

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

Local Groups

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

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

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

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 £7, with a large helping of fun and laughter. Why not come along to meet new friends? No need to book!

Brass Rubbing and Activity Trail

Welland is a great village with loads of lovely green spaces to enjoy. We have created this brass-rubbing trail with the aim of helping people to get outside, explore these places and connect with nature. There are 12 brass rubbing posts located around the village. Can you find all of them?

littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk/brass-rubbing-trail

Biodiversity and Environment

Interested in nature and the local environment? Join our biodiversity and environment mailing list for information on local projects, volunteering opportunities and events.

environmentandplanning@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk

Sports Facilities in Welland

We're so lucky to have so many sports facilities in Welland. Visit Spitalfields for: outdoor gym, basketball, football, teqball, table tennis, cricket wicket. Visit littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk/sport/

Stay up to date with What's on in Welland

Website: www.littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/wellandparishnoticeboard

Email: Sign up to our mailing list by emailing comms@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

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

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, assisted five residents with help with bills or unexpected repairs, and helped to buy some equipment for a young resident for their university course.

If you are in need of help and would like to apply, please email 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

Mondays: 2pm-4pm
Thursdays: 10.00am-12pm



Welland Big Autumn Quiz!

Back by popular demand! Join us for our Autumn Quiz - a fun and sociable evening that will be raising money for Pursers Orchard and Malvern and District Community Action.



When: Saturday 26th September 7pm (doors open 6:30pm)
Where: Welland Parish Hall
Tickets: £5 (free under 12yrs) - from Village Shop or via ticketsource.co.uk/wellandparish

Teams of up to 6 - if you don't have a team no problem! We can find you a friendly table. It's all about having fun!

Feel free to bring your own snacks, there will be a licensed bar available for purchasing drinks.

If you're planning on coming, **please don't wait until the last minute to purchase tickets** - we have to sell a minimum number in advance for the event to go ahead.

Community Action Afternoon Tea

Join the team from Malvern and District Community Action for an afternoon tea!

When: Sun 18th October (time tbc)
Where: Welland Parish Hall
Price: £7

There will be a delicious spread of sandwiches, cakes and savouries. Everyone is welcome and pre-booking is advised as the afternoon tea is very popular.

To book please contact Fran on 01684 892381 or email FranW@communityaction.org.uk



Malvern Hills Vineyards Festive Wine Tasting and Food Pairing

If you love finding out about (and tasting) fine wines then this is for you! Marlbank Vineyard, which has now been producing wine in Welland for several years, will be hosting a festive wine tasting, together with several other vineyards from the region.



When: Friday 4th December
Where: Welland Parish Hall
Tickets: £20 - will be available from November
Keep an eye on their website: malvernhillsvineyards.co.uk



Join us for a unique evening of Ukrainian culture, music, singing and even a chance to sample the country's beer and cake. Raising money for an ambulance to send to Ukraine.

Featuring a Vocal and Instrumental Bandurist Ensemble, and a polyphonic A Cappella choir directed by Galyna Grigoriadi.

When: Friday 9th October 7pm (doors open 6:30pm)
Where: St James Church, Welland
Tickets: Adults £10, 16-18yrs £5, under 16s free - from Village Shop or via ticketsource.com/welland-community-cinema

Family Environment Day

Calling all families! Join us for a fun activity-packed afternoon with nature themed creative crafts and activities and an Animal Encounter experience.



When: Sunday 1st November 12:30-3pm
Where: Welland Parish Hall
Tickets: Not yet on sale - will be via ticketsource.co.uk/little-malvern-and-welland-pc-events-group/

Keep a look out for more information on the noticeboard, our website and the facebook page - tickets for this event will go quickly!

Thanks to Malvern Hills National Landscape for generous event funding.

Welland Big Festive Quiz

If one Welland Big Quiz isn't enough for you then good news, we have another! Our Festive Quiz will really get you into the Christmas spirit. There will also be a full bar, tea and coffee available as well as a raffle full of festive goodies.



When: Saturday 5th December 7pm (doors open 6:30pm)
Where: St James Church, Welland
Tickets: £5 (free under 12yrs) - on sale in November from village shop or via ticketsource.co.uk/wellandparish

St James Church Update

Since our last update, we are delighted to report further progress with St James Church's Future Proof Project, supported by The National Lottery Heritage Fund. The major external building works are now complete. The new guttering, repointing and roof repairs have greatly improved the condition of the church and will help protect it from the weather for many years to come.

Our new infrared heating system is also now complete. Together with our new three-phase electricity supply, the system will provide more responsive and energy-efficient heating for worship and the many community activities held at St James.

On 26th August, the Cumbria Clock Company returned to install the clock's new automatic regulator, completing another important stage of the restoration. Unfortunately, the chiming mechanism has since developed a fault and we are awaiting a further visit to rectify this, so that's why you can't hear the chimes!

The final major element of the Future Proof Project will be the renovation of the church organ in 2027, alongside our new heritage audio guide.

Once again, our sincere thanks go to The National Lottery Heritage Fund for its major support and to Little Malvern and Welland Parish Council for its £3,200 grant towards the clock works. We are very grateful for the support that is helping us safeguard St James for future generations.

Welland Community Cinema

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



Licensed bar and other refreshments available. Films begin at 7pm (bar opens 6:30pm). For more info on the films visit wellandcommunitycinema.uk

Tickets: £5 adults/£2.50 children.

- 4th Sep: Mr Blake at your Service (PG)
- 18th Sep: Rose of Nevada (15)
- 2nd Oct: Sheep Detectives (PG) (tbc)
- 16th Oct: Rebuilding (PG)
- 6th Nov: Rental Family (12A)
- 20th Nov: Colours of Time (15)
- 11th Dec: The Colour room (PG)

Parish Hall Update

In October we will be doing some more work to make our Parish Hall an even better venue for parties, events, gatherings and meetings. The patio by the playing field is being replaced with a much better, more usable design. It will become a feature of hall lettings; great for kids parties and outdoor activities. Outside lighting also will be improved and this, adding to the wonderful A/V equipment in the halls, will deliver a much richer experience for users. If you want to organise a gathering around streamed or recorded content; events, shows, concerts, films; we have the technology! Check the Parish Hall Website for all you need to know. wellandparishhall.weebly.com



Welland History Group

Interested in local history? You are very welcome to join us. Our next two meetings are on Friday 25th September and Friday 27th November at 3pm in Welland Parish Hall. See our website for details: wellandhistory.uk or email wellandhistorygroup@gmail.com



Welland Junior Football Club

Welland Juniors returned to Spitalfield on Saturday 5th September at 9am and there are places still available for primary school boys and girls, together with 5-8 year-old girls in our growing 'Wildcat' section.

Our league, senior men's and ladies' teams are also back in action, with fixtures taking place at Spitalfield. Fixtures are published on the club website each week, so do check them out and come along to support our local teams! wellandjuniorfc.org.uk

Following planning approval for the Upton Hill Centre development, we are looking forward to the opening of a new, state-of-the-art 3G pitch. In recent years, we have lost so many weeks of football due to waterlogged and unplayable pitches. As one of the largest football clubs in the county, this new facility will allow us to continue providing high-quality football opportunities throughout the year, helping players from five years old through to adults to stay physically, mentally and socially active.



Welland Library Change To Opening Times

We regret that following a reduction in volunteers, Welland Library is no longer open on Tuesday mornings.

Our opening times are: **Mon 2-4pm, Thur 10-12 noon**

We'd love to open more often, so why not pop in and talk to us about joining our friendly volunteer team.



Welland Against Food Waste

Our free food anti waste giveaway has now been operating successfully for over 18 months and we'd just like to remind folks that this is for everyone who hates food waste and could do with a little something extra to top up the larder!

We give away food from M&S **every Sunday morning at 10am sharp** from Welland Parish Hall. Occasionally we have to change venues to St James Church but the time is always the same.

We never know what we are going to get but we do know that it's free to everyone.



Pursers Orchard Update

Wow! What a Summer in Pursers Orchard. The new Wildflowers were buzzing and human visitors enjoyed an early glut of plums, damsons and blackberries. Apples and pears are not so good this year but they are free! At ground level, both the grass and the pond responded to the sun; we had hay in abundance and a distinct shortage of water.

Pursers Orchard is a wonderful accessible space for everyone to explore and enjoy. Next year we plan to provide shade and more picnic tables and to get a reliable water source for the pond. Many visitors have looked for a donation box to help the volunteers with their upkeep and development tasks. If you'd like to donate, our charity bank details are: **Account number 51526668, Sort code: 30-90-09.** Ask about gift aid too.

To get involved call 07739 633249 or come to our volunteer sessions at the orchard on Monday and Thursday mornings.



New Community Youth Hub for Welland

Would your teens like to help shape the future of youth activities right here in Welland?

There is currently no provision for organised activities within the parish for young people particularly those aged between 11–16. This could all be about to change because we are excited to announce that we have received funding from our ward councillor Christine Wild to help the parish council access trained youth leaders and support the training of volunteers. It will also enable us to trial a dedicated safe space and community hub for young people to come together, socialise, play games, do homework and take part in creative activities. We envisage this taking place once a week.

We can't make this happen without the support of local families and their children, and we'd love our young people to have their say in shaping this new youth hub. If someone in your family would like to take part in a fun and relaxed group discussion about what THEY would like, please get in touch with our Community Development Coordinator Barbara Stephens at barbarastephens.cdc@gmail.com . We hope to start our research in September and launch the hub towards the end of the year.



Speedwatch Update

Over recent months a dedicated group of trained volunteers have been carrying out regular Speedwatch sessions around Welland.



During these sessions, a significant number of vehicles were recorded travelling well above the speed limit. These results were fed back to the police and we are pleased that they are taking this matter seriously. As a direct result of the data gathered, over the coming months we can expect to see a greater police presence in Welland with mobile speed cameras.

This is excellent news. Speeding is a longstanding and frequently raised concern by residents to the parish council.

As always, we remind everybody to be mindful of their speed and drive safely.

Cafe at St James

Our wonderful cafe, based inside St James Church, is changing its opening times. It will now be open on **Fridays between 10:30am-1:30pm.**

It's a great place to meet friends, have meetings and enjoy some tasty food and drink. All are welcome.

- Hot drinks: £1
- Squash: 50p
- Scones, toasted teacakes and home made cakes: £2.
- Sausage rolls: £2
- Jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings: £4 - £4.50



New defibrillator for Welland Walkers

The Welland Walkers, run by Ian Hardicker, has gone from strength to strength over the past few years.



The walking group can often exceed 30 people so Ian was delighted when the parish council announced that the group will now be getting a portable defibrillator in its own rucksack to carry on walks. "When you are in the middle of a field or halfway up a hill and someone suffers a life threatening cardiac emergency, it's so important to offer immediate assistance to give the best possible chance of survival so I am naturally delighted that we'll be getting this important piece of kit," said Ian.

The new defibrillator was purchased courtesy of a grant from our ward councillor John Gallagher.

If you'd like to join in, the Welland Walkers meet at the Parish Hall every Friday morning at 10am. All are welcome!

Positive Feedback

Our Parish Clerk received the following message this week and we'd love to help the sender find the person they are looking for! Please email clerk@littlemalvernandwelland-pc.gov.uk if it was you or a member of your family.

"We were travelling home to Brecon on Saturday 29th August and discovered the M50 was closed. We diverted through the Malverns and had no clue where to go. In a panic we stopped by your village hall. Along came a lad of about fifteen or sixteen bouncing a rugby ball and he told us where we were and where we could get back on track to Brecon. We sat there for a time and he came back to make sure we were okay.

We were very overwhelmed by the kindness of this young lad and wondered if there was any way we could thank him. I know this is a long shot but thought I would try. You, as a community, should be proud of your village for producing caring people like him."