

Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



February 2025

Hello neighbours

The recent cold snaps have been quite trying for everyone: those of us trying to get to work having to remember to allow time to defrost windscreens; those of us walking to school dealing with inexplicable reluctance to wear coats; those of us a little unsteady on our feet worrying about things being slippery and deciding to stay home, even though we need to go to the shops - it certainly brings challenges! But it also brings beauty, with the sparkle and shimmer of frost on leaves, the silence peculiar to a world under snow, and the laughter that is inevitable when making a snowman.

Hopefully, the worst is behind us now, and we can confidently look forward to daffodils and sunshine (and the inevitable rain!)

Every season brings both challenge and beauty and the trick is to deal effectively with both. If we concentrate too much on how difficult life is when you have to rely on neighbours to get your shopping, then we fail to see how pleased our neighbours are to be able to help us in a practical and non-intrusive way. My old Granny used to say that it was a blessing to allow others to help, sometimes, and it is very easy to stick to our stubborn desire to be independent. If we were to reframe our distaste for having to be helped into thinking of it as a kindness to give someone else an opportunity to be helpful, it might change our lives!

Despite the doom-and-gloom mongers, we do live in a world full of people who would actively like to help each other more, who would love to feel more "community" and we can all contribute to that in our own way, whether offering or graciously accepting. New friendships can flourish, new connections made if we open up to the challenges AND the beauty of each season.

News from St Bartholomew's

Happy New year! We hope everyone had a splendid time over Christmas, and are now raring to get stuck into all the New Year, New Me malarkey. No? Me neither. Christmas was absolutely lovely - Rev Elaine's first Christmas with us, and she seemed to enjoy it. We saw lots of villagers in church for the different services, which was gratifying: 9 Lessons & Carols was beautiful, Christingle was enormous fun, and the Crib Service on Christmas Eve was the usual glorious mayhem! We are JUST coming to the end of Epiphany in the church calendar, so we have been contemplating the scraps of info we have about the baby Jesus as he grew up. And now, we turn our thoughts to Lent, and Easter. (Easter Eggs were on sale in Morrisons on Boxing Day...)

Easter is quite late, this year Easter Sunday is 20 April, so we have plenty of time to prepare. There will be lots of different services on offer, so there's bound to be one that speaks to you. We will be joining with the URC Chapel for a period of thinking and preparing, and you would be very welcome to join us, if you have questions you'd like to ask in an informal setting that includes biscuits.

The new Community Church service on the 4th Sunday of the month continues to go from strength to strength, with the children from Wick School being of enormous help. The bacon baps are always a draw, of course. The next one will be on 23rd Feb and I heartily recommend it. I promise it is nothing like the church you remember from years ago!

Doynton Parish Pump

The annual wassail at **Summers Field community orchard** on January 6th was a joyous – and noisy – occasion, guaranteed to scare away the evil spirits and ensure a good apple harvest. On January 19th, Sally Pattison of S Glos Council led a workshop on tree pruning, with an opportunity for hands-on practice in the orchard and plentiful supplies of coffee and delicious cake. We all learnt so much from Sally, and look forward to the next workshop when we can learn something new.

Doynton Hard Half Marathon is on Sunday February 2nd, starting at 11.00 a.m. from the playing field – 600 runners expected this year! That's a lot of cake, but our villagers are rising to the challenge, selling cakes, savouries and tea/coffee in aid of Bath Welcomes Refugees and Medical Detection Dogs. Volunteers needed to help on the day and make cakes etc. (please label your cake tin clearly) – contact Jenny Bartram, tel. 07468 413228. If you can, please also bring a can or packet to donate to N Bristol and S Glos Foodbank. The event is impeccably organized, as always, but if you have any questions or concerns, email

dhhm [at] emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk.

Doynton village market will take place in the village hall on Saturdays February 1st and 15th and March 1st and 15th (NB no market March 29th). Gluten-free products available, also apple juice, fresh vegetables and eggs. Our nimble-fingered crafters offer a varied selection of cards and pictures, plus home-made collectable soft figures and sewn and knitted products. As always, please order by phone (**07711 670704**, **note new number**), message or WhatsApp, before midday on the Wednesday before the market.

The Memory Café at Doynton will meet on Thursday February 6th, 2.00–4.00 p.m., in the village hall. Our monthly get-together is free to attend and anyone with dementia or memory loss, with their family member or carer, is very welcome. For more information, see Facebook "The Memory Cafe at Doynton", email mcdoynton [at] gmail.com or tel. 07817 311001.

In January, **Doynton and Wick WI** met at Wick Chapel for a fascinating evening of stories and "Songs from the Shows" with Ben Stock. Ben, who has just hung up his corsets after a season as a pantomime dame in Richmond, is the son of one of our members and performed on the Chapel stage many times as a child. On February 12th (7.30 p.m.), back in Doynton village hall, the

speaker will be Ian Caskie on "The SS Great Britain". The competition is "a nautical poem". All welcome.

Warm Wednesdays: 10.30 a.m.–12 noon in the village hall, for tea/coffee, sweet treats and a good gossip! On February 12th, a representative of Age Concern will be in attendance to offer advice, and on February 26th we will welcome a representative of Trading Standards.

Doynton village hall: a noise limiter has been installed, which we hope will lessen the noise nuisance for those living nearby. The annual general meeting will take place in the hall on Wednesday February 19th (7.30 p.m.) – members of the public are warmly invited to attend.

Seed swap and plant sale: Saturday March 8th (10.00 a.m.–12 noon) in the village hall, focusing on seed from wildflowers and garden plants that attract wildlife. The knife sharpener will be there. We aim to have, as in previous years, an area of all things gardening that people can help themselves to (and hopefully leave a donation for a charitable cause). So if you would like to rehome any tools, garden equipment, garden ornaments, large ceramic or plastic pots, gardening books/magazines, bird tables, bird houses or feeders, hanging baskets, etc. (everything in good working order), please bring on the day or contact Jane Girling to arrange collection (07920 258844).

Playing field quiz: Saturday March 29th, in the village hall, doors open at 7.30 p.m. for a prompt start at 8.00 p.m. Tickets £20 for teams of four people or £5 single – pay on entry, cash only please. Pay bar, cash or card. Donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated – please bring on the night. Proceeds go for the upkeep of the playing field. Contact Jane Stewart: johnjane252 [at] gmail.com or tel. 0117 937 3299.

Advance notice of a **swing band music evening** with the Wiltshire Police Band on Saturday April 5th (7.30 p.m.) at Holy Trinity Church. Sat 5-04-25 19.30 A fun music evening with the Wiltshire Police Band. For details see https://www.doyntonvillage.org/uploads/images/events/Karens%20concert.jpg.

Bulb planting: look out for the new spring flowers along the entrance roads to the village over the coming months. Many thanks to those who worked so hard to plant them last autumn.

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 **February**Please email

wickparishmagazine@outlook.com

with your news items for the March

edition no later than

Thursday 20th February

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

Anthea Watts writes:



Hello readers,

I wish you all a belated healthy and peaceful 2025 on behalf of Wick Village WI.

December was a busy month: On the 3rd we had a very nice Christmas meal in the lovely setting of the Cross House in Doynton. On the 9th we joined our friends in the group to enjoy a traditional carol service at Doynton church. Doynton and Wick WI provided very welcome refreshments after the service. Six of us from our ukulele group accompanied one of the carols at the Federation carol service held at Clevedon Parish church on 11 December. On the 12th we all enjoyed our Christmas party. This was organised again by two daughters and granddaughter of one of our members. They helped us to make Christmas decorations, made us lovely cupcakes and mince pies and we all had a Secret Santa gift. A good time was had by all.

Future meetings

23 January - board games night

27 February - Lasting Power of Attorney with Jackie Lewis

27 March - Zumba from your chair with Philomena Connolly

Forthcoming events

A winter walk has been arranged for **Monday 20 January 2025**, meeting at Pomphrey Hill Mangotsfield at 10:15. Lunch at local hostelry.

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.

The sharp-eyed among you will notice that I try to put a seasonally appropriate picture as a header for the Owl's Nest. But WHY is a lifelong resident of Wick known as a "Wick Owl", I wonder? And do our other villages have similar nicknames for their residents?

Please write (wickparishmagazine@outlook.com) and tell us all a bit about our local history. Thank you! *Ed.*



If you haven't been to see the snowdrops in St James's churchyard in Abson, yet, do try to make time - they are a sight to gladden the heart.

Spring is coming.

(I can't find any mention of "Snowdrop Sunday" this year - it used to be a Sunday in Feb, when the church would be open for refreshments. Keep an eye out for the board on the green!)



Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

Women's Institute

On Thursday 12th December members enjoyed a delicious Christmas Party meal out at the Cross House in Doynton. Members donned their Christmas cracker hats extracted from the beautifully handmade Christmas crackers by a talented member and came head-to-head



in teams of four for our annual Christmas quiz. The Christmas close-up picture round baffled members over the mistletoe and meat thermometer, but much laughter was had by all.

This year we have replaced our January 2025 meeting and members are looking forward to a pantomime visit "Alice in Wonderland" by the Warmley Players, Friday 24th January

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

- **13**th **February** Flamenco talk and workshop. Guest speaker Maria Cristina (La Flamenquita)
- 13th March Felt Craft activity led by Lyn (in-house WI member)
- 10th April Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA) Charity Talk Guest speaker Jen Mackenzie- (Open meeting to community, family & priends if you wish to attend please email us as below)

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



Book Club members met on Wednesday 16th January at a member's house to discuss "The Square of Sevens" by author Laura Shepherd-Robinson. An epic sweeping novel set in Georgian high society, a dazzling story offering up mystery, intrigue, heartbreak, and audacious twists.

Our February read is "The Night Train to Lisbon" by author Pascal Mercier.

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



Boyd Valley Painting Group

The Boyd Valley painting group consists of a small band of like minded amateur artists who meet once a week at the Dyrham and Hinton village hall on a Thursday morning from 10.00am until 1.00pm.

The group consists of mixed artistic abilities using whichever medium they choose. It is a self help group with advice and encouragement freely given with the collective aim to improve individual standards, therefore creating a sense of achievement for those participants just starting out.

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

Have you thought that you would like to paint or draw but did not know how to start or were too afraid or embarrassed to share your initial efforts with strangers Well, you are not unique in harbouring self doubt, we all had those feelings to start with but we were very soon freed from those restrictions by the support, encouragement and guidance of fellow group members.

If you would like to have a go and be part of a friendly group please call Andrew Hedges 01179372928 to learn more and register your interest. You will be made to feel most welcome.

Date for the diary

Art exhibition Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall 22nd March

Reverend William Langton Charity

The Reverend William Langton Trust is a charity established for the benefit of the residents of the parish of Dyrham & Hinton. The Trust's aims are to:

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- Provide assistance with the costs of education for young people under the age of 18 (such as school uniform, books or school trips).
- Provide support to people aged 18 and over to assist with the purchase of tools, clothing or other relevant expenses incurred in support of further studies, training or work-based learning (such as text books, field trips or equipment).

We welcome applications for grants. Please understand that the charity has limited funds and may only be able to provide a contribution towards an application. For an application form or for further information please email angela.dahparishnews@gmail.com

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

News from the URC Chapel

Christmas Sale: It seems a long time ago, but we enjoyed a wonderful afternoon at the end of November at our Christmas Sale, with friends, families, and members of the



village. We are always amazed by and grateful for the number of people who support us. WE RAISED £1100 – a huge effort by just a few.

Christmas Eve: Linda Byrne led a traditional Candlelit Carol Service. It was good to see some familiar faces from the village. We thought about Gaza and all the other war-torn countries of the world as well as enjoying our favourite readings and carols and sent £70 to Embrace the Middle East.

At the first Sunday in January, we looked back at our achievements during 2024. We now have a newly decorated hall with the long awaited easily accessible toilet, the roof has been repaired, the electrical circuit has been checked. We are now awaiting the replacement of a downpipe, a new notice board and necessary electrical work. Our thanks to everyone who contributed to the life of the Chapel during 2024 – what would we do without you all? We look forward to 2025 worshipping together.

Dates for your diaries: - **World Day of Prayer** on Friday, 7th March at 2.30 pm at The Chapel.

Once again, we look forward to joining our local church fellowship for **Lent Meetings** to be held in the Chapel Schoolroom – more details in this magazine.

News from your Parish Council

Village News for Wick & Abson

www.wickabsonpcgov.uk

- Parish Clerk email contact: <u>wickabson_parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk</u>
- Household Support Fund: South Gloucestershire Council is offering means tested grants of to help with winter costs of fuel, food, clothing and essential items. Please contact SGC on 01494 868009.
- Road Safety: Cllr James Baron is leading a campaign to raise awareness
 with South Gloucestershire Council, local MP Claire Young and Highways
 England of the significantly increased speed and volume of traffic passing
 through Wick on the A420, and what mitigating measures might be
 implemented. Your views are important in an initial consultation to
 gauge opinions. Please look out for the opportunity to have your say.
 There will be a residents' public meeting at 7.15pm on Thursday 20
 February 2025 in Wick Village Hall. All welcome.
- Grants: Wick Guides £750.00 towards costs of summer camp 2025.

Planning:

P24/02725/F: Bromford Housing, land adjacent 21 & 24 Boyd Close, Wick - create additional 6 parking spaces & turning area – objection, loss of green space, increase in vehicle noise in a quiet area.

P24/02969/F: Tracy Park Hotel & Resort, Bath Road, Wick – change of use to residential – *no objection*.

P24/02909/CLP: Midway, 54 Riding Barn Hill, Wick – single storey side extension - *no objection*.

P24/02987/TRE: Smokeacre, 46 Church Road, Wick – 2m crown reduction to oak tree – *no objection*.

P24/03008/HH: 78A High Street, Wick – single storey front extension to form garage workshop – objection, overdevelopment of site & impact on listed building next door.

Next Parish Council meeting:
 7:15pm Thursday 13th February 2025, Wick Village Hall.

Wick Football Club

Unfortunately, the severe cold snap disrupted several of our fixtures over the Xmas and New Year period, so not much has happened since our last update. A win and a loss for our first team sees them in third spot, hot on the tail of league leaders Almondsbury with Cory Langdon scoring a hattrick in the last 3-2 win over Frampton Utd, taking his season tally to twenty seven in seventeen appearances. The reserves, Sunday and Vets all still hover around top spot, therefore all to play for in the second half of the season.

Our clubs aim is to reach step 6 in the near future and we also want to build a relationship that will allow young footballers to progress through to senior football, in an organised way should they wish. If you know of anyone interested in linking a Youth set-up with our seniors, please contact Matt on the number below.

Wick Sports Ground

The lack of sport over the Xmas and New Year period has not stopped the refurbishment of the clubhouse, which is looking great. Special thanks to Trev Hardiman and Nick Marsh for leading the project, why not pop in on a match day and see what a great facility this is.





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

February Fixtures

1st Team (KO 2pm) MGCL

1st A Henbury & Rockleaze

8th H Quedgeley Wantderers

15th A Almondsbury Filton

22nd H Chalford

Reserves (KO 2pm) B&D Div 3

1st A Bristol United FC

8th A Made For Ever Reserves

15th A Oldland Abbotonians Colts

22nd A Bristol Barcelona Reserves

Sunday Team (KO 10:30am) Bristol Premier Sunday

9th HCup Sporting Utd

23rd H Houselanders FC

Vets (KO 10:30am)

9th H45's Cup R2 LB Imperial

16th H 45's Division 1 Bury Legends

Sponsoring Wick FC is a fantastic way of contributing and supporting sport in our community and makes a visible difference as every penny of sponsor money is reinvested in football equipment and facilities for the club. If you would like details of all our sponsorship packages please contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352.

Up the OWLS.

Sunday Services February 2025

2nd February - Presentation of Christ in the Temple

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together Suzy Britton

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Elaine Jones

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Morning Worship** Worship Group

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Steve Britton with Baptism

ST JAMES'S ABSON

3.30pm **Evensong** Omar Beg

9th February -

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Elaine Jones

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Café Church

WICK CHAPEL

9.45am Breakfast Club Rev Stephen Newell

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am **Morning Worship** Omar Beg

16th February -

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Morning Prayer** Steve Burgess

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

NO SERVICE

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Family Sharing** Rev Sue Crossey

Sunday Services February 2025

16th February cont

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Café Church Rev Elaine Jones

ST JAMES'S ABSON

8.45am **Holy Communion** Rev Elaine Jones

23rd February -

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Community Church Rev Elaine Jones

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am A Visit to the Holy Shed

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Morning Prayer Steve Burgess

2nd March -

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10am All Together Steve & Cathy

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Elaine Jones

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Holy Communion Linda Byrne

followed by AGM

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion Rev Steve Britton

ST JAMES'S ABSON

3.30pm **Evensong** Rev Elaine Jones









The Memory Cafe at Doynton

The Memory Cafe at Doynton is your free local monthly get-together (normally on the first Thursday of the month, 2-4pm at Doynton Village Hall) for those who are living with dementia and their family members/carers.

The volunteer-run cafe has taken place monthly since June 2022 - more than 30 cafes held to date - and our visitor numbers are increasing.

Each cafe follows a similar pattern - a warm welcome; conversation and catch-ups over tea/coffee and home-made cake; a variety of optional craft and art activities, quizzes and wordsearch; singing together and a range of entertainment from country dancing to choirs; armchair fitness to gardening demonstrations.

Our February cafe takes place on Thursday 6th and we will be treated to pantomime sketches performed for us by members of Pucklechurch Players. At our March cafe, also on Thursday 6th, we expect to have some gentle fitness activity. At our April cafe we will celebrate Easter and Spring.

Our AGM takes place on Monday 28th April at 10am at Doynton Village Hall. We will review the cafe over the past year and also look forward to helping our local communities to become more dementia aware/dementia friendly in the year to come. All supporters of the Memory Cafe and anyone interested in learning more about us will be welcome at the AGM.

In the meantime if you would like to know more about the cafe or if you are interested in applying to volunteer with us, we look forward to hearing from you.

You can contact us via our Facebook page 'The Memory Cafe at Doynton', by email: 'mcdoynton@gmail.com' or by text to 07817 311001'



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

For our February meeting we will welcome members of the Pucklechurch Players who will perform a mini pantomime! There will be plenty of opportunities to boo and hiss as well as join in well known panto songs! Our usual art activities, quizzes, jigsaws and singing are offered along with refreshments and friendly faces. The sessions always finish with the ever-popular singing followed by.. The BIG RED BALLOON!

Looking ahead, in March we will think about keeping fit with a visitor showing us some simple ways to keep moving either on two feet or from a seated position.

Come along and enjoy the fun!

Tel o7817311001 for more info or find us on FaceBook





Environment Challenge 2025 starting in January

GOOD NEWS

The UK Climate Change committee reported that in 2023, UK greenhouse gas emissions were 49.5% lower than in 1990. This was due to a reduction in electricity supply emissions, and smaller emission reductions in industry, waste, and fuel supply

BAD NEWS

How many years are left for climate change?

The United Nations (UN) Intergovernmental panel on Climate Change (IPCC) concludes that humankind has 12 years left, during which time sufficient and dramatic carbon-emission mitigation strategies must be inaugurated to avoid the 'global average temperature' from rising above the 1.5°C limit which the 2015 Paris Climate Change Agreement aimed for.

GOOD NEWS_(just two local examples)

*Many new trees have been planted around Wick, and in the park which will improve the environment and contribute to CO2 reduction.

*The monthly, Freecycle continues in the Wick village hall to recycle things we no longer need. (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle)

Often, we just hear Doom and Gloom about climate change and the impact it is having, and will increasingly have, on every community locally and globally.

Every small effort we make can make a difference to reduce our own CO2 footprint, to save energy and to live more sustainably.

The most important thing we can have <u>is</u> HOPE. Hope that the world can do what is needed to sustain our amazing planet, nature and people. That hope starts with you and me, at home and in our community.

Ideas to go for in 2025. Here's a You Tube video to watch. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YbEFJd-fJpQ.



The first Saturday of each month at Wick Village Hall

Donations are accepted between 8:30am and 9:30am on the day of the event, or between 2pm and 3pm the day before the event (Friday) in **Wick Village Hall** Doors open for shopping from 9:30am until 11am

The only cost is your entrance fee! Adults: £5 each / under 18s are free when accompanied by a paying adult!



Whether you're looking for something specific or just fancy coming along to see what you can find, we believe there's something for everyone at Wick Community Free-Cycle! Thanks to the large generosity of our local community, every month is different!



Please note, we can no longer take donations of car seats

Bringing the community back together and reducing landfill



Contact: @wickcommunityfreecycle on Instagram / Wick Community Free-Cycle on Facebook wickcommunityfreecycle@gmail.com / Proceeeds go to Wick Pre-School

MARSHFIELD GARDENING CLUB

"HOW TO LOOK AFTER YOUR ORCHIDS"

Plant physiologist, author and orchid expert
Manos Kanellos will be talking about orchids and demonstrating how to look after them. If you have a sad looking orchid at home please bring it along for advice and it can be potted up for a nominal fee, his book 'Growing Orchids at

Home' will also be available to purchase.

Followed by refreshments

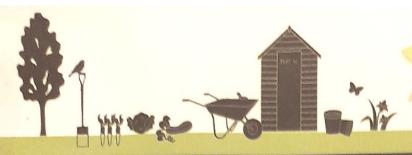
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7.45pm

MARSHFIELD CHURCH HALL

(BELL SQ, TORMARTON ROAD, MARSHFIELD, SN14 8NN)

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME – VISITORS £5



MARSHFIELD GARDENING CLUB

MARSHFIELD ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

POTATO & SEED SALE

A HUGE VARIETY OF SEED POTATOES ONION & GARLIC SETS • SOFT FRUITS HERITAGE VEGETABLE & FLOWER SEEDS

SAT 15TH FEB 2025

10am - 1.30pm

MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Hayfield, Marshfield SN14 8PG

NOTE: CAFE CASH ONLY

TEA & COFFEE - HOMEMADE CAKES

Entrance 50p includes Raffle Ticket







Fostering – make a real difference to a young life

Are you feeling inspired to contribute more to your local community? One way you could make a life-changing difference is to become a foster carer.

South Gloucestershire Council is looking to increase the number of foster carers in this area, so that children and young people coming into care can stay in their local communities, close to friends and family.

Foster carers play a vital role in looking after vulnerable children, they provide loving and stable homes for those who are unable to live with their birth families.

South Glos foster carers benefit from financial support, comprehensive training, a dedicated social worker, and access to a therapeutic support team and 24-hour duty team.

The fostering community comes together with throughout the year for daytrips, family fun days and seasonal events. And smaller, family constellations connect even more regularly to support each other like extended family.

Every application to foster is considered on an individual basis and you can be a foster carer regardless of your marital status, sexuality, employment status, ethnicity, or religion. There is no upper age limit, but you do need to have a spare bedroom for a child or young person to use.

Are you ready to make a difference to a young life? Want to know more? Visit fostersouthglos.org.uk, call 01454 866423 or, email foster@southglos.gov.uk.

Residents Meeting

Road Safety & Green Spaces Wick & Abson

20th February 7:15-9:15pm Wick Village Hall





- No! to more air pollution on the eastern fringe
- No! to vast new estates
- No! to Bristol urban sprawl expansion
- Yes! to sympathetic village expansion
- Green fields not grey concrete
- · Protect our wildlife habitats



- No! to further accidents, the risk of fatalities in Wick and ignoring safety concerns
- Yes! to improved road safety measures
- Yes! to better traffic calming, enforcement and signage
- Yes! to safer crossings for pedestrians and cyclists



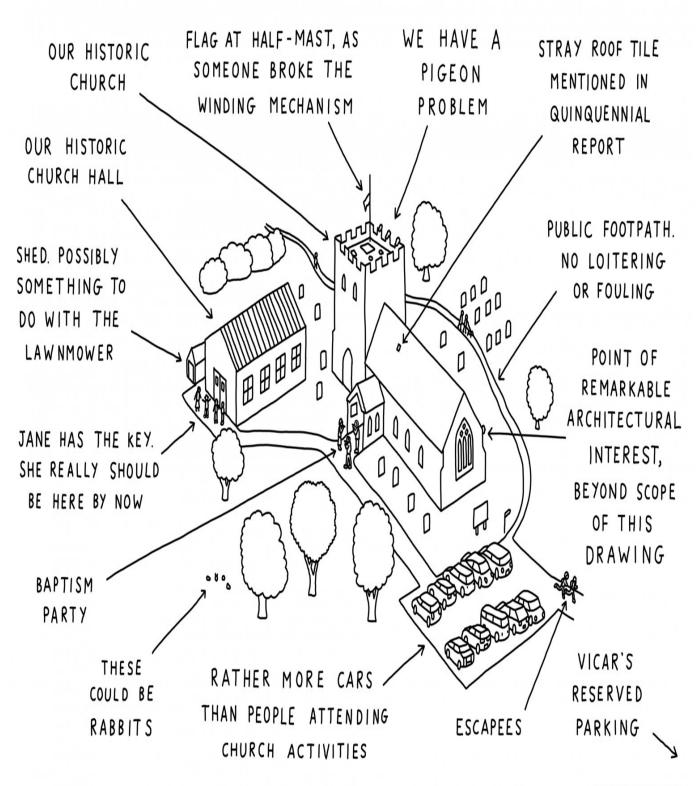
Claire Young, MP for Thornbury & Yate and other South Gloucestershire Council members and councillors will be in attendance to hear the opinions and insights of Wick & Abson residents

Organised and hosted by Wick & Abson Parish Council.

Please note that parking will be very limited on the evening. We kindly ask that, if possible, you attend the meeting on foot.

THE PARISH CHURCH

SEEN FROM ABOVE



Fellowship in Lent 2025

Jointly arranged by the Church and Chapel for all people in Wick, Doynton, Dyrham, Hinton,
Pucklechurch and Abson

Theme

ENCOUNTERING GOD IN EVERY DAY LIFE

"An opportunity to ask questions you never thought you could"

Meeting at the URC Chapel in Wick on Tuesday evenings on March 11th, March 18th, March 25th and April 1st

7.30 pm to 8.30pm

Save the dates for a time of learning, discussion, light refreshments, meeting new and old friends

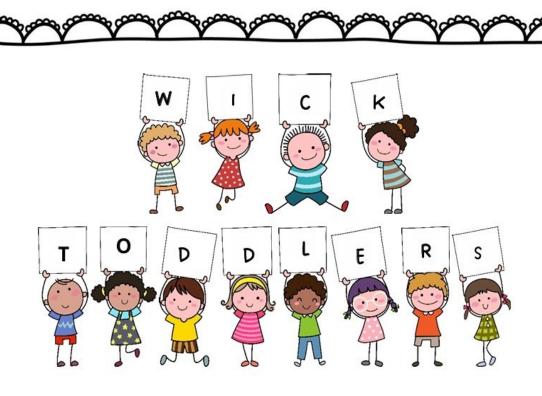
CAN YOU HELP?

We are looking for an experienced organist or pianist to join our team for occasional church services within the parish

If you would like more information or to discuss this further, please contact Reverend Elaine Jones

revelainejones@hotmail.com





Come along to our toddler group held in St Bartholomew's Church Hall every **Tuesday from** 10:00 - 11:45

'A fantastic group run by friendly, supportive and welcoming volunteers'

- Plenty of activities for the children to enjoy including painting, crafts, toys and singing
- Safe outdoor play area
- · Snacks and refreshments for the children
- · Teas and coffees for the adults
- A chance for little ones to play and interact whilst parents and carers can get to know one another

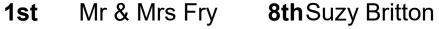
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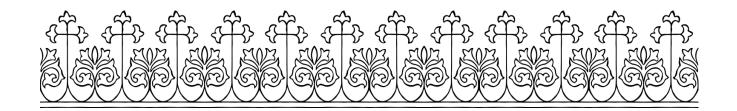
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