

# Editorial

In contrast to my editorial in last month's Journal, I am sitting in our conservatory writing this and it is absolutely throwing it down with rain. I hope this means we are going to have a nice summer when it arrives.

My hobby horse this month is the increasing number of vehicles being parked on pavements in the village. Anyone with a wheelchair, a disabled scooter or mums with a pushchair or pram and, in many cases a toddler as well, are forced into the road. There are very few places in the village where the road isn't wide enough for two vehicles to pass and if this is the case, then there is no reason why vehicles can't be parked off the pavement. The same thing applies to parking in dangerous places such as on bends, junctions and near pedestrian crossings  
It isn't just commercial vehicles which do it but many private cars as well. Although it is not illegal in North Somerset to park on a pavement, if it causes an obstruction, it is. It is definitely illegal for HGVs to park on pavements.

Some time ago I mentioned that Wrington Vale Rotary Club had spent some time during lockdown examining how we can better support our local communities. We have for several years had Schools Liaison Officers, who do exactly that. They liaise and assist local schools and help organise events and competitions for pupils. This has and is, very successful.

We are now looking to do a similar thing for our villages and as a pilot project we are looking to establish such a relationship with Wrington. The aim here is to set up a Wrington Community Group. This group will be run by residents of Wrington with assistance from Rotary as required. The idea is not to take over existing or future projects, but to act as facilitators where needed. The group will be set up as a formal group with a proper Constitution. By setting it up correctly it opens the door to possible financial assistance from many sources. We see many good ideas suggested in the village, only to disappear due to lack of support or funding, or both. I am currently trying to set up a meeting with some experienced residents to examine how this can work., but the pandemic is not making it easy. Look out for further developments on local media and the Journal

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# News from All Saints Church, Wrington

**Dear friends,**

As human beings we love to party! And this is particularly true when it comes to life's events. The need to mark births, marriages and even deaths is something which unites all cultures and societies. Different places might add their own 'rites of passage'. Here in the UK for instance, every school these days marks the end of the school year with a special event for their leavers, be it a Leavers' service or a Prom.

And yet, during the pandemic, our ability to mark such events has been greatly reduced. Funerals have become invitation only. Weddings have been limited to just a few family and friends. And I can't remember when I last officiated at a baptism!

Such events are an essential part of our ministry as a Parish Church whichever community we serve. And the good news is that, from step 4 (likely to be on 21<sup>st</sup> June), the limitations which we've had to work within are being vastly reduced. No longer will we have to enforce statutory maximums e.g. only thirty people to a particular event. Instead, things will be much freer. We will probably still have to have social distancing and only use every other pew – the guidance isn't out yet. But it does mean that we're now very much 'open for business' for such events (not that we've ever been truly closed).

So if you would like to have a baptism for yourself or your child, or you're thinking of getting married, please do give me a call (01934 862348). We know there are many people who have missed out during the pandemic and we're keen to put this right.

But we can also help you mark other occasions too. For example, it's getting increasingly popular for people, once they move, to have their new home blessed: an occasion which can be as formal or informal as you would like.

One important life event taking place this month is the ordination of our Curate, Revd. Sue Hoskins on June 26th. Sue has been with us for the last twelve months and is now preparing to be ordained a priest. We look forward to celebrating with Sue as she presides at Communion for the first time on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30 a.m.

Every blessing,

**David**

# News from All Saints Church, Wrington

## BENEFACTIVE SERVICES for June 2021

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June

All Saints' Wrington	9.30am	Parish Communion
Christ Church Redhill	11.00am	Parish Communion
Holy Trinity Burrington	8.00am	Holy Communion
St Michael's Butcombe	10.00am	Family Service
St Mary's Langford	9.30am	Family Service
YouTube Benefice Service		

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June

All Saints' Wrington	9.30am	Parish Communion
Christ Church Redhill	11.00am	Parish Communion
Holy Trinity Burrington	11.00am	Matins
St Michael's Butcombe	11.15am	Parish Communion
St Mary's Langford	9.30am	Parish Communion
YouTube Benefice Service		

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June

All Saints' Wrington	9.30am	All Age Worship
Christ Church Redhill	11.00am	Parish Communion
Holy Trinity Burrington	9.30am	Family Communion
St Michael's Butcombe	11.15am	Family Communion
St Mary's Langford	9.30am	Family Service
YouTube Benefice Service		

### Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June

All Saints' Wrington	9.30am	Parish Communion
Christ Church Redhill	11.00am	Family Service
Holy Trinity Burrington	11.00am	Matins
St Michael's Butcombe	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
St Mary's Langford	9.30am	Family Service

# News from All Saints Church, Wrington

## FROM THE REGISTERS May 2021

### Wedding

#### All Saints'

24 April James Hancock and Catherine Vincent

### Funerals

#### Christ Church

23 April Jane Hosegood, aged 91

27 April John Hibberd, aged 82

#### St Mary's

28 April Rosemary Ogborne, aged 88

#### All Saints'

29 April Callum Jenkins, aged 32

## Online Talks for The Arts Society Mendip



### 4th May

**'The paintings of Tom Roberts'**. Paul Chapman will describe the life and works of this 'Australian' artist to the Arts Society Mendip on 4<sup>th</sup> May at 11.00, via Zoom. Links will be sent to members prior to the talk. The application will open at 10.30 am. Guests welcome, the link will be forwarded with instructions on request to [tasmendip.comm@gmail.com](mailto:tasmendip.comm@gmail.com). A guest donation of £3 will be requested.

### 1<sup>st</sup> June.

**History of Cartoons-Hogarth to Private Eye**. Ian Keable will track the development of the political cartoon to The Arts Society Mendip on 1<sup>st</sup> June at 11.00am, via Zoom. Links will be sent to members prior to the talk. The application will open at 10.30 am. Guests welcome, the link will be forwarded with instructions on request to [tasmendip.comm@gmail.com](mailto:tasmendip.comm@gmail.com). A guest donation of £3 will be requested.

## Views from Christ Church, Redhill

June has arrived, the month when all COVID lockdown restrictions are to be lifted. There will be a lot of focus on the 21st and any announcements that might mean some restrictions go beyond that date. We approach this date with a mixture of excitement and scepticism. And more than that, will the Government's lifting of restrictions mean that we are freed from the fear that have built up over the last 15 months? Will we feel able to shake hands again with friends and strangers, or will we view strangers in particular as something to be wary of.

It will be so good to get back to normal again, to be able to hug friends, meet in each other's homes without checking the regulations and not to feel embarrassed at having to refuse a friend's well meant invitation to 'Pop in' that clearly broke the law. It will be so good to be able to focus on what good things we can do together, rather than solely 'how to keep each other safe'. There is a freedom here, a freedom from oppression that allows us to live life again, that is just so precious.

Jesus spoke a lot about His bringing freedom, as a gift of life. For people of Palestine at that time this made a lot of sense, as they lived under the oppressive rule of the Roman occupying forces. They wanted freedom from any constraint, but Jesus was offering a life of service to others and obedience to God alone. That is still His offer today, and as it was then, the joy and freedom in this offer are not well understood.

The difference for us, coming out from under the threat of COVID, is that over the last 15 months we have learnt the need and the joy of caring for those around us. Whether it has been doing a bit of shopping for a neighbour, making regular phone calls to the housebound, or just giving time to talk to someone you may have passed in the street, your care for them was appreciated and helped them live.

In coming out of lockdown, we need to celebrate our release from an oppressive regime of constraints and the joy we have found in serving others. Let us not just go back to how things were, with a selfishness that contributed to the spread of COVID, but move forward to a richer way of life, in which we value our freedom through our care for all around us. The Government cannot release us from our fear, only we can do that and Jesus will show us the way.

My prayer is that, in our freedom from isolation, each may know the joy and the love of God.

*Andrew*

**Rev'd Andrew Hemming,  
Priest for Redhill**

## Views from Wrington Chapel

A year ago, I never thought I would be so happy when announcing services in the Chapel. But finally, assuming no great retrograde step in the Government's plans, that is what I can now do. Therefore, drum roll: we plan to reopen for services in the Chapel on 23rd May 2021 (Pentecost Sunday). There, I feel so warm and comfortable. And Pentecost Sunday feels right, as it celebrates the birth of the church, and all this means we feel reborn in some way.

Not that such news means all will be as it was PCL (Pre-Chapel Lock-down). We still must take precautions, and are planning for only two services per month at the moment under we get more sure of the situation. Many people will still be fearful about attending any event indoors, even in a church. So we take it carefully and wisely.

CURRENTLY our dates look like this (**all services at 9:30am**):

**23rd May: Worship service**

**13th June: Worship service with Communion**

**27th June: Worship service**

Recorded Messages

Concurrently with our live services, we will continue, for the time being, to place a weekly recorded Sunday message on our website ([www.wringtonchapel.com](http://www.wringtonchapel.com)), and Study Notes to consider.

Home Groups

Home groups have been happening via Zoom, but are exploring how we may transition safely from Zoom to live, maybe using gardens where possible.

Other events will continue to pop up from time to time. Information about these, and all the above, can be found on our website. At the time of writing, such information goes out with the Daily Retreat by email. That will also be under review, and if you are interested you need to keep your ear to the ground. Look at our website.

We continue to pray for those in need, so get in touch. Any requests for prayer will be welcomed and treated with confidentiality and respect.

May God bless you.

**Duncan**

***Revd Duncan Tuck***

## Local Interest

### ANNUAL ADVERTISING IN W.V.J.

It is almost the time of year when I send out invitations to our current advertisers to renew their entries.

I normally have a waiting list of about 6 new businesses but at present I only have 2 to contact.

If you have a business and would like to go onto the list in the case of spaces becoming available for the 2021-2022 year please contact me on the number below.

Our year runs from October - September and the rates are very reasonable (so I have been told!). We do not make any alterations to the entries during the year as the pages for the entire year are printed up in September to keep the costs as low as possible, which gives smaller businesses the chance to advertise.

**Judith Gallop 01934 862621**

**W.V.J. Committee**

### WRINGTON GARDENING CLUB

Hello Everyone

At last we can take our first tentative steps to re-opening the club. Although it will probably be September (not certain) before we restart our evening meetings, an afternoon outing to Yeo Meads (Congresbury) - Debbie Fortunes garden, is in the process of being arranged for 15th July.at 2.30pm.

Initially this outing will be for members only.

Plenty of parking will be available to the rear of the Congresbury Arms - short, flat walk to the garden.

The cost to each member is anticipated to be £5 - this will all be donated to Weston Hospicecare. Tea/cakes will be available.

Final, detailed arrangements will be in the July Journal.

In the meantime, if you have any queries do please contact me.

**Maggie Williams - 861126**

Spring has truly sprung. A joyous vision of profusion of churchyard primroses - especially in the newly designated 'unmowed nature' area.

Earth Day (inaugurated 1970 USA) was celebrated at Family Service in May, outdoors in the warm sunshine. It's 2021 message: "Walk into nature, stand in awe and wonder at God's creation", then think 'How can I conserve this glory?' Then ACT.

We extend prayers and blessings to Sue as she is priested at Wells Cathedral, on June 26th. We look forward to her Presiding at future Holy Communion Services at St. Michael's. Please hold her in your prayers at this truly significant stage of her ministry.

### **SERVICES**

June 6th - 10am Prayer walk around the village (suitable for all ages)

June 13th - 11:15am Parish Communion

June 20th - 11:15am Family Communion

June 27th - 6:30pm Evening Prayer

### **TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC**

July 14th 11am - 1pm

During the past year, Butcombe has said farewell to dearly-loved friends, called home to God and to families emigrating to pastures new.

Joyfully new families have joined us, but due to Covid restrictions we've been unable to meet up.

St. Michael's family invite you to a Teddy Bears' Picnic (or cuddly companion of your choice) in the Village Hall, where we can meet for a fun filled time. Young children will receive a personal invitation - everyone is welcome. All you need to remember is to bring a picnic and blanket and most importantly your teddy or special toy. Drinks, crisps and cake will be supplied.

Watch notices for more details, indoor if wet.

St Michael's is open every day during daylight hours for private prayer.

### **BECKY AND FRANCES**



## Wrington Parochial Church Council Annual General Meeting

The above meeting was held on Tuesday 18th May. Chris and I were horrified to find that we were no longer on the Parochial Electoral Roll, having been on ever since we moved to Wrington 23 years ago. It transpired that we should have reapplied for registration in 2019, but somehow we slipped through the net. Not a problem, except we were unable to vote if it was necessary.

Unfortunately, the Rector, who is the chairman, was indisposed and so David Marsh at very short notice chaired the meeting.

The two incumbent church Wardens, John Ledbury and Andrew Whiting were re-elected unopposed, as were Gabrielle Wilson and Margaret Barker (Treasurer & Secretary).

Gabrielle reported that the finances had suffered during the pandemic and the church was struggling to make ends meet. Fortunately, the investments were doing very well and some of the earnings were able to make up the difference.

David Marsh was able to report that the Organ Appeal has been very successful. Of the target of £50,000, between £38,000 and £40,000 had already been raised.

Andrew Whiting explained how the alarm system and security camera worked, very sophisticated and should protect the roof from thieves and also assist with maintenance.

Echo Irving pleaded for a drop kerb to be installed to assist wheelchair users.

### **Toilet**

There then followed a debate on the provision of a toilet. The chairman pointed out that this debate was about whether a toilet should be installed **inside** the church. He also made it clear that no decision would be made during this meeting, purely to pass on the gist of the discussion to the PCC. Andrew Whiting spoke in favour and John Ledbury spoke against.

Both Andrew and further comments from the floor, put forward the argument that people don't come to church because there is no toilet, even though there has been a toilet in the reading for many, many years. Those in favour suggested that the village needs another meeting place and for toddler groups etc., even though there are already three perfectly good meeting rooms and four toddler groups. (Memorial Hall, Inwood, Wrington Chapel and Barley Wood).

John Ledbury started by saying he had no objection to a toilet, but not inside the church and certainly not where it has been proposed, in the Vestry. Because of current legislation it is highly unlikely that a single sex toilet would be allowed and a disabled toilet will be a requirement. This would take up most of the Vestry, where the clergy start and end the services and the choir robe. The procession starts here. **Continued on page 10.....**

### **APPEAL TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE ORGAN AT ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, WRINGTON**

We would like, through the Journal, to say thank you for the many generous donations received, including an anonymous one left through the Old Rectory letterbox. With the Appeal still open we remain hopeful of reaching our target figure. Work on the organ will begin in September and, we hope, finish in time for Christmas.

**David Marsh, Organ Appeal Secretary.**

### **Court Farm**

It has been, and is, a pleasure to see so many villagers out for walks in our fields.

We have spent a lot of time doing work on ditching and fencing during the Spring. We now have cattle grazing down here and two thirds of the fields growing grass for winter feed.

All the footpaths and gates are in good order but, if there are any problems, please see Ali & Tim, or myself.

Many thanks and enjoy.

**Chris Clarke 01934 862562**

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The meeting was generally a convivial affair with both sides putting their views calmly and generally, concisely.

I pointed out that we had been in the meeting for nearly two hours and of the 40+ people who attended, not one saw the need to go to the toilet. I'm pleased to say everyone saw the funny side.

The conclusion was that the Chairman decided to take a vote on whether there should be a toilet in the church or not. He stressed again that this was purely an indicative vote and carried no commitment. There were 20 votes for and 14 against. It was then suggested that we should have a vote on who would be against a toilet wherever it was. Nobody voted for this. As the first vote was very narrow, I feel the meeting was saying we should have a toilet but not inside the church. It is now up to the PCC to take this forward, if thought necessary.

## Local Interest

### Sacred Space Yoga

*Getting back to the business of yoga*

*Casting my mind back to just over a year ago, I was about to start a new chair yoga course at the Memorial Hall. I was already running 2 very successful classes and a number of beginners courses. Life was good for this new small business owner. Then . . . well, we all know how the story goes, I guess.*

*My lovely students and I were separated.*

*Those that could joined me on Zoom, a unique window into each other's worlds in what has been a tumultuous year to navigate. In those early days the zoom classes were a great support to us, as we were processing the restrictions placed upon us. The loss of our freedoms and the shock and empathy for a world in turmoil.*

*Ritually 3 times a week we came together in community affording a connection that we were all no doubt craving. We retreated into ourselves to find some peace and make sense of a situation that made no sense.*

*Now we are looking forward and getting ready to take those cautious early steps back to being together.*

*We were creative and managed a few outdoor sessions during the summer of 2020 on the playing fields. One memorable one where we got utterly soaked to the bone from an unexpected downpour. This time it feels different the vaccination programme has been such a success and we are able to get back to our home, the beautiful Memorial Hall.*

*We are starting slowly, not to rushing headlong but mindful of our approach in returning. So that being said we are starting back May 22nd Saturday morning at 9:30am and everyone is welcome, it doesn't matter if you have been practising for years or if you are in a wheelchair everyone is able to join in my classes we adapt and grow together.*

*The beauty of yoga is in its breadth of application, we often get confused in the west and think its all about gymnastics but that it just one tiny part of a beautiful and ancient tradition that allows us to move through life easefully and peacefully.*

*I don't know how I would have navigated this last year without yoga and without the lovely people of Wrington who have joined me and supported me, not only at Sacred Space Yoga but the many charity events too. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you and I look forward to serving you in the future.*

*Please sign up for my newsletter on [sacredspaceyogastudio.com](https://sacredspaceyogastudio.com) or 07704520149 if I can help you in anyway.*

*Keep an eye out for more classes including that chair yoga course that we missed out on. **Kerrina New***

## COUNTRY MARKET IS ON THE MOVE

The Country Market is, at present, in the Memorial Hall car park every Friday morning come rain or shine or very windy!! We now have the chance to go inside the Memorial Hall from Friday MAY 21ST. We will be opening from 9.30AM and closing at 11AM.

Our producers will be arriving at 9am and we will have to book in and set up the tables with the produce. We will be following the rules for use under Covid 19 restrictions and would ask all customers to either use the app on the main door or to leave your name and contact number in the book on the table inside.

Please also sanitize your hands , wear a mask and keep the distance.

We are permitted 30 people in the hall at any one time and, this includes all the producers.

We will not be able to offer tea and coffee at present.

We look forward to welcoming all customers, old and new and ask you to please keep to the opening times as we have to clear the hall and sanitize before we leave.

We are pleased to be able to use a bigger hall to distance ourselves, but we must say how grateful we are to the Scout Hall committee for facilitating us for so many years. Unfortunately we have outgrown the space now we have more producers.

If you haven't been to the market before, we offer produce that is home cooked, home grown and hand crafted.

All the cooks have hygiene certificates and are regularly updated and follow strict guidelines.

No preservatives are used and we try to use as much British produce as possible.

A lot of our preserves use fruit and vegetables from our own gardens. Flowers, plants and vegetables are from our gardens and all the craft items are hand-made and to the required standard.

We are run as a Co-operative and have a National board (from fellow members).

If you need to contact us, the numbers in the advertisement are still the same and we are also on facebook, so watch out for weekly updates. We will still be in the car park until that date, so hoping for fine weather!

See you on 21st MAY at 9.30am.

**Ros Young**

## Wrington Street Names

### **Legg's Farm**

Takes its name from a benefactor whose name is still borne by one of the village charities.

### **Long Lane**

Yet another name whose origin is self-evident, being the long lane that leads into Wrington from Redhill on the A38.

### **Memorial Road**

Wrington's shortest road and one with no houses in it. A mere thirty yards long, it borders the south side of the Memorial Hall in Silver Street – hence its name.

### **Mill Lane**

Wrington Mill is situated half way along this road. It is one of three historic mills in the area, the others being at Beam Mill and Iwood (in Congresbury Parish)

### **Nates Lane**

I have not been able to trace the origin of this road's name. I assume it was named after an individual (farmer?) called Nate or Nates.

### **Old Bell Court**

This recent development comprising old people's bungalows is named after the former Bell Inn, later Richards Garage and shop. There is no connection with Bells Walk, which was named after a local doctor.

### **Old Hill**

The old vehicular route over Wrington Hill before the Wrington Hill road was constructed.

### **Old Station Close**

A modern housing development built on the site of the former Wrington Station, one of five along the Wrington Vale Light Railway (1901-1963).

### **Orchard Close**

A housing development built on the site of former apple orchards.

### **Rickyard Road**

The site of farmers' hay ricks in earlier days.

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## Local Interest

**Wrington Street Names**

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### **Roper's Lane (or Ropers Lane or Ropper's Lane!)**

There is a rumour (not supported by evidence) that "Ropers" refers to the hangman's rope used at "The Hanging Tree", the ancient elm that once stood at Branches Cross, supposedly used to hang some of Judge Jefferies' hapless victims. The truth, perhaps, is more prosaic.

"Ropers" appears to be derived from a field name shown on old maps. A few years ago, the council were replacing some of the road name signs that had worn out and were practically illegible. The new Roper's Lane one had the addendum, "leading to Wrington Chapel", as does that at the foot of Chapel Hill. By pure chance I happened upon the replacement just after the workmen had disappeared back to Weston. Amusingly, they had spelt the name as "Roppers", so it still had no apostrophe but had gained an extra "P"! Eager to have the wrong righted, I immediately contacted the Parish Council. They must have acted quickly, because a few days later the offending sign had been replaced with the one you now see, however not before the former had been photographed and posted to the village website for posterity.

Incidentally, this road has the largest number of named houses in Wrington – no fewer than forty.

**Mark Bullen**

### **Wrington Show 2021**

Due to the continuing uncertainties with regard to Covid19, the proposed regulations limiting attendance in the Memorial Hall to a maximum of 30 people at a time and constraints about providing refreshments, Wrington Show Committee has reluctantly decided that it would not be viable to run the Show this year.

It is planned to continue with the Show in 2022.

Many thanks and kind regards

Jennie Roberts

[jjr192166@gmail.com](mailto:jjr192166@gmail.com)

(on behalf of Wrington Show Committee)

# Local Club News



## Wrington Vale Rotary Club

### Did you know? Rotary and Polio

Under the auspices of the World Health Organisation (WHO) the last week of April has, for some years, been known as World Immunization Week. This year, of course, during Covid-19, it is especially significant.

However, when, so often, we ask friends and relations about their current immunization status, perhaps we should remind ourselves of the great challenge that Rotary International rose to, more than 35 years ago, to eradicate the scourge of polio. Rotarians have contributed more than \$2.1 billion and countless volunteer hours, to protect nearly 3 billion children, in 122 countries - no mean feat.

As a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, we've helped to reduce world polio cases from 350,000 in 1987 to a few hundred now. It's crucial to eradicate polio from the last two countries where it remains endemic and to keep other countries polio-free.

If all eradication efforts stopped today, within 10 years polio could return to paralyse as many as 200,000 children each year.

As well as buying and planting our Purple for Polio Crocus corms (8,000 by WVRC, last Autumn) you can also show your support by wearing your Purple Crocus button hole, when you're out and about. Purple Crocus Buttonholes are available from Buglers stores, in Wrington.

**Rotary in Action - Litter Picking.** At last some work for us in the Community. With the lockdown easing, a doughty group assembled in Banwell and litter picked in the pouring rain creating a more pleasing environment for all.



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## **Recent Speakers**

**Village Agents.** Kirsten Rushby, who is the Village Agent for Shipham, Axbridge and Wedmore, explained her role in the Community. (Wrighton is part of the neighbouring area and has two agents.)

The services of Village Agents are available to all, regardless of age, with referrals leading to access to solutions and services to resolve any needs.

Generally, information comes via the local medical practices, social services, and community groups helps identify entitlement to support from the Village Agent.

Their work has been well supported by the booklet “Good Neighbourhoods” particularly in the second lockdown dealing with a range of needs – ensuring that prescriptions are still provided; supporting the work of the local voluntary groups; resolving food needs; addressing mental health problems; supporting the infirm and unwell; and meeting the needs of those families in which Alzheimer’s disease is creating many demands and difficulties. A most interesting talk with harrowing examples demonstrating the value of this work.

**BRAVO MEDICS.** Two local Doctors, Andrew Heavyside and James Tooley who work full time for the NHS have set up a Charity called BRAVO MEDICS which provides critical care services on a voluntary basis in a similar style to Air Ambulance, but unlike AA they operate through the night in the South of Bristol area often attending serious accidents on Mendip. They explained that Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine had greatly developed and been formalised over the last decade.

Air ambulances fly “the hospital to the patient” providing care on scene. In their first year, 2020, BRAVO MEDICS attended 62 incidents with 74 patients including 6 children. They provide advanced anaesthesia, surgery, sedation, advanced pain relief, extended drug and Consultant level decision making. Altogether a most inspiring movement filling a vacuum by saving lives. What more worthwhile activity can there be?

**Further information.** If you would like a talk about Rotary please contact Ivor Metherell on 01761 462607 or Angie Biggs on 07790 400718



## Wrighton Climate Action Group

Our country and many others around the world are acting to tackle the climate and ecological crises. North Somerset Council and Wrighton & Redhill Parish Council (PC) are following suit and we, as families, households and individuals can also contribute. Individual actions can make a difference, especially when they are made collectively.

Our Parish Council has drawn up a plan to help tackle the crises at a local level, which can be seen on the PC's website (<https://tinyurl.com/579m475n>). It covers the following areas:

- Becoming a net zero carbon council;
- Being more efficient with the way we use energy – e.g. by better insulating and draught proofing homes, businesses and community buildings;
- Switching to renewable forms of energy – e.g. solar and wind;
- Increasing repairing, re-using and recycling items;
- Reducing emissions from transport – e.g. by shopping locally, driving and flying less or growing your own food;
- Replenishing carbon stores – e.g. by making your garden more wildlife friendly and rewilding open spaces;
- Adapting to climate change.

A group of local people has come together to form Wrighton Climate Action with the intention of helping put the PC's plan into place by initiating a variety of projects including rewilding, hedgehog streets, switching to renewable energy, car shares, etc. You can read about one such initiative below. If you've got some ideas and/or want to support these projects please contact us at :- [wrightonclimateaction@gmail.com](mailto:wrightonclimateaction@gmail.com) or **David Thorneywork on 01934 863249.**

### Sponsor a mini orchard

The newly formed Wrighton Climate Action group is working alongside Wrighton Primary school to plant a mini orchard in the school field. As well as this, and to promote the concepts of "Grow your Own", reducing food miles and eating seasonally, we are also helping to develop the raised beds at the school.



We are looking for funding for these projects, so if you would like to sponsor a tree (£25), or contribute to a general fund which will be used to buy compost, seeds and plants please contact :

Sally Harden, 862703 or [sallyhardenuk@aol.com](mailto:sallyhardenuk@aol.com)

We would also be very grateful for any donations of surplus seedlings, especially fast growing vegetable crops, eg beans, peas.

Many thanks in advance.



# Local Clubs

## **Wrington WI**

We had our May meeting via zoom as usual , unfortunately we did have some technical problems 'at the start of the meeting, some members failed to make a connection but we did end up with 3x Gabrielle Wilsons !.

I think it will be lovely when we can have a face to face meeting in the Hall in July.

Our President Jean's challenge for June is to make a cake [ you could go to the Country Market] and invite someone round for tea ,what a good idea that is.

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of July WIs all around the country will be celebrating NHS, Social Care and Frontline Workers Day . In Wrington we will be having a picnic on the recreation field from 3 pm , bring your own picnic and chair . Do come and join us and bring friends – you don't have to be a member to be there. We will raise a toast to the NHS at about 4.30 p m thanking them for their wonderful work during the pandemic One interesting but useless fact I discovered when looking this up is that July 7<sup>th</sup> is World Chocolate day possibly worth celebrating as well

We have received a congratulatory certificate from WI house to mark Wrington WI s 100<sup>th</sup> birthday last October .

Next Months meeting on Thursday June 10<sup>th</sup> will possibly be our last Zoom Meeting – keep your fingers crossed. The speaker will be Kelly from Zero Waste Pantry something to look forward too.

Our August Meeting will be our traditional Garden Tea Party in a members garden.

The speaker this month was local Historian John Gowar who despite the technical difficulties gave an absorbing account of the Sale of Wrington Estate in 1895. The Maps he used to illustrate the talk were fascinating giving us a picture of the extent of the Estate and all the farms involved. 115 lots in all including common land grazing rights on the Blackdown Hills and Burrington Ham

Keep safe everyone and join us in June if you can

**In Friendship**

**Chris P**

# On Our Farms

We live in a fantastic area and over the last twelve months or so many more of us have had time to enjoy our surroundings. An element of many farmers' lives involves driving tractors up and down fields. Whilst the tractor is noisy and not part of the natural environment, a lot of wildlife accept it without concern because it's not a source of danger. The driver is in a privileged position with a grandstand view of everything going on. As well as rabbits and hares on the ground, all manner of birds can be seen in and around Wrington. In addition to the smaller species such as sparrows, tits, wrens, swifts and swallows, bigger birds like buzzards and the occasional red kite can be seen circling high above the fields. At ground level pheasants strut their stuff and partridge can be seen scuttling in and out of the hedgerows. For farms with ponds various species of duck are frequent visitors. For those on the flight path between the coast and Blagdon Lake, Canada Geese are frequent fliers with swans at different times of year. For the farmer out early in the morning roe deer are often seen grazing in the fields before heading back into surrounding woods to sleep through the day. At the opposite end of the day badgers can be seen emerging from their sets ready to forage through the night. Once darkness has arrived Mr Fox is out and about also looking for something to eat. We have the River Yeo running through our area and lots of farm ponds and wet areas. This aquatic environment is home to many types of fish, otters, water voles, mink, frogs, toads, newts and numerous other species. If you know where to go and what time of day, as long as you are quiet you don't have to be a farmer to see many of the animals mentioned on a regular basis.

At the same time of all this wildlife activity the annual farming cycle continues. Most farmers in the area have made their first cut silage and have spread slurry or artificial fertiliser on the fields to get the grass growing again for second cut. In the next month or so expect grass to be mowed to be made into hay. Any farmer aiming to make hay will have their fingers crossed for at least five days of hot sunny weather to thoroughly dry the grass. Maize has been sown and hopefully through June lines of plants will emerge up and down the fields. The crop needs to be free of weeds to ensure there is no competition to the maize plants so you might see a sprayer moving up and down the field in the month. There is a lot of barley being grown locally this year and in the next few weeks we should see the ears of the plant emerge and start to ripen. The crop will quickly turn from green to gold and in no time combine harvesters will be having a pre harvest service before starting the 2021 harvest. On the whole, wildlife and farming rub along together and for those out and about both can be seen in abundance.

**Nick Green MBA P.Agric FRAgS FIAgM C.Env**  
**Farm Operations Director, Lye Cross Farm**

### News from Burrington Primary

Reading has always been an important aspect of life at Burrington and in the past we have been so fortunate to have had many volunteers hearing our younger children read. During Covid, this has been more of a challenge but we are delighted to be welcoming back volunteers with the gradual easing of restrictions. If you would like to join our reading team, do please get in touch with the school. In recent months, we have been working on our library and it is looking fantastic, thanks to some generous staff and parental support! We have been reviewing our reading scheme books across the whole school and we are hoping to be purchasing some more soon with an English grant.

Ancient history has been a focus over the last term in Key Stage 2 with Maple class studying the Mayan civilisation and Oak class exploring Burrington in the Stone Age. We are so fortunate to be situated in an area of such historical interest which helps to capture the children's imagination and interest.

We marked Mental Health Awareness Week 2021 with a special assembly on the importance of finding ways to express yourself: such as through art, music, writing. Having hobbies and interests are vital to support everyone's wellbeing. It has been a real joy to see the children start to take part in their afterschool sporting activities again after the lockdown limitations: hockey, netball, football and multi-skills. We are hoping that the sound of Burrington choir will soon be wafting across the Square too...

There is great anticipation in the air as the children in Y6 prepare for their residential visit to Grange Hall in Devon (formally Knapp House) in June. A delight of surfing, climbing, abseiling, tunnelling and many more adventurous activities have been organised (all Covid secure!). As it is situated on the coast, the children are able to take advantage of beach field work too. Residential experiences develop confidence, teamwork and independence. It is a real highlight of the school calendar!

We are always delighted to welcome children to our vibrant school and nursery. Do contact Mrs Webb, our school administrator, on 01761 462662 to book an appointment to visit and see the school in action!

**Sarah Joskey**  
**Headteacher**





## Inner Wheel Club of Wroughton Vale

For months Wroughton Vale has been trying to get official permission to plant an apple tree on the Millennium Green in Winscombe. NSC was **not** a great help and so after four months of toing and froing, being feisty and determined ladies we found an alternative place! The tree is now firmly ensconced in the Shipham Village allotment. Many IW Clubs will know Shipham Hall from our Interclubs which have been held there each year.

Tree planting was originally a District initiative to give something back to the community. It's good to celebrate a new beginning post-Covid and seeing an apple tree bursting with new blossom each year seems like a good idea. Shipham offered the space so in gratitude for all the support we have received over the years we planted our apple tree.

The tree is *Court de Wych*, an old Somerset variety, and was donated by a Club member. It's an eater so any villager passing through the allotment or working on there will be welcome to help themselves to the fruit and this will be ongoing. It would have been lovely to have the tree in a more public position but hey ho! Unfortunately that idea was scuppered when nobody would reply to email and telephone requests.

Were we bovvered???

See the picture!

As soon as circumstance allow we'll all have a celebration at the site when a plaque will be added. There might even be a few apples on the tree by then!



## Wrington Church of England Primary School

Our Christian theme for this term is Friendship, and we have been thinking in school about how important our friends and family are, and how we can be 'a good friend' to the people in our classes, school and wider community.

Although we have now become accustomed to sitting in rows and working with- in our bubbles, we are very much looking forward to the time when we can once again work more collaboratively in class and re-establish our cross-phase friendship groups. The children have been so resilient and accepting of this 'new normal' way of learning, but we are all very excited about the prospect of sitting at group tables and engaging in face to face key stage and whole-school activities.

We are delighted that our Year 6 children are able to go on their residential trip together next week. This will be a wonderful opportunity for them to develop new skills, increase their confidence and independence, as well as undertake new and exciting challenges. This will also be a special week, in which existing friendships can be nurtured and flourish.

A special friend to the school over the last seven years has been our librarian, Mrs Bowker, who will be leaving at the end of the summer term. Her hard work and dedication has helped to create a wonderful, engaging and modern library, which is enjoyed by all the children, inspiring a love of reading and books. The library is positioned in one of the original Victorian classrooms, and is certainly at the heart of the school. We are hugely grateful to Mrs Bowker; she will be greatly missed.

It is our strong relationships - our friendships, underpinned by our Christian values that make our school a truly special place. With restrictions gradually lifting, we are looking to encourage volunteers and helpers back into school. If you have any free time and would like to hear children read, or have other skills that you would like to share with the staff or children, please do get in touch through the school office (01934 862553) or through email [office@wringtoncofeprimary.org](mailto:office@wringtoncofeprimary.org) We would be delighted to hear from you.

**Corinne Clarke**  
**Deputy Head**



## New Business in Wrington

### **Laura Joyce Wealth Management now open on Broad Street – please pop in!**

Having taken over the old opticians, I am delighted to be in the privileged position to open my office in the heart of Wrington. I have lived in the village for nearly 12 years and with a growing list of local clients, it was an opportunity not to be missed. It has been wonderful to have so many people give me a wave or pop in to welcome me already!

I grew up in a small community in Dorset. In Wrington my family and I are lucky enough to have found a similarly welcoming community — my two boys attend Wrington CofE Primary, and we all enjoy being a part of local village life.

I founded Laura Joyce Wealth Management because I saw a need for a financial advice experience built on a personal, holistic approach, with client support at its centre.

We all have a right to financial wellbeing, and I'm a firm believer that financial advice should be inclusive and accessible. My vision is for long-term financial planning to become a normal activity in all households.

I offer tailored financial advice for families across the generations who are ready to plan for their future. You may want to support your children in going to university or buying a house, or work out what's in your pension pot to ensure you realise the retirement you dream of.

The process always starts with a chat to identify your needs and whether I'm the right financial adviser for you. From there, I can coach you to define your life goals, review and organise your finances, provide objective solutions and create a financial plan to help you achieve your aspirations and secure your family's future.

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## New Business in Wrington

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Please pop in to meet me! From 25<sup>th</sup> June I will be opening my door every Friday for a '**Friday Drop-in**', when you can come into the office between 9am and 3pm for a cup of tea and a chat to find out more about how I can help you. We will of course observe any coronavirus restrictions, in line with the latest Government guidelines. Everyone is welcome!

Laura Joyce Wealth Management is an Appointed Representative of and represents only St. James's Place Wealth Management plc (which is authorised and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority) for the purpose of advising solely on the Group's wealth management products and services, more details of which are set out on the Group's website : [www.sjp.co.uk/products](http://www.sjp.co.uk/products).

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Laura pictured outside her new  
Office on Broad Street





## A Memory of National Service Part 2

Those of us who were called up for National Service in the 1950s had the option, if they were intending to go to university when they left school, of taking their degree first, or postponing it until after their two years in the forces – the option I took. I had a place to read Law, which as things worked out, I changed my mind about. In fact, I didn't realise how relevant what happened to me in Canada would be, when I was posted to Canada for training to be a pilot.

Many found their time doing National Service gave them experiences very unlike those they'd grown up with. Those of us who were sent abroad had the additional novelty of life in other cultures. I didn't know at the time that I would end up taking a degree in Social Anthropology – which I'd never even heard of, let alone that it was all about learning about potentially very different ways of life in other cultures.

Canada is a state formed, not only as a result of conquest by Europeans from the UK and France, but also having pre-existing indigenous populations of so-called tribal peoples with their own ways of life and belief, in a vast geographical area.

Those, like me, who were posted to Canada for flying training came not only from the UK and France, but also Germany, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands, Denmark and Turkey.

In June last year, a colloquium, *Hannah More in Context*, was held at Barley Wood, the home More built for herself and her four sisters in 1801. Experts from across the world came to share their thoughts about Hannah More, including a plenary lecture from Professor Patricia Demers (University of Alberta), author of an acclaimed biography of More.

On Friday 28th at 5.30pm the service of Choral Evensong was held at their request, at All Saints' Church, using hymns, other music and prayers which would have been familiar to More. I had taken a video camera with me, and afterwards, I asked Professor Demers if I could film a brief interview with her, because of the connection Hannah More had to Wroughton, and because I had done part of my National Service in Alberta. "Where were you stationed?" she asked. "RCAF Penhold," I replied, "midway between Calgary and Edmonton." "Wow!" she exclaimed, calling to her husband who was chatting nearby. "Come over here and meet Mr

Thorn. He was stationed at Penhold, like you were." In fact, Penhold was a couple of miles south of Red Deer - 'The city of opportunity' - as the roadside signs proclaimed on the highway between Calgary (of the annual Stampede fame) and Edmonton in the north, where there was a growing community of UK expats building up commercial connections with Alberta, and establishing a cricket team as a means of socialising.

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## A Memory of National Service Part 2

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I discovered the name of the Englishman who was behind the cricket team and went up to chat with him. I must admit, I found much more interesting than the cricket, what he told me about the elderly lady from whom he had bought his house in Edmonton. She and her husband had arrived in Edmonton early in the 20C and bought the land they subsequently built on, from its aboriginal owners.

If you can make out the oil-rig symbols on the map, many of which cover the c.180 mile distance between Calgary and Edmonton, you'll understand how much oil production was the basis of the industrial development of the province. What you won't see, and what I hadn't seen when flying over the area during the day, was the amazing sight during the hours of darkness of the rigs burning off surplus gas every night - something I did see when my flying instructor invited me along with him on one occasion when he flew down to Calgary after we'd finished the day's training. He spent a while in Calgary, so when we took off to go back to Penhold, it was dark, 50 miles to the west are the foothills of the Rockies, and the space between them and us was alight with flares – a pretty amazing sight, and half a century before considerations of global warming.



### Joyful Spirit Gospel Choir

Lockdown has been no impediment to the choir's activities and our leader, Alison Cooper-White (ably assisted by our pianist, Andrew Tyrell) has been conducting Zoom rehearsals every Thursday evening throughout the frustrating period. The aim is to get together again as soon as we are able but we maintain a compliment of some 70 enthusiastic participants and the zoom meeting have been well attended throughout. The limitations imposed by time differentials on zoom have been hard to overcome but it has been essential to keep things going and maintaining the team spirit which exists.

Alison has taken the opportunity of introducing us to some new material under difficult circumstances and we fully expect to bring it altogether when we are able to meet again. A Full programme of concerts is expected to start in the Autumn term and we have already booked a performance at Middlezoy Church on 11th December. An invitation to take part in next year's Wrington 5 yearly Fair celebrations has been agreed.

A recent AGM has confirmed the committee complement and we shall go forward with Marshall Clements in the chair. His enthusiasm and commitment have been essential in keeping things going.

As soon as possible we hope to continue weekly rehearsals in Wrington chapel on Thursdays as before and details will be published when this has been agreed. We are always looking for new members and no auditions are required.

**Tony Morris**

### ANNUAL ADVERTISING IN W.V.J.

It is almost the time of year when I send out invitations to our current advertisers to renew their entries.

I normally have a waiting list of about 6 new businesses but at present I only have 2 to contact.

If you have a business and would like to go onto the list in the case of spaces becoming available for the 2021-2022 year please contact me on the number below.

Our year runs from October - September and the rates are very reasonable (so I have been told!). We do not make any alterations to the entries during the year as the pages for the entire year are printed up in September to keep the costs as low as possible, which gives smaller businesses the chance to advertise.

**Judith Gallop 01934 862621 W.V.J. Committee**

## Wrington Local History Society

After a gap of 16 months, we are holding group meetings in June.

We have been fortunate in that the programme for the rest of the year, which is shown below, is basically that which should have happened in 2020 moved on twelve months or so. Our June meeting will be held at Wrington Chapel on Tuesday 15th June starting at 8pm.

Our speaker for the June meeting will be local film maker Gordon Young who will be showing more interesting films of Bristol's history having previously visited Wrington in 2019. For this meeting the talk will happen in the main pleased to be able to restart history chapel building to allow distancing and, as at the current time, will require masks to be worn and sanitiser to be used. Unfortunately, there will be no refreshments.

This all of course continues to depend on lockdown easing still being on track and the URC being available.

All welcome, members £1 non-members, £2

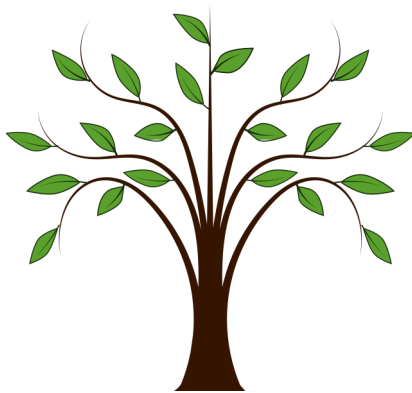
### 2021 Programme

Jun 15	More Bristol Films	Gordon Young
Jul 20	Joan of Arc	Prof. Ronald Hutton
Aug 17	AGM and "Bring and Tell" by members	
Sep 21	History of the W-s-M RNLI	Glynn Hayes
Oct 19	The History of Sun Dials	Cyril Routley
Nov 16	The History of Clevedon Pier	Stephen Beggs
Dec 21	The Further Adventures of Dr.Horace Swete (Wrington Village Hospital Founder)	Mark Bullen

# WRINGTON GARDEN TRAIL

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Gardens open 10.00 am - 5.00 pm



Tea & Refreshments  
at Brookside, Church Walk

2.30 – 4.30 pm

Price of Programme: £5.00 per adult  
(Gives access to all gardens)

# Wrington Parish Council

It's good to see things opening up again for all of us but especially so for some who have had less easy times during the lockdown. One group who have been very restricted are young people so it is good at last to see more for them to do.

The Rec was buzzing with activity again recently with cricket training back on and other sports and activities are also all beginning to resume.

We are really delighted to have been approached by Shea Stew of the Youth Club on Wheels which he is now bringing to the Rec every Thursday afternoon for the next 6 months and it is good to hear that the YMCA youth club is also re-starting on Tuesdays.

We have finally managed to get the repairs to the Zip wire underway so that should be back in action soon and for the smaller children we have just placed an order to replace the small slide and the large multiplay equipment in the little park.

All we need now is summer...

Due to deadlines in legislation the full Parish Council and Planning committee are now not allowed to meet officially online and until June cannot safely meet face to face however work continues through the working groups to prepare for when we can re-convene.

The two biggest threats to our community remain the airport expansion proposals and inappropriate badly designed speculative housing developments such as Butts Batch. The PC will continue to question and resist any proposals that we believe will damage our community however our influence is limited and so if you feel the same please get involved in making a better future for Wrington. Your voices really do matter!

Phil Neve. Chair of the Council

All Council meetings are currently being held via zoom; the link to join is displayed at the top of the agenda when published.

The John Locke Room is currently closed to the public but you can still contact the Council by phone, email or even letter, details below:

**Wrington Parish Council**  
**Tel 863984**  
**clerk\_wrington@hotmail.com,**  
**www.wringtonparishcouncil.gov.uk**

## Wrington Community Minibus

June 2021

The Wrington Community Minibus is run by a Local Charity.  
It is available to be used by ALL in the Local Community

	<b>Date</b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Destination</b>
	<b>Fare</b>			
Wednesday	June 02		09:30 am	Wells £4
Monday	June 07		10:30 am	Nailsea £3
Wednesday	June 09		10:00 am	Cribbs Causeway £4
Saturday	June 12		09:30 am	Frome market £4
Monday	June 14		10:00 am	Burnham on Sea £4
Thursday	June 17		09:30 am	Congresbury shuttle (see below) £3
Saturday	June 19		09:30 am	Nailsea Farmers market £3
Wednesday	June 23		09:30 am	Wells £4
Friday	June 25		11:30 am L	Pub Lunch (Little Harp, Clevedon) £3
Monday	June 28		13:30 pm	Nailsea £3
Wednesday	June 30		11:00 am L	Cadbury Garden Centre £3

Currently we are only able to carry a reduced number of passengers due to social distancing rules

### **Note:**

Morning trips returning around Lunch Time, in time for the "School Run".

Afternoon trips return during the late afternoon. Lunchtime trips (L) are usually back in the village by 3pm

Those marked with an asterisk (\*) depart in the morning and return to Wrington in the late afternoon.

### **Congresbury Shuttle**

As an experiment we are running a bus to Congresbury on 17<sup>th</sup> June (Thursday) which will link up to the X1 service between Bristol and Weston-super-Mare. Passengers will be picked up outside Mother Hen at 9.30am. The X1 service runs every 15 minutes so this should give passengers at least 2 hours in Bristol or Weston before getting the bus back to Congresbury where the minibus will be waiting to bring you back to Wrington at 2pm. Feedback from passengers will be appreciated so that we can tailor any future links to villagers needs.

All the above journeys should be booked [by calling 07895 418560](tel:07895418560). Please leave a message if there is no reply and the Diary Administrator will get back to you.

**Janet Walters**

# Royal British Legion—100 years old

The Wrington Branch Committee of the Royal British Legion laid a wreath on the War Memorial in All Saints' Churchyard to commemorate the formation of Legion on 15th May 1921.

This was formed by Earl Haig and Fred Lister when they brought together several charity organisations which had been supporting ex-service families following WW1 under one umbrella which was initially called The British Legion.

Many branches were formed in 1921 including 20 in Somerset alone. Our branch was formed in February 1923.

The photograph shows the Committee:- Brian Marshall, Jim Swords (Chairman), Judith Gallop (Treasurer & Poppy Appeal Organiser), John Gallop (Secretary & Standard Bearer), Albert Owers (President) and Chris Clark.

As you can see from the final photograph we celebrated after the event.

## John Gallop

