



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

July 2021

“Daring to Trust” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Acts 9:10-14.

There was a certain disciple in Damascus by the name of Ananias, and the Lord spoke to him in a vision, saying, “Ananias.” He answered, “I’m here, Lord.” The Lord said to him, “Get up and go to the street known as The Straight, and there look in the house of Judas for a man called Saul of Tarsus. He is praying at this very moment, and in a vision he has seen a man called Ananias enter and lay hands on him so that he might recover his sight.” But Ananias protested, “Lord, I have heard from many people about this man, about all his cruelty to your saints in Jerusalem, and how he has come here now with authority from the chief priests to arrest all those who confess your name.” (Acts 9:10-14)

What would you do if you sensed danger looming? The answer is obvious: you’d do everything possible to avoid it. Should you be the adventurous type, it’s possible that you might flirt with it for a moment but, if you felt your life was on the line, you’d ultimately want to ensure your own safety. That, no doubt, was paramount in the mind of Ananias, having heard that Saul, persecutor of the Church, was in town. Quite simply, he was keeping his head down until the danger had passed, hoping against hope that he would not hear the fateful knock on the door summoning him to imprisonment and almost certain death. Imagine his surprise, then, when another summons came, calling him to seek out this man who struck fear into the heart of every Christian, and to knock on his door! It was asking a lot, to say the least!

Would you have obeyed that call, or would you have made excuses to evade it, dismissed it as ridiculous, looked the other way? Had Ananias done any of those, who can say how different the history of the Christian Church might have been? It took his faith and courage to finish the transformation of Saul, enemy of the faith, into Paul, its greatest ambassador. When God asks you to step out in faith, will you have the courage, like Ananias, to say yes?

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Sunday Services in July

Life Lessons from Judges

Sunday 4th July: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: God responds to the cry of repentance – Ehud. Judges 3:12-30

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 11th July: 10.00 a.m.

Wellow Weekend 2021 Special Service

Leader: Martin Palmer

Speaker: Martin Palmer

Sunday 18th July: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: God uses us in spite of our limitations and failures – Gideon. Judges 6:7-32

Leader: Matthew Street

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 25th July: No service at St. Julian's, Wellow.

Annual Deanery Service at St John's MSN at 10.30am

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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 - 4:30pm SF

2nd Sunday - 10:30am MP

3rd Sunday - 4:30pm SF

4th Sunday - No Service

SF = Soul Food: A service with modern lively music followed by a family tea

MP = Morning Praise

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Church News

Time is rapidly approaching Wellow Weekend celebrations and St Julian's is very much a part of this. An interesting service is set to be held Sunday 11th July, keep your eyes peeled for more information, come along and join the Celebration in the Church. Interesting things are planned to happen in the North field and St Julian's will be full to the brim with beautiful flower decorations.

At the beginning of June it was once again good to resume our St J's joint service in Wellow.

Things are gradually returning to near normal, the church doors are now open daily, the flower rota is up and running soon to be followed by the cleaning rota, a wedding is booked and our regular Sunday worshipping numbers continue to be stable, the organ has been serviced, maybe joint singing again very soon. Covid restrictions must of course still be followed whilst in the building but things are definitely looking on the up.

Pam Pike, Church Warden

Wellow Parish Council

The Wellow Parish Council meeting took place on Tuesday on 21 June in the Village Hall for the first time since the start of the lockdown with 6 Councillors and 10 residents present.

The Parish Council and the Horticultural Society presented Shirley Betts, who resigned from her post of the Councillor earlier in this year, with flowers and thanked her for many years of commitments to the Wellow community. Everyone thanked Shirley and wished her good luck in her new adventures.

Public participation: It was mentioned that the verge by the Church is overgrown and the track at Henley view is in bad condition.

It was also mentioned that parking in Canteen Lane is getting better as residents are parking in a more considerate way.

Planning applications:

The following planning application were considered and the decisions made as follows:

21/02344/FUL: Wisteria House High Street Wellow-Council resolved to Support

21/02367/FUL: Bath Hill House, Bath Hill. WPC support

21/02632/FUL: Nethercote, Cottage 3, The Batch. WPC support

Community Matters: Support your Village

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

The following decisions by B&NES Council were noted:

21/01485/TCA: George House, The Square. No objection

21/00957/LBA: Home Farm, White Ox Mead. Permit

21/01745/FUL: West end House, High Street. Permit

Wildflower verges campaign: Following complaints to BANES from a resident, flowering verges in the vicinity of Wellow have recently been cut back by BANES. Concerns have been raised to the Parish Council by other residents about native wildflowers and rare species, which grow in these verges and which have been cut back quite extensively before their natural cycle is complete. In order to prevent this happening in the future, the PC will mark out areas in the village, which can be allowed to stay wild to promote the development of native endangered species. BANES will be requested once again not to cut these areas before the end of summer.

Highways & Transport: Wellow Traffic working group have conducted a research and following updates were received: two quotes are being obtained from independent highway specialists for conducting speed surveys in the village, the traffic group is looking into establishing communication with BANES Highways about type of speeding evidence, which can prove speeding issue in the village; investigating possibility of installing speed bumps in the village. WPC was asked to research the possibility of obtaining Section 106 funding from the new Odd Down development. The Clerk will look into this.

Play Park: The annual playground safety inspection have been completed by RoSPA (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents) and the report provided to the Council. New turf is being laid in the playground as well as new drainage installed in the playing field to prevent water going into the gardens, adjacent to it.

Discussions took place whether the remaining funds from the playpark project should be spent on the additional play equipment – this will require extra fundraising or could be put aside as a contingency for the future upkeep and renewals of the existing play equipment. It was suggested that a sandpit is installed in the playpark. After some consideration, it was decided that it would not be feasible as the sandpit will require regular maintenance and protection from elements.

Parish Plan: The Parish Plan Team reported that the project has been halted as not much response received from the villagers. The team is working on new ideas, which could be implemented with the ease of lockdown.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 12th July in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

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



Water Safety and the Dangers of Swimming at the Environment Agency Flume in Wellow

The Environment Agency, which manages a concrete flume at Wellow just upstream of the ford, wants people to remember the hazards under the water in rivers while spending time with friends and family. People should not jump or dive into water and stay away from the site, which is privately owned and monitored by CCTV. The Environment Agency uses this location to monitor water levels using sensitive equipment. This combination of underwater obstacles and strong currents is very dangerous. For your own safety do not enter the water or surrounding area to access the structure. If you have any concerns or spot people entering the water at this location then contact enquiries on enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Wellow Horticultural Society

My Life as a Serial Killer: I started my dark career as a murderer after much of my lettuce crop and many of my cosmos were nipped off just above the ground. Shrews were identified as the culprits and I was advised to get a cat. The cat was very efficient at killing the said rodents and she liked to deposit the carcasses in the hall for inspection. My job was to show appreciation and dispose of them, so only a serial killer by proxy so far. However it must have started a taste for slaughter as my next victims were box moth caterpillars. [At least if you discount the odd night time forage for slugs with a torch.] My box hedge is 60cms tall and about 8 metres long, so not very big, especially by stately home standard. However for the last few days

I have picked 30 to 35 caterpillars off it per day! These I think have overwintered as no moths have appeared in my pheromone trap. They are now big and fat and some are pupating ready to hatch into moths. It is satisfying on a sunny afternoon to pick through the hedge finding the little blighters snuggled up cosily in their little webbing nests where no spray could touch them. I confess to getting a perverse pleasure from squashing them under foot. But now I have a new weapon, a spray which doesn't kill the caterpillars or harm any other wildlife but makes the foliage unpalatable to them. It also seems to irritate them so they emerge from hiding and are easier to pick off. Apparently it works on Cabbage whites and other caterpillars as well. And it doesn't spoil the fun!

Bridget Woollen

Save the Date: Friday 10 December 2021. Sparkle Party at St Julian's Church.

Dust off your sparkles and dancing shoes and join your friends for an evening of music, drinks and delicious canapés! More details to follow.....!

Wellow Community Chest

Don't forget to book your tickets for Illyria Outdoor Family Theatre on Tuesday 31 August at 4.00 pm. Tickets from www.illyria.co.uk or The Parlour Shop

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Regular activities:

Parish Council meetings: Village Hall; 1st Monday in the month; 7.30 to 9.30 p.m: Contact Parish Clerk: Olga Shepherd: Tel: 07988 192619. Email: clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk

Wellow Wrigglers playgroup: Village hall. Thursdays (except 4th Thursday), term time. 9.30-11.30 a.m. Contact: Sophie Hart Tel: 07531773905

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 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

Bellringing: Wednesday evening, alternate weeks at St Julian's Church and Dunkerton. Contact Clover Holland; Tel: 01225 833348; Email: cloverholland@outlook.com

Lunch Club: Village Hall; 4th Thursday in the month, September to June. Contact: Julia Handel: Tel: 01225 849049

Mobile Library: Alternate Wednesdays. Village hall: 10.00-10.30 a.m.

Wellow Parish Directory:

Wellow Horticultural Society: Secretary: 01225 837878: info@hortsoc.wellow.org

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