

Diary – February 2020

2 Sunday	5.30pm	Social Table Tennis	Village Hall
3 Monday	6pm	Puppy School	Village Hall
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9 Sunday	5.30pm	Social Table Tennis	Village Hall
10 Monday	6pm	Puppy School	Village Hall
11 Tuesday	7pm	Yoga	Village Hall
12 Wednesday	7.30pm	WI 'Cotswold Bound' Laura Gray	Village Hall
14 Friday	3pm	St Valentine's Tea Party	Village Hall
16 Sunday	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Anne's
16 Sunday	5.30pm	Social Table Tennis	Village Hall
17 Monday	6pm	Puppy School	Village Hall
18 Tuesday	7pm	Yoga	Village Hall
23 Sunday	5.30pm	Social Table Tennis	Village Hall
24 Monday	6pm	Puppy School	Village Hall
25 Tuesday	7pm	Yoga	Village Hall
29 Tuesday	3pm	Teddy Bears Tea Party	Village Hall

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May 8 Friday	tbc	VE Day. Celebration of 75 years of peace.	Main Road
June 27 Saturday	2pm	Wyre Piddle Village Fete Smiths Meadow	Church Street

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Please send all your latest news to mahaden@hotmail.com by the 18th February 2020

Piddle Post

2020! New Year, New Decade, New Government, New Roaring Twenties?

The Christmas break is already a distant memory, but just before we forget it altogether, let's thank everyone involved in all the Christmas activities, put on for our pleasure.

This year's Good Companions' Turkey Roast Christmas Lunch was an absolute triumph, thanks to Wendy and her brilliant team (especially Barbara & Fleur for delicious turkey!) and Les spoke for all of us with his generous vote of thanks.

Once again, the Children's Christmas Party was a great success thanks to Sue and Team!

The Crib Service at St Anne's on Christmas Eve, was enjoyed by a packed church and a little later, the team of Mike & Carrie, Miles, John K, Malcolm and Kate were delighted by what must have been a record turnout, for Carols on the Village Green!

72 Mince Pies were eaten, 30 Litres of Mulled Wine were drunk and many a Christmas Carol was sung, accompanied by Pershore Brass Band, who were thrilled that the record sum of £400 for Prostate Cancer was given by the fabulous crowd of Villagers and their friends! All this in just one hour on the night before Christmas – brilliant!

Once we had recovered from Christmas, the New Year brought us the Village Hall Quiz and great fun was had by all. Last year's winners had the privilege of organising this year's Quiz and a great job they did too (admittedly, some of us struggled with the questions, never mind the answers!). Winning team Smacsters were so keen to organise the next quiz that they excelled themselves in the final round about music for young people!

Wyre Piddle WI kicked off the New Year with lunch at The Chequers Inn Fladbury where everyone enjoyed catching up after the Christmas break.

At the next meeting on 12th February, the guest speaker will be the author and bookbinder, **Laura Gray**. The talk is called Cotswold Bound and Laura will be speaking about traditional book binding, publishing and the writing of 1940s mysteries. She will also be doing a live book binding demonstration with lots of props to hand round as she goes along. Do come and join us, you will be most welcome!

Valentine's Tea Party on Friday 14th February at 3pm in the Village Hall always great fun for the over 65s. If we miss getting an invitation to you, please count yourself invited! For catering purposes please RSVP to Wendy Malkinson 556102 and any dietary requirements

Street Party to celebrate 75 years of peace on Friday 8th May 2020, VE Day

Please put this date on your calendars and let me know if you can help or have any bright ideas! Lin Addis (lindamaddis@btinternet.com) will be taking bookings for your table space along Main Road and round the Village Green which will be closed to traffic for the day. A Forties theme might be fun and we might even get the Four Old Geezers out of retirement for the day (well, they were born in the Forties!)

Wyre Piddle Village Fete on Saturday 27th June 2020 another date for your calendar!

Pershore Food Bank

An amazing 2.5 tonnes was distributed over Christmas, thanks to everyone's generosity! The need is not going away, so please keep giving. THANK YOU! Carol 554410

Table Tennis

Chris Gooderham is delighted to report that it has been possible to enter 3 teams in the local leagues and they are all doing remarkably well, with one even leading their table. One of Wyre Piddle's young talents, Toby Lungley, entered the Worcestershire County Championships and came away Cadet County Champion! But Wyre Piddle table tennis isn't only about winning. It's a fun sport that can be played at any age, any ability. If you fancy giving it a go, contact Chris on 07813 196787 or just go to the Village Hall at 5.30pm on a Sunday.

Wyre Piddle Parish Council News

Presentation on Pershore Infrastructure 28th November 2019 Village Hall.

Mark Mills from Worcester County Council provided us with an update on current and planned works, affecting Pershore and surrounding areas which covered:

Pinvin junction changes, Northern bypass plans and planned footpath on Wyre Hill.

First of all, can I say a big thank you to all of you who attended this meeting – we had almost 40 villagers who came along to both familiarize themselves with what's happening and to take the opportunity to ask any questions.

Pinvin Junction – this work has already commenced and plans were available for viewing which showed what the changes are and what the junction will look like. Completion date is expected to be between June and August, but Mark did explain that this will need to tie in with work outstanding at the traffic lights on Station Road which is due to be completed by Persimmon Homes.

Northern Bypass – planning has been approved for this and we are awaiting a start date with an overall timescale of around 2 years looking likely. Again plans were available to view on the evening (showing new road over railway line) to demonstrate the impact of this new route and there was very positive feedback that this will be good for Wyre Piddle in terms of reducing the traffic, particularly lorries, at the edge of the village and improving safety for local vehicles entering and leaving the village.

New footpath – there weren't any start dates for this but it will dovetail into the development of the Northern bypass, thereby minimizing disruption. Although this won't stretch into the village, the feedback was still positive that it will provide some improved safety for walkers and cyclists. Any hedgerows that need to be removed to carry this out will be replaced.

The Parish Council will be in regular contact with Mark and will endeavor to provide further updates as plans develop. - Carole Townsend.

Interested in joining the Parish Council?

We have a vacancy for a parish councillor. If you think this is for you and have a few hours spare to get involved in village life then get in touch, for more information - clerk@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk or Johnpaul@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk

Meet your Parish Councillors

Wyre Piddle Parish Council invited you all to a Christmas social evening on Thursday 5th December. Many thanks to John Kellett and Malcolm Haden who supported us by providing a slide show of village life over the years. This was a chance to meet your councillors and other villagers and provided an ideal opportunity to say thank you and **happy retirement**, to **Gladys Smout** who has served on the Parish Council for ever! **Smith's Meadow** We still have work to do on the left hand side in clearing the bramble and pruning the trees back to hedgerow. If anyone wishes to volunteer to support this work, please contact John Paul on his mobile 07805651502 or email johnpaul@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk for more information.

Parish Games

Volunteers are needed to organise and coordinate Wyre Piddle's participation in the **2020 Parish Games**. Currently there is no one available so we may not be in a position to enter this year. If interested, please contact johnpaul@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk for more information. (You don't need to be sporty, just a good organiser – please help!)

Keep our Village Clean and Tidy

Our village is signed up for the Wychavon Adopt a Street Scheme. Many thanks to those who have been in touch and have been clearing litter round their locality. If you could volunteer to litter pick on your own street or any other problem area please can you get in touch with me, Susan Essex, and I can deliver you some pickers and further information. I have 10 sets altogether - one for me, so that makes 9 available for some other willing and able folk! - susanessex@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk

New town at Throckmorton!

Thank you to those of you who sent in comments to Wychavon (& to Tony Peachey & Co) about the SWDP review. We think around 50 people from Wyre Piddle responded. Apparently 10,000 responses have been received overall so it will take them a while to collate views. The Parish Council will continue to find out how Wyre Piddle might be affected by the proposed changes in the future and will keep you posted of any new information that comes to light. The development at Throckmorton is of particular concern as there is likely to be a serious effect on traffic, pollution and a general strain on local infrastructure. There are also worrying implications that Wyre Piddle will be increasingly merged not only with development along the A44 corridor but also in the gaps between us and Pinvin and Pershore thereby losing our separate identity as a village. The threat of increased flooding must also be taken seriously as some of the proposed building is forecast for land currently on the Piddle Brook flood plain. In the meantime we are in touch with other local councils and asking our MPs to give a view of the way forward to ensure any future developments take into account the issues raised. If you would like to share your views with us please do get in touch through the clerk of the Parish Council – clerk@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk

Date of next meeting The Parish Council will meet on Thursday March 26th at the Village Hall at 7:30 – all welcome.