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**Volunteer Newsletter Deliverer** wanted. We need someone to deliver the newsletter to 23 houses at the West End of the A4103. Please contact Hazel Walter on 01432 890 320 if you can help.

**Newsletter Editor** wanted. Is anyone willing to take over writing and editing the newsletter? The current Editor has too many commitments!

Approx 7 hours every other month, to include gathering relevant information, writing/ editing in Windows Publisher, printing and arranging distribution with volunteers . Decent remuneration provided.

## Litter picks

13th Feb at 10.00 hours at the Village Hall to pick around the Hall and towards Hereford. High viz jackets provided, please bring black sacks, heavy duty gloves and any extra pickers or sacks you have.

27th Feb meet at the Church. Same instructions apply.

12th March meet at the Garage. Same instructions apply.

## 2015/ 2016 Events in Yarkhill

Saturday 13th February—10am Litter Pick

Saturday 27th February—10am Litter Pick

Saturday 12th March—10am Litter Pick

Friday 25th March—2-4pm Family Easter Fun Day at Yarkhill Village Hall

Saturday 4th June 2016—Yarkhill Field to Fork Festival

## CONTACTS

### PARISH COUNCIL CLERK:

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**VILLAGE HALL:** Wendy Nash 01531 670508

**CHURCH WARDEN:** Jane Thomas 01531 670437

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR:** David Thomas 01531 670437

# News from the Parish Council

## **Planning Applications**

Planning Application 153309 for 16 houses at the Newtown Crossroads was discussed. Local residents have sought legal advice and Yarkhill PC has responded to the application. The meeting for the determination will take place on 16th February to decide if a full planning meeting is required. Residents will have the opportunity to put forward arguments in time slots of three minutes. The PC is able to give a more lengthy argument. Opposing residents were advised to nominate a spokesperson to liaise with the Chairman to ensure arguments were not duplicated and time wasted. Jonathan Lester will talk to the Planning Officer about the Parish reaction to the application in light of the already approved planning for Monksbury Court.

The Chairman re-iterated the problems with the planning application, in particular the compacted site and water problems on what was an old brickworks site. As well as access problems, rights of way, and inaccuracies in the application concerning local amenities such as schools, GP's etc.

A meeting to discuss the Stokebridge Cottage Planning Application is to be arranged. The Ward Councillor will discuss with the Planners the application and the sewage facilities for Stokebridge Cottage in view of a further planning application for a garage and a 2-story office at the back, which may have the potential to be developed into a house in the future.

CAMRA will continue to press Hereford Council re issues at Newtown Inn. A Parishioner expressed his opinion that the action by Planning and then the Law Enforcement officer but with no follow up of legal proceedings was a great failure of their duty. The Ward Councillor said the decision about legal proceedings would be the end of the first week in February. He felt that the weakly worded request to the Inn owners to move out of the lower floor of the Inn and only use the residential quarters upstairs was unlikely to work. There had been no request to re-instate the downstairs and the front porch as it was.

## **Footpaths**

The recent wet weather has hampered ongoing assessment of footpaths but it was noted that a footpath notice had been knocked down at the edge of the Easylawn Field near the Parish Boundary on the Tarrington Road C1150.

Councillors to request that the Landowner re erects the footpath sign at the top of Garford Farm drive.

## **Trees**

It was noted that there are a lot of trees and shrubs adjacent to telegraph and electricity wires that could potentially interrupt supply. Councillors to request that landowners address this if supply companies will not.

## **Lengsthman**

The Lengsthman scheme is under question as a result of the recent announcement by Herefordshire Council about not accepting any more parishes on the scheme and reducing the use of a Lengsthman in rural parishes. The Ward Councillor believes it is unlikely that the Council will stop the use of a Lengthsman completely as the scheme has been so successful. The PC is awaiting clarification from Herefordshire Council.

## **Litter picking**

Litter picks will take place on the following dates:

13th Feb at 10.00 hours at the Village Hall to pick around the village Hall and towards Hereford. Cllr Walter would provide the high viz jackets The Parish Clerk would collect one sack only from Balfour Beatty, so please bring extra black sacks, heavy duty gloves and any extra pickers or sack hoops you have.

27th Feb meet at the Church. Same instructions apply.

12th March meet at the Garage. Same instructions apply.

Risk Assessment has been made and accepted by the Parish Council

## **Notice boards**

The PC has received a donation of £500 from the Field to Fork Festival to replace the Parish notice boards. Buying a board from a local supplier or having one made was discussed. The first board to be replaced is to be in Monkhide with a double board with one side lockable for Parish use only. F2F had suggested they would like to see oak boards with the parish name on it and a rain protector. It was pointed out that these would need to be stained regularly whereas the plastic ones wouldn't. More research to be undertaken.

## **Other Business**

The Chairman highlighted that Weston Beggard and Shucknall had been working on a Neighbourhood Plan (housing considerations) having not undertaken a Parish Plan. They had been helped by an outside company and had had an Open Day on Jan 9th at Yarkhill Village Hall. As a boundary Parish we had not been contacted. The Chairman met some of the Councillors who apologised for this oversight. Any queries as to how this might affect our borders should be addressed either to our Chairman Tom Misselbrook or to their Chairman Richard Williams at Stoke View, Shucknall Hill, HR1 3SL or email: wbdnp15@gmail.com. The draught document is available and Tom Misselbrook attended the Open Day in January to meet some of the councillors and discuss that our Parish would seriously like to liaise more with them. So far our attempts to get closer working relations has failed.

Hereford Council has announced a £500 grant to any house which suffers from flooding this winter. There are still sand-bags available at the Village hall. Contact Tom Misselbrook on 07973705550.

Mr Lester discussed with Mr Aspey Balfour Beatty's lack of care to the drains on the A4103. It was suggested that a meeting with Cathy Berkeley the BB Locality Steward and Mr Aspey be arranged.

There was a request for help with the new LED street lights at New Town Cross to be put on the agenda by a house owner up at the Cross as the previous lights had reflectors to protect the houses nearby but the new lights have none. His options were discussed.

A Traffic Regulations Order (TRO) was not needed for a Road Narrow sign for the bridge in Stokebridge Road but any other help with this very busy road from the advisors at Herefordshire Council was not forthcoming. It was agreed that the Field to Fork Festival Committee might be asked to help the PC to purchase these signs as it would appear that it would be at least 18 months before the Council would provide them.

No further progress has been made on the issues of children accessing the school bus safely at Monkhide. Councillor Daw is awaiting better lighting conditions to video the dangers of the children crossing the road.

There was a discussion about some fee for the Internal Auditor now being requested to do the audit twice a year. The Parish Clerk is to discuss this with David Madgen.

## **Next Meeting**

The next PC meeting is to be delayed till March 22nd at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.



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# Yarkhill Village Hall



To book the Village Hall contact **Wendy Nash on 01531 670508**

## News

**The Village Hall Committee is seeking new members who would like to help with the running of the Village Hall and events. There is no commitment to attend committee meetings, but we desperately need extra hands for organising and running events. If you are interested in helping out please contact Katie Bott (01432 890388 [katiebott@gmail.com](mailto:katiebott@gmail.com)) or Wendy Nash for more information.**

## Events and activities

**Many thanks to all those who helped to make the Festive Evening at Yarkhill Village Hall on Friday 11th December a wonderful community event, and thanks to all those who came along to enjoy the evening. We raised over £375 and had a lot of fun.**

**Coffee Mornings** continue to take place on the **second Thursday** of the month from 10am to Noon at the Village Hall, all welcome. Cost £1 to include tea/ coffee and cake. Anyone requiring transport should contact Wendy Nash on 01531 670508.

**Dog Training** takes place at the Village Hall **every Monday** at 10am. No booking necessary, just turn up with your dog, some treats and a toy.

The next 6 week music appreciation course starts on the **16th February**, if you are interested in taking part please contact 07989 139079

## Family Easter Fun

Come and enjoy some family Easter Fun at Yarkhill Village Hall on Friday 25th March.

A fun Easter themed afternoon for all ages, including an Easter egg hunt, craft activities and refreshments.

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# Yarkhill Church

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January 2016

Dear friends,

As I write, it is the beginning of January and a whole new year lies before us. Many of you will once again have made New Year resolutions. Things you want to do better, things you want to take up, things you want to turn away from in the year ahead. Challenge and expectation are familiar ingredients of the New Year experience. For many of you reading this at the end of the month, the good intentions of the first few days of January may be long past and resolutions may have been forgotten or tweaked in the light of reality. Whether we keep our New Year resolutions or not, we can still gain a lot from the insight that lies behind them.

Our resolutions are a sign that we have hope. Hope that we can change, we can do new things, we can change behaviours, even change our world. One month in to the New Year I hope that you are still filled with hope, expectation and anticipation, when you think about what 2016 will hold. I have many hopes for my own life this year, and the ways I might deepen my discipleship, strengthen my response to God's calling. And I definitely have hopes, expectations and anticipation when I think about our year ahead together in the Hop Churches-. I hope you do as well. And I hope you have, like I have, faith, that God can do in us what we can hardly imagine.

My challenge to everyone in the coming year is to resolve to join in something local. To support community and church initiatives in our villages and become invested in the future, by being participants in the present. I hope you will find our local churches a place of welcome and promise. If you would like to know more about what we do and how you can support and join in with the life of your local church I would love to hear from you. My diary is always open to arrange a coffee and a chat. Let's make 2016 the year of getting to know one another more deeply and making new friends.

Every blessing

Mandy Williams

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## **SAVE YOUR HEREFORDSHIRE CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU**

Herefordshire CAB has announced that this 49 year old service will close on 24 June 2016 unless new funding is forthcoming. In just the first 9 months of 2015/16 the service has helped to resolve over 8,500 problems and achieved over £3 million in financial benefits for people right across the county. Everyone can help raise the awareness of how important the service is to so many of Herefordshire's residents.

Go to the website [www.herefordshirecab.org.uk](http://www.herefordshirecab.org.uk) and click on HOW YOU CAN HELP. This will encourage you, in the first instance, to –

Sign the Petition

Write to your local County Councillor

Share this message with family and friends - use Social Media to help

Donate to the Campaign fund

Together we can prevent the closure of the CAB by using our voices to tell Herefordshire Council that Advice Services need to be protected and funded because access to justice is not a luxury service but an essential element of a fair and decent place to live.

# CHURCH NEWS



St John the Baptist, Yarkhill

## Church Services

	<u>7<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>	<u>14<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>	<u>21<sup>st</sup> Feb</u>	<u>28<sup>th</sup> Feb</u>	<u>6<sup>th</sup> March</u> <u>Mothering</u> <u>Sunday</u>	<u>13<sup>th</sup> March</u>
<u>YARKHILL</u>	11:00 PC		11:00 MP		11:00 PC	
<u>TARRINGTON</u>	09:30 PC	6.30 ES	09:30 PC	11:00FS	09:30 PC	6.30 ES
<u>STOKE EDITH</u>				11:00 HC		
	<u>20<sup>th</sup> March</u> <u>Palm</u> <u>Sunday</u>	<u>24<sup>th</sup> March</u> <u>Maundy</u> <u>Thursday</u>	<u>25<sup>th</sup> March</u> <u>Good</u> <u>Friday</u>	<u>26<sup>th</sup> March</u> <u>Easter Eve</u>	<u>27<sup>th</sup> March</u> <u>Easter Day</u>	<u>3<sup>rd</sup> April</u>
<u>YARKHILL</u>	11:00 MP		1:30 Walk Yarkhill to		11:00 PC	11:00 PC
<u>TARRINGTON</u>	09:30 PC	7:00pm		8:00pm EASTER VIGIL	11:00 PC	09:30 PC
<u>STOKE EDITH</u>					11:00 HC	

**10<sup>th</sup> Feb Ash Wednesday services at Bosbury and Tarrington 7:00pm**

**21<sup>ST</sup> Feb Messy Church Ashperton Village Hall 2:30pm**



## Tarrington Village Hall

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

(Missing March as it's Good Friday)

Doors open 7.30

The funeral of Bill Williams of Monkhide took place on 17th December.

100 Club Winners Christmas Draw

Prize	No	Winner
£50	85	Elizabeth Hibbins
£35	1	Vince Lane
£25	5	Anne Lane
£15	52	Richard Borley
£10	28	Kate + Paul Colcombe

If you are interested in learning to ring the new bells please contact our Ringing Master: Ashley Fortey at Ashley4009@talktalk.net or the Churchwarden: Jane Thomas on 01531 670437