



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

April 2023

“Better than expected” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Luke 24: 13-21

That same day, there were two going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were discussing everything that had happened. As they conversed and talked together, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but somehow their eyes did not recognise him. He said to them, ‘What was it you ‘were discussing together as you walked?’ They halted, looking dejected. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered, ‘Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem not to know the things that have happened there over recent days?’ ‘What things?’ he asked. ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth,’ they replied; ‘a prophet mighty in word and deed before God and all the people; how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death and then crucified him. We had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.’ (Luke 24: 13-21)

How often do plans work out as well as you hoped? There may be the odd occasion when they measure up to expectations, but, in my experience, our grand designs and dreams rarely yield in practice what they promise in theory. More often than not, hopes have a habit of falling horribly flat.

A similar sense of anticlimax, though infinitely more intense, was felt by the two disciples walking back along the Emmaus Road, their mood summed up in those plaintive words: ‘We had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.’ For a time, they had dared to imagine that the promised day of the Lord had dawned, but their hopes had been dashed - another case, so it seemed, of reality not measuring up to expectations. Read on, though, and it’s a different story; for suddenly, as they broke bread with this stranger, they realised who he was - not just the redeemer of Israel but the risen Lord, back from the grave, victorious over sin and death. Here, in miniature, is one of the great truths of the gospel: that Jesus does not simply fulfil our hopes but far exceeds them, offering joy and peace, hope and strength beyond anything words can begin to express. Thanks be to God!

Sunday Services in

April

Heart

Sunday 2nd April: 10.00 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Talk: A new heart. Ezekiel 11:16-25

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Dick Beath

Friday 7th April: 3 p.m.

Good Friday: Meditation at the Cross

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 9th April: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

Easter Sunday

Talk: Hearts on fire. Luke 24:13-35

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 16th April: 10.00 a.m. AAW

Talk: Create in me a pure heart. Psalm 51:1-12

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 23rd April: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Knocking on the door of our heart. Revelation 3:14-22

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 30th April: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: 'The heart of the matter is a matter of the heart' -Matthew 6:19-21, 24 & Micah 3:9-12

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Pauline Preddy

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Church Community Groups

Wellow Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 3pm

Phone Pauline for details: 832625

Benefice Praise and Prayer

Every Monday, 7.45pm-9.30pm

@ The Vicarage, Peasedown St John

'God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.' John 4:24.

Please join us as we praise God, hear from His Word, and come to Him in prayer.

St John's Peasedown

1st Sunday 10:30am HC 4:30pm SF

2nd Sunday 10:30am MP 4:30pm SF

3rd Sunday 10:30am HC 4:30pm SF HC

4th Sunday 10:30am MP 4:30pm SF

HC = Holy Communion

SF = Soul Food: A service with modern lively music followed by a family tea

MP = Morning Praise

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Want to keep in touch?

St Julian's Church sends out a weekly e-newsletter with all the latest news and views from around the benefice.

Email administrator@stjsgroup.church to subscribe to the mailing list.

Church News

As you no doubt will have heard B&NES have approved planning permission for the Kitchen/toilet extension at St Julian's. This is a major step forward, although the DAC still have to agree and a Faculty obtained. There also needs to be an archaeological survey of the site. We are immensely grateful to all who have supported the scheme.

On Mothering Sunday a choir of young Children came along and we had a lovely All Age Worship Service. We hope they will join us again sometime, they were great.

The Friends of St Julian's have funded much needed new gravel for the Church Path.

As usual, on Good Friday, there will be a Meditation on the Cross at 3pm, offering a quiet time for reflection.

On Easter Sunday, there will be a family Communion Service. All are welcome and the service will be followed by refreshments and time to chat together.

Pam Pike, Church Warden

Wellow Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 6th March in the Village Hall

Public Participation: The Parish Sweeper reported that paths around the Church are in a bad state. These can be reported on Fix My Street.

A resident expressed a concern that a bench, which the PC intends to install by the Ford, is an unsafe place for children as the water levels in the ford can be very unpredictable.

Planning applications: The following planning applications were considered:

23/00669/TCA: Milford Head, Mill Hill: T1 (Ash) Fell due to early stage Ash Die Back. No objection

23/00674/TCA: The Garden House, High Street: T39 (Ash) Fell due to severe Ash Dieback. No Objection.

23/00666/TCA: West End House, High Street: 2 no. Lime trees, shorten/ remove branches overhanging West End House. No Objection

23/00616/FUL: The Old Orchard, High Street: Erection of a two-storey and single storey side extension (Part demolition of dwelling house). Support

23/00747/FUL; 23/00748/LBA: Home Farm, White Ox Mead: Conversion of adjacent barn to two bedroom residential annexe. Support

Although it was noted that no planning applications decisions were received since the last PC meeting this decision has been reported since the meeting.

22/03288/FUL: St. Julian's Church High Street: Erection of single storey extension to church to provide WC and kitchen facilities. Decision was made at the Planning Committee to Permit this application

Highways and transport: It was confirmed that reflective bollards were installed on Double Hill following a fatal accident in February 2023. The Council will enquire if B&NES Highways can establish 30mph limit or any other measure to prevent future accidents of this dangerous bend.

Discussions took place about Wellow Community Bus applying for a grant from WECA to provide a bus service to local shops for Wellow residents to replace the cancelled 757 bus service. Bathavon Forum meeting to discuss local transport, where WECA is invited, will be attended on 8th March 6 p.m. via ZOOM. Updates following this meeting will be provided at the next meeting.

Disabled parking spot painted opposite Canteen Lane and High Street junction.

The Council was updated that B&NES is currently consulting neighbouring Councils on the processes of installing "speed devices".

Public rights of ways: Discussions took place about damage being done to the by-way through Littleton Woods BA25/33 by 4 x 4 enthusiast. It was noted that the land belongs to Hylton Estate. The Council will contact Hylton Estate and B&NES.

It was noted that potholes have been repaired on Baggeridge Road.

Wellow recreation: A new litter bin has been installed on the new surface at the bottom of the Village Hall drive.

The new grass has been seeded and the area sealed off on the Playing Field where the grass surface was damaged by vehicles driving on it. A note in the parish newsletter will be sent to say that vehicles should not drive on Wellow Rec. field especially during wet season to avoid the costly damage.

Community infrastructure levy: The Council Members will visit the site where the new bench is intended to be installed to see if an alternative safer spot could be found away from water.

It was suggested that CIL money should be spent to replace a broken railway gate on Railway Road. This item will be added to the next meeting's Agenda and considered by the Council.

No update was received on the repair of the village noticeboard.

Don't forget to visit the Wellow website @ www.wellowparish.info

Local elections: May 2023: The Elections Notice is coming out the 20th March, the nomination papers must be delivered to Guildhall in Bath by hand between 21 March and 4 April (4pm). It was noted that photo IDs are required to vote at a polling station. If you don't have an accepted form of ID, you can apply for a free voter ID document known as a Voter Authority Certificate. Visit www.electoral-commission.org.uk/voterID

Any other business: The Community litter picking is to be organised once the necessary equipment is obtained.

Potholes on the road between Livery Centre and Ford Farm was mentioned. These will be reported on B&NES Fix My Street portal.

Next meeting: Monday 17th April 2023 - Annual Meeting of Electors and the PC Meeting

Olga Shepherd, Parish Clerk. Tel: 07988 192619. Email: clerk@wellowpc.org.uk

Lunch Club

April Lunch Club will be held on 27th April. If you are unable to attend please let me know.

Vicky 01225 835840

Wellow & District Horticultural Society

We hope you will enjoy our next two events :

Quiz: A general knowledge quiz, with some horticultural slant. Free glass of wine for members. Thursday 20th April 7:30pm Village Hall

The Plant Sale: Saturday 13th May 2pm-3.30pm in the Village Hall

Put the dates in your diary!

We're also planning a visit to a nine acre permaculture project in Wiltshire in June, date to be confirmed.

Hugh Prentice, Secretary. Tel: 07966 080005. Web page: hortsoc.wellow.org

Wellow 10k Run A Sell-Out Success!

After a 3 year absence, the Wellow Way 10K was back on Sunday 5th March, bigger and better than ever!

250 runners and ramblers of all ages from the village and beyond, enjoyed a stunning on/off road route through the beautiful North Somerset countryside.

The day began at 9 a.m. when the 10K walkers set off from the Wellow Recreation Ground. At the same time 100 children were warming up for the start of their 2K fun run along the Wellow Brook, with the youngest participant just 2 years old!

No sooner were they back than England Athletics Head Marathon Coach, Tom Craggs, was firing the starting gun for the 10K adult race. It was a hard fought race and the top 6 included 3 men and 3 ladies who both received goody bags kindly donated by Arbonne Healthy Living products.

With a smoothies and tray bakes stall run by St Julian's' School PTA and a sausage sizzle from Somer Valley Butchers, refuelling for the athletes and the enthusiastic spectators was no problem, and overall the event raised approximately £2000 for the Wellow Community Chest to support St Julian's Church, the Parlour Shop, and the Wellow Rec.

There was amazing participation from the village so a big thank you to everyone who took part, volunteered or supported. The feedback has been fantastic and the event perfectly showcased all Wellow has to offer the local community.

See you next year!

Please follow @wellowrecreation on Instagram for more videos and photos from the event!



Wellow Parish Council and Election of Parish Councillors

On the 4th May this year there will be a Parish Council election to appoint 9 councillors for the Parish of Wellow. All adult residents have the opportunity to put themselves forward for election as councillors.

Wellow Parish Council is responsible for the day to day running of the parish, is not party political and is completely separate from our parish church. It consists of 9 councillors and a part-time parish clerk. The main responsibilities are:

- Planning (assessment of applications and reporting decisions to B&NES)
- Overall responsibility for the Wellow Playing Field and the Play Park
- Supporting village organisations such as the Wellow Parlour Shop and the Community Bus
- Community Speed Watch
- Organising events such as the Platinum Jubilee and the Carols on the Batch
- Jointly managing the cemetery with Shoscombe Parish Council
- Communication with B&NES on matters such as potholes and Public Rights of Way
- Setting the annual precept which pays for expenses, projects, grants and our Village Street Sweeper

The council meets every month in the Village Hall and all councillors are expected to attend. Each councillor is given an area of responsibility eg planning, finance, burial board, public rights of way according to their individual interest. The time spent each month will vary according to how much time a councillor is able or willing to give.

Being a councillor can be hugely rewarding and over the years Wellow Parish Councillors have been involved in some successful projects such as Wellow Sports, Wellow Valley Tennis, the renewal of the Play Park, the planting of a new hedge on the Playing Field and many Jubilee celebrations.

If you would like to find out more please get in touch with either Debbie Clarkson Tel: 07967 109411 or Pat Caudle Tel: 07967 930441

Wellow Recreation Q1 Report

The first few months of 2023 have been busy with a serious underground water leak being detected, excavated and repaired by a team of volunteer parishioners, saving us a large bill from a builder. The grass at the entrance to the playing field had suffered vehicle damage and the Parish Council funded repairs to dig up, fill in and re-turf the area. The remedial work on the field drainage system proved a success

with no recurrence of previous years' flooding from the adjacent fields despite the heavy rain.

A sunny weekend in January saw village families gather on the Playing Field to plant a new hedge inside the northern boundary fence made up of 480 saplings of the 'wild harvest' selection planned by Wellow Futures, supplied by the Woodland Trust and by a donation from the Wellow Horticultural Society, as our contribution to 'The Queen's Green Canopy' in celebration of Her Late Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

Sports activities were somewhat curtailed by the cold weather but our hardy Wellow Boules group braved the conditions on several occasions. St. Julian's School weekly netball practice continued on the tennis courts thanks to Wellow Valley Tennis and the popular weekly Boot Camps thrived in the chilly weather.

The highlight of the first 3 months was undoubtedly the Wellow Way 10K and Fun Run on Sunday 5 March which saw 250 runners and walkers enjoying the beautiful surrounding countryside with an excited crowd of well-wishers supporting the start and finish on the Recreation Field. Thanks to the 10K team for the brilliant organisation which saw the event go without a hitch and raised £2,000 for the Community Chest. The 10K team are grateful to all the village volunteers who marshalled the route and supervised the parking, and to the volunteer medics for their expertise, as well as to the Head of St Julian's School for starting the kids race and to St Julian's School PTA and Somer Valley Butchers who provided delicious refreshments during and after the races.

The Annual General Meeting of Wellow Recreation CIO will take place on Wednesday 26 April at 7.30pm in the Sports Pavilion. All Parishioners are members and are warmly invited to attend and to bring along their suggestions for further growth in sports, fitness and cultural activities on the Playing Field and Children's Play Park.

Wellow Recreation Trustees



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We will be selling beef, lamb, pork, cured meats, sausages, free range poultry, game in season. Please ask if you want anything that we have listed. If unsure of quantity, simply state how many people you need to feed!

We are hoping that this new initiative will be a much-needed boost for the shop (which is badly needed) so please do at least try the meat as we are certain you will be impressed.

Please put in your orders **before midday on a Tuesday** to collect late Thursday or Friday. To order, email, phone or call in:

wellowparlourshop@gmail.com 01225 835438

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You may have seen the notice that the limes trees by the church need to be felled as they are no longer safe.

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Wellow Parish Diary

Regular activities:

Parish Council meetings: Village Hall; 1st Monday in the month; 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.: Contact Parish Clerk: Olga Shepherd: Tel: 07988 192619. Email: clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk

Magic Box Pre-School: Village Hall; Mondays, Wednesday and Friday in term-time. 9.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. Contact: Tel: 0771 2369130 or MagicBoxPreSchool@outlook.com

Boules: Wellow Recreation Ground; Summer months: Wednesday, 6.00pm and Sunday, 2:30pm. October: Sunday afternoon only. Contact: Email: wellow.boules@gmail.com: Tel: 01225 830188

Wellow Wellbeing Art & Craft Group: Village Hall; Tuesdays, 10.30-13.00. Contact Averil Swift: Tel: 01373 834384 or Vicky Hamerton: Tel: 01225 835840

Wellow Knitting Group: Manor Close Community Hall: Monday's 1.30-4 p.m. Contact Pam Pike. Tel: 07428 846473 Email: pamela.pike8@gmail.com

Bellringing: Wednesday evening, 7.30 p.m. at St Julian's Church. Contact Clover Holland; Tel: 01225 833348; Email: cloverholland@outlook.com

Lunch Club: Village Hall; 4th Thursday in the month, September to June. Contact: Julia Handel: Tel: 01225 849049

Mobile Library: Alternate Tuesdays. Village hall: 10.45-11.45 a.m.

757 Bus service: Wellow to Midsomer Norton: Wednesday only. Fox & Badger: 9.05 a.m. M-N The Hollies: 9.41 a.m. M-N Tesco: 9.47 a.m.

Midsomer Norton to Wellow: M-N Tesco: 11.40 a.m.. M-N The Hollies: 10.47 a.m. Fox & Badger: 12.25 p.m.

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