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Dates for Your Diary:

Every week 'Tuesday & Coffee' at the Village Hall. £2.00 everyone welcome. 10.30 – 12.00.

1st October, Thursday, St Anne's Gardening Club, 10-11am, Churchyard

6th October, Tuesday, NEW Pilates class, 6pm, Village Hall

10th October, Saturday, Harvest Service, 6pm, St Anne's

10th October, Saturday, Harvest Supper, 7pm, Village Hall

11th October, Sunday, Vince & Flynn Live, 3pm to late, The Anchor

14th October, Wednesday, Vale Wildlife Hospital, WI Open Meeting, 7.30, Village Hall

15th October, Thursday, NEW Piddle Puzzlers, 2pm, Village Hall

18th October, Sunday, Holy Communion, 11am, St Anne's

18th October, Sunday, Piddle Pics 'Fisherman's Friends', 7.30, Village Hall

25th October, Sunday, Bryan's Halloween Charity Quiz, 6.30 for 7.00 start, The Anchor

And looking further ahead...

7th November, Saturday, Pickle Night, 7pm, Village Hall

15th November Sunday, Piddle Pics 'The Imitation Game', 7.30, Village Hall

19th November, Thursday, Piddle Puzzlers, 2pm, Village Hall

25th November, Wednesday, Parish Council Meeting, 7.30, Village Hall

13th June 2027, Sunday, 12.00 – 5pm, Open Gardens

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Vale Wildlife Hospital

ANIMAL LOVERS YOU ARE INVITED... On Wednesday 14th October Matt Stritch of the Vale Wildlife Hospital will be giving a talk about the charity at the Village Hall. The hospital and rehabilitation centre give emergency rescue advice (they have helped several times when Wyre Piddle swans have been injured in the past few years), expert veterinary treatment, specialist rehabilitation and eventual release. The charity is very local, having been founded in Cropthorne and now located in Beckford. The talk starts at 7.30 and is hosted by the WI. Everyone is welcome, you don't need to be in the WI and you don't need to be a woman! There will be refreshments afterwards. Admission is £4. If you'll be coming it would be helpful to let us know by emailing wyrepiddlesec@wfedwi.org.uk

Piddle Puzzlers

Come and join us at the Village Hall. We're meeting every third Thursday at 2pm and play games, chat, have tea (and biscuits) and pack up around 4pm. No problem - come late or leave early if that suits you better. We are a very informal group just meeting socially and having fun playing games of all kinds and teaching each other new games and traditional games. You don't need to be expert at anything, someone will happily teach you, and if you get to be good you will probably scare the lights out of the rest of us, so come along and have some light hearted fun. We ask for a contribution of £2 towards hall, heating and refreshment costs.



Our first meeting was a great success and our doors are now open for anyone to come and join us. You don't need to let us know – just turn up. If you want to find out more then phone Peter on 07712 792990 or Pauline on 07779 502128. Both of us have our phones set up to screen calls, so just say “Puzzlers” if you are screened or leave a message and we'll call back.

To give you an idea, all kinds of board, card and pub games are on offer – Last week Rummikub, Skyjo and Cribbage tables were busy and Dominos, Mahjong, Chess, Rummy, Bananagrams, Flip 7, Scrabble and Uno were all being talked about. We even have one person who fancies a Monopoly table if enough are interested. Bring your favourite, or you can join in with any of the groups or just watch to learn how to play. But above all it's “Fun and Friends”.

Diary Dates (all on Thursdays at 2pm), 15th October, 19th November and 17th December*

* with Mince Pies and possibly crazier than usual games

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Piddle Pics

Fisherman's Friends

Sunday 18th October 7:30pm

In Wyre Piddle Village Hall, doors open 7pm

Ten fisherman from Cornwall are signed by Universal Records and achieve a top ten hit with their debut album, "Sea Shanties."

Based on the real folk music group in Port Isaac, foot tapping singing, lots of fun.

2019 Director Chris Foggin

Starring Daniel Mays, Tuppence Middleton, James Purefoy



Tickets £5

Available at Tuesday Coffee Mornings at the Village Hall

AND on the door

AND Online at



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



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.

And coming soon...

"The Imitation Game" November 15th

"UP" - family showing – 3pm December 20th

"The Love Punch" January 17th

"Mamma Mia!" 15th February 21st

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Pilates - NEW- at the Village Hall

Mat Pilates classes at Wyre Piddle Village Hall on Tuesdays 6.00 – 7.00 pm starting Tuesday 6th October and then 13th, 20th, 27th and 3rd and 10th November.

A friendly beginners class open to anyone wishing to improve their movement, function and build strength. Pilates is a holistic approach to movement and embraces a whole body approach to improve health, mobility, breath and balance.

Beginner classes are great place to start if you are new to fitness, recovering from an injury or illness or looking to add to your existing fitness routine. We will be small group of no more than 12 so that you get the most benefit out of your Pilates practise.

The class will run in 6-week block bookings.

£42 or 6 weeks

Booking essential

Please contact Allyson at 07483 293 224 or email allyson@fit4function.co.uk to book a place

Love in a Box

We will be sending Love in a Box donations for Christmas again this year. All boxes start their travels overland at the end of November, we will give full details and distribute pamphlets next month. Enquiries Carol 07967131299



Bryan's Halloween Charity Pub Quiz

Bryan's monthly Pub Quiz is Halloween themed this month. Come in fancy dress if you like, there will be a prize for the best dressed team. As always the quiz is on the last Sunday of the month (Sunday 25th October) 6.30 for 7.00 at The Anchor. Teams of up to 6 people. £3 per person, all proceeds go to charity. An excellent and fun evening... hope to see you there.

Wyre Piddle Village Hall - 100 Club

The 100 Club draw for October took place at MacMillan Coffee Morning. The lucky winners are:

1 st	Matt Hodges	2 nd	Diana Thompson	3 rd	Julie Barr
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What's on at The Anchor?

We have taken the decision to change our opening times on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. We will not be opening the doors until 4pm but open until late as normal. Food will be available during those times, however we would encourage anyone thinking of popping along for food to call and check what we have available on the menu for that day.

The garden remains a lovely sunny space and now that the neighbour has kindly cut the conifers the top decking is a great space to enjoy the last rays of the sun before sunset.

We are delighted to confirm that due to popular demand Flynn & Vince are returning for another music session on Sunday 11th October from 3 until late.

The theme is to have as much fun as possible both by the musicians and by the crowd. Both are extremely talented with several number one hits and albums between them.

All are welcome to come and enjoy the fun and Vince and Flynn are also up for any requests as long as they know the tune.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the day.

I believe that is all from us for now, have a great October.

Cheers

Brian & Pippa



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Macmillan Coffee Morning -THANK YOU!



Over £650 raised on the day

THANK YOU WYRE PIDDLERS who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning on 25 September drinking coffee and tea, eating lots of cakes and buying raffle tickets.

Guess the weight of the chocolate tin was interesting with guesses between 75g and 894g with the actual weight being 620g.

Thanks also to those who although were unable to join us gave to the raffle, bring and buy, made cakes and donated much needed cash. A HUGE thanks to the helpers as without them this would not have happened.

Since the Macmillan Coffee Mornings started in 2004 Wyre Piddle has raised

OVER £11,500

AGAIN THANK YOU EVERYONE
Pauline Monks

PS I am saving (empty) plastic chocolate boxes all year round which I then take to be recycled and the proceeds will also go to Macmillan so another thank you if you are able to drop any boxes off at Lyndhurst, Worcester Road



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Pickle Night (Saturday 7th November 2026, 7pm)

Thanks to all those who have already reserved their tickets. We have sold over 30 tickets and the event will shortly be sold out. Catherine will be collecting the payments from people who have reserved their tickets in the coming weeks. Should be a special night.

Tony Graham



WI News

It was lovely to be back at our WI meeting on September 9th and chatting with each other again.

We elected Julie Taylor as President for the for coming year, and thanked Lara Baker-Power for all her hard work as Joint President (with Julie) in the past year. The AGM and formal reports were followed by refreshments and a chance to socialise . Then followed discussion of future events including Federation events, a Christmas Shopping visit to Oxford is popular, and our own club group meetings. We all wish our Skittles Team good luck for the future season as last season's winners, and look forward to a less competitive Skittles Social Evening this week.

A lot of cake making was done by WI members for the MacMillan Coffee Morning, and many helped out on the day. What a great result, Pauline.

Our next meeting will be held at the Village Hall at 7.30p.m on October 14th and we will welcome a speaker from The Vale Wildlife Hospital. This event is open to everyone, see above. If anyone is interested in coming along to find out more about Wyre Piddle WI then please contact our secretary Wendy Berry on wyrepiddlesec@wfedwi.org.uk

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News from St Anne's

HARVEST CELEBRATIONS AT ST ANNE'S – Saturday 10th October at 6 pm



We have a service in church to thank God for all his natural beauty and bounty. We decorate the church with flowers and donations of tinned/packaged goods which will be donated to Pershore Foodbank.

After that there's the **HARVEST SUPPER** in the hall, starting from 7 pm.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW - £10 for a 2 course meal + tea/coffee. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Raffle.

Please contact Wendy asap for tickets and more info: 07740 436646.

We'd love to see you at church and/or at the supper!

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On Sunday 18th October there is a Holy Communion service at St Anne's at 11am.

St Anne's Gardening Club – 1st Thursdays from 10.00 – 11.00 am

Will you join us on Thursday 1st October (this is so close to Piddle Post publication, we know) to help tidy, weed and rake in the churchyard. It's rewarding to see how much can be achieved in one hour. We welcome any more volunteers. For more details contact Wendy: 07740 436646

Book Stall We will be closing the book stall in about ten days so now is your opportunity to stock up with good reads as the evenings close in. Grateful thanks to all who have supported us. We have made just over £200 for St Anne's.



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

CHURCH SERVICES OCTOBER 2026

Sunday 4th October – Creation-tide
11:00 Fladbury Holy Communion

Saturday 10th October
18:00 Wyre Piddle Harvest Celebration
followed by Supper in v/hall

Sunday 11th October
9:30 Charlton Morning Worship
11:00 Fladbury Harvest Celebration
followed by Lunch in v/hall

Sunday 18th October
9:30 Cropthorne Morning Worship
9:30 Bishampton Harvest Celebration
11:00 Wyre Piddle Holy Communion

Sunday 25th October
9:30 Charlton Café Church
11:00 Bishampton Holy Communion

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Wychavon Parish Games

Wyre Piddle's Teams have again been busy competing during September, both in the Knockout competitions and the One Day Events.

Despite great efforts and enjoyable evenings we made early exits in the Skittles, Pool, Men's darts and Ladies Darts Knockout Events. Our Crib team reached the quarter finals in their event where they were narrowly beaten by Sedgeberrow in very close games.

We achieved very good results in September's One Day Events.

- Our Cross Country team of 6 runners achieved 7th place out of 17.
- Our Bowl's team of four players achieved 4th place out of 16.
- Our Angling Team of three competitors came FIRST thus winning our first Trophy of this year's games!!

So well done to all our teams. Still to come in early October are both the Junior and Senior Table Tennis One Day Events, so fingers crossed for more silverware!!

PAM WILD.

Co-ordinator for Wyre Piddle's Teams



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Update from your Parish Council

Vacancy: We have a vacancy on the Parish Council. If you would like to be active in helping your community please consider joining our friendly team. You'll be committing yourself to a meeting on a Wednesday evening once a month, and dealing with variable quantities of emails and WhatsApps. It isn't onerous but it is rewarding. If you email our clerk, Lisa Cope, on clerk@wyrepiddlepc.org.uk we can send you some information and arrange an informal chat with one of the councillors.

Remembrance Sunday is on 8th November, and there will be an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial outside the Village Hall at 10.45am followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

Ward Budgets Our District Councillor, Liz Tucker, has a one-off Ward Budget of £10,000 to fund projects within our ward. She says: I ask your help in publicising this grant opportunity to residents and organisations within the parish. It is my intention to wait until well into November before starting to choose between competing requests. Further information is here <https://www.wychavon.gov.uk/?view=article&id=1740:wychavon-ward-budgets>

The next meeting will be held at the village hall on Wednesday 25th November at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

Update from your County Councillor

Highways

There is quite a lot of disruption on our main roads for the next few weeks including on the A44. The gas company is completing a major upgrade of the local system and it is currently operating at Lower Moor. Work is on schedule but disruption and traffic lights expected until 9th October. **Gas works then move to Wyre Piddle in November.** Date for expected start is 16th November, starting at the Chapel Lane end of the village and migrating down.

The council has been awarded over £200 million over 4 years for our highways system. This includes funding for road resurfacing but also for feasibility studies to improve walking and cycling around the area. Pershore has been given money to look at how to connect the villages and the extension of the town to the key amenities and there will be opportunities for residents to get involved. These studies will be the base of further funding requests to government. Once the details are released we will make sure residents have their say.

Local Government Reorganisation

The government have 'paused' the move to a unitary authority while they undertake a review. This is expected to be completed by mid-October. Exactly what happens after the pause is unclear but there will be elections in May 2027. At the moment the assumption is this will be for the district elections but this is not 100% clear. The government has said it is still committed to local government reorganisation and has hinted that once the review is complete some plans will be 'unpaused' but whether this means elections for May 2027 or

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May 2028 remains to be seen. It is hoped we will have an update by the next edition of the Piddle Post.

Banking Hub in Pershore

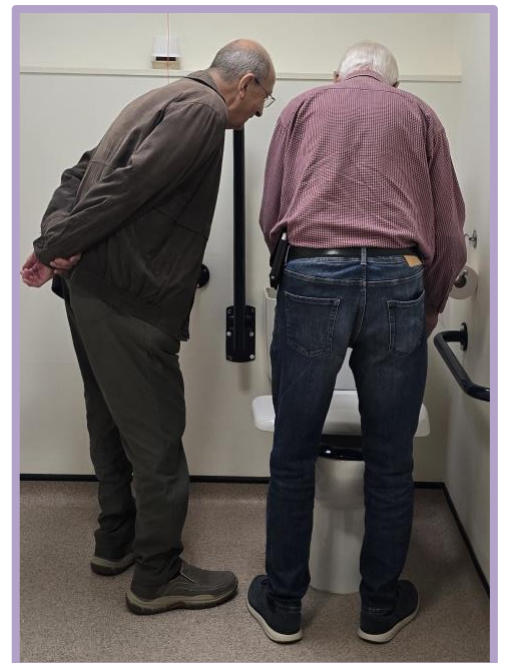
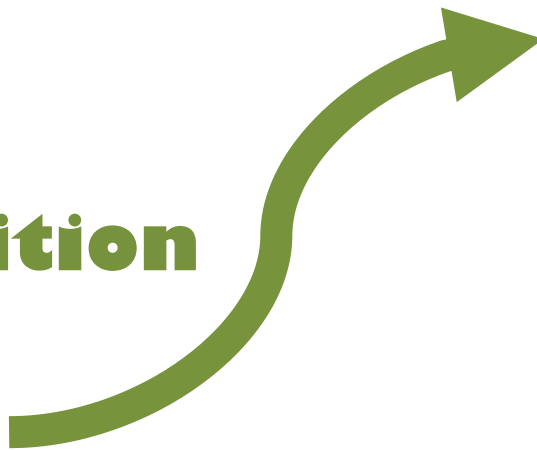
The banking hub will be making the library it's permanent home and work is underway to extend the site and ensure it is as accessible as possible. Formal opening expected to be mid-November and the Hub has moved upstairs temporarily. There is a lift in the building for those who need it.

Dan Boatright-Greene

Editors' Note - and Caption Competition!

We won the fishing! – Well done to the Wyre Piddlers who didn't catch tiddlers. Very well done also to Pauline and her team for the fantastic amount they have raised for Macmillan. The sun shone, the cakes rose and a good time was had by all with a great result for an excellent cause. Pauline also had time to send us the cover photo – what delectable produce! And speaking of Photos, Tony Graham took the photo below which is crying out for a caption... (yes, that is the Ladies' loo). Email us your suggestions and the best caption will be published next month (well, you didn't expect a prize did you?)

Caption Competition



If you know of anyone else who would like to receive a copy of the PP to their email inbox, or who doesn't do emails and needs a paper copy, please get in touch at piddlepost.wyre@gmail.com.

Malcolm & Penny

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Organisation	People	Contact
The Anchor	Brian & Pippa	01386 244590
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Wyre Piddle Village WhatsApp Community	Various admins	Send WhatsApp message asking to join to 07516 651093
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