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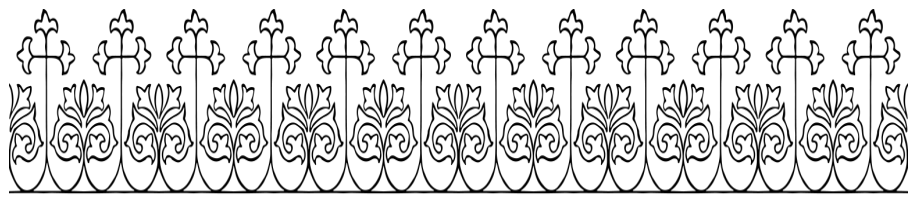


# Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



June 2025



## **‘We’re All In This Together’**

Depending on your age, you’ll now either be singing along to the ‘High School Musical’ film soundtrack, or remembering the 2010 coalition government - my apologies...

Either way, the phrase highlights an important truth. No matter how many barriers and borders we create, this one lonely planet is all we’ve got. But perhaps, as the wider world becomes increasingly distrustful and fragile, now is a good time to ‘think local’ and to value our communities more?

Here in Doynton, we’ve recently enjoyed varied community events, including cream teas in the orchard and VE Day anniversary celebrations - and I know Dyrham and Wick are similarly active. At these gatherings, along with our Wednesday coffee mornings and at Café Church, I’m struck by how good it feels just to belong, to catch up, to support and to be encouraged. All that, just by turning up and enjoying a free coffee!

It’s a reminder that we are not designed to do life on our own. You only need to make it as far as page 2 of the Bible to read that ‘It’s not good to be alone’. And then, much later, we’re encouraged to meet together, ‘to be concerned for one another, to help one another to show love, and to do good’. And of course, it’s hard to ‘love your neighbour’ - or to be loved by them - if we don’t actually meet up from time to time!

And while we might feel that we’re doing pretty well on our own, thank you very much, we may have neighbours who are feeling lonely or isolated. They need us to be there to remind them, even just by our presence, that there’s friendship and support on offer.

So, let’s find our community - be it in our churches, pubs or village halls - and be an active part of it. We’ll get back at least as much as we give, and our small corner of this crazy world might just feel a little better as a result. Now, maybe I need to actually go and watch High School Musical...

*Chris Sherman*

*Doynton & Dyrham*

## **News from St Bartholomew’s**

We’ve had our usual happy month of beautifully solemn worship considering the mysteries of faith, coupled with some seriously mad-cap silliness at the Community Service (*as I write, Rev Elaine is planning a Pet Service, out in the field behind church. I’m thinking of getting her “tested”... she must be mad!*)

An occasion of mild alarm for all our church wardens: we have undergone our Triennial Inspections, whereby one of the High Ups comes and casts an eye over our record-keeping, Health & Safety, Safeguarding, the condition of our brasses and valuables etc, to see if we are up to snuff. As I write, we are all preparing, so watch this space to see if I have had my epaulettes ceremonially ripped off and been dismissed. It’s a good job the village never had any stocks (or did we? History buffs, let me know!)

The ever-present issue of looking after the churchyard seems to have become easier with the miraculous appearance of the lovely Jon Glynn, who will be coming twice a month in the growing season to deal with our grass etc. He is genuinely an answer to prayer! He has knowledge, equipment and enthusiasm, so please take note of just how jolly smart the churchyard looks from now on. And on that note, remember that the roses in Abson churchyard will be coming into their glorious best soon - details of Rose Sunday on page 24.

We are planning our stall at the Party in the Park (*28th June, more details on page 23*) and hopefully, our cakes (collaborating this year with the Friends of Wick Village) will be as successful as last year. We’re thinking about maybe some story-telling, and/or a craft activity. What would you like us to offer? Welly wanging? Throw a wet sponge at the churchwarden? Drop a note to [wickchurchwarden@gmail.com](mailto:wickchurchwarden@gmail.com) if you have ideas or requests. The ever-popular coconut shy will of course be there!

A HUGE “thank you” to those of you who responded to my call for bird and bat boxes. You are very generous, and we are very grateful.

# *Doynton Parish Pump*

The **Memory Café** at Doynton will meet on **Thursday June 5th**, 2.00–4.00 p.m. at the village hall, for tea, cake and a friendly chat. We are promised a visit from some animal friends! 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. We would love to hear from potential volunteers, especially those living in Doynton.

**Doynton village market:** next markets **Saturdays June 7th and 21st**, 10.00–11.00 a.m., at the village hall. Come along for fresh seasonal vegetables, home-made cakes and savouries, heritage pork sausages, craft items, greeting cards and much more!! Stay for tea/coffee and a chat. We look forward to seeing you on the first and third Saturdays of the month, check us out on Facebook (Doynton Village Market), or tel. or message 07711 670704 before midday on the Wednesday before the market.

**Doynton village fête:** the fête is back on **Saturday June 14th** (1.00 to 4.30 p.m.) around the village hall and the orchard, with the usual range of summer attractions, including cream teas, barbeque, children’s sports, farm animals, Morris dancers, entertainer and brass band. Please put the date in your diary and bring any donations – bottles, home-made produce, plants, bric-a-brac, children’s toys, books, etc. – along on the morning of the fête.

**Open gardens at the Old Rectory:** **Saturday June 21st**, 11.00 a.m.–5 p.m. under the National Gardens Scheme. Admission adults £6.00, children free. Cream teas and other refreshments will be sold in aid of local village causes. **The gardens of Doynton House** will be open on Sunday July 6th, 2.00–6.00 p.m.

**Holy Trinity church:** the church guttering, which has been leaking for many years, has now been replaced with new powder-coated aluminium guttering, which should make the church a lot drier in future! Thanks to Andrew Read for managing the project, to National Churches Trust and Benefact Trust for their grants, and we’re also grateful to the kind person who left a legacy to the church, meaning that all the work could be paid for.

It was a beautiful sunny day on April 27th, and there was a good gathering of villagers for the **Friends of Summers Field cream tea** in the orchard. Many thanks to those who baked scones and to those who came along to sample them. With your support, we raised £170 for orchard funds.

At the May meeting of **Doynton and Wick WI**, Fiona Edwards gave an illustrated talk on working with glass, explaining how a stained glass window is made, from the design to the finished article. Members approved the resolution to be discussed at this year’s Annual General Meeting of the WI, on training for the general public in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and use of a defibrillator to save lives after a heart attack. This year, the AGM will be held online instead of in the Royal Albert Hall (shame ...), but it gives our members the chance to tune in to the livestream – ask your committee for details. At the next meeting (Wednesday June 11th, 7.30 p.m.), Sandra Bateman will speak about the Brontë sisters, authors of the classics Jane Eyre, Wuthering Heights and many others. The competition is: “your favourite Brontë character and why”. All welcome at Doynton village hall. Remember to bring £15 contribution in cash for the mystery outing in July.

Advance notice of the **autumn feast and barn dance** on **Saturday October 11th** at the village hall. Proceeds to support Summers Field community orchard. More details to follow.

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

Please donate any packets or tins of food you can spare to the **Doynton foodbank** and **North Bristol and South Glos foodbank** in the church porch. Many families are still in great need.

**Down in the dumps:** did you know that, if you want to visit the local waste recycling centre at Mangotsfield, you now have to pre-book a slot online? Go to <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/book-recycling-centre/> to book a slot up to two weeks in advance.

The **Rev. William Langton** charity provides small bursaries for apprentice and educational purposes, i.e. books, tools or specialist workwear. For more information, please apply to the Chairman of the Trustees on 0117 937 4108.

Visit the Doynton village website, [www.doyntonvillage.org](http://www.doyntonvillage.org), for news of upcoming events, Doynton history and useful local links. To publicize a Doynton event, email doytonvillage[at]live.co.uk.



## The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for June

Please email

[wickparishmagazine@outlook.com](mailto:wickparishmagazine@outlook.com)

with your news items for the July

and August **DOUBLE**

edition no later than

**Friday 20th June**

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

*Anthea Watts writes:*

On 24 April Heidi Roberts gave us a really interesting PowerPoint presentation about the wonderful work carried out by Children's Hospital South West, and her role in the organisation.



Several members enjoyed their picnic in Page Park to celebrate VE Day and also the bluebell walk on another day.

Thirteen of us had a wonderful day out at Bristol docks on 15 May. Several members climbed up into one of the cranes outside the M Shed, learning how everything worked whilst enjoying the views. We then had a trip on the Pyro-naut fire boat during which the water cannon were demonstrated. After lunch we were shown around a very large collection of memorabilia associated with Bristol which are normally not on show to the general public.

We all enjoyed a very good day and would recommend it to any other WIs who might be interested.

### **Future meetings**

26 June - Visiting 30 cathedrals around England on horseback with

24 July - A Bristol Murder with Rob Jones

William Redeway

28 August - Birthday celebrations

### **Forthcoming events**

A river walk has been arranged for 27 June.

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

### **Wick Wildflower [& Biodiversity] Walk**

The Wick Wildflower [& Biodiversity] Walk is between Parkers Avenue and St Anne's Drive. Over 40 wildflowers including Pyramidal orchids (*as in the picture*) at the western end, especially close to St Anne's Drive from June and many butterflies including Essex Skippers. It blossomed during the 2020 Lockdown when it was not cut until the Autumn.

The once a year cut by South Gloucestershire Council from the road using a Boom mower, followed by removal of the cuttings, has allowed this area to thrive. As the soil's fertility is reduced the wildflowers will dominate the grasses.

I remember many fields and banks being like this when I was young - we are lucky to have this area in Wick.

'Walter Wildflower'

### **What you on about, Vicar?**

Several people responded to the question about what happens in the church calendar - this month, the first Sunday is Ascension Day, when Jesus, after his resurrection appearances, goes up to Heaven. He had gone visiting the disciples, proving that although people had seen him die, and watched him be buried, he was now fully alive and up and about. We don't celebrate it hugely, oddly - despite it being probably one of the most significant happenings.

The following Sunday is known as Pentecost - in the old days, Whitsun, or Whit Sunday. Pentecost is the day that the Holy Spirit came down on the disciples and enabled them to speak to many, many people in their native languages, despite the disciples being ordinary men with no language skills beforehand. It's where we get the phrase "speaking in tongues" from. It is the subject of many pieces of art, so choosing a picture for the front cover of this month's magazine was not easy!





## Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

### Women's Institute



On Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May Dyrham and Hinton WI held a successful craft fair at the Village Hall. The community enjoyed browsing the local handmade crafts and indulged in a delicious spread of cakes, under a canopy of bunting.

For our May members meeting Bruce Gawler, our guest speaker and local resident, took us on a whistle stop tour of the Northwest Passage from Reykjavik in Iceland to Nome in Alaska. On board an Ultramarine Polar Cruise Ship this Polar expedition's first stop was the Pond Inlet, a remote community in the north of Baffin Island and we were informed about life in the high arctic where nothing, but mosses and lichens grow, the sea freezes for nine months a year and the average temperature in winter, when the sun does not rise for three months, is -34°C. Our next stop was at Beachy Island where three sailors from the disastrous Franklin expedition of 1845 are buried. We were told how, although the ships were provisioned for three years, all the 124 officers and crew eventually succumbed to disease and starvation. Finally we arrived at Nome in Alaska where, during the exceedingly severe winter of 1925, a diphtheria outbreak was controlled by the delivery of serum from Anchorage by a relay of heroic mushers who braved whiteout blizzard conditions with winds up to 80 mph and a wind chill of -65°C to deliver the serum to Nome; a distance of 674 miles which they covered in 127 hours.

**Future meetings:** (Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every month 7pm Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall)

- **12<sup>th</sup> June-** Mindfulness session in the Orchard led by Sue Webb (Pilates and fitness instructor)
- **10<sup>th</sup> July-** Summer Party



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

Book Club members are due to meet up 21<sup>st</sup> May to discuss our current read "There are Rivers in the Sky" by Elif Shafak.

We welcome new members; ladies can attend one meeting without any obligations. For further information please contact us at:

[dyrhamandhintoncommitteewi@gmail.com](mailto: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 0117 9372928 to learn more and register your interest. You will be made to feel most welcome.**

### Dyrham and Hinton Information Channels Reminder

**DaHComm** is the parish's electronic messaging system, and is available to all residents to send a message out to all the people in the parish who have registered an interest. Messages are sent out via email or text. Messages normally announce events or useful information such as road closures. To be added to the distribution list please email [dahcomm@outlook.com](mailto:dahcomm@outlook.com). To send a short message please include "Request" in the subject and only include text (no pictures).

**Parish News via email.** For anyone who doesn't get the parish news electronically and would like to be added to the monthly distribution list please email [angela.dahparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:angela.dahparishnews@gmail.com).

Finally, the **Parish Council website** is in the process of being updated but further information can be found at the Parish UK network: <https://dyrham-and-hinton.parish.uk/>

Please send any contributions for the next Dyrham & Hinton Diversions to Angela Griffiths ([angela.dahparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:angela.dahparishnews@gmail.com)) by 18<sup>th</sup> June.

## News from the Chapel

What a wonderful weekend we had at the Chapel celebrating the 80th anniversary of Victory in Europe.



Our thanks to Carolyn Williams and Richard Stallard for making this possible. It is great to have these enthusiastic archivists in the village – keeping our history alive.

Good also to see so many old friends to share stories and memories. Thanks also to East Bristol Auctions for giving free valuations and auction advice.

So many to thank – our team of ladies who provided and served refreshments over the four days, to friends who baked cakes and of course to the community for supporting us.

We raised £655 which will go towards a hot water system for the Chapel.

At the VE Service we read Ruby Antaw Weber thoughts of VE day. Ruby is 90 years old and regularly writes about her childhood in Wick and has fond memories of occasions at the Chapel.

We celebrate Chapel Anniversary on 6th July when we are 188 years old. Reverend Meryl White will lead the worship which will be followed by a buffet lunch.

The schoolroom will open its doors to East Bristol Auctions on 30th July from 10.00 until 1.00 for more of your valuations.

Finally, we love to see you for our fund-raising events and would love you to join us on a Sunday. Our services are varied and as it says on our new notice board –

**‘No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey you are welcome to join us.’**

## News from your Parish Council

Village News for Wick & Abson

[www.wickabsonpcgov.uk](http://www.wickabsonpcgov.uk)

- **Parish Clerk email contact:** [wickabson\\_parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:wickabson_parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk)
- **AGM 2025:**  
The following officers were elected to serve for the year:  
Chair: Cllr James Williams  
Vice-chair: Cllr Stuart Fowell  
  
The following councillors were appointed as PC representatives:  
Wick Village Hall: Cllrs Anne Kinsman, Simon Alway & Keith Hollister  
Wick Sports Ground: Cllrs James Baron & James Williams  
Friends of Golden Valley: Cllr Gaive Golding  
Friends of Wick Village: Cllrs Stuart Fowell & Keith Hollister  
Public rights of way: Cllr Bronwen Dyson  
Defibrillators: Cllr Keith Hollister
- **Annual Parish Meeting: 7:15 pm, Thursday 5 June 2025. All welcome.**  
**This is the annual meeting for parishioners and local groups to highlight activities during the last year and plans for 2025/2026.**
- **Brockwell Park:** the zip wire support poles’ fixings will be repaired and the zip wire reinstated for use shortly.
- **Planning:**  
P25/00856/F: Carriages at Tracy Park, Wick – chimney works & swimming pool - *no objection*.  
P25/00832/LB: Carriages at Tracy Park, Wick – listed building consent for chimney works & swimming pool – *no objection*.  
P25/00988/HH: 76 Milford Avenue, Wick – single storey rear & side extension for additional accommodation – *no objection*.
- **Next Parish Council meeting:**  
7:15pm Thursday 12th June 2025, Wick Village Hall.

## Wick Football Club



The **first team** have ended an amazing season finishing in fourth place only four points behind champions Almondsbury, when only coming onboard three weeks before the start of the season. This was a brand-new management team and squad. They managed to score eighty nine goals, the highest any Wick side has ever scored in the Marcliff Glous County League. This was largely down to Cory Langdon, who scored forty-three goals in all competitions, playing in only thirty-two games. His league record, scoring thirty-seven goals in the league, thirteen assists in twenty-seven games. Only six other players have scored more goals in a season since the Marcliff Glous county league was formed in 1968/1969. This is a magnificent achievement, and we are hoping Cory remains a Wick player for next seasons push for Step 6 promotion. It's not just down to one player, the whole squad have been superb and have gained valuable experience at County level. We really pleased that our management trio of Callum Fudgell, Josh Brown and Ben Mackenzie have committed to Wick for next season and they are already starting to plan for the new campaign.

A big well done to our **Reserve side** who finished in fifth spot also in their first season at the club and were unfortunate to just miss out on a promotion spot, the gap of six weeks with no games during February and March didn't help. Under the guidance of Dom Summers, supported by Ash Jenkins, the lads have adjusted superbly to the Bristol & District league and are keen to go one better next season and go for promotion. Their top goalscorer was Callum Whooley with thirteen goals with Brea Williams close behind with eight.

Our **Sunday team** have had another very successful season, with Keane Ashwood bagging twelve from midfield as their top goalscorer. They have finished league runners up for the second year running and won the league cup again beating Bristol Academia 3-0 with goals from Tyler Dacres x2 & Tyrece Carter.

The **Vets** went one better and **won their league cup final** on Sunday 18th May, beating Bury Legends 5-0, thanks to two goals from Mark Cook, Johnny Williams, Steve Jones and top goalscorer Tim O'Loughlin having already secured the league title after losing only one game all season, under the guidance of Paul Bond.

With this success the squad have completed the league and cup double for successive year, which has never been done in the league's history. Tim O'Loughlin scored eleven goals in six games with keepers Barry Werett and Kev Sibley keeping six clean sheets in twelve games between them.

We would also like to say thank you to our main sponsors this season, Raft Formwork Ltd, Longreach Scaffolding Services, Delta Precast LTD, And our website sponsor - Summers Photography.

We also thank our programme advertisers, advertising board sponsors, 1st team player sponsors, MOTM sponsors and programme editor Matt Davis for their support this season. Without these companies and individuals help then the club would struggle to run. **A MASSIVE THANK YOU**

**Presentation night** – Wick FC held their annual presentation night on Saturday 10th May and what a night, over fifty people attended, and several awards were presented, see below the winners:

### First Team

Players player - Cory Langdon  
Supporters player - Cory Langdon  
Top goalscorer - Cory Langdon  
Managers player - Kyle Russell

### Reserves

Managers Player - Brad Boyd  
Players Player - Oliver Hatwell  
Signing of the season:  
Demi Ogunbiyi

### Sunday Team

Managers Player of the year - Louie Millard  
Players Player of the year - Louie Millard  
Sunday Clubman of the year - Jamie Johnson

**Linesman Award** - Ash Pedley

### Vets

Managers Player of the Year – Simon Warren  
Players Player of the Year – Paul Radnedge

**Clubman** - Trevor Hardiman, Gary Reilly & Nick Marsh

(Club news continued on page 20)

# Sunday Services June 2025

## 1st June - Ascension Sunday

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **All Together**

### **HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

10.00am **Holy Communion**

### **WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am **Family Communion**

### **ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH**

10.00am **Holy Communion**

### **ST JAMES'S ABSON**

6.30pm **Evensong**

## 8th June - Pentecost

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **Holy Communion**

### **HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

10.00am **Café Church**

### **WICK CHAPEL**

9.45 am **Breakfast Club**

### **ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH**

10.00am **Morning Prayer**

## 15th June - Trinity Sunday

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **Morning Worship**

### **HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

10.00am **Holy Communion**

### **WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am **Family Sharing**

### **ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH**

10.00am **Café Church**

### **ST JAMES'S ABSON**

8.45am **Holy Communion**

## **WORSHIP** *—Together*

Steve & Cathy Burgess

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Steve Britton

Rev Huw Davis

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev S Newell

Omar Beg

Steve Burgess

TBC

Rev Elaine Jones

TBC



## 22nd June - 1st Sunday after Trinity

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **Community Church**

### **ST PETER'S DYRHAM**

10.00am **Holy Communion**

### **WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am **Morning Worship**

### **ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH**

10.00am **Morning Worship**

Jane Gillis & Suzy Britton

Rev Steve Britton

Mrs Margaret White

Steve Burgess

## 29th June - 2nd Sunday after Trinity

### **ST PETER'S DYRHAM**

10.00am **Patronal, Songs of Praise**

### **WICK CHAPEL**

10.30am **A visit to the Holy Shed**

Rev Elaine Jones



## 6th July - 3rd Sunday after Trinity

### **ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK**

10.00am **All Together**

### **HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON**

10.00am **Holy Communion**

### **WICK CHAPEL**

10.30 am **Chapel Anniversary**

followed by buffet lunch

### **ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH**

10.00am **Holy Communion**

### **ST JAMES'S ABSON**

6.30pm **Evensong**

Jane and Sarah

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Meryl White

Rev Steve Britton

Rev Elaine Jones





## 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

### ENVIRONMENT Challenge for June



How has your NO MOW May been? Have you seen insects in the grass and flowers?

It's been so dry that the grass has hardly grown anyway. The Met Office say that it has been the driest Spring for 100 years. We have seen the grass go brown, the soil crack and farmer's crops starting to wilt in the fields.

A dry Spring has an impact on our water reservoirs and boreholes. Some places in the UK are in a worse situation than us in the South West.

What can we do to help? **REDUCE** our water use:

Some ideas from Bristol Water.

<https://www.bristolwater.co.uk/every-drip-every-drop/every-drop>

#### Save water, save money

In summer, we tend to use more water – mainly for watering the garden. A few simple steps can help you use less water.

1. Choose super-saver showers – have a shower rather than a bath and keep it short and sweet – play a favourite song and see if you can be out before it finishes. A family of four could save around £210 a year in water and energy costs if everyone cut their daily shower by two minutes.
2. Get a water butt – collect rainwater from your roof to keep your garden green. Bonus - many plants prefer rainwater, which has a different acidity level to tap water. The average UK house roof could collect enough to fill 450 water butts a year.
3. Fix your leaky loo. Many dual-flush toilets develop a trickle of water against the back. It might look tiny, but a 24/7 leak really adds up over time. Get the valve repaired to save up to £480 a year.
4. Wash your car with a bucket and sponge, rather than a hose pipe

#### In Your garden:

<https://www.bristolwater.co.uk/every-drip-every-drop/every-drop/garden>

5. Put the hosepipe down and grab a watering can. It may take a bit longer, but you'll find you waste a lot less water, targeting only the areas/plants that need watering.
6. Mow your grass long, on a higher setting, to keep the moisture in. Good for insects too. Then less need for watering.

Let's enjoy our Summer, keep cool and save the precious water we have.

PS: By the time you read this it may have rained, of course! But saving water is good all year



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

Our theme for June is Animals! We hope to have a visit from some small animals who are used to meeting children and other groups of people in a setting like ours! Members of the Memory Café will be encouraged to bring a treasured teddy and photos of their pets!

A sports day will be the focus of our café in July, with quizzes and activities based on sports that we enjoy and even did in our younger days. Weather permitting there may even be some "Egg and Spoon" racing!

The session always finishes with the ever-popular singing followed by **The BIG RED BALLOON!**

***Come along and enjoy the tea, cake and lots of fun!***

Tel 07817311001 for more info or find us on FaceBook



## The Memory Café at Doynton

### 'Capturing Memories'

'One thing I learned from caring for a relative with dementia was to allow them to retrieve what they could from their younger days and to share in those memories. I now have such a greater understanding of their early life to cherish. I found this enriched us both and gave a common ground for chatting.'

This lovely and insightful comment is from a supporter of the Memory Café at Doynton.

One way of beginning such a conversation is by bringing together a few items relevant to the person's life in a 'Memory Box'. There is no need for a special box - a shoebox or similar is fine - and the contents can be anything which will help to provoke a good memory - items which stimulate the senses such as soap, flowers for scent; textures for touch; visually familiar items and photos from the past and music are all ideal.

Items might reflect a career, service or hobby; places visited or experiences enjoyed; family, friends and pets.... the list is endless and the memories are priceless...

We plan to look at the idea of Memory Boxes at a Memory Café in the future. More immediately in June our café will focus on animals and pets in particular and in July we will have gentle sports and games to play.

Our café meets on the first Thursday of each month from 2-4pm at Doynton Village Hall. All those living with dementia or memory loss, together with their family member or carer, are very welcome.'

We are keen to welcome new volunteers and to spread the word about the café to anyone who may benefit from attending. As well as via our Facebook page you can contact us by email on [mcdoynton@gmail.com](mailto:mcdoynton@gmail.com) or by text to 07817 311001.'

## Wick Football Club *(cont)*

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

### Up the OWLS.

#### Friendlies Confirmed

1st Team (Kick-Off 3pm, 6:30pm for evening games)  
Training will start on Weds 25/06, all welcome

08/07 (Tues) - Away vrs Longwell  
12/07 (Sat) - Home vrs Mendip  
15/07 (Tues) - Home vrs Bitton  
26/07 (Sat) - Home vrs Reserves (Signing Day)  
29/07 (Tues) - Away vrs Frys

Reserves (Kick-Off 2pm, 6:30pm for evening games)  
Start training on Weds 09/07, all welcome

19/07 (Sat) - Home vrs Bristol Phoenix  
26/07 (Sat) - Home vrs 1st Team  
02/08 (Sat) - Home vrs Bitton Res  
23/08 (Sat) - Away vrs little Stoke  
30/08 (Sat) - Away vrs Bristol Wanderers 2pm

## Wick Sports Ground

With planned summer work under way, Wick Sports Ground have played host to a number of summer events, starting with:

Family Fun Day on Monday 26th May between 2-4pm, with sporting events, BBQ and bar. At the end of May, the ground again hosted Bristol Volleyball's summer tournament. Weather permitting the ground will undergo pitch work, so the pitches will be left to recover for four weeks.

Volunteers are always welcome as there is always work to do, so if you have a little bit of time and energy, and would like to help (however small), please get in touch with Matt Davis on 07977 510352.

**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 and costs.**



Worrying about the impact of the proposed new housing? Thinking that our local roads, surgeries, shops and community resources won't cope with an influx of thousands of people? Grieving, or furious, over the potential loss of beautiful Green Belt?

There is still time to contact the Council to let them know your opinion on the Local Plan.

Read what S Glos are saying here:

**South Gloucestershire New Local Plan | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council**

Comment directly here: [Commenting FAQ.pdf](#)

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

They have a Facebook page: **Save Our Green Spaces S Glos**

And a website:

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





## **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.

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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](https://fostersouthglos.org.uk), call 01454 866423 or, email [foster@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:foster@southglos.gov.uk).**





# Rose Sunday

Sunday 22nd June

2.00pm - 5.00pm

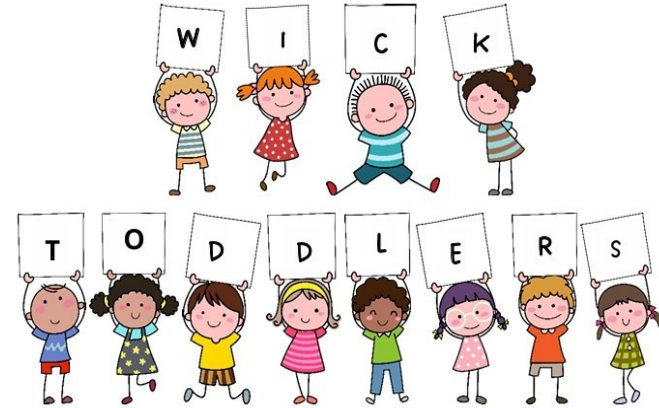
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**How many can you identify? (Hint: if you're a David Austin fan, you'll find quite a few!)**

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## Doynton Village Hall

### Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 1.00pm

Please bring bottles, bric-a-brac, children's toys and books, plants, cakes, home made produce, books and CDs etc, to the Village Hall on the morning of the fete.

#### ROTAS FOR JUNE 2025

##### WICK CHURCH FLOWERS

31st/7th Suzy Britton  
14th/21st Jane Brookman  
28th Monica Mumford  
July 5th/12th Jeannette Bailey



##### WICK CHURCH CLEANING

June 7th Jenny Lawrence  
14th Pat Russell  
21st Cathy Burgess  
28th Sue Butt  
July 5th Anne Reynolds



##### WICK SIDESPERSONS

1st Jane Brookman and Pam Milton  
8th Mark Hudson  
15th Steve Butt  
22nd Colin & Jeannette Bailey  
29th **Service at Dyrham**  
July 6th Anne & Nick Reynolds



##### REFRESHMENTS

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15th Anne & Nick Reynolds  
22nd Tina Holbrook



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