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DOROTHY HOUSE MIDNIGHT WALK - Saturday 12th Sept.

Just to report that we did the walk - 8kms in 1 ½ hours and it was greatest fun. Bradford on Avon had nearly 1000 women pounding down through their streets and back to Winsley! Thank you so very much for supporting the three of us - so far we have raised nearly £160!

Heather Andrews, Libby Kerr and Sue Nandi.

PARTY IN THE PARK A huge thank you from Emma Mannings and Leanne McCrossan to everyone who supported the "Party in the Park" 2009. Hosted by St. Julian's P.T.A it was a successful event raising over £1000 for our outdoor project at the school. Firefly entertained us and the food supplied by Mrs B's Caring Catering was delicious.

Congratulations to all those who won raffle prizes.

I would like to thank everyone who donated a prize especially the top three prizes:

1st Prize	Maple Scaffolding £100 Travel Vouchers	01225 433600 / 07951 021274 Jesse Say
2nd Prize	JEM Heating Luxury hamper	01371 827940 / 07866 384829 Nigel Mannings
3rd Prize	Hartley Landscapes £50 Garden Centre Voucher	01225 423197 / 07830 224181 Nikki Hartley

Please may I have copy for the Parish News by the 20th of the month. Either email me at jennybarr44@yahoo.co.uk, leave at the parlour shop or drop it down to me at Hon-eyesuckle Cottage. Anyone wishing to advertise in the news is welcome, if they come from the village it costs nothing although there is a charge for people from outside the village.

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

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

The Benefice of Peasedown St John with Wellow

The Parish of Wellow

~ Wellow Church and Parish News ~

October 2009

Over the nearly five years that I have been in the benefice of Peasedown and Wellow, one of the key features of my ministry has been to implement "Changing lives, changing churches, changing communities" which underlies all plans made by the Diocese. Separately in this magazine you will find an article issued by the Diocese which outlines what Changing Lives is all about.

As we enter a time of yet more change, with the addition of the parish of Foxcote with Shoscombe to the benefice in April 2010, I thought this may be a good time to try and explain more widely the aims of Changing Lives and its' effect on parish life.

You will be aware of the reduction of clergy numbers across the Diocese (and the Church of England as a whole) and the impact this has on the role of a Vicar. This gives us the ideal opportunity to exercise "the Priesthood of all believers", a biblical view of the church which involves "every member ministry" i.e. ALL members of the church have an equal right and responsibility to serve the church and the wider community in the name of Jesus. This means that the clergy must redefine their role to be leaders and people who inspire the ministry, rather than managers and people who try to 'do it all'.

For example, with much larger parishes to look after it is no longer possible for the Vicar to do all the pastoral visiting. Teams are set up in churches of Christians who are able to go out from the church ministering to the sick in the name of Jesus in just the same way as the Vicar.

There is also much greater Lay involvement in the church services themselves, which may mean in some cases that Holy Communion is offered less frequently than in the past but services will be held as frequently as possible, led by other members of the church.

With so many other activities available to people on a Sunday there is not the commitment to Sunday worship so there is also the need for the church to go out to where the people are. Hence the wider involvement with schools, after-school clubs, lunch clubs and so on, so that "church" takes place at a wide variety of locations and times.

Here in Wellow, with an average Sunday congregation of 15 people, it is very difficult for the church membership to maintain both the church building and the Christian witness in the village and we all need to be aware that the church, along with almost all aspects of life, must change to keep up with the changing pace of village life.

None of this means that as your Vicar, I am not available and willing to offer pastoral support where I can. There is a service every Sunday at 10.45 in the church, with coffee and an opportunity to meet the Vicar afterwards. On Mondays there is a regular prayer meeting in the Vicarage, open to all, to pray for the needs of the whole benefice (and we welcome prayer requests). In addition, there is an "open house" surgery at the Vicarage on a Saturday morning each month at which anybody is welcome to drop in. If you have a particular matter you would like to discuss or are considering baptism, confirmation or marriage I welcome you to make an appointment to come and see me.

As you can see, the role of a Vicar has changed a lot and will continue to do so, but with the prayer and support of the worshipping community in Wellow, we are there together to try and meet the needs of all those who seek Christian fellowship and support.

Sunday Services in October '09

Radical living in a comfortable world: Radical Fellowship

4th October - 10.45am

Morning Praise

Talk: Sons of God - Galatians 3:26- 4:7 **Speaker:** Richard Fothergill

11th October - 10.45am

Morning Praise

Talk: Working Together - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31 **Speaker:** Cath Sales

18th October - 10.45am

Morning Praise with Holy Communion

Talk: Dealing with Disputes - 1 Corinthians 6:1-11 **Speaker:** Joel Sales

25th October - 10.45am

Morning Praise

Talk: Unity in the Faith - Ephesians 4:1-16 **Speaker:** Ray Lockhart

Wellow Community Group

Starts @ 7.30pm

- Meets 2/4th Tues of the month @ The Cottage, Wellow
(contact Pauline - 01225 832625 for details)
- Meets 1st/3rd/5th Weds of the month @ Spring Hill House, White Ox Mead
(phone Nigel & Jo for directions - 01761 437724)

St Julian's Flower Rota 2010

I'm now starting to put together the church flower rota for 2010. Thank you to those people who continue to make the church look nice each week. If you would like to get involved and put together flower displays in the church please get in touch (you'd be on a rota only 2-3 times per year).

**Nathan Hartley,
Church Administrator**

Benefice Office

Open **9.00am-12.30pm**, Monday-Friday.

For anything church related contact Nathan Hartley in the Benefice Office:

T: 01761 438808 **E:** admin@ubpw.com **A:** 25 Russet Way, Peasedown St John, Bath, BA2 8SS.

WELLOW VILLAGE HALL The AGM of the Village Hall has been changed to **Monday 26th October at 7.30pm**. A new Committee will be nominated on this date. Any one who is Interested in becoming a member please contact the Secretary Jenny Barr on 835410. A working committee has to be established in order for the Village Hall to function properly and to benefit the village as a whole. Meetings are held on a Monday evening approximately 8 a year.

We look forward to seeing as many villagers as possible at the meeting and all will be welcome.

A Date for your Diary – Quiz Night

Who will be the 2009 Brains of Wellow? It could be YOU. Teams of four players are invited to take part in the Annual Brain of Wellow Quiz evening on Friday 28th November in the Village Hall. 7.30pm for eyes down at 8pm.

The cost is £2 per Player – But bring your own favourite Tipple!!!

Nibbles will be provided and there will also be a Raffle. Prizes for the winners

A Quiz for all ages a chance to challenge your friends/ neighbours.

If you would like to take part please ring Shirley Betts on -1225-833683 with your team name.

Many Thanks for your continuing support for the 150 club don't forget you too could have a lucky number in the monthly draw.

Shirley Betts on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.

LUNCH CLUB Our next lunch will be on Thursday 22nd October at 1pm in the Village Hall.

Unfortunately due to increases in costs we are having to raise the price of the lunch by 50p to £2.50. We hope you feel that this still represents exceptional value.

If you usually come along and are unable to do so this month please let us know in advance. Many thanks, *Janet Earp* 835254

WELLOW CHRISTMAS FAIR 2009 Following the successful collaboration between church members and the school last year we have agreed to combine forces again this year by holding the event at the school.

You can help make this a real community event.

Any village groups or private sellers can potentially book space so if you would be interested please contact either *Lynn Doman* 01373 834824, *Pam Pike* 01761 434847, *Clover Holland* 833348 or *Emma Mannings* 01761 432902

The date for your diary SATURDAY NOVEMBER 28th - 4:00 - 6:30pm

THE COLLIERS WAY CYCLEPATH It's wonderful to see how popular this cycle route has become this year.

Please make a note of the following dates on which the track between the Trekking Centre and Midford will be closed for Shoots, so that you don't get disappointed by finding locked gates on the path. Please also remember that dogs are not permitted on this section of the route. Enjoy the cycling.

Sat 17th October, Weds 28th October, Sat 7th November, Sat 21st November, Sat 5th December, Sat 19th December, Weds 30th December, Sat 9th January 2010, Sat 16th January, Sat 23rd January, Sat 31st January, Mon 1st February

PRIZE GIVING LIST 2009

Section A: Vegetables

Wellow & District Challenge Cup: Geoff Pike

Patrick Hartley Memorial Salver: Geoff Pike

Wellow Parish Cup: Geoff Pike

Ted Welch Memorial Cup: Sue Wilford

£5 voucher for Best Overall Exhibit: Charles Everett

Novelty Egg/classes

Ken Mannings Shield: Janet Plater

Section B: Flowers

The Society's Cup for highest points in this section: Heather Andrews

£5 voucher for Best Overall Exhibit: Valerie Pike

Section C: Floral Decoration

A decorated Wheelbarrow prize: Pam Pike

£5 voucher for Best Overall Exhibit: Valerie Pike

Royal Horticultural Society Banksian Medal

highest points total in Sections A and B: Geoff Pike

Section D: Hobbies and Crafts

Pitt Challenge Trophy for highest points total: Hayley Gilson

£5 voucher for Best Overall Exhibit: Robin Wood

Section E: Photography

Prize for Best Exhibit in section: Erica Smith

Section F: Cookery

Combe Hay Cup for highest points total: Sarah Moore

£5 voucher for Best Overall Exhibit: Billy Wright

Section G: Wines and Alcohol

£5 voucher for Best Overall Exhibit: Lisa Horler

Section H Junior Classes

Highest points total age 11 and over: Freya Wordsworth

Highest points total age 8-10: Rosy Wright

Highest points total age 6-7: Ashling Hammerton

Highest points total age 4-5 :Martha Brown

Susan Rodford Cup for highest points total in under 4 section: Jorja Mannings

St. Julian's Cup for highest points total by pupil from St. Julian's School: Ashling Hammerton

Children's Colouring Competition: Charlotte Barr

Very Well Done to you all! *Libby Kerr*

Benefice Praise and Prayer

Every Monday, 7.45pm-9.30pm

@ The Cottage, High St, Wellow

(1st Monday of the month)

@ The Vicarage, Peasedown St John

(2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Monday's)

'God is spirit, and his worshipers 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.

What is Changing Lives about?

Bishop Peter Maurice, Bishop of Taunton

The aim of the diocese is to resource and encourage confident Christian communities which express joyful hope in the gospel, for the sake of the world which they serve.

Changing Lives is about enabling church leaders to meet community needs, and helping the church to be better able to respond to and reflect today's world.

In Changing Lives, we are trying to help everyone respond to two key questions:

- What kind of church do we want to be?
- how will we shape our ministry and mission to become that church?

Changing Lives encourages us to continue to 'think differently' about the way we are as the Church of England locally. It should enable us to:

- reach more people
- reach some people more deeply, by being more responsive and flexible in the way we do things
- build on good practice, working from the ground up
- take a long term view of growth or maintenance of church 'membership'
- recognise the value of all types of church and expressions of faith
- ensure that central teams and officers offer the right support, and work together with each other and with parishes to be most effective
- ensure that everyone learns about and listens to their communities, teaches others and is open to learning themselves.

Changing lives is not a:

- business plan or strategy. We are not looking for centrally-generated 'action plans' with measures of success.
- way to combine the diocese's various departments and groups into one structure. however, it will underlie all plans made by the diocese.

In practical terms for a parish, Changing Lives should:

- help clergy redefine their role to be leaders and people who inspire the ministry, rather than managers and people who try to 'do it all'
- invite all members of the church and community to make a difference and a contribution according to their vocation, gifts or calling
- encourage us to consider developing worship beyond traditional church services
- involve us in listening to and learning about all members of our community and responding to meet their needs
- invite us to share stories of good practice - such as across a local ministry group or by using a local ministry team.
- offer people all over the diocese support and resources such as training, specialist expertise

THOUGHTS FROM A HARVEST MOUTH How encouraging it was to see almost 100 people at the Harvest service at St Julian's Church on 20th September. During the service Mrs Gascoigne was welcomed as the permanent Headteacher of St Julian's C.E.V.C School, three children were Christened and harvest celebrated. This was followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the school. Thank you to everyone who took part!

Also during September the last of the summer weddings took place – Sarah Warren, who had been the Children's Worker in the Parish, was married and was blessed with a glorious day.

We wish her well in the future.

Traditional Communion Service - Sunday 18th October, make it a date in your diaries and come if you can.

The September congregation was half the size of the August one!

Carol Service in St Julian's Church - Sunday 13th Dec, 6pm, with the Bath Community Gospel Choir.

Last year 300 people attended this event in the Church. This year promises to be just as fun – come and join in.

CHURCH CLEANING & FLOWER ROTA

Flowers

4th October - Siobahn Carter

11th October - Angharad R.R / Joanne MacInnes

18th October - Mary Porter

25th October - Julia Wyld

Cleaning

Mary Wilkins

Joan Carpenter

PARISH COUNCIL The Parish Council met on Monday 14th Sept attended by 7 members of the public following a break in August.

Four new planning applications were considered:

1. Manor Court Cottage-external alterations to dormers etc, **Supported;**
2. Under Hayes, White Ox Mead-removal of 160 metres of hedge, **insufficient information on which to make a decision;**
3. Upper Twinhoe Farm, Upper Twinhoe-conversion of barn to holiday accommodation, **Supported;**
4. Land and buildings behind 1-7 High St, Wellow-conversion of barn, stables and forge to form 3 dwellings, **object in principle.**

These decisions have been received from B&NES on outstanding applications:

1. The Manor House, Wellow-installation of shower room, **Consent;**
2. Summerfield, Wellow-Conversion of garage into self contained holiday accommodation, **Permit;**
3. The Water Mill, Wellow-fell willow, **No objection.**

Following previous advice, we can now report that the Parish Council has been successful in obtaining £15,000 funding for the provision of a community minibus. A small working group is being established to examine how this can be implemented.

Playground improvements reported previously have been scheduled to commence in October with completion planned early in the New Year.

Last month we reported on a scheduled meeting with the Strategic Director of Customer Services to discuss our dissatisfaction with progress on traffic calming for the village. This took place on 4th Sept at which there was a very positive exchange of views with B&NES recognising our unhappiness. The director has agreed to come to Wellow to see for himself the problems and the possible solutions. We are hopeful of a positive outcome.

For full details of the meeting see the minutes posted on the parish notice board or the parish website. Our next meeting will be held on Monday 12th October at 8pm in the Village Hall. Members of the public are very welcome and may address the council on any subject of their choosing.

WELLOW HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Dates for the Diary:

Tuesday October 6th - Talk "Putting Your Garden to Bed & starting for the New Year" with Simon Knight, trained horticulturalist from Prior Park Gardens. In the Village Hall 7.30pm.

Thursday November 19th - The AGM 7,30pm in the Village Hall. A sociable evening with a meeting, come and have your say please, followed by wine and a delicious buffet - one of the highlights of the year!

Sadly the Gardening Basics No.3 - Winter Pruning originally planned for Oct/Nov has had to be postponed but hopefully this will be included in next year's events.

THE WELLOW FLOWER SHOW The Horticultural Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed so much in whatever form to make the Wellow Flower Show this year such a success.

Especially all the helpers before, during, and after the show, for without your help the show would not be able to take place. For those who were not in a position to help this year, perhaps next?

A very special thank you must be given to Margaret Layzell and her team of ladies, who have over many years contributed so much to the Wellow Show with the scrumptious teas, and this year was a bumper year. The Society is very grateful for all their generosity and efforts.

We hope every one enjoyed the afternoon. If you would like to become part of the Horticultural or Flower Show team please contact any of the numbers below. The Show belongs to the whole village - any suggestions would also be most welcome. Many, many thanks once again and CONGRATULATIONS to all the winners.

Bridget Cook 835024 / Shirley Betts 833683 / Duncan Hammerton 835840