



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

May 2025

“Living in Peace” by Matthew Street, the Vicar, based on Psalm 133

How good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity! It is as fragrant as oil poured over the head and running down upon the beard, running down the beard of Aaron and over the collar of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon falling on the mountains of Zion. There the Lord grants his blessing, life for all eternity. (Psalm 133)

Few things are sadder yet more common than a divided family. Yet we see it repeatedly: husbands who no longer speak to wives; children who have fallen out with their parents; brothers, sisters, cousins, nephews, aunts and uncles, each disowning the other and refusing to have any further dealings with them. As if that isn't sad enough, invariably, the cause of such a bad feeling is something trivial, blown up out of all proportion over the years because of an unwillingness to meet and resolve the issue. Unchecked, the poison festers, feeding on itself and destroying the lives of all concerned.

I do not know whether a dispute such as this or something more complex lies behind Psalm 133. However, this simple psalm reminds us of the importance of living together in harmony, which we would all do well to consider, whether at the level of our immediate family or the family of the Church. The relationships we are intended to enjoy in both are special; we cannot afford to waste them.

Sunday Services in

May

Keep fit for life - Fellowship

Sunday 4th May: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

Talk: A song and a prayer for fellowship

- Psalm 133, John 17:20-23

Leader: Derek Smith

Speaker: Derek Smith

Sunday 11th May: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: A community of fellowship - Acts 2:42-47

Leader: Andrew Fraser

Speaker: Andrew Fraser

Sunday 18th May: 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship with Martin Palmer

Sunday 25th May: 10.30 a.m.

Joint Group Service

Talk: Persevere with fellowship - Hebrews 10:19-39

Leader: Matthew Streett

Speaker: Matthew Streett

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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 Joint service at Wellow.

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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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.

Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Church News

The Annual Parochial Church meeting took place on Sunday April 6th and although Pam has had to stand down as Church Warden, she has now taken on the job of one of our representatives on the Deanery Synod and as such will continue to attend PCC meetings. Lynne Williams, the only member of the PCC who had reached the end of her term, agreed to stand again.

The first service of Easter in St. Julian's was the Meditation on the Cross on Good Friday. Always a very moving service, this year it was conducted by Andre Avramenko and was well attended. On Easter morning, Derek Smith conducted the Holy Communion service. A beautiful service with excellent attendance, enhanced by a wonderful anthem sung by the Wellow Choir and it was lovely to hear the bells rung before the service.

The May All Age Worship will be held on Sunday 18th May. We are delighted that Martin Palmer will be leading this service and it is certain to be wonderful service. Do please come and join us.

Finally, a reminder that the Annual Spring Cleaning of St. Julian's will take place on Saturday 24th May from 10.00 a.m.

Jane Rees, Church Wardens

Wellow Parish Council

Meeting held on March 10th 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Sports Pavilion.

Public Participation: Before the Parish Council Meeting commences parishioners may address the Council on matters of local concern. Future Wellow addressed the meeting concerning reduction of carbon emissions in the parish. Three initiatives were raised: Car Chargers; Inefficient housing insulation; Solar Farms in the parish. As this was also itemised in the agenda the discussion was deferred to later in the meeting

A parishioner stated that Wessex Water had finished work on his property & just need to clear up, but that there was the possibility that they would be returning in 12 months or so to upgrade storage tanks etc. to combat flooding in times of heavy rainfall. They have also left pipe & stone to help improve an area of footpath that is always very muddy.

A brief discussion followed about the request for planning for 3 houses at the Trekking Centre, outlining reasons for change, and reassuring the meeting that charity use of facilities will still be possible, and access has also be addressed

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

SUSTRANS (walking & cycling group) addressed the meeting about road safety, & asked for village support for funding. This was deferred to later in the meeting as was an itemised on the agenda.

Welcome and Apologies for absence: Present: Dave Workman (Chair), Mike Clarkson, Nick Chapman, Jonathan Luck, Chris Cook, Stuart Kotchie, Cllr Matt McCabe, Cllr Fiona Gourley. Apologies for absence received from Sarah Sell.

No interests were declared

Planning Applications: the following planning applications were considered:

Windyridge, High Street: 25/00308/FUL: Erection of 3 bedroom dwelling on land to the front of Windyridge, associated landscape works, and modification to existing drive entrance. Supported – a noise assessment recommended for the requested heat pump

Teazel Cottage, High Street: 25/00577/TCA: T1 *Acer griseum* – Reduce by 1m. No Objection

Land at rear of Manor Cottage, Farm Lane: 25/00593/TCA: T2 Ash – reduce by 2m. T3 Ash – crown reduce by 2m. T4 Indian bean tree – reduce by 1.5m. T5 Dragons claw willow – reduce by 2m. T6 Ash – remove. T7 Ash – reduce by 1m. No Objection

Hilltrough. High Street: 25/00639/FUL: Remodelling to rear elevation of property and addition of 2 recessed balconies at first floor. Supported

To NOTE a planning application recommendation decided by email since the last PC meeting:

The Granary, Baggridge Hill: 25/00043/FUL. 25/00044/LBA. Erection of marginal extension to area within byre (now pool room), addition of shower to existing room, strengthening of beams with steel work and change of fenestration of modern window within existing opening (Retrospective). Permitted

To NOTE planning application decisions by B&NES Council since the last PC meeting.

Wellow Farm, The Square: 24/04217/FUL. 24/04218/LBA: Erection of replacement conservatory. Permitted.

There are several planning applications still pending: The application for 3 houses at the trekking centre came through too late to be included in this meeting & an extension will be applied for. It was suggested that a consultation was put forward in the Parish Post & that there would be the possibility for an extraordinary meeting of the PC to discuss if an extension was not granted

New B&NES Local Plan process: Cllr McCabe stated that this process has been postponed, but that there is pressure to find more land for housing, and that any suggestions were welcomed. The housing requirements having been doubled.

Wellow Community Bus: The bus is no longer doing the KES run, which has affected revenue. The bus is running well & budget for the bus is pending

Highways & Transport: The Future Wellow Group made three requests of the PC:

The Parish Council is asked to support (in principle) the installation of electric car chargers in a suitable location in the village and engage as needed in discussions with relevant parties including the possibility of being the applicant for matching funds if such funds can be identified.

After discussion the PC agreed to support this request on the understanding that the work associated with this activity will be carried out by the Future Wellow team and that where credibility is required in their conversations with third parties the WPC would provide letters of support. It was also agreed that any capital investments associated with this activity could be routed through the Parish Council. It was also agreed that any proposal to site EV chargers in the village would require consultation with other stakeholders (Wellow Rec, Village Hall Committee, residents etc.) but that this would be incorporated into the work carried out by Future Wellow.

The Parish Council is asked to make an approach to Curo housing to open up and take forward discussions about their plans and opportunities to make adaptations to their properties in Wellow in order to make use of improved energy efficiency, solar generation and non fossil fuel heating systems

After discussion it was agreed that Future Wellow would draft a letter in the name of WPC to Curo and that this draft would be forwarded to the Clerk for review by the Council prior to being sent to Curo.

The Parish Council is asked to actively engage with BWCE and Future Wellow to explore the feasibility and options around solar generation to benefit the community of Wellow including liaising with other bodies/ Interested parties to deliver carbon reduction initiatives in the village.

After discussion it was established that what was being asked of the council was that we provide a letter of support such that Future Wellow can approach BWCE with the added credibility of the support of the parish council. It was agreed that Future Wellow would prepare this letter in draft and send it to the Clerk for review.

Wellow Recreation: It was agreed that a quote would be required for re-tarmacing the drive to the village hall.

It was agreed the old access system is obsolete and that a new system that works from a phone app would be instigated.

Entries for the 10K are high & traffic management has been agreed with B&NES.

Tree Maintenance: Manor Lodge issues are ongoing. No progress has been made in dealing with the Ash Die back

Burial Board: The rubbish situation has not improved & fencing has been requested. The Chairman has replied to a complaint received about the upkeep of the graveyard.

Other Matters: Complaint about overhanging hedges in the village, particularly near Fox & Badger & Village: the complainant has been referred back to the B&NES website for their complaint's procedure. The Chairman will also put a note for the Parish Post

A litter pick is planned for the 29th March

Grant Applications: Village Hall Kitchen equipment – grant request rejected due to lack of funds. Community Bus - £1k granted for operations

Date of the next meetings: 12th May 2025 (Annual PC Meeting). 7th July 2025

Claire Dicken, Parish Clerk. Email: clerk@wellowpc.org.uk

Lunch Club

Please make a note of the Lunch Club dates for 2025, if you are unable to make it please call Vicky on 0797 7900 387. If you would like to join us you would be made very welcome. Thank you

22nd May	23rd Oct
26th June	20th Nov
25th Sept	11th Dec

The Lunch Club Team

St Julian's Church Spring Cleaning: Saturday 24th May 2025 from 10.00am

We have many visitors to Saint Julian's, who often compliment us on the state of the church, and that is thanks, largely to our regular cleaners. However, once a year people who don't necessarily visit the church, come and give it a good spring clean, and it really does make such a difference. We have the dusters and the hoover – we just need your muscles.

It is, after all, your church, there for your weddings and funerals, flower festivals and baptisms.

Could you spare half an hour or so out of your busy morning to polish or Hoover, sweep or dust. You will be rewarded with hot coffee, croissants and fruit.

Please come if you can, and do bring the children.

Jill Tremellen.

Wellow & District Horticultural Society

Calling all vegetable gardeners who want to increase productivity!

TOUR OF HOMEWOOD HOTEL

NO-DIG KITCHEN GARDEN

Sunday afternoon, 6th July

Come to see the productive kitchen garden at Homewood Hotel, with a guided tour by the Head Gardener. You'll learn about the sowing and planting plans for the year, but especially to keep producing food during the winter and spring.

£5 per person, free for members

Book your place with secretary@hortsoc.wellow.org

After the tour we can enjoy tea and cakes in the hotel!

Wellow & District Horticultural Society
ANNUAL PLANT SALE –WELLOW VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 10th MAY 2 – 3.30 pm

**The annual Plant Sale is a chance to exchange plants with our
Wellow community
and at the same time make some money for the Society.**

It is also a fun social gathering.

**Please sow extra seeds of flowers and vegetables, which are
always popular.**

**Also, divide and pot up perennials as you spring tidy your
garden borders**

(remember to label all plants).

**There is also a Green Elephant Stall for pre-loved books,
tools and garden paraphernalia.**

Delicious cakes, hot and cold drinks.

**FREE packet of Hollyhock seeds for the first 50 people
through the door.**

**Please bring plants, Green Elephant items to the Village Hall
12-1.45pm.**

Entrance £2, children under 18 FREE

Cash and card accepted

Look forward to seeing you there.

*Mari Bartholomew, HORT SOC committee
events@hortsoc.wellow.org*

WELLOW & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY

6-9pm Friday 27th June 2025

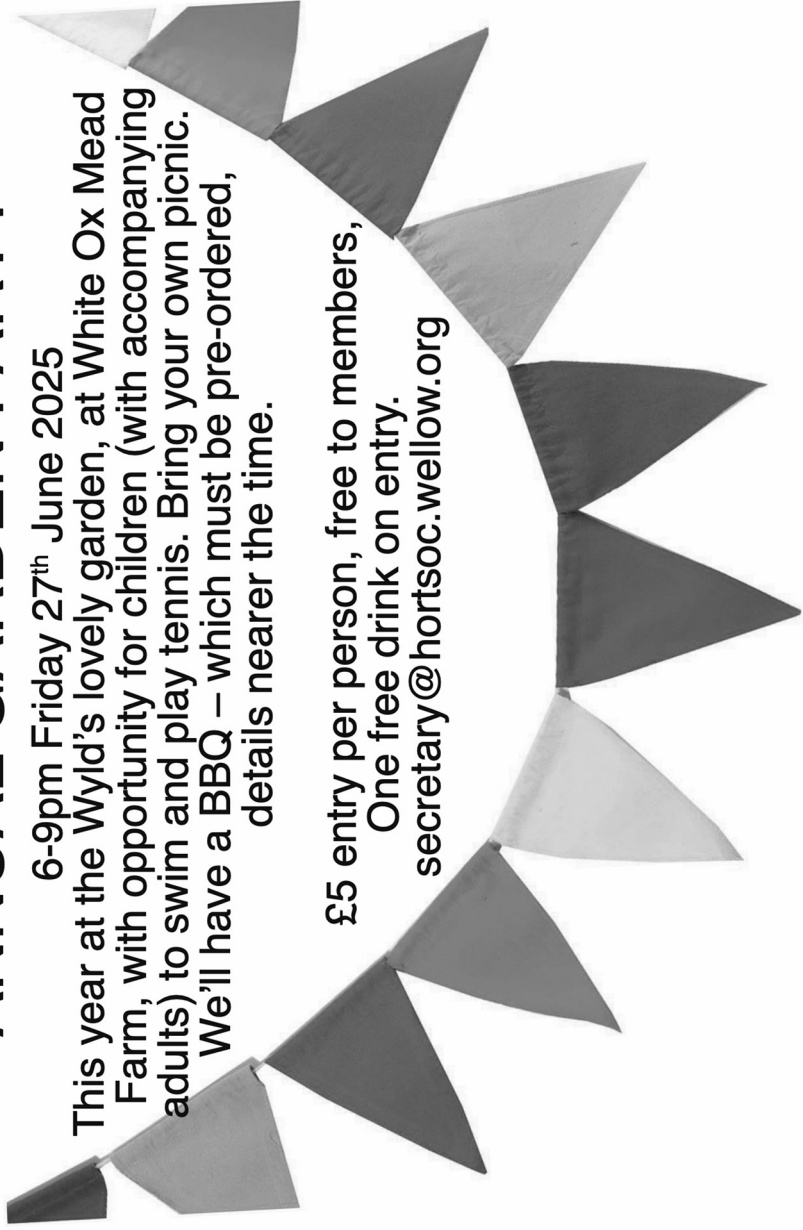
This year at the Wyld's lovely garden, at White Ox Mead Farm, with opportunity for children (with accompanying adults) to swim and play tennis. Bring your own picnic.

We'll have a BBQ – which must be pre-ordered, details nearer the time.

£5 entry per person, free to members,

One free drink on entry.

secretary@hortsoc.wellow.org



Wellow Recreation / Table Tennis

Good News Could Get Better

I'm delighted to report that Wellow Recreation has been approved by Tesco as one of three good causes in its Tesco Stronger Starts "blue token" scheme to be introduced to local Tesco stores between April and June 2025. As you know, the scheme invites customers to select the local good cause(s) which they wish to support by placement of blue tokens in perspex containers marked with the names and objectives of the entities approved by Tesco.

At the conclusion of the 3 month appeal, Tesco awards grants to all three qualifying good causes according to votes cast in the form of tokens. As such, Wellow Recreation's application is already assured of a £500 award. However, please help us to qualify for the higher awards of £1000 (2nd place) or even £1500 (1st place).

Wellow Recreation's specific objective for this award is to support the development of its weekly table tennis club, which has proved to be popular in providing a source of healthy physical activity and social interaction, especially during cold, dark winter months. The initiative is a "win-win" for Wellow Recreation and the Village Hall, which we hire on Wednesday evenings.

However, we currently rely on two ageing (and not entirely flat!) tables which will eventually need replacement. With reference to the Tesco awards, £1000 would enable us to purchase 2 new or slightly used tables.

Do please go the extra mile to support us. The applicable stores are as follows:-

Bath Express BA1 1QE

Combe Down Express BA2 5RU

Midsomer Norton BS39 7SW

Bath Weston's Express BA1 4BX

Peasedown St John BA2 8DN

Bath Englishcombe Lane Express BA2 2ER

Bathwick Hill Express BA2 4EN

Windsor Bridge Express BA1 3DE

Bath Wellsway Express BA2 4SA

Bath Westgate Building Express BA1 1EB

Many thanks,

Peter Gaines Chairman Wellow Recreation

A Wellow Talk/Discussion on Warmer Homes, Lower Bills and Reducing Carbon.

Tuesday 6th May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall - Everyone Welcome

The recent Future Wellow Parish survey showed a high level of interest from respondents in trying to reduce the carbon footprint of their heating systems (and save money at the same time). For example, 83% of people using oil/LPG to heat their homes were willing to consider switching to a heat pump. Others were interested in having solar panels. People sometimes cited obstacles (like planning consent) that, in some cases, are possible to overcome. So, Future Wellow has invited an expert to come and help us understand what is possible.

Cathy Crozier-Cole from Bath & West Community Energy will join us to talk about opportunities to make your home warmer, save on energy bills and cut carbon – through measures like insulation, heat pumps and solar panels. Come along to get ideas for how these could work in your home, and find out what support is available locally, including financial support, to help you on your way.

(Please note that Bath and West Community Energy are a not for profit community enterprise, set up to help the development of low cost, clean energy alternatives).

From the Wellow archive



The pupils of St. Julian's School dancing round the Maypole, ca. 1900

Wellow Parish Diary

Regular activities:

Parish Council meetings: Village Hall; Contact: Parish Clerk: Email: clerk@wellowpc.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

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: 0797 7900 387

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

Wellow Parish Directory:

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