



The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

October 2021

“Grasping the moment” by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Acts 8:30-31, 34-35.

Running up to the chariot, Philip heard [the eunuch] reading Isaiah the prophet, so he asked him “Do you understand these words you’re reading?” The eunuch answered “How can I possibly do that unless someone explains them to me?” And he urged Philip to come up and sit with him. The eunuch asked Philip “Tell me, who is the prophet talking about here? Does he refer to himself or someone else?” Then Philip, beginning with that passage of scripture, talked to him about Jesus. (Acts 8:30-31, 34-35)

The question caught me entirely by surprise. I was on a train journey during my time as a theological student, when suddenly a young man sitting opposite me, spotting the textbook I was poring over, leant across and asked me what I made of Jesus. Have you ever had an experience like that, asked out of the blue to summarise what your faith means to you? If you have, then, like me, you may well have found yourself caught on the hop, unable to make the most of the opportunity. Contrast that with the story of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch. For years, the eunuch had been searching the scriptures seeking enlightenment, recognising that they pointed to something truly special yet unsure quite how to interpret them. Philip found himself in the right place at the right time but, more important, he turned out to be the right person, using the God-given moment to win this man to faith. Interested enquiry rapidly turned into enthusiastic commitment, and all it took was a willingness to get alongside and bear witness to Christ.

How, then, should we apply this today? I don’t think it’s about memorising words of testimony until we have them off pat - that will cut little ice with anyone. Nor would I advocate immersing ourselves in statements of doctrine, creeds, or other kinds of theological jargon, in the hope that we can trot them out parrot-fashion whenever the need arises - that would prove even more counter-productive. What is important is that we take time to reflect on our faith, and to ask ourselves honestly what Jesus means to us and what difference he has made to our lives. Do that and, when the opportunity comes to speak out for Christ, we shall not be found wanting.

Sunday Services in October

Life lessons from Acts

Sunday 3rd October: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: The gospel is universal good news

– Philip. Acts 8:26-39

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

Sunday 10th October: No service.

Joint H. C. service at Foxcote at 10.30 a.m.

Talk: God will use our past and present so we may serve him with our future –

Paul. Acts 9:1-9

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 17th October: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: God reaches those who want to know him – Cornelius. Acts 10:23b-48

Leader: Jo Vening

Speaker: Dick Beath

Sunday 24th October: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Encouragement can change a person's life – Barnabas. Acts 4:36-37, 9:27-28, 11:19-24, 15:36-40

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 31st October: 10.00 a.m.

Talk: Our homes are valuable tools for evangelism – Pricilla and Aquila. Acts 18:1-4, 18-22, 24-26

Leader: Shaula Reilly

Speaker: Shaula Reilly

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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 Joint H.C. Service with Foxcote

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

4th Sunday 10:30am MP 4:30pm SF

5th Sunday 10:30am MP 4:30pm SF

HC = Holy Communion. SF = Soul Food: A service with modern lively music followed by a family tea. MP = Morning Praise

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Church News

Please note that there will not be a service on Sunday 10th October at St. Julian's Wellow as there is a joint service being held at Foxcote at the later time of 10.30am.

What a pleasure to hear the bells ring once again for our Harvest service and bell ringing practice has now resumed on Wednesday evenings at 7.30 p.m. Do come along if you are interested in taking up a new hobby.

Mission Sunday on October 3rd will be a little different to other years, as due to low state of our finances we felt unable to commit to giving to our usual charities. Hopefully this be remedied next year.

It's good to hear that St. Julian's School have restarted their Tuesday afternoon assembly in the church; a lovely sight to see them all filing in.

Pam Pike, Church Warden

Lunch Club

Our next lunch will be on the 28th October in the village hall. If you have difficulty getting to the hall please let us know and we will deliver the food to you. New members are most welcome. Lunch will be served at 1pm and will cost £3.50

Please let us know if you would like to attend by the 14th of October.

Julia 01225 849049: Vicky 01225 835840

Wellow Parish Council

The Parish Council met on Monday 6th September in the Village Hall with Councillors present: Pat Caudle (Chairman), Debbie Clarkson, Stuart Kotchie, Nick Chapman, Nigel Thomas, Sue Chivers, Julia Handel, District Councillor Matt McCabe, Clerk and 4 residents. Apologies received from Dave Workman.

Public Participation: The Parish Sweeper reported the potholes in Norton Lane and Stoney Littleton Lane. Request to repair will be logged into BANES "Fix my Street" portal.

Overgrown vegetation in Hungerford Terrace has also been reported by the Parish Sweeper. The clerk will contact Curo Estate Management to request that it is cut back.

The lime tree by the church requires to be lopped at some future stage and the nettles are overgrown on the path.

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

The footpath through field by the brook leading to by Stoney Littleton Lane is overgrown with burdock – the landowner will be asked to trim it back

Inconsiderate parking in Canteen Lane has been reported by a resident.

A resident expressed a concern that BANES Transport policy does not include transport in rural areas and suggested that Local Parishes organise a lobbying unit. The Chairman mentioned that such a forum exists in the area: the Parish Liaison Group which is open to the members of public (next meeting 13 October on Zoom).

Planning Applications:

The following application were considered:

21/03901/FUL: Barn conversion and alterations to the original building to form straw bale passivhaus standard dwelling (Revised proposal) – Council resolved to support

The following planning decisions by B&NES were noted:

21/02344/FUL: Wistaria House High Street – Permitted

21/03094/ADCOU: Barn at Upper Hayes, Bath Hill – Refused

Highways & Transport: Extensive discussion took place whether it is necessary to carry out an independent traffic survey at this time. The Traffic Survey of 2019 indicated that there was no significant speeding problem in the village. Although residents notice that traffic has increased since then, the Parish Council AGREED that the cost of the survey is too high.

It was pointed out that different criteria was used in the previous traffic survey. As Wellow is in the 20mph zone – the instances of over 20mph should be recorded as exceeding speed limit in the village as oppose to 30mph as in the previous report.

Discussions took place on alternative solutions to the speeding such as installation of an electronic “Smiley Face”, which can be purchased from the Police Community Trust at the cost of £5,000. It was suggested that the Community Infrastructure Levy money, received last year by the PC, can be used to purchase this piece of equipment with the additional fund raising by the PC. Two would possibly be required.

It was decided that the Community Speed Watch data will be used initially to gather speeding evidence data. 8 residents have already applied to become speed watch volunteers. The Roadside training will be undertaken by these residents on how to use speed equipment.

Play Park: It was reported that majority of de-snagging has been completed by the contractors in the new play park. The final de-snagging is still left to do. The An-

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nual playground inspection report identified some problems with the old kit such as rotten platform on a slide, broken bench and broken balance beams. A quote of £515.00 has been received to rectify these problems. The Council agreed to go ahead with these repairs as soon as possible. A further £747.00 will be required to be spent on new balance beams – this money will come from the Playpark restricted fund and the decision is to be made by the play park committee.

The Bee Hotel is to be moved back to its previous position and the wire at the top of the fence still need be repaired.

Parish Plan: There have not been many responses to the Parish Plan communication, published by the Parish Plan Committee. 18 responses received in total: the top issues concerning residents seem to be - traffic, parking and Climate & Environment. Discussion took place whether to continue with the Parish Plan.

Open Forum (for information only): The Chairman of the Bathavon Forum gave a short report. ALCA (Avon Local Councils Association) updates: The clerk reported the main events:

Wellow and Shoscombe cemetery: Dressing of graves organised on 13th of November 2021 was noted.

Items to raise for consideration at the next meeting: Discuss the nomination of Assets of Community Value

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Monday 4th October in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Climate and Nature

It is self-evident to even the most sceptical among us that climate change is happening, as demonstrated by the climate-related disasters that have occurred this year, around the world and closer to home.

As many people came to appreciate last year during lockdown, we are surrounded by stunning countryside here in Wellow and we still have remarkable biodiversity within the parish. In fact however, there has been a serious decline in variety and frequency of both animals and plant life over the past twenty years.

Science and Government agree that radical actions over the next decade is critical in order to stop the decline of wildlife and ecosystems and to reduce emissions that are driving climate change. The Government's aim is to become sustainable and carbon free by 2030. Wellow Community can and should take an active role locally to respond positively to this situation and take actions that will enhance our health and wellbeing.

It would be very practical to establish Wellow Community Climate Change Working Group, which can establish specific local initiatives that will contribute to and enhance all aspects of our locality, collaborate with the community to improve ecological environment, encourage greater biodiversity, reduce waste and pollution. This Working Group will work closely with the Clerk and partner locally and regionally to drive collaborative actions.

If you are interested in helping and promoting projects for change, please contact the Clerk: clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk.

The Parish Council has a vacancy for a Climate Change Councillor. If you would like to join the team, please get in touch.

Can I suggest this piece as a good introduction to some of the issues: "The Politics of Climate Change:" - what can WE do? – West Country Bylines.

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

Wellow & District Horticultural Society

Well how lovely it was to be at this year's Flower Show on a sunny afternoon after having to cancel last year. It was bit of a different show with less crowds and fewer stalls but the entries were still high and the quality was excellent. We owe a huge thank you to all those who helped. We couldn't do it without you whether you judge, steward, make the tea, wash up, man the gate or fetch and carry.

I would be interested in any feedback about the show and in particular the entries and classes in the marquee to consider for next year. Meanwhile here are the prize-winners:

Sue Rodford Cup for most points by a pre-school child: **William Hart**

St Julian's Cup for most points by a St Julian's School pupil: **Clara Elliott**

Junior Gardener Cup or most points in veg, fruit and flower sections by someone under 16 years old: **Rufus Lancaster**

Combe Hay Cup or most points in the cookery and food section: **Katie Millar**

Best in Poultry a £10 voucher from Castlemead Poultry: Imogen Atkin

Sarah Moore Trophy for best individual exhibit across all flower categories: **Alice Lancaster**

The late Jean Rittner Cup for best entry in the flowers in a cottage garden category: **Judith Wetherall**

The Ken Mannings Shield for most points in the Novelty Garden section: **Rob Greig**

The Ted Welch Memorial Cup for most points in the fruit section (n.b. 3 people all within 1 point of each other): **Katie Millar**

The Patrick Hartley Memorial Salver for best collection of 5 vegetables: **Alex Martin**

Newcomer's Award most points achieved in veg, fruit and flower classes by resident for less than 2 years: **Marchelle Farrell**

The Wellow and District Challenge Cup for most points in the vegetable section: **Alex Martin**

The Banksian Medal for most points across the vegetable, fruit and flowers sections: **Rob Greig**

The Dog Show: The prize for best in show was jointly won by **Ernie Wright** and **Hudson Cross**.

Many congratulations to all the winners. Further pictures of the Flower Show can be seen on the WHS website at <http://hortsoc.wellow.org/index.php/flower-show-2021-photos/>

Bridget and the Committee



Marchelle Farrell receiving the Best Newcomer's Award from Councillor Neil Butters with Liz Hunt and Bridget Cook standing at the table.



Rob Greig receiving the Banksian Medal, above, and Alex Martin, the The Patrick Hartley Memorial Salver from Councillor Neil Butters, below.





Katie Millar receiving the Ted Welch Memorial Cup from Councillor Neil Butters.

Neighbourhood Nature Areas

A call for residents to help increase biodiversity by creating new wildflower meadows and planted green spaces in their neighbourhoods has been made by Bath & North East Somerset Council.

The council is expanding its successful Let's Get Buzzing campaign with a new Neighbourhood Nature Area project, giving residents the chance to brighten up verges and open spaces in their streets with wildflowers or bulbs.

The scheme will help the council meet its target of improving at least 30% of its parks and green spaces for wildlife by 2030, supporting its climate and ecological emergency goals.

The Neighbourhood Nature Area project aims to add extra interest and ecological value to small areas of land currently managed by the council. Residents can request to improve an area for their neighbourhood by entering into a simple, free, licence agreement.

In Bath, residents will be invited to help create a new meadow in front of the Royal Crescent in Royal Victoria Park and at Brickfields and Alice Park in Bath. Ward councillors in Twerton will also be leading volunteers to help plant spring bulbs on road verges across Twerton and Whiteway.

The expansion of Let's Get Buzzing coincides with the Bath and North East Somerset Climate and Biodiversity Festival running until September 26. The festival is a programme of face-to-face and online events enabling people to learn from and

inspire each other on restoring nature and reducing carbon emissions.

Councillor Jess David, cabinet assistant for Neighbourhood Services, said: "This is your opportunity to brighten up the verge outside your house with wildflowers, or plant up a corner of the open space at the end of your road. We've been working hard to create new wildlife habitats in parks through Let's Get Buzzing and now we are asking for you to get involved in expanding the campaign. It's going to help us meet our target to make at least 30% of our green spaces better for wildlife by 2030.

"We're committed to addressing the climate and ecological emergencies but we need collective action. There are hundreds of hectares of verges and small open spaces in urban areas across the district and although we're slowly improving them, if you're willing to help we'd love to hear from you."

More information about the Neighbourhood Nature Area project, including the criteria for suitable areas and types of plants and how residents can obtain a licence, can be found at <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/sport-leisure-and-parks/parks-green-spaces/friends-parks/neighbourhood-nature-areas> or email parks@bathnes.gov.uk or telephone BANES Parks Department on 01225 394041.

People can book tickets for the council's Climate & Biodiversity Festival at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/climate-biodiversity-festival-events>

To find out more about events in parks, look out for signs on site or visit the parks webpage at <https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/sport-leisure-and-parks/parks-opening-times-and-locations>



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Wellow Parish Diary

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, 7.30 p.m. at St Julian's Church. 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 Tuesdays. Village hall: 10.45–11.45 a.m.

757 Bus service: Wellow to Midsomer Norton: Wednesday only. Fox & Badger: 9.05 a.m. M-N The Hollies: 9.41 a.m. M-N Tesco: 9.47 a.m.

Midsomer Norton to Wellow: M-N Tesco: 11.40 a.m.. M-N The Hollies: 10.47 a.m. Fox & Badger: 12.25 p.m.

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