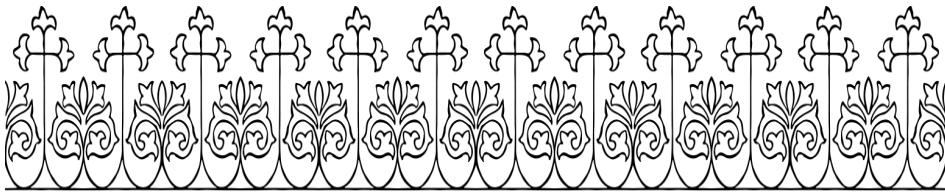
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**From the Registers**

Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



February 2026

HOPE: What do you remember about 2025?

It was hot!: Head of climate attribution at the Met Office, Dr Mark McCarthy, said, "2025 was the warmest year on record for the UK, in a series dating back to 1884.....This very warm year is in line with expected consequences of human-induced climate change".

Conflict: Continued in Israel/Palestine & the war between Ukraine/Russia is in its 3rd year.

Sport: The Lionesses won the European football cup.

Politics: Donald Trump started his 2nd Presidential Term. There would have been many more significant events, in the world, in our country and more locally in our communities and families. Always, some good and some more challenging.

What is it we would like to happen in 2026? What do we hope for?

The Oxford English dictionary defines hope as, "a feeling of expectation and desire for a particular thing to happen".

I would hope that the world can take more care about the environment, as we only have one earth. I would hope that we can build loving and peaceful relationships, between nations and peoples; between different communities and people of all faiths and none; between families and neighbours who are the people we live among for love and mutual support.

Over Christmas (only just over a month ago), we celebrated the birth of Jesus, and many of us came to church to sing carols; we listened to the story and wondered at who is this Jesus, Prince of Peace, Sustainer of the earth and, in his name, the one who Saves. Hope is intrinsic in the story of Jesus.

Would you like to know more about Jesus and Christianity? Come to the Alpha course at the church on a Wednesday. It's free and full of Hope. (see advert on page 16)

Stephen Burgess, Lay Minister

News from St Bartholomew's

I hope your Christmas was as splendid a celebration as ours. We had something for everyone; we sang, we ate, we laughed at puppets, threw enormous balloons about, contemplated the mystery, and considered how much we are grateful for the best gift of all.

So now, we turn our thoughts to the year ahead of us, and we begin to try to make sense of what that gift actually means - which brings me neatly to our Alpha course. Running for a few weeks by the time you see this, it will still have a few weeks to go, and you do not have to have attended any of the previous ones to benefit from the rest - if you have questions (*and who doesn't, frankly*) you would be very welcome to pop into the Church Room on a Wednesday night. Come for 7pm, have a spot of supper, watch a video, have a chat. No such thing as a stupid question, we are thinking and learning together. More details further on in the mag. Lent begins on 22nd Feb, (She's never talking about Lent/ Easter **ALREADY?**) so if you fancy learning a little more, come and join us and the Chapel for a few easy and informal evenings next month. Details on the page after the Alpha info.

On a practical note, I Have A List: trees to be tidied and trimmed; paths to be cleared of moss and edged; weeds to be removed; doors to be stripped of failing paint; shrubs to be cut back, compost heaps to turn (*and cleared of non-compostable rubbish! Seriously, who DOES that? Stop it, PLEASE!*); noticeboards to be updated; brass to be cleaned and lacquered (SO much brass); carpets to be shampooed; paint



on porch walls to remove; a front door to be sanded and varnished; porch gates to be repainted; oh, and did I mention a church roof to be replaced? None of these things require you to be a churchgoer, and I cannot do them all myself, so be prepared for requests for assistance over the next few months. If you feel you could fling a bit of Brasso around whilst up a ladder, please let me know! (We are talking to professionals about cutting the trees back, so you can keep your secateurs in your pocket - for now.) **And** - there are bulbs showing their heads all over the churchyard! Come and see!

Doynton Parish Pump

Christmas was a joyous season in Doynton. In addition to the standard church services, there was a huge turnout for the **Nativity walk** around the village on Christmas Eve – many thanks to all those who took part, especially the donkey! On January 13th, a bunch of brave souls turned out in the cold and dark to sing wassailing songs, sprinkle apple juice and make a lot of noise to scare away the evil spirits and encourage another bumper harvest in the **community orchard**. It certainly worked last year!

The **Memory Café at Doynton** will meet on Thursday February 5th, 2024 p.m., at Doynton village hall. Anyone living with dementia or memory loss is welcome to attend with a family member or carer. The cafe is free to attend, thanks to the generous support of local parish councils, organizations and individuals, and information leaflets and books are available. Many thanks to our dedicated volunteers! You can find us on Facebook “The Memory Cafe at Doynton” or text us on 07817 311001.

Doynton Hard Half Marathon will take place on **Sunday February 8th**, starting at 11.00 a.m. from the playing field – 600 runners expected this year, so look both ways before you cross the road! Cakes, savouries and tea/coffee will be on sale in aid of local charities. Volunteers needed to help on the day and make cakes etc. – contact Jenny Bartram, tel. 07468 413228, and please label cake tins clearly with your name. The event is impeccably organized, as always, but if you have any questions or concerns, email dhhm [at] emersonsgreenrunningclub.co.uk.



Doynton Village Market: the lead up to Christmas proved to be very well attended. We would like to say a big thank-you to all of you who visited us: to us it makes our little market seem special, and it is always a joy to see new faces as well as our regulars. This report has been written following the first market of 2026. Usually we have a slow start to the year, but we were able to have fresh sausages and pork joints available, and one producer had put her recent sourdough baking course to the test by

bringing and selling some lovely loaves. We also cater for the vegetarians and those who are gluten-intolerant, and this market was no exception, with vegetarian/vegan Scotch eggs on sale as well as the usual pies/pasties/frittatas and a nice cheesecake. It is also Seville orange season, and we had some lovely looking marmalades, as well as our usual preserves and chutneys. Our very talented crafters produce lovely cards for all occasions, as well as paintings and knitted and sewn items. The crafters will often take on commissions, in fact most, if not all, our producers will make something to order. I mustn't forget the lovely aromas coming from the wax melts stall, always good as a gift for someone. Last but not least, we always seem to have a full vegetable table at the start of the market, which is invariably empty come the end. The next markets are on **February 7th and 21st and March 7th and 21st**, we hope to see you there!

Doynton and Wick WI enjoyed a delicious Christmas meal at the Cross House in December, and then met up again at Wick Chapel in January for an evening of stories and songs from the shows performed by professional actor Ben Stock, who was brought up in Wick and still calls many of the audience “Auntie”. At the next meeting on Wednesday February 11th (7.30 p.m. in Doynton village hall), Dominic Cleverdon will give a talk on orchids. The competition is “an orchid”, and there will be a sales stall – bring along the fruits of your post-Christmas decluttering!

Don't forget the seed **swap and plant sale**, which will take place on **Sunday March 8th** in the 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 or plastic pots (large ones only) gardening books, magazines, bird tables, bird houses or feeders, hanging baskets, etc. – all in good working order please). The knife sharpener will be in attendance. Please bring along seeds, unused/partially used seed packets and spare plants and seedlings, or contact Jane Girling to arrange collection (07920 258844).

Advance notice of a film evening on **Saturday March 21st** in the village hall. More details later!



The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for February

Please email
wickparishmagazine@outlook.com
with your news items for the March
edition no later than Friday 20th February

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



Anthea Watts writes:

Belated Happy New Year to all our readers.

Ten of us had a lovely day out in November when we went to Lacock. It was cold but dry after a lot of rain so we were able to have a good walk. This included an unusual stile which proved to be somewhat challenging for us ladies not in the first flush of youth! However we helped each other and proceeded to the pub for lunch. We also went to the Lacock garden centre to see the lovely decorations and do a bit of shopping.

We all enjoyed our Christmas meal, party, and carol service at Wick chapel with Doynton & Wick WI.

The new year started in great style with a musical performance by the talented Ben Stock at Wick chapel. He sang some wonderful pieces from musical theatre, accompanying himself on the piano. In between, he talked about his career, with anecdotes about actors he has met over the years. It was a very accomplished performance and his audience thoroughly enjoyed it.

Future meetings

26 February - Exercises from your chair with Philomena Connolly

26 March - Talk about Keynsham Abbey

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. Contact our President, Wendy Haynes, on 07930 851582 for more information



Did you see the lights in St Francis Drive? Did you go to the opening event, sing carols, drink hot chocolate by the fire? If you did, well done and Thank You! You raised £613.83 for Guide Dogs for the Blind. I would like to express my thanks to all parties, relatives and neighbours, and the supporters of our event.

WICK CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

COULD YOU BE A GOVERNOR?



Are you interested in supporting your local school? Could you contribute to the work of the governing body in ensuring high standards of achievement for all children and young people in the school?

Governors are expected to:

- Contribute to the strategic discussions at governing body meetings;
- Hold the senior leaders to account by monitoring the school's performance;
- Ensure the school staff have the resources and support they require to do their jobs well;
- When required, serve on panels of governors (appraisal, recruitment etc.).
- Get to know the school and gain a good understanding of the school's strengths and weaknesses;
- Attend regular relevant training and development events;
- Attend meetings and read all the papers before the meeting;
- Act in the best interest of all the pupils of the school;
- Behave in a professional manner including acting in strict confidence.

Send your expression of interest to
sue.abrahams1@wickprimary.org.uk

For more information, visit our website at:
www.wickprimaryschool.co.uk



Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

Women's Institute

On Thursday 9th December members enjoyed a delicious Christmas Party meal out at the Cross House Doynton. Members feasted on chocolates wrapped in Christmas pouches, beautifully hand crafted by our talented committee member Lyn. Our annual Christmas quiz baffled members but team Kath and Sue won the quiz second year running and are now gearing up for their hat trick for 2026. This year we have replaced our January 2026 meeting and members are looking forward to a pantomime visit "Peter Pan" by the Warmley Players, Thursday 22nd January.



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

- **12th February** - Motorbike and Life Decisions talk by Jacqui Furneaux
- **12th March** - Felt Craft activity led by Lyn (in-house WI member)



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

Read Between the Wines Book Club members are due to meet up on Wednesday 21st January to discuss our latest read The Lion Women of Tehran by Marjan Kamali.

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

dyrhamandhintoncommitteewi@gmail.com

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



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.



Reverend William Langton Charity

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

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

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

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, Oldbury Lane:**
Just a reminder that the recently refurbished clubhouse at the sports ground is available to hire for meetings, parties, celebrations, events and social get togethers, as is the floodlit multi-use games area.
Please contact Matt Davies: m_a_davis@hotmail.com
- **Wick Village Hall, Manor Road:**
A year of monitoring the bowed rear wall of the hall has found no structural movement. Consequently, no action is required but the PC will continue to monitor this periodically.

The annual report to the Charity Commission (CC) was approved by the PC at the December meeting. The report is available on the CC website.
- **Brockwell Park – Green Canopy Project:**
The project will focus on clearing the scrub area at the top of Brockwell Park, installing a new stock fence, planting the fenceline with additional native hedge whips, and the rest of the area with native trees, notably Field Maple and Black Poplar, extinct in UK until recently. This will be funded by the PC but reimbursed via a grant from DEFRA.
- **Planning applications:**
P25/02586/HH Rock Mount, Rock Road, Wick: single storey side extension for additional living accommodation and a 1.8m high wall – *no objection*.

P25/02535/F Tracy Park, Bath Road, Wick: replacement of golf green and bunker with ornamental lake of same size with fountain – *no objection*.
- **Next Parish Council meeting:**
7:15pm Thursday 12th February 2026, Wick Village Hall. All welcome.

News from the Chapel

Christmas Sale: It seems a while ago, but we had a wonderful afternoon at the end of November at our Christmas Sale, with friends, families, and members of the village. The people kept on coming... We are always amazed by and grateful for the number of people who support us. **WE RAISED £1400** – a huge effort by just a few.

Doynton and Wick W.I. held a Carol Service at the Chapel early in December. Friends joined them, together with members of Wick Village W.I.

Christmas Eve: Linda Byrne led a traditional Candlelit Carol Service. It was good to see some familiar faces from the village. We heard poems, readings, sang Carols and Rob sang a solo. The collection raised £100 and we were able to send this amount plus a part of the amount raised at the W.I. Carol service (£57) to Embrace the Middle East.

We look back at the work carried out at the Chapel over 2025: We replaced a downpipe, fitted a new notice board, carried out necessary electrical work and installed a hot water system. At the beginning of January, the asbestos was removed from the boiler house. **Future work:** A fence to be fitted at the bottom of the garden (We are grateful to the Parish Council for the grant of £1095). External work is needed on the large window in the sanctuary. The jobs are endless. As always – our thanks to everyone who contributed to the life of the Chapel during 2025 – what would we do without you all?

We look forward to 2026 worshipping together. Dates for your diaries: - **World Day of Prayer on Friday, 6th March** at 2.30 pm at The Chapel. Once again, we look forward to joining our local church fellowship for Lent Meetings to be held in the Chapel Schoolroom – more details on page 17 of this magazine.



Wick Football Club

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Unfortunately the weather has been a problem of late, with pitches either being too wet or frozen, so fingers crossed that things improve. The first teams much improved form has seen them jump to a healthier mid table position, 5 wins in 6, from which we hope that they can push on. The reserves are still riding high at the top of Bristol & District Div 3, and still remain in one Cup competitions, after being beaten 6-3 by Life Church on Saturday 17th Jan 2026.

The Sunday and both vets sides are still undefeated, with the Over 50's winning their first 2026 fixture, 3-1 away to Nailsea Vets, with two goals from James Shepherd and one from Dean Quirke, so we look forward to another successful year from all Wick teams.

Your support is always welcome, and the newly installed concrete walkway and covered standing area, provides easy access and dry space to watch a game in bad weather.

Wick Sports Ground

Work to improve the clubhouse and changing rooms continues, so I need to give an enormous thank you to the volunteers who work tirelessly to improve the facilities at the sports ground. The WSG Committee have big plans to make the facilities even better. This includes refurbishing the kitchen storeroom, enlarging the clubhouse by making what is currently a storeroom into a usable space, and the refurbishment of the old gym in the changing room into a self-contained meeting/changing area, with access to toilets, without the need to open all other changing room and clubhouse facilities, making its hire easier to manage.

More support is always welcome, so if you would like to support WSG in any way (however small), please let us know, and become a part of the WSG journey. WSG is a not-for-profit registered charity, run entirely by volunteers, which include a PC rep, member club reps, village reps and appointed members.

Want to join us? If interested please contact Matt on 07977 510352.



February Fixtures

First team (KO 2pm) MGCL

07/02	A	Broadwell Amateurs
14/02	TBC	No Game
21/02	H	Stoke Gifford SGS Utd
28/02	A	Tewkesbury Town
07/03	H	Henbury & Rockleaze

Reserves (KO 2pm) B&D Div 3

07/02	H	Winterbourne Utd Res (League Cup)
21/02	A	Lion Reserves
28/02	H	Bristol Boys Reserves

Sunday Team (KO 10.30am) Bristol Premier Sunday

01/02	H	LWA Sunday
08/02	H	Signal Generals
15/02	A	LWA Sunday
22/02	A	Hambrook Sunday
01/03	H	BAWA Sports

Vets (KO 10.30am)

Over 45's	Div 1
15/02	H KCC FC 45s
01/03	A Mathern (Cup R2)

Over 50's Div 1

01/02	A	Russell Athletic
22/02	H	Decliners
01/03	H	Easton Cowboys (50's cup R2)

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.

Clubhouse & 3G Multi-Games Area For Hire – If you are interested in hiring the clubhouse or/and the outdoor court for birthday parties, pool/darts competitions, quiz nights or any other events please contact Matt on 07977 510352 for availability and costs. We do have a sound system and disco lights that can be used free of charge.



Sunday Services February 2026

1st February - 4th Sunday of Epiphany

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Morning Service

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion

WORSHIP

Sarah & Jane *Together*

Rev Huw Davies



David Miles

Rev Elaine Jones

8th February - 2nd Sunday before Lent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Holy Communion

Rev Elaine Jones

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Café Church

WICK CHAPEL

9.45am Breakfast Club

Worship Group



ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Morning Worship

Omar Beg

15th February - Sunday next before Lent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Prayer (or HC?)

Rev Hew Davies

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Morning Worship

Steve Burgess

WICK CHAPEL

10.00am Family Sharing



ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Café Church

Rev Elaine Jones

ST JAMES'S ABSON

8.45am Holy Communion

Rev Huw Davies

22nd February - 1st Sunday in Lent

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 The Holy Shed

TBC

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion



YouTube

WORSHIP
Together

Suzy Britton

Rev Steve Britton

To be confirmed

Rev Elaine Jones



Rev Elaine Jones

1st March - 2nd Sunday of Lent

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion

ST JAMES'S ABSON

3.30pm Evensong

If you are thinking about coming to church, are not quite "there" yet, but you have questions - consider coming to either the Alpha course currently running in the Church Room on a Wednesday evening, or the Lent group at the Chapel throughout March. You are not committed to coming every week, and you would be VERY welcome! Details on pages 9/10.

Are you Curious?

**Unpack the
Christian faith
together.**



Meet new people and explore the Christian faith together. Alpha is for anyone who's curious. No judgement, no pressure. Each session unpacks a big question of life, faith, and purpose, and is designed to spark conversation. Come along, see what you think.

St Bartholomew's Church and sister churches are planning to have a course for those who wish to know more about Christianity.

Called, "ALPHA"

Started on 14th January 2026,
but you can join anytime

Wednesdays 7pm to 9pm at Wick church room
Church road, Wick BS30 5PD

Everyone is welcome.

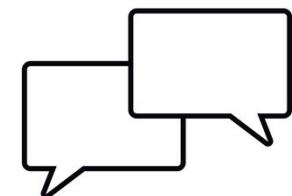


For Alpha website: Click on QR code, and then click on Try Alpha.
If you have questions and to let us know that you are interested, contact Cathy Burgess on 0791 430 8824

Lent Fellowship 2026

As in previous years, the chapel and the church are coming together on four Tuesday evenings in March to do a little thinking and share some conversation and refreshments. Many people think of Lent as a time for giving something up but this year, we are going to think about what we might gain from considering the following topics:

- **How can we seek and benefit from quiet and stillness** when we are surrounded by a world in turmoil and constantly assaulted by bad news?
- **How can we find a fresh perspective** and how might this benefit us?
- **How can we pursue peace** in a world in which war and social conflict have become defining features of our time?
- **How can we hold on to goodness?**



You do not need to be a member of either church or chapel to join us – you don't even need to be a Christian. As it says on the notice outside the chapel, no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome to join us.

Meetings will be on **3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th March** at the chapel with doors opening at 7.15 pm for a 7.30 start and aiming to finish by 8.30 pm.



The first Saturday of each month at Wick Village Hall

Please note, there isn't an event in April or August 2026

Donations are accepted between 8:30am and 9:15am on the day of the event, or between 1:30pm and 2:30pm the day before the event (Friday) in Wick Village Hall

Doors open for shopping from 9:15am 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!



We're looking for volunteers to between 10:45am and 11:45am, to help us pack up the event

Bringing the community back together and reducing landfill ❤️

Contact: [@wickcommunityfreecycle](https://www.instagram.com/wickcommunityfreecycle) on Instagram / Wick Community Free-Cycle on Facebook wickcommunityfreecycle@gmail.com / Proceeds go to Wick Pre-School

Environmental challenge February 2026

I begin the year feeling rather sad. **Sad** about plastic waste in the environment. On a global scale:

There are massive amounts of plastic in the ocean, with estimates ranging from 75 to 199 million tons of total plastic, and over 171 trillion individual pieces floating around, including trillions of microplastics. Some are concentrated in The Great Pacific Garbage Patch which is **617,763 square miles**, around **3 times the size of France**. It contains **8 trillion bits** of plastic, weighing more than **80,000 tonnes**.

(Have you watched the 2nd episode of BBC drama "War between the land and sea", where the AQUA people rain the oceans' plastic and rubbish on the cities of the world- terrifying).

What may sadden us more is what we see around Wick, Doynton, Abson, Dyrham and surrounds.

Walk along Rock Road, Beech Road, Blue Lodge Road, Oldbury Lane, and etc, etc, and what do you see nestling in the hedges and grass verge?

Look at the entrances to the park, and outside the shops. Visit Raven's Rock (below it is like a rubbish tip) Drive further afield to road junctions with the A46. I could go on.....



It is **sad** that people just throw, dump, leave rubbish anywhere, even if there is a bin for rubbish nearby. Why throw bottles and cans out of a car window? Why do this? Lack of knowledge? Attitude? It takes years for plastic to breakdown, tin cans longer- and then the bits will eventually pollute the soil, harm wildlife or be washed into the rivers and sea.

It does show a lack of care for our beautiful countryside and where we live. And it looks UGLY

Can we each take care? Can we each teach our children to responsibly dispose of rubbish and recycle where possible?

Thank you to all who take their rubbish home or use the bins. Thank you to all those who do go around our villages picking up the rubbish: Let's long for the day when this is not needed.

Stephen Burgess

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**.



SPEAKERS LIST FOR 2025-2026 SEASON

FEB 3RD 2026

7.45pm

"A Year in the Cutting Garden"

Caroline Sheldrick

How to grow a steady supply of flowers for cutting. Jobs for each season to get the most out of your cutting patch to provide buckets of cut flowers for the house or for sale. Caroline has grown cut flowers for local markets for many years and has lots of practical advice.

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'

We're a friendly and welcoming group that meets on the **first Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm in Marshfield Church Hall, Tormaton Road, SN14 8AJ**. Whether you're an experienced gardener or just getting started, there's something for everyone. Plus, every meeting includes **refreshments and homemade cakes!**



POTATO & SEED SALE

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

**SAT 14TH FEB 2026 10AM-1.30PM
MARSHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Hayfield, Marshfield SN14 8PG

Entrance £1 includes Raffle ticket

**NOTE: CAFE
CASH ONLY**

TEA & COFFEE • HOMEMADE CAKES

Pennard Plants
GROWING THE DREAM

The Memory Café at Doynton is 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 and is open in Doynton Village Hall- BS30 5SY

Come along and enjoy the fun!

In February we will have Panto themed entertainment provided by some members of Pucklechurch Players!. There will be lots of fun, laughter and some outrageous costumes!

Country dancing is our theme for our March café when we will be joined by Alan Holder who will lead us through our moves. This is always a popular and fun event.

Along with our main entertainment, there are always quizzes, colouring zigsaws and art activities that visitors can do as well as enjoy the refreshments which always include an array of lovely cakes!

Each session always end with singing from popular songs from the 60's and the appearance of the BIG RED BALLOON!



The Memory Café at Doynton

A belated Happy New Year from all of us at The Memory Café and we look forward to seeing you during 2026!

We started the year off in January with some gentle chair-based yoga style exercise and a few games of bingo.

At our next cafe on 5th February we hope to have a visit from members of Pucklechurch Players - performing a few pantomime based sketches for our enjoyment.

On 5th March we are looking forward to a little gentle Country Dancing with caller Alan Holder.

We welcome all those living with dementia or memory loss at our cafés, together with a family member or carer. There is always plenty of tea and cake on offer together with conversation, friendship, activities including arts and crafts, word puzzles and singing at every cafe. We have a wealth of information leaflets for those newly diagnosed with dementia, books about dementia to borrow and read and a mini lending library of fiction books to read and swap.

You can follow us on Facebook 'The Memory Café at Doynton' or email us at mcdoynton@gmail.com for more information - or just come along to our next cafe.



Guides

At Guides, all girls age 10-14 are welcome to enjoy our fun-filled space, where she'll make good friends, learn to be herself, explore what she loves and do stuff she's never done before.

Join us this term to bake shortbread, make birdfeeders, take part in a team treasure hunt round Cardiff, earn badges, have an Australia Day BBQ, plan a relaxing sleepover, an adventurous Summer County Camp, and a 2027 trip to a Scout Castle in Bavaria


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Swifts, Swallows and House Martins- Spring is on its way



Each spring, our Swifts, Swallows and House Martins make an amazing journey from Africa back to the UK. They fly thousands of miles to enjoy the British summer where there are more insects to feed to their young.

Swifts leave Africa usually in April, and travel about 6,500 miles. They often cross the Channel to the west, arriving in southwest England or Wales in May. Swifts have a high pitched screaming call and can eat, drink, and even sleep while flying!

Swallows usually leave southern Africa in February or March and travel about 6,000 miles. Many cross the English Channel at Dover, the narrowest part of the Channel, flying from France into southeast England. They arrive in the UK around April. Swallows often return to the same nest each year.

House Martins set off in March and fly around 5,000-6,000 miles. They also often cross the Channel at Dover, though some arrive further west. By late April or early May, they reach the UK and begin building their mud nests under house roofs. House Martins work as a team, sharing mud and even helping to repair each other's nests.

By late summer, all three birds begin their long journey back to Africa [some Swallows and House Martins now may spend winter in Spain/Portugal] to avoid our winter. Their departure tells us that autumn is on its way.

Walter Wildflower

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We are busy planning and preparing for another year of community activities!

FOWV is a non-profit making organisation, run by volunteers from the village. Its aim is to bring local people together at village events. Any profit that is made is put towards future events in the village. If you would like to be part of this exciting and dynamic group, please contact FOWV24@ail.com

Dates for your diaries so far:

Open Garden Gate Trail – 25th May 2026. A call out to anyone who might like to open their Garden Gate to visitors this year. Always the 2nd Bank Holiday Monday in May. If you'd like more information, contact Tina Holbrook on tinaholbrook@aol.com It was a huge success last year, let's make it even better this year!

Party in the Park – 12-6pm 11th July 2026. Anyone wishing to have a stall or provide entertainment please send an email to FOWV2024@gmail.com. Thank you.

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



Doynton Village Market:

Have you ever thought about popping in to the market in the Village Hall? It sounds delicious!

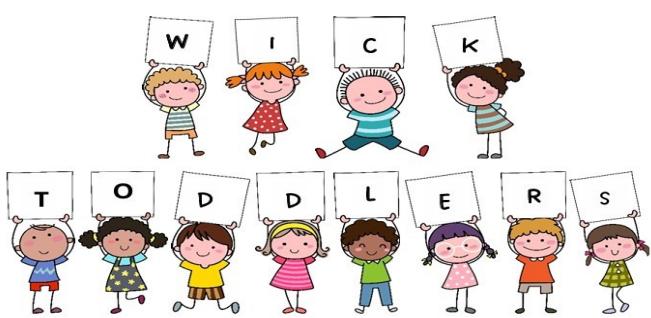
The lead up to Christmas proved to be very well attended, and thanks to one producer's home-reared pork and lamb, it helped us have two bumper markets, with some other producers feeding back that they had done exceptionally well with their Christmassy items. So we would like to say a big thank-you to all of you who visited us: to us it makes our little Market seem special, and it is always a joy to see new faces as well as our regulars.

It is also Seville orange season, and we had some lovely looking marmalades, as well as our usual preserves and chutneys: there is usually a good selection on offer, and as well as the bread I cannot leave out the rest of the cakes and biscuits etc we have on offer.

There are some very talented crafters amongst us, and you will often find lovely cards for all occasions as well as paintings, knitted and sewn items. The crafters will often take on commissions, in fact most, if not all, our producers will make something to order. I mustn't forget the lovely aromas coming from the wax melts stall, always good as a gift for someone.

The next few markets are: Feb 7th and 21st and March 7th and 21st, we will hopefully see you there.

Now where's the bread knife and the butter ...



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

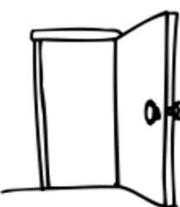
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14th	Jenny Lawrence
21st	Cathy Burgess
28th	Anne Reynolds



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8th	Steve Butt
15th	Anne & Nick Reynolds
22nd	Mark Hudson
March 1st	Jenny Lawrence
8th	Jane Brookman



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