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September 2025



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Hello Wyre Piddle - here is your September Piddle Post.

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Dates for Your Diary:

Every week 'Tuesday & Coffee' at the Village Hall. £2.00 everyone welcome. 10.30 – 12.00
10th September, Wednesday, W.I. AGM, Village Hall, 7.30pm
14th September, Sunday, Holy Communion, St Anne's Church, 11.00
14th September, Sunday. Piddle Pics 'The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society', Village Hall, 7.30pm.
20th September, Saturday, Churchyard Tidy Up, 10.00 – 12.00
24th September, Wednesday, Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm
26th September, Friday, Macmillan Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10.00 to 12.00
28th September, Sunday, Bryan's Charity Quiz, The Anchor, 6.30 for 7.00
4th October, Saturday, Harvest Celebration, St Anne's Church, 6pm
4th October, Saturday, Harvest Celebration, Village Hall, 7pm for 7.30.
19th October, Sunday. Piddle Pics 'The Penguin Lessons', Village Hall, 7.30pm.
6th November, Thursday, Pickle Night, Village Hall, 7pm
9th November, Sunday, Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, 11.00.
16th November, Sunday. Piddle Pics 'The Great Escaper', Village Hall, 7.30pm.

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New Bespoke Bus Service

We have a new bus service available to all villagers. It is called Worcestershire on Demand (WoD). The service has been set up by Worcestershire County Council and funded by the UK Government and previously rolled out to other parts of the County. WoD is a bespoke mini bus service which allows you to book a journey, choosing your starting point, destination and time.

You can book up to five days in advance and go to anywhere within the Wychavon zone, and to places of interest outside the zone, the maximum distance being 15km (9 miles) as the crow flies. The service operates Mon-Saturday 7am-7pm, costs £2.50 (less for additional passengers) and is FREE for CHILDREN UNDER 5 and PEOPLE WITH BUS PASSES.

The service is not door-to-door, it uses pickup and drop-off points but these will vary depending on the route the bus takes.

You book your journey and receive updates about pickup time and place on an App, or by phone if you don't use Apps. All the information is here:

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/travel-and-highways/bus-travel-worcestershire/worcestershire-demand>

The Parish Council has been trying, unsuccessfully, to get improvements in the woeful bus service through the village, and think that this is an excellent alternative offering from WCC and encourage you to make use of it.



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Macmillan Coffee Morning

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING
FRIDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 10.00 – 12.00
WYRE PIDDLER VILLAGE HALL**

**Please come and join us for Tea/Coffee and Cake
together with lots of chatter and good company**

**Offers of cakes welcome, also donations of raffle prizes
and small items for bring and buy stall are needed**



**Drop off at Lyndhurst,
Worcester Road or I
can collect**

**Thank you
Pauline Monks
07779 502128**

What's on at The Anchor

Food: The Anchor are now doing Roast dinners on a Sunday 12pm until 3pm and pizzas available 12pm until, generally, 8.30pm.

Basket meals, baked potatoes and pizzas available all week 12pm until 8.30pm.

Quiz: Bryan's Charity Quiz on Sunday 28th September, 6.30 for 7pm start. Teams of up to 6 people, £3.00 per person to charity.

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Piddle Pics

Piddle Pics is back for a season of the Best of British from the last 7 years. As well as single tickets, season tickets are available for all seven films, which we are screening on Sundays at the Village Hall, starting with ...

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society **Sunday 14th September 7:30pm** In Wyre Piddle Village Hall, doors open 7pm

In the aftermath of World War II, a writer forms an unexpected bond with the residents of Guernsey Island when she decides to write a book about their experiences during the war. Then she learns the secret they are afraid to reveal.

Starring Jessica Brown Findlay, Tom Courtenay, Michiel Huisman
2018 Director Mike Newall, Length 124 mins, Rated 12A



Tickets £5

**Available at Tuesday Coffee Mornings
at the Village Hall from Tony**

AND on the door

AND Online at



<https://piddle-pics.sumupstore.com/>

Season tickets, all seven films, for £30 also now available

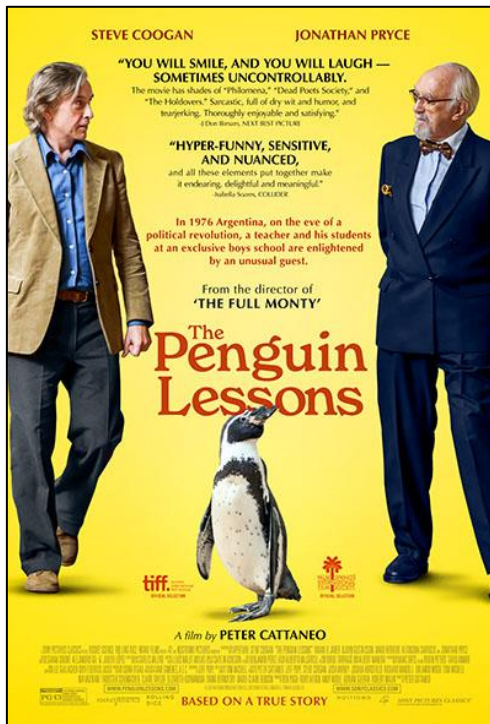
There will be a 20 minute interval
where Ice Creams and hot drinks
will be on sale.

You may also bring your own alcoholic drinks,
but please also bring your own glasses.

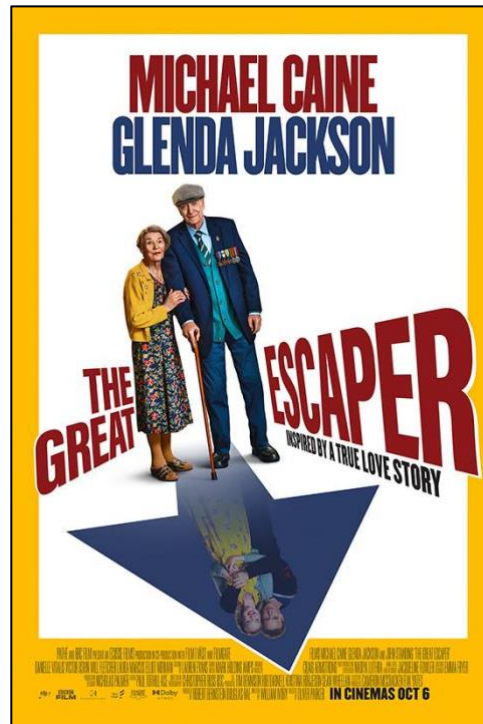


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Sunday October 19th



Sunday November 16th



Sunday December 14th



Season tickets £30 for all seven films now on sale

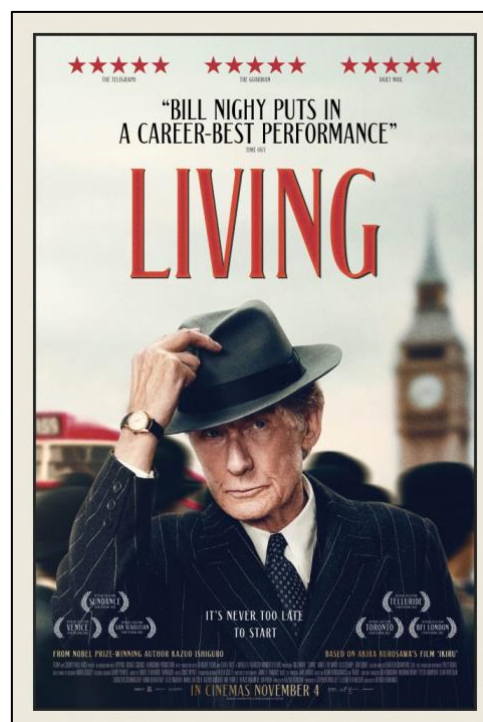
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Sunday January 18th



Sunday February 15th



Sunday March 15th



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Pickle Night

Tony Graham is organising a fun night at the Village Hall on 6th November to honour the arrival of HMS Pickle, carrying news of the Victory of the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805. A traditionally nautical evening, this is in aid of The Royal Navy and Royal Marines Charity. Tickets are selling fast so please book your place soon.



PICKLE NIGHT
THURSDAY 6th November

Wyre Piddle
Village Hall
7pm-10pm

In Aid of  **ROYAL NAVY &
ROYAL MARINES
CHARITY**

Charity Dinner & Fun Evening
Hosted by retired Rear Admiral, learn about the Battle of Trafalgar, HMS Pickle, victuals and various naval traditions.

<u>Programme</u>	<u>Dress Code (Optional)</u>
Welcome Drink	White/Light trousers
Starter	Blue & White striped top
Main Course	Boater Hat (provided)
Cheese Board & Pickles	
Coffee/Tea	Please bring your own wine/drink
Dinner Speech/Port	Welcome Drink & Port provided
Singing	

£30 Per Ticket

Tickets Available from Tony Graham (07828 434230) &
Catherine Graham (07757 085823)

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Village Hall - Retirement of Chairman, Stephen Malkinson

Our Tuesday Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall continue to thrive, with almost 30 villagers regularly keen to meet and chat over endless cups of tea or coffee and biscuits (and often cake!), all for the princely sum of £2! (and you are welcome to join us between 10.30am and 12noon). These get togethers are just one example of how our Village Hall plays a vital role in the life of the Village.

Since 1911, the Hall has been run by a Committee, although the current team doesn't go back quite that far! In fact the team now in place, dates back to 2010 when Stephen Malkinson took on the Chairmanship. That era ended at this year's AGM, when Stephen retired after 15 years.

Under Stephen's guidance, the Hall has been improved in many ways including the installation of central heating, full roof insulation, replacement of hard plastic chairs with soft padded stacking ones. The Hall has been redecorated inside and out and brickwork repointed to ensure good levels of maintenance and appearance.

The Hall is well used and hosts many Village events and activities from Table Tennis to Quizzes and Piddle Pics to our recent VE Day Celebrations.

Stephen has created and lead a great team over those 15 years and we thank him for his enthusiastic leadership and wish him a very happy retirement.

Tony Graham, although fairly new the Village has kindly agreed to take on this role and we wish him all the best for the future.



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Open Gardens?

Hi, I'm Sarah Charlton. I've just moved back into the village and am a professional gardener/garden designer. I have organised Pershore Open Gardens for the past three years and wonder if anyone would be interested in doing 'Open Gardens' in Wyre Piddle next year – probably on Sunday 14th June? If this might appeal to you or you would like to open your garden please get in touch... sarahkenyon65@icloud.com or 07905 661029. Thanks, *Sarah*

WI News

It's our AGM on Weds 10th September when we will review the year past, look to the future, elect officers and committee. Committee members continue to do wonderful work supporting members and helping to coordinate meetings and group activities. This is the opportunity to thank all these ladies and to encourage others along the way. We are never slow in enjoying the social time later; at this meeting we plan to offer sangria and a finger buffet which should balance the more serious element earlier in the evening!

We now have final plans in place to celebrate the National WI's 110th Birthday! We have booked an evening out at The Pickled Plum on Friday 19th Sept from 7pm and would love for as many of our members as possible to join us to party. It will be a chance to dress to the nines (if so desired) and celebrate all that we have. Please could you reply on the WI poll asap to indicate attendance so final numbers can be confirmed.

The sub groups have had good times this summer, with the Craft Club learning to do encaustic art, Book Clubs reading *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles, some members had a lesson on how to play croquet, another group have had a beginners lesson for Taekwondo, and we had a social evening at Pershore Sports Club practising skittles! The Federation Skittles competition starts this autumn and we want to improve – and have named the team "Down to the Wyre".

Enquiries about WI are welcome to our Secretary Wendy

Berry: wyrepiddlesec@wfedwi.org.uk Website: wyrepiddlewi.wixsite.com/wpwi

Fete Funds

The Fete seems a long time ago, but we have had several enquiries about what the funds raised at the fete are used for. The Fete has never been run in order to raise funds, but rather as a day of entertainment for the village, which is why no entrance fee is charged. Having said that, obviously you are generous with your spending and the proceeds do benefit many good causes. All of the profit from the stalls run by the WI (Teas, cakes and spin-a-cake) were donated to St Richard's Hospice – over £450. St Anne's Church ran the raffle and raised £760 which will be used for cutting the churchyard grass. The Scouts and the Table Tennis club were able to boost their funds, donations were made to Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA)

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who demonstrated lifesaving using a throw line, and to the Avon Navigation Trust who provided a boat and volunteers to help with the ever popular boat trips. The balance of the profit (after vital expenses like toilet hire!) including some of the boat donations and profit from the games, bar and food, was about £860 and goes to the Wyre Piddle Community Events. This fund is available to anyone wanting to hold a community event or start a regular community activity, for example for seed funding or start-up village hall hire. If you've an idea of how this could be used, please get in touch through Piddlepost.wyre@gmail.com. And thank you again for making the Fete a fun day out

'Breast Cancer Now' Afternoon Tea

With planning details finalised, cakes baked, kettle on and tea brewed the day for a fundraiser had arrived. Mafia Mums a group of local ladies who met when their children were at First School some 22 years ago, signed up to raise money for Breast Cancer Now a cause close to so many, with family, friends and work colleagues affected. We were overwhelmed by the response with raffle donations, cakes baked, and no way could we have anticipated how many people turned up on the day some travelling from as far as Stourport and Kenilworth! In fact we ran out of chairs and tables! We would like to think it was because of the quality of our baked goods but in reality everyone wanted to support this amazing charity helping so many with their breast cancer journey.

So the very grand total raised on Friday afternoon was £1555!!!

A big thank you to all who supported us from Mafia Mums, Anna Lees, Sam Cornelius, Vicky Morris, Rachel Heeks, Fiona Cawkell, and Val Murphy.

Same time next year?!

Anna Lees



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Wyre Piddle Village Hall 100 Club

The August and September 100 club draws took place at Tuesday & Coffee and the lucky winners are:

1 st	Neville Butler	2 nd	Carol Townsend	3 rd	Lara Baker-Power
1 st	Mick Kohut	2 nd	Dennis Burgess	3 rd	Tony Peachey

Parish Council Update

We have several updates from the Parish Council:

Recruitment: Firstly, we are sad that Alistair Locke, our youngest Parish Councillor, has moved out of the village and therefore resigned from the Parish Council. We thank him for his work at the Parish Council and are now looking to co-opt someone else to join our team. Are you interested? It is rewarding to work towards improvements for our community, and we are a friendly team, so if you'd like further information please email Lisa Cope on clerk@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk or speak to one of the Parish Councillors – Harvey Laud, Yvette Butler, Penny Carr, Harry Parsons, Tony Loizou and Lisa Fullagar.

Planning: You have probably received a letter from RCA regeneration regarding Morro Partnerships Ltd's plans to build 42 affordable homes on Wyre Hill. The land is the triangle bounded by Wyre Hill, the railway and the Piddle Brook (on your right as you leave the village). If you scan the QR code you can see the proposed plans and comment on them. Any comments you make at this stage will be seen by the developer but NOT by the planning officers or the Parish Council. The developer is not asking whether you support the development or not, but allowing you to express your opinion about their preliminary plans. Whether you choose to engage with this pre-planning consultation or not please bear in mind that when they do apply for planning consent a formal planning consultation will take place and comments made now will not be carried forward. The Parish Council has not been involved in the development of this proposal. As soon as a formal planning application is made and the finalised plans are available we will hold a public meeting at the Village Hall to gauge the opinions of our parishioners and will make our formal response on your behalf following that meeting.

Resuscitation Training: We have organised a resuscitation training session (CPR and using a defibrillator) which will be provided by the Pershore First Responders. This is booked for Wednesday 15th October, 7pm at the Village Hall. Places are available to any parishioner - we still have some places available which are being allocated on a first come first served basis. If you'd like to come, please email pennycarr@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk.

Rescue Kit: A few years ago we installed a rescue pole and throw line at the bottom of Smith's Meadow. These are the state-of-the-art recommended equipment for rescuing someone in

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trouble in the water. They are safely housed in locked cabinets with clear instructions on how to access them (call 999, ask for the fire service, tell them the location on the board, they will tell you the code). Because they are considered safer than the previous lifebuoy (which is not locked and is misused and vandalised every summer) we will be removing the lifebuoy in the near future.

Next Meeting: We have changed the day on which we have Parish Council Meetings. They are now on the last Wednesday of alternate months, so the next one is at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th September. Everyone is welcome.

News from St Anne's

Parish of Fladbury, Hill & Moor, Wyre Piddle, Cropthorne & Charlton,
together with Parish of Bishampton & Throckmorton

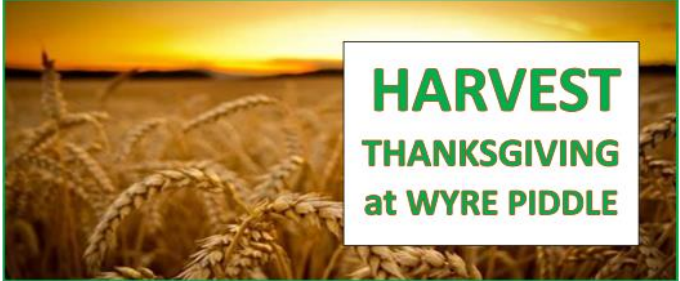
CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday 7th September
9:30 Harvest Festival Service Charlton
followed by brunch in Old School Room
11:00 Holy Communion Fladbury

Sunday 14th September
9:30 Harvest Festival Service Bishampton
11:00 Holy Communion Wyre Piddle

Sunday 21st September
9:30 Holy Communion Cropthorne
11:00 Harvest Festival Service Fladbury
followed by lunch in Village Hall

Sunday 28th September
9:30 Holy Communion Bishampton
11:00 Harvest Festival Service Lower Moor
18:00 Harvest Festival Service Cropthorne
followed by supper in church



**HARVEST
THANKSGIVING
at WYRE PIDDL**

CELEBRATION SERVICE

at ST ANNE'S CHURCH

Saturday 4th OCTOBER at 6 pm

Harvest gifts will be given to the Pershore Food Bank

FOLLOWED BY A

HARVEST SUPPER

in the Village Hall - 7.00 p.m. for 7.30 p.m.
Tickets £10 for a 2 course meal
BYO drink & glasses ~ Raffle
Proceeds to Farming Community Network

Contact Wendy 556102 & Liz 554985 for tickets

You are welcome to join us at both celebrations or just one!

We can see from our visitors' book and sales on the book stall that St Anne's has people calling in every day. We do hope our visitors have enjoyed and appreciated the special ambience of our little church. It is open every day for you all.

Our next service is on Sunday 14th September, Holy Communion starting at 11.00 am, with refreshments and chance to chat afterwards.

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Saturday 20th September, 10 – 12 noon CHURCHYARD TIDY UP MORNING. We welcome helpers to sweep, weed, strim and tidy the churchyard. Please bring what tools you think appropriate. Coffee for the workers will be available.

We are gearing up for HARVEST, with a celebration informal service in church on SATURDAY 4th OCTOBER at 6.00 p.m. Please see the poster printed here. We will decorate the church with flowers and only a few fresh fruits and vegetables as we invite people to bring packaged items for donation to Pershore Foodbank.

The Harvest Supper follows in the hall from 7.00 pm for 7.30 start. Tickets price £10 will soon be on sale, especially at Tuesday Coffee, or message me to book a place. The 2 course meal will be Cottage or Vegetarian Pie with a selection of puddings, tea and coffee. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. There will be a raffle. The proceeds from this evening will go to Farming Community Network: www.fcn.org.uk

All the Harvest events across the parish will be raising money for this voluntary organisation that supports farmers, farming families and people in rural communities through difficult times and periods of change.

Meanwhile, do call in at our Book Stall in the porch, there are LOADS of books we'd love to sell to you!

Wendy Tel: 07740 436646 / 01386 556102

Editors' Note

We hope you have had a lovely Summer and enjoyed the sunny weather. Now that the holiday period is waning there are lots of village events coming up – thank you to everyone who is organising them, and to all of you who support them. Your generosity has supported numerous good causes at The Fete, and an amazing total was raised for Breast Cancer Now at the Afternoon Tea. John Carr took this month's cover photo - Pyracanthas are obviously putting on a good display this year, as the Church Parish have also featured them on their poster! If you would like to see one of your photos on the cover we'd love to hear from you. Photos need to be taken in September for the October edition, in portrait format, and to show good definition without pixelation at A4 size. You don't need a posh camera, this month's cover photo was taken with a phone, so encourage the kids too and Email photos to us by 26th September.

If you have photos or any contributions for the October Piddle Post please send them to us on Piddlepost.wyre@gmail.com.



Malcolm Haden & Penny Carr

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Wyre Directory

Organisation	People	Contact
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Puppy School (Monday evenings at the Village Hall)	Sue Price	pershoreandeveshampuppyschool.co.uk 07857277184
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	Wyre Piddle Church Warden – Wendy Malkinson	01386 556102, w.malkinson@btinternet.com
Table Tennis Club, Village Hall & Pershore Leisure Centre	Chris Gooderham	wyrepiddletabletennis@gmail.com 07813 196787
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Worcestershire County Councillor	Dan Boatright-Greene	DBoatright@worcestershire.gov.uk
Wychavon District Councillor	Liz Tucker	ltucker2021@btinternet.com 01386 462441
Wyre Piddle Village WhatsApp Community	Various admins!	Send WhatsApp message asking to join to 07516 651093 – you will be sent a link
Wyre Piddle WI	Wendy Berry, secretary	wyrepiddlesec@wfedwi.org.uk wyrepiddlewi.wixsite.com/wpwi