



WELLS NEWS



Spring/Summer 2022

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Chairman's Words



The last two years have been very difficult for many people with COVID causing havoc. During the peak of the pandemic, we supported our community by collecting medicines and food but as things are easing, this support is no longer required. We hope, that you are all staying safe and well.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors who have been very supportive and to our hard-working Clerk, Sarah Hart, who joined us just before the first lockdown and without whom our council just wouldn't run. She has been outstanding. I would also like to thank Michelle Alexander, Burial Ground Manager, for the excellent work she has been doing to look after the residents of Malvern Wells.

Our summer Parish Fete last September was well supported with the highest attendance ever. I would like to thank all those on the Events Working Group, especially Ian and Helen Burrage who, amongst other things, organised the marquees; the Youth Church for all their help with setting up and running the arena games; our Parish Lengthsman, Steve Maund, who prepared the field for us; Howard Allen who organised the Classic Cars; and all the stall holders who ran very interesting stalls. To everyone who made the Parish Fete such a success — Thank You! We are always open to ideas or to offers of support, so please get in touch if you would like to be involved.

Our Remembrance Service at the memorial cenotaph on the Wells Road in November 2021 was excellent with a short service conducted by Rev Peter Myres, Curate of St Andrew's and All Saints, Malvern Wells. It was a good time to reflect on the sacrifices made for us all.

We held our Christmas Service in the village hall, and especially enjoyed singing from the children of Malvern Wells Primary. The Christmas tree lights in Fruitlands and in the Jubilee Fountain Garden at Malvern Wells were beautiful and shone brightly over the Christmas period.

These are just a few of my selected highlights, but there is so much more work undertaken by the various working groups, including the ongoing Neighbourhood Development Plan, with Chair Tonya O'Donnell overseeing all the work that is involved in this difficult task.

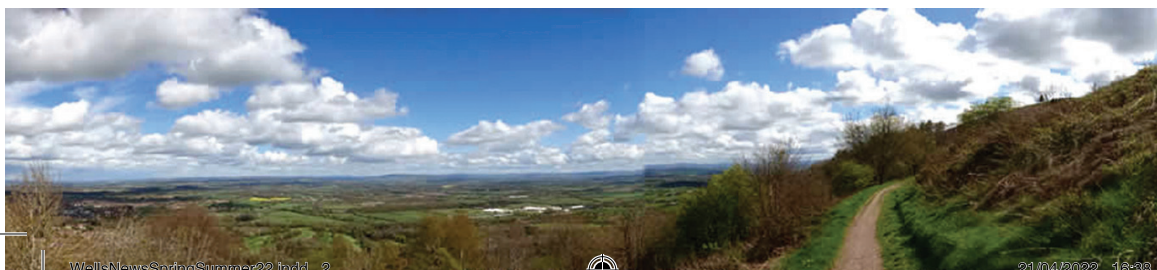
I would like to thank our county councillor and our district councillors for their support. I would also like to thank our local police teams for their support in our district. Thank you to all who have contributed to make this edition as readable as ever.

We have a councillor vacancy, so if you would like to serve your community then please do contact the clerk for more information. We do not get paid but it is very rewarding to support our community.

We are here to help and should you need us, please just ask.

Chris O'Donnell

Chair of Malvern Wells Parish Council





From the Clerk

Welcome to the spring/summer edition of the Wells News and a very warm welcome to our new editor, Julia Bracewell.

I expect you will be sick of the sight of chocolate as you read this edition of the newsletter but hopefully you have had an enjoyable spring break and like me, are looking forward to warmer, longer days.

The last few months has marked a busy time for the parish council as we continue to bring projects to completion.

Hopefully by the time you read this, Cadent will have completed their work to reconnect the Gas Lamps in Holywell Rd. Work has also begun on the mammoth task to repaint the lamps and will be followed by the annual maintenance to bring them into a much better condition than in recent months.

The Public Rights of Way working group continues to monitor all the footpaths in the parish. Please do contact the council if you have spotted any issues.

Malvern Wells Village Fete

Preparations are already underway for the Fete on Sunday 11 September, which saw unprecedented numbers last year. With this in mind, the council is reviewing additional measures to ease parking and access for visitors and residents alike on the day.



Platinum Jubilee

Malvern Wells 1st Scout Group has planted an oak tree on Assarts Road playing field to commemorate the Platinum Jubilee.

Plans are also underway for a Jubilee event on Sunday 5 June to be hosted by the council at the Abbey College. It will be a family event and obviously we are praying for fine weather to make the most of the gardens – although we have the option to use the hall if it rains.

Volunteers Thank You

The management of projects and events is overseen by the council, but there are many volunteers who provide their skills and expertise to help bring everything together. The council is very grateful for everyone's hard work and support to make these things happen.

We are planning a walking quiz and alternative parking locations — look out for flyers and updates on the website nearer the time with further details.

The council will need additional support on the day to help monitor parking on the roads. If you could help with this or support the fete in any way, please contact the parish council.

Don't miss this year's
Malvern Wells Village Fete
Sunday 11 September 2022



Community News

Charity Re-engage

Why not join us for a Happy Sunday Afternoon Tea?

One Sunday afternoon a month, our small charity, Re-engage, takes a small group of housebound, elderly people out to afternoon tea at the home of one of our host families. Our members live alone and loneliness is a huge problem for them. Transport to the teas is by our team of volunteer drivers who take 1, 2, or 3 of our members. The drivers also stay and enjoy the tea and company if they wish.

At present, we have several members in the Wells/Welland area but no drivers there. We would love to hear from any driver who may be willing to help out on a rota basis.

For more information please contact:

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Councillor vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parish councillor and would welcome applications. Please contact the parish clerk for more information.

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