



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

June 2024

“The courage of our convictions” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Daniel 6:6-11

So these administrators and satraps went as a group to the king and said: “May King Darius live forever! The royal administrators, prefects, satraps, advisers and governors have all agreed that the king should issue an edict and enforce the decree that anyone who prays to any god or human being during the next thirty days, except to you, Your Majesty, shall be thrown into the lions’ den. Now, Your Majesty, issue the decree and put it in writing so that it cannot be altered—in accordance with the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be repealed.” So King Darius put the decree in writing.

Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before. Then these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. (Daniel 6:6-11)

The story of Daniel in the lions’ den must be one of the best known in the whole of the Old Testament; a tale that has been told and retold across the centuries, delighting countless generations. It is a classic example of good conquering evil; a victory against all the odds. But, of course, it needed the faith and courage of Daniel for that triumph to happen, his willingness to make a stand for the things he believed in, never mind the consequences. Today, thankfully, times are very different; there is little chance of us being fed to the lions, not literally anyway! Yet we need people of Daniel’s stature as much as ever; people ready to risk all in the cause of truth, ready to hold firmly to their principles despite every attempt to sway them. Have we even a fraction of that courage and commitment?

Sunday Services in

June

Mission in Exile

Sunday 2nd June: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Four Exiles in Babylon. Daniel 1:1-21

Leader: Jo Vening

Speaker: Jo Vening

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

Talk: The Queen's Petition. Esther 4:4-5:7, 7:1-10

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 16th June: 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Leader: Martin Palmer

Speaker: AAW team

Sunday 23rd June: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Patience Rewarded. Esther 6:1-14

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 30th June: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: The Lion's Den. Daniel 6:1-14

Leader: Derek Smith

Speaker: Derek Smith

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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 9..00am 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

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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Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church



YOU'RE INVITED!



... and bring your family and friends

Sunday 16th June

Songs and Praise for Nature's Creation

with Martin Palmer

at

St Julian's Church and the North Field, Wellow

We'll make a noise to celebrate the natural world
so bring your instruments and may the sun shine!



9.30 breakfast for 10.00am start



Church News

On the morning of Sunday 26th May, St. Julian's was the host for the joint Benefice Service and we were also privileged to have a visiting band of Bell Ringers ring a quarter peal before the service. A lovely service was enjoyed by worshippers from Wellow, Peasedown St John, Shoscombe and visitors staying in the village.

A very big thank you to those who came along to help with the annual spring clean; we now have a sparkling Church and more stone has been laid on the church path.

New locks have been installed on the South Door and Vestry.

The May All Age Worship was a fun occasion enjoyed by all who came along. If you haven't already joined us at one of these Service, why not come along. It's a wonderful way for young children to hear the stories from the Bible and take an active part in the service. Lots of information with regard to the next AAW service will be circulated in the village in the next few weeks, we would love to see you.

Pam Pike & Jane Rees, Church Wardens

*Community Matters: Support your Village
The Parlour Shop, the Village Hall, the Church and the Societies*

Wellow Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 13th May in the Village Hall. Eight residents attended this meeting to address the matters on the agenda.

The Council voted for Dave Workman to be the Chairman and Nick Chapman to be Vice Chairman.

The following matters were raised by the residents at the Public Participation section.

The Council congratulated Stewart Cole, the village sweeper for his 35-year service to the village and gave him with a present. Everyone thanked Stewart for his commitment and excellent work!

The Parish Sweeper noted that B&NES had done good work resurfacing the High Street.

The Parish Sweeper queried if the trailers parked on the car park will be moved for the Outdoor Theatre event in the summer to enable more parking in the car park.

The Parish Sweeper mentioned that some visitors in the playing fields are parking just opposite kitchen window of the hall where parking is not allowed.

A resident expressed a deep concern about two mature Lyme trees and a Holm Oak tree that were cut back by B&NES recently. He pointed out that Wellow Parish Plan highlights the importance of trees in the village and that the residents were not consulted. Correspondence was sent to B&NES tree officer expressing dissatisfaction.

Parish Council Vacancies: The Parish Council confirmed that three vacancies can still be filled by co-option. Expressions of interest were invited.

Planning Applications: The Council noted that the planning application 22/02169/EOUT Parcel 4234, Combe Hay Lane, Combe Hay has been refused at the Planning Committee on the 10th April 2024. It was noted that the applicant has six months to appeal.

It was noted that enforcement action on the land adjacent to the Ford on Mill Hill was successful. However, two requirements of the enforcement were not complied with. The driveway hard cover has not been removed and the land needs to be re-seeded.

The following planning applications were considered:

24/00938/FUL: The Byre, Upper Twinhoe. Erection of shelter porch to entrance. Installation of new windows, doors and related steps, etc. Replacement of doors, windows, timber cladding, rainwater goods. Installation of rooflights and changes to fenestration to outbuilding. Installation of permeable bound gravel surface and stone paved area in yard. The PC supported this application.

24/00892/FUL: Springfield, High Street. Erection of new 900mm high stone wall and 900mm high flood gates to the front of Springfield. The PC supported this application.

24/00825/ADCOU: Greenacres, Littleton Lane - Conversion of existing agricultural building to residential dwelling house (Use Class C3) and associated operational development. The PC supported this planning application.

The following planning decisions by B&NES Council since the last PC meeting were noted:

24/00386/TCA: The Water Mill - Cooking Apple tree reduce by a third. No objection.

24/00313/TCA: Willow Barn, High Street - T1 & T2 Birch crown reduce by 10ft. T3 walnut crown reduce by 8-10ft. T4, T5 & T6 poplar. No objection.

Highways and Transport: The following updates were received:

The resurfacing work on the High Street by B&NES has been completed. Everyone noted that the work was done well.

Speed Indication Device (SID): Investigations suggested that anyone working on the highway must be 'Chapter 8' qualified. Confirmation of this is required. Four volunteers will be needed to support the use of a moveable SID. A training company has been consulted. Onsite courses cost £2500 for up to 10 people. If six spare spaces can be filled by others, the cost to the council will be £1,000. If Chapter 8 compliance cannot be achieved, the alternative is for the device to be installed in a fixed location but a grant may not be available for this. Further enquiries will be made and neighbouring parish councils consulted.

Proposed way forward for traffic calming: Following the example set by Camerton, the Council AGREED to arrange an on site meeting with the District Councillor and B&NES Highways Engineers to discuss options for Wellow.

Drainage works at the West end of the Village and Farm Lane: The road has now been re-profiled and additional drainage added at "The Pond". B&NES has permitted an application to build flood gates at Springfield. B&NES intends to install a large drain in front driveways in this location to provide additional protection. A mesh needs to be installed in the railings of the existing drain near Bubbles Dytch.

Issue of preventing HGV access in Farm Lane: Large vehicles continue to damage properties in Farm Lane. B&NES traffic engineers agreed that HGV must be stopped from using this narrow lane. WPC will contact B&NES about installing "No HGV access" signs.

Wellow and Shoscombe Cemetery: The Burial Board accounts at the end of 2023/24 financial year have been received by the Council. An overspend of £3, 000 was reported. However, there is around £5,000 in the reserve account held for any emergency repairs and expenditure.

The Burial Board meeting held on 18th April 2024. The minutes of this meeting were sent to the councillors of Wellow PC and Shoscombe PC.

Discussions took place about the lack of enquiries about cemetery plots, current scale of charges and the need to publicize the availability of grave spaces for a purchase in perpetuity for local parishioners as well as outside residents. It was noted that the parishioners of Wellow and Shoscombe receive a 50% discount. If no income will be received by the Burial Board, the grant applications will be made to both Wellow PC and Shoscombe PC for the maintenance of the grounds. The applications will be submitted in December 2024 when the PCs set their budgets for the next year.

Community Bus: It was reported that the bus is still running. The fundraising activities are organized to raise about £25,000 needed for the purchase of a replacement bus.

Play Park: The installation of the new bench in the Play Park was noted. A plaque with Wellow PC slogan will be ordered and placed on the new bench.

It was confirmed that an annual inspection of the play park is to be carried out in June 2024.

Environment: Three tree stumps were left by the Church after the recent felling of trees by B&NES. WPC and residents expressed concern that the parish council was not consulted. The Council will contact B&NES to establish a process of collaboration with regards to future tree removals in Wellow. WPC understands that as Wellow is in AONB area, the trees are under Tree Preservation Orders and should not be felled. Discussions took place about what to do with the tree stamps left. The Local Tree Expert will also be consulted whether the tree stamps can be left to revive.

Community Infrastructure Levy: It was noted that CIL funds of £3,480 received by Wellow PC in 2019 have now been spent as follows: £1,500 contribution to purchase of a new compost facility; £371 on a new bench for the play park; £820 – repair of the Church clock; £790 on installation of a concrete pad for the new bench.

The Clerk reported that the new parish council website is near completion. The dates of transfer will be established when the External Audit is complete to avoid any confusion as the Auditors will be checking the PC's website.

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

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Email the Chairman for further details: Dave@wellowpc.org.uk

Future PC meeting dates: 8th July 2024; 9th September 2024; 4th November 2024; 6th January 2025; 3rd March 2025; 5th May 2025 (Annual PC Meeting), all to be held in the Village Hall.

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

Lunch Club

Lunch Club is now held on the **3rd Thursday** of the month. The June Lunch Club will be held on Thursday 21st June. All are welcome.

Vicky 01225 835840

Outdoor Theatre reminder: 27th June 2024.

Tickets for this event are on sale at the Parlour Shop or on line at the Bath Box office (Bathboxoffice.org.uk). Do please support this traditionally popular event organised by Wellow Recreation. All net proceeds support good causes in Wellow.

Have Your Say on Growing Older in Bath & North East Somerset

Age UK Bath & North East Somerset and St John's Foundation are launching the Ageing Well Programme, a pioneering initiative aimed at transforming Bath & North East Somerset into an inclusive, supportive and accessible environment where everyone can age well, in whatever way they see fit.

The approach is guided by the Age-Friendly Framework developed by the World Health Organisation (WHO), which is designed to foster healthy and active ageing. There are four phases to this Age-Friendly journey and for 2024/25, it is all about you!

To kick off this phase, AgeUK B&NES are conducting the Ageing Well Community Survey and need your help. Your insights and experiences are crucial in shaping a community that truly meets the needs of its people.

- Are you 55 or older? Please grab a cuppa and complete the survey.
- Not in this age group? Please share this with at least one person who is!

To access the survey online, just type bit.ly/AWBNESSurvey into the browser in your computer. If you don't use a computer and/or would like a paper copy, please contact the AgeUK B&NES office on 01225 466135 or ask Wellow resident Rob Greig, who is an AgeUK B&NES Trustee.

The survey closes on 31st July 2024. Your participation will help us create a better future for everyone in our community.

Thank you for your support in making Bath & North East Somerset a great place to grow older.

Update from Dan Norris, Mayor of the West of England

New grants for freelancers: Culture West is offering £2,000 grants to local artists, technicians, designers, curators, producers, writers and other freelancers working in the arts. Full details can be found at: www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/what-we-do/innovation/culture-west/creative-freelancer-grants/.

Last Bus Guarantee: Agreement has been reached with all bus operators to ensure no one is ever stranded by last bus of the day being cancelled. If for any reason a bus does not run, operators must now provide reimbursement for a taxi home.

Slow Mow Summer? Last month many of you put away your lawnmower and gave nature a month off by taking part in No Mow May. Why not go one step further? Experts say mowing less and at different lengths and frequencies through the summer is also really important in terms of helping more wildflowers to flourish, providing extra food for pollinators and becoming a haven for West of England wildlife big and small. Find out more at www.westofengland-ca.gov.uk/pollinator-resources.

Jump on a June Ride: If you've got a Birthday in June, with summer approaching, now is the perfect opportunity to see the Wonders of the West by applying for a Birthday Bus Pass. It gives you unlimited free travel throughout the month of your birthday on local buses. Apply today at www.birthdaybus.co.uk

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Wellow Parish Diary

Regular activities:

Parish Council meetings: Village Hall; 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 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; 3rd 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:

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