The Parish of Wellow

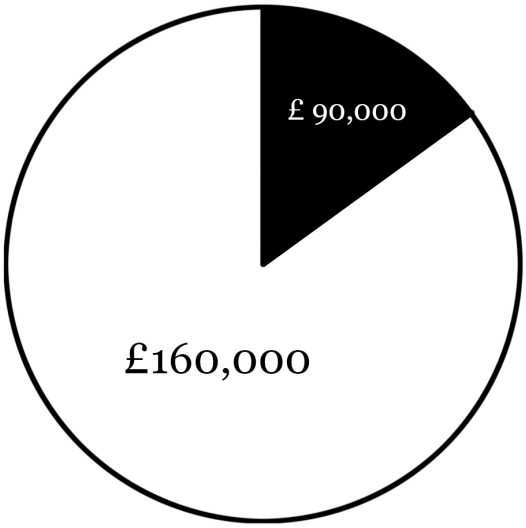
Wellow Church and Parish News

November 2026

Extension to St Julian's Church

The estimated target cost of the new extension to be built at the north side of the tower to provide two toilets and a kitchenette is currently £250,000.

To date we have raised £90,000 which is 36% of the amount needed.



Please help us raise the remaining funds.

You can donate by using the QR code below; by going to the St Julian's Parish Giving page at https://www.stjsgroup.church/help-fund-our-extension or by contacting the church office. Tel: 07973 972018.

Visit the Church website: www.stjsgroup.church

Sunday Services in November

Ask the Animals – Horse

Sunday 1 Nov. 10.00 a.m
Remembering Loved Ones
Leader: Matthew Street
Speaker: Matthew Street

Sunday 8 Nov. 10.45 a.m.
Remembrance Sunday
Leader: Dick Beath
Speaker: Dick Beath

Sunday 15 Nov. 10.00 a.m.
All Age Worship
Talk: The King's horse. Esther 6:1-14
Leader: AAW Team
Speaker: AAW Team

Sunday 22 Nov. 10.00 a.m. H.C.
Talk: Powerful horses: Zechariah 6:1-8
Leader: Rachel Howlett
Speaker: Derek Smith

Sunday 29 Nov. 10.30 a.m.
Joint service at St Johns.
Talk: A White Horse: Revelation 19:11–21
Leader: Matthew Street
Speaker: Sarah Bubyer

Contact the Vicar:

The Revd. Matthew Street
Tel: 01761 432293
Email: mgstreet@me.com
or through the church website.

Benefice Office

For anything church related contact the Benefice Office:
Tel: 07973972018
Email: office@stjsgroup.church

Advertising in this Newsletter

FREE for voluntary organisations and charities based in Wellow. All other individuals and businesses, whether based in Wellow or elsewhere.
Full page: £10 per month: £100 per annum Half page: £5 per month: £50 per annum.
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	9.00am BC 10.30am HC	4.30pm SF
2nd Sunday	10:30am W4E	
3rd Sunday	10.30am HC	4.30pm SF HC
4th Sunday	10.30am	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
W4E = 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

"Lest We Forget" by Matthew Street, The Vicar, based on Psalm 44:1,7

"We have heard for ourselves, O God, our predecessors have told us the deeds you performed in their time, how in bygone days you saved us from our enemies" Psalm 44:1,7

"Do you remember the last time we came here?" my wife asked me recently. I racked my brain, stared blankly into the distance, and came up with absolutely nothing. The event had vanished completely, as if it had never happened.

Most of us know the feeling. Whether it is forgetting where we put the car keys, missing an item from the shopping list, or failing to remember a name, our memories have a funny habit of letting us down just when we need them most. To cope, we clutter our kitchens and phones with Post-it notes, calendar alerts, and memo boards—all working hard to keep life on track.

In many ways, Remembrance Day acts as our national memo board.

With each passing year, fewer people in our communities have living memories of the two World Wars. Yet as those voices fade, pausing together becomes more important, not less. Around the globe, conflict and suffering remain heartbreakingly present, and there are even voices today who attempt to downplay or deny horrors like the Holocaust. Left on our own, human nature tends to drift into forgetfulness.

Gathering at the war memorial is never about glorifying battle. Instead, it is an act of collective gratitude and a sober reminder of the true cost of peace. It honours the courage of young people who gave everything to defeat tyranny, and it challenges all of us—children, parents, and grandparents alike—to stand up for kindness, truth, and peace today.

This November, let us take time as a village to listen to the stories of the past, hold the silence together, and gently jog our collective memory.

Lest we forget.

Church News

We have had some very enjoyable services over the month of October and we look forward to a busy November, starting with Remembering Loved Ones Service on November 1st followed by Remembrance Sunday Service on November 8th, lead as usual by Dick Beath.

Following this is the usual All Age Worship on November 15th; all are welcome to this all inclusive relaxed service.

At the end of the month on November 29th we will have our joint Benefice service 10.30am at St John's Peasedown, so there will be no service in Wellow that week. This is always a lovely time when the congregations from all three church's meet to worship together.

On November 21st we will have the annual Christmas Fair at St Julian's with lots of stalls to tempt you; the proceeds will be going towards Fund Raising for the kitchen /loo project.

Regular updates will be put in the magazine recording our progress.

Thank you everyone who has purchased jam and chutney from the Church Porch. £140 has been raised so far.

Pam Pike and Jane Rees, Church Warden

Wellow Parish Council

A meeting of the Parish Council was held on Monday September 7th 2026 at 7.45pm in the village hall

Public Participation: The Parish Sweeper reported that the school windows have been done & look good. Also the bank by the church has also been sorted.

The kerb stones by Footmans Cottage have been replaced, badly, and are loose again.

Present: Dave Workman (Chair), Nick Chapman, Mike Clarkson, Chris Cook, The Parish Clerk & 4 members of the public. Apologies were received from Sarah Sell & Jonathan Luck. No interests were declared.

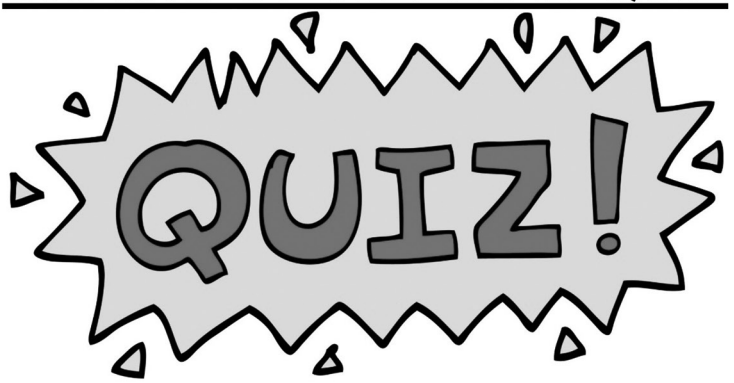
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Monday July 6th, 2026 were confirmed.

Planning applications:

26/02148/FUL: Cranborne, Station Road: Installation of new canopy to south and south-west elevations, modifications to existing window openings and formation of new openings. SUPPORTED

Energy in Community: There were various levels of support from the three villages. Wellow is still being put forward in Baggridge & White Ox Mead & Littleton Wood.

BRAINS OF WELLOW QUIZ



Wellow Village Hall

SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER

7.30pm start

£5 per person - tables of 4

Raffle

Please bring your own drinks

Vicky Hammerton: 0797 7900 387 canndu@live.com





All Proceeds in aid of Wellow Village Hall

There is a follow up meeting on 21st September in Peasedown, places for which need to be booked. Several PC members stated that they will attend.

The Chairman will revert to Sarah Warren objecting to sites and requesting that they are withdrawn from the parish survey. Tom Robinson's letter that was signed by 126 people has been ignored, with no response. BANES to be asked to separate the three areas.

Wellow Community Bus: The AGM was well attended, with a good input of ideas to increase bookings. Group hires are up, and a small surplus is forecast for this year. A request for a small grant for next year was approved.

Highways & Transport: Bulls Hill road surface has been put to BANES with a very negative response & is unlikely to happen in the near future. Littleton Lane is still closed. Brimscombe Lane is completed and open

SUSTRANS: Pictures of the road design have been circulated, it appears to address the cycle way but not the needs of Wellow residents.

Addition of coloured tarmac would be financed by BANES but not maintained.

Speeding is not addressed, parking being removed & pavements widened which will not help traffic flow. The intent to remove parking spaces and install double yellow lines could not be supported. It was stated that the current plan is flawed and a consolidated response of positives & negatives is reported back to BANES.

A separate meeting was suggested to review each part of the plans. A parking survey is going to take place.

Car Park: Camper vans continue to be a concern. Signs suggesting fines to be investigated. The car park should be registered an asset to the community.

Wellow Recreation & Village Hall: The drive fund is creeping upwards and currently stands at £3650 of the £5K target. Play Park Inspection is booked at a cost of £274 + Vat. Cricket nets have been repaired.

Burial Board: Some activity has helped finances. Insurance for the Burial Ground needs to be included in the village insurance.

Church Matters: The Church Grass cutting is the responsibility of BANES. Request from the members of St. Julian's Parochial Church Council seeking contributions towards the cost of producing the monthly Wellow Church and Parish News. It was suggested that the news letter moves to be electronic, with a few paper copies and/or attaching to the Parish Post.


Christmas Fair
St Julian's Church
Wellow
21st November
11:30 – 2:30
Local crafts
Gifts
Refreshments
and more!
If you would like a stall
contact
rachelkotchie@gmail.com
Shop local
Support local
Spread the Christmas cheer!

Finance & Administration: Transactions have been circulated to councillors. Bath Rec Trading and Playing Field Maintenance were both approved. AGAR form was ratified.

A.O.B: BANES website should show PC contacts. It was agreed to review what website possibilities already exist in the village.

Next Meetings: November 16th 2026; January 4th 2027

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

Peoples Emergency Briefing

on the climate and nature crisis

Last November, ten of the UK's leading experts briefed an invited audience of over 1,200 politicians and leaders from business, culture, faith, sport and the media. The briefing set out the implications of climate and nature breakdown for health, food systems, national security and the economy.

Now, communities and organisations are using a free-to-screen 50-minute film, based on the Westminster event, to brief the UK public about the climate and nature crisis. Screenings in village halls, cinemas, faith spaces and workplaces are bringing constituents, civic leaders and MPs together to hear the evidence – and consider what an emergency response should look like.

Do come along to watch the briefing together, and to discuss afterwards what it might mean for us in Wellow as a community. You can find out more about the film and watch a trailer at https://www.nebriefing.org/the-film.

Come and see the film at

Wellow Village Hall,

November 10th. 7.00 pm


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FUTURE WELLOW MEETING

Tuesday 3rd November

7:30pm

Village Hall

Are you interested in getting an electric car but don't have a driveway to install your own charger?

Would you like to plant wildflowers to make the village more beautiful, and biodiverse in the process?

Are you interested in getting a discount on solar panels or a battery by joining a bulk buying group?

Have you got any other ideas for making village life more sustainable?

Come along to the next Future Wellow meeting to discuss ideas like these and more.

All are welcome.

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

Wellow Wellbeing Art & Craft Group: Village Hall; Tuesdays, 10.00-12.30. 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

Wellow Village Hall bookings: Tel: 0797 7900 387. Email: canndu@live.com

Wellow Community Bus: Contact: Mike Tel: 07854 414084, Email: michaeljclarkson@gmail.com

Friends of St. Julians: Contact: Email: friends@stjulianswellow.co.uk

Wellow Valley Tennis: Contact: Email: wvtennisclub@gmail.com

BANES Local Councillors: Matt McCabe: Tel: 07711 047267; Email: mattmccabe.1@outlook.com. Fiona Gourley: Tel: 07803 015886; Email: Fiona_Gourley@bathnes.gov.uk

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