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Parish News

Wick, Doynton, Dyrham and Hinton



From the Registers

Funerals in 2026

Paul Granville Monks, Holy Trinity Church, Doynton, 18 August

Thelma Gray, St Bartholomew's Wick, 13th July

Peter Rubery, Holy Trinity Doynton, 3rd July

Melvyn Smith, St Thomas Becket, Pucklechurch, 29th June

Alan Brown, St Thomas Becket, Pucklechurch, 29th May

Elizabeth Clapson, St Thomas Becket, Pucklechurch, 22nd May

Audrey Harris, St Bartholomew's, Wick, 15th May

Maureen Anstey, Holy Trinity, Doynton, 25th March

Glenda Dodimead, St Bartholomew's, Wick, 12th March

Harry Pegler, St Thomas Becket, Pucklechurch, 11th March

John House, Westerleigh Crem, 3rd March

Julia Burcombe, St Bartholomew's, Wick, 9th Feb

Pamela Cox, Westerleigh Crem, 23rd Jan



September 2026

Hello, friends and neighbours,

I was down at church, looking at the new hedge planted with your help last November; A sunflower in full bloom had appeared in the hedge. As I admired it, a cow in the neighbouring field leaned over the fence and CHOMP, it was gone. Well, the cow had a treat. At Doynton church, during the Pet Service, a beautiful chicken, brought by its young owner, started clucking and promptly laid an EGG. Wonderful.
(Rev Elaine couldn't bring herself to eat it! Ed)

Monday 17th August, as I write this- it's just begun drizzling!! I went and stood in the rain. 😊 You have to laugh and enjoy moments of nature taking control.

It has been a different summer for us all, with, so far, 8 dry weeks with only one small rain shower. The fields are parched, wild fires in some places, an emergency alert on our mobile phones. The positive may have been warm dry days for the school holidays, children and us enjoying the outdoors.

But for the farming community it has been and, will be, difficult. The NFU (National Farmers Union) stated recently: "Prolonged drought has led to an incredibly early harvest and historically low yields, stunted grass growth forcing livestock and dairy farmers to use winter stocks to feed their cattle and potatoes, sugar beet and other field crops failing because of lack of water" and "The drought will increase the cost of producing food for many farmers and growers.....".

Let's be mindful of our farmers and give thanks for them. Also look at the "Back British Farming" website for ideas of how to support them.

(Steve Burgess)

News from St Bartholomew's

We are now legally one Benefice! All five churches have been safely gathered in, officially, and Rev Elaine is now the Rector. It has been a long process, starting when Rev Tim formally tendered his notice, so we're talking years, not months. But it is done. Our title is the Boyd Valley Benefice - seems obvious now, but it took a bit of finding! Our first service as a united benefice was, very appropriately, the first of the 5 services through August, in Pucklechurch, taken by the Archdeacon. It was very good to see members of all five parishes there, sharing and celebrating. By the time you read this, the other joint services throughout August will have finished, and things will go "back to normal" a bit more, but we sincerely hope that all 5 services, one in each of the churches, were enjoyable.

Party in the Park was, as always, a massive success - the weather was kind (a smidge TOO kind for some, a hint of the heatwaves to come!) and everyone had a blast. Many thanks to the hard-working FoWV.

The wildflower areas in the churchyard now need to be mown: but it is important that we leave the mowings for a short while, to allow seeds to fall to the soil, so don't think we have come over all lazy, it is part of the plan, honest! The heatwave zapped any enthusiasm I might have had to tackle the nettles, but hopefully, the temperature will drop to a more work-friendly level fairly soon.

I know you will laugh, but we have started planning for the big things over the coming months (Harvest, naturally, and Remembrance Sunday, and "whispers" - Christmas. (We are wondering about resurrecting the Village Singalong - would you come, if we did?) It was always a fantastic evening, with lots of laughter as well as singing, but it is a lot of work for our poor organist, so to spread the load, we thought it might be fun to invite any musicians in the village to come and accompany one, or possibly two, songs, or do a "party piece". Have a think, and let me know if you are up for a bit of a laugh one Saturday evening in December. wickchurchwarden@gmail.com for comments and suggestions, please.

There will be two Alpha courses locally, one in Doynton and one in Pucklechurch. If you have ever wondered, come along and find out what we're all about. Details on page 28.

Doynton Parish Pump

The next **memory café** will take place on **Thursday September 3rd**, when Martin Hall will give another of his humorous talks about the old Bristol Zoo. For more information, see our Facebook page "The Memory Cafe at Doynton", email mcdoynton [at] gmail.com or call/text 07817 311001.

Doynton Village Market: next dates are September 5th and 19th and October 3rd and 17th, 10.00 to 11.00, in the village hall (NB no market October 31st). There has been a small change in layout in that the egg supplier is now at the top of the hall, beside the cake and savoury suppliers. The meat we have at market has been very successful, and new sausage flavours (honey and mustard/pork and cider) have been very popular, with new flavours coming up soon. Advance orders welcome: if we can't get your goods to you the evening before, you can always drop by before market opens to pick them up. Check us out on Facebook (Doynton Village Market) or phone or message **07557 940643 (please note new telephone number) before midday the Wednesday before the market.** Many thanks for supporting our local market – we truly appreciate it.

All residents welcome at the **Doynton Parish Council** meeting on **Tuesday September 29th**, 7.00 p.m., at the village hall.

Doynton and Wick WI: at the July meeting, members were informed about the power of colour by Keri Johnson of House of Colour. In August, Sarah Rouse explained the essential work of the Trussell foodbank charity, which works towards a world where foodbanks will no longer be needed. Members donated a magnificent 59 kilograms of tins, packets and toiletries for our local foodbank, North Bristol and South Glos. On **September 9th**, the speaker is Andy Workman, a mindset specialist. There will be a harvest sales stall, and the competition is "what do you do to destress or calm yourself?" All meetings start at 7.30 p.m. at Doynton village hall.



But before that: Saturday November 14th from 6.30 p.m. – **Autumn feast** (with jacket potatoes & chilli, apple crumble) and **barn dance** in the village hall. **Early bird price until end September Adult £10, Child £5.** After end September, ticket price will be Adult £15, Child £7.50. Be smart. Buy your tickets now from Lisa 07974 771670 or Corinda 07587 175474. All proceeds go for the upkeep of Summers Field community orchard. **Yee-hah!!**

Visit the **Doynton village website**, www.doyntonvillage.org, for news of upcoming events, Doynton history and useful local links.



The Owl's Nest

Welcome to the news for September

Please email
wickparishmagazine@outlook.com
with your news items for the
October

edition no later than Sunday 20th September

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

Wick Guides have had a great Summer! We have enjoyed Guide Camp in the New Forest with 200 other Bristol Guides, doing African drumming; science tent; Zip wire; campfires; tree climbing and more, a relaxation sleepover with yoga, bubble tea, crafts and cooking; a treasure hunt against the scouts in Bristol; Bowls at Page Park, badges and games.



However with several of our older members moving on to Wicks reopened Ranger unit (14-18yrs) we will have some spaces. If you would like to try a visit to Guides on a Monday eve in Wick, please message bwinterson@hotmail.com We'd love to see you!

Nature Reserve update

A big THANKYOU to all who contributed to the consultation about the Wick GVLNR (our Nature Reserve). 331 responses mostly expressing that they hope the whole Nature Reserve remain open to all.



Your responses have changed the conversation, but we await meetings between MJ Church and SGC, with local residents for further outcomes.

An important piece of news from your **village agent**, Sharon Wood, is on page 26. There is not enough space to put it here, but I'd like to draw your attention to it, as it is about what happens next with the landline telephone service. Her contact details are also on the page if you would like further information.

She is standing by to help!

Anthea Watts writes:

On a very hot evening on 25 June members enjoyed an interesting illustrated talk on the work of the Woodland Trust with Alex Bingham. Some members had a picnic in Keynsham Park whilst listening to the Show Choir, on 27 June. 23 July was another warm evening when Martin Tobitt told us about how he became a metal detectorist. He passed around many items he had collected from around the globe.

Future meetings

24 September - Land Girls with Fiona Warin

22 October - AGM/Quiz

Forthcoming events

A walk around Kelston with lunch at the Soft Cheese cafe has been arranged for **14 September**

On **2 September** some of us will be going to Sidmouth to visit the donkey sanctuary.

On **1 October** we will be joining our friends from Rodway Rubies on a visit to Buckingham Palace.

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, free of charge, where you would be most warmly welcomed. Please feel free to contact our President, Wendy Haynes, on 07930 851582 for more information.





Dyrham & Hinton Diversions

Women's Institute

Our August summer party was held in the tranquil setting of the Orchard near to the village hall. Members enjoyed a perfect summer's evening socialising over a feast of sweet and savoury dishes.



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

- **10th September** – Stop the signs of fraud – guest speaker Claire Bounds (open meeting)
- **8th October** – American Quilting -guest speaker Anji Harper

If you wish to attend the open meeting shown above, please contact us via email as below

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

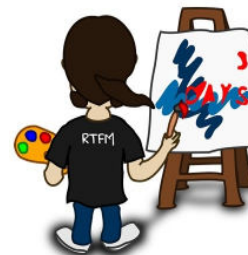


Book Club members met up on July 15th to discuss Theo of Golden - a literary novel about an elderly Portuguese man who anonymously gifts 92 portraits to their subjects, transforming a Southern town through acts of kindness and connection. Our next read is The Correspondent by Virginia Evans

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 September



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.

Classes restart on 3rd September after the summer break.

Details coming soon for the next exhibition planned for 24th November at the Village Hall.

Dyrham & Hinton Harvest Supper

By now all residents should have received their flyers for the Harvest Supper. Tickets selling fast.

Further details of how to get tickets given on the separate poster in this newsletter. All welcome.



NEWS FROM WICK AND ABSON PARISH COUNCIL

www.wickandabsonparishcouncil.gov.uk

Parish Clerk: clerk@wickandabsonparishcouncil.gov.uk

- **Brockwell Park:**

The new play equipment including the pirate galleon has been commissioned and is already proving to be very popular with the children. The PC has decided to cover the bare soil area by the ship with sand and install a small dinghy for the toddlers to play in. New signage in the park, play area and car park will be installed shortly.

- **Wick Sports Ground:**

Having budgeted for additional improvement works in the clubhouse, the PC has funded the installation of a new kitchen. *(Our thanks to the installation team for a great job – Ed).*

- **Wick Village Hall:**

The Village Hall Committee continues to make improvements to the hall. Recent works include replastering of the damaged kitchen ceiling and back wall, new lighting and a new water boiler. The Wi-Fi has gone live.

- **Highways maintenance:**

The PC has written once again to local ward councillors regarding the potholed and damaged state of the roads around the parish plus the dirty and obscured road signage. Devon County Council has launched a volunteer team of pothole fixers and the PC has suggested this to SGC.

- **Planning:**

P26/01366/PIP: Land to the east of Manor Road, Wick – up to 4 dwellings – objection: green belt, close to listed building, inappropriate development.

(Note that the PC is receiving a rash of speculative planning applications following the government's changes to the 5 year land supply formula that has left SGC short on approved sites for housing. Expect more – Ed).

- **Next Parish Council meeting:**

7:15pm, Thursday 10th September 2026, Wick Village Hall. All welcome.

News from the Chapel

Please join us for our annual **sale in aid of Target Ovarian Cancer** which will be held on Saturday 12th September – 2.30 until 4.30 pm. There will be cream teas, tombola, bric a brac, books and jigsaws. We hold this event annually to remember Monica Knight who was our treasurer and organist.

We have invited St Bartholomew's fellowship to our **Harvest Thanksgiving Service and buffet lunch on 4th October**. *(And we have accepted the invitation with much pleasure! Ed)*

The Party in the Park organised by Friends of Wick Village was a huge success. Such a lot of work goes into this event, but it must be worth it when you look across Brockwell Park full of people enjoying themselves. This year we opted out of manning a book and jigsaw stall due to the extreme heat.

Since our last report you will have noticed the front gates of the Chapel have been repainted. A super job – thanks to Richard Stallard. A little bit of history - these gates were made after the Second World War by Roly Packer, the Blacksmith. The original gates were used for ammunition for the war, as were most of the metal gates in the country.

Not sure what our next job will be at the Chapel but as with our homes – there is always something which needs money spent.

Finally: We pray for a good start for the new term – good luck to those who will be starting school, those 'moving up', transferring to secondary school and to university.

A future date for your diary:

The **Annual Christmas Sale** this year will be on Saturday 28th November – always the last Saturday of November.



Wick Sports Ground

The dry weather has taken its toll on the surface, as you might expect, but our marvellous ground staff are now preparing for the rain that has been finally forecast. Ground that has been baked hard will need to be prepared carefully for the coming rain, but we are confident that all our preparatory work, and the knowledge and skill of the team here will mean that we have a splendid season to look forward to.

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



Our opening matches at the start of this season have been a mixed bag:

The Away to **Frampton Utd** on Sat 1st August was a 1-1 draw, and the Home match against **Chalford AFC** on 8th August was a no-score draw so we were sat at 9th place, but:

Quedgeley Wanderers on 15th August 4-0

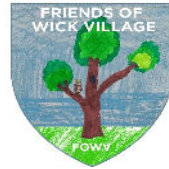
Broadwell Amateurs on 22nd August 2-0

So we have some work to do. But the season is young, our players are dedicated and enthusiastic, there is a long way to go yet!

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 number 510352.

UP THE OWLS!

An update from the Friends of Wick Village



On Saturday 11th July, Brockwell Park played host to **Party in the Park 2026** - and despite it being an extremely hot day, the community turned out in force to join in the fun. We had a wide array of stall holders and lots of local community group involvement, as well as different music and entertainment throughout the afternoon. We're extremely grateful to every local business that gave a raffle prize, as well as all of the volunteers that helped behind the scenes to make the day a success.

Special thanks go to: Rev. Elaine, Mrs Quinn, Mrs Wiltshire and the children of the Wick Primary School Choir, Andy Hargreeves of Boydwick Farm, Wick Cafe, Victoria Sandwich, Ells Kitchen, Colin Ludwell Cars, L H Catering, Carly Lousie Biosculpture Nails, Adam Vincent Hair, Pelos, Wicks Barber Shop, Avon Road Mark, Everybody Acupuncture, Bath Racecourse, The Upton, The Lock Keeper, Sarah's Health & Beauty, GS Blinds & Awnings South West Ltd, Big Kids TV Podcast, Wick & Abson Parish Council and Pilgrims Pride Wholesale Meats.

On 13th August we held another **Community Get Together** in Wick Village Hall, using the new film Projector facility to show "Paddington". This event, in the school holidays, was supported by many families and the children enjoyed lounging on bean bags with plenty of popcorn, whilst the adults were served tea and cake, along with marmalade sandwiches.

Thank you to all who attended and very kindly made donations for further events and of course to our team of very willing helpers.

We will continue the films in the coming months. In early October a date and film will be announced, look out for details in the October Parish Magazine, Village Notice Boards and Friends of Wick Village Facebook page.

Talking of dates, please make sure you have our other upcoming events in your diary:

'Spooky Night' children's party at Wick Village Hall - 23rd October

Christmas Market & Light illumination at Wick Village Hall - 20th November

We will also be supporting the **Chapel Christmas Sale** on 28th November at Wick Tabernacle. Lots to look forward to in the coming months....we hope to see you there!

Friends of Three Shires Surgeries

Part of the Three Shires Patient Participant Group

You may remember in the last issue we introduced ourselves as the fund-raising volunteers supporting our local surgeries as they work to provide effective healthcare to our communities whilst dealing with rising costs and lack of funding.

Thank you so much for all the generous support you have given so far, we hope that a QR code might enable you to donate more easily. You may, of course, continue to donate the "old-fashioned" way: directly into our bank account: Friends of Three Shires, Lloyds Bank Account, Sort code 30-99-50, Account number 54449863

We are very grateful for the positive reaction to our efforts, and pledge to continue helping improve patient information and support, pay for maintenance and replacement medical equipment as much as we can. Thank you!



Sunday Services September 2026

6th September - 14th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am All Together
and Cathy

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

13th September - 15th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Holy Communion
with Baptism

ST PETER'S DYRHAM*

10.00am Café Church

WICK CHAPEL

9.45am Breakfast Club

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Morning Worship

20th September - 16th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Morning Worship

ST PETER'S DYRHAM*

10.00am Holy Communion

Davies

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Family Sharing

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Café Church

ST JAMES'S ABSON

8.45am Holy Communion

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Steve

Rev Steve Britton

David Miles

Rev Elaine Jones

Steve Burgess

Rev Elaine Jones

Omar Beg

Suzy Britton

Rev Huw

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Elaine Jones



27th September - 17th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Community Church

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Holy Communion

Jones

with Baptism

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am A visit to the Holy Shed

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Morning Worship

4th October - 18th Sunday after Trinity

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S WICK

10.00am Harvest at the Chapel

HOLY TRINITY DOYNTON

10.00am Morning Worship

WICK CHAPEL

10.30am Harvest Thanksgiving

ST THOMAS'S PUCKLECHURCH

10.00am Holy Communion

ST JAMES ABSON

6.00PM Evensong

Jane Gilles

Rev Elaine

Steve Burgess

Steve Burgess

Rev Elaine Jones

Rev Elaine Jones



WORSHIP
Together



*These services were originally planned for Holy Trinity Doynton, but the heating is being done (hooray!!!) so everyone is warmly invited to come up to St Peter's instead while the work is being done.

September Environment challenge

The challenge this month is to take time to watch a film about our climate.



People's Emergency Briefing film screening

Cutting through disinformation, The People's Emergency Briefing, provides the facts and solutions about the climate and nature crisis. What's happening with climate and nature, and what does it mean for everyday life in the UK?

An eye-opening film bringing together nine leading UK scientists and experts with the latest evidence and why it matters for things like:

☁️ Extreme weather 🍷 Food security 🏥 Health 🏠 Cost of living

More information <https://www.nebriefing.org/>

The film is based on the National Emergency Briefing in Westminster, as shown on TV, with appearances from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden and others.

Admission is FREE and light refreshments will be available. Bring a friend, neighbour or family member: everyone is welcome. The film is suitable for age 16+,

Venue: Holy Trinity Church Hall, Kingswood

Postcode or location: BS15 4AB

Screening date: 10 Sept 2026

Start time: 19:00pm

Website to book your ticket to attend:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/peoples-emergency-briefing-kingswood-tickets-1992739383138>:

(There is another similar event at Hanham Community Centre at 7.15pm on 17th September; and other venues later in the year)



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



A relaxed, informal and **free** drop in café, providing support for people with dementia along with a family member, carer, or friend.

The café meets from 2-4 on the first Thursday in every month in Doynton Village Hall- BS30 5SY

Tel 07817311001 for more info or find us on FaceBook

In September Martin Hall will give another of his humorous talks about the old Bristol Zoo, this will surely spark some lively conversations as treasured memories of visits to the zoo are recalled!

Sea Shanty singers will provide the entertainment in our October café, when our visitors can hoist up the John B's sails after deciding what they should do with a drunken sailor!

Along with our main entertainment at each 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!

Come along and enjoy the fun!

The Memory Cafe at Doynton

We have had a lovely summer with two very busy cafes. In July we held our Sports Day with lots of indoor and outdoor fun and activities and medals and cups awarded! In August we did something new; thanks to a generous donation from fundraising on our behalf, we were able to meet earlier and to hold a summer lunch of fish and chips - and thanks to a further donation we were able to follow up with ice-cream! We were wonderfully entertained during and after our meal by the Bristol Veterans Brass Band.

Looking ahead, our next cafe will be on **Thursday 3rd September** when volunteer Martin will give an entertaining talk on his time working and volunteering at Bristol Zoo - sure to bring back some memories of visits over the years!

On **Thursday 1st October** we will celebrate Harvest and will be entertained by a Sea Shanty duo.

Our cafe meets from 2-4pm on the first Thursday of the month for entertainment, friendship, activity, information and refreshments for anyone from our area living with dementia or memory loss, accompanied by their family member or carer.

If there is any further information that you need, please contact us via our Facebook page 'The Memory Cafe at Doynton' or via email - mcdoynton@gmail.com.





Girlguiding Wick

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MOVIE NIGHT!

Monday 21st September

7:15–8:45pm • Wick Village Hall



Join us for a cosy evening with friends, and plenty of treats.

Perfect for a chilled start to the week –
Girls age 9½–14 welcome!



**Snacks
Provided!**



**Bring a
Blanket or
Cushion!**

HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 2nd October 7:00pm - 11:00pm
at Dyrham & Hinton Village Hall

Come together with your friends and
neighbours for an evening not to be missed!
Enjoy a delicious supper of locally sourced
food and homemade desserts.
B.Y.O. Drinks & Glasses

Competitions, Harvest quiz, Raffle prizes and to top off
the evening a local Ukelele band.

LIMITED TICKETS SO BOOK TODAY USING THE QR CODE
or email bookings@dyrhamandhinton.com

TICKETS

Adult / over 12 yrs - £10.00

Children

5yrs - 12 yrs - £7.50

Under 5's Free - Register place



It's time for a Macmillan Coffee Morning and you're invited

Let's do whatever it takes
to support people living with cancer.

Friday 25th September

10.30 am - 12.00 noon

St Bartholomew's

Church Room



- In autumn many trees drop their leaves to survive the cold winter.
- In summer, green leaves make food using sunlight.
- When days get shorter, keeping leaves uses more energy than they make.
- Removing the green colour reveals hidden yellows, oranges and reds underneath.
- Trees return nutrients back into their trunk and branches before sealing off the leaf stalk.
- Removing leaves stops strong winds and snow from breaking the branches.
- These trees rest through winter waiting for spring.
- Trees produce fruit and berries just as their leaves begin to change colour.
- This autumn harvest gives birds, insects, and small mammals vital food.
- Hawthorn bushes and rowan trees provide birds with high-energy fats and sugars during the cold weather.
- Gardeners can help by leaving sunflower seed heads and keeping berry-bearing shrubs as an essential lifeline.

Enjoy another one of nature's wonderful displays.

Walter Wildflower

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Macmillan Cancer Support, registered charity in England and Wales (261017), Scotland (SC039907) and the Isle of Man (604). Also operating in Northern Ireland. MAC19933_invitePoster



Come to what is now an annual event
A Cream Tea Afternoon
in the Chapel Schoolroom
from 2.30 until 4.30 pm
on **Saturday 12th September**

There will be cream teas, cakes, tombola, books,
bric a brac games and the usual raffle.
This is in aid of **Target Ovarian Cancer**
Please support us.

As your **Village Agent**, I wanted to let you know about an upcoming change that will affect households across our villages. Over the coming months, telephone providers will be completing moving customers from the old analogue telephone network to a new digital phone service. Your provider will contact you by letter or email to let you know when this change is due to happen.

For most people, the switch will be simple and straightforward. However, I appreciate that it may feel a little worrying if you're not sure what it means for you, especially if you use an alarm, pendant, telecare service, or other equipment connected to your phone line.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to get in touch. I would be very happy to talk through the changes with you, help you understand what to expect, and make sure you have the support you need so that everything goes as smoothly as possible.

The Village Agent Service is free, confidential, and here to help, so please don't hesitate to contact me.

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2026/2027 SPEAKER PROGRAMME

1st Sept:	Willem Ball – <i>“Tips for Growing Success”</i>
6th Oct:	Manos Kanellos – <i>“How to make a terrarium”</i>
3rd Nov:	Gill Hazel – <i>“Flower Quiz”</i>
1st Dec:	Richard Rickitt – <i>“Buzzing around Britain”</i>
Jan 2027:	No meeting
2nd Feb:	Maureen Hinton – <i>“Spring Bulb”</i>
Sat 13th Feb:	 Special Event: Potato Day (10:00 am – 1:30 pm at Marshfield Community Centre)
2nd March:	Nicholas Wray – <i>“The evolution of Flowers”</i>
6th April:	Carrie Pakenham – <i>“Cultivation and Use of Unusual Herbs”</i>
4th May:	Richard Cripps – <i>“Pruning Trees and Shrubs”</i>



SUMMER GARDEN VISITS

During the summer, we swap the hall for the great outdoors to visit beautiful local gardens together:

June: Garden Visit (7:00 pm) – *To be arranged*
July: Garden Visit (7:00 pm) – *To be arranged*
August: Garden Visit (2:00 pm) – *To be arranged*



Marshfield Gardening Club

Marshfield Church Hall – Bell Sq, Tormaton Road –
Marshfield SN14 8NN

from 7.30pm

Got questions?

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Two New Alpha courses starting Tuesday 8th September 12 – 2 p.m. at Holy Trinity, Doynton and 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. at St Thomas a Becket, Pucklechurch. You are invited to attend either course.

Who is Alpha for

Alpha is for everyone, no matter your background or beliefs. Whether you're new to exploring faith or simply open-minded about it all, Alpha is for you.

We all bring different thoughts to the table, and at Alpha we want to create a space that's open for everyone to find what faith means for them.

What Happens at Alpha

Every Alpha is different, but generally they have three things in common: food, a talk and conversation.

Food – Most sessions start with food, because it's a great way to connect and get to know everyone there.

Talk – The talks explore the basics of the Christian faith and are designed to inspire conversation. Usually around thirty minutes long, they can be given as a live talk or played as an episode.

Conversation – There is a discussion after the talk where you can share your thoughts and ideas on the session's topic. You can say anything you like, or nothing at all. It's your Alpha, on your terms.

What topics does Alpha cover

Alpha is a space to explore different parts of the Christian faith in a relaxed and friendly environment. Each session covers a different topic, like prayer, the bible, who Jesus is and loads more. Then there's plenty of time to chat about what you think. Each group has a leader to help guide the conversation. There's never pressure to share your thoughts, but the floor is yours if you do want to say something.

Are you drawn to finding out more about your own spiritual direction? Do you find yourself being turned to for spiritual support by other people? The Diocese of Bristol will be running a one-year online evening training course to explore the ministry of spiritual direction in the New Year. This course is open to both lay and ordained Christians, and anyone who notices that people turn to them for attentive listening and spiritual support.



If you would like more information, please contact wickchurchwarden@gmail.com for the brochure, or the tutor of the course joanna.gallant@bristoldiocese.org



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

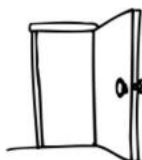
'A fantastic group run by friendly, supportive and welcoming volunteers'

- Plenty of activities for the children to enjoy including painting, crafts, toys and singing
- Safe outdoor play area
- Snacks and refreshments for the children
- Teas and coffees for the adults
- A chance for little ones to play and interact whilst parents and carers can get to know one another

First visit is free - £1.50 per family thereafter

Open Door

Every Friday 10.30 – 11.30am Church Room
St Bartholomew's, Wick. **All are welcome** to meet friends and neighbours. Coffee, chat and a short Thought for the Day. **MacMillan morning on 25th Sept.**



ROTAS SEPTEMBER 2026

WICK CHURCH FLOWERS

Aug 29th - 5th Sept Pat Russell

12th - 19th

Anne Reynolds

26th - Oct 3rd

Tina Holbrook



WICK CHURCH CLEANING

5th Jenny Lawrence

12th Jeannette Bailey

17th Margaret Curtis

26th Anne Reynolds

Oct 3rd Sarah Hewett



WICK SIDESPERSONS

6th Steve Butt

13th Colin & Jeannette Bailey

20th Anne & Nick Reynolds

27th Mark Hudson

Oct 4th Jenny Lawrence



REFRESHMENTS

6th Tina Holbrook

13th Anne & Nick Reynolds

20th Steve & Cathy Burgess

27th Sarah & Andy Hewett

Oct 4th Colin & Jeannette Bailey

