

## Contact the Parish Council

Do you have a question, concern or suggestion? We're here to listen and help with matters affecting our community. Whether it's about local issues, upcoming events, or services, the parish council is dedicated to making our village a better place. Get in touch, we'd love to hear from you!

Email [clerk@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk)

## Local groups

See local groups section of our website for more info on the groups and activities mentioned below:

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| - Yoga                       | - Walking group           |
| - Latin dance                | - History group           |
| - Pilates                    | - Welland WI              |
| - Taekwondo                  | - Pursers Orchard Workers |
| - Football (ladies, juniors) | - U3A short mat bowling   |
| - Toddler group              | - Little Dancers classes  |
| - Arts and Crafts group      |                           |

## Volunteering in Welland

There are lots of ways to get involved in volunteering in Welland, to help our community thrive. Interested?

Visit [littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk/volunteering](http://littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk/volunteering)

## Zest 4 Life lunch club

Weekly lunch club on Wednesdays at 1:30pm at the Parish Hall. Two course lunch and unlimited tea, coffee and soft drinks for £6, with a large helping of fun and laughter. Why not come along to meet new friends? No need to book!

## Welland Against Food Waste

Join us every Sunday at 10am at the Village Hall, for a free giveaway of surplus food donated by M&S. It's usually fresh produce that is still within its 'use by' date - we don't know what we're getting beforehand.

No eligibility requirements, free for all to come and help themselves. Once it's gone it's gone!

## The Marlbank - Indian Restaurant

The Marlbank has now reopened as an Indian Restaurant, bringing a genuine North Indian culinary experience to Welland.



You can dine-in or take-away. The restaurant is not licensed but diners can bring their own alcohol.

For enquiries or reservations call 01684 778733 or visit [www.marlbankindian.com](http://www.marlbankindian.com)

## Stay up to date with What's on in Welland

Website: [www.littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk](http://www.littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk)

Whatsapp: [www.littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk/whatsapp](http://www.littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk/whatsapp) (or scan QR code →)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/wellandparishnoticeboard](http://www.facebook.com/wellandparishnoticeboard)

Email: Sign up to our mailing list by emailing [rachel.sampson@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.sampson@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk)

Check our noticeboard, located by the village shop



## Fish and Chip van in Welland

'Hooked and Cooked' now visits Welland fortnightly on a Thursday, 4.30pm till 8pm, by the Parish Hall. Cash and card are both accepted. Pre-orders on 07765951263.

## Bus Services

### Worcestershire on Demand

This flexible transport service is serving an ever expanding list of drop off and pick up points in Malvern and the surrounding area. Runs from 7am-7pm Mon-Sat.

Download the Worcestershire on Demand app or book via 01905 846180.

### Improved 363 bus service

The 363 bus service travels from Worcester to Ryall via Welland, with stops in Upton and other nearby villages.

[bustimes.org/localities/welland-worcs](http://bustimes.org/localities/welland-worcs)

## Outdoor Gym sessions

Fun, accessible, instructor-led workouts at Spitalfields Outdoor Gym in Welland. All abilities welcome!

Every Friday at 10am. First session free (£5 thereafter).

Call Malvern Splash on 01684 893423 to book (or book online if you are a member).



Welland Residents Charity looks to help local people who would benefit from a bit of financial assistance. They offer one-off grants to give a helping hand when needed. In the last year, they have made donations to the community larder in St James' Church, given vouchers for use in the village store at Christmas, assisted one resident with help with bills, and helped to buy some books for a young resident about to go to university.

If you are in need of help and would like to apply, please email [wellandresidentscharitywrc@gmail.com](mailto:wellandresidentscharitywrc@gmail.com) with your request. To be eligible you must live in Welland. Each application is considered by the trustees on its merits. The modest grants are not means tested and are aimed at those in need.

## Welland Social Space & Library

Located in the small room of the Parish Hall. Come along to the library where we have lots of great books for you to borrow! You can also order online from a wider selection via the Worcestershire Libraries website and then collect locally. [worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/libraries](http://worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/libraries)

Mondays: 2pm-4pm  
Tuesdays: 8.30am-9:45am  
Thursdays: 10.00am-12pm



# LITTLE MALVERN AND WELLAND

## Newsletter March 2026

## Environment Update: Photo Competition and Birdfeeder Giveaway!

Environmental enhancement work has continued throughout Welland, with new trees planted at Welland Cemetery, new wildflower seed sown on Spitalfields and new wildflower turf along one of our new footpaths.



With help from Malvern Hills National Landscape funding, the Parish Council has purchased a small number of birdfeeders for distribution among residents. As well as helping the birds, birdwatching is a wonderful way for people to connect with nature. They will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis in response to emailed requests.

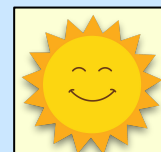
We are also launching a photo competition to celebrate the beautiful area we live in. The theme is 'Little Malvern and Welland Landscape and Nature'. Photos must be taken in, around or from these two villages. There will be prizes for the winners of an under and over 16s category. By entering, you give permission for the Parish Council to use your photos (with credit) in the future for our online and printed media. Deadline 31st May 2026.

To request a birdfeeder or to submit a photo entry email [environmentandplanning@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk](mailto:environmentandplanning@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk)

## Pursers Orchard Update

The Pursers Orchard Workers don't hibernate, lots of work has gone on during the winter months. Wildflower turf has been laid, native bulbs planted, seeds sown, the new fruit trees have been pruned and some of the old trees have received attention too; we are intent on encouraging new growth and taking good care of old friends. Our pond is thriving too!

There is so much to see and do in Pursers Orchard and, when the time comes, thanks to the Wassail, there will be masses of fruit for you to pick too. Do visit this tranquil open space, read about what we do and check out the rich, welcoming environment. The Orchard is always open for your enjoyment and the POWs are usually there every Mon and Thurs from 10am.



Date for your diaries:  
**SUMMER BASH - Sunday 21st June 12-3pm**  
With special Father's Day themed events!



## Upcoming Improv Workshop

Improv is coming to Welland! Improvisational theatre is a form of drama where scenes are created spontaneously, without a script. Beyond being entertaining and fun, learning improv improves communication skills, confidence, creativity, empathy, and collaboration.

The sessions will be led by a team including professional actors/role players and local business owner Viv Nelson, who has been using improv for over 25 years in her training company.

The workshop will run on 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th April between 6-8:30pm at St James Church, Welland and is open to anyone age 16+. The four session course will cost £25.

We aim to have a lot of fun, help you flex your creative muscles, and of course, meet new people.

To find out more or to book, please email [barbarastephens.cdc@gmail.com](mailto:barbarastephens.cdc@gmail.com)



## Green Thumbs Wanted!

Welland has grown rapidly in recent years, with our population now around 1,500. Yet our gardens remain a hidden gem compared with the well-known "In Bloom" events in Malvern and Upton. Local gardening enthusiast Martin Lawrence hopes to change that by starting the Welland In Bloom & Gardening Club.

Martin envisions a community-led group where our gardens become spaces for connection. Whether you have a sprawling lawn or a small patio, this is about more than just plants, it's about wellbeing and community.

The club will give local garden lovers a chance to meet for tea, cake and a chat, helping people connect, make friends and reduce isolation across all age groups.

If you are interested email [martinlawrence4chase@gmail.com](mailto:martinlawrence4chase@gmail.com) or call [07505 053175](tel:07505053175)



# Can you help your community? Welland needs you!

We are very lucky in Welland to have an active community, with a number of local groups, a community orchard, a library, and annual events including our Summer Bash and Winter Wassail. These rely on volunteers who provide their time and energy to help keep these things going.

Despite recent pleas on social media and in our newsletter, we haven't had many responses from people willing to get involved. Now that some of our longstanding volunteers are stepping down, we are at very real risk of losing some of the events and groups that make Welland so special; at present it's looking like next year's Wassail may not take place. In particular we really need people for our events committee. If you think you could help out we would **LOVE** to hear from you.

## Events Committee and Helpers

We urgently require volunteers for our events committee, to organise the Summer Bash and Winter Wassail. This includes ad-hoc meetings in the lead up to the event, and some organisational tasks such as liaising with stallholders and ordering supplies.

We also require on the day volunteers to run stalls/games, help on the BBQ and with the tea room, and act as marshalls.

Email [rachel.sampson@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk](mailto:rachel.sampson@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk)

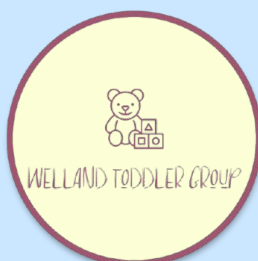


## Welland Social Space and Library

We're always looking for more volunteers to join our friendly team. It's a great way to meet people in the village, and help provide a valued service to our residents. If you'd like to be involved, pop in for a chat when the library is open, or contact Sandi Guest, Welland Library Coordinator on [07903 851181](tel:07903851181) to find out more. (See back page of newsletter for library opening times.)

## Welland Toddler Group

The much-loved toddler group, running since 1992, is closing after the Easter holidays unless a few volunteers can be found to help keep it going. The group are looking for people who could help run sessions, assist with set-up and tidy-up, and share ideas for activities and events. Sessions are Monday mornings at the Parish Hall. No experience required, just a willingness to get involved. If you'd be interested in helping, please email [georgiapfinch@gmail.com](mailto:georgiapfinch@gmail.com)



## Pursers Orchard Workers

We meet regularly to maintain and develop our gorgeous community orchard. This involves mowing paths, maintaining the green spaces, picking fruit, and occasionally larger projects such as building picnic benches and digging the pond. When the demands of the orchard are quiet, some of the group become 'Welland Weeders' – helping maintain people's gardens in the village. To find out more please email [pursersorchard@yahoo.com](mailto:pursersorchard@yahoo.com)

## Biodiversity and Environment Volunteers (BEVs)

We are a group of local people with an interest in biodiversity and the environment. The group get involved with ad-hoc volunteering opportunities that relate to local environmental enhancement, including planting, watering, fungi and flora surveys, habitat maintenance, environment activity days and more. To join the mailing list or to find out more please email [environmentandplanning@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk](mailto:environmentandplanning@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk)

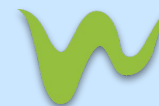


## Join the Parish Council

We currently have two vacancies on our Parish Council. The PC is the level of government closest to the people, making decisions for the community and helping to deliver local services. The Council meets once a month on a Monday evening. There is also the opportunity to be involved with working groups who focus on specific projects and report back to the main Council meetings.

No prior experience is necessary. To find out more, email [clerk@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk)

## News from the Parish Council



### SmartWater Scheme Update

In our September 25 newsletter, we asked for registrations of interest in a possible SmartWater theft deterrent scheme for the village. While this did generate some interest, we did not reach the 80% of homes required for us to be able to proceed with the discounted scheme. However, our local Safer Neighbourhood officer has offered to hold a local drop in session for people who are interested in finding out more about SmartWater if they wish to proceed individually. We don't yet have a date for this but will publicise it on our usual channels when we do.

### Phone Mast Planning Appeal

The appeal against the refusal of M/25/00849/TC is still being processed by the Planning Inspectorate. Their reference is 6003996. The Inspectorate website on 12th March said that final submissions (from the LPA and the Appellant) were due on 13th March and that a site visit is pending. So, we can expect the decision before too long.

### Forest of Dean Local Plan - Glynchbrook Development

The Parish Council have submitted a response to the Forest of Dean's Public Consultation on their Local Plan, to object to the proposed development of 3,500 homes and 9 ha of business land at Glynchbrook. For more information see our website.

### Footpath Update

Our Pippin Drive to Drake Street footpath improvement has now been completed. The new footpath is wider and has an all-weather surface to make it easier to use. Councillors voted to name the path 'Mick's Way', in honour of Mick Davies who has recently retired from the Parish Council and who was instrumental in the success of the footpath project.



### S106 Update

When housing developments take place, developers are required to provide an S106 fund, part of which is allocated to village amenity enhancement. We have submitted an application to MHDC for the following S106 projects in Welland:

- All weather surfaced fitness track around Spitalfields
- Upgrade of outdoor gym equipment to enhance accessibility
- Addition of a low level bouldering wall on Spitalfields
- Upgrade of patio area outside the Parish Hall
- Improved signage around Welland for recreational areas

Although there was interest in a pump track after public consultation, some concerns were also raised around the suitability of its proposed location. In addition, proceeding with the pump track project would have precluded any of the projects above. We have therefore put this on hold for now, although we are committed to exploring the idea further in the future.

## Welland Community Cinema



We meet in St James' Church on the first and third Fridays of each month to watch a variety of films and National Theatre Live performances.

Licensed bar and other refreshments available. Films begin at 7pm.

For more info on the films visit [wellandcommunitycinema.uk](http://wellandcommunitycinema.uk)

Films: Tickets £5 adults/£2.50 children.

National Theatre Live: Tickets £10

**20th March:** NTL - The Audience (12A)

**10th April:** The Choral (12A)

**24th April:** Springsteen: Deliver Me From Nowhere (12A)

**1st May:** Good Fortune (15)

**15th May:** Eleanor The Great (12A)

## Parish Hall Upgrades

Thanks largely to a grant from Malvern Hills District Council, Welland Parish Hall is about to undergo improvement works. These include improved, more controllable lighting, new audio-visual equipment (including screens, projectors, amplifiers and speakers), and external lighting.

The new A/V system will allow users to make presentations and broadcast media (subject to appropriate licensing), and will make the hall even better suited for meetings, parties, events and entertainment.

To find out more or to book the hall for your event go to: [wellandparishhall.weebly.com](http://wellandparishhall.weebly.com)



## Enjoy our Footpaths Responsibly

We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area on the edge of the Malvern Hills National Landscape, with many gorgeous footpaths and Rights of Way to enjoy. If you're planning a walk on the Common or along these paths, please remember the Countryside Code:



**Stick to the path:** a right of way is a linear route, not a right to roam across farmland.

**Control your dog:** keep it on a lead or under close control, especially near livestock.

**Leave no trace:** take all litter home, including dog waste.

**Be considerate:** respect landowners, fellow walkers, wildlife and livestock, and leave gates as you find them.