

The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

February 2024

"Small World" by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Luke 10:29-37

Anxious to save face, the lawyer asked Jesus, "Ah yes, but just who is my neighbour?" "A man was travelling on the Jerusalem-Jericho road," answered Jesus, "when he was ambushed by bandits, who beat him up and made off with all he had, even his clothes, leaving him critically ill. A little later, a priest happened to be passing that way. When he saw the unfortunate fellow, he gave him a wide berth and hurried on past. Similarly, a Levite chanced upon him, he too keeping at a safe distance and moving hastily on his way. A Samaritan came by next, and the moment he spotted the man he rushed to his aid. Deeply concerned at his plight, he tended his injuries, salving them with oil and wine.

Then, placing the man on his donkey, he took him to an inn and continued to look after him for the rest of the day. Next morning, he handed the innkeeper two denarii, with the instruction, "Take good care of him. I"ll settle the bill when I return, so don't worry about the cost." What do you reckon: which of these three proved to be a neighbour to the man set upon by bandits?" "The one who had compassion on him," answered the lawyer. "Then off you go and do the same," said Jesus. (Luke 10:29-37)

"It's a small world. Today that seems more true than ever. We can travel across the globe in a matter of hours, watch events live by satellite from thousands of miles away, and talk to people in distant continents almost as if they are in our own front room. That fact brings enormous blessings but also new responsibilities and demands. Who is my neighbour?" the lawyer asked Jesus. The answer was anyone and everyone.

Two thousand years ago that challenge must have seemed daunting enough; today it is massive, for suddenly every person in every country has become our concern; every disaster, our disaster; everyone our neighbour. When floods strike Bangladesh, we know; when famine hits Sudan, we know; when students are massacred in Tiananmen Square, we know. Day after day, pictures of emaciated children confront us as we sit down to our meal of plenty; of the homeless as we sit in the warmth and comfort of our homes; of the poor as we enjoy an ever-rising standard of living. All these are our neighbours in today's small world. Charity may begin at home but it

Sunday Services in

February

Healing Mission

Sunday 4th February: 10.30 a.m. H.C. Joint Benefice Service at St. John's.

Talk: Lowered through the roof. Mark 2:1-12, Luke 5:17-26 Leader: Matthew Street Speaker: Bishop Michael

Sunday 11th February: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

Talk: Blind Bartimaeu. Mark 10:46-52, Luke 18:35-43, Matthew 20:29-34 Leader: Matthew Street Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 18th Febraury: 10.00 a.m. All Age Worship Talk: The crippled beggar. Acts 3:1-10 Leader: AAW Team Speaker: AAW Team

Sunday 25th February: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Healing in Lystra. Acts 14:8-20 Leader: Matthew Street Speaker: Matthew Street

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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	900am BC 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

- BC = Bubble Church
- HC = Holy Communion
- SF = Soul Food: A service with modern lively music followed by a family tea
- MP = Morning Praise

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cannot end there. By ourselves, of course, we cannot put all the world's ills to right, nor respond to every place of need, but neither can we turn our backs and pretend that they are none of our business. "Which of these," said Jesus, "was a neighbour to the man?" "The one who showed him mercy," came the answer. "Go and do like-wise!"

Church News

Now all the excitement of Christmas is over, services have returned to normal. We enjoyed morning service with Shaula on Sunday 7th and took some pictures of her with the congregation, one of which was made into a leaving card for her.

Sunday 14th was a communion service with Mary Warren giving an excellent talk.

Sadly, the All Age Worship service on Sunday 21st was Shaula's last service with the St. J's group. A short report is given below. We are incredibly grateful to Shaula for all she has done for us – not the least introducing AAW. I am sure you will all be pleased to know that AAW will be continuing under the guidance of Sue Smith.

We will all miss her but hopefully continuing AAW will be her legacy to us. We wish her the very best for her new parish, St. Andrew's, Gorleston, Norfolk. We know that she would be delighted for anyone who is in the area to get in touch.

On Sunday 4th of February, the Bishop of Bath and Wells will be visiting the Benefice. Sadly he is not visiting St. Julian's, as we had hoped he might, but he will be preaching at a Holy Communion Benefice Service at St. John's in Peasedown at 10.30 a.m. It would be wonderful if a good contingent from Wellow was able to get to the service. Please let us know if you would like a lift there.

He will also meet the Churchwardens for supper on Monday 5th and the PCCs of both Wellow and St. John's on Monday evening. Do please let us know if there is anything you would particularly like us to raise with him.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

All Age Worship

On Sunday 21st, 32 adults and 7 children came to the first All Age Worship of 2024, a fitting congregation for Shaula's final service at St Julian's and, in fact, as curate for the St J's group. The story of the lost son was told, encapsulating forgiveness and the love of God. There was congregation participation in the play when the whole story was re-enacted . Thoughts were discussed about how it would be to be either the father, older son or younger son. Following the blessing everyone sang "Thank you very much" by The Scaffold with new words for Shaula written by Kim Cottle. There *Community Matters: Support your Village*

The Parlour Shop, the Village Hall, the Church and the Societies

was a heartfelt "thank you" to Shaula for all she has done over the last (nearly) three years, especially her setting up and enthusiasm for All Age Worship. Some leaving presents were given to her. She will be sorely missed. Kim Cottle then accompanied our refreshments with wonderful accordion playing.

Julia Wyld

Wellow Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 8th January in the Village Hall. Twelve residents attended this meeting to address the matters on the agenda. The following matters were raised by the residents at the Public Participation section:

Public Participation: It was mentioned by the Parish Sweeper that there is a leaning memorial stone at the cemetery. The Parish Council agreed to investigate and to help with this.

Recent flooding at the western side of the village was brought to the attention of the Council. Unusually large volumes of water coming down Cemetery Road overwhelmed the road drains and flooded nearby houses. A question was asked if there is anything can be done to divert the water. The Parish Council informed residents that a landowner of the adjacent fields was approached recently to see whether any change in farming activities have taken place which could have caused this. The landowner confirmed that there were no changes to his activities. It was decided that B&NES Flooding Officer will be contacted for advice on preventing the flooding in the future.

A house was also flooded on Link Hill, Farm Lane, between the village and the Twinhoe crossroads where water runs off from the fields.

A resident reported that passing lorries had hit their house on Link Hill, Farm Lane, twice last year and asked if a "Quiet Lane" can be designated. It was unclear whether designation of a Quiet Lane would prevent HGVs using the lane. The resident was informed that this issue has recently been discussed with a B&NES Highways Officer but Highways will not allow installation of a "7.5 tonne max." sign approx. half way up Farm Lane without provision of a turning point on the highway. The Parish Council will consult with property owners at the bottom of Farm Lane, at its junction with the High Street about installation of appropriate signage and approach B&NES Highways for advice.

Planning Applications:

Sulis Down development: At the recent Planning Committee meeting, the decision was deferred due to the requirement for additional traffic surveys. Noted.

Mill Hill enforcement case: the Parish Council informed the meeting that an enforcement notice has been issued on 29 November, that no appeal has been received within the permitted 30 days and that therefore the landowner must reinstate the site by 29 March 2024.

The following planning applications were considered:

23/04206/AR: Knoll Farm, White Ox Mead. Support 23/04612/TCA: White Baines, Bull's Hill. No objection 23/04591/FUL and 23/04592/LBA: Wellow Farm, The Square. Support 23/04740/LBA and 23/04739/FUL: Moss Cottage, Railway Lane. Support

The following planning decisions by B&NES Council were noted:

23/03903/TCA: Footpath, Railway Lane. Permitted 23/04347/TCA: 4 Henley View. No objection.

Public Survey feedback: Following the recent Parish Survey, the Parish Council confirmed that the following issue concern residents the most and designated Councillor responsibilities accordingly:

Traffic: Chris Cook (traffic survey to be published shortly) Climate and Environment: Jonathan Luck Planning: Mike Clarkson Parking: Dave Workman (exact issues still to be identified)

Wellow Valley Tennis: The tennis court lights are to be upgraded to LEDs. The new lights will be more cost efficient and will also reduce the light spill onto neighbouring houses.

The tennis courts are 9 years old this year and need to be repainted, including a special primer to avoid iron staining. The painting work will start in late Spring.

Wellow Community Bus: The repairs to the bus have now been completed. A new driver has been hired, who is waiting for the DBS check to be completed. Wellow Community Bus Group is currently fundraising for a replacement bus, which is expected to be purchased by the middle of 2024.

Highways & Transport: The following updates were received:

Application to install a Speed Indication Device (SID): the funding application will be submitted to the Avon & Somerset Police Community Trust in April 2024. The Council was advised that at least 4-6 volunteers will be needed to manage SID i.e. change batteries and move locations. It is considered that a moveable SID device is more effective. A final decision on a type of SID to be acquired is to be made at the next meeting. Discussions took place about the maintenance cost associated with

the SID management (the need to train volunteers every 4 year (about £1,500/4yr) plus cost of replacement batteries.) B&NES agreement will needed for the installation. It was decided to conduct a resident's survey to gather people's views on traffic issues, on SID's and also to find volunteers who will be able to look after the moveable device.

Traffic survey: to be conducted.

Speed Watch: In the pre-Christmas period, 12 vehicles were reported doing 34mph in 20mph limit zone at the west end of the village.

Environment: The recent Village Survey showed that environmental issues were amongst the most concerning. Wellow Futures group is organising a carbon offset scheme - residents will be invited to donate money to offset their carbon footprint if they take flights. These funds will be used for village projects aimed at reducing our community's carbon footprint. The PC is providing the banking facility for this purpose but will not be involved in management or decision making.

The PC's Environment Policy is to be updated.

The PC received an email about smoke pollution created by logging business in the village. B&NES environmental department have requested to collect evidence of a smoke pollution. A log with dates and pictures will be collated and provided by a resident.

Wellow Recreation: It was mentioned that a quote for £2,500 was received for replacing the cricket nets. A decision is to be made dependent on the usage of the cricket nets.

The Wellow 10K will take place on Sunday 3 March

It was confirmed that an Outdoor Theatre performance by Miracle Theatre is being organised for 11 July 2024.

Community Infrastructure Levy:

Village Clock repair (£820): Update on completion of the repair works to be received.

Repair of the gates on Railway Lane (£1000): There appears to be an issue of ownership of the gates on Railway Lane. The Clerk will write to the owner to ask if the gates can be repaired.

The composting Committee have raised £1,500 for the new compost bin. The Parish Council will transfer the matching £1,500 as decided at the last meeting.

It was decided that the remaining available funds will be used to buy a bench for the Play Park.

Grant Applications: The following grant applications was approved for the financial year 2024-25:

Wellow Community Bus: £2,000 Midsomer Norton Dial a Ride: £50 Parish newsletter : £100

Finance and Administration: The Council agreed to adopt the following mission statement: 'Nurturing our socially vibrant community whilst protecting our beautiful natural environment'.

Public Participation procedures are to be reviewed along with the Standing Orders for approval at the next meeting.

It was agreed to set the Precept for 2024-25 at £16,040. It was noted that the precept amount remains unchanged for the last 5 years.

The dates of future meetings: 4th March, 2024 13th May, 2024: Annual Parish Council Meeting 8th July, 2024 9th September, 2024 4th November, 2024 6th January, 2025 3rd March, 2025. *Olga Shepherd, Parish Clerk. Tel: 07988 192619. Email: clerk@wellowpc.org.uk*

Lunch Club

February Lunch Club will be held on 22 February. Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

Vicky 01225 835840

Wellow Traffic Questionaire

The recent Parish Survey showed that the most common issue of concern in the parish of Wellow was traffic and speeding. The Parish Council now want to understand more about these issues and what might be done about them. We would be most grateful if you could complete a short survey for us. Please type the following into your browser: https://forms.gle/HwcnA5D375mvCgV37. The survey will remain open until 10th Feb 2024.

Help Save The Planet! (and Wellow)



Ever felt a bit guilty as you book your holiday or business flight about its impact on climate change and your personal carbon footprint? Ideally, we should all try to cut back on air travel. If you choose to fly however, the Wellow Carbon Offset Fund is a wholly voluntary idea that can help turn your guilty feeling into positive local action.

You will have seen international 'carbon offset' schemes that, through a small payment, help offset the impact of your flight by funding rainforest protection, tree planting or similar. However, knowing how your money is actually being used is difficult to assess and some of those schemes have been exposed as having limited impact.

The Wellow Carbon Offset Fund (WeCOF) will mean you can offset your flight's CO2 emissions secure in the knowledge that your money is going directly towards reducing the carbon footprint of Wellow. It will be doing things that help promote sustainability and building our community resources. (Though doing so should not encourage you to fly more – the big aim must be less flying).

How it will work is simple:

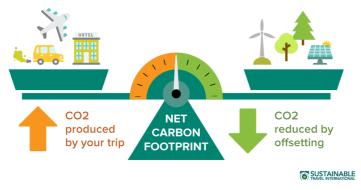
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- 2. You pay that amount (or any other sum you see fit) into the Fund¹.
- 3. The amount in the Fund will be publicised from time to time and ideas/proposals invited for how it should be used.
- 4. The money will be allocated in the best way to benefit carbon reduction and the community. Everyone who has contributed can have a say in how it is used.

¹ The Fund is being looked after by the Parish Council to ensure the money is safe, but the Parish Council have no other role in its management or operation, which will be done by a group of volunteers from the Parish.

- Land/plant management initiatives that help reduce CO2
- Traffic reduction initiatives

So, please join in and commit today to make future contributions as you book or take your flights. Remember this is totally voluntary, and if you cannot make the full offset payment, any contribution is better than none. For more details and to 'sign up', contact us at WeCOF@future.wellow.org

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Update from Dan Norris, Mayor of the West of England

'Social Economy West' Launches

Co-operatives and other community-focused firms can now access advice and support from a new service: Social Economy West. Find out more at www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/social-economywest/.

Local Businesses - Turn Your Roof Into A Renewable Power Station!

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Time To 'Leap' On To The Bus:

2024 is a leap year which means an extra day added to the calendar. That's great news for those with February birthdays as they will have a whole extra day to use their free 'Birthday Bus Month Pass'.

Birthday Buses from the Mayoral Combined Authority gives you unlimited free bus travel throughout the month of your Birthday. Don't forget to apply at: http://www.birthdaybus.co.uk!

Wellow and District Horticultural Society Presents Meadow in My Garden Tuesday the 6th of February 7.30pm in Wellow Village Hall

Meadow in my Garden is a community interest company based in Freshford, supporting gardening for wildlife in all kinds of outdoor spaces. Their aim is to make gardening accessible and inclusive and to create flourishing environments for people and pollinators.

> Members free and non members £5 All Welcome



JANUARY'S LIST

The following foodbank requirements for January 2024 are in the order of need, food items and non-food items.

Please choose items from the list only. Thank you.

Food items	Non-food items
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Please no cash donations with the food items. Thank you.



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We are really grateful to Tesco for the opportunity to be one of the three local charities in the round of voting starting 14 January 2024.

YOUR VOTES determine the amount we qualify for: £500, £1,000 or £1,500

The grant money will go toward staging a performance by the amazing Miracle Theatre Company in the summer of 2024.

It will be great to have families and friends enjoying live theatre on our recreation field again.

PLEASE SUPPORT US BY:

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- asking for a blue token every time you shop
- voting for us in the ballot box in store

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Bathwick Hil Bath Express	BA2 4EN
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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 Email: 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: Vicky Hammerton: Tel: 01225 835840

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

Wellow Parish Directory:

Wellow Horticultural Society: Secretary: Tel: 07966 080005: Email: info@hortsoc.wellow. org

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