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Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



October 2024

A moment to ponder

So, we are now in the Harvest Season - we all know the “mists and mellow fruitfulness” quote, from the famous poem by Keats, and there is something rather beautiful about the inevitable chilly mornings and cobwebs hung with diamonds. Harvest time when I was a child smelled very different to today: there were a LOT more bonfires, and we had a huge old apple tree that ripened all of a sudden, which meant we couldn't use or store all of the apples, and inevitably, they lay on the ground and fermented, much to the delight of many insects.



Our farmers, of course, have been harvesting mightily for months, and probably look at our sentimental ideas of “Harvest” with amusement. More properly, we should remember that it is actually a celebration of “Harvest Home”, when the hard grind of actually getting the harvest in is done, and the workers can stop for a minute and raise a glass to another successful season. Of course, almost immediately the harvest is done, the preparation for next years crop has to begin, so it must all feel a bit relentless to those actually involved in the process!

The poem goes on to say

“Conspiring with Him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;”

Perhaps we should spare a thought for those who have laboured long and hard to provide us with a plentiful harvest, and send up a silent “Thank You” to the mysterious Creator who blesses our vines, actual and metaphorical, with fruit.

News from St Bartholomew's

It is hard to believe that we are already considering the services for Christmas - time goes so fast, doesn't it? I met with Elaine and all the other churchwardens in the middle of September, to meet our lovely new admin person, Sophia, and plan the services for the next few months, and it felt like a big step forward in our journey to becoming one Benefice. It won't be achieved overnight, but we are definitely on the way. The plan is to be able to offer different types of worship in all the five churches, so that there is something for everyone: if you like traditional services, or prefer something a little more lively and fun, or have questions and doubts, there should be a service that speaks to you, somewhere in the group. See the centre pages for details. Don't forget the new “Community Church” service on the 4th Sunday of each month - it will be very different to our normal services, and I for one am fascinated to see what it entails! Come along and find out.

The eagle-eyed among you will notice that we didn't have a Harvest Festival planned for September, as we normally do. We have accepted the very kind invitation of our brothers and sisters up at the URC Chapel to come to their Harvest celebration, on 6th October. If you like a Harvest Festival service, you would be very welcome to join us, I'm sure.



We hosted a “Ride-n-Stride” event in the middle of September where people walking or cycling around the area could pop in and have a cuppa and a slice of something. In previous years, our intrepid curate Rob was part of the cycling crowd which made it feel quite personal, so we were wondering what the attendance would be like this year, with him gone off to foreign parts (*Derby, no less*). Happily, we did have visitors and were able to raise some money to share with the Gloucestershire Historic Churches trust, who have helped us so much with our maintenance costs, particularly our roof.

Now, back to Christmas planning...

Doynton Parish Pump

Holy Trinity church: a new Community Prayer session is starting on the first Tuesday of the month (9.00–10.00 a.m.), alternating between Holy Trinity and St Peter's, Dyrham. In October, the session will take place on **Tuesday October 1st** at Holy Trinity. All welcome.

The “**Warm Wednesdays**” **community café** will open its doors once again from October 2nd (10.30 a.m.–12.00 noon). Come along for tea/coffee and a biscuit or six, and the best gossip in town!

The Memory Café at Doynton will hold its next meeting on Thursday October 3rd in the village hall. We are looking forward to welcoming a children's choir from Emerson's Green, and our theme will be “Harvest”. The café meets on the first Thursday of every month, 2.00–4.00 p.m. For more information, see our Facebook page “The Memory Cafe at Doynton”, email mcdoynton [at] gmail.com or call/text 07817 311001, as well as the Memory Cafe poster elsewhere in this magazine with full details of the month's meeting.

Doynton Village Market: next markets October 5th and 19th, 10.00–11.00 a.m., in the village hall. The late summer fruit will be adorning the tables, alongside the fresh vegetables. Order your meat, cakes, pies, produce and eggs (by the Wednesday before the market) and collect your order on the day. Tel. Elizabeth Crew (0117 937 3168). Or just pop in for a cuppa and slice of cake!

Soup and Delicious Desserts: Monday October 7th from 12.30 p.m. in the village hall. Coffee and tea available. Donations (min. £6) graciously accepted, all profits to Bath Welcomes Refugees. Please book to secure your place: contact Jill (jill.ritchie [at] globallearning.co.uk) or Jenny (jjbartram [at] btinternet.com).

Doynton and Wick WI: on October 9th (7.30 p.m.), the speaker will be Jason Coward, National Chair of the Royal British Legion, on the history and work of the organization The competition is: a homemade poppy. All welcome.

Summers Field community orchard: looking forward to the **barn dance on Saturday October 12th** in the village hall. Doors open 6.30 p.m., ploughman's supper 7.00 p.m., dancing from 8.00 p.m. Tickets in advance £15 (adult), £7.50 (under-16). Pay bar, card or cash. Contact Lisa (07974 771670) or Corrinna (07587 175474). Limited tickets available! Posters around the village soon.

Local Nature Action Plans: Little Things Matter: as part of South Gloucestershire Council Biodiversity Action Plan, Doynton has been asked to build its own parish plan to help nature. We already have several nature-preserving initiatives under way from Summers Field and the Parish Council, but we need to build on this work as a community. Our plan needs to address broader issues like preserving or recovering habitats and creating nature corridors where nature can thrive. We know that if we preserve it or create it, nature will come – as many hedgehogs and owls can attest. Sarah Magraw (sarah.magraw [at] gmail.com) has taken on responsibility for building Doynton's plan. She is keen to hear both ideas and offers of support from those with expertise and/or enthusiasm around the village. Potential projects being evaluated are: a wildlife tower; the creation of a wildlife corridor between Doynton and Dyrham; and a scheme to monitor the health of our rivers. You can look at other parish plans here: <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/Local-Nature-Action-Plans-guidance-for-town-and-parish-councils.pdf>.

Doynton House National Gardens Scheme opening: the experiment with a September rather than July opening was a leap into the unknown and we are delighted to have attracted 270 paying visitors on a day with a distinctly iffy weather forecast. Luckily we enjoyed an hour and a half of sunshine and warmth before a huge thunderstorm set in very nearby – some of the tea ladies saw lightning strike the road outside! Visitors managed to enjoy the gardens and then a mass huddle under slightly drippy shelter. Thank you to everyone who helped, especially the drowned rats and those who rescued the table that collapsed under the weight of the teas! We were able to send nearly £3000 to the NGS from this opening alone, adding to other group visits earlier in the summer. THANK YOU, DOYNTON!

Advance notice of the stupendous **playing field quiz**, to be held at the village hall on **Saturday November 16th**. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. for a prompt start at 8.00 p.m., tickets £20 for a team of four people or £5 per single ticket – cash only, please. Pay bar – cash or card. Donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated – please bring them on the night. For more information, contact Jane Stewart (johnjane252 [at] gmail.com) or tel. 0117 937 3299.

Post Office in the village hall: **every Thursday 9.30–10.30 a.m.** for standard post office services. Order groceries by 6.00 p.m. Wednesday for collection (Oldland Common Post Office and Store, tel. 932 3159).



The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for **October**

Please email

wickparishmagazine@outlook.com

with your news items for the November issue edition by **Sunday 20th October. Please send copy containing artwork/logos etc as a .png**

Anthea Watts writes:

We celebrated our birthday on 23 August with nibbles and drinks organised by the committee, followed by a quiz.

Some members had a very enjoyable day out on 20 August when they visited Corsham and were blessed with a lovely sunny day. We started out with a very nice lunch in a local pub and after a short walk went to Corsham Court, seeing the house and having a walk around the grounds.

Unfortunately a planned walk on 6 September had to be abandoned because of inclement weather, but those who attended stayed on at the station cafe and enjoyed a coffee and a natter.

Group event On Friday 20 September we once again enjoyed the hospitality of Doynton and Wick WI for a group event to celebrate their 100th year- quite an achievement. Members were entertained by two young people- Nick and Emily- who took us back to our younger days with songs mostly from the 1960s. Everybody joined in with singing, and lots couldn't resist the urge to dance! It really was a super evening, and thanks must go again to Tina and her team for their hard work in putting on this event.

Future meetings

26 September- Dogs for Us

24 October- AGM/Quiz

28 November- Portishead RNLI

Forthcoming events

A **skittles evening** will be arranged for October at Oldland Village Hall.

Walks in October, November and December to be confirmed. An evening of



Update on Wick Golden Valley Local Nature reserve

As residents of Wick know, the Nature Reserve has been closed for several months due to the risk of Ash trees falling, caused by Ash die back. Felling dangerous trees has been delayed due to birds nesting. With the end of nesting season in late September, it is hoped that work may start in late October or November after a habitat survey. There is more than one landowner involved in the tree felling.



The Quarry Manager appeals to people to adhere to the closure, until the Nature reserve is safe again. Over the summer some people did enter, destroying fences and causing damage, at considerable cost to



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Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

Women's Institute



For our September meeting our Guest speaker Richard Rickitt, avid Beekeeper and Author, gave a fascinating talk on the Amazing Honeybee, its survival through time in tree hollows to migrating to handmade beehives. He told us of the intricacy of maintaining beehives and how to extract honey safely. Members and guests had the opportunity to buy jars of Richard's homegrown Corsham honey with all donations going to an international bee charity that supports Indian communities to maintain bee hives and sell honey to finance their children's health and education.

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

10th Oct Pumpkin Socks craft activity led by our inhouse creative member Debbie

14th Nov Storm Force Ten (Bristol Brightest Shanty Band) – **Open** meeting with sea shanties, sea songs with a broad repertoire of folk based songs, blending modern and traditional.

(The above November meeting is an open meeting to the community, family & friends, please notify us via email below if you wish to attend as a guest)



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

Book club members met up in September at Cineworld Yate to watch "It ends with us" film adaption by author Colleen Hoover.

We welcome new members; ladies can attend up to 2 initial meetings without any obligations. We meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month. For further information please contact us at:

dyrhamandhintoncommitteewi@gmail.com

Dyrham and Doynton Community Prayers

The new community prayers service will be held between 9-10am on Tuesday 1st October at Doynton church, before returning to St Peter's in Dyrham on 5th November. All are welcome.



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.

Update on Poppy Net for Dyrham Church

The time has come to assemble our knitted and crocheted poppy display! Please deliver all poppies to Anne at Wolds Edge, Hinton by October 10th so that we can create a display in the church by mid October. Or email (anne.woldsedge@gmail.com) to arrange a collection.



Wind Turbine Public Consultation Meeting



Distgen, the company that owns the wind turbine in Hinton are running a presentation and display for the community regarding some changes they plan to make to the current turbine. They will be hosting the event in Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall on 21st October, from 4 - 7pm. Please see the main poster in the magazine for further details.

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

News from the URC Chapel

First of all – a huge thank you to those who supported our event in aid of Target Ovarian



Cancer. We raised £881.

This was a great effort, and we do thank everyone who came, who donated and those who helped on the day. We run this event each year in memory of Monica Knight who was an Elder, Treasurer and Organist in our Church. She also managed to arrange the flowers. She

left a huge void for us to fill.

We look forward now to welcoming members of St Bartholomew's Church to our Harvest Festival on 6th October at 10.30 am. We follow this service with Harvest Lunch.

There will be a service of Remembrance on **10th November** starting at 10.30pm. We lay a wreath on the War Memorial and have an Act of Remembrance remembering all those who fought and those who died in the two Great wars and wars that followed.



Our next fundraiser will be the Christmas Sale on 30th November, opening at 2.30.



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Sunday Services October 2024

6th October - 19th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Harvest Festival AT THE CHAPEL

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

11.00am Morning Worship Rev Elaine Jones

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Harvest Festival with our friends from
St Bartholomew's

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Steve Britton

ST JAMES'S ABSON

6.30pm Harvest Evensong Omar Begg



13th October - 20th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Elaine Jones

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Café Church

WICK CHAPEL

9.45am Breakfast Club Antony Jefferies



ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Harvest Festival Omar Begg

20th October - 21st Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Worship Steve Burgess

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am Holy Communion TBC



WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Family Sharing

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Café church Rev Elaine Jones

ST JAMES'S ABSON

8.45am Holy Communion Rev Elaine Jones

27th October - 22nd Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am NEW! Community Church Rev Elaine Jones

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00 am Morning Worship TBC

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am A visit to the Holy Shed

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Morning Worship Steve Burgess

3rd November - All Saints & All Souls

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together Suzy Britton

Patronal Festival

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Elaine Jones

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Family Communion Rev Steve Britton

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion TBC

ST JAMES'S ABSON

3.30pm Evensong Rev Elaine Jones



News from your Parish Council

Village News for Wick & Abson www.wickabsonpcgov.uk

- Parish Clerk email contact: wickabson_parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk
- **Brockwell Park 1:** to improve access, the Parish Council will install a new tarmac path from the car park to the play area, with new dropped kerbs, and to move the play area fence away from the slide.
- **Brockwell Park 2:** a working party has been organised by Cllr Stuart Fowell to clear the patio area at the top of the park. More support will be very welcome on Saturday 11 October 2024. Please bring garden tools.
- **Village Hall:** in August, works were completed to install extra purlins to the roof to strengthen it. By the time you read this, new solar PV will have been installed. Next, the car park will be resurfaced.
- **Bleed kits:** recently, several villagers called for a bleed kit to be installed at the village hall. The Parish Council consulted South West Ambulance Service who are concerned that there is no current national index of bleed kit locations unlike with defibrillators. Also, anyone sustaining a serious injury to an artery will likely bleed out within 30 to 60 seconds so running for a bleed kit located nearby puts the victim at greater risk. *The advice is to improvise and immediately use any clean material or rolled bandages from a first aid kit to press on any penetrative wound or use a tourniquet on a limb to staunch the flow and call 999 or 112.* This first aid method was highlighted to the 8 villagers who attended the free first aid session in early September. The PC will keep this matter under review.
- **Public Rights Of Way:** should you encounter any problems with the over 70 PROW paths around the parish, please report to South Gloucestershire Council, Highways Department.
- **Planning:** nothing this month.
- **Next Parish Council meeting:**
7:15pm Thursday 10th October 2024 at Wick Village Hall.



Memory Café

A relaxed, informal and **free** drop in café, providing support for people with dementia along with a family member, carer, or friend.

The café meets from 2-4 on the first Thursday in every month in Doynton Village Hall- BS30 5SY

In October we celebrate Harvest. The lovely choir from Emerson Green School will entertain us; we were blown away with their performance earlier this year and we are sure we will be again!

For our **November** meeting we will welcome the Yate and Sodbury U3A Sea Shanty group and will no doubt be joining in with the well-known shanties and choruses!

Our usual art activities, quizzes, jigsaws and singing are offered along with refreshments and friendly faces. The sessions always finish with the ever popular **BIG RED BALLOON!**

Come along and enjoy the fun!



October environment challenge is to Step outside and connect with nature



This is Harvest season and is dedicated to God as the creator and sustainer of all life. It is good to thank God for all the food we eat and for the nature around us. Here are some ideas to encourage you to step outside during this season and connect with nature.

FEAST TOGETHER: Why not get together in the great outdoors and enjoy some good food? Challenge everyone to bring (if they can) a local, sustainably-sourced plate of food that can be shared. Wrap up warm with blankets and rugs if necessary and enjoy feasting together, giving thanks for the gift of food

BUILD A BUG HOTEL: Create new habitats for invertebrates by building a bug hotel. This could be in a garden, on church land, or, with permission, in a local park perhaps. Your building materials could include logs, branches, twigs, leaves and moss. With time your hotel could provide refuge and a 'family home' for a range of invertebrates.

PLANT SOME TREES: Do some research – find a site to plant some trees and work out which native trees would be good to plant there. The best time to plant trees is between November and March, but now is the time to get together and plan ahead.

PICK UP RUBBISH: Help keep your local area safe and clean for people and wildlife.

These ideas adapted from an environmental group:

www.arocha.org.uk



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local community to come along for a cuppa and a
chat, totally free! If you're already at free-cycle,
you're more than welcome to stay ♥**



Wick Guides would like to thank everyone who supported their fundraising to go to camp at Lorne Activity centre in Northern Ireland. We had the best time visiting giants causeway, trying the zip wire and highropes course, paddling

in the lough, helping the blacksmith, folk dancers and willow weaver at the folk museum and keeping house in our little hobbit huts!



If you know a 10-14 year old who would like to join us, we do have some spaces this term at Wick Village Hall on a Monday evening. On



the agenda is our Task-master challenge badge, campfire cooking, sweetie making for Wick Xmas Market, bowling, a trip to the Guide World Centre in London, wide games in the dark, self defence and a community action project for the RUH neonatal unit.

Email bwinterson@hotmail.com to arrange to come and visit us



MARSHFIELD GARDENING CLUB

“Preparing for Winter”

An interactive session with Dave Robinson.

Dave worked as an actor for 10 years and toured the world working for the BBC and ITV, he then chose a career change to horticulture working in London on various projects including The Garden Museum, The Harrington Scheme, BCTV, Fairfield, Palmer Gardens, and more locally, at Roots Allotments in Bath. He is currently Head Gardener at Woolley Grange Hotel in Bradford-on-Avon. Dave has a broad range of horticultural knowledge and is particularly passionate about growing vegetables and cut flower production. This is an opportunity for members to talk through the highs and lows of their growing season with a view to solving issues and sharing knowledge.

Followed by a raffle and refreshments.

Tuesday 1st October 2024

7.45pm

MARSHFIELD CHURCH HALL

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QUIZ NIGHT!



**Friday October 18th
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7.30 for 8.00pm
start.**

To raise money to help fund the hire of the hall
for



The Memory Café @ Doynton.



This is held in the Doynton Village hall on the first Thursday of each month for people living with dementia and their carers in the Three Shires Medical Practice and surrounding areas.

Teams of up to six members. £3 per person.

Filled rolls, wine, beer and soft drinks available. Raffle .

To book a place, please text **07817311001**

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Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall

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for a chat about the possibilities.

ROTAS FOR OCTOBER 2024

WICK CHURCH FLOWERS

28/Oct 5 Tina Holbrook **12/19/26** Jane Brookman
Nov 2nd Suzy Britton



WICK CHURCH CLEANING

5th Sarah Hewett **12th** Sue Butt
19th Margaret Curtis **26th** Cathy Burgess
Nov 2nd Anne Reynolds



WICK SIDESPERSONS

6th **We're all at the Chapel**
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20th Pam Milton and Jane Brookman
27th Anne & Nick Reynolds
Nov 3rd Steve Butt



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