 to 7


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Wouldham
For ages 7 to 10


Guides
Wouldham
For ages 10 to 14

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More information  wouldhamgirlguiding@gmail.com



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Locations...

- ◆ Wouldham Walter Burke Avenue, 1:05pm – 1:35pm
- ◆ Wouldham, Ravens knowle, 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
- ◆ business bookings contact for rates.

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

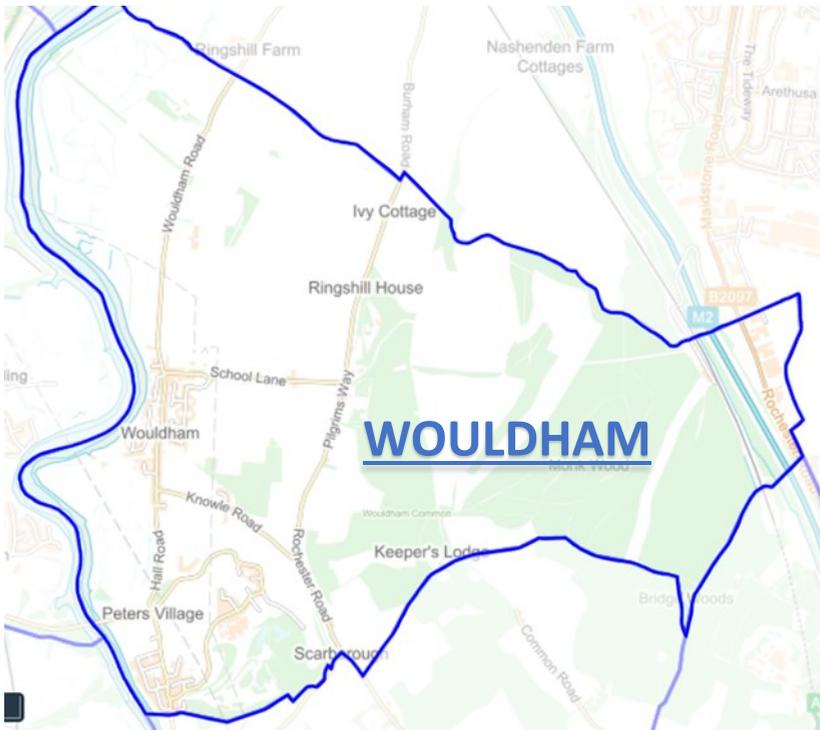
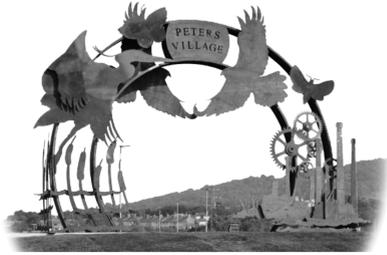


To book email Wouldhamvillagehall@gmail.com

Magazine team

If you would like anything included in a future edition, please forward details by 16th June to allow us adequate time to get it into the August/September edition.

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