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Dates for Your Diary:

Every week 'Tuesday & Coffee' at the Village Hall. £2.00 everyone welcome. 10.30 – 12.00.
9th May, Saturday, Churchyard Tidy Up, St Anne's Church, 10.00 -12.00.
10th May, Sunday, Holy Communion, St Anne's Church, 09.30.
13th May, Wednesday, WI Meeting with Morris Dancers, Village Hall, 7.30.
16th May, Saturday, Village Tub Planting, Village Green, 10.00.
19th May, Tuesday, WPPC AGM and Annual Parish Meeting , Village Hall, 6.00
24th May, Sunday, Bryan's Charity Quiz, The Anchor, 6.30 for 7.00 start
31st May, Sunday, Holy Communion, St Anne's Church, 11.00.

And looking further ahead...

14th June, Sunday, the inaugural Wyre Piddle Open Gardens, 11.00 – 17.00
18th June, Thursday, Village Hall AGM, Village Hall, 7.15pm.
27th June, Saturday, The Village Fete, contact Malcolm on piddlepost.wyre@gmail.com
4th July, Saturday, Live music at The Anchor.
23rd September, Wednesday, Bike Night at The Anchor. 5-8 pm
7th November, Saturday, Pickle Night at the Village Hall.

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Wyre Piddle Village Fete

There will be a Fete planning meeting at The Anchor on **Wednesday 6th May at 7.30pm**. Please come along and share your ideas. Big thanks to Adam Goode for designing this year's Fete Poster. If you'd like to have a stall at the fete please get in touch. The cost is only £10, or free if you are fundraising for a charity. Email piddlepost.wyre@gmail.com

The Inaugural Wyre Piddle Open Gardens

On Sunday June 14th we will be hosting our first Open Gardens under the National Gardens Scheme. Some villagers have already offered to open their gardens, **Final Call** - if you are interested in joining them please contact Sarah for further information – you don't need to have a show garden! The gardens will be open from 11am to 5pm, so please put it in your diary. You can see us online here <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/49033/wyre-piddle-village-gardens>. The Village Hall will open for refreshments and parking will be available opposite Smith's Meadow. Contact Sarah on sarahkenyon65@icloud.com or mobile 07905661029

A screenshot of the National Gardens Scheme website. At the top left is the 'NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME' logo. Below it is a search bar with a location pin icon, a dropdown menu for 'Location', and the text 'Search by town or postcode'. To the right of the search bar are icons for a diamond (1 mile), a location pin, and a magnifying glass. Below the search bar is a row of filter buttons: 'Opening', 'By arrangement', 'Date range', 'Refreshments', 'Wheelchair access', 'Dog friendly', 'Plants for sale', 'Group size', and 'Gar'. The main content area features a large image of a garden with many potted plants. Overlaid on this image is the text 'GROUP OF GARDENS', 'Wyre Piddle Village Gardens', and the address 'Church Street, Wyre Piddle, Pershore, Worcestershire, WR10 2JD'. There are two buttons: 'Directions' and 'Gallery'. To the right of the garden image is a map showing the location of the gardens, with labels for 'RunningBSL', 'Wyre Rd', 'Worcester Rd', 'Avon Grn', 'Church St', 'Smiths Meadows', and 'River Avon'. Below the garden image, there is a text box with the following information:

For this open day you can book your tickets in advance. Click on the yellow button below to book or you can just turn up and pay on the day.

Refreshments	Admission	Opening times
Tea, coffee & cake in village hall. Refreshments in aid of St Anne Church.	Adult: £5.00 Child: Free	11:00 - 17:00

Gardens open on this day as part of this group

For group openings you pay one admission price and you get entry to all the gardens on that day. See below for gardens that are part of this group. Please note that sometimes not all gardens open on every open day, check the dates above for more info.

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Village Tub Planting

CALLING ALL VILLAGERS - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for Village Tub Flower Planting **SATURDAY 16 MAY meet at 10.00** on the **Village Green by The Anchor**. The tubs around the village need emptying and replanting to brighten up the village for the summer. Bring your own hand tools. Experience not required. Please let me know if you can make it. Thanks Pauline 07779 502128 (phone or WhatsApp)



WI News

Usually the highlight of the WI month is our monthly meeting, however in April... On Friday 24th April our WI Skittles team 'Down to the Wyre' breezed through their semi-final match to set up a grand final against Inkberrow. Our players got off to a phenomenal start and after two rounds led by over 20 skittles! Inkberrow found their groove in the next two rounds and started to claw back the difference meaning it really was down to the wire in the fifth and final leg! Backed by their loyal cheerleaders, who offered continual support throughout the evening, 'Down to the Wyre' held their nerve and emerged as winners of the 2026 WI Skittles competition!

Huge congratulations to everyone who took part throughout the year. And a special thank you to Vicki Green for all her hard work and efforts captaining the team to Skittles glory!

Our April meeting started with a very interesting talk from Vanessa Morgan about Genealogy and the possibility of tracing our family history back to the 16th Century. Tracing family back over this time period involves extensive research and patience as records often show incorrect spellings of names and errors in details, due to the fact that early records were all hand written and recorded in the person's Parish at a time when many people were unable to read and write themselves. She gave some fascinating examples of families who have unravelled the various records available and discovered their family histories.

The meeting continued after refreshments with news of the various activities of the sub groups that we have. We are lucky to have a great selection to choose from - Book Club with a daytime and an evening meeting to choose from. Craft, which includes a wide variety of different crafts to try, Walking/Knit and Natter group. Cinema Club, the next film being 'Mothers Pride' in May. Games evening where many different games are played with a lot of laughter. And of course our Skittles group.

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We voted to support both resolutions to be proposed for the WI nationally this year: “Action on Women’s Homelessness” as a national initiative and “Accessible Public Toilets” as a more local initiative.

Our next meeting at the Village Hall is on May 13th and we will have a demonstration from Bow Brook Morris Dancers and also a chance to have a go ourselves!

If you might like to join our WI you would be very welcome to come to a meeting – contact our presidents Lara Baker-Power and Julie Taylor, wyrepiddlepres@wfedwi.org.uk.

Website: wyrepiddlewi.wixsite.com/wpwi



News from St Anne's

We were delighted at Easter with the response for flowers to decorate the cross outside church. With the cherry blossom coming out too, it all looked beautiful. Thank you.

Churchyard Tidy Up Morning – Saturday 9th May from 10 – 12 am.

If you can offer an hour between 10 and 12 that day, we welcome your help. Bring your own tools for weeding and edge-cutting as we plan to clear the church path of weeds, tidy up large graves, trim back the shrubs and tidy the garden of remembrance.

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Going Greener

We have two services this month, on 10th May and 31st May. Ladies from the floral team have recently been to a workshop to learn how we might use flowers and greenery that are grown locally – as shown in our photos. Flowers from the shops have been flown here many miles. We are keen to improve the church eco footprint and also in the churchyard provide a better natural environment, with a nettle corridor and new bird boxes.

With this in mind we are turning to this community to ask if you may have flowers and shrubs in your gardens that you would donate to St Anne's for us to arrange in church? To set this off, we will put a flower bucket of water outside the church door from 9th May and 30th May should anyone like to give a few stems from your garden. Eventually we plan to phase out the use of floral foam, which when it breaks down puts dangerous microparticles into the water system. The arrangements will be more loosely designed; even a jam jar of pretty flowers would look great in church! In reality we will gradually be flower arranging just like our grandmothers did years back. We welcome your feedback on this. If you have some stems you would like to donate, you can contact *Sylvia Fletcher on 07779 787463.*

Book Stall is back again

We welcome your good-as-new paperbacks to sell this summer from the church porch. Your donations from this help us pay for the maintenance of the church building and churchyard. Please bring your books to church or contact *Carol Rosier on 07967 131299.* In anticipation – thank you!

Wendy Malkinson, Churchwarden, 07740 436646



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

CHURCH SERVICES MAY 2026

Sunday 3rd May
11:00 Holy Communion Fladbury

Sunday 10th May
9:30 Morning Worship Bishampton
9:30 Holy Communion Wyre Piddle
11:00 Holy Communion Crophorne

Thursday 14th May - Ascension Day
19:00 Holy Communion Fladbury

Sunday 17th May
9:30 Morning Worship Charlton
11:00 Holy Communion Bishampton (with Baptism)

Sunday 24th May - Pentecost
9:30 Café Church Old School Room Charlton
11:00 Holy Communion Fladbury

Sunday 31st May
11:00 Holy Communion Wyre Piddle

Table Tennis

An update from the table tennis club. The season has now finished with the 7 Wyre teams all performing amazingly well, given the number who moved up a division from last year. A number of Wyre players took part in the league's end of season tournament, and managed to win 6 out of the 8 events taking place, including open singles, div 2 singles and div 3 singles. The club continues to practice on Sunday afternoons at Pershore Leisure Centre, and all players are welcome to come and give it a go - irrespective of age or ability. Anyone interested please contact Chris Gooderham at wyrepiddletabletennis@gmail.com.

Chris

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Yoga at the Village Hall

There is room for a couple more people at our May and June yoga classes if anyone fancies a stretch into summer! *Hasnah*



SPRING INTO SUMMER!
Yoga Class at Wyre Piddle Village Hall
Fridays 9.30am – 10.30am
A welcoming mixed-ability class for all

Whether you're completely new to yoga or looking to deepen your practice, this class offers a supportive space to develop strength, mobility and wellbeing.

Taster class £5 then £9 per class

For more information and to book your place, please contact:

www.yogawithhasnah.co.uk

email: info@yogawithhasnah.co.uk

phone: 07891 539 385

Wyre Piddle Village Hall - 100 Club

The April 100 Club draw took place on 28th April at Tuesday & Coffee. The lucky winners are:
1st Prize – John Sinnett 2nd Prize – Pauline Southwell 3rd Prize – Maggie Close

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What's on at The Anchor?

Summer has finally arrived.

We are looking forward to seeing our locals enjoying the garden with a **pizza and a pint**.

Upcoming events:

Live music - Saturday July 4th

Advanced notice of our **Bike night** - Wednesday 23rd September from 5pm until 8pm ish. If anyone would be interested in helping out with marshalling/stewarding, managing parking we would love to hear from you. Pop in if you have any questions.

Please note that Bryan's Charity Quiz in May has been moved forward to Sunday 24th May.

Many thanks

Brian and Pippa

Parish Council Update

The next Parish Council meeting has been moved to **Tuesday 19th May**, at the Village Hall. This will be both the **Parish Council AGM starting at 6pm and the Parish Meeting following on at about 7pm**. After the Parish Meeting there will be a chance to drink a glass of wine and chat with you councillors and neighbours. Everyone is welcome and we do hope you will join us at this annual event. 🍷🍷

Editors' Note

We hope you are enjoying the warmer weather, though with a Bank Holiday coming up we may be reverting to the weather captured on our front page! Please consider joining the Fete Accomplices at their meeting on 6th May, and also if you'd like to open your garden on June 14th please let Sarah know. And don't forget the opportunities to meet and garden at the Village Tub planting and the Churchyard clear-up. If you're free on a Tuesday morning then come and join the happy regulars at Tuesday & Coffee (photo below). If you have photos or event information for us please send to piddlepost.wyre@gmail.com.

Malcolm & Penny

PS Malcolm blames Trip Advisor for his limited input this month... no serious damage done!



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Organisation	People	Contact
The Anchor	Brian & Pippa	01386 244590
Keep Fit for the Over 60s (Thursday mornings, Village Hall)	Michael	https://www.over60skeepfit.com/ email: over60skeepfit@gmail.com 07905 517720
Parish Council	Lisa Cope, clerk	clerk@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk
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Puppy School (Monday evenings at the Village Hall)	Sue Price	pershoreandeveshampuppyschool.co.uk 07857277184
St Anne's Church	Parish Priest - Rev Canon Sarah Dangerfield	01386 861669 revdsarahdangerfield@outlook.com
	Benefice Administrator – Carolyn Middleton	07465 693107 fivealivebt@outlook.com
	Wyre Piddle Church Warden - Liz Gardner	01386 554985 wyliz@icloud.com
	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
Village Hall bookings	Thelma Thomas	colinandthelma@btinternet.com 01386552479
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
Wyre Piddle WI	Wendy Berry, secretary	wyrepiddlesec@wfedwi.org.uk wyrepiddlewi.wixsite.com/wpwi
Yoga (Friday mornings at the Village Hall)	Hasnah Sheriff	www.yogawithhasnah.co.uk email: info@yogawithhasnah.co.uk phone: 07891 539 385