

Yarkhill News



YARKHILL CORONAVIRUS SAFE GUARDING GROUP

The Yarkhill Hub is still operating so if anyone, or anyone you know needs help during the Coronavirus situation please make contact with one of the following co-ordinators.

For **MONKHIDE VILLAGE** Mandy Williams on 07780 586846

For **YARKHILL CHURCH AREA** .. Katie Bott on 01432 890388

For **NEWTOWN AREA** Sallyanne Lees on 07801 108789

WARNING: Please be aware of persons unknown to you calling at your door and offering to help this is a cruel scam targeting the vulnerable, whereby the caller takes cash or your card and never returns.

As you know, during these difficult times the Newsletter has been emailed to all those people who have given permission for their email address to be used. Unfortunately I had a limited response from parishioners and so there are many people who are not getting their copy. Can I please ask our Newsletter distributors if they would kindly ask those people they usually deliver to if they would like to receive a copy via email. If you could let me know who would prefer to receive the hard copy, as soon as we are able, we will start delivering them by hand again.

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Chairman's Update

While we have continued to function as near to normal as possible during 2021, we have been unable to hold formal Parish Council meetings in the village hall. Our intention is to restart these from September and details will be posted on PC noticeboards in due course. In the meantime, many thanks to those of you who have phoned or emailed us with questions or concerns which we have been able to answer or address. Herefordshire Council has also been operating under strict Covid conditions and I am aware that sometimes this has resulted in a change to its priorities and, occasionally, a slower response than would usually be expected.

On specific matters, I would like to update you all as follows:

Parish Council Elections

I am delighted to have been re-elected Chair of our PC for a further year and Tom Misselbrook has been elected Vice Chair. There have been no other changes to the constitution of the PC and Jonathan Lester remains our Ward Councillor.

Parish Council Summit

I recently participated in a virtual meeting with Paul Walker, the new Chief Executive of Herefordshire Council, and a number of points were made:

- It is acknowledged that communication between parish councils and Herefordshire Council is frequently poor and that accountability is often lacking. Balfour Beatty was singled out as one part of the business which must re-shape its relationship with pc's
- Issues with the responsiveness of Planning and Enforcement also need addressing. Highways was recognised as another key area where parish councils do not get treated seriously or quickly enough despite rising road problems including speeding
- Parish councils are having to do more and more in light of funding cuts at county level and this is acknowledged as a problem especially in rural areas. As a result, more resources are to be focused on rural communities rather than just the city and towns
- Herefordshire Council has come up with additional funding for flood prevention and also for a new Lengthsman scheme and we are expecting to receive details of both over the next few weeks
- Resolving the River Lugg phosphates situation, which has caused a large planning backlog, is critical, but difficult
- The Council has set aside £6m for a Covid recovery programme including business rent grants in an effort to fill vacant shops
- The single largest Council priority for the remainder of 2021 is to fix Children's Services where it only has 12 months to address the negative recent findings.

Planning

While there have been no new noteworthy planning applications since the last newsletter, the developer of the proposed 7 houses at Monksbury Court Barns under planning application 197265, has appealed last November's planning refusal. A decision on this is expected shortly.

There has been one recent planning refusal for the renovation and extension of Grove Cottage at Lower Eggleton under application 202018 and details can be viewed on Herefordshire Council's planning website. This application was supported by the PC.

The situation with the new building on the field adjacent to Ivy Cottage which was erected without planning permission remains in the hands of Herefordshire Council's Enforcement unit. A number of residents have asked us about this and we are being kept advised of what action is being taken. Two other local cases are also sitting in the hands of Enforcement.

Several longstanding planning applications continue to be held up by the River Lugg phosphates matter and it is unlikely there will be any progress on these before the end of September at the earliest.

Herefordshire Housing Land Supply

Herefordshire Council has just updated its housing land supply figure from below 5 to almost 7 years which is a significant improvement that will have an impact on development in the County. In particular, a developer will no longer be able to rely on “the presumption in favour of sustainable development” which is frequently used as an argument as to why houses should be built especially in more contentious situations. Our NDP also reverts to being fully weighted in determining planning applications irrespective of it being over 2 years old.

West Mercia Police

A recent initiative by the police force has resulted in the allocation of an officer to cover each parish in order to improve communication and responsiveness. As a first step, we have been asked to identify our 3 most important concerns which we initially believe to be vehicle speeding, anti-social behaviour (fly tipping) and theft especially from outbuildings.

Verge Cutting

Thank you to those landowners, residents and businesses that have cut some our verges where safety was becoming an issue. Balfour Beatty's second cut of routes such as the A4103 should take place this month. As I have mentioned in a previous update, we can nominate that some of our smaller roads are left uncut where safety is not a concern and we are proposing to discuss our options for 2022 in one of our Parish Council meetings early next year. We would certainly like to hear your views at that time.

Traffic Initiatives

As many of us are aware, we continue to face problems with speeding especially along the A4103 at Newton. This predominantly relates to vehicles heading out or approaching from the west. We have now had a number of meetings with the relevant authorities including the police and we are pleased to say that there is a clear recognition that action needs to be taken given the number of accidents that have occurred on this stretch. Currently, traffic flow is being monitored in order to identify daily flows and the effectiveness of the 40mph speed limit. Based on the indications we have received so far, a variety of measures may be introduced including several that we have suggested and for which we would need to seek grant funding. As any steps would probably be phased in over a period of time, we shall provide updates at meetings and in the newsletter.

While this stretch of road is of particular concern, we are also well aware that the Stokebridge Road between the A4103 and A438 remains one of the other hazard spots in our parish and that accidents continue to occur. Following our lobbying of Herefordshire Council over recent years, some safety measures were put in place, but it is now obvious that these are of questionable effectiveness. We are pushing for further action to be taken.

Jeff Hughes Chair

LEIGH Michael Robin Ogilvie

died peacefully at home on 2nd August 2021. Beloved husband of Gilla, father of Luci, Alice and Katie and brother of David. Grandfather to Zoe, Ivan, Dima, Ana, Doug, Lily and Izzy. The Funeral Service took place at The Most Holy Trinity, Ledbury Wednesday 18th August .
Donations to St Michaels Hospice.

**THE VILLAGE HALL AGM WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY
16TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

Scaffold tower for hire

The organisers of the Field to Fork Festival have purchased a scaffold tower from part of the income raised at last year's event which can be hired by anyone living in the village for £15 a week. Terms & Conditions apply. The details of the tower are as follows: Platform size: 1.45Mx 0.5M, Max platform height: 2.73M, Max working height: 5M (approx.) Max. load: 150kgMaterial: Aluminium. It weights approximately 37kg and is fitted with a pair of wheels to allow the tower to be moved around.

If you would like to hire this equipment please contact Martin Ennis on T: 01432 890486 M: 07831 424667 E: martinennis325@gmail.com

News from the Parish Clerk

Not much to report at this time; all PROW matters are still being pursued but COVID is really slowing things down. There are still some people using private land to exercise horses and dogs and whilst many landowners are very tolerant, it would be simple good manners to ask permission to use private land. With regard to orchards it is important to understand that the apples can only be sold if they are not contaminated by animal waste. To this end can I ask that you keep animals to the Public Rights of Way from the end of September until after the crops have been gathered. I am quite certain if someone allowed their dog or horse to foul on your lawn, you would be exceedingly unimpressed to say the least; there is no real difference between your front lawn and the farmers land— it is just bigger—but it is still private. Best wishes to you all *Sallyanne*

PUBLIC NOTICE

**SECTION 14(1) ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL
C1149, WATERY LANE, YARKHILL , HEREFORDSHIRE
TEMPORARY CLOSURE ORDER 2021**

NOTICE is hereby given that Herefordshire Council intend, under the provisions of Section 14(1) Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), to temporarily prohibit the use by vehicles on the road mentioned below:

The C1149, Watery Lane, Yarkhill, outside Ark Cottage. Grid Ref : 362509/243183

The said closure is required due to existing Stop Tap renewal works being carried out on or near the said road, and the likelihood of danger to the public while the works are taking place.

There are exemptions in the Order to permit pedestrian access (and/or vehicular access at the discretion of the Herefordshire Council or statutory undertaker) to any land or premises having a frontage to the above said highway affected where there is no other form of access, and to any access allowing the necessary works to be undertaken

The said closure will come into force on the 10th of September 2021 and will remain for a maximum period of 18 months, (unless extended with the consent of the Secretary of State) or until any said works which it is proposed to be carried out have been completed, (whichever is the earlier), or until determined by Herefordshire Council. However the works are expected to be completed within 5 days approximately. Any queries in relation to this closure should be directed to tel: 01432 261800 or please use our online form to contact us via www.herefordshire.gov.uk/contactus.

NEIL TAYLOR
Interim Director, Environment and Place
Herefordshire Council

Dated the 21st of July 2021

Herefordshire Council
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West Mercia
POLICE

Welcome to Neighbourhood Matters

Find out what's really happening in your area and keep in touch with West Mercia Police through our free messaging service.

The Neighbourhood Matters messaging system enables residents, businesses and community groups to keep in touch with local policing teams. You can receive updates on crimes, latest information on on-going incidents and learn more about what we're doing in your community.

You're invited to sign up and become a registered recipient of messages of information, crime alerts or witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work by email, text or telephone.

Don't worry, we won't bombard you with every incident. You can choose exactly the type of alert you wish to receive.

We'd really like to hear from you so why not ask your family, friends and colleagues to register too? Let's get talking!

Please note – This service is not for reporting crimes or incidents – to report these please contact West Mercia Police on 101, via the West Mercia Police website or 999 in an emergency.

You can register online for free at; www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk





West Mercia POLICE



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The dangers of swimming in open water



As summer temperatures soar and we are spending more time outdoors, taking a cooling dip in open water such as quarries and rivers is an obvious temptation, but one that often hides potential dangers to your safety.

Last year 430 people drowned in England and according to the Royal Life Saving Society, 85% of accidental drownings occur at open water sites such as lakes, rivers, canals, reservoirs and quarries.

Bodies of water, such as Gullet Quarry, Malvern, look tempting, but can hide dangers such as hazardous objects, pollution and the risk of cold water shock.

Worcestershire Local Policing Chief Inspector Jessica Loxley-Clarke said "Gullet Quarry, in Malvern is incredibly dangerous, and people are risking their own lives by entering the water, it is deep and incredibly cold and there could be potential hazards beneath the water that can't be seen. Please don't be tempted to swim in the water."

"Signs are in place around the quarry to warn the public not to enter the water and we are asking our communities to work together and take personal responsibility, particularly now that we are spending more time outdoors."

"We want everyone to enjoy the sunshine safely and in an emergency please don't jump into the water to attempt a rescue, call 999."

For further advice and safety tips, please visit :

Royal Life Saving Society UK – www.rlss.org.uk

Safer Neighbourhood Team Newsletter: Hereford Rural North

Issue no 1

Summer 2021

In this edition ...

Preventing burglaries, scams and speeding!

Safer Homes

Keeping your home safe in hot weather

We've seen some very hot weather recently and we're all looking to find ways to keep cool both during the day and night. Unfortunately there are some individuals who will look to exploit the open windows and doors to steal from your home. There are a few things you can do to keep you and your home safe.

- Shut windows and doors if you leave a room – it only takes a second for someone to lean in through an open window and steal a set of car keys.
- Keep ground floor windows and doors closed at night.
- Close and lock windows and doors if you leave the house.
- Remove garden furniture, ladders etc that could aid a burglar in entering your home.
- Consider investing in security accredited window opening restrictors.



Safer People

Don't fall victim to scams

A number of scams are still doing the rounds with reports of "courier fraud" in Herefordshire. Courier fraud is where scammers will ring an individual and pretend to be the Police, HMRC or another agency and attempt to convince you that they need to come and collect your bank card and/or money. The Police will never ask for your bank details or money. To keep safe we advise the following:

- If someone rings purporting to be from the Police you can hang up and either ring 101 from a different phone or wait 5 minutes before trying from the same phone the call came in on. Scammers will often keep the phone line open.
- Never hand over bank details to anyone you don't know. The Police nor your bank will ask for PIN numbers over the phone.
- Report these calls to the Police and Action Fraud.



Safer Roads

National Speed Enforcement Campaign

Monday 26th July marks the start of 2 week campaign to target speeding across the UK. You'll see an increase in officers from Roads Policing, Road Safety Team and Safer Neighbourhood Teams conducting speed enforcement across the county. Hereford Rural North SNT are targeting areas identified by Parish Councils as areas of concern for speeding with positive results.



Op Snap is the Police campaign that targets drivers whose poor driving is caught on CCTV, dash cam and video. You can submit footage here: www.westmercia.police.uk/operationsnap



Neighbourhood Matters

July 2021 marked the launch of Neighbourhood Matters, a new messaging service that allows Police to send alerts relevant to you and where you live, offering crime prevention advice, appealing for witnesses and letting you know what the Police are doing in your area. Sign up at www.neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk



What we've been doing recently:

Seizing vehicles for no insurance, no licence, SORN and using red diesel.

Visiting burglary victims and providing SmartWater and offering reassurance and crime prevention packs to neighbours.

Conducting patrols and visiting businesses, offering advice, reassurance and support.

Acting on community concerns raised by Parish Councils as part of the Local Policing Community Charter.

Your local team:

PC 21058 Josh Kitchen

PCSO 6552 Adam Westlake

PCSO 6480 Christina Howard

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SEPTEMBER 2021

DAILY EVENTS

Everyone is welcome to join any of the acts of worship that take place at the cathedral. Services are normally held at the following times:

Monday – Saturday

8 am – Morning Prayer

11.15 am – Eucharist (*8.30 am on a Saturday*)

5.30 pm – Evening Prayer or Evensong

Sunday

8 am – Holy Communion

10 am – Cathedral Eucharist (*this service is also live streamed*)

11.30 am – Morning Prayer

3.30 pm – Evening Prayer or Evensong

EXHIBITIONS

Lost & Found Exhibition

Monday 26 July to Friday 31 December, Mon – Sat, 10am – 5pm

Why have things gone missing from the Cathedral over the years? The latest exhibition in the [Mappa Mundi](#) and Chained Library follows the story of things lost but later found and of some special things lost but not found... yet!

Admission charges apply

EVENTS

Booking is required for all events via the cathedral website. If you are not able to access the website, please call 01432 374200 and someone will be able to assist with your booking.

Wednesday 1 September, 10am

Summer Family Workshop – Sensory Journey

Join us as we take a sensory journey around the cathedral – this workshop may be suitable for children and young people with additional needs or those who may benefit from a more relaxed visit to the cathedral.

£2.50 per participating child

Saturday 4 September, 10am, 12noon or 2pm

Open Gardens

Book onto one of three sessions to explore the Chapter House, Cloister, Canon's, Dean's and the Bishop's garden. Visitors can explore at their own leisure with our team of volunteer garden guides on hand to answer any questions.

Tickets £5, booking essential via the cathedral website

Tuesday 7 September, 1.15pm



Lunchtime Organ Recital – Laurence John (Exeter Cathedral)

Free with a retiring collection – booking strongly advised

Tuesday 7 September, 7pm

Scientists in the Nuremberg Chronicle Lecture

In this lecture, The Revd Canon Dr Maureen Palmer will talk about the structure of The Nuremberg Chronicle, the nature of the woodcuts and also some of the scientific and medical characters which appear within it.

Event takes place in College Hall, tickets £8

Tuesday 14 September, 1.15pm

Lunchtime Organ Recital – Jonathan Allsopp (Southwell Minster)

Free with a retiring collection – booking strongly advised

Tuesday 14 September, 3pm – 4.30pm

From Hell to the Stars – the 700th anniversary of Dante's death

Canon Chris Pullin will be hosting an afternoon sharing his passion for Dante. In 'From Hell to the Stars' will speak about his life and thought, with time to reflect using images of people and places Dante knew while enjoying the music of his day and age.

Tickets cost £7

Saturday 18 September, 10am, 12noon or 2pm

Heritage Open Days

We will be celebrating Heritage Open Day's 2021 theme of 'Edible England' with a series of delectable flora and food inspired activities held in our beautiful Cloisters.

Events are free, booking essential

Tuesday 21 September, 1.15pm

Lunchtime Organ Recital – Emily India Evans (Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge)

Free with a retiring collection – booking strongly advised

Tuesday 28 September, 1.15pm

Lunchtime Organ Recital – Peter Dyke Audience Requests

Free with a retiring collection – booking strongly advised

Wednesday 29 September, 10am, 12noon or 2pm

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