Piddle Post November 2025



Hello Wyre Piddle - here is your November 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 6th November, Thursday, Pickle Night, Village Hall, 7pm

9th November, Sunday, Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial, 10.45.

 12^{th} November, Wednesday, WI Christmas Crafts, Village Hall, 7.30pm

16th November, Sunday, Holy Communion, St Anne's Church, 9.30

16th November, Sunday. Piddle Pics 'The Great Escaper', Village Hall, 7.30pm.

26th November, Wednesday, Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30pm.

28th November, Friday, Music at The Anchor – Witcher from 8.30 pm

6th December, Saturday, Village Hall Christmas Quiz, 7.00 for 7.30, Village Hall

13th December, Saturday, Children's Christmas Party, Village Hall, 4-6pm.

14th December, Sunday, Piddle Pics 'Mrs Harris goes to Paris', Village Hall, 7.30.

 24^{th} December, Wednesday, Carols on the Green, 6.30-7.30

And dates for your NEW diary;

14th June, Sunday, the inaugural Wyre Piddle Open Gardens, info sarahkenyon65@icloud.com 27th June, Saturday, The Village Fete, contact Malcolm on piddlepost.wyre@gmail.com

Pickle Night

We have one ticket left for Pickle Night, this Thursday, but can extend that to two if you'd like to bring someone else!



£30 Per Ticket

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

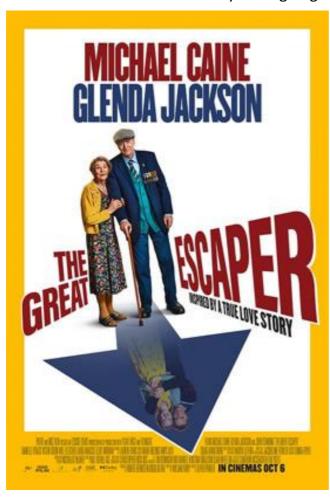
Piddle Pics:

The Great Escaper Sunday 16th November 7:30pm

In Wyre Piddle Village Hall, doors open 7pm

2023 Director Oliver Parker
Starring Michael Caine, Graeme Dalling, Myles Olofin, Glenda Jackson
Length 96 mins Certificate 12A

Michael Caine plays a veteran soldier who with the moral support of his wife of (Glenda Jackson) "escapes" from their care home to go to the celebrations for the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings. Caine and Jackson (R.I.P.) bring back glimpses proving what great actors they both are. A film with pathos, humour and great acting, that will leave you laughing and crying.



Tickets £5

Available at Tuesday Coffee Mornings at the Village Hall

AND on the door

AND Online at



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

And next month... Mrs Harris goes to Paris

Village Hall Christmas Quiz Saturday 6th December 2025

Yes, it's that time of year again! Quizmaster Simon Neale is already busy dreaming up all the answers for the 2025 Quiz, so let's hope he can think of some appropriate questions to go with them! Whatever else, Simon is bound to keep us laughing!

We are taking bookings now for this popular Christmas Village event - 7.00 for 7.30 start at the Village Hall. £10 pp. Includes a Fish & Chip Supper.

Teams of six, with smaller groups amalgamated and a raffle with great prizes. Bring your own drinks, nibbles, glasses and cutlery please.

To book a table of 6 or a place on a table with some new friends - contact Stephen Malkinson on WhatsApp 07866 940100 or malkinson@msn.com

Christmas Eve

Just a reminder to get this annual festive event into your Diary



Christmas Carols on the Village Green 6.30 to 7.30pm on Christmas Eve.

From Carrie and Mike and the Trusty Team

Children's Christmas Party

Charlie Hughes and Ailsa Gall have decided to bring back the Children's Christmas Party this year in the village hall,



TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM:

AILSA GALL: 07584 013476 | CHARLIE HUGHES: 07377 403836

What's on at The Anchor?

A new **wood burner** has been installed and the pub is lovely and inviting with the new addition.

We have introduced a **light lunch 2 course** menu available from 12pm until 3pm Monday to Saturday. Menu attached.

We have also attached our light lunch festive menu.

Breakfast - we are starting a **Saturday Breakfast morning club**, served between 10am until 12pm. Full English £13.00 with other options available. Menu attached for reference. Bookings preferable.

Introducing Fizz Friday a bottle of Prosecco £18 served from 12pm.

Wet Wednesday, buy two large glasses of wine and get the remaining bottle free.

Takeaway **fish and chips** available all week £12.95, mushy peas or curry sauce addition £2.

Music - we have Witcher playing on Friday 28th November from 8.30pm, free entry they are a popular covers band playing a range of songs by Bon Jovi, AC/DC, Muse and Queen amongst many others. They have been playing the local gig scene for seven years and are considered one of the best in the area.

I think that's everything for now. Check our windows for any further updates during the month.

Any questions please feel free to ask.

Brian & Pippa



Christmas at The Anchor, Wyre Piddle

Light lunch Special £22.95 per head

(Available Monday to Saturday 12pm to 3pm from 1st December to 23rd December)

Roast Norfolk turkey breast with stuffing, pigs in blankets with golden gravy Served with roast potatoes, roasted parsnips,
Brussel sprouts & glazed carrots

Desserts

Apple orumble with custard

Christmas Podding with brandy sauce,

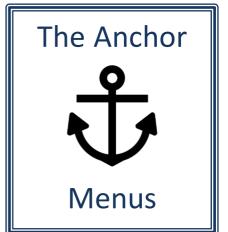
Pistachio White chocolate & raspberry Roulade

with vanilla icecream.

Followed by coffee and mince pie.

Advanced bookings only.

Telephone 01386 244590



The Anchor Inn



Saturday Breakfast Club From 10am until 12pm Full English £13.00

Choice of: Bacon, Sausage, Egg (fried, scrambled or poached) Black Pudding, Mushroom, Tomatoes, Baked Beans, Hash brown & Toast

Breakfast Sandwiches £5.00 each

Bacon

Sausage.

On Toast

Beans £5.00

Eggs: Scrambles, Poached or Fried £5.00 Poached & Black Pudding £5.00

Additional extras £1.00

Allergy statement: Menu items may contain or may come into contact with WHEAT, EGGS, PEANUTS and MILK. For more information please ask

The Anchor Inn, Main Road, Wyre Piddle, Pershore WR10 2JB

Theanchor.wyrep@gmail.com 01386 244590

A gratuity is not added to your bill. All gratuities are paid to the staff on duty

2 course light lunch £14.95

Choose one main meal & one dessert.



Only available between 12pm & 3pm Monday to Saturday

Baked Potatoes – cheese, tuna Sweetcorn & mayonnaise, or baked beans (choice of two)

Butchers faggots with onion gravy, mash & mushy peas

(GF) 5oz Gammon Steak with egg or pineapple, chips & garden peas (Have Egg & Pineapple for an additional £1.50)

Homemade beef & guinness pie with a puff pastry lid, new potatoes & garden Peas

Beer braised sausages in rich onion gravy, chive mash & peas

Wholetail scampi with chips & garden peas

(V) Macaronni cheese with garlic ciabatta & salad

Homemade classic meat lasagne with garlic ciabatta & salad

Blue Bell sandwich white or multigrain with dressed salad

BLT, bacon, brie & cranberry, home baked ham, prawn marie-rose, cheese or tuna & Mayonnaise

Additional sides

New potatoes £2.00 – Mash potato £2.00 – Fresh Vegetables £2.00 – Garden Peas £1.50 Mushy peas £1.50 – Side Salad £2.00

<u>Dessert</u>

Homemade crumble – apple or apple & caramel

Homemade bread & butter pudding

Homemade apple pie

2 Scoopes of ice cream − Vanilla, Double chocolate, mint choc chip or strawberry & cream

Tea or Coffee

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Parish Council Update

Remembrance Sunday: The Parish Council would like to invite everyone to the village's Remembrance Service being conducted on the morning of Sunday November 9th at the Village Memorial outside the Village Hall, to commemorate the parish's and nation's war sacrifice. The Act of Remembrance will be followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

Resuscitation Training: Sixteen parishioners attended the CPR and Defibrillator training at the Village Hall last week. Feedback has been very good, attendees feel they would be more able to handle an emergency. Many thanks to Pershore Community Responders Steve and Karl who ran the session. They have given us a 'bleed kit' (bandages, dressings and instructions for use if someone has an injury causing serious blood loss) which is now housed in the defib cabinet at the Village Hall. Just a reminder that all our emergency equipment (the bleed kit and defib at the Village Hall, the defib at The Anchor and the water rescue kit at Smith's Meadow) is locked and to access the code you need to call 999.

Phone Box: The Parish Council is now the proud owner of the Phone Box. We purchased it because BT had decided to remove the payphone. It needs a bit of TLC (we may be asking for volunteers!) but once that's done we intend to move the Anchor defibrillator and cabinet into it.

Do you love our footpaths?: Parish Path Wardens are volunteers who are appointed to assist in the maintenance and improvement of the public rights of way network within a given area (usually one or more parishes). The County Council appoints and provides training for Parish Path Wardens who are expected to survey all of the paths within their parish(s) regularly, waymark the routes, carry out minor vegetation and minor repairs. There are also optional duties to the role such as carrying out more extensive clearance and maintenance, providing advice to landowners and leading guided walks. Worcestershire ask for a minimum 12 days a year commitment with this role. You can find a person spec and role description at https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/environment/countryside-and-leisure/public-rights-way/public-rights-way-volunteering and if you're interested Email: countryside@worcestershire.gov.uk (use this if the button on the website does not take you straight to the email contact).

Next Parish Council Meeting: is at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th November. Everyone is welcome.

Update from your District Councillor, Liz Tucker

Wychavon Residents Survey 2025 ends 9th November

The annual Wychavon Residents Survey is open until 9th November. It only takes 10 minutes and gives you the chance to tell them what matters most to you about local matters. The combined feedback from the surveys will help shape Wychavon's priorities and services for next February's budget. They want to hear from as many people as possible, and give the chance to win one of four £100 vouchers to spend at local businesses.

To take part Search. Residents' Survey 2025 - Wychavon District Council or follow this link

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South Worcestershire Development Plan Review

The Inspectors have written to say that they have concluded that a Five Year Land Supply plus a 5% buffer will be in place when the SWDPR is adopted, expected to be early next year. This is a relief, but with effect from 1st July 2026 the National Planning Policy Framework requires a 20% buffer. This target is not yet reached although there is still time for further planning approvals before then.

The next stage of the SWDPR is for Wychavon to put forward and consult on the Main Modifications to the SWDPR original submission and these will go before councillors on 17th December. After that the Inspectors final report will be published and the full Plan could be formally adopted by Wychavon council. Only then will the SWDPR carry significant weight.

Update from your County Councillor, Dan Boatright-Greene

The county council will be submitting a report to the government proposing a whole county approach to a unitary authority. Wychavon, in conjunction with four other districts, will be submitting a report for a North and South. There is generally a lot of confusion about exactly what will actually happen during the process but the government will start a consultation with the public in January and we will make sure we get this out to everyone so they can have their say. The report also includes a discussion about the strategic mayor area. Proposals include a Worcestershire, Hereford and Shropshire approach, a Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Warwickshire approach and an approach with Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire. The timeline still remains in place with shadow elections in May 2027 and the new unitary taking over in April 2028. Elections for the mayor are anticipated to be 2028 or 2029.

The council is currently debating a series of cuts to the budget. The council has an anticipated £43 million deficit for 2026/27 and there is a consultation on what residents would like to see

happen which ends on 1st November. You can answer the survey here: http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/council-and-democracy/council-finance/budget-consultation-202627

The administration is proposing to cut several projects from the budget, including a new school in Worcester, upgrades to train stations and a reduction in the highways budget of £6.5 million. This includes funding for footpaths and road resurfacing.

WI News

On Wednesday 8th October Nigel Christie gave an excellent presentation about Antiques. He mentioned that we (at 30 attendees) were the largest group he has presented to! Nigel is a collector/dealer in Leominster and showed us a number of objects, where we were asked to identify which was the oldest/most valuable (spoons) or what the item actually was! We had great fun guessing what objects were - Liz Gardner was particularly good at this!

We had reports from our sub-groups, including the Book Group, the Cinema Club, the Games Club, the Walking Group and the Skittles Team, who have recently won their first match of the season (see photo.)



Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th November when we will be crafting Christmasthemed fused glass.

If you would like to get involved then please come to a meeting - contact our secretary Wendy Berry wyrepiddlesec@wfedwi.org.uk Website: wyrepiddlewi.wixsite.com/wpwi

Tuesday & Coffee

The everyone-welcome coffee mornings are thriving. We promise hot drinks, biscuits and a cosy chat... but often the biscuits are overshadowed by a Birthday Cake, most recently in celebration of Dennis's big birthday. Please come and join us if you're in the village on Tuesday mornings.



News from St Anne's

November is a season for remembering. It begins on **Sunday 2 November** when **at 11:00 at Fladbury church** we celebrate the lives of the saints – **All Saints' Day** (transferred from 1 November). This service is with choir.

Then at 3.30pm on Sunday 2 November at Charlton Church, there will be a short reflective service to remember and give thanks for the people who have been saints in our lives, and a time to light a candle in their memory – All Souls' Day. Everyone is welcome. If you know of someone who has been bereaved and would like to come, please extend a warm invitation. If you have a loved one whose name you would like to be remembered in this service, please let Carolyn Middleton know fivealivebt@outlook.com; or 07465 693107 before Monday 27 October.

On **Sunday 9 November** there will be an **Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial by the village hall at 10:45.** A time when united with people in towns, cities and villages across our nation, we remember the sacrifices made for our freedom and commit ourselves to justice and peace and to live for the good of our common humanity at home and worldwide.

Looking ahead, Advent begins on Sunday 30 November with a candlelit Advent Carol Service led by the parish choir at Fladbury church at 6.00pm. From a season of remembrance, we look forward, encouraged by hope – the hope which is bigger than the hope we put in humanity to get things right – the hope that comes from love. We hope you'll join us.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who contributed to St Anne's Harvest Celebration and Supper, and Harvest Collection for Farming Community Network. A total of £1,879.33 was raised from across our seven villages. It's been a particularly tough year for farmers with extremes of weather adding further pressure on health, farm viability, and social considerations. FCN is a charity which supports farmers and farming communities in England and Wales. Fladbury CofE school families were very generous in their support of a collection of tins and packeted food for distribution through Pershore Food Bank, and their church service was both fun and thoughtful, well attended and enjoyed by their families and school staff.

Sarah



Donations of Toiletries for Pershore Foodbank

Wyre Piddle WI are collecting toiletries for the local Pershore Foodbank which can be given to families in need for Christmas and we are asking Villagers if they wish to add to our contributions. From now until 20 November we are collecting absolutely anything, for both adults and children, from the very basic essentials to something a little more special.

Hygiene items: soap, shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner + Dental care: toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss + Sanitary products + Shaving foam and razors + Items for children and teens.

The list is endless - No donation is too small - nothing will be refused!



Drop-off location: *Lyndhurst, Worcester Road, (opposite the Village Hall)* A collection box will be placed outside my front door for ease if I am not in.

Let's make this festive season a little brighter for those who need it most .

Thank you

Pauline Monks 07779 502 128

Christmas Shoe Box



Christmas Shoe Box is a way of gifting to Eastern European orphans. If you would like to take part by filling a box we will supply you with a flat-pack shoe box and a pamphlet which explains it all. The deadline for filled boxes to be returned to us is 24th November. The distribution and collection of boxes in Wyre Piddle is being coordinated by the Five Alive parish, so for information or to request a box contact Carol Rosier on 07867 13299.

Wyre Piddle Village Hall 100 Club

The draw took place on 28th September at Tuesday & Coffee and the lucky winners are:

1st Jack & Pam Wild 2nd Andrew & Jayne James 3rd Wendy Malkinson

Table Tennis Club

The Wyre Piddle table tennis club have started the new season in the Worcester league with a record breaking 7 teams. The expansion of the club has allowed the league to also grow, where there are now 4 divisions provided some match play for all ages and abilities. If anyone would like to join the club contact Chris Gooderham at wyrepiddletabletennis@gmail.com

Erratum

Sincere apologies to Lara Baker-Power, new joint president of Wyre Piddle WI. In our WI section last month we printed her name incorrectly as Lara Baker-Powell.

Editors' Note

We are excited to see so many community events planned in the next few weeks. Hopefully you will have enjoyed more treats than tricks at Halloween (thanks for the photo Becky Parkington) and are raring to go at the Pickle Night, Village Hall Quiz, Christmas Party (possibly vicariously) and Carols on the Green.

We are also very happy to bring you lots of information from The Anchor, including new menus, breakfast on Saturday, live music and the promise of traditional Christmas food ... and much more.

On a quieter note don't forget the Act of Remembrance on Sunday 9th November, and if you'd like to make someone's Christmas happier either at home or overseas please consider joining the village initiatives for Pershore Food Bank or Love in a Box.



As always, if you know of anyone who would like to be on our distribution list, or needs a printed copy, or if you have photos or items for next month... contact us on Piddlepost.wyre@gmail.com.



Wyre Directory

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