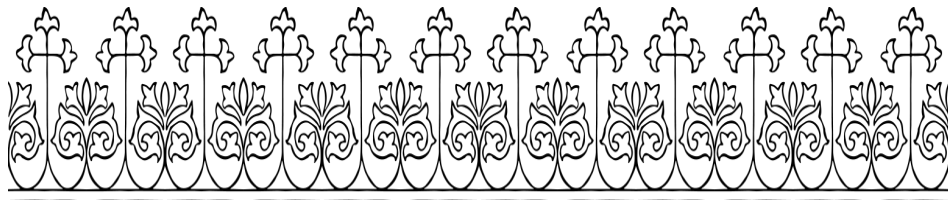


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Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



June 2026

Slow down!

No, this is not a traffic-related instruction - it's personal...

How often, when we ask how someone is, do they reply 'too busy!' or 'tired...'? Understandable, when we are caring for family members - young or old or both; have demanding jobs - maybe more than one; and when pensioners say 'I don't know how I ever had time to go to work!', it's almost a badge of honour.

It's not meant to be this way - we were designed to have a rhythm to life: to work, rest and play (so that old Mars bar advert had it right!).

The Jews have their Sabbath - our Saturday - which literally means to cease, or rest. In Christian tradition the day of rest became Sunday, although in recent years that day has become as busy as any other. So maybe we should seek rest whenever and wherever we can - on any day, or part of a day? After all, we might not appreciate it, if our vicar decided to rest on Sundays in future...

How can we make best use of our limited down-time? Some thoughts:

- Read a book, don't just scroll;
- Spend time thinking, not shopping;
- Walk somewhere, don't drive everywhere.

And if you're looking for a way in to slowing down, I can do no better than recommend a song called 'Slow Down', by one of my favourite singers, the Norwegian Sissel Kyrkjebø (you can see why she's mostly known by her first name...). Just Google 'Sissel Slow Down' and sit back for 5 minutes and rest.

The Bible, as ever, has something useful to teach us about quiet and rest. Elijah, a swashbuckling, larger-than-life sort of character, expected to find God in a storm or an earthquake - instead, God spoke to him in 'a sound of sheer silence'. While in Psalm 46 we're urged to 'Be still, and know that I am God'

Maybe, if we do take the time to slow down, to be still, to listen, who knows what - or who - we might find?

Chris Sherman, Doynton & Dyrham

News from St Bartholomew's

A working party of many willing volunteers turned up to weed and clear the native hedgerow that was planted last autumn, and the compost bins were turned to yield up their dark brown treasure for mulching. Sadly, quite a lot of time had to be spent taking rubbish out of the compost - which is baffling, frankly. If you can SEE that it is a compost bin, why put something in it that will not rot down? Should we put a rubbish bin next to them because it is too difficult to either take your rubbish home or put it in the bin as you walk back out of the churchyard? Answers on a postcard...

We have a lovely wedding to look forward to on the 13th of this month, which cheers my romantic little heart; I have been practically BEGGING to help because I love a wedding so much! I'm sure it will be a fantastic day. (And if locals could park elsewhere that Saturday, it would be *MUCH* appreciated!)



The Community Church service on Pentecost Sunday was enormous fun, as always. We had flames on our heads, adults doing some splendid Colouring In, and children praying in lots of different languages. We now understand a lot more about Pentecost, AND we got to blow out candles and eat birthday cake! (If you want to know why, you'll have to ask the children)

STOP PRESS! We have Tawny Owls in our Owl box! With chicks, apparently! The chicks will shortly be ringed, allowing ornithologists the opportunity to follow them as they grow.



Church Flower Fund

Thank you SO much to everyone who supported the tea-and-cake afternoon last month. We are very happy to report that we raised £350! Those very generous contributions will keep St Bartholomew's looking splendid for a long time. THANK YOU

Doynton Parish Pump

The next **memory café** will take place on **Thursday June 4th**, 2.00–4.00 p.m., in the village hall, where some furry visitors are expected. Anyone living with dementia or memory loss is welcome to attend with a family member or carer, free of charge. Crafts, games, puzzles, shared memories, chats with our volunteers, tea and home-made cakes are a feature of every café. We have lots of information and guidance available for those with a new diagnosis of dementia and their families, and many of our volunteers have experience of someone with dementia among their own family or friends. For more information, see our Facebook “The Memory Cafe at Doynton”, email [mcdoynton \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:mcdoynton[at]gmail.com) or call/text 07817 311001.

Doynton Village Market: June 6th and 20th, 10.00–11.00 in the village hall. Come along for fresh vegetables, eggs, meat, cakes, savouries and preserves – if you're lucky, there may be some elderflower cordial left! Our craft stalls are always popular, with home-made presents and cards. We look forward to seeing you on the first and third Saturdays of the month, check us out on Facebook (Doynton Village Market), or place your orders by phone or message on 07711 670704 before midday on the Wednesday before the market.

Doynton and Wick WI: cuteness overload at the May meeting, when Yvonne Cox spoke about the sterling work of Hedgehog Rescue Bristol and South Gloucestershire, based in Yate. Hedgehog numbers are declining alarmingly: you can help by flattening tin cans and knotting or cutting fruit and vegetable nets and ring-pulls and six-pack rings from drink cans – all these may be “liberated” from your dustbin by other scavengers and left out where hedgehogs may trap their heads or paws. The next meeting is the annual **members’ mystery trip** – meet at Doynton village hall on **Wednesday June 10th at the earlier time of 4.00 p.m.**, and bring your bus pass if you have one.

Many thanks to everyone who joined the **Friends of Summer’s Field** on their **dawn chorus walk** on Sunday May 17th. We were blessed with dry, sunny weather and the beautiful sound of birdsong pervading the orchard and woodland. We picked up around 25 species singing, and had clear sightings of the kestrel in the orchard and two treecreepers flitting from tree to tree in the wood. Definitely worth getting up early to discover so much about the bird life in our village. The breakfast at the end was a fantastic treat too!

The **Warm Wednesdays community café** runs every Wednesday from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the village hall. Come along for tea/coffee, biscuits and a good chat with your neighbours. All welcome.

Please donate any packets or tins of food you can spare to the **Doynton foodbank** and **North Bristol and South Glos foodbank** basket in the church porch. The foodbank always needs staples such as tinned meat and vegetables, long-life milk, fruit juice and squash, but also toiletries such as shampoo and soap. The need is as great as ever – please help if you can.

Have you received your **new recycling bags** and blue bags for soft plastics (*ours are a tasteful shade of lavender – Ed*)? If not, call Street Care on [01454 868000](tel:01454868000) to arrange delivery.

If you are unable to drive for any reason, **Green Community Travel** may be able to help you with transport to hospital or other appointments. For details, see <https://greencommunitytravel.co.uk/>, email [admin \[at\] greencommunitytravel.co.uk](mailto:admin[at]greencommunitytravel.co.uk) or phone 01454 228706.

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).

Save the date

Saturday August 1st – a summer party at the village hall: watch this space for more details.

Saturday November 14th: don’t miss **the autumn feast and barn dance** at the village hall: watch this space for more details.



The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for June

Please email
wickparishmagazine@outlook.com
with your news items for the
July & August double edition

edition no later than Saturday 20th June

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

Anthea Watts writes:

Members enjoyed the excellent genealogist Claire Mills last month who spoke about how newspapers can be a very good source of information when tracing your family tree. This was accompanied by photographs on a screen, including weddings, deaths, sporting achievements etc.

On 1 May six members played ten pin bowling at Longwell Green with two close games. This was followed by lunch at The Wishing Well

Future meetings

25 June - Woodland Trust (Temperate Forest of UK) - Alex Bingham

23 July - Metal Detectorist - Martin Tobitt

Forthcoming events

A walk around Warmley Forest is to be arranged for early June, details will be given at our next meeting. We are also considering attending one of the Bandstand in the Park events in Keynsham, possibly in August after asking members' opinions.

We are always pleased to welcome new members to join our happy and friendly group who enjoy talks, walks, crafts, tea/coffee/cakes and much more. If you and/or a friend are interested in joining us then please come to a meeting where you would be most warmly welcomed. Please feel free to contact our President, Wendy Haynes, on 07930 851582 for more information.



Consultation on the future of the

Golden Valley Local Nature Reserve

Following a recent change of ownership, the new landowners have told South Glos Council they no longer wish to be party to a new Access and Management Agreement over their landholding (*ie. the Golden Valley Local Nature Reserve land*)

This means the Council can no longer comply with the Local Nature Reserve declaration requirements, specifically that it is not possible for the Council to meet the terms of the 1949 Act in respect of declaring the site as a Local Nature Reserve.

We have been exploring alternative opportunities to manage the land for nature, but unfortunately, the complexities and expense involved with managing a site like this has meant no party is willing or able to take on the potential liabilities that this would entail.

It is proposed that the consultation will take place for 6 weeks from Tuesday 26th May until Tuesday 14th July.

A consultation web page setting out the background to the Wick Golden Valley Local Nature Reserve proposals can be found at

[Have Your Say Today - Future Of Wick Golden Valley Local Nature Reserve - Commonplace](#)

In addition, this South Gloucestershire Council will be holding open drop in sessions at Wick Village Hall where Council representatives will be available to answer any questions.

- Thursday 11th June (4pm – 7pm)
- Thursday 18th June 4pm – 7pm

[Check with Parish Council for further information](#)





Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

Women's Institute

For our May meeting members enjoyed an inspiring talk by Pammy Pontin, a chief basket weaver, on how she established her small business venture (Pam's Basket's) of crafting hand-woven, functional, and durable eco-friendly baskets. Members had the opportunity to test run a few colourful egg and wine baskets prior to purchasing. For further information search: Pam's Baskets – Bristol Branch (Facebook page).

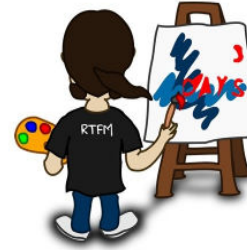
On Saturday 9th May morning Dyrham and Hinton WI hosted a successful fundraising craft fayre with a variety of local craft stalls and spread of delicious homemade cakes, scones and refreshments which were enjoyed by the local community.

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

- **11th June** – Special Plants Nursery Dyrham SN14 8LA – Evening trip out
- **9th July** – Mindfulness session in the Orchard led by Sue Webb Pilates Instructor - Core Fitness
- **12th August** – Summer Picnic in the Orchard



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 & Hinton Harvest Supper

Save the date for the harvest supper at the village hall on 2nd October.

There will be a planning meeting held at the village hall on **Monday 1st June at 7.30pm** for anyone willing to help with the event in whatever way. All are welcome to come along to share ideas. Thanks to those villagers who have already offered their help. For any further information ahead of the meeting please contact Anne at anne.woldsedge@gmail.com.

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



Read Between the Wines Book Club members were due to meet up on Wednesday 20th May at a member's house to discuss their latest read Homecoming by Kate Morton. A breathtaking novel of mystery, love, lies and a cold case come back to life.

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 June

News from your Parish Council

Village News for Wick & Abson www.wickabsonpcgov.uk

- **Parish Clerk email contact:** clerk@wickandabsonparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **AGM 2026:** The following officers were elected to serve for the year:
Chair: Cllr James Williams
Vice-chair: Cllr Stuart Fowell

The following councillors were appointed with additional responsibilities and as PC representatives with local organisations:
Avon Local Council Association: Cllr Anne Kinsman
Defibrillators: Cllr Keith Hollister
Friends of Golden Valley: Cllr Gaive Golding
Friends of Wick Village: Cllrs Stuart Fowell & Keith Hollister
Men's Shed: Cllr Stuart Fowell
Public rights of way: Cllr Bronwen Dyson
Speedwatch: Cllr James Baron
Wick Sports Ground: Cllr James Williams
Wick Village Hall: Cllrs Anne Kinsman, Simon Alway & Keith Hollister
- **Parish Councillor contact:** new, official email addresses for each councillor have been created and are composed thus:
firstname.secondname@wickandabsonparishcouncil.gov.uk
- **Brockwell Park:** the new play equipment including the pirate galleon has been commissioned and is to be built off site ready for installation in June.
- **Planning:**
P26/00548/HH: 17 Parkers Avenue, Wick – single storey rear extension, 3 front & 1 rear rooflights – *no objection*.
P26/00719/RVC: Land & buildings at Carpenters Arms, Wick – roofline & building position revisions – *no objection*.
P26/01049/HH: 3 Willow Close, Wick - demolition of garden room & erection of car port in rear garden – *no objection*.
- **Next Parish Council meeting:**
7:15pm Thursday 11th June 2026, Wick Village Hall. All welcome.

News from the Chapel



Nikki Hickmore will join us on Sunday 21st June to share her experience in Kenya when she visited and shared her knowledge with and gave practical help at a special needs school. Her experience is etched on her memory forever. Do come along and join us for this half an hour sharing service. We will see photos and listen to Nikki's experience at the school. The service starts at 10.30 am.

On 5th July the Chapel will be 189 years old. Just imagine the people who have worshipped there over that time.

The building:

We are ticking off the items on our to do list – and still more are being added - the latest will be the tiles on our sanctuary roof, several of which will be replaced over the next few weeks.

The amount of work we manage to complete in a year always amazes me. We are a small fellowship but by golly do we all work hard to keep the Chapel maintained - and what's more we aren't 'spring chickens.'

Not only do we carry out the practical work, but we are also pastoral carers and community volunteers, doing God's work and sharing his love in our village and beyond.

Please God we can continue to keep our Chapel going for many years to come.

Wick Sports Ground

With the Football season now ended, the sports ground played host to the annual Bristol Outdoor Volleyball tournament, now in its 20th year at Oldbury Lane. With teams coming as far as the midlands and Devon to enjoy our marvellous and safe setting for this growing sport.

Now is the time to begin our annual over-seeding, fertilising, and weed killing. So the grass will be given a rest for the next four weeks whilst the new seed germinates and establishes. Regular events will still take place, so please support them if you can. If it's raining then the clubhouse is welcoming, if it's warm and sunny, why not sit outside and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

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

Friday Night Opening – Our last Friday in the month opening is still proving popular. Not only does it provide a warm welcoming place for locals and friends to meet, it helps to fund our continual development of the Sports Ground. See below the dates throughout the summer, with doors opening from 5pm. Come and join us.

• **Friday 26th June**

• **Friday 31st July**

• **Friday 28th Aug**

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 have a sound system and disco lights that can be used free of charge.

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

Wick Football Club



With the football season drawing to a close, we're delighted to reflect on another highly successful year.

The **First Team** ended the campaign strongly, finishing a commendable 7th in a very competitive Gloucestershire County League—providing a solid platform to build on next season. Cory Langdon retained his title as top scorer for the second consecutive year with 18 goals, while Bayley Rudge led the way creatively with an impressive 17 assists.

Our **Reserves** also enjoyed an excellent season, finishing runners-up in the Bristol & District Division 3 and lifting the inaugural B&D Trophy with an outstanding 3–1 victory over local rivals Bristol Boys Reserves. Man of the Match Callum Whooley starred with two goals, setting high expectations for the season ahead.

The **Sunday side** secured the Sunday Premier League title, while both our Veterans teams enjoyed cup success. The **Over 45s** claimed a 1–0 win against a strong Severnside Vets side, sealed by a Tommy Hutton penalty. The **Over 50s** triumphed in a tense final, winning 5–4 on penalties against a well-organised Nailsea Vets. Both Veteran league campaigns went down to the wire, with the Over 45s finishing runners-up to Easton Monday—losing just one game all season. Meanwhile, the Over 50s head into their final fixture on Thursday 21st May at home to Decliners, knowing a single point will secure the league title in their debut season.

Not bad for a small village club!

We continue to work closely with Wick Sports Ground to enhance facilities at Oldbury Lane and are proud to represent the village across Bristol and Gloucestershire—firmly putting Wick on the sporting map.

Presentation Night – This year's awards night is planned for Friday 19th June, starting at 7pm. Please do join us for a night of celebrating our successes and players awards.

Pre-Season Training – We welcome any new players to join our pre-season training sessions, our first session will be held on Tuesday 16th June, KO 6:30pm.

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

Sunday Services June 2026

7th June - 1st Sunday after Trinity*

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Morning Worship

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion

ST JAMES'S ABSON

6.00pm Evensong

14th June - 2nd Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Holy Communion

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Café Church

WICK CHAPEL

9.45am Breakfast Club

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Morning Worship

21st June - 3rd Sunday after Trinity

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

All 5 churches - Benefice Walk and Lunch

(meet at Holy Trinity Doynton at 10.30, walk to Abson.

Return to Doynton by 12.30 for Bring-and-Share lunch)

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Family Sharing - Keyna

Nikki Hickmore

WORSHIP

— Together

Sarah and Jane

Rev Steve Britton

Antony Jefferies

Rev Elaine Jones



Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Elaine Jones



Rev Steve Britton

Omar Beg

28th June - 4th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Community Church

ST PETER'S DYRHAM

10.00am Holy Communion

With Baptism

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Morning Worship

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Morning Worship

5th July - 5th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Church Anniversary

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion/Patronal

ST JAMES'S ABSON

6.00pm Evensong



Jane Gilles

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Stephen Newell

Steve Burgess

WORSHIP

— Together

Steve & Cathy

Rev Steve Britton

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Elaine Jones



What you on about, Vicar?

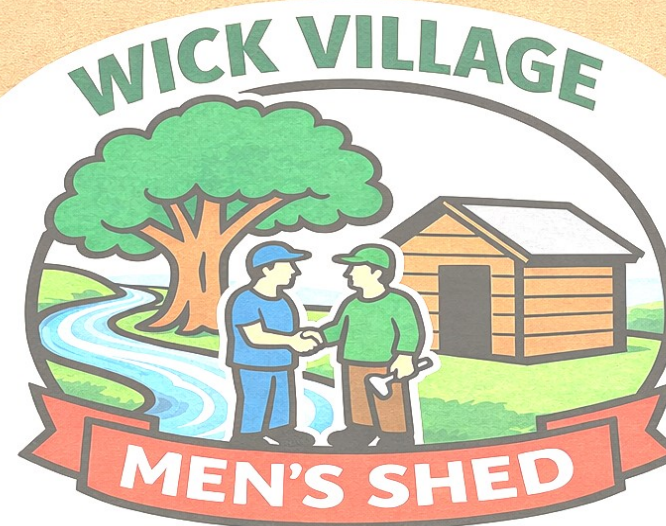
* Trinity Sunday, coming right after Pentecost (*speaking in tongues, flames on heads, white doves, you know the drill*) is where canny vicars kindly allow curates to attempt to explain the concept of God being Himself, AND Jesus, AND the Holy Spirit all at the same time. Then come **21 Sundays** "after Trinity", ending this year on Sunday 25th October, and then the following Sunday, 1st November is All Saints - then Remembrance Sunday, and then, before you know it, the Chr... (shush!) preparations begin.

Are You a Top Dog Walker? 9 out of ten dog walkers in the Boyd Valley are excellent.

Take this quick quiz to see if you know how to keep a dog happy, calm, and safe!

1. **Use a harness, not a collar:** Clip the lead to a harness instead of a collar. A collar can pull on a scared dog's neck and hurt them, but a harness keeps them safe and comfortable.
2. **Keep the lead short but loose:** Hold the lead closer to your dog so you have control, but don't pull it tight. A tight lead makes a dog feel trapped and scared.
3. **Ditch the earbuds and phone:** Put your phone away and take out your earbuds. Your dog needs your full attention to feel safe, and you need to see dangers early.
4. **Talk to your dog:** Keep chatting to your dog in a happy, cheerful voice as you pass people. It keeps their eyes on you and shows them everything is okay.
5. **Understand different movements:** Remember that the fast running of children or the slow, unsteady walk of older people can confuse or scare a dog.
6. **Keep moving forward:** Don't force a scared dog to stop and sit when someone passes. Keep a steady, confident walking pace to get past the scary thing quickly.
7. **Make a safety bubble:** If you see children playing or an older person walking ahead, step onto the grass or cross the road to give your dog some space.
8. **Walk in a curve:** Never walk directly head-on at another dog or person. Walking in a slight curve tells other dogs that you are friendly and mean no harm.
9. **Speak up for your dog:** If a child or a stranger runs up to pet your dog, nicely say, "He's a bit shy today, please give him some space."
10. **Use jackpot treats:** Carry super tasty treats like chicken or cheese. Give your dog a treat the second they see something scary so they learn it's a good thing!

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN NEW SKILLS?



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-  Wick Village
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 - › Share skills and learn new ones
 - › Enjoy good company
 - › Work on personal or community projects
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WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

stufowell@hotmail.com or mike.93.1955@gmail.com

 it's not just about making things—
it's about *making new friends.*"



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

Environment challenge June 2026



Let's not give up on climate action.

Claim: "The UK only accounts for 1% of global emissions so what we do makes no difference". If everyone said this, little would happen.

Shared problems require shared action. For example: One household represents only a tiny fraction of total water use yet hosepipe bans, when needed, still involve each of us and still matter.

This is about protecting Britain too. Not giving up on climate action

Climate and nature breakdown already affects food prices, flooding, infrastructure, insurance and national security. Taking action is not charity - it is self-protection. The issue is not whether Britain can solve the crisis alone; of course, it cannot. It is whether we help shape the future or become dependent on countries that do.

Claim: "UK can't afford Net Zero"

The evidence is clear: transitioning from fossil fuels to homegrown renewable energy will make the UK more prosperous, more secure and less exposed to global shocks.

The UK Climate Change Committee (CCC) reports that the net investment required is just 0.2% of GDP, or an average of £4 billion a year. This will generate net savings of nearly £40 billion every year through greater efficiency and cheaper energy generation. Investing now will also help position the UK to compete in the industries of the future.

British way of life is under threat from heat, flooding and drought. Continuing on our current path risks severe economic damage

<https://www.theccc.org.uk/2026/05/20/british-way-of-life-under-threat-from-heat-flooding-drought/>

A report published on 20th May 2026 by the CCC.

Sunday 21st June 2026.

All 5 churches walk and lunch



Starting at Holy Trinity Church, Doynton, 10.30am

To

St James the Great Church, Abson

and return to Doynton by 12.30pm

for a time of Worship and shared lunch

ALL welcome from the Benefice 5 churches

and local communities

If you don't wish to walk, join us at Doynton church for the **Bring and Share lunch** and worship from 12.30pm.

The walk is about 1 ½ miles each way and across some fields and one stile.



The Giant Secret Meadow: How Roadside Grass Helps Nature

The strips of grass next to UK roads might look boring, but added together, they make up 1,000 square miles. That is the exact same size as the whole county of Dorset! Because the UK has lost nearly all its old countryside meadows, these long lines of grass have become a secret superpower for nature.

A Safe Home for Everyday Flowers

Roadsides hold nearly half of all the UK's wild plant types. More than 700 types of wildflowers grow there. Luckily, many are tough, everyday plants that are not at risk of disappearing, like yellow buttercups, pink red clover, and white cow parsley. Even though they are common, they act like a giant highway of food, giving bees and butterflies the nectar they need to survive.

A Real-Life Example

You can see this green highway whether you are walking, cycling or horse riding. Imagine travelling the local route from **St Annes Drive in Wick**, along **Holbrook Lane**, onto **Rock Road**, and down **Ham Lane** to **Doynton**. Along this short trip, the grass changes from neat village edges to deep countryside hedges. Common wildflowers pop up here all summer, creating a colourful trail for local bugs.

Changing the Rules

In the past, councils chopped this grass down up to 12 times a year like a garden lawn. This cut the flowers before they could drop seeds to grow back.

Now, councils are changing. They only cut the grass once or twice a summer and collect the clippings. This keeps the soil right for wildflowers and stops thick weeds from taking over.

Walter Wildflower

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 June we welcome back our four legged and feathered friend with another visit from Playful Paws! There will be a chance to hold and feed and groom the animals. This activity proved extremely popular last year.

With a Summer filled with sport we once again hold our Sports Day! When the whistle blows there will be egg and spoon racing or tower building to be part of or to watch. Great fun! Medals given for winners and any other sporting achievement including best hula hooper!

Along with our main entertainment every session, 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! A free book and jigsaw stall and an information table is always available for our visitors.

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



The Memory Cafe at Doynton

Dementia Action Week at the end of May is an annual opportunity to focus on raising awareness of the effects of dementia on the everyday lives of those who are living with the condition, either because they have dementia or because they have a loved one with dementia.

As a Memory Café our contact time with those living with dementia is limited to just a few social hours each month but we can use those wisely to support our visitors and carers and to help their voices be heard in our communities.

We asked our visitors about some of the things that make a real difference to the lives of those living with dementia and these comments reflect the responses that we received:

At home:

- 'Routine is vital - consistency of meal times and other regular activities.'
- 'Brain stimulation is important - not just TV but games, walks, drives, jigsaws, word games'
- 'Food tastes can change, plan meals and allow for choice each week'
- 'Being surrounded by familiar things helps with memory'
- 'If possible, familiar faces popping in for a chat can be really helpful'

Out and about:

- 'Ease of access and signage to places, suitable food (not too many choices) and toilet facilities'
- 'Being spoken to directly by health professionals and other people, rather than all questions being directed to a carer - but at the same time ensuring that carers are involved in decision-making where necessary'
- 'Regular places to visit which become familiar'
- 'Entertainment in social settings, singing and visual entertainment'
- 'Meeting familiar people regularly in social settings help both the person with dementia and their carers'

These is food for thought for all of us in these comments about areas of everyday life and we are grateful to our visitors for sharing these insights with us.

Our Memory Cafe on 4 June will be animal focused with the return of 'Playful Paws'. In July we will hold our 'Sports Day'. At both and all our cafes we welcome anyone living with dementia accompanied by a family member or carer.

We welcome enquiries from anyone wanting to know more about the café or wishing to volunteer. You can contact us at mcdoynton@gmail.com or via our Facebook page 'The Memory Cafe at Doynton'

Got a legal question? Need advice?

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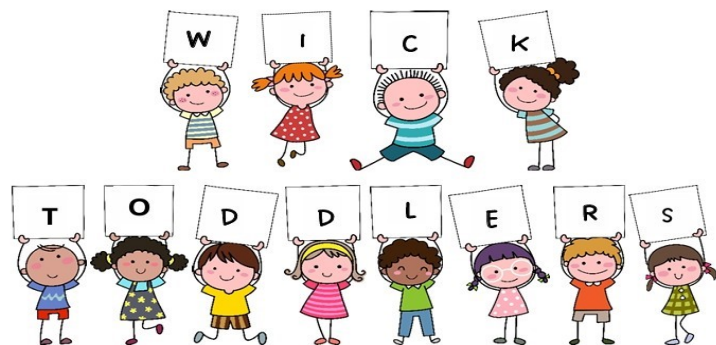
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WICK CHURCH FLOWERS

June 6th-13th	Jane Brookman
20th - 27th	Monica Mumford
July 4th - 11th	Jeannette Bailey



WICK CHURCH CLEANING

6th	Jenny Lawrence
13th	Monica & Barbara
20th	Cathy Burgess
27th	Sue Butt
4th July	Anne Reynolds



WICK SIDESPERSONS

June 7th	Jane Brookman
14th	Colin & Jeannette Bailey
21st	All at Doynton for walk and lunch
28th	Anne & Nick Reynolds
July 5th	Mark Hudson
14th	Jenny Lawrence



REFRESHMENTS

7th	Steve & Cathy (<i>busy Sunday for them, they are also leading the service - any volunteers?</i>)
14th	Sarah & Andy Hewett
21st	We're all at Doynton
28th	Tina Holbrook
July 5th	Anne & Nick Reynolds



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