



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

November 2025

“Remembering what was” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Deuteronomy 7:18; 8:2

Remember what the Lord your God did. Remember the way the Lord your God has led you. (Deuteronomy 7:18; 8:2)

November always seems to be the month of remembering. The nights draw in, the air turns crisp, and our calendars fill with moments that ask us to pause and look back. It begins with All Saints’ Day, when we honour the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us in faith. The following day, All Souls’ Day, turns our hearts to loved ones now at rest, reminding us that we are bound together in life and death by the love of God.

Then comes Guy Fawkes’ Night — not a religious occasion, of course, but a distinctly British moment of memory, marking a centuries-old plot born out of the religious and political divisions of its age. And, before the month is through, Remembrance Day arrives — solemn, reflective, and deeply moving — as we recall the countless men and women who gave their lives in two World Wars and in conflicts since.

So much to remember. So much to learn from. And so much that calls us to build a better future, shaped by the lessons of the past.

For the people of Israel, remembering was never a passive act. It was woven into their very identity. Parents told and retold the story of how God delivered them from Egypt and led them safely through the wilderness into the Promised Land. Each generation kept the story alive so that their children and their children’s children might know that the Lord is faithful.

For Christians, too, remembering stands at the heart of our faith. “Do this in memory of me,” said Jesus, as he broke bread with his disciples. Our faith rests not on vague hopes or comforting ideas, but on real events — on what God has done in history.

So as we move through this season of remembrance, let’s not only recall the past — let’s allow it to shape our present. Take time to remember, not only on those designated days, but every day. Because in remembering what God has done, we find courage and hope for what lies ahead.

Sunday Services in November

Keep fit for life - Service

Sunday 2 November 10.00 a.m.

Remembering Loved ones Sunday

Leader: Rachel Howlett

Speaker: Andrew Avramenko

Sunday 9 November 10.45 a.m.

Remembrance Sunday

Leader: Dick Beath

Speaker: Dick Beath

Sunday 16 November 10.00 a.m.

All Age Worship

Leader: AAW Team

Speaker: AAW Team

Sunday 23 November 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Selfless service. Luke 10:25-37

Leader: Rachel Howlett

Speaker: Derek Smith

Sunday 30 November 10.30 a.m.

Joint Service at Peasedown St John.

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Benefice Office

For anything church related contact the Benefice Office:

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Details from the editor

Church Community Groups

Wellow Prayer Group

Tuesdays at 3 p.m.

Phone Pauline for details: 832625

Benefice Praise and Prayer

Every Monday, 7.45pm-9.30pm

@ The Vicarage, Peasedown *'God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.'* John 4:24. Please join us as we praise God, hear His Word, and come to Him in prayer.

St John's Peasedown

1st Sunday 9:00 am BC 10:30am HC

4:30pm SF

2nd Sunday 10:45 am Remembrance

4:30pm W4E

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

4th Sunday Joint Service HC 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

W4A - Worship for Everyone

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.

Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Church News

On 5th October we celebrated Mission Sunday. A representative from Mentoring Plus, one of the charities we supported this year, came to tell us about the wonderful work that they do supporting young people in Bath.

Several of the Wellow family went to St John's, Peasedown to their Worship for Everyone which I understand was an interesting and enlightening service (unfortunately I was away that weekend.)

Coming up at St Julian's is our Annual Church Bazaar which is being held in the church on Saturday 29th November from 11. a.m to 2 p.m. Do please come and support this to raise money for the church.

We are also continuing to work towards achieving the toilet and kitchen project. A long and laborious process but we continue to believe that we will get there in the end and that it will be of great benefit to the church.

Jane Rees, Church Warden

Wellow Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Monday July 7th 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Public Participation: The Parish Sweeper raised concerns that "customers only" parking spaces by the village shop are being taken up by residents. Chairman asked that signs are put on offending cars to raise awareness

He also raised concerns about various trees in the car park & on Farm Lane, as well as root disruption on the path outside the church. A reminder to be sent to BANES highways concerning the path

A representative from Sustrans outlined another village engagement on October 21st to show present designs & to obtain some feedback. A poster will be submitted to the Parish Post prior to the meeting

Present: Dave Workman (Chair), Sarah Sell, Mike Clarkson, Nick Chapman, Matt McCabe & the Parish Clerk. Apologies received from Jonathan Luck and Chris Cook.

Minutes were approved from the July Meeting.

Planning Applications: The following planning application was discussed.

25/03062/FUL: Elmlea, Railway Lane: Erection of two storey side, and single storey rear extension, alterations to bay windows, and associated works, following demolition of outbuildings and front porch. A decision on this application is deferred to BANES due to lack of accurate information on the change of size of the building.

25/03301/TCA: Church Farm House, High Street, T2-Topiarised Yew, fell, outgrown location T3-Wedding Cake, formative prune, crown clean T4-Yew, crown lift to 0.75m G5- Lilac group, reduce top and sides up to 1-1.5m. This application is to be passed on the Jane Brewer the tree officer

Wellow Community Bus: Concerns on the viability of the bus were raised, due to diminished use for school runs, and reduced sponsorship.

A volunteer fundraiser has been engaged, to try to identify new grants & sponsors. A grant will be applied for. Some of the hours that the bus runs can be reduced due to very low usage by passengers. Possibility of having a village fundraiser was suggested.

Highways & Transport: Report from Sustrans (Alban Luffnan). Sustrans is to be re-named as 'Walk, Wheels, Cycle Trust' from October.

Overnight stays in village car park: Camper vans have been staying overnight in the village car park. Concerns were raised about increasing numbers, and the hygiene implications of people staying there. Also that these vans may encourage more unwanted overnight/longer term stays.

It was suggested that the barrier that was in place is restored, but there were reservations about this due to safety concerns about vehicles being unable to turn. Signs stating no overnight parking were also suggested along with parking charges.

It was agreed that residents immediately adjacent to the car park were spoken to about their wishes & concerns about measures taken to discourage these stays, and also that BANES would be requested to modify the wording on their website.

Wellow Recreation: Resurfacing of the Village Hall drive in 2026. There is no budget for resurfacing the drive in 2025, and as the drive is getting worse, provision should be made for 2026. Several quotes have been obtained with Wainwrights being the best. It is suggested that a meeting is set up with Wainwrights for a preliminary budget set, and the all interested parties are contacted and asked for a contribution.

It was suggested that the waste bin that necessitates a very large lorry to collect (hence doing more damage to the drive) is replaced with a smaller bin that is more easily collected.

Rotting sleepers in Boules Piste: Sleepers rotting around the piste are a safety concern, and the cost of replacing would be around £1000. It was suggested that the perimeter is levelled rather than having the raised edge, which would then only be a one off cost.

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

Tree Maintenance: To receive an update on proposed tree works. Tree outside Manor Lodge: BANES have been chased about this tree in addition to other tree works that need to be carried out. There is also a tree in Farm Lane that requires attention and also a tree outside the church that requires the branches trimming back in order to be able to read a sign.

Bridge at Stoney Littleton: No progress has been made with deciding who is responsible for this maintenance of this bridge. Further investigations will be undertaken.

Burial Board: A contractor has been appointed to cut the grass & hedges, and 8 volunteers have come forward to help keep the cemetery tidy.

Finance and Administration: Routine transactions all continue, in addition a payment to pay for some playpark repairs is going out. Cllr McCabe offered to arrange payment for that from the councillors fund. His offer was gratefully accepted. The Audit is in hand and after reviewing the relevant forms, it was agreed that they were in order & would be signed by the Chairman and sent on to BDO.

It was noted that no depreciation was being included and also that as the PC is running accounts for external accounts that this was taking Wellow over the limit to have an internal only audit. It was agreed that running these external accounts should be stopped at the end of this financial year. The financial officer will implement this.

Date of the next meeting: 3rd November 2025

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

Lunch Club

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.

20th Nov

11th Dec

The Lunch Club Team

Macmillan and Breast Cancer Now

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the Coffee Morning last and for donating on our Just Giving page.

We were able to give Macmillan £775 and Breast Cancer Now £775.

We are so delighted with this and Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Vicky and Karen

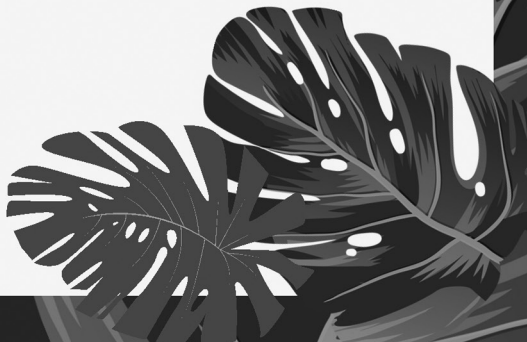
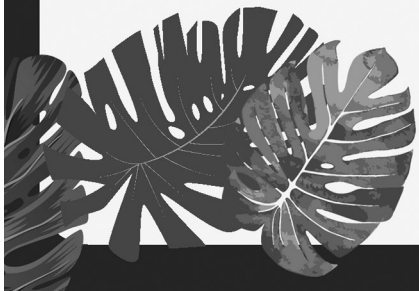
Don't forget to visit the Wellow website @ www.wellowparish.info



The Wellow Safari Supper is back!!

Saturday, 8th November 2025
at 7:00pm

Tickets
On Sale
Now!!!





Our previous Safari Suppers have raised much needed funds for the community and this year we hope to raise some more. However, to do this we need loads of help and enthusiasm. Please join us – either by hosting or simply dining – to make this fun event a great success.

The evening will begin with a glass of fizz at the Tennis Pavilion and here you'll find out where you are heading for your starter. Once you've had your first course, you'll discover where you are heading for your main course. Finally, we'll all return to the Pavilion for a choice of delicious desserts.



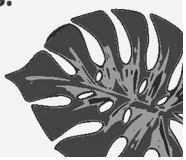
The success of the Safari Supper depends on having enough volunteers who can each accommodate a group of 6-8 (or more) diners for the starter or main course. We'll also need volunteers to provide desserts for when we all come back to the Pavilion.

Tickets are £35/person but as in prior years, hosts will receive a discount of £20/household (main course), £10/household (starter course) and £5 for dessert.



We would be delighted to hear from you as soon as you are able. Please contact our administrator Dave Workman at davidworkman@hotmail.co.uk or 07773 351059 with any offers to host or help or with any queries.

Many thanks,
The Shop Committee





Wellow Community Chest Fundraiser

SPARKLE PARTY

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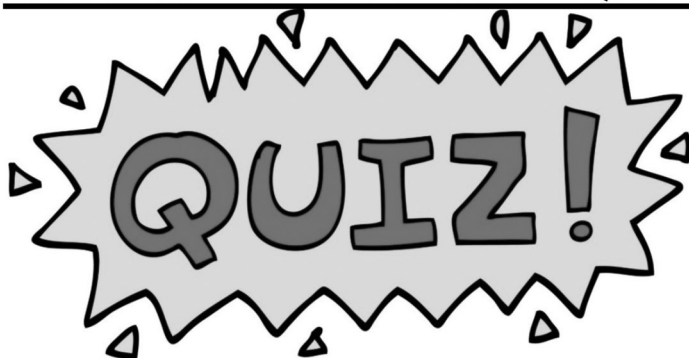
FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER

7:30 PM

WELCOME COCKTAIL

ST. JULIAN'S CHURCH
TICKETS: £18 (£10 STUDENTS)

BRAINS OF WELLOW QUIZ



Wellow Village Hall

SATURDAY 22rd NOVEMBER

7.30pm start

£5 per person - tables of 4

Single players welcomed & sorted into groups of 4

Delicious snacks provided – Raffle Prizes

Bring your own drink

Tickets from the Parlour Shop

or contact

Vicky Hammerton: 0797 7900 387 canndu@live.com



All Proceeds in aid of Wellow Village Hall

Community Energy Open Day - Peasedown St John & Wellow

Saturday 8 November, 10am-1pm at The Hive

Join the conversation at this friendly drop-in morning with tea, cake, children's activities and a chance to explore how community-owned renewable energy could benefit our area.

Back in 2022, the Centre for Sustainable Energy spoke with residents about possible sites for wind and solar. Now we're looking at practical next steps, if the community is in support, because funding is available to help parishes explore what could work locally.

There'll be talks at 10.30am and 1pm, plus stalls covering wind and solar potential, community energy benefits, saving on bills, and how to get involved locally. You'll also find free home energy advice, a children's play area, and the community library and fridge open.

Everyone welcome - families, neighbours, curious minds.

This event is part of Energy in Your Community, run by the Community Energy Network - a partnership between Bath & North East Somerset Council, Bath & West Community Energy, the Centre for Sustainable Energy and the University of Bath.

Saturday 8 November at The Hive, Bath Rd, Peasedown, BA2 8DH. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. No booking needed - just drop in! See Eventbrite for more details.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-energy-open-day-peasedown-st-john-wellow-tickets-1578306169239?aff=estw&utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=tw&utm-term=listing>

Wellow and Shoscombe Cemetery

Recently a group of volunteers from Wellow and Shoscombe had a successful day clearing and tidying up the cemetery. Many thanks to all who came and helped.

Energy in your community

Saturday 8 Nov
10am to 1pm

The Hive, BA2 8DH

Join us for a friendly drop-in morning to explore **locally owned renewable energy** opportunities in Wellow and Peasedown St John.

Plus:

- Advice on energy saving and cutting bills.
- Children's activities.
- Tea and cake.

Everyone's welcome
Families, neighbours,
curious minds.



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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: MagicBoxPre-School@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:

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

Parlour Shop: Tel: 835438: Email: wellowparlourshop@gmail.com

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