

Yarkhill News



Please remember to protect these little chaps by keeping your dogs on leads when passing through livestock fields.

Yarkhill Charities. There are funds available to benefit the villagers of Yarkhill. This can be by way of aiding historical or architectural features, helping those who need financial assistance of any sort; or helping those at school, college or university with books, clothing, tools etc. There is no publicity and recipients can be assured of complete discretion in this matter. *If you feel you can benefit or know of anyone who may please get in touch with Helen Parker, Garford Farm, Yarkhill HR13ST or telephone 01432 890226*

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Chairman's Update

Planning & Enforcement There are currently 8 outstanding planning applications for Yarkhill which are sitting with Herefordshire Council. Since the previous PC meeting, there has been one approval for the part conversion of a barn into office space at Little Yarkhill Court under application 230696.

As most of you will know by now, the application for the Anaerobic Digester at Whitwick Manor under reference 222728 is out for re-consultation following changes by the developer STL Energy. We held a public meeting on 14th September which the developer and his agent attended where the sentiment continued to be against the plant. The overriding view was that the proposed changes to the grain storage operation will have little, if any, meaningful impact overall and the greater use of HGV's for transporting feedstock to the site will simply make the traffic situation worse than under the original proposal. At meetings of Stretton Grandison and Ocle Pychard parish council's over the last week, identical views were expressed and both are in the process of objecting. We will be submitting our comments to meet the 9th October deadline and we encourage you to express your views even if you have done so previously. As at the time of writing, there are 152 letters of objection to the application and 20 in favour on Herefordshire Council's planning website.

Monkhide Sewage Treatment Plant Independent sampling at the outflow point into the river Lodon has now been done and we are waiting for the analysis. We will report back in due course.

Lengthsman Scheme It is disappointing to report that we are likely to lose around £3,000 of grant funding from Herefordshire Council as cut backs at county level push more costs down to local pc's. We recognise that the work the Lengthsman undertakes across Yarkhill is essential, especially to prevent flooding, so it is now more likely that we will have to dip into parish funds to ensure the necessary maintenance or emergency work is undertaken. As most of you will know, the reduction in grants has been on the cards for some time, but this is the first year where we will not be able to rely on external funding to the same extent that we have done in the past.

Precept We are coming into the time of year when we need to begin to look at our precept for 2024/25 based on our expected budget for the period in question. It is expected that this topic will be on the agenda for our November meeting in order to allow us to meet Herefordshire Council's December deadline for responses. Rest assured that we continue to be sensitive to the financial pressures on households and last year we held the increase to 1.9%.

Newton Cross Traffic Initiatives We are advised by Highways at Herefordshire Council that they are progressing road safety improvements through the formal approval process including the extension of the 40mph speed limit westwards. The PC has also been investigating the installation of traffic speed indicators, but these are costly and may be difficult to justify unless we can source grant funding. It was therefore agreed that we should defer any further action until we are advised of the actual safety improvements to be made.

Autumn As Autumn fast approaches we have been asked to mention the importance of ensuring you have checked that your car is in good order and that all front and rear lights are working. West Mercia Police have also stressed the importance of driving based on road conditions, especially in the dark, and not the speed limit!

Road Safety—Newtown

Since the Parish Council Meeting on 19th September we have received the excellent news that the safety improvements to the stretch of the A4103 from the pink house to Newtown Cross have been approved and work is due to start soon. The improvements include moving the 40mph speed limit back around the bend from the pink house towards Hereford; including repeater signs up to and beyond the crossroads and painting roundals on the road to accentuate the speed limit. The Parish Council have been striving for these improvements for several years and we are hopeful this will help to reduce the number of collisions on that stretch of road.

Apple pressing for juice

making the taste of the autumn last all year

Washing/ crushing/ pressing/ bottling and pasteurising

Any quantity taken

Contact George Clay

07580 931860

Or g.clay.345@gmail.com



Scaffold tower for hire

The organisers of the Field to Fork Festival purchased a scaffold tower from part of the income raised. It 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: 150kg Material: Aluminium. It weighs 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

PARISH PAGE

This page is for Yarkhill folk to advertise items for sale, swop or wanted. Please make use of it—it is completely free for Yarkhill residents. You can include photographs; if you don't want to publicise your telephone number you can use the Parish Clerk's telephone number and she will pass the information on to you.



FOR SALE

8 leather dining chairs (no table) £15 each or all for £80.

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Part time assistance needed in large garden in Yarkhill. Hours by arrangement and to suit. No great knowledge needed – just willingness! Tel: 01432 890 226.





Yarkhill Church

is very grateful to the Yarkhill Parish Charities for donating and installing a seat in the churchyard for all to use.

The seat will benefit all visitors to this historic site, those who visit the churchyard to tend graves, and those who are passing by on foot or cycling past.

Do come and rest a while and relax.

YARKHILL CHURCH

100 CLUB

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

To all those supporting your local Church through the 100 Club. Thank you for your contributions last year. Your support has helped maintain this historic building and churchyard.

2023/24 subscriptions are now due.

We would be very grateful for your co-operation in forwarding your subscription of £12.00 per numbered member to:

The Treasurer: Mrs Julia Savagar, Glyndarth, Yarkhill HR1 3TA

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(If you have already paid or have set up a Standing Order please ignore this reminder)

NEW MEMBERS ARE VERY WELCOME

PLEASE HELP US TO MAINTAIN YOUR CHURCH

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September 23rd. 3pm. St Dubricius, Hentland

Talk by David Gallichan and organ recital. An interesting talk on the restoration of the Hentland Organ with a short Organ recital

[BOOK TICKETS HERE](#) Breathing new life into Hentland Church organ September 23rd. 3pm. (sumupstore.com)

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October 20th. 2pm. St Michael and All Angels, Kingstone

Music and Ministry: Memories from the Rev Michael Tavinor. A musical and amusing afternoon of song and stories from when Rev. Michael Tavinor was working for the church.

[BOOK TICKETS HERE](#) Music and Ministry; memories from Michael Tavinor (sumupstore.com)

October 17th. 7pm. St. Peter and Pauls Church, Weobley

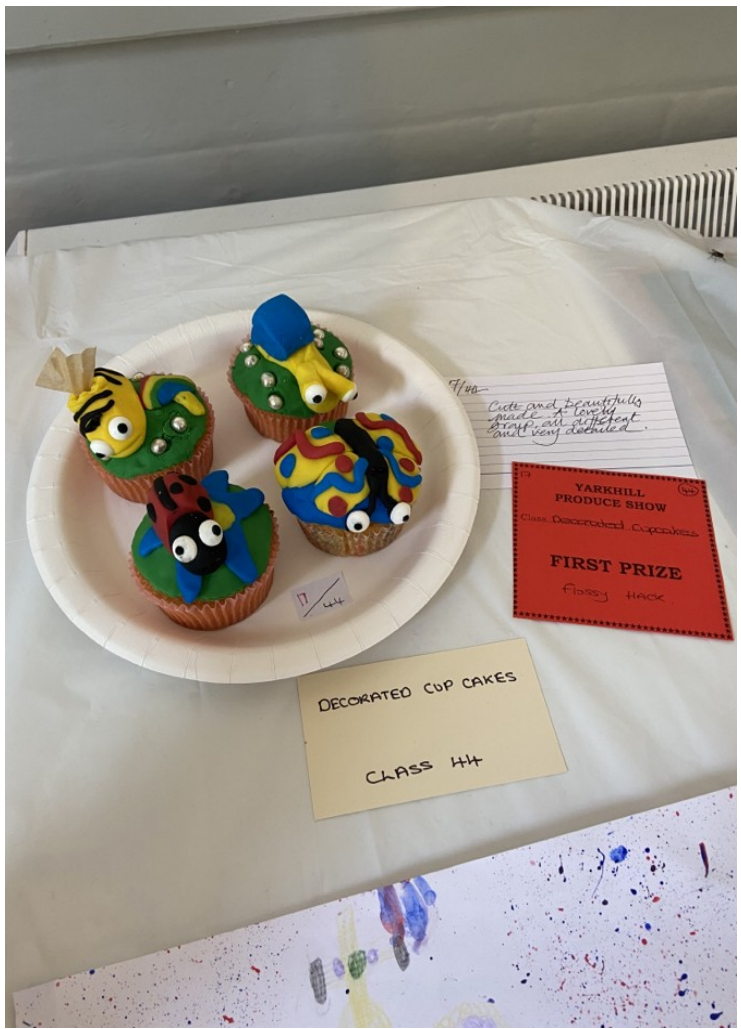
Music from Cantabile and Hereford Cathedral School choirs and musicians

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AND SOME PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE PRODUCT SHOW









21 million scam emails reported

Dear subscriber,

Almost 21 million reports have been made to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS), resulting in the removal of over **235,000 malicious websites**.

SERS was launched by the [National Cyber Security Centre \(NCSC\)](#) and the City of London Police in April 2020 to enable the public to forward suspicious emails to an automated system that scans them for malicious links. Since its launch, almost 21 million reports have been made to the service.

Mobile phone providers also offer a service that allows customers to report suspicious text messages, by forwarding them to the number **7726**. The service is free of charge and enables providers to takedown malicious websites and block malicious texts from being sent across their network.

As of 31 May 2023, **54,000 text message scams** have been removed as a result of suspicious texts forwarded to the 7726 service.

Commander Nik Adams, from City of London Police, said:

“Every year, thousands of people in the UK are scammed by a fraudulent email or text message. Phishing scams, whether it’s a text message claiming you have missed a delivery and are required to pay a redelivery fee, or an email claiming to be from your bank are a common security challenges that both individuals and businesses across the UK face on a daily basis.

“If you receive an email or text message that you think might be a scam, don’t respond to it or click any links in the message or email. Instead, contact the organisation directly using contact information from the company’s official website, and not the links or numbers provided in the message itself.

"If you think you have been a victim of fraud, report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040. By reporting phishing scams or suspected fraud, you are directly helping us in our work to identify and stop these criminals and helping us protect others from these scams. If you are in Scotland, I ask that you report the fraud directly to Police Scotland by calling 101."

How to protect yourself from scam emails and texts

Received an email or text that seems suspicious? Report it. Your reports enable us to remove the emails and websites criminals use to commit fraud and cyber crime.

1: Forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk . Send emails to this address that feel suspicious, even if you're not certain they're a scam - we can check.

2: Forward suspicious text messages to 7726 (it's free of charge). Your provider can find out where the text came from and block or ban the sender.

3 - If you've lost money or provided personal information as a result of a phishing scam, notify your bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040. In Scotland, call Police Scotland on 101.

Please note: Sometimes a forwarded email may not reach us because it is already recognised by spam detection services. You can also take a screenshot of the email and send it to report@phishing.gov.uk

(If you found this information useful, please forward it to your friends and family)



OCTOBER 2023

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
10.30 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 – Matins or Morning Prayer
3.30 pm – Evening Prayer or Evensong

EXHIBITIONS

Laden with Fruit

Monday 9 October – Saturday 30 December 2023

Monday to Saturday, 10am to 5pm

Laden with Fruit showcases literal and symbolic fruits in the cathedral's collections using items including the Victorian Herefordshire Pomona and 15th century cyder Bible. The exhibition also features new artwork by Jeanette McCulloch and the Ledbury-based BookArt Club inspired by botanical illustrations in the Cathedral's collections.

This exhibition is on display in the Mapa Mundi & Chained Library Exhibition - normal admission charges apply

EVENTS

Toddler Group

Mondays in term time, 9.30am

Calling all toddlers and their grown ups - join us to play and pray in Hereford Cathedral. Listen to a Bible story, take part in a craft activity and have fun in our weekly drop-in. Suitable for toddlers between the ages of 1-3 years.

Toddler Group is free to attend but children must be accompanied by a responsible adult at all times.

Vespers sung by the Monks of Belmont

Sunday 1 October, 5.30pm

Cantilupe Lecture

Revd Canon Chancellor James Pacey: Finding the truth in the liturgy as an actor finds the truth in the narrative



Tuesday 3 October, 4pm

James is convinced that an approach to the celebration of the Eucharist in a similar way to how an actor approaches a performance, with the emphasis on truth, has the potential to transform how the liturgy is inhabited. This will be a relaxed distillation of his findings and conclusions with an opportunity to ask questions and provide some stimulus as to what we think about liturgy and this great mystery we call worship.

Free to attend - please join us in the [retrochoir](#) for refreshments from 3.30pm.

[Shrieval Service](#)

Sunday 8 October, 3.30pm

Evening Hour

Sunday 8 October, 5.30pm

All are welcome to join us for this service of Prayer for Healing and Wholeness

Jeremy Maule Lecture

'The Wheat was Silver' by Richard Willmott

Tuesday 10 October, 3.30pm

Everyone is welcome to join the [Traherne Association](#) for this year's Jeremy Maule Lecture in College Hall. Richard [Willmott](#), Chairman of the [Traherne Association](#) and author of a recent study of Traherne's poetry, [The Voluble Soul](#), will be comparing the work of some modern poets with Traherne's writings.

Tickets for the lecture are £5 (or £6 if bought on the door). Please reserve tickets by contacting the Hon. Treasurer Tel: 01432 761588, or by emailing treasurer@thomastraherneassociation.org

After Adam: ethics, [transhumanism](#) and Christian faith lecture

Tuesday 10 October, 7pm

In this lecture, Revd [Prebendary](#) Dr John Daniels discusses how human augmentation by means of technology is already becoming a reality around us. If what it means to be human is changing, what will it then mean to live well – and should Christians accept an upgrade?

Tickets cost £10 and are available to purchase from the cathedral website or by calling 01432 374 225.

Afternoon Music

Saturday 14 October, 3.15pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for a short concert of beautiful music played on the Father Willis organ. Afternoon Music takes place on selected Saturdays during the year.

Bereavement Café

Wednesday 18 October, 2.30pm – 4pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for an informal and friendly gathering for those who have been bereaved, recently or long ago. Join us in College Hall on the third Wednesday of the month from 2.30 - 4pm for coffee, cake and conversation. Run by volunteers, this is a welcoming environment to share experiences and support.



Bishop's Study Day 2- Deepening our Prayer Life

Thursday 19 October, 9.30am – 3pm

The team at Hereford Diocese look forward to welcoming former Bishop of Oxford the Rt Revd John Pritchard to share in this special event which will take place at the cathedral.

This event is free but ticketed, for more details please visit: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hereford-diocese-events-16555494884

London Concertante – A Night at the Opera

Saturday 21 October, 7.30pm

London Concertante present a sensational evening at the opera with an array of the finest opera arias and overtures, including works from Puccini, Verdi, Rossini, and Mozart. Presented by Candlelight with some of the country's greatest opera singers, this truly is an evening not to be missed.

Tickets available from: <https://londonconcertante.com>

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 22 October, 10am

Lego Club

Wednesday 25 October, 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Test your skills at creating crazy constructions and super structures with Lego in the inspiring surroundings of Hereford Cathedral. Enjoy this freestyle Lego session in the cathedral nave with thousands of bricks and hundreds of mini figures, learn building techniques and make new friends. Suitable for anyone aged 8 – 14.

Spaces are limited so book your free space via the cathedral website

Escape Room

Wednesday 11, Thursday 26 & Friday 27 October - bookable sessions available

It is 1890... You have been accused of embezzling money from the Vicars Choral funds and have been shut in the Old Chapel until the police arrive. You have one hour, can you prove that you are innocent? Come along and crack the code of our Escape Room!

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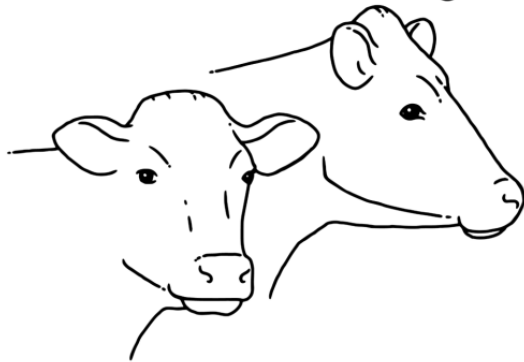
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YARKHILL PARISH



VOLUNTEER TO KEEP OUR ROADS CLEAN

Parishioners, we are sure you'll agree that we live in a most beautiful county. However, this is sadly blighted by people who choose to discard or throw litter out of their car windows, regardless of the impact on our roadsides and environment.

In an ongoing effort to keep Yarkhill tidy and make litter picking a quick and easy task, we have divided the parish's roads into 12 manageable stretches and are asking people to look after one of these sections. This will take approximately 1-2 hours of your time and can be done when it best suits you. When finished, Balfour Beatty will collect the bags of litter left by the roadside via the **what3words** app. All equipment is provided, including hi-viz vests.

Most roadside verges are wide and do not pose any danger. **We do not expect anyone to take risks.**

After 6 months, we will be asking for new individuals to take over the same stretches of roadside so that we may rotate the workload, but we will of course welcome anyone who would like to volunteer again or help out on an ongoing basis. Just let us know at any time.

If you or any member of your family feel that they can spare 1-2 hours, please would you contact Sally-Anne (Parish Clerk) on yarkhill@live.co.uk before the end of February. We will then issue equipment and details for **what3words**.

**PLEASE DO HELP TO KEEP OUR PARISH A TIDY AND ATTRACTIVE PLACE
TO LIVE**

Please be advised we have all the equipment, including litters pickers, gloves, and hi viz. We can also supply road signs for added security. See overleaf for the map showing the sections.

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Guidance for Complaints Procedure

It is vital that the public has confidence in the high standards of local government, and that there is transparency about the conduct of councillors and the mechanisms for dealing with alleged breaches of the Codes of Conduct. Equally, it is vital that councillors themselves have confidence in these mechanisms, and that investigations into such complaints abide by the principles of natural justice. Under the Model Code of Conduct, councillors are required to cooperate with any Code of Conduct investigation and respect the impartiality of officers. This is in recognition of the key role monitoring officers have in ensuring what might be contentious and difficult issues are handled fairly. This guidance is to support them in carrying out their duties.

More than 100,000 people give their time as councillors. The majority do so with the very best motives, and they conduct themselves in a way that is beyond reproach. However, public perception tends to focus on a minority who in some way abuse their positions or behave badly. Even where behaviour does fall short most issues are resolved easily through a simple apology or through swift action from an officer, a political group or meeting chair. Reference to the Code of Conduct and a formal complaint are very much the last resort where issues remain unresolved.

Anyone who considers that a councillor may have breached the Code of Conduct may make a complaint to that councillor's local authority, usually via the principal authority's monitoring officer. Each complaint must be assessed to see if it falls within the authority's legal jurisdiction, for example whether the subject member was acting as a councillor or representative of the authority at the time. A decision must then be made on whether or not some action should be taken, either as an investigation or some other form of action.

When a matter is referred for investigation or other action, it does not mean that a decision has been made about the validity of the allegation. It simply means that the authority believes the alleged conduct, if proven, may amount to a failure to comply with the Code of Conduct and that some action should be taken in response to the complaint.

The process for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints must be fair and be seen to be fair. The law does not specify how complaints are to be handled. However, in most authorities, initial assessment of complaints that a councillor may have breached the Code of Conduct is usually carried out by the authority's monitoring officer (in our case the Parish Clerk and one other Councillor who is not party to the complaint). Even where the matter is normally delegated to the monitoring officer, they may reserve the right to refer the matter to a committee of councillors, for example where the monitoring officer has a conflict of interest or the matter is particularly high-profile.

Local authorities, including parish and town councils, should publish information on their websites about what can and cannot be considered as a complaint, how to complain (including a standard complaints form if appropriate) and where Code of Conduct complaints should be sent to. They should also provide clear details of the procedures they will follow in relation to any written allegation received about a councillor.

Yarkhill Parish has produced a complaint form which sets out all the information they expect to receive from a complainant. This can be helpful to both the authority and the complainant. The form can be found at the end of this information. Complaints do not have to be made using the form but should include the information requested in the form.

The authority should also make it clear that only in exceptional circumstances would a complainant be granted confidentiality and that as a matter of fairness the complainant's identity would normally be disclosed to the subject member

Under the Localism Act, however, formal complaints must be submitted in writing. This includes electronic submissions, though the requirement for complaints to be submitted in writing must be read in conjunction with the Equality Act 2010 and the duty to make adjustments. For example, a complainant may have a disability that prevents them from making their complaint in writing. In such cases, authorities may need to transcribe a verbal complaint and then produce a written copy for approval by the complainant or the complainant's representative.

When a complaint is received by the local authority the relevant officer should acknowledge its receipt and set out the process to be taken to assess the complaint with an agreed timescale.

The full Guidance information can be accessed at [Guidance on Member Model Code of Conduct Complaints Handling | Local Government Association](#)

