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Centre of the Village (? For cover)
Church
School
Marble Pond (in flood)
Outlying areas of Petham
Views from hills etc

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Aerial map of Petham Parish

WELCOME TO PETHAM

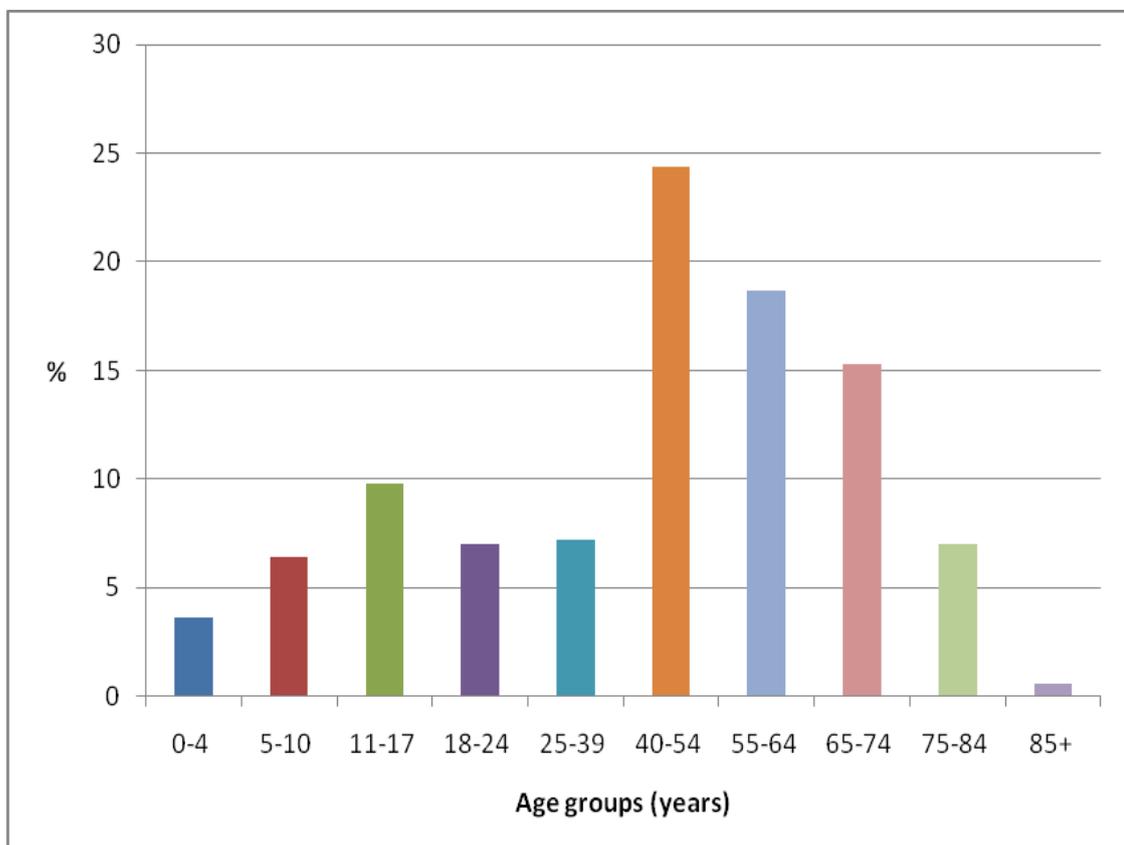
Please accept this booklet as a welcome to our community, giving you all the information we believe will help you to feel at home here.

Petham is just a short drive or bus journey away from the centre of Canterbury, and you will see from the **Village Directory** (below) that although many of the local services, such as shops and Post Office are no longer in Petham, the neighbouring villages of Lower Hardres, Chartham, Bridge and Stelling Minnis together provide most facilities and services. In Petham there is the Primary School, Church and Village Hall that provides a flourishing community involved in activities and interests for all ages, from the pre-school play group and Baby and Toddler group to Adult Studies, bingo and whist, and we still have a friendly local pub, The Chequers on Stone Street

Petham is a large rural parish with a small population. In October 2013 Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) published profiles for rural communities and 710 people were then resident in Petham. In 2010 a Parish Plan had been completed for Petham and from the surveys done the statistics for the ages of the population were compiled (see below).

We hope that you will settle in quickly. Please do get in touch with the relevant contacts listed in the **Village Directory** with any questions you may have.

Linda Spratt
Chair, Petham Parish Council



History, Geography and Environment of Petham Parish

Set in a valley on the northern edge of the North Downs, Petham has always had very close associations with the land and agriculture. There is evidence of Roman occupation and the Roman road (Stone Street) from Canterbury (Durovernum Cantiacorum) to Lympe (Lemanis) runs along the modern day eastern boundary of the parish. Throughout the next 1500 years, after the departure of the Romans, most changes in the settlements which make up the current parish (the village centre, Garlinge Green, Kenfield, Stone Street and Swarling) were directly related to land ownership and agriculture, both of which were affected by major events like the Black Death in 1348-9 and the Reformation in the sixteenth century. Historically the Bridge and Petham Hundred included Petham, Lower Hardres and Nackington, Upper Hardres, Bridge and Patribourne, and Waltham.

Major changes in agricultural practices and the ownership and management of land resulted from the mechanisation stimulated by the First World War, and the intensive farming practices demanded during and after the Second World War. This led to a dramatic decline in the number of local people employed in farming. Most orchards and hop gardens have disappeared, together with many of the families long associated with the land. Few people still both live and work in the village, but the changing seasons continue to be marked by the farming activities.

Improvements in communications and transport, particularly the motor car, have transformed the lives of the residents, but despite a request for a 30 mph limit in 1936 it was not until 1985, all but fifty years later, that the speed limit was introduced in the centre of the village.

The arrival of mains water (by 1931) and sewerage (1972), the telephone exchange (1930s) and electricity (1938), but not gas, have also helped to create the modern environment of Petham. Street lighting was originally thought too expensive when first considered in 1938 and consequently the first lamps were not installed until 1981. There have been significant changes in house ownership and occupation in both the centre and rural fringes of the parish with many improvements to older houses, and new residential properties providing a pleasant and sought after environment for professionals and the retired. But, after the final demolition of Tarry Hall Cottages in Watery Lane in the 1930s, the social housing, built at Chequers Orchard and Town Road in the 1930s and Tillard Close in the early 1960s, has helped to create a wide community which has managed to remain for many much more than merely a dormitory village.

The success of the school, the role of the church and the support for, and full use of, the new Village Hall (opened in 2005), together with the development of leisure related businesses have all contributed to modern Petham. After a dozen or so very successful years, attracting up to 50 local young people, the organisers retired recently and as no one was prepared to take over the running of the Youth Club, it has been closed, although it is hoped that with support from the local community and the local government it will be re-opened to provide much appreciated activities within the village. Kenfield Hall, just off the Garlinge Green Road, was the site of one of the earliest cricket matches in 1760, a picture of which was painted by William Pratt. The original is at Lords, but a copy is held by the Kenfield Cricket Club.

The Parish is an unmistakably rural environment, a Conservation Area and an important part of the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). This means that there are restrictions on new development, on external alterations to existing houses (such as extensions, external cladding and installation of satellite dishes), and demolition

of buildings. Trees with a trunk diameter greater than 7.5 cm at 1.5 m above the ground (except for certain garden and orchard fruit trees) may not be felled or lopped without approval, for which Canterbury City Council needs six weeks' notice in writing.

Petham occupies an area of the North Downs where a light, free-draining soil liberally scattered with flints overlies a chalky subsoil. Rainfall drains rapidly through the chalk, collecting above a stratum of impervious clay to form a subterranean reservoir. After periods of heavy rainfall the water level rises to create surface springs and temporary watercourses known as nailbournes. The Petham Nailbourne begins with the appearance of water in Marble Pond, opposite the village hall. It is fed by various springs from higher up the valley and a stream then flows from Marble Pond along the edge of the Recreation Ground, under Town Road by the converted chapel and past Swarling and Perry Court to join the Stour near Shalmsford Street. It is reputed (erroneously) to run every seven years or as a portent of national disaster. In 2000 and 2014 the water level was exceptionally high, with fields, roads and gardens under water for a time.

The countryside around Petham and particularly the woodlands are, like so many throughout the country, under threat as coppiced woods can no longer be sustainably managed in the traditional way practised for centuries. However, land owners, farmers, The Woodland Trust and The Forestry Commission now work closely with the Parish Council and the local Environment Group to monitor and maintain the environment in the Parish, which among other things forms part of an important area for butterfly conservation .

Weather records for Petham were kept by local farmer Tom Castle for some fifty years and published monthly in *Petham and Waltham Parish News*. For the past two years or so the recording has been provided by Peter Coombs. The area enjoys a dry climate, with above average sunshine and an annual rainfall of approximately 30 inches. However, the valley is a frost pocket and, although recent winters have been milder, winter temperatures of -10°C or lower have often been recorded.

For an introduction to the history of Petham see J R V Thompson, *The House on the Hill: A Petham Record 1086-1986* (1988),

VILLAGE DIRECTORY

ORGANISATIONS AND FACILITIES

Mobile reception: Mobile telephone reception is very limited in the village and we have therefore generally only given website and email addresses where available and landline telephone numbers.

Parish Council: The Parish Council meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are very welcome to attend. Details of Parish Council meetings and other related matters can be found on the web site and on Council Notice Boards.

Contact: The Parish Clerk (Mrs Susan Shaw) 01233 740996;
clerk@pethamparishcouncil.org. Council notice boards can be seen at The Village Hall, by the bus stop outside Duke House in The Street, Garlinge Green Road opposite East Wootton Cottage, and at Garlinge Green [see Appendix below for list of current Parish Councillors]

Village Hall: The Village Hall is used daily for a wide variety of activities, many listed below, including availability for hire for parties, meetings and wedding receptions.

Contact and enquiries: www.enquiries@pethamvillagehall.org; or telephone Anne Purnell (01227) 700370

Primary School: Petham has a thriving primary school, part of The Village Academy, and draws children not only from the village, but the surrounding area.

Contact and enquiries: www.petham.kent.sch.uk/The-Village-Academy/;
headteacher@petham.kent.sch.uk; (01227) 700260

Baby and Toddler Group: meets on Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3pm at the Village Hall. £2.00 per family.

Contact and enquiries: telephone phone Chris (01227) 700588 or Agnes (01227) 700283

Playgroup: meets during term time on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays from 8.45am to 3.30 pm and Tuesdays and Wednesdays 8.45 am to 11.45 am, in the Village Hall.

Contact and enquiries: (01227 700021)

Rainbows: The 1st Petham Rainbows, for girls aged 5-7 years, meet in term time on Wednesdays from 4.30 to 5.30 pm.

Contact and enquiries: Michaela Moys (10227) 712667

Brownies: The 1st Petham Brownies, for girls aged 7-10 years meet in term time on Wednesdays from 5.45 to 7.15 pm in the Village Hall.

Contact and enquiries: Sue Shepherd (01227) 738766

Adult Studies: A range of classes are available in the Village Hall during the day and evenings. Details are usually advertised in the Village Hall, in the Petham and Waltham Parish News and on village notice boards.

Contact and enquiries: Tim Miller (01227) 700542

Petham Parish Church: All Saints Petham (CofE) is in the Diocese of Canterbury and is part of the Wye Benefice.

Contact and enquiries: The Revd Lorraine Lawrence, (01233) 750987

Bellringers: Bell ringing practice takes place on alternate Tuesdays from 7.30 to 9 pm in the Church.

Contact and enquiries: Petham Captain, Paul Curtis (01227) 700529

Recreation Ground: The recreation ground is located behind the houses in Town Road and accessed by two footpaths, one between no. 4 and Wits End the other between no. xx Glebe Cottages and Birch Tree House.

The Hundred: An organisation linking the surrounding villages formed in 2000 which holds regular talks, shows and guided walks. Annual membership is currently £4.00 and members receive notice of events which are also advertised in the Petham and Waltham Parish News and on notice boards.

Contact and membership enquiries: Dane Henderson, dane@rainbow.water.com, 07973 225560

Cricket Club: The cricket ground located in Garlinge Green Road at the junction with Kenfield Lane.

Contact and enquiries: Gerrit ten Hove, g_tenhove@hotmail.com, 07939525816

Parish Plan Committee: This non-statutory committee of members of the community was formed as a result of our Parish Plan 2010, (www.pethamparishplan.org). It reports regularly to the Parish Council. New members are very welcome. The following activities are monitored by the committee.

- **Footpaths and Environment Group:** Parishioners were keen to preserve our local countryside and this group works with local landowners to improve the natural environment and monitor the condition of all footpaths and bridleways within the parish.
Contact and enquiries: Elizabeth Edwards, ecedwards84@gmail.com (0127) 700207, or Linda Spratt, kspratt@hotmail.com. (01227) 700470
- **Oil Consortium:** This is a community purchase scheme which currently has over 50 members and is able to purchase oil at reduced rates.
Contact and enquiries: Marcel Obry, obry@talktalk.net
- **Good Neighbour Scheme:**
Contact and enquiries: xxxxxxxx

Woodlands: Petham is a very wooded parish. Many of our footpaths run through woodland most of which is made up of ancient and coppice trees. Earley Wood (Waltham Road/Duckpit Road) is maintained by The Woodland Trust (www.woodlandtrust.org.uk, 01476 581111) and has a number of paths with a wide range of native plants including some rare species. A good spot for birds. Denge Wood, part of the Blean Forest, is managed and maintained by The Forestry Commission and provides habitats for butterflies (southeast.fce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk, 0300 067 4420).

Please respect private woodlands through which permissive or public footpaths run.

Petham and Waltham Parish News: published monthly (not January) and delivered by hand for an annual subscription of £5.

Contact and enquiries: Subscriptions: Agnes Way, (01227) 700283; Editor, Mike Thompson (01227) 700397, editor@pawnews.org, website: www.pawnews.org.

LOCAL AMENITIES AND SERVICES

Many of the services listed below advertise in the *Petham and Waltham Parish News*

Hospitals:

Accident and Emergency:

William Harvey Hospital, Kennington Road, Willesborough, Ashford, Kent TN24 0LZ
01233 633331

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital (QEQM), St Peter's Road, Margate, CT9 4AW.

Kent and Canterbury, Ethelbert Road, Canterbury, CT1 3NG (01227) 766877.

General hospital services including a children's Ambulatory Day Care Centre and Minor Injuries Unit. **No A & E.**

For further details about the East Kent Hospitals Trust see <http://www.ekhft.nhs.uk>

Doctors' Surgeries: In Chartham, Bridge, Wye and Canterbury.

Contact and enquiries: NHS: www.nhs.uk

Dentists: In Canterbury, Bridge and Wye.

Contact and enquiries: www.nhs.uk/service-search/Dentists/Canterbury

Pharmacies and Chemists: Bridge, Wye and Canterbury including Morrisons, Asda and Sainsbury Supermarkets

Vets: Local vets in Canterbury including at Pets at Home, Wincheap, Bekesbourne and a low income clinic at Lord Whiskey Animal Sanctuary in Stelling Minnis.

Post Offices: The nearest Post Offices are in Bridge High Street and Shalmsford Street, Chartham

Refuse Collections: Fridays . Put the bins out the evening before or early on Friday morning.

Contact and enquiries: Canterbury City Council, www.canterbury.gov.uk

- Food waste (small bin) collected every week
- General waste (grey top bin) collected once a fortnight
- Garden waste (green top bin) and recycling waste (blue top) collected on alternate fortnight. The recycling bin takes plastic, glass and cans and has a box in the top for paper.

Bus services: The 620 bus service provides a basic service to Canterbury particularly for school children, but will also get villagers into and back from the town in the morning, lunchtime and late afternoon. **(See Appendix below for full bus timetable)**

There are also two bus services between Hythe and Canterbury, the 18/18A and the 558 via Stelling Minnis, which joins the B2068 (Stone Street) at Lower Hardres.

Highways: Problems with highways, drainage or potholes can be passed on to the Parish Clerk or directly to Kent County Council (KCC) Highways.

Contact: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>

Street Lighting: Faults with village streetlights should be reported to a Parish Councillor or the Parish Clerk.

Contact: The Parish Clerk (Mrs Susan Shaw) 01233 740996;
clerk@pethamparishcouncil.org.

Farm Shop and Butchers: Lower Hardres Farm Shop

Shops: Local shops can be found at Bridge, Chartham, Shalmsford Street and Stelling Minnis.

Milk: Milk and More deliver milk (and groceries) on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays (www.milkandmore.co.uk)

Newspapers: The Newsagents in Shalmsford Street will deliver newspapers to the village.

Public Houses and Restaurants: The most local pub is The Chequers on Stone Street, with the next closest The Granville at Lower Hardres and the Compasses at Sole Street. Bridge and Chartham have several pubs. Most of these serve food.

Mobile Library: Calls at the Village Hall once a fortnight (second and fourth Tuesdays) between 2.15 and 2.40 pm. The Drop-in area in the Hall is also open then with tea and cake available to purchase while meeting friends.

Logs: Locally sourced logs can be purchased from several suppliers who advertise in the *Petham and Waltham Parish News*

Boiler Services: Local specialists advertise in the *Petham and Waltham Parish News*

Plumbing services: Local specialists advertise in the *Petham and Waltham Parish News*

Computer services: Local specialists advertise in the *Petham and Waltham Parish News*

Petrol stations: The nearest petrol station is at Morrisons in Wincheap (A28).

Vehicle Repairs: There is a vehicle repair business in Chartham and a body repairer in Chilham. Several other garages advertise in the *Petham and Waltham Parish News*

Garden Centres: Thompsons on Stone Street and Canterbury Chartham Wyevale Garden Centre on the A28 at Chartham

Hotels and Bed and Breakfast accommodation: Local B&Bs advertise in the *Petham and Waltham Parish News*. There are many various priced hotels in Canterbury and its surrounding villages.

Function and Wedding Locations:

Petham Village Hall is available to hire for parties, meetings and wedding receptions:

Contact and enquiries: www.enquiries@pethamvillagehall.org; or 'phone Anne Purnell (01227) 700370

Swarling Manor: wedding venue:

Contact and enquiries: infor@swarlingmanor.com, www.swarlingmanor.com, or 'phone Phillipa Graham, (01227) 7003777.

Many local businesses, amenities and services advertise in the *Petham and Waltham Parish News*.

Contact and enquiries: editor@pawnews.org, website: www.pawnews.org

[up to date bus timetable to be formatted and inserted]

APPENDIX

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