

Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



November 2023

The unexpected, unfamiliar sound of a landline telephone ringing insistently through my house produced genuine fear and anxiety in my three-year-old granddaughter. No doubt it was also my reaction, leaping up with urgency to try to



Women Wage Peace

get to the phone before it woke her little brother from his nap – too late! I can still see the anguish on her face – it took several minutes to calm her down and comfort her. And there was no actual danger.

It is almost unbearably heartbreaking to contemplate the fear and terror experienced by children caught up in scenes of unspeakable violence and bloodshed, of families under relentless bombardment, desperately seeking safety, where safety cannot be found.

Jesus, very much a man of the Middle East, was unequivocal in his condemnation of those who harm children: "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were fastened around your neck and you were drowned in the depth of the sea."

One of those believed to have been taken hostage from Israel in the recent terror attacks is a 75-year-old Canadian-Israeli woman called Vivian Silver. A renowned peace campaigner, she helped found an organisation called "Women Wage Peace" which has worked for peace for many years, together with the Palestinian women's peace movement. We may feel impotent in the face of what is happening in the world, but, as our own society becomes more and more polarised, with people spouting all kinds of hatred online, may we choose to wage peace, in our families, in our community, in our places of work and in our schools, for the sake of our children and grandchildren.

Linda Byrne, with all best wishes from the chapel.

News from St Bartholomew's

We have had our Quinquennial inspection (every 5 years an architect comes and gives the buildings a thorough going over), and it has given us some food for thought. Every inspection mentions the roof (I think it is the law that church roofs have to be in some state of disrepair, and be in need of fundraising) but this time, the windows have also been commented on. We did a bit of "research" (some serious Googling and reading of websites) and asked a specialist stained glass company based in Swindon to come and give us the benefit of their advice. We are awaiting his full report, but it definitely looks like we have some work ahead of us, and some fund-raising to do. Expect to see the giant thermometer in the churchyard any day!

Another thing that the architect mentioned was that the trees in the churchyard had grown so much that they were blocking the view of the church from the road. Now, that's something we can get to grips with immediately, ourselves, so we discussed and decided, then set to (on Friday 13th, with chainsaws. Intrepid, or mad?) and cleared away a vast amount of unwanted growth. We took several large bags - the sort you get topsoil delivered in, so seriously large - to the recycling centre, but there is still a pile of branches to go. If you feel the urge to chop 'em up and put them in the bags that are lurking by the porch, do not stifle it! Even 10 mins of chopping would make a difference to the pile. (Please don't chop down trees that haven't yet been touched though, for obvious safety reasons)

Our search for a new vicar continues: the advert on the Diocesan website generated some interest, and we are moving along with the process. We will bring you news as we get it.

In the meantime, our adventure into lay-led worship continues, and is proving very successful. The next All Together service, on 5th Nov, will be led by Steve and Cathy Burgess, and is sure to be interesting.

Put a date in your diaries for the December one, as it is Advent Sunday, 3rd Dec, and will be the start of all the carol singing! (Plus, a little plug for the Nine Lessons and Carols on the 17th: no sermon, beautiful music, just like the Carols from Kings you see on the telly on Christmas Eve!) Christmas Eve sees the ever-popular Crib Service at 3pm. Come dressed as a character from the Nativity Story (we have lots of costumes available for the children, but grown ups will have to supply their own haloes and tea-towel head-dresses) and hear the Greatest Story told under the twinkling fairy lights.

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Doynton Parish Pump

The Doynton Memory Café continues its informal get-togethers for people with dementia/memory loss and their family members/carers on the first Thursday of each month (2.00–4.00 p.m.). Themes this autumn will include Harvest and Food & Festivals, and we expect to try more country dancing and welcome The Strummers Ukelele Band and a sea shanty crew. Contact: tel. 07817 311001 or find us on Facebook, "The Memory Cafe at Doynton".

Doynton Village Market: where have all you lovely people gone? The last couple of markets have been good, but we are missing some of our regular customers. However, if you haven't been to us before, come along and see what we have to offer, and have a coffee and biscuit, if we haven't got what you would like, please ask, hopefully we can help you. The Christmas order book is open for your orders, please get your meat order in early. Unless you require an earlier delivery, Tom our butcher will be delivering to us on the morning of the market on the 23rd. The order book is also available for any other goodies you might like for the festive period, again available to pick up at the Christmas Eve market. Please note December's markets will be the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month (December 9th and 23rd), On the 23rd we will probably have a limited supply of produce, so please order beforehand to avoid disappointment. As always, to place an order for the market, please phone 0117 937 3168 by the Wednesday before market day.

Friends of Doynton Church Pauline Blacker writes: I would like to convey my thanks to all those people who attended the Harvest/Friends service on Sunday September 24th. Our thanks go to Steve Burgess, who led the service, and all the ladies who kindly made delicious cakes. This year we raised £2,575 including Gift Aid. It means that over the past four years we have received a total of £19,322. This money is used to help with the ongoing maintenance costs of the Church. As Secretary, I would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to become a Friend and contribute in any small way (Pauline.blacker [at] btinternet.com).

Doynton and Wick WI: the speaker in October was Carol Laslett of the Bristol environmental charity Street Goat. Street Goat provides goat's milk for around 30 households in Bristol and grazes male kids, which would otherwise be slaughtered straight away, on waste ground in and around Bristol and Bath, to eventually be sold for meat.

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The goats are great characters – maybe you have seen them tidying up the Wick Quarry nature reserve – and there are a few escape artists among them! The next meeting, on Wednesday November 8th, will be the annual general meeting – please volunteer for a committee role if you can. The speaker is Susan Symonds on "the colourful personal life of Queen Victoria" (will we be amused?). The competition is "Victoriana". Please bring any tins or packets you can spare for the foodbank.

The Friends of Summers Field Autumn Feast raised £1,000 for the upkeep of the community orchard. It was a very successful and enjoyable evening celebrating the orchard harvest of apples and a record amount of juice – contact a committee member to purchase.

The Doynton **"Warm Wednesdays"** community café is up and running again, every week 10.30 a.m.–12 noon. The attendance so far has been 15–20 people per week, but there's plenty of room for more. Come along for tea, coffee and good company – all welcome!

Doynton Parish Council: your parish needs you! Calling for volunteers for a committee to outline and assist with the implementation of the plans for the **80th anniversary of D-Day** on Thursday June 6th 2024. Please contact Doynton parish clerk or members of Doynton Parish Council if you can help: tel. 07725 165181 or email doyntonparishcouncil [at] hotmail.co.uk.

Dates for your diary

Thursdays 9.30–10.30 a.m.: **post office** in the village hall – use it or lose it!

Thursdays 9.30–11.00 a.m. in the village hall: **yoga classes** with Jean Foley, £10 per class. Tel 07341 347547 or email jean72foley [at]gmail.com.

Sunday February 4th 2024: **Doynton Hard Half Marathon** in and around the village – marshals, tea-makers, cake-makers and en-route entertainers all needed! Email dhhm@emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk for details.



The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for November
Please email
wickparishmagazine@outlook.com
with your news items for the December/January
DOUBLE edition by

Monday 20th November

Please send copy containing artwork/logos etc as a .ipg or .png file, thank you

Anthea Watts writes:

At our meeting in September Ron Morton gave us a very interesting talk about how you can trace your family through old photographs which have been handed down through the generations. Ron illustrated his talk with photographs of his own family. The members who attended enjoyed the evening.

Forthcoming events

23 November - Group event "Las Vegas" in Wick Village Hall

1 December - Visit to Whitehall Garden Centre at Lacock with Christmas Lunch at The George pub at Lacock

14 December - Christmas party with light buffet

We are always pleased to welcome new members to join our happy and friendly group. If you are interested in joining us or coming to any of the above events, then feel free to contact our President, Wendy Haynes, on 07930 851582 for more information

In Memoriam

Sadly, we lost two well known village residents in October:

This comes with much sorrow, to announce the death of Julie Evans who lived in St Anne's drive with her devoted husband. She was known locally to be enjoying the village in her wheelchair. She was a true inspiration to her 3 children who loved her dearly. She is now at peace and will be sadly missed by all x

Margaret Perry was very fond of the snowdrops in Abson churchyard, and her family, at her request, have very kindly donated a considerable amount of snowdrop bulbs which have been planted in our churchyard here at St Bartholomew's.



Her funeral will be held here on 6th November, at 12 noon.



Are you interested in yoga?

Local class on Thursdays 9.30-10.30am, at Doynton Village Hall, with Jean Foley, £10.00/class.

Tel 07341 347547

All welcome.



Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

Women's Institute

During our October meeting WI members enjoyed a crafty gift-wrapping session led by our in-house creative WI member Debbie. Using 100% recyclable gift-wrapping paper, members were guided through paper folding techniques to



formulate gift bags accessorised with fresh greenery, elegant book wrapping and how to create finishing touchers of handmade bows and distinctive gift tags,

Future meetings:

(Meetings 2nd Thursday every month 7 pm Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall)

November: AGM with guest speaker John Franks QGM talking about his

service as a frontline Bomb Disposal Officer in the British Army. This meeting is an **open meeting**, if you wish to attend please

contact us (details below) to reserve your place.

December: Christmas Party at the Cross House Doynton



Dyrham & Hinton WI Book Club (Read Between the Wines):

Members met in October to discuss the tense chilling mountain expedition fictional thriller "Breathless" by Amy McCulloch. Next book club meet up 15th November.

We welcome new members; ladies can attend up to 2 initial meetings without any obligations. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. We also run several open meetings for the community to attend. If you are interested in attending any of the above meetings then please contact us at: dyrhamandhintoncommitteewi@gmail.com

Please send any contributions for the next Dyrham & Hinton Diversions to Angela Griffiths (angela.dahparishnews@gmail.com) by 18th November.



Boyd Valley Painting Group

The Boyd Valley painting group meet every Thursday morning between the hours of 10.00am and 1.00pm at the Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall. We are a self help group of local residents within Boyd valley who have a mutual interest in learning and improving basic artistic skills in a very friendly and helpful atmosphere.

The group is run on a "not for profit" principle whereby all members share the modest cost of the hall hire,

between them. Fortunately, this year, due to a successful funding application, there will be no charge for those attending until further notice.

Please come along to any meeting, no need to bring any equipment if you do not already have any, we will show you how to get started and very soon you will achieve a basic ability which you can build upon.

Call, before arriving, on the following telephone number and leave a message if no answer.

Andrew Hedges (Dyrham) 01179372928.

The group will be meeting until 7th December and will then break for Christmas.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



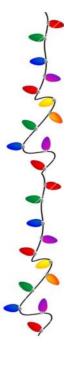
CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER 6:00PM

DYRHAM & HINTON VILLAGE HALL

Join your neighbours for singing, mulled wine, mince pies and chat.

Don't forget a lantern or torch.



News from Wick URC

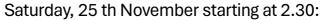
Firstly, a huge thank you to all who supported, donated, and helped at our Cream Tea Afternoon in aid of Target Ovarian Cancer. A great effort - we were able to pay in £840 directly to the charity. We are always amazed at the support we receive from the community.



Our next event will be the Christmas Sale on 25th November, starting at 2.30 pm. The money raised will go towards our easily accessible toilet. The Listed Building Committee need to view the premises early in November and, subject to its approval, we hope to start requesting quotes and applying for grants. It's been a long process.

The Harvest Service was led by Reverend Stephen Newell, our Companion Elder. After four years of either no Harvest lunch or each bringing a picnic, we decided to enjoy the usual buffet lunch. Thank you to our team of ladies, who prepared, served the food, and cleared away at the end of the afternoon. We were able to donate proceeds from the meal (£75) to Ukraine Aid.

Last month members of the Chapel assisted with the printing/folding of the magazine. It's amazing the amount of work which goes into this publication. Firstly, the compiling and presentation which must take hours (thank you Suzy and to those who contribute), next the printing and folding which last month took 6 hours. From there the packs of magazines are taken to the people who deliver to each house in Wick. All this is free – we are so lucky. Thank you to all those who make this possible.





Our Christmas Sale will be opened by

Father Christmas!

Stalls will include: Cakes, Bottle, Chocolate, Bric a brac, Toys, Raffle, Christmas and refreshments. Please help us make this a bumper effort to raise money for the easily accessible toilet.

News from your Parish Council

Village News for Wick & Abson

www.wickabsonpcgov.uk

- Contact email: wickabson_parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk
- Village hall roof: repairs to the village hall roof have now been completed. This has included renewing some of the timber structure and several valleys due to wet rot damage. Our thanks to Cllr Rich Stallard for leading this project.
- Grants: Wick Guides the Council voted to grant £750.00 to Wick Guides in support of their away camp next year in Northern Ireland.

• Planning:

P23/02611/RVC – Carpenters Arms, 10 Church Road. Removal of condition 4 relating to the parking schedule attached to planning permission P21/00712/F. The PC voted to object to this application on the grounds of pedestrian safety, vehicle manoeuvring visibility and emergency vehicle access.

P23/02784/HH – 18 St Helens Drive. Erection of single storey rear and side extension to provide additional living accommodation. *No objection*.

Speed data project July/August 2023:

Naishcombe Hill downhill – 48% of drivers exceed the 30mph limit and 18% of drivers could be prosecuted.

A420 High Street both ways – 75% of drivers exceed the 30mph limit and 34% of drivers could be prosecuted.

A420 London Road both ways – 88% of drivers exceed the 30mph limit and 58% of drivers could be prosecuted.

This data has been passed to Avon & Somerset Police for action.

7:15pm Thursday 9th November 2023

Sunday Service

5th November - All Saints/All Souls

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Saints Day Steve & Cathy

Burgess

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Rob Stewart

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Morning Worship** The Worship Group

12th November - Remembrance Sunday

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.15am Remembrance Rev Rob Stewart **HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Remembrance

Rev Peter Hallett

19th November - 2nd Sunday before Advent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Morning Worship** Steve Bur-

gess

WICK CHAPEL

9.45am Family Sharing





s for November

26th November - Christ the King

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Morning Worship** Rev Rob Stewart

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am **Morning Worship** Rev Peter Hallett

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am The Holy Shed



3rd December - Advent Sunday
ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together Sarah & Jane

Followed by family lunch with Wick Chapel

WICK CHAPEL

Joining our friends at St Bartholomew's for a joint

Advent Sunday service



If you have things on your mind that you would like our Prayer

Group to include in their prayers, please drop a line to wickchurchwarden@gmail.com. Rest assured your request will ONLY go to the Prayer Group, and your privacy will be respected at all times.

If you would like practical help; for things like getting a lift to church etc, use the churchwarden email address to let us know how we can help.





A relaxed, informal and free drop in café, providing support for people with dementia with a family member, their carer, or friend. The café meets monthly from 2-4 on the first Thursday in Doynton Village Hall- BS305SY

Various activities are offered together with refreshments, friendly faces, singing and amonthly theme:

April Easter * May Traditions May 11th June Sport July 13th */11/11 50s, 60s, 70s August Holidays September Harvest October Armchair fitness Food and Festivals November December Christmas



For more info : call/text 07817311001 Find us on Facebook -The Memory Cafe at Doynton



NOVEMBER 3RD • 5.30 - 7

Firework Display

Wick Primary school annual firework display

£18 FOR A FAMILY OF 4

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Tickets can be purchased through Teachers2Parents or emailing friendsofwickschool@gmail.com

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Wick Football Club

Wick FC are looking for a club chairman who would be willing and able to move the whole club forward on a sustainable football. The club has secure tenure with planning permission granted for required step 6 improvements, however the club does not want to lose its community roots identity and desire to develop young talent throughout its senior teams. If you are interested, please notify us of your interest in confidence by email to wickfc@hotmail.co.uk

Everyone loves a Quiz Night - Wick FC are holding a quiz night on Sat 9th Dec, starting a 7.30pm. If you are interested in entering a team, contact Ian Bright on wickfc@hotmail.co.uk

If you would like to start playing football for Wick FC, please contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352. Training is underway and is open to anyone.

Wick Sports Ground

As we've mentioned in previous newsletters, WSG would welcome any offers of help towards the running and the upkeep of the facilities at Oldbury Lane. Come and join our team of volunteers - you will receive a warm welcome. The Sports Ground is currently well used by local sports groups, from pre-school kids to ageing adults, but we still have vacancies for village community groups, so please make contact with us to find out more.

For those who haven't paid us a visit, pop up and enjoy the great facilities. To amuse the young ones we have added a mud kitchen to the picnic area which we continue to develop.

3G Multi-Games Area For Hire – If you are interested in hiring the outdoor court, please contact Matt on 07977 510352 for availability and costs.

Hey, Girls! Are you 10, 11 or 12?

Fancy playing a bit of footie? Come and learn from a qualified female coach, all abilities welcome.

Contact hannahpugh@outlook.com for all the gen.

November Fixtures

1st Team (Kick-Off 3pm)

04	Н	MGCL	Ruardean Hill Rangers
11	Α	MGCL	Hardwicke
18	TBC	GFA - R3	TBC
25	Н	MGCL	Hanham Athletic
02/12	Н	MGCL	Cheltenham Civil Service

Reserves (Kick-off 2:00pm)

04	Н	Bristol Prem Comb	Olveston United
11	Α	Bristol Prem Comb	Hallen Reserves
18	TBC	Bristol Prem Comb	TBC
25	TBC	GFA - R3	TBC
01/12	Α	Bristol Prem Comb	St Nicholas

A Team (Kick-Off 2:00pm)

04	Н	GFA Primary - R2	Hengrove 88
11	Н	B&D Div 4	Made For Ever Reserves
18	TBC	B&D Div 4	TBC
25	TBC	GFA - R3	TBC
02/12	Α	B&D Div 4	Highridge United 'A'

Sunday Team (Kick-Off 10:30am) Bristol Premier Sunday

05	TBC	TBC
12	Н	Signal Generals
19	Н	FC United of Yate
26	TBC	TBC
03/12	Α	Rockleaze Rangers

Wick Vets (Kick-Off 10:30am)

12 A 45's Division 1 Rapid Dementia

Up the OWLS

Wick CE Primary School Tours!



Will your child be starting primary school in September 2024?

If so, please take the opportunity to attend one of our tours:

Friday 10th November - 9.00, 10.00 or 11.00

Saturday 11th November 9:30 to 10:30

Friday 1st December - 9.00, 10.00 or 11.00

During the tours, there will be an opportunity to hear about what Wick CE Primary has to offer and to ask any questions.

On Saturday 11th November, your child can 'stay and play' with our reception team in the classroom whilst you tour the school.

We look forward to seeing you!

To book a place please email parents@wickprimary.org.uk giving your preferred choice of date and time.

Visit our website at: www.wickprimaryschool.co.uk





Donations are accepted between 8:30am and 9:30am Doors open for shopping from 9:30am until 11am

The first Saturday of each month @ Wick Village Hall

As of October's Free-Cycle, entry is now £4 per adult - under 18s are still free with a paying adult!

Please note, we are unable to host a Free-Cycle in December



Refreshments available

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November Environment Challenge

SPLAT! In the past, driving a car on an evening, the windscreen would be hit by many insects. But now, WHAT DO we experience? Maybe due to more aerodynamic cars, but the truth is:



UK's flying insects have declined by 60% in 20 years

The UK's insect population has fallen sharply as the invertebrates are affected by rising temperatures and fragmented habitats. The major causes of these declines are believed to be related to agriculture. The use of pesticides and fertilisers is killing insects, while the conversion of meadows, woodland and hedgerows into pasture and fields is also having a damaging effect. So reports the Natural History Museum.

https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/news/2022/may/uks-flying-insects-have-declined-60-in-20-years.html

The decline will impact our food supply as less insects means less pollination of the crops and flowers we need.

While the declines are dramatic, small changes to our homes and gardens can play a significant part to support insects. This is the challenge for November:

Growing <u>insect-friendly plants</u> in gardens and even window boxes can help provide food for pollinators and other invertebrates.

In your garden, <u>cutting your grass less</u> is another way to make the world to be more insect-friendly. Not only does this save time and effort, but it promotes the growth of wildflowers that pollinators and other insects depend on.

Leave an area of your garden to long grass can provide space for insects to lay their eggs, and shelter from predators. <u>Creating log piles</u> can help protect beetles, as well as adding nutrients to the soil.

It's important that we understand how insect populations continue to change. Taking part in community science projects such as <u>Bugs Matter</u> can help keep track of the unprecedented ways in which our world is changing.

FRIENDS OF

WICK GOLDEN VALLEY LOCAL NATURE RESERVE

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND AGM

THURSDAY 7TH DECEMBER 7PM

AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH HALL

YOU ARE ALL WELCOME-WHETHER YOU ARE A MEMBER OR JUST INTERESTED IN LOOKING AFTER OUR BEAUTIFUL NATURE RESERVE



Learn about events held and planned: Bat Walks, Bird identification and ringing, Charcoal making, Street Goats, Tree conservation, Little Dippers.

ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER 2023

WICK CHURCH FLOWERS

4th/11th Remembrance 18th/25th Jeannette Bailey Dec 2nd/9th Anne Reynolds



4th Monica/Barbara
11th Jeannette Bailey
18th Suzy Britton
25th Cathy Burgess
Dec 2nd Sarah Hewett

WICK SIDESPERSONS

5th Anne & Nick Reynolds12th Pat Russell & Pam Milton

19th Jane Brookman

26th Colin & Jeannette Bailey

Dec 3rd Jenny Lawrence









Wick Church Toddlers

Every Tuesday, 10 am - 11.45 am All Welcome For info, please ring 0117 9373581

Open Door

Every Friday 10.30 – 11.30am Church Room St Bartholomew's, Wick

All are welcome to meet friends and neighbours. Coffee, chat and a Thought for the Day

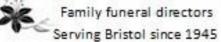


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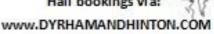
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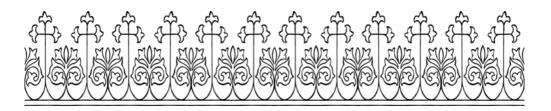
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