

Yarkhill News



DOG OWNERS



Over the past few weeks there have been several complaints of loose dogs frightening horses and other dogs, running up to walkers and jumping up at them and owners being unable to recall their dogs when this happens. Not everyone likes over friendly dogs jumping up at them—especially muddy ones. Horses are powerful creatures and if dogs run up to them they are likely to kick out and injure a dog; or they may throw the rider in panic and run onto a road. Please, all dog walkers, consider the consequences of your dog's actions, not only on your dog but also on other people.

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*

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Chairman's Update – March 2024

Councillor Co-Option

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Peter Durnan as our new Councillor following the resignation of Tom Misselbrook towards the end of last year.

Peter has lived in the Parish for just under 7 years and brings a wealth of diverse and professional experience to the role. Many of you will know him from his daily walks with his dog Finlay and his regular attendance at PC meetings and litter picks together with his wife Sharon. In his short presentation to the Council and audience, Peter explained that one of his wishes is to help blur the lines between the three separate areas of the Parish and try to bring it more closely together. He is an excellent listener and hopes to have an opportunity to talk to as many residents over the coming months as possible. In addition, he is looking to contribute to our efforts to better manage some of our infrastructure challenges especially in relation to flooding and residential housing development. I am convinced that Peter will be an invaluable asset to us.

Peter's competitor for the position, James Snell, also gave us a short presentation highlighting his long history and knowledge of the Parish. Having started so promisingly, it was therefore disappointing to many of us that he had to be reminded of the intended nature of his speech when he began to move away from the brief which centred on the question "why I wish to become a Parish Councillor". On the second occasion where a reminder was necessary, he chose to withdraw his candidacy. This was noted and accepted by the Clerk.

Planning & Enforcement

There are two updates since the previous PC meeting.

In 2022, a development of 7 houses adjacent to Monksbury Court Barns was approved on appeal and, last year, the site was sold to Kinspire Homes with the relevant planning permission attached. We understand that construction may start shortly. Kinspire is maintaining the style and layout of the properties on the site, but has proposed some small cosmetic changes to each dwelling. Herefordshire Council deemed these as "non material" and has approved the modifications.

A planning application has been submitted for the construction of a new 3 bed detached property at Northcroft in Newtown Cross. Following a site visit in December, we had a number of questions which we referred to Herefordshire Council. It subsequently transpired that these are identical to those raised by the Planning Officer and it is intended that he will hold discussions with the developer's agent to resolve them. Dependant on the outcome we may update our original comments.

There continue to be a number of undecided applications within Yarkhill reflecting the phosphate issue within the River Lugg catchment. As yet, there has been no permanent solution identified within Herefordshire Council.

Defibrillator

We were advised that the Village Hall Committee is looking at the instillation of a defibrillator either at the hall or the Spar shop given the nearest alternative is in Tarrington. The PC will consider a financial contribution

Ward Councillor

In Jonathan Lester's absence, he asked me to explain that the higher than preferred 4.99% rise in Council Tax was an absolute necessity in order to ensure the robust financial position of Herefordshire Council for the next 3 years.

The Council has just been awarded a £102m grant by the Government for infrastructure work which is expected to fund road improvements and an increase in Lengthsman funding for parishes such as Yarkhill. It is too early to provide firm details.

Yarkhill Road Safety

Despite the introduction of an extended 40mph zone through Newtown Cross, there remains an issue with speeding motorists especially on the two more dangerous bends along this section. The current proposal being discussed with Herefordshire Council Highways and West Mercia Police is for the installation of chevron warning signs in an attempt to slow motorists down and encourage them to drive more responsibly and in line with road conditions. We will provide an update in due course.

Newsletter Distribution

Following a recent survey undertaken by the Parish Council, 83% of residents would prefer to receive our Newsletter via email rather than by hand. This represents a substantial shift over the last few years and one that will help us keep our costs down whilst also being a far more environmentally friendly option. Thank you to all those of you who responded so promptly.

2024 / 25 Budget

The Parish Council has agreed its final budget for the next financial year. This is considered to be a prudent approach in light of the continued challenges facing all Councils. Thanks to the work of our Parish Clerk, we have secured increased Lengthsman funding which should help reduce the pressure on this aspect of our commitment to help manage flood risk and protect the homes of residents. All relevant financial information will be available on our website.

Can I also thank Andy Lees for his fundamental remodelling of the site over the last few months in an effort to make it more visually attractive and user friendly.

Springtime

We are coming to that time of year when fields will begin to fill with sheep, lambs and cows and have been asked to remind walkers and riders to kindly maintain control of their dogs and to shut all farm gates after they have passed through to avoid animals escaping. We very much appreciate your help with these important, but simple steps.

Jeff Hughes

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Can you help?

Any website experts out there, or even amateurs? We would like the Village Hall to have its own simple website with booking information and prices, but we need someone with the skills and time to help us produce and maintain this. Text and images would be supplied and we aren't looking for anything fancy. If you can help, please contact katiebott@gmail.com

Outbuildings for rent

The outbuildings at the Village Hall are surplus to requirements but in need of some repair. Is there an enterprising person out there who would be interested in using the building in exchange for peppercorn rent and making repairs at their own cost? The building would be ideal for a range of uses, including workshop space, secure storage for plant & equipment, general workspace, wood drying, dog grooming, shop etc. We're open to ideas! If you are interested please contact

martinennis325@gmail.com

News from the Parish Clerk.

Thank you all for your response to the letter about how you would like to receive your newsletter. This Newsletter will be the first one for several people and if any of you would like to see previous issues do please let me know and I will email them to you. Newsletters are also readily available on the Parish Website. Don't forget there is now space available for any parishioner wishing to buy, sell or swap items. Just contact me for information.

I am now sending all relevant planning applications to households signed up to receive information from me. You can also view new applications by going onto the Herefordshire Council website and visiting the planning portal. Information on planning applications is also available in the Yarkhill website.

Finally, I have been asked to publish two items of correspondence from Parishioners who wish to remain anonymous. Whilst this has presented a dilemma, I am aware that their comments reflect the general mood of numerous parishioners. I am also conscious that in the interest of transparency, honesty and free speech, and bearing in mind that this is the parishioners Newsletter, there is no option but to print them as requested. However, I would prefer not to find myself in this predicament again. The letters are below and overleaf.

Sallyanne

Anonymous email received from Parishioner following PC Meeting on 5th March 2024

I am writing to express my wholehearted support for the Parish Council and its commendable efforts in serving our community. As a dedicated resident of Yarkhill, I have witnessed the positive impact of the Council's initiatives and the unwavering commitment of its members to the betterment of our parish for many years.

The Parish Council has consistently demonstrated a strong sense of responsibility, responsiveness, and dedication to addressing the needs and concerns of our community. The proactive approach in engaging with residents, organising community events, and implementing strategic projects has significantly contributed to the overall well-being of our parish.

The recent aspersions cast by Councillors Kirby and Carr on the Parish Clerk and other Councillors has no place in local politics. I commend the rest of the committee for their tenacity and diligence in dealing with these characters and not allowing their disgraceful behaviour to detract from the good work they do for the Parish.

Anonymous

Dear Madam Clerk,

I am not as a rule inclined to make public my personal feelings of disapproval but in this instance, having conversed with several like-minded parishioners, I feel I have no option. I have hand delivered this letter to your home address as I feel anonymity is the best course for all concerned.

Whilst I do not attend every Parish Council meeting these days, I was present at the meeting on the evening of 5th March and was shocked and appalled at the behaviour of a gentleman in the audience who saw fit to slate the Parish Council in a totally inappropriate manner whilst endeavouring to secure a seat on the Parish Council. It must have been an immense relief to the existing Councillors when the gentleman (and I use the term in the widest sense of the word) retracted his application to stand; a relief that is except to the two Councillors to the left of the Clerk who clearly supported the outburst and the person concerned.

At several previous meetings I have listened to the same two Councillors and it is clear from their stance and overall behaviour that they are actively working against the Parish Council and striving to boycott all positive suggestions made by the remaining Councillors. This appears to have become a recurring theme and I feel obliged to state that this behaviour has only been apparent since Mr Kirby joined the Parish Council. I believe we would all welcome a presentation from him as to why he feels he is of benefit to the Parish Council.

I read the Newsletter thoroughly and study the minutes of meetings reproduced on the website and would cordially suggest that in doing so I am made fully aware of the proposed actions of the Parish Council and so the claim to "secrecy" is beyond my realm of understanding. I am grateful for the work undertaken by the Lengths Man, without which our flooding issues would be catastrophic and to question his effectiveness and experience is not only insulting but also ridiculous.

I must commend the Chairman on this occasion for his control of the meeting in the most difficult and taxing of circumstances. I should also applaud the Lady Clerk for silencing certain dissenters among the audience and for explaining to the audience the reason for the strict nature of proceedings. These actions should not have been necessary. I respect her honourable decision, when relaying information about recent complaints, not to disclose the names of the complainants but I would respectfully suggest that Yarkhill has the right to know who these people are and why they feel thus aggrieved.

Finally, Yarkhill Parish has an admirable Parish Council and a sterling Clerk, but it is being destroyed by the few without any evident justification. My fervent hope is that the disruptive members of the Council will reflect on the damage they are doing and address their conduct thereby allowing the Council to revert to the previously efficient, dedicated and public-spirited group of people that it used to be.

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.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME

We have a 32inch Samsung HDTV that wants a new home. Works well despite being 7 years old and is at present in its original box. We have just upgraded to a larger screen.

John and Ann Elliott

phone number 07951290937.

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

Easter Services



Good Friday/

Walk of Witness

*1.30pm from Yarkhill to
Tarrington.*

*Followed by a short service
then Hot Cross buns in
Tarrington Church.*

Other Services in the Benefice

*Wednesday Weekday Communion –
10.00am each Wednesday in
Tarrington*

*Good Friday - Hour at the Cross
2.00pm Ashperton and Munsley.*

*Good Friday - Taize Service 7.00pm at
Bosbury.*

Easter Sunday

Holy Communion

*11.00am at Yarkhill
(joined by Stoke Edith).*



100 Club Winners

November

Prize

| | | Val |
|---|----|----------------|
| 1 | 47 | Bardo |
| 2 | 2 | Carrie Lynes |
| 3 | 33 | Claire Yates |
| 4 | 43 | Diana Williams |

December

Prize

| | | |
|---|-----|---------------|
| 1 | 117 | Gus Lowther |
| 2 | 47 | V Bardo |
| 3 | 104 | Guy Donahue |
| 4 | 60 | Audrey Alford |
| 5 | 33 | Claire Yates |

100 Club Winners

Jan

| <u>Prize</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Member</u> |
|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1 | 118 | Fred Shetliffe |
| 2 | 105 | Emilie Lowther |
| 3 | 38 | Janet Donohue |
| 4 | 56 | E Wilson |

Feb

Prize

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|---|-----|--------------|
| 1 | 115 | Tricia Clews |
| 2 | 24 | Ann Dex |
| 3 | 124 | M Harrison |
| 4 | 3 | Annie Lane |



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Exclusively brought to you by the Rural Services Network



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WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!



As we digest the outcomes of last week's Spring Budget, our feelings are mixed. While there were some victories for rural communities tucked within the announcements, the stark disparity in funding allocation when compared to urban areas cannot be overlooked. The Chancellor's hour-long speech notably lacked any mention of the term 'rural', a glaring omission that underscores a broader issue of visibility and priority in government policy. This oversight is particularly concerning given that 40% of constituencies are rural, making their votes critical in the upcoming election.

Acknowledging some progress in the budget is essential, yet we will

continue to push for a more equitable distribution of resources that does not sideline rural areas. Amidst these reflections, I was honoured to speak about local government funding at the Libraries Connected event on World Book Day. The discussions around the innovative roles libraries play in our communities were not just inspiring but a beacon of the potential that exists within accessible public services. This experience reinforced the critical importance of local government funding in nurturing community spaces into vibrant centres of creativity, learning, and community support.

[You can read more about this in our article here](#)

FEATURE ITEM

Rural
Affordable Housing

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WINNING THE
RURAL VOTE

Winning the Rural Vote: Securing Affordable Rural Housing

Each week, our Winning the Rural Vote Campaign zeroes in on a different critical policy area, and this week, we delve into the pressing issue of Rural Affordable Housing. Amidst the backdrop of 40% of constituencies being rural, the significance of affordable housing in these areas cannot be overstated. Rural communities are at a crossroads, facing a severe affordable housing crisis characterised by elevated house prices, high living costs, and lower incomes, which threatens their sustainability and vitality. This crisis not only stifles economic growth but risks transforming rural areas into enclaves for the affluent and elderly, diminishing community diversity.

LATEST RURAL NEWS & ANALYSIS



[Spring Budget 2024](#)



[The Essential Lifeline of Libraries in Rural Communities](#)



[Village Halls: Celebrating the Heartbeat of Rural Communities](#)



[Empowering Local Culture: LGA Insights & 2024 Budget Impact](#)



[Community Solutions for Rural Transport](#)



[Rural Related Politics - An RSN weekly review](#)

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A Season of High-Quality Rural Theatre Freely Accessible to Anyone, Anywhere

[Pentabus](#) is a pioneer of digital theatre. It was the first company to stream a show from a village hall, Simon Longman's *Milked* back in 2014. Pentabus was one of the first companies to share its [archive recordings](#) in the pandemic, and to reimagine work especially for digital distribution in *One Side Lies the Sea*.

The spring digital season features a live capture of one of Pentabus' standout shows of recent years, the tender and cinematic *Driftwood*, captured at Hereford College of Arts for the screen, and released to celebrate Village Halls Week. It continues with *Framed*, a flagship project for the career launching Pentabus Young Writers Programme. The company's groundbreaking *DESTINY* and *The Silence and the Noise*, co-produced with Rural Media, were both Off West End Award Finalists for Best Online Production with the latter winning, underscoring Pentabus' place at the forefront of digital theatre.

The spring season continues the company's 50th birthday celebrations with an offering of high-quality rural theatre, all fully captioned and free for anyone to watch, anywhere.

[Full listings can be found here.](#)

PENTABUS



SPOTLIGHT

SPOTLIGHT ON: THE RURAL ECONOMY



The latest edition of the Spotlight on Rural Economy is available now!

Just some of the things included in this edition is the 'Winning the Rural Vote' campaign detailing how to unleash potential of the rural economy, news on how affordable housing, transport and broadband are hampering rural business growth, the economic impact of building social housing and details of grants to install electric vehicle charging points at the workplace.

[Read the full spotlight here](#)



RURAL FUNDING DIGEST

Looking for funding for your local project or community group? Read the latest edition of the Funding Digest [here](#)



GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS

Read the latest Government Consultations that may be relevant to rural communities [here](#)



MEMBER INSIGHTS

Member Insights is the place to discover the statistics that define communities within our membership
Visit the Members Insights [here](#)



FAIRER FUNDING

Find out about our campaign for fairer funding for rural areas [here](#)
This includes our work on the Local Government Finance Settlement

MEMBERS

The Rural Services Network encompasses a wide range of partners and organisations who all work together to help provide a voice for rural communities. Over 20,000 members belong to the network.

We represent over 500 organisations across the public, private and voluntary sectors including leading national bodies, local authorities, utility companies, health trusts, housing associations, grass root community organisations and more.

The Rural Services Network is a membership organisation and includes different types of membership depending on the kind of organisation you belong to.

[For further details click here](#)

EVENTS & MEETINGS



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If you have any comments on the Rural Bulletin, please contact us [here](#).

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**WEST MERCIA
POLICE**



Cracking down on those driving under the influence

Whilst the vast majority of us did the right thing in the run up to Christmas, local figures show some motorists across Herefordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire were still willing to risk mixing drinking or being under the influence of drugs with driving.

Enforcing the drink and drug drive law is a year round commitment for us and takes place across the three counties 24/7 and will continue to do so throughout 2024 to make our roads safer.

**Caught over the
drink drive limit?**

You risk losing your licence,
your job and six months in prison.

THINK! #OpLimit

**WEST MERCIA
POLICE**

#OpLimit
caught prison
drink drive
lose your
licence
lose your
job limit
prison
#OpLimit

During December we supported the national drink / drug drive campaign with the aim of cracking down on those motorists willing to risk mixing driving with having alcohol or drugs in their system. In total 278 people were arrested for drink or drug driving across the three counties throughout December.

[Enforcing the drink/drug drive law | West Mercia Police](#)



Message Sent By
Road Safety Team

The Fraud & Scam Bulletin

MARCH 2024

Your monthly update direct from West Mercia Police on the latest scams and frauds

TELEPHONE FRAUD

The number of "Nuisance" calls has risen in recent years from 21% to 40% and according to OFGEN, nearly 40% of Scams start with a phone call.

These scams involve fraudsters trying to gain your personal and financial information, and are often referred to as "*Vishing*" – an amalgamation of "*Voice*" and "*Phishing*".

Very often the fraudster has disguised their call identity by using an apparently legitimate number so appearing genuine; this is known as "Spoofing". If you do receive a call from a company which is not expected then just hang up, wait for 10 minutes or so, or use another phone, and then call the real company back on a listed number from their website or letterhead.

Common Phone Call Scams

- Technical Support scams - They may impersonate a company such as Microsoft or BT, and tell you there is a fault on your computer or Broadband. They then probably will ask you to download remote access software to gain access to your computer, or else install Malware on your computer.
- Impersonation Scams - Typically these may claim to come from your "Bank Fraud Department" telling you that your account or bank cards have been compromised and you need to transfer money to another so-called Safe Account, from where it vanishes. Similarly calls may come from fraudsters masquerading as a Police Officer, Utility Provider, HMRC or DVLA.
- Prize Draw Scams – "You have won the Lottery or a Prize Draw!" Sounds good but is it? You may think you never entered the competition but they will convince you that you have, then ask for your bank details so you can "receive" the prize
- Financial Scams – you are called with tempting offers for investing your money in funds, schemes or perhaps in Bitcoins with the promise of huge returns. Since 2019, it has been illegal to make cold calls to sell Pension schemes, so any calls about Pension Schemes will be scams. This scheme may be extended in the future to ban an unsolicited financial cold call.

How can you stay safe?

- Never give out your financial information over the phone, and just hang up if you are unsure about the caller's identity
- Register for "TPS" - Telephone Preference Service - this prevents bona fide companies calling you so you will then know that any cold call is a fake.
- Scammers will often keep the phone line open after the call so even when you think you are calling a legitimate number you are still speaking to the fraudster. Wait for up to 15 minutes or make the call using a different phone line or mobile

Please feel free to share these messages with any vulnerable friends, relatives or neighbours.

IF YOU THINK YOU ARE BEING SCAMMED OR DO NOT RECOGNISE THE CONTACT

Take Five To Stop Fraud

- **STOP:** Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.
- **CHALLENGE:** Could it be fake? It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- **PROTECT:** Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud

If you've fallen for a scam, report it to **Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040** or via [actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

Scam Text messages can be forwarded to 7726 to help phone providers take early action and block numbers that generate spam on their networks.

Forward **Fake Emails** received to report@phishing.gov.uk

If you think your bank account or personal banking details have been used fraudulently, then use the short phone number - **159** - to contact the Fraud Prevention Department of most major UK banks.

For further information visit:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>

<https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>

FLOODING ADVICE

Flooding can occur anywhere - you do not have to live near a river, stream or reservoir to be affected. This is because the drainage system, whether open watercourses or pipes, can become overwhelmed by the amount of water it is expected to carry. In addition, when the ground is saturated even small extra amounts of rainfall can have difficulty draining away from gardens and enclosed spaces. Owing to the nature of this type of flooding, it is very difficult to predict where it will happen.

Who should I contact to report a flood? If you or your neighbours are in immediate danger call the Emergency Services – 999. How you report a flood depends on the type of flooding it is.

Highway flooding: Balfour Beatty deal with incidents of flooding on our roads to keep them safe for the public. If you see flooding on the highway that could cause a danger to the public, or if floodwater is at risk of entering private property please call 01432 261800.

Flooding from a sewer or fresh water pipe: If you are concerned about flooding from a public sewer or fresh water pipe, please report it to the relevant water company:

- Welsh Water: 0800 085 3968 (open 24 hours)
- Severn Trent Water: 0800 783 4444 (open 24 hours)

Main River or groundwater flooding:

To report flooding from a main river or groundwater please call the Environment Agency Floodline on 0845 988 1188. To report flooding from an ordinary watercourse please call 01432 261800.

Prepare for flooding by following these simple steps to reduce the impact of flooding on your property:

- . View the latest weather forecast on the Met Office website
- . View live river level information
- . View live flood warning map
- . Sign up for Floodline Warnings Direct from the Environment Agency – a free service that provides automated flood warnings by telephone, mobile, email, SMS text message or fax
- . View the Environment Agency website for the latest flood warnings (updated every 15 minutes)
- . Call Floodline on 0845 988 1188 or Type talk 0845 602 6340

Do not underestimate the danger and damage that a flood can cause. Floodwater can be very dangerous; six inches of fast-flowing water can knock you off your feet; two feet can sweep away a car. While the council endeavours to provide assistance wherever possible, it is your responsibility to protect your person and property. There is lots of useful advice on the prepare your property for flooding page on the Environment Agency website.



APRIL 2024

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

Illuminate: Let there be Light

Monday 29 January - Saturday 27 April, 10 am to 5 pm

Hereford Cathedral Library & Archives invite you to find light in the dark days of winter with their latest exhibition, *Illuminate*. The starting point is the Latin root of illuminate: to bring to light. A 12th century glossed book of Psalms shows the beauty of illuminated manuscripts. The exhibition also looks at different forms of light within the history of the cathedral, ranging from the metaphysical image of divine light to the literal lighting such as gasoliers and candles.

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.

Easter Monday Organ Concert

Monday 1 April, 1.15pm

Join us for Peter Dyke's popular Easter Monday concert performed on the cathedral's world-famous Willis organ. Admission free with a retiring collection.

Messy Church

Thursday 4 April, 12noon – 2pm



Come and take part in a day of Easter fun, including a selection of crafts and activities for all of the family to take part in! Messy Church is church for families and all. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration - and we will be having food at 12.30pm!

Writing Poetry Inspired by History

Sunday 14 April, 1pm

Join creative writing lecturer and poet Ruth Stacey for an afternoon of creative writing inspired by some of the stories found in Hereford Cathedral. The focus will be on poetry, but writers of all genres and levels of experience are welcome. This is an opportunity to set aside time for guided reading and writing.

Tickets cost £20 from the cathedral website or by calling 01432 374225

Evening Hour

Sunday 14 April, 5.30pm

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

Lego Club

Tuesday 16 April, 3.45 pm- 5 pm

Enjoy this freestyle Lego session with thousands of bricks and hundreds of mini figures, learn building techniques and make new friends. Suitable for young people aged between 8 and 14. Parents and Carers are welcome to stay, but accompaniment is not required during the session. This event is free - no booking required.

Bereavement Café

Wednesday 17 April, 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.

Guide to the Cathedral Organ

Saturday 27 April, 11.30am

Have you ever wondered how an organ works? Then join the music department for this fun, family friendly introduction to the cathedral organs! Featuring performances and demonstrations, this [45 minute](#) session is perfect for curious young people, and their grown-ups! This event is free and will take place in the cathedral nave

Reading of St Mark's Gospel by Clifford Offer

Tuesday 30 April, 7pm

The Gospel is a good story, but is it good news? Usually we only hear the story in bits but like any story, if you are to discern its inner message and uncover its hidden truths, you need to hear it in its entirety. It is only when you hear the whole gospel that it becomes good news. What message has St Mark for you and for us? Come and hear what St Mark has to say.

This event is free and will take place in the Lady Chapel

Yarkhill Parish Council Budget 2024/25 - Proposed

| | Precept Increase | Budget | 0% | |
|---|------------------|------------------|----|--|
| INCOME | | | | |
| Annual Precept | £ | 8,555.00 | | Unchanged from 2023/24 |
| Lengthsman Scheme Grant | £ | 720.00 | | Reduced 2024 grant based on HC / Balfour Beatty standard formula |
| Lengthsman Scheme Match Funded Grant | £ | 720.00 | | See 37 below |
| VAT recovered 2023/24 | £ | 348.00 | | |
| Total Income | £ | 10,341.00 | | |
| EXPENDITURE | | | | |
| Administration - Clerks Salary | £ | 4,524.00 | | Includes April rise in minimum wage. Excludes any salary increment |
| Stationery / Postage | £ | 51.00 | | |
| NDP Review | £ | - | | Left blank. Review dependant on HC's draft Local Plan due 2024 |
| Newsletter Publication | £ | 78.00 | | |
| Insurance | £ | 168.00 | | |
| Subscription HALC | £ | 508.00 | | |
| Data Protection | £ | 41.00 | | |
| Website | £ | 30.00 | | |
| Auriala | £ | 120.00 | | |
| Remembrance Day Wreath | £ | 50.00 | | |
| Notice Board Refurbishment | £ | 350.00 | | Cost of materials. Andy Lees to assess extent of work needed |
| Training | £ | 300.00 | | |
| Litter Picking | £ | 125.00 | | Additional / replacement equipment |
| Meeting Room Hire | £ | 120.00 | | |
| General Contingency (PC Maint / Purch) | £ | 750.00 | | |
| CONTRIBUTIONS / GRANTS | | | | |
| Village Hall | £ | 450.00 | | Contribution to 2024 events |
| Church Yard Maintenance | £ | 350.00 | | Represents £50 increase over 2023/24 |
| LENGTHSMAN WORK | | | | |
| Maintenance - Parish C and U roads | £ | 1,840.00 | | Based on 4 days work, no materials. Includes match funded expenditure. See 9 above |
| Maintenance - Footpaths / Bridleways / Hedges | £ | 660.00 | | Based on 1.5 days work |
| Total Expenditure | £ | 10,513.00 | | |
| Income | £ | 10,341.00 | | |
| Expenditure | £ | 10,513.00 | | |
| Used from Reserves | -£ | 172.00 | | |
| Projected Bank Balance March 2024 | £ | 18,500.00 | | Does not include March unconfirmed expenditure |

YARKHILL ACCOUNTS 2023 TO 2024

| TRANS NO | DATE | INVOICE NO | DESCRIPTION | CHEQUE NO | CAT RY | PAYMENT MADE | VAT | NETT | VAT | RECEIPTS | S1 | BALANCE | VAT Claimed |
|----------|---------------------------|------------|----------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------------|------|----------|--------|-----------|-----------|---------|-----------------------------|
| 23051 | 05/04/23 | | C Borley- linear parking | 100993 | 8 E | 7,254.74 | 20 E | 6,880.74 | 374.00 | 11,924.82 | 14,703.07 | 202223 | |
| 23052 | 06/04/23 | | Hereford CC | | 2 | 159.69 | | 132.99 | 26.70 | | 14,543.38 | | 1 Precip |
| 23053 | 21/04/23 | | Hereford CC | | 1 | | | | | | 15,882.38 | | 2 Lengthyman Income |
| 23054 | 26/04/23 | | Clerk Salary | 101000 | 7 E | 328.03 | 0 E | 328.03 | | | 20,159.88 | | 3 VAT Income |
| 23055 | 27/04/23 | | Sarah Daw Mugs | 101001 | 8 E | 279.65 | 20 E | 233.04 | 46.61 | | 19,831.85 | | 4 Newsletter Advertising |
| 23056 | 11/05/23 | | Sarah Daw | 101004 | 8 E | 100.00 | | 100.00 | | | 19,552.20 | | 5 Misc Income |
| 23057 | 12/05/23 | | VAT | | 3 | | | | | | 20,918.12 | | 6 Neighbourhood Plan Income |
| 23058 | 25/05/23 | | Clerk Salary | 101005 | 7 E | 328.03 | 0 E | 328.03 | | | 20,590.09 | | 7 Salaries |
| 23059 | 25/05/23 | | Information Commissioner | 101003 | 15 E | 40.00 | 0 E | 40.00 | | | 20,550.09 | | 8 Expenses |
| 23060 | 13/06/23 | | Hereford CC | | 2 | | | | | | 21,114.99 | | 9 Stationery |
| 23061 | 26/06/23 | | Clerk Salary | 101008 | 7 E | 328.03 | 0 E | 328.03 | | 564.90 | 20,786.96 | | 10 Lengthyman Outgoings |
| 23062 | 06/07/23 | | HMRC | 100999 | 7 E | 33.20 | 0 E | 33.20 | | | 20,753.76 | | 11 Newsletter Outgoings |
| 23063 | 06/07/23 | | HMRC | | 16 E | 30.00 | 0 E | 30.00 | | | 20,723.76 | | 12 Insurance |
| 23064 | 07/07/23 | 1720278713 | A Lees(Webstele) | | 16 E | 152.62 | 0 E | 152.62 | | | 20,571.14 | | 13 Subscriptions |
| 23065 | 04/07/23 | | Village Hall | 101011 | 19 E | 16.00 | 0 E | 16.00 | | | 20,555.14 | | 14 Audit Fees |
| 23066 | 26/07/23 | | Clerk Salary | 101014 | 7 E | 327.83 | 0 E | 327.83 | | | 20,227.31 | | 15 Data Protection |
| 23067 | 23/08/23 | | HMRC | 101006 | 7 E | 33.20 | 0 E | 33.20 | | | 20,194.11 | | 16 Website |
| 23068 | 23/08/23 | | HMRC | 101009 | 7 E | 33.20 | 0 E | 33.20 | | | 20,160.91 | | 17 Aurelia |
| 23069 | 23/08/23 | | HMRC | 101015 | 7 E | 33.40 | 0 E | 33.40 | | | 20,127.51 | | 18 Church Donation |
| 23070 | 25/08/23 | | Clerk Salary | 101017 | 7 E | 328.03 | 0 E | 328.03 | | | 19,799.48 | | 19 Room Hire |
| 23071 | 19/09/23 | | Hereford CC | | 1 | | | | | | 24,076.98 | | 20 VAT Paid |
| 23072 | 21/09/23 | | HALLC | 101012 | 8 E | 271.88 | 20 E | 226.57 | 45.31 | 4,277.50 | 23,805.10 | | |
| 23073 | 25/09/23 | | Clerk Salary | 101019 | 7 E | 328.03 | 0 E | 328.03 | | | 23,477.07 | | |
| 23074 | 04/10/23 | | Aurelia | 101013 | 17 E | 57.96 | 20 E | 48.32 | 9.66 | | 23,419.09 | | |
| 23075 | 04/10/23 | | Caroline Borley - Water Testing | 101016 | 8 E | 30.24 | 20 E | 25.20 | 5.04 | | 23,388.85 | | |
| 23076 | 24/10/23 | | Clerk Salary | 101021 | 7 E | 427.00 | 0 E | 427.00 | | | 22,961.85 | | 20 Standard Rate |
| 23077 | 01/11/23 | | HMRC | 101018 | 7 E | 33.20 | 0 E | 33.20 | | | 22,928.65 | | 5 Reduced rate |
| 23078 | 01/11/23 | | HMRC | 101025 | 7 E | 33.20 | 0 E | 33.20 | | | 22,895.45 | | 0 Zero-rate |
| 23079 | 17/11/23 | | Jeff Hughes Wreath | 101025 | 8 E | 23.98 | 20 E | 19.98 | 4.00 | | 22,871.47 | | |
| 23080 | 27/11/23 | | Clerk Salary | 101027 | 7 E | 342.11 | 0 E | 342.11 | | | 22,529.36 | | |
| 23081 | 04/12/23 | | Caroline Borley - Linear Parking | 101024 | 8 E | 72.69 | 20 E | 60.57 | 12.12 | | 22,456.67 | | |
| 23082 | 21/12/23 | | HMRC | 101022 | 7 E | 58.00 | 0 E | 58.00 | | | 22,398.67 | | |
| 23083 | 21/12/23 | | HMRC | 101028 | 7 E | 36.80 | 0 E | 36.80 | | | 22,361.87 | | |
| 23084 | 22/12/23 | | Clerk Salary | 101029 | 7 E | 342.11 | 0 E | 342.11 | | | 22,019.76 | | |
| 23085 | 27/12/23 | | Aurelia | 101023 | 17 E | 52.98 | 20 E | 44.15 | 8.83 | | 21,966.78 | | |
| 23086 | 05/01/24 | | Village Hall | 101026 | 19 E | 88.00 | 0 E | 88.00 | | | 21,878.78 | | |
| 23087 | 24/01/24 | | Clerk Salary | 101031 | 7 E | 342.11 | 0 E | 342.11 | | | 21,536.67 | | |
| 23088 | 06/02/24 | | HMRC | 101030 | 7 E | 36.80 | 0 E | 36.80 | | | 21,499.87 | | |
| 23089 | 08/02/24 | | HMRC | 101033 | 7 E | 57.98 | 20 E | 48.32 | 9.66 | | 21,441.89 | | |
| 23090 | 23/03/9 | | Aurelia | | | | | | | | 21,441.89 | | |
| 23091 | 23/04/1 | | | | | | | | | | 21,441.89 | | |
| 23092 | Not yet on Bank Statement | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 23093 | 22/01/24 | 1208873 | K T Gooch | 101034 | 11 E | 20.08 | 20 E | 24.08 | 5.00 | | 21,441.89 | | |
| 23094 | 22/01/24 | | HMRC | 101032 | 7 E | 36.80 | 0 E | 36.80 | | | 21,375.11 | | |
| 23095 | 12/02/24 | | HMRC | | 13 E | 507.71 | 20 E | 423.09 | 84.62 | | 20,867.40 | | |
| 23096 | | | Helping Hand (C Borley) | | 8 E | 770.08 | 20 E | 742.23 | 28.45 | | 20,696.72 | | |
| 23097 | | | Clerk Salary | | 7 E | 342.11 | 0 E | 342.11 | | | 20,354.61 | | |
| 23098 | | | Terry Gammis | | 10 E | 528.00 | 20 E | 440.00 | 88.00 | | 19,826.61 | | |
| 23099 | 22/01/23 | TGC2556 | Hereford CC - Election Changes | | 8 E | 153.46 | 0 E | 153.46 | | | 19,673.15 | | |
| 23050 | 22/02/24 | 01501457 | Hereford CC - Election Changes | | 18 E | 300.00 | 0 E | 300.00 | | | 19,373.15 | | |
| 23051 | | | Church Donation | | | | | | | | 19,373.15 | | |

Reconcilled to Bank Statement 13th February 2024

- 20 Standard Rate
- 5 Reduced rate
- 0 Zero-rate



**Yarkhill Village Hall Produce
Show and Fete**

Saturday 20th July

3-5pm

**Cream Teas, Raffle, Tombola,
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Craft



2024 PRODUCE SHOW CLASSES

| VEGETABLES AND FRUIT | HANDICRAFT |
|---|---|
| 1. Courgettes, 2 | 29. A handknitted or crocheted item |
| 2. Cabbage, 1 | 30. Needlework – fancy or embroidery |
| 3. Onions/ shallots - dressed, 3 | 31. A painting, any medium, space 20cm x 20cm |
| 4. Peas, 3 pods | 32. A machine or hand sewn item |
| 5. French Beans, 3 | 33. Open Class – Hand made item, any medium |
| 6. Carrots, 3 | |
| 7. Beetroot, 3 | PHOTOGRAPHY (max size 15 x 20cm, mounted not framed) |
| 8. Potatoes, 3 | 34. Water scene |
| 9. Runner Beans, 3 | 35. Black and white |
| 10. Bunch of herbs, 3 varieties | 36. Winter scene |
| 11. Tomatoes, 3 | 37. Wildlife - flora/ fauna |
| 12. A collection of 3 different vegetables | 38. Transport themed |
| 13. Any berry fruit, mixture or single variety | |
| | 16 YEARS AND UNDER |
| FLOWERS | 39. Decorated cake or traybake |
| 14. Sweet peas, 5 stems | 40. Digitally designed poster for a birthday party (A4) |
| 15. Roses, 4 blooms | 41. Something new from something old |
| 16. Dahlias, 5 blooms | |
| 17. Gladioli, 1 spike | 11 YEARS AND UNDER |
| 18. Pansies, 5 blooms | 42. Animal made of vegetables or fruit |
| 19. A flower arrangement in a wine glass | 43. Hand drawn picture (A4) |
| 20. A Summer flower arrangement, space allowed 40cm x 40cm | 44. Decorated cupcakes |
| | |
| EGGS | UNDER 5 YEARS |
| 21. Any colour eggs, 3 | 45. A decorated egg |
| 22. Brown eggs, 3 | 46. Decorated plant pot |
| | 47. Object made of vegetables or fruit |
| COOKERY | |
| 23. Jar of strawberry jam | NOVELTY CLASSES |
| 24. Jar of lemon curd | 48. Wonkiest vegetable |
| 25. Jar of chutney (matured for at least 3 months, clearly labelled, hot etc) | 49. Longest runner bean |
| 26. Victoria Sandwich | 50. Heaviest uncooked egg |
| 27. Butterfly cakes x 4 | 51. Giant Vegetable |
| 28. Vegetarian quiche | 52. Largest bloom, 1 stem |
| | |

YARKHILL PRODUCE SHOW
SATURDAY 20TH JULY 2024

Yarkhill Village Hall

The Produce Show Trophies

B.M. Aspey Trophy - awarded to competitor with highest points in Cookery and Handicraft combined (classes 23-33)

Barbara Barnes Cup - awarded to the competitor with highest points in class 1-38

Doreen Bennett Memorial Shield - awarded to the competitor with highest points in classes 34-38 (photography)

W.I. Challenge Cup - awarded to the lady with highest total points in classes 1-38

The Grove Trophy - awarded to competitor with highest points in classes 39-41 (Under 16)

The Crews Pitch Cup - awarded to competitor with highest points in classes 42-44 (Under 11)

The Junior Cup - awarded to the competitor with highest points in classes 45-47 (Under 5)

Newtown Garage Trophy for the best exhibit in the show

All cups and trophies to be held for one year.

All classes open.

Rules

- 1 Entrance fee 50p per entry.
- 2 No entry forms will be accepted on day of show. All forms to be received by 12 noon on Friday 19th July 2024.
- 3 Only one exhibit to be entered per exhibitor in any one class
- 4 Judges decision is final - they can withhold or diminish any award or give additional award in any class where number or quality of entries justifies it
- 5 No entries to be removed before 5.00pm
- 6 The committee cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage to any persons or property
- 7 Entries in the Handicraft and Photography classes must not have been entered in any previous show
- 8 All entries to have been made, grown or photographed by competitor
- 9 Staging will take place from 9.00 to 10.30am on Saturday 29th July at the Village Hall.
- 10 Judging will take place from 10.30am to 2pm. All entries must be in place by 10.30 am on Saturday 20th July. Any entries arriving after this time will forfeit entry
- 11 Only individual entries accepted in each class



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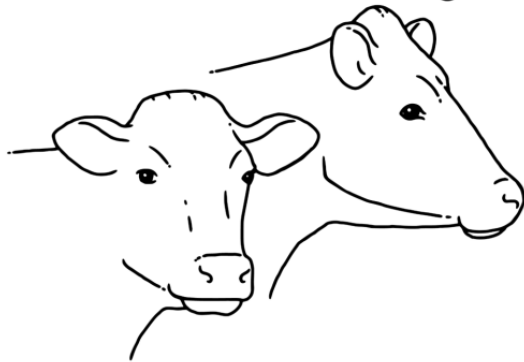
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Guidance for Complaints Procedure

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 falls 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 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](#)

Just a little crossword—I am happy to put a puzzle of some description in all future issues if desired. I'll print the answers on the website (that is as and when I have worked them out myself.....)

ACROSS

- 1 Fried Indian meat pastry (6)
- 4 Set up to appear guilty (6)
- 7 *American* ____, 1999 Jason Biggs film (3)
- 8 __ Bros, famous tailors who set up shop in Covent Garden (4)
- 10 Shine (4)
- 11 Remove the shells from (4)
- 12 Sir Thomas ____, author of *Utopia* (4)
- 13 Poem often addressed to a person or object (3)
- 15 Work with great effort (4)
- 16 Threaded fasteners (4)
- 18 *Smack the* ____, TV comedy sketch series (4)
- 19 Corrode (4)
- 20 __ Barker, 1970s tennis player turned commentator (3)
- 21 Wine vessel (6)
- 22 Gardening tool used in planting (6)

DOWN

- 1 Syncopated Brazilian dance (5)
- 2 Feeble sentimentality (4)
- 3 Defender (9)
- 4 Subjected to the action of yeast (9)
- 5 Imperial unit of distance (4)
- 6 Moisture formed by condensation at night (3)
- 9 Defile (5)
- 10 Shred (food) (5)
- 14 Detest (5)
- 15 Cold-shoulder (4)
- 17 Cigarette butt (4)
- 18 Dog featured in the film *Men in Black II* (3)

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