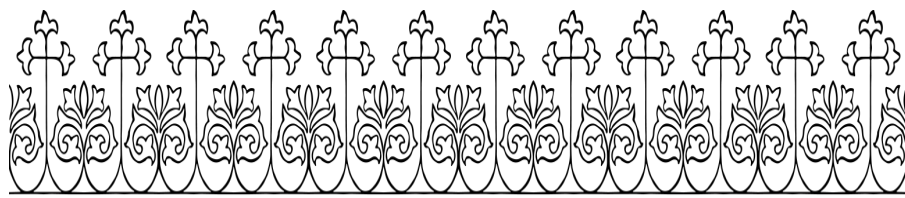
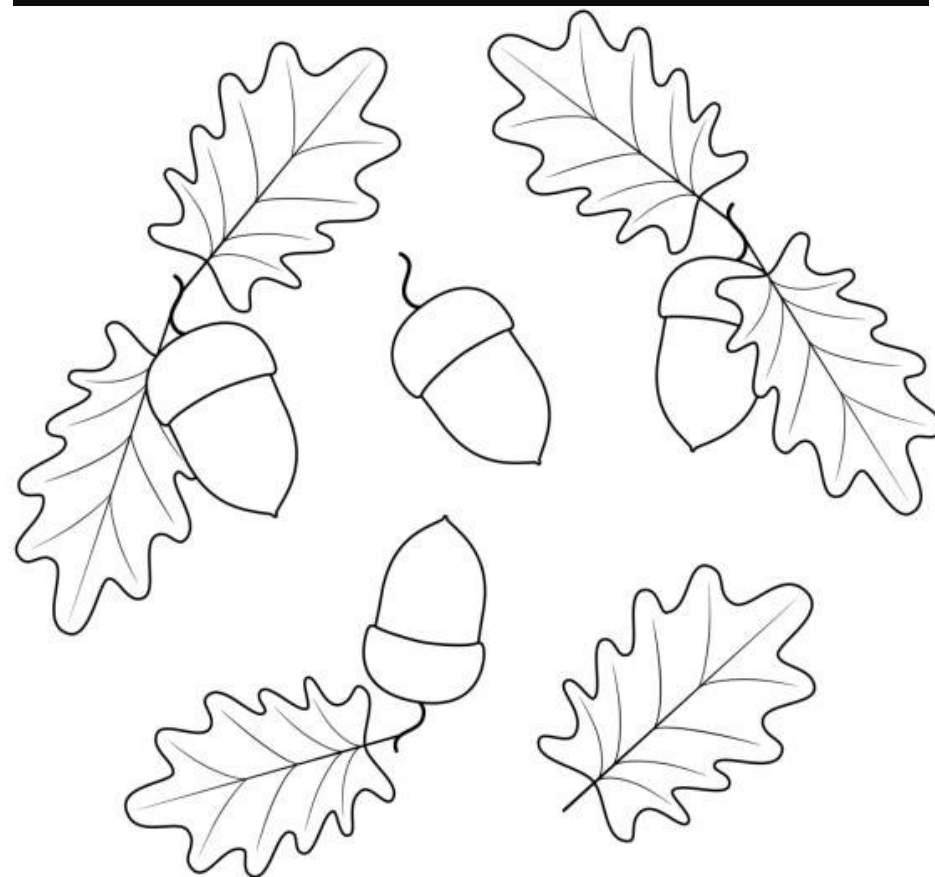


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Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



October 2025

From the Revd. Steve Britton.

Occasionally, when we run out of something at home, I will take a walk to our local Co-op, and if they have got what I want it's fine, but there also Lidl, Aldi and Marks and Spencer nearby as well. Now the barcodes on the packets that are scanned at the checkouts are the same for all the supermarkets. One system, understood and used by all the different supermarkets, which makes things a lot easier. Imagine if each supermarket chain had its own unique barcode and they all had to be put on a tube of toothpaste to enable it to be scanned! So supermarkets all co-operate together about how to use barcodes on packaging.

And I was thinking that maybe we should be co-operating together like the supermarkets do. Because on a basic level, the supermarkets are all doing the same sort of thing. They are all selling us the food we need. And we, in churches, are doing the same sort of thing. We are all worshipping God together.

But we have a tendency to want everybody else to conform with **our** system of worship. Singing in the style we like. Taking communion as we do. We do not recognise what each other does. Just to illustrate what I mean, how big a stretch of your imagination would it be for this to be happening in a church near you?


Can you imagine in your wildest dreams the vicar of one church saying to a visitor "If you don't find our ritual comforting, if the incense starts off your asthma, you might find the local URC or Methodists chapel down the road a little more comfortable. Oh and our adjoining parish church has a worship band that isn't too bad - if you like that sort of thing - choose one to try, and I'll take you down there and introduce you to their minister".

I guess the problem is, some Christians see the differences between the ways of doing things as being the difference between being blessed, and having everlasting life ... or not.

And I'm not sure what I'm trying to say here, apart from "Have you heard the one about One church, One faith and One Lord?"

Steve Britton

News from St Bartholomew's

 "We plough the fields and SCATTER the good seed on the land..." it's such an ear worm, isn't it? Even if you don't go to church, the odds are you sang it at school, and know what I mean. We sang it very happily at the end of our Harvest Festival last month, and it was amazing to see a church full of people all belting it out with gusto! (Helped by our friends from the Chapel, who joined us for the occasion) We collected in a very generous amount of food for the Foodbank and raised a decent amount of money, too - we will use it to buy items on the list that the Foodbank posts on its Facebook page that it particularly needs. Currently, they are asking for: tinned tomatoes; tinned veg: spuds and sweetcorn especially; tinned meat and non-meat meals, and vegetable soup. If you have any you can donate, please leave it in the church porch, and we will add it to our "delivery" at the end of the month.

Talking of Harvest celebrations, following the Harvest service we had the first Harvest Lunch in the newly decorated Church Room, and it was an enormous success! A very big thank you to everyone who contributed, it really was a team effort. Everyone went away absolutely full to bursting, (as always, there was LOADS of food) and we are actively considering doing another lunch either in the run-up to Christmas (*I've been told it's ok to mention, now*) or in the aftermath, to cheer up a dismal January. Watch this space.

By the time you read this, the vestibule of the church room will also be decorated, and the smart new noticeboards should have arrived. We won't know ourselves, we'll be so smart! After Christmas, we will turn our attention to the kitchen and the toilets. Ideas and suggestions (and volunteers!) welcome. Come and see for yourselves, as we are putting on another amazing Quiz Night this month - see page 26 for more details.

Next month, the November issue, will bring all the details of the Remembrance services around the Benefice, AND Christmas services so you can plan your celebrations to hopefully find a service that suits you and your family. There will be something for everyone!

Doynton Parish Pump

The **Memory Café at Doynton** will meet on Thursday October 2nd, 2-4 p.m., at Doynton village hall. The theme will be “Harvest”, and we will be entertained by the children’s choir of Emersons Green Primary School. Anyone living with dementia or memory loss is welcome to attend with a family member or carer. The café is free to attend, thanks to the generous support of local parish councils, organizations and individuals. Thanks also to our dedicated volunteers! You can find us on Facebook “The Memory Café at Doynton” or text us on 07817 311001.

Harvest at Holy Trinity church: you are warmly welcomed to our special harvest service on **Sunday October 5th**, 11.00 a.m. This will include thanksgiving for the support of the “Friends of Doynton”. The church relies on our care and support. As part of the celebration, we are planning a “bring and share” lunch (puddings provided) after the service. Donations of food for the North Bristol & South Glos. foodbank will be very welcome: see <https://nbsg.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> for the currently most urgently needed items.

Friends of Summers Field autumn feast and barn dance: don't miss this great fun event on **Saturday October 11th**. Doors open 6.30 p.m., food at 7.00 p.m., dancing 8–10 p.m. Adults £15.00, Children £7.50, includes ploughman’s supper. Pay bar – cash or credit card. Tickets in advance only, from Lisa (tel. 07974 771670) or Corinda (07587 175474). All proceeds going for the maintenance of Summers Field community orchard. Three new information signs have been put up at the entrances to the field to help visitors to identify the flora and fauna within. The website pages (also accessible via QR codes on the signs) have also been revised and extended.

Pay forward this year’s bumper harvests by collecting seeds etc. for the next **seed swap and plant sale**, which will take place on **March 14th 2026** in Doynton village hall. The event will include not just seeds, but also seedlings, bulbs, tubers, flowers, herbs, etc., as well as garden equipment for you to take in exchange for a donation to charity (tools/garden equipment, garden ornaments, ceramic pots or plastic pots (large ones only) gardening books, magazines, bird tables, bird houses or feeders, hanging baskets, etc. All in good working order please). Please save your seeds and unused/partially used seed.

Don’t forget the Warm Wednesdays community café in the village hall, every week between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon. Colder weather is coming soon, you will need that hot chocolate!

Doynton Village Market: plenty of Nature’s bounty still available – come along to the market for fresh vegetables and fruit, eggs, baked goods, preserves and handicrafts. We are open 10–11 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month – October 4th and 18th and November 1st and 15th. Check us out on Facebook (Doynton Village Market), or tel./message 07711 670704 before midday on the Wednesday before the market to place your order. We look forward to seeing you!

Doynton and Wick WI: the speakers in September were a pathologist, Edward Sheffield, and his wife, Ruth, who told members about Mercy Ships, on which they have both worked. The Mercy Ships charity runs and supports two hospital ships, currently based in West Africa and in Madagascar, where they can reach people who have little or no access to health care and treat them free of charge. They are run by volunteer doctors, nurses, technicians and everyone else needed to run a hospital. They come from all over the world, some working for a few weeks, some for a year or longer. Not only do the doctors address such issues as cleft palate repair, eye problems, scarring from burns, rickets or benign growths, but they also help to train local doctors. In October, in a change from the published programme, the speaker will be Rob Jones, who will speak on a “surprise” subject! Members know they are in for a treat! All welcome at Doynton village hall on Wednesday October 8th, 7.30 p.m.

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





The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for **October**

Please email

wickparishmagazine@outlook.com

with your news items for the November
edition no later than

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

Anthea Watts writes:

I hope our readers made the most of the summer weather and
that the forthcoming winter will be mild.

I was away for our birthday celebrations but am told that our members had a
very enjoyable time. They had intended to play outdoor skittles but the weather
was not kind to them so they enjoyed indoor sport games instead. These includ-
ed a Shove Ha'penny table game, indoor Bowls, Boules and
Hook-a-Duck . The evening ended with delicious cupcakes made by
Christine's Granddaughter.

Another member and I joined the Federation trip to Bletchley Park last week,
home of the codebreakers who helped to win WW2. It was an extremely
interesting place to visit and we were blessed with dry, mild weather.

Future meetings

23 October - AGM/Quiz starting at 7:15.

27 November - Talk about Queen Victoria and Prince Albert by
Susan Symonds

18 December - Christmas celebrations

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.



Planting day at St Bartholomew's church

As you all know, we are working hard to improve the biodiversity of
the churchyard at St Bartholomew's; we now have bat boxes which
we hope will attract occupants in the near future (although we know
that it might take a while.) We have pipistrelle bats in the church
roof cavity, so it will be interesting to see who else turns up. We
also have some boxes that we hope will attract swifts next summer.

Swifts and bats need insects, and insects need flowers... I have
acknowledged defeat in my single woman efforts to create a
wildflower patch, and have happily accepted the offer of
professional help, so there will be some industrial scale scarifying
happening very soon. Don't be alarmed by the sight and sound of
machinery, as the people who planted our fruit trees are coming
back to remove grass and plant wildflower plugs, AND help us
plant some native hedgerow to our North (*at the back*) boundary.



It would be lovely if this could be a community
project, so please consider this an invitation to come
and get mucky some time in early November, as we
prepare the ground for planting baby hedgerow
plants/whips. We are very grateful that the
Woodland Trust have provided us with nearly 50
young plants, thanks to the efforts of Steve Burgess, our Lay
Minister.

Look out for more details in next month's magazine, and do please
come along - we will provide tea and biscuits!

STOP PRESS!

The Macmillan coffee morning at Open Door at the end of September was
VERY well attended, and raised £1056! The best result they've ever had.
Many grateful thanks to all involved in such a fantastic result.



Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

Women's Institute

For our September members' meeting guest speaker Anji Harper delivered a captivating talk of her life as the first female Scenes of Crime Officer for the Metropolitan Police in the 1980's covering both north and south of the river Thames. She ran through the history of fingerprints, the importance of securing scenes of crime and how she was able to match footprints for essential court evidence. Through her strength of character Anji narrowly escaped several dangerous situations as a lone worker. Anji has since safely retired but is easily distracted by a dusty set of fingerprints whilst frequenting coffee and lunch venues with friends.



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

- **9th October:** Gardening for Bees with guest speaker Richard Rickitt (open meeting)
- **13th November:** Christmas Crafty evening led by our in-house talented Debbie
- **11th December:** Christmas Meal – The Cross House Doynton

If you wish to attend any of the open meetings listed above, please contact us via email as below.

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



Book Club members met up on Wednesday 21st August to discuss *The Silence in Between* by Josie Ferguson a gripping historical debut about a family separated by the Berlin wall in 1961. Our next read is *The Glassmaker* by Tracey Chevalier.

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

dyrhamandhintoncommiteewi@gmail.com

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



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 mornings 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

If you would like to add or improve your skill or just be part of a friendly group please call Andrew Hedges 01179372928 to learn more and register your interest.

Classes will run until the 2nd of December with a break for Christmas and resume on the 6th January.

St Peter's Church, Dyrham

On Sunday 19th October we will be having an Autumn Tidy Up at St Peter's, between 9 –12. We will be cutting back the foliage in the churchyard and giving the inside a thorough vacuum and polish to help keep the church up together so that everyone in the community can continue to enjoy its heritage and beauty. We have again benefited from a Community Benefit Fund grant from the Parish Council to keep the grass in check over the summer, but we need to cut back some of the bushes before the winter. Please come along to help, even if you can only spare an hour.

We have various events to look forward to this Autumn at the church: in October we will again be putting up a poppy display to remember The Fallen; after Remembrance Sunday in mid November we will start welcoming choirs to give free recitals in the church at weekend lunchtimes up until Christmas; and in December we also be holding our annual Christmas Service. (Note: *The choir recitals are arranged by the National Trust, but everyone is welcome to come along.*)

We're continuing to raise money and seek grants to repair the church roof. We completed £40,000 of work on the lead valleys earlier this year, and the next phase we are raising money for is to replace the lead on the Tower Roof, which will cost around £100,000. We'd welcome any help to raise this money to preserve the oldest building in the Parish - get in touch if you want to be involved.

Peter Highway, Church Warden stpetersdyrham@gmail.com

At last – we have hot water on tap. Thank you to Kay whose friend Andy installed hot water on the schoolroom stage and the downstairs’ kitchen. It has already proved useful on several occasions. This has been a long time coming. Some of the cost was raised from our book sales and cake stalls. We have the Friends of Wick Village to thank for giving us the opportunity to sell our books/jigsaws at their events and to Carolyn and Rich for presenting the VE weekend. All these fundraising events have helped our cause.



The Target Ovarian Cream Tea afternoon was so well supported. It’s a chance to meet up with old friends and WI members as well as welcome our stalwart supporters. We raised the huge sum of £830 for the cause which remembers Monica Knight. We wouldn’t be able to do this without the help of our loyal friends. Thank you all.

Some of our members attended St Bartholomew’s Church to celebrate Harvest Thanksgiving and after the service they were treated to a super lunch in the church hall which is looking lovely since it’s been decorated. We are always sure of a warm welcome when we join for worship.

Our own Harvest Service takes place on Sunday 5th October at 10.30 pm and will be followed by coffee/tea and cake. Please join us.



Please put Saturday 29th November in your diaries – the date of our annual Christmas Sale. Details on page 29.

News from your Parish Council

Village News for Wick & Abson

www.wickabsonpcgov.uk

- **Parish Clerk email contact:** wickabson_parishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk
- **South Glos LIFE: Local Information for Everyone:**
A source of information, advice and guidance for people living in South Glos: <https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/home.page>
- **Small Sparks Grants:**
SGC is offering grants of £100 to £500 to local groups and community organisations to support local activities and events. More info here: <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/stronger-together-community-fund/>
- **Planning:**
 - P25/01760/O Bloor Homes application to build 950 new homes on Webbs Heath: *objection, flawed assessment of cumulative traffic impact with insufficient mitigation, highway safety risks, unsustainable location, inappropriate green belt development, impact on air quality.*
 - P25/01850/F Land east of Manor Road, Wick – new access with mitigation planting to replace hedgerow: *no objection.*
 - P25/01580/HH 92 Milford Avenue, Wick – 2 storey & 1st floor side extension for additional accommodation: *objection, oversized & negative impact on street scene.*
 - P25/02069/HH 64 High Street, Wick – single storey side & rear extension for additional accommodation: *no objection.*
 - P25/002101/PNGR Oak Lodge Farm, Chesley Hill – notification of change of use from agricultural building to 2 residential dwellings: *unable to comment based on information provided.*
- **Next Parish Council meeting:**
7:15pm Thursday 9th October 2025, Wick Village Hall. All welcome.

Wick Football Club



The summer heat and drought certainly played havoc with our summer pitch work, but we hope that the rains that we have now had, has allowed the new over seeding to establish, and provide us with the superb plating surface that we normally have. Massive thanks to Gary Reilly and the grounds care team for all their hard work over the summer and in pre-season. With the football season now underway, expectations were high. The first team had a tough set of early season fixtures, and so far, their results have been mixed. Fingers crossed, they can reproduce their form of last season and press again for honours. The squad has grown and they welcome new players George Lloyd, Kai Shellard, Mitch Davies, Sam Archer, Kalum Withey, Harry Madge, Fin Sparks, Charlie O'Neills and Mike Hardiman making his return after a few seasons away playing for Almondsbury.

Our reserves have flown out of the blocks, with two wins from two. We have great expectations for them this season for promotion. The team is headed up by Dominic Summers and assisted by Ash Jenkins. The Sunday side have yet to start their campaign but are sure to be challenging for top honours. The Vets have introduced a new Over 50's team this season, with several old Wick players returning. Jason (Chico) Johnson, Matt Headen, Martin Webb and Rich Webb have joined the squad, managed by Paul Bond and assisted by Paul Radnedge. Both Over 45's and 50's have kicked off their seasons with a 3-1 win.

If you fancy watching a game, the clubhouse is open from 1pm on match-days selling hot/cold drinks, rolls and hot Cornish pasties. Wick training sessions throughout the season are held on Wednesday evenings, if you're interested in joining the club, please email wickfc@hotmail.co.uk.

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.

New Assistant Linesman Needed – This 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.

October & November Fixtures

First team (KO 3pm in Oct, 2pm in Nov) MGCL

11	A	Stoke Gifford SGS Utd
25	H	Tewkesbury Town
1/11	A	Henbury & Rockleaze
8/11	H	Chalford
22/11	A	Totterdown Utd
29/11	A	Tytherington Rocks

Reserves (KO 2pm) B&D Div 3

4	A	Shaftesbury Crusade A
11	H	Lion Reserves
1/11	A	Bristol Boys Reserves
22	H	Hambrook & Brimsham Utd Res
29	A	Bradley Stoke Town Sat A

Sunday Team (KO 10.30am) Bristol Premier Sunday

5	A	Galenicals
12	H	Sporting Utd
19	A	BAWA Sports
2/11	H	Henbury & Rockleaze
9/11	H	Hambrook Sunday
23	A	Sporting Utd
30	A	Henbury & Rockleaze

Vets (KO 10.30am)

Over 45's Div 1

19	H	Rapid Dementia
14 Dec	A	Red Star Bristol 45s

Over 50's

05	A	Easton Monday 95
9/11	H	Henleaze Bash



Wick Sports Ground

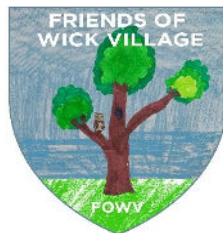
It is great to have seen more villagers enjoy the newly refurbished clubhouse, where FOWV have held quiz nights, and our once a month after work Friday evening opening has proved popular. The next Friday opening is on 28/09. So outside of normal sports use, the facilities are being enjoyed more and more. If you haven't already visited the ground to see how great the place is, why not pop along to any event being held there.

Clubhouse & 3G Multi-Games Area For Hire – If you are

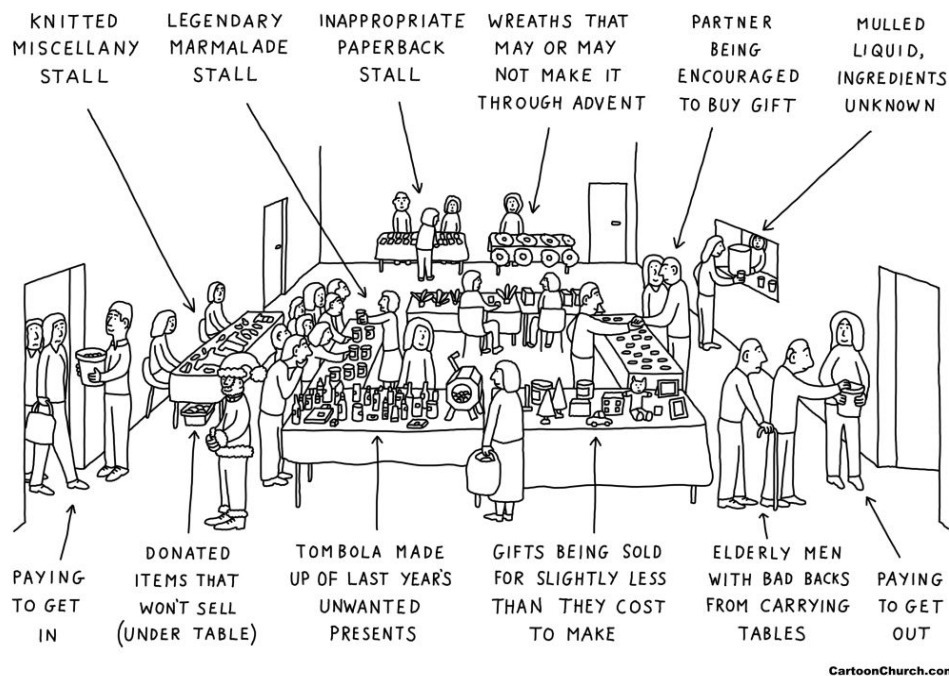
News from the Friends of Wick Village

Friday 24th October – Spooky night at Wick Village Hall. See page 26 for more details

Friday 21st November - Do you remember last year's Christmas lights switch on? It was a brilliant night, with practically the entire village crammed into the hall to browse stalls, eat, drink and be merry, and even sing along to some carols. Come along this year to see the Christmas tree burst into life and get your Christmas off to a fantastic start! We are looking for people who would like to have a stall



THE CHRISTMAS MARKET



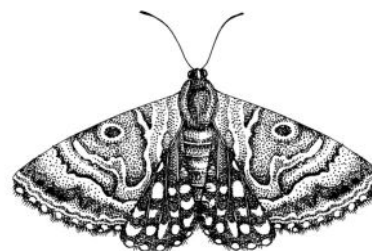
For more details on each of these events and everything else we're doing follow our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/friendsofwickvillage

Evening beauties and night delights

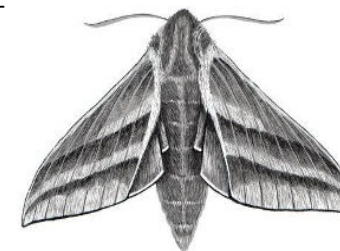
Long before flowering plants developed, there were flying insects feeding during dusk and nighttime on substances produced by plants.

2500 different examples of these insects occur in the UK. They are responsible for 10% of crop pollination. These insects range more widely than bees and butterflies and are very efficient pollinators.

During the day to avoid the attention of predators they keep still, often with their wings open and flat, unlike butterflies. They rely on blending in with their background. An example is the Peppered moth, shown here.



Others fold their wings, such as the Buff-tip moth, which looks like a broken Birch twig. Many are beautifully marked and easily as colourful as butterflies, such as the Elephant hawkmoth. Finding their way around at night involves using the light of the moon. Unfortunately, streetlights and our outdoor lights, especially LEDs, confuse them, and some land nearby when exhausted by flying in circles and can be seen in the morning.



ELEPHANT HAWK-MOTH

During October, 50 or so of these insects will be flying in the evenings and at night in the Parish News area. The "What's Flying Tonight" app, available from the Butterfly Conservation website, will provide a list of them. Fixing a white sheet over a washing line at night and shining a bright light on it is one way to observe and identify these night shift pollinators. The RSPB website has other methods of trapping moths so they can be observed/photographed/identified before being released.

Walter Wildflower

Sunday Services October 2025

5th October - 16th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **All Together**

Suzy Britton

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am **Harvest Celebration**

Rev Elaine Jones

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Harvest Thanksgiving**

Rev Sue Cossey

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am **Holy Communion**

Rev Steve Britton

ST JAMES'S ABSON

6.30pm **Evensong**

Steve Burgess

12th October - 17th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Holy Communion**
with baptism

Rev Steve Britton

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am **Café Church**

WICK CHAPEL

9.45 am **Breakfast Club**

Linda Byrne

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am **Harvest Festival**

Omar Beg

19th October - 18th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Morning Prayer**

Steve Burgess

WICK CHAPEL

10.00am **Family Sharing**

Linda Byrne

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am **Café Church**

Rev Elaine Jones

ST JAMES'S ABSON

8.45am **Holy Communion**

Rev Elaine Jones

WORSHIP
—Together



26th October - Last Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **Community Church**

Rev Elaine Jones

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am **Holy Communion**

Rev Huw Davies

WICK CHAPEL

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



ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am **Morning Prayer**

Steve Burgess

2nd November - 4th Sunday before Advent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am **All Together**

Sarah and Jane

ST PTER'S DYRHAM

10.00am **Holy Communion**

Rev Lucy Cleland

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am **Morning Worship?**

Rev Steve Britton

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am **Holy Communion**

Rev Elaine Jones

3.00pm **All Souls**

Richard Westacott

ST JAMES'S ABSON

3.30pm* **Evensong**

Rev Elaine Jones

*NB Earlier start in the winter months



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 October 2025

Friday, September 19th



I am sitting at breakfast looking out on my garden on a glorious, blue sky, September morning. The grass is bright green after the brown of the long dry summer. Trees in the distance are beginning to change colour. My sunflowers bright yellow against the red of rosehips, and red of the Virginia creeper. Blue tits are madly feeding on the peanuts; Jackdaws on the roof opposite examining their nest site in the chimney stack. Unbelievably beautiful, and calming just to sit for a moment and look.

There is a famous poem, by WH Davies, which has the opening lines:

What is this life if, full of care?
We have no time to stand and stare.
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.

We are so fortunate to live in Wick, Doynton or Dyrham and have the chance to enjoy the countryside, the peace and calm of the trees and fields and river. In Wick, take a walk to the top of Brockwell Park, sit and admire the amazing view. Wander into the Nature Reserve by the sparkling river, see a flash of a Kingfisher if you're lucky. Be amazed at the recovery of the trees and bushes after the cutting of Ash trees in February.

Nature is so re-generative. (Remember that the Nature Reserve by the river used to be a busy factory until the 1970's, and what you see now is just natural growth) So let us enjoy it and keep it clean and good for all the generations to come.

Yesterday, I walked the Cotswold Way from Cold Ashton to Prospect Stile. 6 miles down and up with views over the Avon and Severn Valleys- Stunning. This time (I do it every month), accompanied by a person in an off-road wheel chair to see if the paths could be more accessible. What a privilege to consider how to make our beautiful country- side and environment open to ALL people.

My challenge this month is for you too: Take time to go out and walk, sit and enjoy what God has created. The WH Davies poem ends with these words:

A poor life this, if full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

Stephen Burgess, Lay Minister

Marshfield Gardening Club – Join Us!

If you love gardening, or simply enjoy being around plants and like-minded people - come along to the **Marshfield Gardening Club**.



In a change to the programme, Charlie Allan-Gething, who runs a market garden here in Marshfield, will be talking about his change of career from hospitality to horticulture based on Charles Dowding's No-Dig principles. In addition to his busy market garden venture, Charlie has restored a walled garden, produces vegetables and flowers for 'The George' pub in Bradford-on-Avon and manages Avonviews' no-dig allotments in Bathford

SPEAKERS LIST FOR 2025-2026 SEASON

OCT 7th 2025	Charlie Allan-Gething 'How No-Dig changed my life'
NOV 4TH 2025	Harriet Rycroft 'Planting Pots for Winter Interest and Spring Joy'
DEC 2nd 2025	Maureen Hinton 'Victorian and Traditional Christmas'
JAN 2026	No meeting
FEB 3RD 2026	Caroline Sheldrick 'A Year in the Cutting'
MARCH 3RD 2026	Alex Hubbard 'Dyrham House'
APRIL 7TH 2026	Francis Burroughes 'The Historic Front Garden'
MAY 5TH 2026	John Tucker 'Reach for the Sky, Getting the best from your Climbers'

Wick CE Primary School Tours!



Will your child be starting primary school in September 2026?

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

Tuesday 23rd September 9am
Wednesday 15th October 9am
Wednesday 5th November 9am
Saturday 8th November 10-11am
Thursday 20th November 9am
Tuesday 2nd December 9am
Wednesday 7th January 9am

During the tours, there will be an opportunity to hear about what Wick CE Primary has to offer and to ask any questions. On Saturday 8th November, your child can 'stay and play' with our reception team in the classroom whilst you tour the school. We look forward to seeing you!

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



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



In October we celebrate Harvest. The lovely choir from Emerson Green School will entertain us; their enthusiasm and beautiful voices will bring such a buzz to our session. There will be quizzes, colouring, jigsaws and songs from the 60's on offer along with refreshments and friendly faces.

In November, we are having a "relaxed" session with many of our usual activities and a game or two of bingo!

The sessions will always finish with the ever popular **BIG RED BALLOON!**

 ***Come along and enjoy the fun!*** 



The Memory Cafe at Doynton

Our free get-together for those living with dementia and their companion will have a seasonal theme this month. We will meet on Thursday 2nd October 2-4pm at Doynton Village Hall to celebrate the bounty of harvest and to hear songs performed by the choir of Emerson's Green Primary School. We hope to join in with a few of them.

Advance notice - our November cafe will be on Thursday 6 November, 2-4pm as usual. We will enjoy a game or two of bingo as well as other games and themed arts and crafts.

The Memory Cafe is run by volunteers and is (and always will be) free for our visitors, but there are of course many recurring expenses and our Treasurer Lyn, together with founder member Pam keep a close eye on our budget to ensure a sustainable future for the Cafe. In this context we gratefully acknowledge a recent generous donation from Marshfield Male Voice Choir and the strong support of The Kendleshire Golf Club whose members raised a wonderful amount for us on their fundraising day at the end of August.

These donations are in addition to those received at the cafe; sales of cards made by Yate and Sodbury U3A; fundraising by volunteers and Committee members; donations from local Parish Councils; donations from local WI groups (as well as the amazing cakes!) and a donation from a local heating firm. We feel well supported by our community and we are very grateful for the trust placed in us to use the money wisely to support those with dementia.


As ever there is information on our Facebook page 'The Memory Cafe at Doynton' for anyone who may wish to attend or volunteer at our Cafe and for anyone living with dementia or supporting someone with dementia. Our page includes signposts to many other local organisations offering help and support. You can also call or text Clare - a founding member of our Committee - on 07817 311001 or pop along to a future cafe. A warm welcome awaits!

Juliet Hills

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Details of the application can be inspected on the South Gloucestershire Council Website at <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/business-and-economy/licensing-and-regulation/>.

Any interested party wishing to make a representation in respect of this application should do so in writing to the Licensing Officer, Department of Place, South Gloucestershire Council, PO Box 1954 Bristol BS37 0DD or via e-mail to licensing@southglos.gov.uk before the date specified below.

All representations must include the full name, address and contact details of the interested party (or parties) making the representation. Representations submitted after the specified date cannot be considered.

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ROTAS FOR OCTOBER 2025

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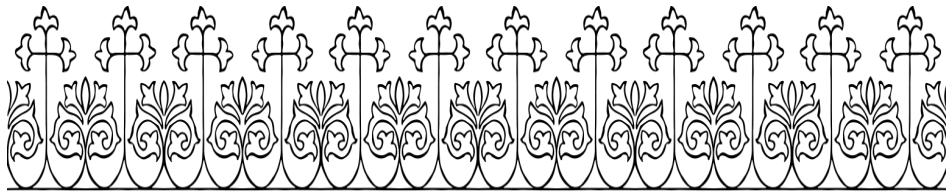
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