



Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



March 2025

When does Spring start?

I am sitting writing this watching pairs of birds flitting in and out of the hedge, some daffodils have emerged, buds are forming on the trees. So Spring is nearly here.

Considering the astronomical Equinoxes, the arrangement of the planes of the orbit of the Earth and its equator are such that the planes intersect at two times, the Equinoxes; Spring starts at the Vernal Equinox around 20th March.

But more simply, our year is divided into 4 seasons of 3 months- Dec, Jan AND Feb is Winter- so Spring starts on March 1st.

Traditionally Spring is when we have a good clean of the house and home. Warmer weather, opening doors and windows, shaking the carpets to get rid of the dust, accumulated over Winter. Spring is also a time of change and new life

This reminds me that in the church and some other faiths, Spring is a time for prayer and fasting; it is a time to examine our lives and think of what needs to be cleaned out or changed, ready for the year ahead. In the church we call this time Lent and it leads to the glorious time of celebration, remembering Easter, when Jesus Christ died for us all and then rose again to give each person the opportunity for new life and life eternal in relationship with Him.

You may be wondering what Easter is about? Come and join in the services at the church or chapel. In March and April before Easter, we will be meeting at the chapel on Tuesday evenings for some discussions on "Encountering God in everyday life". Come along if you have questions. (more details in this Parish News)

Spring is a time of change- warmth arriving, the flowers blossoming, and new life emerging everywhere. It is a gift for everyone to enjoy.

Stephen Burgess, Lay Minister

News from St Bartholomew's

Well, here we are, soon to be officially Spring, and we have had at least ONE beautiful drying day already! (*My social media feed was FULL of people gleefully saying they had sheets on the line that day*). Shrove Tuesday is the 4th, and then we are into Lent proper. We have services planned for all the important dates throughout Lent, but they won't all be here at St Bartholomew's. We are all in Dyrham for Ash Wednesday, on the 5th, for example. Full details, as always, on the centre pages. We would love to see you, to share in the preparation AND the celebration: Easter Sunday is always a great shout of joy. Don't forget, if you have questions or are just now starting to think more deeply about things, there are sessions up at the Chapel on a Tuesday evening where we go beyond the bunnies and the carrots, but in an easy, informal way, where everyone is encouraged to ask and explore. More details on page 23.

Talking of the Chapel - this year's World Day of Prayer is being held there, on 7th March, if you would like to join us, from 2.30 pm.

The Community Church service on the 4th Sunday of the month is approaching its time for review and appraisal - PLEASE let us know what you think - what you particularly enjoy, what you would like to see, things you would change. Talk to any of the people helping to run the service, we are all very happy to have feedback to take to the discussion when the time comes. I for one thoroughly enjoy the contribution from the children on the school Worship Team, I think they add an enormous amount to the feel of the service. If you have yet to try it, come to the service on 23rd March, try it out.

We are all gathering at Holy Trinity Doynton for the service on Mothering Sunday, 30th March at the usual time of 10.00am. When there is a 5th Sunday in the month, we generally all get together, with each church taking it in turns to host us all. If you've never been inside Holy Trinity, do come along, it's a beautiful church, and will be a lovely service.

Doynton Parish Pump

Sadly, **Doynton post office** is due to close, with the last session on Thursday March 13th. For more details, see the link below: <https://www.postofficeviews.co.uk/national-consultation-team/doynton-hosted-outreach-bs30-9qg-334470>.

The **Memory Café at Doynton** will meet on Thursday March 6th, 2.00–4.00 p.m., at the village hall, with a chair-based yoga session, group singing and Spring-related activities. 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](mailto:mcdoynton@gmail.com) or tel. 07817 311001.

This year's **seed swap and plant sale** – the fifth – will take place on **Saturday March 8th** (10.00 a.m.–12 noon) at Doynton village hall. We will be focusing on seeds and plants that encourage birds, bees, butterflies and other invertebrates. Several varieties of Heritage vegetable seed will be available, also seed from the Special Plants nursery (dating from 2023, but well worth a try!) and seeds of some unusual and beautiful clematis grown by a young woman in Kharkiv, Ukraine, trying to support her family and elderly relatives. Information on this venture and how to support her will be displayed at the Swap. Recut sharpening services will be there to put an edge on scissors and garden and woodworking tools. As in previous years, we will have a “gardenalia” section to which people have donated unwanted garden tools, pots, ornaments, etc. for others to help themselves to (and hopefully leave a donation) – message or call Jane on 07920 258844 to arrange collection. This year our craft activity will be making a holder for bird nesting material. We will be serving teas and coffees and freshly made cakes and biscuits.

Support your local doctor's surgery! Come along to a **Thai Curry Night** in Doynton village hall on **Friday March 21st**. Doors open 6.30 p.m., food served at 7.00 p.m. Choice of chicken or vegetable curry, pay bar, raffle. All proceeds to Friends of Three Shires Surgeries. Tickets in advance only: adults £15, children (under 14) £7.50: contact Lisa on 07974 771670 or [Lisaj.williams \[at\] me.com](mailto:Lisaj.williams@me.com). We also need desserts, volunteers to help serve on the night, and raffle prizes: contact Shu on 07796 956392 or [shuhanjade \[at\] yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shuhanjade@yahoo.co.uk).

The **Friends of Summers Field AGM** will be held at 7.00 p.m. on **Tuesday March 25th** at the village hall. All welcome.

The phantasmagorical playing field quiz will take place on **Saturday March 29th** at 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; 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](mailto:johnjane252@gmail.com) or tel. 937 3299.

Doynton village market: next markets **March 1st and 15th** (NB no market Saturday 29th). After a prolonged rest over the festive period, the producers came back refreshed and raring to go, and our customers were too. It's interesting that January seems so long and slow-ish, then February comes and the year gets turbocharged and rushes forward. The markets have been steady and well supported, and we have had a good range of produce on sale. I put one of our producers to the test and ordered a special card, and they came up trumps. The point I make is, if you would like anything special, be it a card, picture, craft, cakes, or savoury, have a word with us. And as usual, if you want to be sure of getting something you would like and can't get to us early, please call, message or WhatsApp us (07711 670704, note new number) or contact us through our Facebook page “Doynton Village Market”, before midday on the Wednesday before the market. We look forward to seeing you!

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. For details, see <https://www.doyntonvillage.org/uploads/images/events/Karens%20concert.jpg>.

The **cake stall at Doynton Hard Half Marathon** on February 2nd raised almost £1400 in aid of Bath Welcomes Refugees and Medical Detection Dogs. Thanks to those who came along to help serve, and to the many who brought cakes.

The speaker at **Doynton and Wick WI** in February was Ian Caskie on the sometimes chequered history of the SS Great Britain. This iron-hulled ship, the brainchild of Isambard Kingdom Brunel, served variously as a luxury trans-Atlantic liner, a troop ship and a coal cargo ship, eventually being left to rot off the Falkland Islands before a major rescue operation and transfer to Bristol harbour for restoration. In March, the speaker will be Bob Rogers of Wingspan Wildlife. The competition is “a bird ornament”. All welcome at Doynton village hall on March 12th, 7.30 p.m.

Don't forget: Warm Wednesdays: 10.30 a.m.–12 noon at the village hall, for tea/coffee, sweet treats and a good gossip!



The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for **March**

Please email

wickparishmagazine@outlook.com

with your news items for the April

edition no later than

Thursday 20th March

Anthea Watts writes:

Our board games evening on 23 January was very enjoyable. I am sure that for many of us, it brought back memories of playing with our children and now with our grandchildren as well. It was a really good fun evening with lots of laughter from our members.

Members who went on the January walk to Pomphrey Hill, Mangotsfield had a good time and they also had a very nice lunch at The Lamb pub.

Future meetings

27 February - Lasting Power of Attorney with Jackie Lewis

27 March - Zumba from your chair with Philomena Connolly

24 April - Children's Hospice South West with Heidi Roberts

Forthcoming events

Plans for the future include a walk on 31 March meeting in Keynsham at 10:15.

A walk/picnic is to be organised for VE Day. Details to be confirmed later.

A bluebell walk to be arranged, with more information later.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Feeling a bit stiff and wintery, still? Fancy a bit of a stretch? Wander over to the Village Hall on a Thursday lunchtime, and bring your exercise mat. Indulge in a spot of **Pilates**, even if you are a complete beginner. Sue (07773 492686) can give you all the gen.

There are several campaigns going on at the moment that concern residents of our village: The road safety campaign on the main A420, and the reaction to the Council's proposed Local Plan.

There are more details about the Local Plan and what you can do on page 20. The Parish Council have this on the agenda for their next meeting, which is on **Thursday, 13th March, in the Wick village hall, at 7.15**. An opportunity for you to find out the current state of play, and have your say.



The road safety campaign to decrease the speed of traffic going through the village has several parts to it: to put up signs (vehicle activated) to show drivers their speed, and also to increase driver awareness of the drop in speed limits as they approach the residential area - the drop from 50 to 40 is mostly observed, but they seem to not realise the drop from 40 to 30, so more "gateposting" to make it much more visible and obvious is suggested.

Plus, in order to be able to get across from the Rose & Crown to the doctor's surgery, a "Puffin" crossing (like a "Pelican" crossing, but with the pedestrian lights on the same side, as opposed to the opposite side of the road) is proposed.

The public meeting to discuss this was held last month, so fingers crossed!



Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

Women's Institute

For our February meeting members enjoyed an evening workshop of Flamenco history and dance led by María Cristina hailing from Madrid who is a trained Flamenco dancer and ballet dancer. Maria has what is called in Spain "Salero" - an irrepressible zest that comes from her cultural roots. In full flamenco costume Maria led us through a skilful dance routine which members thoroughly enjoyed.

Further information can be found at www.laflamenquita.co.uk.

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

- **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 & friends 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 19th February at a member's house to discuss "The Night Train to Libson" by author Pascal Mercier. This book follows Raimund Gregorius, a 57-year-old Classics scholar, on his journey across Europe abandoning his job and life in Switzerland.

Our next read is Conclave by Robert Harris.

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 are putting on an exhibition of their work at Dyrham & Hinton village hall on 22nd March. Please see the poster later in this magazine for further details. All are welcome—and the group look forward to seeing you there.

The group are also happy to have new members and you can get more information on joining this friendly group at the exhibition or if you can't make that by calling Andrew Hedges on 0117 937 2928 to learn more and register your interest. You will be made to feel most welcome.



Menopause Cafe

The next Menopause Cafe is set!

Come along to move, stretch, breathe and listen to our guest speaker.

All you need is an exercise mat, pad/cushion, light weights and wear loose, comfortable clothing suitable for exercise and trainers.

The first exercise session will be a low impact strengthening session. Taking movement at a step level whilst using weights to strengthen. A surprisingly challenging session!

The second exercise session is using the Pilates method to activate and strengthen the smaller muscle groups and the core muscles.

Each session will be 45 minutes with a 15 minute break.

Then refreshments will be available and we will join our guest speaker, a Nurse Practitioner and a member of the Bristol Menopause Clinic team. She will talk to us about the work she does at the clinic, share helpful tips & information regarding both peri and post menopause, then an opportunity for Q & A.



ALL FOR just £25.00

If you'd like to find out more or book your place please call sue 07773492686 or visit www.coreandmore.co.uk and use the contact form.

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

News from the URC Chapel

We are delighted to share our plans for the weekend of the VE Day commemoration. The Chapel will be displaying photographs, data and memorabilia of the locality over the weekend of May 10th and 11th. Refreshments will be served and there will be a raffle. Our thanks go to Richard Stallard and Carolyn Williams who have the memorabilia and are willing to stage it. Just lately we have been looking through the Chapel archives and we too have some interesting moments to share. More details about times etc in next month's magazine.

There is always work needed to be done in an old building and the Chapel is no exception. Several of the windows are rotten and we have just had a downpipe replaced. A second asbestos check has been carried out with no major problems (phew!)

Please look out for our new Notice Board which we hope will be attached to the wall by the end of March. As you know this is being dedicated to Megan and Mel Williams.



On Friday 7th March we hold the annual World Day of Prayer in the Chapel at 2.30 pm. This year's service has been arranged by the people of the Cook Islands and entitled 'I made you wonderful'.

As always, we are very grateful to all the friends of the Chapel who support us. I know that many of you have the Chapel at heart.

Please join us for one of our services, especially the third Sunday in the month when we have family time followed by refreshments in the schoolroom.

News from your Parish Council

Village News for Wick & Abson

www.wickabsonpcgov.uk

- **Parish Clerk email contact:** wickabson_parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk
- **Wick Sports Ground:** WSG Committee has nearly completed phase 1 of works to refurbish the clubhouse, car park, hot water system and update safety features. (*It looks great! – Ed*). As guardian of WSG, the PC has contributed £15k towards these works. Phase 2 works in 2025 will include updating the changing rooms and corridors plus extra fire safety works.
- **Village Hall:** the car park was resurfaced to a high standard at the end of January. White lining to assist parking will be added in due course. The cost £22,685 + VAT (reclaimable) was funded by the Parish Council. The hall committee is currently assessing further improvements for 2025.
- **Village Hall Committee:** daily hire rates have been reviewed recently. The hall made a financial loss in 2023 and 2024 though that includes one-off exceptional legal costs, and substantial rises in energy costs some of which will be offset by the solar. The hall must pay for itself operationally. Hourly running costs are calculated to be £14.03. Thus, weekday rates at £15 are deemed fair. Weekend rates carry a premium at £25. The last rate increase was two years ago and there are no plans to change rates currently. The committee are working to generate a financial buffer/small surplus to fund ongoing repairs, update facilities and redecorate the interior.
- **SGC Local Plan:** the latest version of this controversial plan, including December's changes by government to the National Planning Policy Framework, will be out for consultation shortly. Local house building targets have changed to net, about 10,000 new homes on the eastern fringe of Bristol. The PC will discuss this at the March meeting. If you have any concerns about the impact of this plan, particularly the building in the green belt and the inevitable rise in traffic volume, please do have your say. Please note that any previous comments are ignored so you will need to resubmit your views. (*More details on the consultation later – Ed*).
- **Next Parish Council meeting:**
7:15pm Thursday 13th March 2025, Wick Village Hall.

Wick Football Club

Our first team continue to press for a top three finish this season and with leading goalscorer Cory Langdon have a real fighting chance. In their last home win over Quedgeley Wands on Saturday 08th February, he scored four goals taking his league tally to twenty-nine and overall, to thirty-five. The club has applied for Step 6 football and have received the ground grading report, which the committee will look to review over the next few weeks. The team would have to finish in the top two positions to be considered so it's still in their hands. With Chalford home on 22nd February, a tough test against a physical team, they travel to league leaders, Sharpness on the 01st March for an even tougher test, but they are up for the challenge.

Our Reserves continue to establish themselves as a top half team, with Dominic Summers at the helm, will hopefully push for a strong finish in their remaining seven games. They currently sit in 5th place with Callum Whooley their top goalscorer from wide midfield with ten goals.

On a Sunday, both the Sunday senior team and the Vets continue to push for honours. They have each only lost one game this season, which is no mean feat. Our Sunday team beat Sporting Utd on the 09th February, 3-1 on penalties to reach a consecutive final, where they are the current holders of the Bristol Sunday Premier Cup. They will meet Bristol Academia on Sunday 27th April, at Bristol Manor Farm FC, Kick-Off 10:30am. The Vets are also holders of their respective cup and meet archrivals Cribbs Vets in the semi-finals on Sunday

Next season, the club will be looking for an assistant linesman for all first team games. There are generally around thirty games a season, this is a paid role and if you are interested please contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352.

Clubhouse is open from 1pm on matchdays selling hot/cold drinks, rolls and hot Cornish pasties. Clubhouse & 3G Multi-Games Area For Hire – If you are interested in hiring the clubhouse or/and the outdoor court, please contact Matt on number above for availability



March Fixtures

1st Team (KO 2pm) MGCL

1st	A	Sharpness
8th	H	Broadwell Amateurs
15th	H	Stoke Gifford SGS Utd
22nd	A	Gala Wilton
29th	H	Hanham Athletic

Vets (KO 10:30am) 45's Div 1

2nd	H	Ridings High
23rd	A	LB Imperial
6th April	H	Barely Athletic

Reserves (KO 2pm) B&D Div 3

22nd	H	Bradley Stoke A
5th April	A	Bristol United FC
8th April	A	AFC Mangotsfield Res - KO 6.30pm
22nd	A	Bristol Barcelona Reserves

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

2nd	A	Bristol Academia	9th	H	Heritage United
23rd	A	Houselanders FC	30th	A	Heritage United

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.

Wick Sports Ground

The weather hasn't been at its best the last month, and Wick Sports Ground like many others has needed to cancel much of the scheduled games on both grass pitches. However our ground staff volunteers have been working tirelessly to ensure as much is played as possible. The use of the 3G court has really picked up and is being used by a wide variety of teams. Please watch this space as there will be a number of events happening over the summer months.

Hopefully spring will bring better weather allowing sport to continue uninterrupted, and for ground improvement works to continue. Should anyone be interested in helping out at the ground, please contact Matt Davis on 07977 510352.

Up the OWLS.

Sunday Services March 2025

2nd March - Sunday before Lent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together

Sarah & Jane



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
with Baptism

Rev Steve Britton

ST JAMES'S ABSON

3.30pm Evensong

Rev Elaine Jones

Ash Wednesday

ST PETER'S DYRHAM



7.00pm Ash Wednesday service
Rev Elaine Jones



9th March - 1st Sunday of Lent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Holy Communion

Rev Elaine Jones

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Café Church



WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Morning Worship

Antony Jefferies

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Morning Prayer

Omar Beg

16th March - 2nd Sunday of Lent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Worship

Suzy Britton

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

23rd March - 3rd Sunday of Lent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10am Community Church

Jane & Andy Gillis

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am Holy Communion
Britton

Rev

Steve



WICK CHAPEL

10.30am The Holy Shed

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion

Rev Elaine Jones

30th March - Mothering Sunday

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Mothering Sunday

Rev Elaine Jones

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Mothering Sunday
plus AGM

Rev Stephen Newell



April 6th - 5th Sunday of Lent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together

Suzy Britton

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Holy Communion

Rev Steve Britton

The Memory Cafe at Doynton

Our informal, free and fun get-togethers for those with dementia/memory loss and their family member or carer continue on the first Thursday each month from 2-4pm at Doynton Village Hall.

Our poster shows our planned activities for the next few months. **(NB in May we will meet on 8th May* instead of the first Thursday due to availability of the hall).**

A further date for your diary is Monday 28th April when we will hold our AGM at 10am at Doynton Village Hall.

Full details of each cafe can be found on our Facebook page 'The Memory Cafe at Doynton' where you can also message or email us.

Volunteering with us:

In the next few months we are hoping to find more local people - particularly anyone living in or close to Doynton - to join our lovely volunteer team. The team is vital to the success of each cafe - friendly faces, a helping hand, a listening ear, helping to serve tea and cake, help with craft activities, puzzles and games are all part of the role. If you think this may be for you, please get in touch. You will be sent information about the role, asked to complete an application form and invited to come along to a cafe. If you decide to join us then you will be asked to complete a DBS form. We would love to hear from you either via our Facebook page or by emailing Helen - hmjwilliams@gmail.com.

Thank you to all those in the community who enable us to continue this free service for those who need it.'

***STOP PRESS:** The date IS the 8th, not the 9th as on the poster.



Marshfield
Wick
Pucklechurch
Bristol

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

For our April meeting we will celebrate Easter and also welcome back the Ukulele group who will help us remember songs from musicals!
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!
In May we will welcome the return of our Ballroom Duo who will entertain us with their moves and even encourage a few onto the dance floor!
The date in May will be the 9th as our usual first Thursday of the month slot is taken for elections! .

Come along and enjoy the fun!
Tel 07817311001 for more info or find us on FaceBook

ENVIRONMENT Challenge for March

Make plans in Spring for your garden to improve biodiversity and especially insect numbers, as well as growing your own veg and fruit:



TOP TIPS for encouraging more wildlife into your garden.

1. Have a small pond: Even in a small garden, I use a small storage box for my pond. You'll be amazed how quickly wildlife finds a new pond. As well as being important for species such as amphibians and dragonflies who need the water to complete their life cycle, it will also be a vital source of drinking water for small animals, birds and insects.
2. Be less tidy! If you can resist tidying up so much and leave wilder areas of your garden with longer grass, leaf piles, log piles, and vegetation left uncut over the winter, these areas will provide really important habitats for a whole range of species.
3. Leave some grass long: You don't have to leave your whole lawn long, but is there an area that you could allow to grow long during the summer into a meadow habitat? Many insects such as butterflies and single bees lay their eggs on grasses so although less colourful, long grass is just as important as wild flowers. Also don't mow in May, and don't mow too short.
4. Introduce a variety of plants: flowering at different times and with different flower shapes. This will ensure there is food available for pollinators throughout the year.
5. Avoid using pesticides: Insects can be really helpful to us if we start working with them rather than treating them as the enemy. If you can avoid the slug pellets and other pesticides, the beneficial insects will slowly build up and start to control those not so welcome guests. Garden birds, slow worms and hedgehogs can help to control slugs and snails. It may take a year or two for the balance to establish but it is worth being patient.



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 / Proceeds go to Wick Pre-School**



S Glos council are putting the final touches to a Local Plan to build more houses. The alternative to a cohesive plan is to have every development go through the planning permission system, which is costly and time-consuming. Two new neighbourhoods with a total of 1,930 homes are planned for land east of the A4174 ring road between the B4465 and Carsons Road, while North Warmley New Neighbourhood will be created with 1,060 homes.

The plan said South Gloucestershire’s population was forecast to increase to more than 350,000 over the next two decades, while 5,800 families were currently on the housing waiting list. The consultation period will open after full council approves the plan on February 12 before it is sent to the government’s Planning Inspectorate for public examination in spring 2026.

If you feel strongly about this situation, there are several things you can do:

Read what S Glos are saying, to make sure you are fully informed:

South Gloucestershire New Local Plan | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council

Have a look at this particular page on the S Glos website. It gives you the opportunity to comment on the Plan

Commenting FAQ.pdf

Look at supporting the work of Save Our Green Spaces S Glos

Save Our Green Spaces South Gloucestershire, sogssg, sogs-sg | sgc local plan



Friends of Wick Village - Dates for the Diary.

Save the Dates, More Info to Follow.

Sunday 9th March Village Spring Litter Pick.



Meet at Wick Village Hall or Brockwell Park at 2pm with wellies, old clothes and gloves. Litter pickers provided if you don't have them. All welcome, we will divide into teams to litter pick various sites around the village. Families may wish to meet at the park. Tea and biscuits at village hall from 3pm. Please keep an eye on Friends of Wick Village Facebook page for updates if weather is inclement.

Quiz night



Saturday 26th April 7pm to 10pm. **Sports Ground, Oldbury Lane.** Bar open.

Open Gardens

Bank Holiday Monday 26th May. Return of last year's fabulous Open Gardens



Party in the Park

Saturday 28th June .Bands, dancing, sideshows, bar, pizza, tea tent etc



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.

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Introduction to your Parish safeguarding Officer

What is a Parish Safeguarding Officer?

Bristol Diocese takes safeguarding seriously and have created a volunteer role of Parish Safeguarding Officer. Good safeguarding practice requires there to be a lead person in each organisation who takes responsibility for supporting others in their organisation with good practice, this is the Parish Safeguarding Officer. The PCC recognise the volunteer role of Parish Safeguarding Officer who undertakes tasks for which the PCC is accountable.

The main responsibilities of the Parish Safeguarding Officer are:

- To support the PCC and Incumbent with reviewing the Parish safeguarding policies and procedures and ensuring their implementation.
- To communicate to the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer any safeguarding concern related to any minister, PCC member, staff member or volunteer to enable the Allegations Management procedure to be used.
- To communicate with the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer where any advice or support is required regarding reporting and management of any safeguarding issue in the Congregation.
- To work with the Incumbent to ensure support is provided for anyone involved with safeguarding issues in the parish as necessary.
- To be available for any child or adult to speak to regarding any concerns about a child or vulnerable adult. Including making themselves known to all in the Church and having their contact details and picture displayed within church premises.
- Ensure that DBS checks are carried out where appropriate and advise on training required for any volunteer roles within the Church.

Who is our Parish Safeguarding Officer?

Liz Butler. This is my picture. It is on display in all of our churches together with my contact details.



What did I do for a job before I retired?

I retired about 2 years ago. My working career was as an HR professional, primarily within the health and social care sector, working for charities who supported vulnerable adults. Part of this role was dealing with any safeguarding alerts which may arise within the workplace from an employment law perspective. It also included recruitment and selection of staff and volunteers. I had responsibility for ensuring that all mandatory training was completed and accurately recorded for any CQC inspections.

Why do I volunteer in this role for the Church?

I have experience, from the workplace, of dealing with safeguarding, safer recruitment, DBS checks and managing a training database. This role is important from point of view of ensuring that the PCC is supported to undertake their responsibilities in relation to safeguarding. I have recent relevant background work experience and have completed all of my Diocesan training. I feel that everyone should take safeguarding seriously and be prepared to respond appropriately if necessary. This can be challenging if you do not have the relevant skillset. I can bring this to the role and support the PCC effectively. As a Christian I also feel that we should give back to the community we live in and use our skills for the good of the community.

What do I do outside church?

I volunteer at a local foodbank, I go into school and read with reception and year 2 once a week, I am the Parish Safeguarding Officer for the Boyd Valley Benefice (Wick, Dyrham and Doynton, Pucklechurch and Abson) and I am Chair of Governors at Wick Primary School. I have particular responsibility for SEND and RE. When I am not doing these things, I can either be found in my garden or allotment, at the local bridge club or busy making cards, sewing or knitting.



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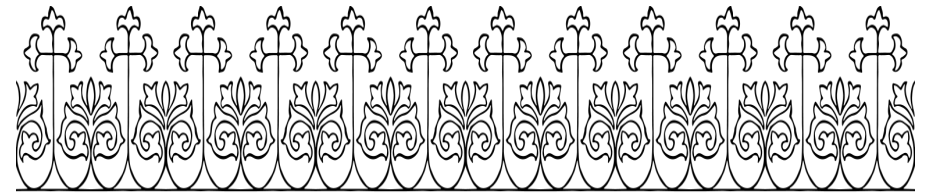
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