



COMMUNITY DAY in the Cathedral 20th January 2024



Your guide to this remarkable gathering of the entertainers and volunteers who make Wells so special. Meet, greet, enjoy live music all day. And it is all free.



A WARM WELCOME TO TODAY'S COMMUNITY DAY!

This is a unique gathering of the volunteers and entertainers who make Wells so special. Meet, greet, and enjoy live music. It is all free with performances, workshops, and activities to take part in from 10am-4pm.

- Look at the 70+ stalls, ranging from the City Band to dry stone walling, chess, health charities and the Tennis Club
- Listen to pop, rock, Somerset Flutes, Priddy Singers, Wells Oratorio, Wells Good Afternoon Choir and more.
- Learn about remarkable things happening in Wells you had never heard about before.

There is something for everyone, with invaluable opportunities to get involved in the community or try something new.

We are grateful to the Acting Dean and the Cathedral Chapter for letting us use this iconic building for today's event, and to Cathedral Administrator Jackie Croft and the Virgers for guiding and supporting us with the logistics.

Thanks also to everyone taking part and a huge thank you to all the volunteers who work in countless ways to help make our little city such a vibrant place to live. Not least to WCN's amazing team who worked long hours for weeks to create today's special event.

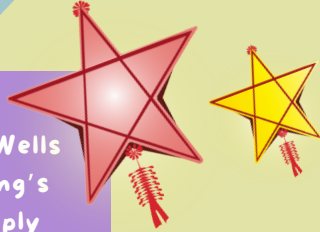
Philip Welch
Chair, Wells Community Network



Lantern Making Workshop for Children

Come and make a willow star or lantern with the Wells Cathedral Education Team! Perfect for this evening's lantern parade in the Cathedral at 6.30pm- or simply enjoy making it and take it home.

Drop into the Education Room (accessed via the cloisters and open throughout the day). Children must be supervised by a responsible adult - and may need your support with the craft activity. The workshop is free with donations welcomed. We are a dog and nut free zone.



Please go to the WCN Stall at Row E, table 1



LIVE PERFORMANCES

ON THE SANCTUARY

10.05–10.30 Wells Academy of Theatrical Arts

10.50–11.15 City of Wells Brass Band

11.30–11.55 Wells Ballet School

12.15–12.40 PRP Community Choir

13.30–14.00 Wells Oratorio

14.15–14.40 Wells Good Afternoon Choir

14.55–15.20 Priddy Singers

15.30–15.55 Wells Tuesday Strings Chamber Group

IN THE CHAPTER HOUSE

10.15–12.00 Portway Music School

12.30–12.50 Somerset Flutes

IN THE LADY CHAPEL

14.00 Somerset African Caribbean Network: spoken word tribute to Benjamin Zephaniah



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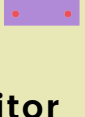
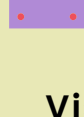
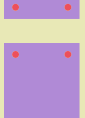
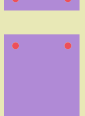
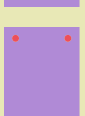
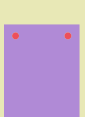
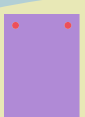
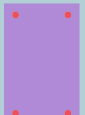
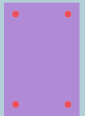
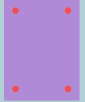
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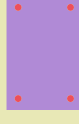
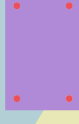
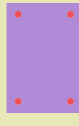
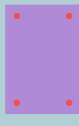
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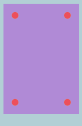
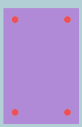
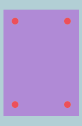
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North Door



Visitor
entrance

North West Door

West Door

Alphabetical list of participants

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| Avon & Somerset Police – Neighbourhood Policing (A8) | Interfaith and Belief Network for Somerset (F7) | SOUP / Wells Ambassadors (B4) |
| Burcot Riding for the Disabled (D9) | Mendip Community Credit Union (near Font) | St Cuthbert's (B5) |
| Citizens Advice Somerset (C4) | Mendip Fibromyalgia Support Group (A6) | St John Ambulance (C1) |
| City of Wells Lions (A1) | Mid Somerset Oxfam Group (B2) | Stoma Heroes (C11) |
| Draycott Art Club (E10) | Mid Somerset CND & Peace Group (C3) | Sustainable Wells (near Font) |
| Dry Stone Walling Association (A9) | Palace Croquet Club (F1) | The Bishop's Palace (F2) |
| Fair Trade City Group (A11) | Portway Performing Arts and Music School (C8) | The Glade Centre (F6) |
| Focus Counselling (E3) | Priddy Folk Festival (A2) | The International Musical Exchange (E5) |
| Focus on Photography (F4) | Priddy Singers (D7) | The Lawrence Centre (D4) |
| FordHaven (E9) | Project Factory (D3) | The Strawberry Line (not attending) |
| Friends of Mendip Hospital Cemetery (D2) | Promise Works (C6) | Wells Amateur Bellingring Society (near Visitor Entrance) |
| GetX@18 (F11) | PRP Contemporary Choir Singing for the Brain (B8) | Wells Amnesty Group (B9) |
| Globe Carnival Club (C12) | | |
| Heads Up (C7) | Root Connections CIC (D11) | Wells and Mendip Astronomers (A10) |

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| Wells and Mendip Museum (F12) | Wells Community Network (WCN) (E1) | Wells Theatre Festival (B3) |
| Wells Bus Users Group (C9) | Wells Dementia Action Alliance (B7) | Wells Twinning Association (B12) |
| Wells Business Forum / Heart of Wells (F10) | Wells Festival of Literature (D6) | Wells U3A (A7) |
| Wells Cathedral Education Department (F5) | Wells Floral Art Club (B10) | Wells WI Tuesday (E11) |
| Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society (D8) | Wells Folk and Barndance Club (A5) | Winston's Wish (F8) |
| Wells Cathedral Volunteering (E6) | Wells Food Festival (A3) | YMCA Brunel Group (D1) |
| Wells Cathedral School Enterprise & Cedars Hall (E7) | Wells Golf Club (C10) | 5th/7th Wells Scout Group (transept) |
| Wells Chamber of Commerce (E8) | Wells Health Centre (F3) | |
| Wells Chess Club (B1) | Wells Library (C2) | |
| Wells City Band (B6) | Wells Men's Breakfast (D10) | |
| Wells City Practice (A4) | Wells Quaker Meeting (D5) | |
| Wells Civic Society (B11) | Wells Rotary (E9) | |
| Wells Classic Motorcycle Club (inside North West Door) | Wells Tennis Club (C5) | |

Avon and Somerset Neighbourhood Policing Team (A8) will be on hand at the community day to help with any enquires you may have. This could be crime prevention, leaflets or if you would just like information about police in general. All are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Burcott RDA Group and Somerset Levels Carriage Driving Group (D9) both run sessions on Tuesday and Thursday in the Wells area. We provide riding and driving lessons for adults and children. We welcome new riders and drivers and also volunteers to help us run the groups and fundraise.

Citizens Advice Somerset (C4) is a local advice charity helping around 25,000 clients a year with free and confidential advice. We advise on many issues including welfare entitlement and benefits, money and debt, housing, employment and family matters (power of attorney, child access arrangements etc). Citizens Advice Somerset has a team of staff and dedicated volunteers and we are available for advice 5 days a week on free phone 0808 2787842 . Full details of how to access our services are on our website www.citizensadvice Somerset.org.uk along with details of how to train as a volunteer adviser.

City of Wells Lions (A1) get involved in many aspects of the community in Wells, be it fund raising, community events or assistance. Our biggest event each year is organising the Moat Boat Race! We meet monthly to plan our activities and also have regular social occasions. We are part of Lions Clubs International. Please email cityofwellsions@gmail.com if you'd like to find out more.

Draycott Art Club (E10) We are a friendly club with resident professional tutor and welcome new members of all standards. We meet at Draycott Memorial Hall on Thursdays from 10-1 or 2-4. Many people bring lunch and stay all day! Materials, and refreshments are provided, including home made cake! A still life is available every morning, and life drawing each afternoon, there is a weekly programme, talks, demonstrations and workshops, or you can do your own thing. We have an annual exhibition of members' work. Check our website for session costs: www.draycottartclub.weebly.com Just turn up, and see for yourself.

Dry Stone Walling Association (A9) aims to promote a greater understanding and knowledge about the traditional craft of dry stone walling and to encourage the repair and maintenance of dry stone walls in the natural landscape. Dry stone walls are an essential part of the Mendip landscape and play a part in the landscape of other parts of the region. The South West England branch of the Association runs weekend courses for beginners at Priddy, Nailsea, Marshfield and Ham Hill making use of various different types of stone. Further information can be found at www.swedswa.org.uk

Fair Trade City Group (A11) is a small group which works to encourage use of Fairtrade goods and to encourage more traders to stock them.

Focus Counselling (E3) has been operating in Bath for the past twenty-five years; Frome for four years and we opened our offices in Wells in May 2023. Currently in Wells there is a staff of eight qualified and trainee counsellors, two of whom specialise in working with children. Focus is a recognised charity and as such we are able to offer safe and affordable counselling to those in our community who may struggle to pay higher fees on an ongoing basis. We offer acceptance, warmth and compassion to everyone, whatever they may be dealing with. The Old Glass House, Wells. Tel: 01749 605052 or 07501064145. Website: focusbath.com

Focus on Photography (F4) is a small, friendly and relaxed photography club based in Wells, open to all regardless of ability. We meet monthly at the Portway Annexe and our meetings are a mixture of hands-on workshops in a studio setting and talks from guest speakers. Our members are a mixture of professional, ex-professional and enthusiastic amateur photographers, so if you're interested in this absorbing hobby, please come along and have a chat with us

FordHaven (E9) We are a non-profit organisation, running a unique children's centre set up to support children in care and those who are separated from their siblings and wider family members. We help to maintain, repair and re-establish the important family relationships that often breakdown due to separation. Ultimately, sibling relationships are at the forefront of what we do. We aim to provide positive experiences where children and young people are able to spend their time in a setting created with them in mind. .

Friends of Mendip Hospital Cemetery (D2) aims to preserve and protect the former Mendip Hospital Cemetery and enhance the site as a public amenity. They aim to maintain, repair, restore, preserve, improve, beautify and reconstruct the fabric of the Chapel as a place of historical or architectural merit and to advance public education in the history of the Mendip Hospital, the Chapel and the Cemetery.

Friends of Wells Cathedral (transept) was founded in 1933 and there are now Friends across the globe. The Friends support the Chapter of Wells in the maintenance of the fabric, life and work of the Cathedral. The Friends have contributed to projects big and small, relating to the building and to departments within the Cathedral Foundation. The Friends committed themselves to funding the £1.8m for the Friends Building in the Cathedral Development Project and are now running the Grand Organ Appeal for the Cathedral.

Get X@18 (F11) An apolitical voluntary group that was formed in 2019. It campaigns to encourage wider voter registration and participation in the electoral process. What is particularly noticeable, and the reason why the group was formed, is since 1964 when the estimated turnout at a general election averaged at about 77% for all age groups; in 2019 the turnout of the 18-24's was estimated to be only 55%, whilst the 55-65+ averaged 76%. We are actively looking to recruit new members to increase our reach and have a positive impact on this democratic deficit.

Globe Carnival Club (C12) is based in Wells and we aim to entertain the public whilst raising money for local charities. We would like to thank everyone who helped to get our 2023 entry on the road. We spend our year fundraising in order to build the cart that you see in November. We are always happy to welcome new members into Globe – if this is something you would be interested in and would like to know more, please contact our secretary Wendy Hughes on – wendy30360@yahoo.co.uk or on 07572719927 Or follow us on Facebook Globe Carnival Club.

Heads Up (C7) provides Day Services to individuals experiencing mental health issues, including dementia. There is also an Outreach Service which offers community based support. Through creative activity workshops, Heads Up provides support to enable individuals to establish links to their local community and develop tools for personal wellbeing; building an awareness of a broad range of social, educational, employment and life choices. Services that Heads Up provide within the local community are mental health therapeutic workshops, dementia day care, outreach support and community block courses.

Interfaith & Belief Network for Somerset (F7) working together to build and sustain a greater sense of belonging, interdependence, relevance and understanding for a more cohesive Somerset society. Funded by Somerset Council, the network is re-convened by The GLADE Centre, a locally-based charity, existing “to advance the education of the public in all matters relating to world and community development, including but not by way of limitation cultural, economic, environmental issues and other related aspects.” For more information: contact lynn@glade.org, visit <https://interfaithbelief.glade.org/>

Mendip Community Credit Union (near font) provides simple savings accounts and affordable loans to people who live and/or work in the Mendip area. Run entirely by volunteers for over 20 years, MCCU provides a friendly, local service with the option of meeting up ‘face to face’ to discuss financial issues. Whilst we always need volunteers to help run this service, you can also really help by joining, saving and (if necessary) borrowing from us.

Mendip Fybromyalgia Support Group (A6) is a group of fellow sufferers who meet monthly for support, fellowship and sharing of information. We meet the first Wednesday of the month at Binegar Memorial Hall, Binegar, BA3 4UR, 10.30am–12.30 and the third Monday of the month at Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street, BA16 0HA, 3.30–4.30pm. We are committed to raising awareness of Fibromyalgia and to helping those living with the illness. Anyone of any age is welcome to come along to meetings, including those with cross-over symptoms from illnesses such as ME, MS, Polymyalgia Long Covid and CFS. We also welcome carers and family of sufferers.

Mid Somerset Oxfam Group (B2) is a small, enthusiastic group of people who raise awareness and funds for Oxfam’s global humanitarian work. We hold street collections, sponsored walks, quarterly pub quizzes, soup lunches, book and plant sales, and a New Year’s Eve Ceilidh. Our One World Fair, Saturday November 9th, brings together many local and national charities, all united in the common aim of making the world a better place. If you’d like to find out more or have great ideas for fund raising, speak to us on the stall or join us for a coffee at our monthly meetings, or email us at msog@hotmail.co.uk

Mid Somerset CND & Peace Group (C3) It's almost 80 years since the World War II nuclear bombing of Japan, yet now 9 nations have nuclear weapons and the danger from their use is greater than ever. We campaign locally and nationally to raise awareness and to convince the UK to join the majority of other nations in the 2017 Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons. We are a friendly group who meet monthly and organise several events each year. Please contact us through our website or Facebook.

Palace Croquet Club (F1) is lucky enough to play croquet on the lawns of the Bishops Palace in Wells. Members of the club can enjoy playing the game most afternoons during the summer months. We are not a competitive club, just mainly social, and members can play either the game of Association Croquet or the simpler game of Golf Croquet. The club welcomes new members even if they have never played. Introductory sessions are offered to all new members.

Portway Performing Arts and Music School (C8) Stage and Screen Performance and Production training for ages 8-18. We provide outstanding performing arts weekend tuition for children and young people in a space that is inclusive, collaborative and fun. Our sessions are divided into PERFORMANCE (Theatre, Dance, Singing) and PRODUCTION (Band, Costume and Set Design), and offer multi-skilled training in different aspects of Performing Arts. Also providing 1-1 Music tuition.

Priddy Folk Festival (A2) is a three day festival held in July in the centre of the Mendip AONB. The festival grew from a PTA fundraiser over 30 years ago to the highly respected festival that attracts thousands of visitors and hosts high quality performers from across the UK and Europe. There are ticketed concerts and lots of free attractions for a day out. The festival is still run entirely by volunteers but now is a registered charity raising money to promote music performance and works with The Blue School in Wells to give performance opportunities to students.

Priddy Singers (D7) is a lively community choir of around 50 men and women who come from across the Mendips and beyond to sing together. Under the musical direction of our conductor Katrine, we enjoy uplifting weekly sessions learning new music and singing old classics. We meet on Tuesday evenings, from 8-9.30pm at Priddy Village Hall, and warmly welcome new members. The aim of our choir is to have fun, grow in confidence, and get to know good songs from the inside out. We work hard and have lots of fun doing it! Visit our website for more information, www.priddysingers.org or email priddysingersinfo@gmail.com

Project Factory (D3) Project Factory is a community interest company that was set up in 2019 to run community projects and events. It is run entirely by volunteers and has been involved in a whole range of projects. It is currently running the lantern parade and CHATS arts talks held at Cedars Hall. These were set up in response to Antony Gormley's DOUBT 2020 installed on the West Front of the Cathedral. We have a small team but we are always looking for enthusiastic, creative, collaborative people to get involved in the projects we do.
www.projectfactory.uk

Promise Works (C6) is a Somerset charity that recruits, trains, and supports volunteers to become long term mentors to individual vulnerable children and young people aged between 5 and 25. Establishing a one-to-one match, we create a trusting relationship that will be in place for at least 2 years. As the relationship develops the mentor becomes a positive and stable influence in the young person's life. Evidence shows this approach can help build resilience, develop social skills, increase self-esteem and support decisions that have a positive impact on the young person's future. In 2022 we received the Queens Awards for Voluntary Service.

PRP Contemporary Choir (BB) is Wells' dynamic and upbeat community pop choir that offers a friendly, relaxed and informal space where everyone can come together to sing great pop songs and have fun. Our super-friendly choir runs on a drop-in basis, there's no need to read music and you don't need to be a 'good' singer to join us (but we'll certainly help you become a better and more confident one!). We meet on Thursdays from 8-9pm at the Methodist Church, Southover, BA51UG. Why not join us?

Singing for the Brain is a fun, friendly and inclusive music-making group. We initially opened up as a group for those living with dementia and their carers, but our friendly group has proved popular with so many and now caters for anyone who enjoys a good sing, a dance (seated or otherwise!) and a drum. You'll sing familiar songs, learn new ones and have an uplifting time, leaving on a high! Tea, filtered coffee and cake is provided every week and we just ask for a donation of £5pp on the door. We meet on Wednesdays during term time from 11.15-12.45 at Seager Hall, Union Street, Wells. For more information email Eliza@somersetartswell.co.uk

Root Connections (D11) is a community interest company, based on a farm in Stratton on the Fosse. We offer creative social & therapeutic pathways, supporting change in people challenged by complex and multiple needs – such as homelessness, addiction, mental health or other life-controlling issues. We aim to build confidence, develop social skills and offer practical help around re-skilling and re-training for work. We have a strong community ethos and are grateful to our volunteers who run events and help with fundraising, so our project can continue to grow, develop & progress. For more information about volunteering please contact us through our website www.rootconnections.co.uk/get-involve

SOUP! and the Wells Ambassadors (B4) are two great initiatives which have really made a difference. SOUP! – the quarterly grant giving lunch – has so far helped 86 local charities and projects “spread their word” and raise much needed funds. We seek applications to benefit from future SOUP!s. Visit www.wellsindependents.org/soup to apply. **Wells Ambassadors** “meet and greet” visitors, handing out useful maps and pointing out all the wonderful places to visit and experience in Wells as well as advertising special events. We are seeking new recruits and will be on hand to answer questions. Come and see us!

St Cuthbert's Church (B5) has been at the centre of the community of Wells for hundreds of years. And it still is! As well as a prayerful place for worship, the spectacular light-filled medieval building with its colourful angel roof is a

wonderful setting for weddings and other events. The church is also open every day and we are looking to recruit guides and stewards to welcome visitors and support events.

St John Ambulance (C1) is a volunteer powered, charitable organisation dedicated to the teaching of first aid. We support the NHS, provide medical support at public events and administer engaging youth programmes throughout England. We have a local Unit in Wells and are always happy to have new Volunteers come and join us to become First Aiders or help with our Youth Units. Details of the opportunities can be found on our website: www.sja.org.uk

Stoma Heroes (C11) offer lifestyle and emotional support, to anyone who has or is connected to someone with a stoma. We do this in a variety of ways on the internet using Twitter, WhatsApp and Facebook. We also hold locally organised meetings in Somerset. We are a group of ostomates who seek to enrich the lives of people with a stoma, our vision is to tackle and reduce the stigma of having an ostomy, through awareness and education.

Sustainable Wells (near font) is an organising group supporting a number of local initiatives, all run to support a reduction in our carbon footprint:

Repair Café - repairing stuff to reduce landfill

Freecycle - like a car boot sale but no money changes hands

Fresh and Good - local food, laughter and building community

Make and Mend - making and extending the life of your clothing and Tor Hill Lane - the pathway to helping nature, on your doorstep.

You can read more at www.sustainablewells.org.uk and sign up for A Year of Living Sustainably - simple ideas to help you to make a difference.

The Bishops Palace (F2) is at the heart of our community, home to the well pools that give our city its name. We want to share the 800 years of history, the beautiful gardens and palace buildings with as many people as possible, especially those who will benefit most from it. Spending time in nature is so important for our mental and physical wellbeing. Of course the spiritual side of life is celebrated here too, being the home of The Bishop of Bath and Wells, along with a working chapel.

The GLADE Centre (F6) - A Place Called Home this project aims to encourage new conversations and new socialising activities to increase connections and deepen social learning around heritage in Somerset. Made possible with the Heritage Fund this project is managed by The GLADE Centre; a global learning and development education charity, known locally and nationally for leading high quality training, inspirational workshops and innovative projects that make connections between global and intercultural issues, and local contexts. For more information: contact lynn@glade.org or visit <https://aplacecalledhome.glade.org/>

The International Music Exchange (E5) organises concerts, tours and festivals including WOWFest Wells Orchestral Festival. The next WOWFest takes place in 2024 and we would like to promote this and in particular invite people to participate in Wells Community Chorus which brings the community together to sing in Wells Cathedral during the festival.

The Lawrence Centre (D4) provides day opportunities for older people who are perhaps socially isolated and including those living with some memory loss and other health issues. We are open 5 days a week and provide a wide range of stimulating fun activities along with a nutritious lunch. We also offer an outreach service providing flexible support based on companionship at home by identifying activities and interests to promote physical, mental and emotional well-being. You can contact us on 01749 676839. Feel the wind in your hair and book a free Trishaw ride around Wells, just contact Wells Community Network on 01749 467079 to book your ride.

The Strawberry Line Society (not attending) We campaign for the creation of additional stretches to the Strawberry Line multi-user path, and we maintain the existing stretches. Our ultimate goal is to complete the Somerset Circle, a dedicated 76-mile circular route connecting Bath, Bristol, Clevedon, Yatton, Cheddar, Wells, Shepton Mallet, Midsomer Norton, back to Bath. We are also working on completing stretches that connect to the Strawberry Line, specifically from Coxley and Frome. We particularly welcome volunteers to help with physical path maintenance, cutting back undergrowth and planting out hedging and saplings.

Wells Amateur Bellringing Society - WABS (near Visitor Entrance) meet to ring the 10 bells of the Cathedral and the 8 bells of St Cuthbert's. Service ringing alternates between these venues each Sunday morning, and Friday evenings are used for practice. Our age range currently is from 13 to 80+ with lots in the middle. If you are young it takes about 6 months to learn to swing a bell through 360 degrees safely & reliably. If you are forty plus allow a year! We welcome visitors and we train new ringers. Come and try our training bell.

Wells Amnesty Group (B9) hold informal meetings once a month to discuss how we can best help prisoners of conscience around the world. Our members write letters of support to prisoners and sign petitions. We have stalls at various events including Priddy Folk Festival, and Oxfam One World Fair where we campaign, have displays and raise funds. Thanks to the generosity of Wells Cathedral we have our Amnesty candle and information about a current prisoner of conscience in St. Katherine's Chapel. Each December during the Write for Rights Campaign we have a stall in Penniless Porch where letters of support are written.

Wells and Mendip Astronomers (A10) are a dynamic group of people all keen to share their love and passion for all things to do with "Space and Astronomy". We meet at least once a month, either in the Wells Museum or at various locations around the Mendip area, with a lively programme of guest speakers and educational outreach events. Each year, we hold a members' Christmas Party, various telescope meets, as well as a full "Star Camp." Why not come and join us? We are always looking for new members and you would be guaranteed the warmest of welcomes.

Wells and Mendip Museum (F12) is proud to be the custodian of the heritage of the people and landscape of the City of Wells and the Mendip Hills. We offer a high-quality experience that entertains, involves and inspires local communities and visitors alike to "Search & Learn" – the motto of our founder Herbert Balch, and the title of our National Lottery Heritage Funded redevelopment project. Our walled

garden is a hidden gem, an oasis in the heart of the medieval quarter of Wells. We are a volunteer led museum and always ready to welcome new members to our team.

Wells Bus Users Group (C9), part of Somerset Bus Partnership, takes part in meetings and facilitates communication between bus operators, Somerset Councillors and Officers and those responsible for providing bus transport and its links to local railways. We hold all parties equally to account for maintaining, improving and expanding our bus transport system and its infrastructure. We help create plans for service improvement and future bus needs. At our bus information stalls we issue paper timetables and up to date bus changes not easily available to those who are not online. We encourage bus usage and promote 'leave the car at home' and take part in the annual 'Catch the Bus' campaign.

Wells Business Forum CIC (F10) is a multi-platform networking and business solution Community Interest Company. Its target focus is to deliver comprehensive advice, networking opportunities and support while promoting local businesses to the public. Simply Put, We Get Things Done! **Heart of Wells Magazine** is a new publication helping Wells' businesses shine bright. Delivered right to your doorstep each quarter, it's like a friendly chat from your neighbourhood. We're all about connecting people with lovely local shops and services, spicing up our community commerce. Our loyalty scheme launching at the end of January will make shopping locally even more rewarding.

Wells Cathedral Education Department (F5) welcomes schools and families and offers inspirational opportunities to learn, explore and create. School visits cater for early years through to degree level and we offer a vibrant family holiday activity programme during every school holiday. Wells Cathedral Education Department is part of the **Wells and Transatlantic Slavery city-wide network**. Discover how people, institutions and buildings in Wells are connected to Transatlantic Slavery through picking up a trail leaflet from the stall and visiting the website www.wellsandtransatlanticslavery.com Visit the stall for further information and upcoming events.

Wells Cathedral Oratorio Society (D8) founded in 1896, has a key "charitable objective" to educate the public in the art and science of choral music. It has performed many of the great choral classics with some of the UK's leading orchestras and soloists. It currently has about 120 members and is looking to widen its appeal, particularly to younger people, with a range of new and classic music performed both within "the Queen of Cathedrals" and at other venues in our broad catchment. Our "Come and Sing" days led by leading composers/conductors are fun and will lead towards significant performances.

Wells Cathedral Volunteering (E6) If you would like to find out more about the variety of volunteering opportunities available, please do drop by the Cathedral Volunteering table for a chat. We shall be very happy to share with you our enrolment process, along with detailed information about the various roles needed to help keep this amazing building open for worship and welcoming so many visitors each year.

Wells Cathedral School Enterprises (E7) runs an extensive programme of concerts and events in Cedars Hall, we also hire out our venues for concerts, parties or sporting events – with our wide range of facilities and our hospitality and technical teams, we can cater for many different requirements. Over the school holidays, we partner with Activate to provide sports and adventure activity clubs for children, plus you can make a splash in our swimming pool with 1:2:1 lessons or family swims. And you can make the most of Wells Cathedral School's world-renowned Specialist Music Programme with our holiday music courses.

Wells Chamber of Commerce (E8) is a friendly and energetic group of business people who are passionate about promoting the beautiful city of Wells. We work together to raise the profile of the business community, the local community and the visitor economy – making sure Wells is a great place to be in business. In addition to our monthly meetings, the Chamber supports business through education and training events, and provides grants to local events such as the Wells Food Festival, Wells Literature Festival, arts projects, and business start ups. We have a well established membership and welcome new members.

Wells Chess Club (B1) is a thriving and friendly chess club that meets at the White Hart on Sadler Street on a Wednesday evening. There is Junior coaching from 6pm and club nights from 7.30pm. We play competitively in the Somerset League and online and attend local and national tournaments.

We are also running the first ever Wells Chess Congress in March 2024. However, the heart of the club is the friendly club atmosphere that enjoys social chess. Our website is wellschess.co.uk, we are on Facebook can be contacted at wellschessclub@outlook.com.

Wells City Band (B6) is one of the oldest brass bands in the country having been established 184 years ago. Teaching young and not so young people to play brass instruments is fundamental to the band's ethos and so a year ago they relaunched the Brass Academy providing group lessons to anyone who wants to learn. Here today with a few main band members, you can hear how they are progressing. If you're inspired having heard them play, please do speak to them afterwards for more information or email WCBBrassacademy@gmail.com

Wells City Practice (A4) is a one of two GP Practices based in Wells. It has over 8,000 registered patients, which continues to increase as the population of Wells and surrounding areas grow. We provide a welcoming and efficient service so that our patients can live their best life. There is a Patient Participation Group (PPG), which anyone can join, that provides feedback to the Practice on our services so that improvements are patient-led. We will today be offering blood pressure readings, lifestyle advice and support, plus signposting to local community health services. Our PPG members will be available to discuss any matters about the Practice.

Wells Civic Society (B11) has protected and promoted the historic built and natural environment of Wells for 70 years. We promote civic pride and offer members opportunities to engage in the community with campaigns, talks, projects, research and working in partnership with other organisations in the City. Meetings are held

monthly at the Museum on the second Wednesday from October to June. Come along or contact the Chair for more information or to get involved.

Wells Classic Motorcycle Club (inside North West Door) the friendly club for riders, bikes and scooters of all ages. In 2002 the club was formed by a small group of local classic enthusiasts who rode a variety of machines and has grown to a much larger membership. Club activities include monthly meetings, Rideouts, Breakfast meets, Social evenings, etc. The club is widely known for its annual Tortoise and Hare motorcycle event based in Wells which attracts entrants from far and wide, also its Showstand at The Bristol Classic Motorcycle Show. New members are always welcome. Email Chriswcmc@hotmail.com or call Chris on 01749 675991.

Wells Community Network (WCN) (E1) volunteers have been supporting people in the community since the pandemic. We work with a network of organisations. Our volunteers collect prescriptions, do shopping, offer transport to medical appointments, support other organisations eg Wells Carnival, Lions, Food Bank, and marshal at events and vaccination clinics.

Our free trishaw rides are proving to be very popular. Anyone who is isolated, lonely or has mobility problems can call our helpline to book a ride. Our Helpline 01749 467079 is open Mon-Fri 9am-2pm and Sat 9-12, voicemail at all other times. Everyone is welcome to get involved and join in the teams that are most suited to their skills and interests.

Wells Welcome Hub is managed by WCN working in partnership with Wells City Council. We support displaced people and those seeking asylum, offering a drop-in advice and information service, English classes at all levels, art and craft activities for all ages, wellbeing support and opportunities to meet others who have been displaced as well as people from the local community.

Wells Dementia Action Alliance (B7) aims to promote and protect the physical and mental health of people living with dementia and their carers and families in the community of Wells and its surrounding area, through the provision of support, education, information and practical advice.

Wells Festival of Literature (D6) is run entirely by volunteers. Our annual Festival brings an eclectic mix of authors to audiences in Wells, celebrating literature, creativity and the power of words. During the Festival over 850 Year 6 pupils visit Cedars Hall for special schools events, and throughout the year we fund a variety of projects in more than 40 local schools to encourage the love of books and reading in young people.

Wells Floral Art Club (B10) was formed in 1953 and is still going strong as we enter our 8th decade. We enjoy twice monthly meetings in St. Thomas Church Hall, where we watch flower demonstrations, hear presentations and do practice classes together. With over 40 members, we always have a varied programme to cater for absolute beginners as well as those with more advanced flower arranging skills. Some members take part in flower festivals and volunteer arranging flowers at the Cathedral and local churches. Join us to watch, listen and learn while making new friends.

Wells Folk and Barn Dance Club (A5) are a happy group who don't take our dancing too seriously and have lots of fun and laughter. The folk dances we do are circles, squares with four couples, and long lines with partners facing, men in one line and ladies opposite. We have some experienced dancers and some who are new to dancing, and often change partners which gives everyone a chance to dance with someone of a different ability. Dancing keeps us warm and is good exercise for brain and body. A different caller each week brings their own approach to dancing and stops us getting stale.

Wells Food Festival (A3) is an annual festival that celebrates the highest quality produce by local artisan vendors. A great day out for all the family, there is food, drink, music and fun activities for the kids. An active team of volunteers help to bring the festival to fruition and we are always looking for new people to help with the planning or to support the team on the day with set-up, stewarding and other tasks. Come and be a part of one of Wells' biggest and best events.

Wells Golf Club (C10) was formed in 1893 originally being a section of the Wells Athletic Club, its first course being off Milton Lane before relocating as a 9 hole course to its current location. It was in 1990 that the final course extension was completed sufficiently to develop the 18 hole course as it stands today. With over 600 members the Club has thriving ladies, seniors and juniors sections but it is also, part of the local community, who are all welcome to try the driving range, book a tee time and/or try the food in the clubhouse.

Wells Good Afternoon Choir (performing only) There are 25 Good Afternoon Choirs across the West of England. Here in Wells we meet every Tuesday afternoon between 2pm-4pm with our conductor, Grenville Jones, who founded these choirs. New potential members are ALWAYS welcome to come along and find out more.

Wells Health Centre (F3) is one of the local GP practices in Wells. We are a proactive, forward thinking practice who believe in putting the needs of our patients first. Our stall will be manned by members of the Patient Participation Group (PPG) and members of the practice team, along with representatives from NHS digital showcasing the NHS App. We will have lots of information to share with you about the community services and the Mendip Hub who work closely with us. We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Wells Library (C2) is open six days a week offering a great deal of free services to the public. As well as book loaning we offer free computer use, free WiFi, meeting spaces, printing facilities and various clubs. Anyone can have their own library card and membership is free. Current events and activities held at the library include children's story time, Lego club, knitting and craft club, board games club, book groups, digital drop-in, PCSO surgery and more. Visit us on Union Street - we are open Mon-Fri 9.30am-5pm and Sat 9.30am-2pm.

Wells Men's Breakfast (D10) is an informal organisation open to men of all ages which meets once a month for a hearty breakfast and a talk by a guest speaker. We meet on the first Saturday of each month at Wells Museum. A monthly invitation to book is sent out by email one week before each meeting.

Wells Quaker Meeting (D5) is part of Street Quaker Meeting (Religious Society of Friends). Quakers are a faith group, which arose from the religious turmoil of the English Civil War. Our values are simplicity, truth, equality, sustainability and peace. In our Quaker Meetings, we gather together in silence to quiet our minds. We have no creed or dogma; there are no set hymns, prayers or sermons; there is no Minister or vicar to direct our worship. In our worshipping silence, we seek to find God in ourselves and in everyone. We welcome people of any faith and none. Our Meetings for Worship are held twice monthly on Thursday afternoons in Wells Town Hall.

Wells Rotary (E9) is made up of a group of people who are passionate about doing good in the community and helping nationally and internationally in times of need. Wells Rotary is one of many clubs forming Rotary International which is one of the largest service organizations in the world. The mission of Rotary is to 'provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through fellowship of people like you and me who just want to make a difference'. If you are interested in learning more about Rotary, please contact our President Angela Cussell at AC.WellsRotary@gmail.com

Wells Tennis Club (C5) was founded in 1897 and has been on the same site at the Athletics Ground at Rowdens Road ever since and has thus been an important part of sport in Wells for 127 years. The Club is thriving, with an increasing membership playing on 5 artificial clay courts, all of which are floodlit. There is a full coaching programme which covers players of all ages and standards from beginners to league players. Most importantly, it is a friendly club with many social activities.

Wells Theatre Festival (B3) brings world class professional theatre, opera and dance to venues all over Wells. There is something for everyone including a popular programme of children's and family shows. This year's Festival will take place between 20 - 23 June and will include the Community Theatre production of Macbeth in the Bishop's Barn, performed by local residents and produced by a professional creative team. The Community Theatre has played to sell out audiences every year. They also meet throughout the year for workshops and social events. To find out more contact info@wellstheatrefestival.org or visit the website for future announcements about the Festival programme. www.wellstheatrefestival.org

Wells Twinning Association (B12) operates on behalf of Wells City Council. The Association is led by a committee, which includes officers, a representative of the Council and 7 elected members. The Chair meets the Town Clerk regularly to keep the Council updated. We facilitate requests from twin towns if young people wish to come to Wells to gain experience with English. Likewise, if any young person wishes to gain experience from Wells, then we help liaise between Wells and our twin towns. We are self-funded and raise money by holding events, i.e. BBQ's Quiz Nights and Fish & Chip Evenings.

Wells u3A (A7) is part of the national organisation known as the Third Age Trust. Membership is open to all who have ceased full time employment. We offer a programme of educational and leisure activities, where the members contribute their own interests, experience and enthusiasms – learning from each other. We have over 700 members and 50 interest groups, ranging from wine appreciation, painting for pleasure, geology and music-making, to name but a few. A world of new experience is open to you – so please visit our stand today, we would be pleased to meet you. What are you waiting for!

Wells Tuesday WI (E11) is part of a larger organisation that provides opportunities for women to meet and share friendship and talents throughout the country. We are lucky enough to have several WI groups in the area and each has its own unique flavour whilst sharing common objectives. We are 75 strong with a waiting list and meet on the first Tuesday of the month at the Museum. Yet we are so much more than a monthly meeting with over 20 subgroups and regular extra activities.

Winston's Wish – Giving Hope to Grieving Children (F8) The death of someone important is always difficult but for a young person it can be devastating. Winston's Wish, the first children's bereavement charity in the UK, supports young people up to the age of 25 following a bereavement. Founded by Julie Stokes OBE, a clinical psychologist, in 1992, Winston's Wish has supported thousands of young people and their families, helping them to cope with their grief and find hope for the future. By listening, providing practical support, training and resources, Winston's Wish works to ensure that no child grieves alone.

YMCA Brunel Group (D1) is an independent charity with community at its heart. Across our wide range of work, we provide vital support to people of all ages, providing them with the tools to govern their own futures and become valuable members of their communities. Among other services, YMCA Brunel Group has 8 nurseries, 12 youth clubs, and provides 146 supported housing bed spaces per night. We need support to help us run these crucial settings and continue to provide people with the stepping stones they need to thrive.

5th/7th Wells Scout Group (in transept) has over 130 members ranging from 4 to 17 years of age across five sections from our new Squirrels section for the very youngest through Beavers, Cubs, Scouts to Explorers. We offer both boys and girls the opportunity to learn skills for life in a fun and adventurous environment. Do come to our stall to try some fun games, find out why our young people and adult volunteers love being part of Scouts, suggest a new activity we could try or hear about our ambitious refurbishment plans for our Scout Hut.



Wells Community Network

Working together, supporting each other

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Our volunteers have been supporting people in the community since the pandemic, we work with a network of organisations to help find solutions to issues you may be experiencing.

**WCN
are here to help**