



# The Parish of Wellow

Wellow Church and Parish News

June 2022



"Jesus said, "I am the vine;" by Rev. Shaula Reilly, our Curate

*Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5*

As we celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, so many of us are in awe of her 70 years of service to our country and her hard work on behalf of others, here and around the world. Her life has been truly fruitful.

I wonder what her hopes were for her life, before her father unexpectedly became King, when she was 9 years old, putting her next in line to the throne? And what tremendous courage she showed in taking on the challenge and responsibilities of becoming Queen at just 25 after the sudden death of her beloved father, changing her life forever. In her 1952 Christmas broadcast, she asked, "Pray that God may give me wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises I shall be making, and that I may faithfully serve him and you, all the days of my life." 50 years later, she explained in another Christmas speech, "I know just how much I rely on my own faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning,

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# Sunday Services in June

I am the true vine

## Sunday 5th June: 11.00 a.m. Platinum Jubilee Sunday Thanksgiv- ing Service

**Leader:** Shaula Reilly

**Speaker:** Shaula Reilly

## Sunday 12th June: 10.00 a.m. H.C.

### St J's Group Joint Service

**Talk:** Tenants of the vineyard - Mark  
12:1-12

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

## Sunday 19th June: 10.00 a.m.

**Talk:** Vineyard Workers - Matthew  
19:27-20:16

**Leader:** Dick Beath

**Speaker:** Jo Vening

## Sunday 26th June: 10.00 a.m.

**Talk:** I am the true vine- John 15:1-8

**Leader:** Matthew Street

**Speaker:** Matthew Street

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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 10:30am Platinum Jubilee  
Thanksgiving

2nd Sunday Joint Service at Wellow  
4:30pm SF

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

4th 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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I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God.”

What about us? What have been our hopes, challenges and responsibilities? Like the Queen, we all will have experienced good times and bad times. What has sustained us?

The Queen has frequently spoken of how her life of service to others is modelled on that of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve, laying down his life for us all. She speaks of his life as ‘an inspiration and an anchor in my life’. Jesus likens himself to a vine, supporting us, the branches, and bringing us the vital sap and life that we need to flourish and live fruitful lives – fed by his love, joy, peace, hope and strength. Whatever life has brought us so far, it is never too late to come and receive this life transforming love.

## **Church News**

Having missed the May edition, there are a few things to fill in.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April all the vacant positions were filled and Lynne Williams, in addition to being Secretary has joined the PCC.

It is hoped that the survey, mentioned a few months ago, will soon be available. Please take the time to fill it in as the views of the people of Wellow are so important if we hope to keep St. Julian’s as a central part of the village.

Following that, the Easter Services were well attended, as was the All Age Worship on May 1st.

Sadly, we had to say goodbye to Charlotte, Patrick and Rurai as they were leaving Wellow. We will miss them.

St Julian’s saw a very busy Saturday on May 14th with a wedding at 12 noon and, at 3 p.m., a renewal of Wedding Vows and two Christenings. The sun shone for both couples.

Moving on to June 5th, with the Queens Platinum Jubilee Service, a Celebration Service for all age, at 11 a.m., starting with coffee and croissants at 10.30 a.m., followed by a village Tug of War on the Church car park. We do hope lots of people will come along as it’s an historical date and it would be lovely to see St Julian’s full.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sent emails, texts, cards, flowers and hugs. I can’t express in words how they have helped me through the last couple of weeks since losing Brian, I feel privileged to be part of such a caring community, thank you.

*Pam Pike, Church Warden*

*Don’t forget to visit the Wellow website @ [www.wellowparish.info](http://www.wellowparish.info)*

## Wellow Parish Council

Annual meetings of parish council and the annual meeting of residents took place on Monday 9th May in the Village Hall.

### Annual Meeting of Residents

**Report by Wellow Recreation Committee:** A trustee of Wellow Recreation CIO reported a summary of activities over the past year including completion of the Children's Play Park renewal project – 2.5% of retention is still to be paid at the end of the 12 month guarantee period. The Annual Safety Report was received from RoSPA (Royal Society of Prevention of Accidents) and a number of repair works were carried out to the legacy play equipment. Additional drainage works have also been implemented on the playing field to prevent flooding into the nearby homes.

Wellow Recreation reported that their accounts remained sustainable despite of loss of income due to the pandemic and the lack of community fund raising events. The bank account has a healthy balance of £8,170 – approx. £2,200 of which is the earmarked playpark funds and approx. £2,000 of which are earmarked funds for sports and arts groups. WR is working well with the Parish Council and other village groups. WR continues to supervise maintenance work on the playing field and play park on behalf of the Parish Council.

Going forward the main objective of WR is to increase participation in sports and fitness activities on the playing field. St Julian's School are being encouraged to use the sports facilities. Various fun events are to be organised this year. Further maintenance works are to be carried out such as Verti-draining and top-dressing of the football pitch and re-turfing of goal mouths. The future of the outdoor gym is to be reconsidered as it should only be used by people aged 14 years and over for health and safety reasons. The feasibility of an outdoor tennis table is being considered.

WR is very happy to welcome new Trustees – Olivia Elliot and Lisa Hunt. Residents feedback is welcomed by the Trustees.

**Report by Wellow Community Bus Group:** The Chairman of the Community Bus Group reported that the group have been running now for 11 years. The Covid-19 pandemic had a significant effect on the bus services last year. The service frequency was reduced due to local school closures and the main driver was furloughed. Strict health and safety measures were put in place such as organising a safe seating plan for passengers, sourcing of hand sanitisers and masks, a safety Perspex screen was also installed on the bus. During the lockdown the bus also had a major deep clean and the regular 10 week statutory safety checks were carried out. The Community Bus is not only serving school children, it also being used by commuters, shoppers, local groups and for special trips. Free services continued to be provided for older parishioners who are holding a Diamond Bus Pass.



**St Julian's Church, Wellow**

**Invites you to**

**A Thanksgiving Service  
for  
The Queen's Platinum Jubilee  
at**

**11.00am Sunday 5th June 2022**

**All ages welcome**

**Coffee and croissants from 10.30am and coffee and other refreshments  
after the service leading into....**

**12 Noon in the field next to the church**

**Village Tug-of-War Contest: East v West**

**come and support your team**

**Celebration Flower Festival in the church  
throughout the weekend**

**Saturday and Sunday 10am – 4pm**

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

The current bank balance of the Group stands at £10,677. It is important to maintain a cash reserve for future replacement of the current bus, which is 6 years old and was received for free from HM Government's Community Transport Scheme in 2016.

The Community Bus Group thanked its volunteer drivers, who are providing cover for the professional drivers and their loyal customers. Two new volunteers were welcomed to the team this year. A survey of parishioners is to be carried out to gather feedback on the quality of our services and to ascertain what services might be required by the residents in the future.

**Report by Wellow Horticultural Society:** A Member of the Horticultural Society reported that activities were curtailed by the Covid-19 pandemic. Last year's plant sale was carried out remotely, the Flower Show in September 2021 was a success despite it not being widely publicised and number of stalls and activities were noticeably reduced. The Marquee was full of entries. A number of gardening talks were cancelled.

Going forward the Horticultural Society is planning to actively support St Julian's Schools gardening club by offering some gardening equipment and expertise. A Garden Party and the Flower Show is to be organised this year.

### **Annual Parish Council Meeting**

The Parish Sweeper reported loose sign to the car park and an old trailer is reported to be abandoned in the car park. The Chairman presented the Annual report to the Council. The report is to be published on Council's website

Pat Caudle was voted to be a Chairman and Dave Workman was voted to be a Vice Chairman.

The following planning application considered:

22/01508/FUL: Windmill Barn, Wellow Road. The parish council is not submitting comments for this application. Provided it meets the legal requirements, the decision is to be made by B&NES planning officers.

The following planning decisions by B&NES Council were noted:

22/00864/FUL: Windyridge, High Street – Permitted

21/05276/FUL: Wisteria House, High Street - Permitted

The application to include Fox and Badger in the Assets of Community Value has been submitted.

**Highways & Transport:** There were no updates from Wellow Traffic Working Group. The outcome of the survey is still to be received by the Council.

Members of Wellow PC met with Combe Hay parish council with regard to future impact of Sulis Down development on local roads. The possibility of carrying out an independent traffic survey was discussed. There will be further updates later.

**Climate Change:** The Council noted the resignation of Climate Change Councillor.

The Jubilee tree planting project is still going ahead. Residents and Councillors are to meet to discuss tree planting scheme at the edge of the recreational grounds.

**The Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022 weekend:** The preparations for the street party are going well. The High Street will be closed to traffic on Sunday 5th June for the celebrations.

The abundance of cow parsley on the bank under the lime trees by the church was raised. It was explained that B&NES intention is now only to cut back annually after wildflowers have bloomed: some residents approve of this and others don't. This will be discussed again at the next meeting.

The next meeting of the parish council is on Monday 6th June, 2022

*Olga Shepherd, Parish Clerk. Tel: 07988 192619. Email: [clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@wellowparishcouncil.org.uk)*

## Lunch Club

Our regal themed lunch will be on Thursday 23rd of June at 1pm. This will cost £3.50

Please let us know if you are unable to attend or wish to have your lunch delivered. New members are always welcome.

*Julia 01225 849049*

*Vicky 01225 835840*

## Wellow & District Horticultural Society

Now we are in the run up to the flower show I have been thinking about the history of such events. This year, I believe, is our 73rd show! A few years have been missed but not many. The pandemic put paid to the 2020 show and I believe 1 or 2 others didn't happen but that is still an incredible record. If my maths is correct a show in Wellow started shortly after the war. There has been the odd mishap, such as when it coincided with the funeral of Princess Diana and the whole thing had to be postponed for a week! Glad I wasn't involved in that nightmare. Then there was the time a gale struck, the marquee blew down and all the gazebos ended up draped on the fence.

Anyway the point is an awful lot of hard work has been put in over many years.

Of course there have been changes. The early schedules were rolled off by cranking the handle of a Gestetner machine. I am not going to admit to remembering what those were like!!

The current system of taking entries electronically (invented by a clever resident in Wellow) replaced lots of arduous writing in exercise books. The ethos of the show though has remained the same.

This year sees further changes in that organisation is being done in conjunction with a new village show team. The Hort. Soc. is grateful for the part they are playing and the hard work they are putting in.

And to the future??? As long as villagers want a show and continue to support it by helping with the organising, entering the competitions and coming along on the day the show will go on.

*Bridget and the Hort. Soc. Committee*



*Queen Victoria's Jubilee Celebrations in the Square in 1887*



**Gate opens: 5pm**

**Wellow Outdoor Family Theatre**

**Saturday 2 July 2022**

**Wellow Playing Field**

**Gate opens: 5:00pm - Show starts: 6:00pm**

***Bring chairs or a rug, arrive at 5pm & have a picnic***

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## Regular activities:

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Wellow Parish Directory:

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