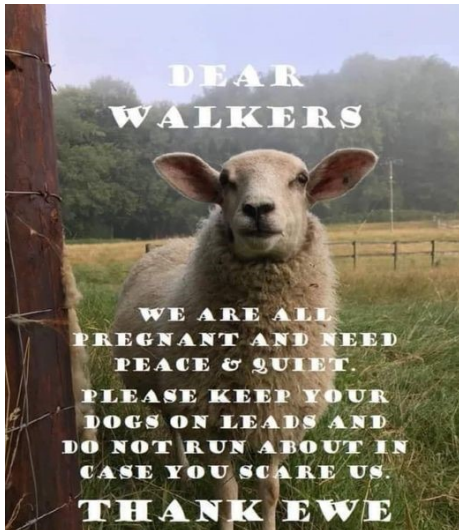


Yarkhill News



HEREFORD PROBUS 3 CLUB

This is a club providing the opportunity for retired professional and businessmen to meet on a regular basis for discussion and to hear speakers on a variety of topics. The club meets at The Bunch of Carrots at 11.00 o'clock almost every Wednesday morning and would welcome new members so please come along. For more information, please see Probus.org.uk/hereford3

LEDBURY MEDICAL LOANS is a 'free' service for those in

need of mobility aids. The lady who runs this charity in Ledbury is happy for her details to be shared with Yarkhill Parishioners. This service can save a fortune on either a short or long-term basis. All she asks is a small donation to her Ukraine charity. For information and to loan items such as frames, stools, toilet seat/frame, crutches and wheelchairs please call Jennifer – 01531 632745

Thanks to Jim Snell for his work on the Bridle Way between Newtown Cross and Monkhide and to Peter Durnan for clearing the undergrowth over the old mill bridge.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR: David Thomas 01531 670437

Chairman's Updates – May 2024

Annual Parish Meeting

This was held in May and it is always a useful opportunity to reflect on the previous 12 months. I thought I should mention the following points:

Road Safety

Following numerous vehicle accidents, we have made some good progress at Newtown Cross with the extension of the 40mph limit further west and the more recent introduction of chevron markers and bollards along the two main bends where most incidents occur. This continues to be work in progress, but the recent changes represent the most comprehensive attempt to deter poor driving behaviour so far.

Many in the Parish continue to be frustrated by the traffic situation along the Stokebridge Road between the A4103 and A438. We had hoped that the works on the rail bridge would be the catalyst for an introduction of a weight and width restriction, but Network Rail insisted this would be a decision for Herefordshire Council and Herefordshire Council advised that such measures were unnecessary. Despite this, we have continued to lobby Herefordshire Council for improvements, especially at the A4103 junction where there have been numerous vehicle accidents. As a result, a traffic census has recently been undertaken and we are awaiting the results.

Lengthsman Scheme

The Lengthsman scheme remains an essential part of maintaining safety on our C and U roads and protecting residents and we have been extremely fortunate in continuing to secure grant funding thanks to Sallyanne's efforts. It had been anticipated that the budget constraints within Herefordshire Council would result in a cut back in funding for parish council Lengthsman activities, but this did not happen and the Council in fact chose to provide additional monies during the course of 2023. We have also secured grants for 2024, but the extent to which this level of commitment will continue in the medium to longer terms remains unclear.

Monkhide Sewage Treatment Plant

After putting continued pressure on Welsh Water, we finally seem to have turned the corner in getting more essential work done on the plant so that it seems to have at last reached a steadier state. The addition of the above ground tank has undoubtedly made a difference as has the more regular maintenance schedule undertaken by Welsh Water. However, we need to continue to monitor both the plant and the outflow pipe discharging treated water into the River Loddon and report any deterioration in performance.

Litter Picking

On behalf of the PC, I would like to thank Caroline Borley and all the volunteers who have done such an amazing job in the last year. Caroline is able to run this independently of the Parish Council though we continue to be delighted to make funding available for new or replacement litter picking equipment. New volunteers are always welcome.

Financial Position

Our financial position is far more solid than it was a few years ago thanks to rigorous management and we ended the year with just over £19,000 in the bank. This is more than we had budgeted largely due to the higher Lengthsman grants and a reduction in expenditure. We were also not required to contribute funds to road safety improvements as we had expected and it now seems likely that road warning signage in Yarkhill and Monkhide will be paid for by Herefordshire Council. The increase in the Clerk's remuneration was largely due to the Government's increase in the minimum wage.

As for the future, we do have some uncertainty about our likely expenditure on an NDP review which I touch on below and, of course, we continue to be at the mercy of any funding cuts by Herefordshire Council. In the meantime, the Parish Council believes it prudent to hold a portion of its surplus funds in an easy access deposit account with main bankers, Barclays which is in process.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Following on from the Annual Parish Meeting, we held a standard meeting of the Council where the following items were raised:

Planning & Enforcement

The River Lugg phosphate issue continues to be a barrier to a number of the proposed developments within Yarkhill resulting in there still being 5 undecided applications which are over 12 months old.

Since the March meeting, only one fresh application has been submitted relating to the erection of a steel framed building to the western end of Watery Lane. This is for the storage of manure in connection with the surrounding turf business and is a response to a government driven initiative to curb excessive nutrient leakage into local watercourses.

Those living, walking or riding within the vicinity of Monksbury Court and the adjacent barn conversions, will have noticed that work on the 7-house development immediately to the north has commenced. Kinspire Homes moved on site within the last few weeks and has begun initial clearance in preparation for the main construction phase. The development will take approximately 13 months to complete. It is pleasing to note that Kinspire has been keen to engage with the PC and nearby local residents to minimise disruption and address any concerns or issues. As reassurance for those living in Monkhide, all construction traffic will only be able to use the A417 entrance and not via the A4103. Relevant signs are to be erected by the developer.

The Hereford & Gloucester Canal Trust has submitted a Tree Preservation Order to Herefordshire Council to allow them to undertake restorative work on the section of the canal between the Skew Bridge and the A4103. This is part of a wider initiative which it is hoped will begin later this year intended to clear tree and other debris, improve water quality and revitalise important local wildlife habitats. The Trust has produced a more detailed flyer which is included in this Newsletter.

Despite the publication of Herefordshire Council's new Minerals and Waste Policy, there has still not been any decision on the planning application for the construction of an Anaerobic Digester at Whitwick Manor on the A417. Despite speaking with the Council, I am sadly unable to provide any more information and I realise that this will be frustrating to many especially those overlooking or living near the site.

Herefordshire Local Plan

Herefordshire Council's initial public consultation on its new Plan began on 20th March and ended on 20th May. Hopefully, many of you will have commented on a document that will drive residential housing and other growth within the County.

One of the criticisms in the past was that housing targets were allocated by location without any consideration of whether or not there was adequate infrastructure in place to support them. The new draft plan sweeps this away and concentrates growth on specific areas of the County where this infrastructure already exists. The analysis undertaken for Yarkhill provided confirmation that we lack the infrastructure for new mainstream housing and that the deficit could not easily be addressed. This includes shops, bus services, mains water & sewage, schools and other facilities such as doctor or dental surgeries.

In the previous Plan, which remains current, the Newtown Cross area and Monkhide were identified as areas suitable for housing. In the latest draft Plan, there are no areas of Yarkhill considered appropriate for such growth and the Parish, in its entirety, is designated as Open Countryside. This represents a significant change which will result in it being more difficult for a developer to build new houses unless they are social in nature or to support the traveller community.

Our current Neighbourhood Development Plan will gradually become out of date over the next 24 months and it will need to be revised. The PC has already had discussions with Herefordshire Council about the changes necessary to bring it into line with the new Local Plan in order to ensure that the wishes of our community continue to be given weighting in any planning decision be this in relation to residential, commercial or industrial development. We will keep you posted at PC meetings and through the Parish Newsletter.

Financial Year End

Our AGAR for the year end 31/3/2024 and relevant information can be found on our website and in noticeboards. The formal Notice of Public Rights period commenced on 3rd June and ends on 12th July being the dates between which our AGAR and more detailed associated information is made available for inspection by any interested party by application to the Parish Clerk.

Jeff Hughes

UPDATE FROM WARD COUNCILLOR JONATHAN LESTER

Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester has been in Derby recently involving Herefordshire in the “Midlands Connect” scheme which is a lobbying group aimed at improving travel and transport throughout the Midlands.

Following the cancellation of the HS2 scheme the Government have made available £101 million to Herefordshire Council for schemes such as this. Part of that money will be used to reinstate the planned Western By Pass.

Childrens Services has been in administration for some time now and Herefordshire Council has now appointed Tina Russell as the Director of Childrens Services and so positive changes are on the horizon.

The condition of Herefordshire roads is high on the priority list and the contract with Balfour Beatty will be coming to an end in two years and Herefordshire Council will be bringing the work in house. £38 million is being spent on road maintenance this year which is £12 million more than last year.

Good news is that Herefordshire Council has been successful in its bid to get a new purpose-built school for children with special needs.

The previous administration has a forecast overspend of budget of £13 million and the new administration has reduced this to £8.7 million. Since returning as Leader of the Council Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester has been focusing on the Plan for Herefordshire; the core items are People, Place, Growth and finally Transport.

The challenge for Herefordshire Council over the next four years is to deliver the “Best for Herefordshire”. Following a question from the floor regarding the large number of housing developments potentially eroding the countryside, Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester replied that the Council are obliged to build as many houses as Government dictates but that the siting of those houses is predominantly in already built-up areas and protecting the countryside is a priority. On the question of phosphates Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester confirmed that the Government is making funding available to farmers to enable them to store and dispose of waste in a less damaging way. This is a step in the right direction but Herefordshire Council is improving on that scheme by offering funding for more efficient and more time critical ways to tackle this problem. Planning applications are now starting to go through the system, albeit slowly.

Herefordshire & Gloucestershire Canal – Monkhide Section The need for restoration work – May 2024.

This brief paper provides an outline of how the canal at Monkhide has gone from restoration thirty years ago to its current derelict state in urgent need of clearance to restore it to optimum condition for wildlife and navigation. **The Trust's plan is merely to return the canal to the condition it was in just 25 years ago.**

The canal at Monkhide was originally restored by the Canal Trust (at that time H&G Canal Society) in 1983-92 with the cooperation of the local owners and a major input from the Waterways Recovery Group. The canal was then fully navigable and boats were based on the section in the 1990s and open days provided opportunities for the public to walk the towpath and enjoy boat trips. Unfortunately, a breakdown in relations between the local canal owners and the then leaders of the Canal Society, led to a cessation of maintenance and navigation later in the 1990s.

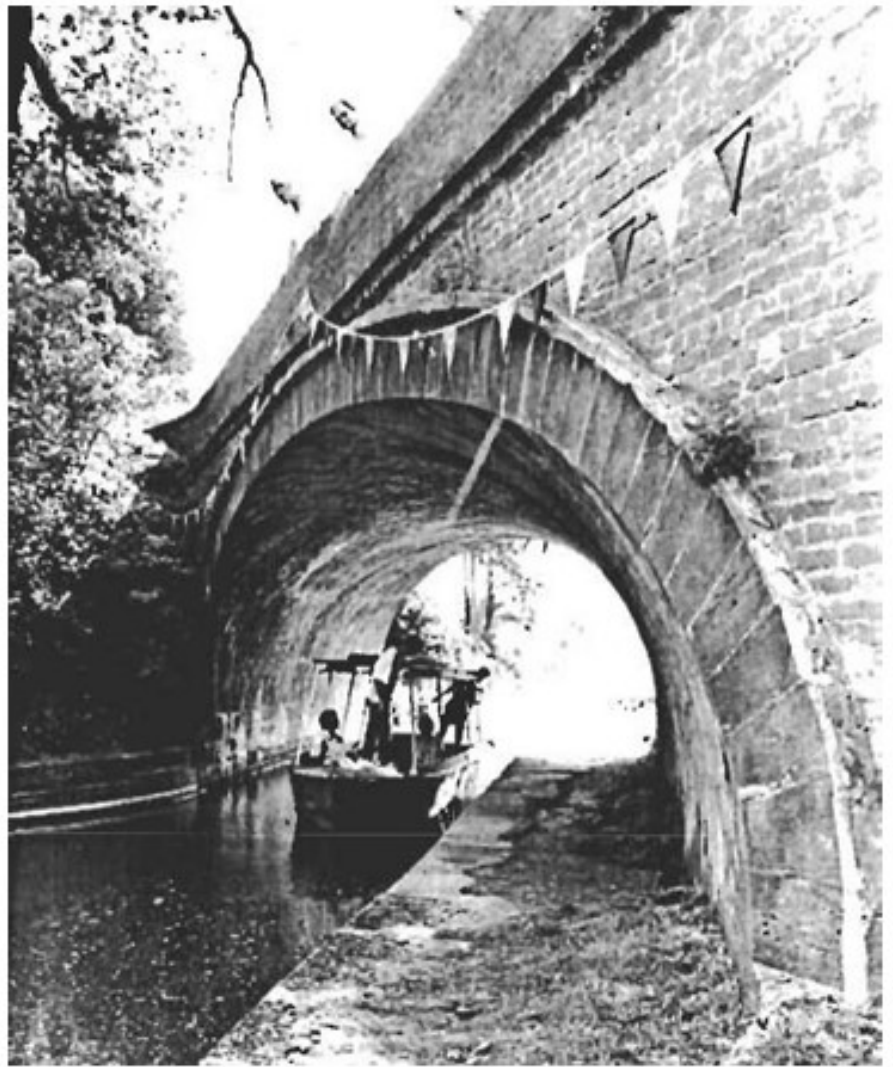
This lack of maintenance has led to a serious deterioration in the value of the canal as a listed 'Local Wildlife Site' with the loss of much of the clear water habitat which is essential for wildfowl, bat species (particularly Daubenton's Bats), amphibians and mammals such as Water Vole and Otter. The long row of old pollarded willows subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), on the bank opposite the towpath, which are both a landscape feature and provide important nesting/roosting holes for birds and bats are critically overdue for re-pollarding and some have already collapsed – although the two nearest Crews Pitch Wharf have already been restored by their owners with TPO consent. The Trust plans to start tackling the backlog of maintenance in cooperation with the local owners starting with the willow pollards; this work has been discussed with the Herefordshire Council's Trees Officer and an application for the necessary consent under the Tree Preservation Order is under consideration. If approved, we hope to start work later in the year but not until after the bird nesting season and all work will be subject to continuing environmental checks, in particular for the presence of bats and other wildlife living in and by the canal.

The channel also needs to be cleared of debris to restore clear water – essential for its value as a listed 'Local Wildlife Site' with good aquatic habitat essential for the local wildlife. The Trust has limited resources so the initial plan is to work on the stretch of canal between Crews Pitch and Skew Bridge, but we intend to have discussions with the other owners who have been doing their best to care for the canal in the hope that the full length can be restored, in due course, to the good condition it was in just a few years ago!



Restoration work at Skew Bridge in the 1980s with volunteers from the Waterways Recovery Group.

The same view with the first boat to pass under Skew Bridge for over 100 years in 1992 (Hereford Times photo)



1995 – Unloading a boat and craning it in to the canal from the main road



Canal in use at Monkhide - 1995

*Narrowboat
"Maria
Ballard"
leading a
flotilla of
smaller boats
in 1995
approaching
Monksbury
Court Bridge*



*The same view with
the canal channel
now clogged with
vegetation (2022)*



Skew Bridge in 2006 with the channel towards Crews Pitch still clear at that time.

Crews Pitch Wharf c2010 viewed from the main road, again the canal was still relatively clear at that date.



Current view of the canal between Crews Pitch and Skew Bridge; now completely clogged with fallen timber. Work is needed urgently to save these old Pollard Willows and to restore clear water for the benefit of the wildlife species which require open water.

YARKHILL CHARITIES

Yarkhill Charities have funds available for the benefit of residents of Yarkhill.

We may be able to offer you some practical help.

If you need assistance with books, uniforms or even day to day expenses please get in touch as we may be able to help you.

In the first instance apply in writing to the Secretary, Helen Parker at Garford Farm, Yarkhill, Hfds HR1 3ST

Discretion is assured and your name will not be published.

CARER wanted please!

We are looking for a kind, sensible carer to help with our gentle and elderly father who has a nice sense of humour. Ideally someone flexible, who would also be happy to do some housework chores in a farmhouse near Bishops Frome.

Looking forward to hearing from you. Please call 07942 325589

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 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

NOTICE OF ELECTION

UK Parliamentary election for the North Herefordshire Constituency

1. An Election is to be held for a Member of Parliament to serve North Herefordshire.
2. Nomination papers can be obtained from the offices of the Acting Returning Officer, Electoral Services Office, Blueschool House, Blueschool Street, Hereford, HR1 2LX during the times stated below.
3. Nomination papers must be delivered to the Acting Returning Officer, Electoral Services Office, Blueschool House, Blueschool Street, Hereford, HR1 2LX between the hours of 10am and 4pm on any working day after the date of this notice (excluding bank holidays) but no later than **4pm on Friday, 7th June 2024**.
4. The £500 deposit can be paid by legal tender or by means of a banker's draft from a drawer which carries on business as banker in the United Kingdom.
5. If the election is contested the poll will take place on **Thursday, 4th July 2024**.
6. Applications to register to vote must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by **12 midnight on Tuesday, 18th June 2024**. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>.
7. New applications to vote by post, and amendments or cancellations of existing postal votes or proxy vote arrangements must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Electoral Services Office, Blueschool House, Blueschool Street, Hereford, HR1 2LX by **5pm on Wednesday, 19th June 2024**. Applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote>
8. Applications for a Voter Authority Certificate or an Anonymous Elector's Document valid for this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer by 5pm on **Wednesday, 26th June 2024**. Applications can be made online: www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-to-vote
9. New applications to vote by proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Electoral Services Office, Blueschool House, Blueschool Street, Hereford, HR1 2LX by **5pm on Wednesday, 26th June 2024**. Some applications can be made online: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-proxy-vote>
10. Applications to vote by emergency proxy at this election must reach the Electoral Registration Officer, Electoral Services Office, Blueschool House, Blueschool Street, Hereford, HR1 2LX by **5pm on Thursday, 4th July 2024**.

Dated: Tuesday, 4th June 2024

Paul Walker
Acting Returning Officer

Election of Member of Parliament to UK Parliament
North Herefordshire Constituency
Statement of Persons Nominated and Notice of Poll

A poll will be held on Thursday 4 July 2024 between 7am and 10pm
The number of Members of Parliament to be elected is 1

The following people have been or stand nominated for election as a member of the UK Parliament for the above constituency. Those who no longer stand nominated are listed, but will have a comment in the right hand column

Candidate Name	Description of candidate	Address of candidate ¹	Names of subscribers to the nomination (Proposer and Seconder listed first)	If no longer nominated, reason why
BROWNING, Jon	Labour Party	(address in North Herefordshire Constituency)	William Hopkins (P), Sean Warde (S), Anne Finlay-Baird, B Haire, Liam Holman, M S Baird, N Comley, R Stevenson, Sarah Stanbridge, W Aprea	
CHOWNS, Ellie	The Green Party	16 Canon Frome Court, Ledbury, HR8 2TD	F M Norman (P), Karen E Ennis (S), Andrew Lane, Anne-Clare Landolt, C Coomber, Christopher Summersgill, Justine Peberdy, Mark Woodall, R A Lane, R Tully	
DYE, Andy	Reform UK	(address in North Herefordshire Constituency)	J H Ling (P), K D Robinson (S), B E Greatorex, B Greatorex, Becki Hodgetts, G Hodgetts, M McGann, P McNicholls, R Dobson, Sharon Hodgetts	
GUEST, Michael	Social Democratic Party	(address in North Herefordshire Constituency)	N W Offer (P), J Offer (S), Dominic Eusden, F M Turner, L V Morris, M Collier, M J Garlick, M Turner, Robin J Garlick, S Lugg	
HORNSEY, Cat	Liberal Democrats	2 Hinton Avenue, Hereford, HR2 6AN	T M James (P), D Bland (S), B J Hill, D J Starling, James Vidler, Jane Taft, Matthew Lane, Matthew Vines, P N Stevens, R Waygood	
WIGGIN, Bill	The Conservative Party Candidate	Felhampton Farm, Upton Bishop, Herefordshire, HR9 7UB	C M Alexander (P), Guy Griffiths (P), Jeremy Quitman (S), R Carter (S), A M Pudsey, A M Williams, Bridget Ford, D Hurcomb, David G Hartwell, Frank Cornthwaite, John Stone, Mark Franklin, N E Shaw, Peter Hamblin, Peter McNamara, R A Highfield, R Bennett, S M Bevan, S P Donegan, W Rosser	

¹If a candidate has requested not to make their home address public, the constituency or relevant area in which their home address is situated (or the country if their address is outside the UK) will be provided.

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Journey from Yarkhill to Tarrington By Jim Snell

Having finished renovating our house and long since retired from gainful employ, my wife Cathy and I decided to make an effort to become more involved in the parish community whilst encouraging others to do likewise. Even so, I know it's all too easy to make resolutions and let them be followed by complete inaction. I have had years of practice at that! However, the opportunity to make a start on that resolution came at the dinner table one drab winter evening when Cathy said;

"We could go on the 'walk of witness' advertised in the parish magazine".

"What's that" I asked

"It's good Friday and involves a walk from Yarkhill church to Tarrington church with a cross" says Cathy.

"But it will pour down with rain and there will be strange people from the church. How will we get back?" replies misery guts me!

"But you said you wanted be more involved with the locals and bring residents together. So far you have only caused discord and if you do not make more effort you will be permanently exiled to Coventry"

Hence, having not yet reached our first wedding anniversary and fearful of spending our first Good Friday apart I ceded. A walk it was! The weather forecast was awful. Watery Lane was flooded, so we rang the vicar; "surely you don't intend to pursue this silly ambition, we'll all drown"! Stoically the vicar replied with words to the effect of; bloody wimps, Jesus had to be nailed to that cross and you just have to carry it! Robert Savagar had reported that water levels had subsided from his thigh level earlier in the morning and now were only just above his knees. She had already agreed to meet those from Merrivale at the bridge as wheelchairs and floods don't mix.

With orders like that we dutifully arrived at the church to meet Julia Savagar, the vicar and maybe six strangers. We sang a hymn, said a prayer then ventured into the rain with a cross bearing some rags.

Progress was good for the first few yards, but every time the rain stopped, Mandy stopped and we duly gathered round for more of 'the story'. Then we came to the flood! Well, all I can say is that Robert Savagar must have very long legs or the water level had not continued to decline. Some went very fast thinking the water would not have time to soak in. Others trod gingerly on tiptoe but the spectacle was certainly not composed and serene, except of course, the Reverend Williams who seemed to find some higher ground, striding right on through with her flock in disarray around her!

Soon we reached the "bridge over the river Frome", where waiting patiently for us were perhaps ten residents from Merrivale and maybe four carers. Some had wheelchairs, some had sticks but they were all smiling. On we went through the rain until it stopped, when of course Mandy stopped too! The slow and the chatterers caught up and we sang and chanted throughout the drought. Past the poplars, past the sewage works, past the station and onto the main road where much to my surprise, rather than fear of embarrassment, I begged that someone I knew would drive through and witness me deep amongst this motley crew. We were no longer strangers everyone was talking to everyone else there was lots of laughter.

On the final leg, and the steep rise up to Tarrington church, guess who was nominated to carry the cross? Yes, me! On into the church we went, where we sang another hymn (thanks to the services of a sixteen-year-old organist - thank you Thomas), said a prayer and gorged on coffee and hot cross buns. As we left I took the cross, after all it was only fair having carried it up hill that I should have the downhill shift too. It was only then that Mandy explained that we were to do the whole process in reverse on Good Friday 2025. So any of you who don't know all the people we met that day, and any of you who do not know the places to which I refer, start now to prepare for the return journey.

My reflections are that showers are always followed by dry spells and that a complete lack of the church in our lives seems to be leading to loss of social interaction, a loss of purpose and care for others,

In the hymn "the green hill" it's not the green hill that lacked a wall but that the city had one thus closing itself off from the beautiful green hill. It's a challenge. Let's not hide behind our self-made walls - if the pub is shut, meet at your neighbours', or at the village hall!

The Vicar's tireless efforts to promote so much with so little reward are truly admirable.

Yarkhill Church

Anyone who has driven or walked along the Watery Lane recently will have noticed that the Saxon boundary wall to the churchyard has, in part, been rebuilt and pointed (with the correct lime mortar) thus averting a possible collapse onto the adjoining highway! If you have not noticed then it is no bad thing since it means that the repair has seamlessly blended with the original.

The PCC is very happy with the result thanks to Master craftsmen: John Fallas and Daniel O'Dean.

Hereford Historic Churches Trust (HHCT) kindly grant aided part of the work for which the PCC is extremely grateful.



YARKHILL CHURCH

100 CLUB

MONTHLY PRIZE DRAW

May Winners

<u>Prize</u>	<u>£</u>		
1	£12.00	88	Crispen & Lesley Hack
2	£7.00	108	Hazel Walter
3	£6.00	94	Peter Mayne
4	£5.00	4	Heather Lynes

June Winners

<u>Prize</u>	<u>£</u>		
1	£12.00	55	Peter Crawford
2	£7.00	77	Joyce Barton
3	£6.00	19	Anne Newman
4	£5.00	7	Helen Nenedich



Village Hall News

Produce Show and Fete Saturday 20th July

The annual Produce Show and Fete will be held at Yarkhill Village Hall on Saturday 20th July from 3-5pm. Entry forms for the Produce Show are available in this newsletter and there will also be some hard copies left in the Village Hall entrance, Yarkhill Church, at Newtown Crossroads garage and in the milk vending machines at the Village Hall and The Tarrington. If you would like a copy sent to you please email katiebott@gmail.com

We welcome donations for raffle prizes and the tombola, which can be left in the Village Hall entrance or collection can be arranged by emailing 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

AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Yarkhill Village Hall Committee will take place on Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. This is your opportunity to find out about Yarkhill Village Halls operations and finances, ask questions about the operations and finances, speak about any items on the agenda and vote on any resolutions proposed. Notices and Agenda will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter and posted on Village noticeboards.





Yarkhill Village Hall

Built in the second half of the 19th Century, Yarkhill Village Hall was once the village school. When this was closed in 1970, the Parish Council converted the building to a village hall for the people of the parish.

Managed by the Village Hall Committee, all members of the Parish, the building is a great venue for meetings, parties, bowling and other events.

A typical Victorian building, the Village Hall is maintained and has recently been greatly improved by the committee. It features three rooms which serve multiple purposes, plus a fully functioning and well equipped kitchen. The Hall is available to hire year round at very reasonable cost.

The committee also has a skittle alley and scaffolding for hire, as well as tables and chairs for events. See prices below.

Situated west from the A4103 road (Hereford to Worcester), the car park has a milk vending machine that is operated by Showle Dairy from 6am to 9pm.

For more information and to book the Village Hall please contact Wendy Nash on 07985 353025 or email katiebott@gmail.com

Hire charges

Committee Room - £10/hr

Main Hall - £15/hr

Whole building - £15/hr

Whole building weekend use £150

20% discount for residents of Yarkhill and existing regular users of the Hall.

All bookings will be charged for a minimum of two hours.

Children's birthday party - £25 residents of Yarkhill and £30 non-residents. 2 hours + set up and and clear up time.

Dog training - £5/session

Equipment Hire

(24 HOURS)

SKITTLE ALLEY	£20.00
TRESTLE TABLES	£5.00 each
CARD TABLES	£1.00 each
CHAIRS	£0.20 each

YARKHILL VILLAGE HALL **RENTAL TERMS**

WELCOME

All regular users of the Village Hall will be given the code to the key safe located on the wall to the right of the main door, so that they are able to gain access to the building. Whilst you are using the Hall the key is your responsibility and must not be copied or given to another person. The key must be put back in the safe at the end of the booking. Any replacements required will be charged at £20 per key.

BUILDING SECURITY

Whilst using the Village Hall it is your responsibility to maintain site security. This means having knowledge of who is coming and going. You or a member of your organisation must always be on site.

The Village Hall must be secured on exit, this means closing all windows and doors, having previously checked that there is no one else in the building. Please also ensure that all lights and heaters are switched off on exiting.

FIRE SAFETY

Instructions for action in case of fire can be found on the noticeboard by the main entrance. Please read these instructions carefully before you use the building as these may be subject to change. If the fire alarm sounds **YOU MUST LEAVE THE BUILDING IMMEDIATELY** and ensure everyone with you has safely exited, closing all doors behind you as you leave. In the unlikely event of this occurring, please immediately phone one of the emergency contacts listed below.

CAR PARKING

There is a large car park for use by anyone using the Village Hall, but people do so at their own risk.

Yarkhill Village Hall management committee **will not accept liability** for any accidents, damage or loss incurred.

LEAVE THE ROOMS AS YOU FIND THEM

The Village Hall is run by a small group of volunteers. Please make our job easier by ensuring that all lights in the Main Hall and associated rooms are turned off. Taps, lights and heaters in the toilets must be turned off, as well as the immersion heater, fridge, cooker and boiler in the kitchen. There is a penalty payment of £15 per booking if this is not adhered to.

RUBBISH

A small amount of rubbish is expected and acceptable however if you are generating large amounts of rubbish this must be taken away with you as the council does not collect although there is a recycling bin outside the kitchen door which is emptied regularly. Food waste **MUST NOT** be left in the building.

HEATING

If you require the heating on during your time in the Village Hall, please inform us on booking.

IT

If you would like access to the internet whilst at the Village Hall, please state on your booking form and you will be provided with the relevant password.

PUBLIC LIABILITY INSURANCE

If you are an organisation which is constituted or planning to take payments for attendance, you will be expected to have your own Public Liability Insurance as you are not covered by the hall's. Private individuals booking functions who would not normally be expected to have PLI are covered.

PENALTY PAYMENTS - condition of hire

£15 per hour (or part thereof) will be added to your invoice to cover extra caretaking charges when rooms are left without reasonable care (rubbish, damage etc).

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

If you have trouble accessing the building or need to report a fault or damage to the building, please contact one of the following for assistance:

Wendy Nash - 07985353025 Katie Bott - 07939261640 Sarah Daw - 07929735186

YARKHILL VILLAGE HALL BOOKING FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	
Name of organisation:	
Current address:	
City:	Postcode:
Telephone Number/s:	
Email address:	

BOOKING INFORMATION

Planned activity:		
Room(s) required:		
Dates required:		
Start time:	End time:	(Include setting up and packing up time)
Number of attendees expected:		
Do you require access to tea/ coffee making facilities? Yes / No		
Do you require internet access? Yes / No		
Do you have public liability insurance? Yes / No		

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By completing this form you are agreeing to Yarkhill Village Hall keeping your contact details on file for the purposes of invoicing only. We will not send you an unsolicited mail or pass your contact details on.

Signature of applicant	Date
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Payment will be via invoice after your booking. BACS payment is preferred. Please refer to the payment information on the invoice.

END OF SESSION CHECK LIST

1. SWITCH OFF ALL HEATERS AND ALL ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES
(NOT Wi-Fi)
2. TURN OFF IMMERSION HEATER IN THE KITCHEN ABOVE COOKER
3. ENSURE ALL LIGHTS ARE TURNED OFF
4. CLOSE ALL INTERNAL DOORS
5. REMOVE ALL RUBBISH AND TAKE AWAY
6. LOCK ALL DOORS AND WINDOWS AND RETURN KEY TO SAFE

The Fraud & Scam Bulletin

MAY 2024

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

FRAUD RECOVERY SCAMS

Whilst the latest Office for National Statistics (ONS) report for England and Wales for year-end 2023, reports a slight reduction in reported fraud offences, there has been a rise of 31% in Fraud Recovery Scams, which target people who have been victims of scams already.

Fraud Recovery scams are another form of *Advance Fee Fraud* as the scammer will ask for an advance fee, and very often follow-on fees, for expenses incurred.

So, anyone who has been a recent victim of fraud in the past may be contacted again by the fraudster, who has retained your contact details. Recent victims of bank transfer and investments scams are very often common targets. This time the fraudster may pose as a Government agency, Police, lawyer or a Fraud Recovery company.

So, if you have been a victim of fraud, be very aware of these fraudsters trying to contact you with promises that they can get your money back. They may approach you when you are still at your most vulnerable.

How do you spot the signs?

If you have been contacted by someone who already knows about the monies you have lost and demands an upfront fee, and /or asks for your bank details, be very aware. Always challenge any contacts from unknown agencies whether it be emails, letters or phone calls.

Always check the email address, as genuine agencies do not use web-based email addresses such as @yahoo, @gmail or @Hotmail.

You may also come across so called Fraud Recovery Agencies on social media searching for victims, where they may impersonate "Ombudsmen" or "Regulators".

Whilst there are genuine companies out there, they must be regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA).

And finally.

If you have been a victim of fraud be on your guard against unsolicited calls, texts, emails or messages on social media from unknown sources claiming to be able to get your money back. Never pay any fees up front, and never give out any bank details, just end the contact straightaway.

If you are unfortunate enough to be scammed again, report it to your bank at once using the number on your card, or 159, and report the scam to Action Fraud.

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/>

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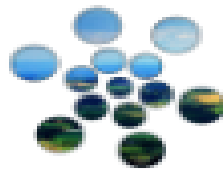
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£20 (inc glass of wine) - under 12s free

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herefordshirehistoricchurchestrust/](https://tickettailor.com/events/herefordshirehistoricchurchestrust/)**



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WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK AT RSN HQ!



With the election approaching, our focus is on engaging Prospective Parliamentary Candidates (PPCs) through our ["Winning the Rural Vote"](#) campaign. We urge you to pose [our key questions to PPCs](#), ensuring rural issues like fair funding, affordable housing, and digital connectivity are addressed.

This week, [you celebrate Volunteers Week](#), honouring the invaluable contributions of rural volunteers. Their dedication keeps essential services and community spirit alive.

Today, we will be listening into the [Future Countryside 2024](#) event, discussing strategies for enhancing rural landscapes. Although in-person tickets are sold out, you can join online for free to engage with key rural policy discussions.

The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has opened nominations for the [Star Council Awards 2024](#). We are delighted to be on the judging panel for one of the awards, recognising the fantastic work taking place across parish councils in England.

Thank you for being a part of the Rural Services Network. Your involvement and support are essential to our collective success.

FEATURE ITEM



Securing Rural Futures: Engaging PPCs in the Winning the Rural Vote Campaign

As members of the Rural Services Network (RSN), our collective commitment to advocating for the needs of rural communities remains unwavering. With the deadline for Prospective Parliamentary Candidates (PPCs) to submit or withdraw applications by 7th June fast approaching, our focus now turns to directly engaging with these candidates in rural constituencies to communicate our rural priorities effectively.

In preparation for this pivotal interaction, the RSN has compiled a comprehensive bank of hustings questions under our "Winning the Rural Vote" campaign. These questions are designed to challenge and encourage PPCs to commit to actionable plans that address the unique challenges facing rural areas. We urge all members to actively participate by posing these questions at local hustings to ensure rural issues are a central part of the election discourse.

[Read more](#)

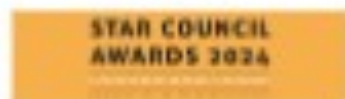
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[Future Countryside 2024](#)



[Innovative Bus Service Expands: A Step Forward for Rural Connectivity](#)



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

RSN MEMBERS NOTICE BOARD

Community hub: Horncliffe pub opens community café to help local people with support from Pub Is The Hub

A community café at the Fishers Arms in Horncliffe, near Berwick-upon-Tweed, Northumberland, is bringing local people and groups together to help combat loneliness and isolation.

Expert help and a Community Services Fund grant from Pub Is The Hub, the not-for-profit organisation that helps pubs to diversify their services to help support people living in rural communities, was provided to help to set up the café. ~

The big need for the community café was recognised as the area is poorly served by public transport and has few other services. The village had already lost its shop, post office, school and church, with the pub being its last amenity. The area also has a higher-than-average number of both over-60s and unpaid carers, who are also benefiting from having somewhere to meet and socialise.

[Read more](#)



pub is the hub



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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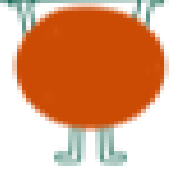
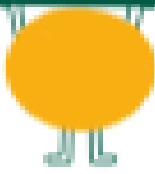
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TALK COMMUNITY



Newsletter

6 June 2024

Volunteers' Week – a time to say thank you

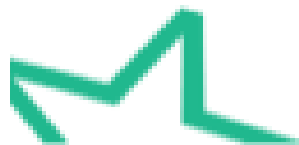
It's [Volunteers' Week](#), a chance to recognise and celebrate the amazing contribution that volunteers' make to both society as a whole and our local communities. Across Herefordshire volunteers' play a vital role in understanding and meeting local needs, supporting many of the services we rely on in the community.

Volunteers Week offers the perfect moment to say a big thank you to all of the amazing people who volunteer across Herefordshire and in our [Talk Community hubs](#).

If you'd like to find out more about volunteering, visit the [Volunteering page on the Talk Community Directory](#).



Thank You, Volunteers



#VolunteersWeek

Become a Halo Hero

Halo Leisure is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help promote healthier, more active lifestyles in the community. Whether it's supporting swimming lessons, helping on the cycle track, or being a gym buddy to those who find exercising challenging, volunteers are guaranteed to make a difference with Halo, and gain invaluable experience.

Other benefits include flexible hours, ongoing training, rewards, cashback, and paid expenses!

To learn more and to register, [visit the Halo Leisure website](#).

VOLUNTEERS

We need you! 

**Become a Halo
volunteer and help
your community
get active!**

Fun and flexible volunteering
opportunities available **NOW**
(& loads of benefits for you!)



Charity Film Screening this weekend

Come along this **Saturday, 8 June, at 5.15pm** for a special charity film screening of "Someone's Daughter, Someone's Son" at The Courtyard, supported by Hereford Elgar Rotary. Directed by Lorna Tucker, this powerful documentary sheds light on homelessness as Tucker revisits areas where she once slept rough to interview those still living on the streets.

All ticket sales will support The Living Room, Herefordshire Veterans Support Centre, and include tea/coffee and a cake before the screening.

To book a ticket, call the Box Office at 01432 340555, or [visit the Courtyard website](#).



A new [peer support group for parents/carers](#) will launch in Bromyard on Tuesday 18th June. The group aims to support parents and carers who care for a child or young person who is experiencing mental health difficulties or exploring neurodivergence. The sessions are organised by Herefordshire Mind and will give parents/carers an opportunity to find support, make new friends and hear from guest speakers who will present on key topics such as Autism, SEN processes, LGBTQIA+ and community support.

The sessions are free to attend. To book your place, or to find out more contact chloe.holder@herefordshire-mind.org.uk



Carers' Week and beyond - a month of raising awareness and celebrating communities

June has become a month where many communities are celebrated and many important issues are brought to the fore, as a wealth of awareness days and weeks are scattered throughout the month. Keep your eyes peeled on our website and social media for more information about some of the awareness days, including loneliness awareness week, diabetes awareness week, refugee week and learning disability awareness week to name just a few!

Carers Week will take place 10th – 16th June. [Visit the Talk Community Directory](#) to find out more about Carers Week and what events are taking place across Herefordshire.

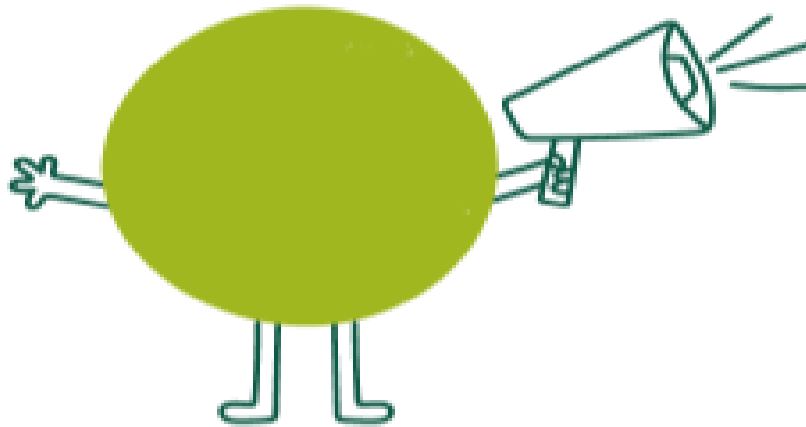


Promote your event free of charge on the Talk Community Directory

If you're organising a local event or series of activities in Herefordshire over the coming months, we would love to hear from you. You can upload your events directly, by heading over to our [what's on calendar](#) and click on the 'Add an event' button.

There's a short form to complete, where you can describe what your event/activity involves, and add contact details, venue and cost. Be sure to click on "Set date", to include the date(s) of your event/activity. Once the Talk Community Directory team receive your form, we'll add the event to the calendar. Alternatively, you can email us on:

Talkcommunityengagement@herefordshire.gov.uk



What's new on the Talk Community Directory?

Summer is finally upon us (we hope!), and the welcoming warmth of June is certainly putting a smile on our face as we promote this month's themes of support, care, and pride within our communities. If you fancy getting out and about, trying something new, or finding ways to be a helpful member of your community, then look no further than the Talk Community Directory! [Our 'What's On' page](#) is always being updated with new events and activities, along with [our 'Services and Groups' page](#).

Here's what's new this week:

[Drama 4 Change](#)

[Severn Wye and Carers of Herefordshire](#)

[Parent/Carer Peer Support with Herefordshire Mind](#)

[Become a volunteer foster carer for Cats Protection Lifeline](#)

[Dance Theatre Summer School](#)

[Wee Summer School](#)

Our socials are a great way to keep in touch with what's on too, whether you're

- a [Facebook](#) fan
- tuned in to [Twitter](#)
- or instantly on [Instagram](#).

Herefordshire Cares Do you want to make a difference to people's lives every day? Working in social care is a rewarding career – to find out more about a career in adult social care, visit the [Herefordshire Cares website](#).

TALK COMMUNITY



**BRINGING
HEREFORDSHIRE
TOGETHER**

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.



JULY 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

TOURS

Garden Tours

Wednesday 17 & Saturdays 6, 13, 27 July, 2pm – 3.30pm

Discover the beauty of the gardens of Hereford Cathedral with a guided tour led by our experienced gardeners and guides. Tours last between 60 and 90 minutes and the gardens are easily accessible, with variations available for visitors with specific mobility requirements.

Tickets cost £6 and can be booked in advance via the cathedral website or by calling the Cathedral Shop (01432 374210)

Tower Tours

Thursday 4 July, 11.30 am

Saturday 6 July, 1.30pm

Saturday 13, Wednesday 17, Thursday 18, Wednesday 24, Thursday 25, Saturday 27, Wednesday 31 July at 11.30 am & 1.30 pm

Adventurous visitors can climb the 218 steps for some of the finest views of the city and county of Herefordshire, and beyond. Tours may not take place if the weather is poor, and may not be suitable for all visitors so please contact the cathedral office if you are making a special journey to take part.

Tickets cost £8 for adults, £5 for children under 16 and £5 for full-time students from the Cathedral Shop on the day

Cathedral Tours

Monday to Saturday, 11.05 am & 2.15 pm and also 12.30pm on selected Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

Explore the rich history and treasures of the cathedral from its Saxon origins to the present day with our knowledgeable guides.

Tickets cost £6 per person from the Cathedral Shop (01432 374210)

EXHIBITIONS

Master of the Library

Monday 6 May – Saturday 14 September, 10 am to 5 pm

The latest exhibition in the Mappa Mundi & Chained Library explores the prestigious role of 'Master of the Library' and the individuals who have held the role at Hereford Cathedral throughout the centuries.

Normal admission charges apply.

EVENTS

Toddler Group

Mondays in term time, 9.30am (last session Monday 22 July)

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.

Teaching Week: Colossians and Philemon

Monday 1 – Friday 5 July, 10am – 3.15pm

We are delighted to welcome The Right Revd Donald Allister to Hereford this July for a teaching week. Donald was first ordained in 1976 and was Bishop of Peterborough from 2010 until his retirement. He loves preaching and teaching the Bible, not least because it comes afresh to him each time he does so. Attendees can book for the whole week or individual days.

This is a free event. Advance booking via the cathedral's website is essential due to limited capacity.

Lunchtime Organ Concert – Roger Judd

Tuesday 2 July, 1.15pm

Join us for our popular Lunchtime Organ Concert series. This week's concert is given by Roger Judd, Herefordshire. Free with a retiring collection.

Creative Cloisters

Monday 8 & Tuesday 9 July, 10am - 3pm

The beautiful Cloisters of Hereford Cathedral have been a source of creative inspiration to musicians, artists and poets for centuries. This summer the cathedral will be opening the Cloisters to artists to experience the space and create work in response to this very special location. Attendees will have full access to the Cloisters, College Hall and Canon's Garden which leads down to the River Wye.

Tickets for Monday only cost £20. If you would like to book both Monday & Tuesday, the two-day ticket costs £30 (incl. lunch and refreshments on both days). Spaces can be booked via the cathedral website.



Lunchtime Organ Concert – François Cloete

Tuesday 9 July, 1.15pm

Join us for our popular Lunchtime Organ Concert series. This week's concert is given by François Cloete, Merton College, Oxford. Free with a retiring collection.

Escape Room

Wednesday 10 & Thursday 11 July, 4pm & 6pm, Friday 12 July, 10am & 12pm, Tuesday 16 July, 4pm & 6pm, Thursday 22 July, 12pm & 2pm, Wednesday 24 July, 11am & 1pm

Solve our Escape Room: an immersive clue-cracking and decoding game, hosted in the Old Chapel in the Cloisters. The Escape Room was developed as part of the Eastern Cloisters Project which was supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and other donors. Get a team together and book a session to test your skills and escape the Old Chapel!

Tickets cost £60 and can be purchased via the cathedral's website

Evening Hour

Sunday 14 July, 5.30pm

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

Organ Lunchtime Concert - Claudia Grinnell

Tuesday 16 July, 1.15pm

Join us for our popular Lunchtime Organ Concert series. This week's concert is given by Claudia Grinnell, Winchester Cathedral. Free with a retiring collection.

Lego Club

Tuesday 16 July, 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 July, 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.

Open Gardens

Saturday 20 July 10am – 3.30pm

We are pleased to open our gardens on Saturday 20 July. Discover the cathedral's historic and beautiful gardens with our Gardeners and Garden Guides on hand to answer any questions and share the history of the site. We will be opening the Chapter House, Cloister, Canons, Dean's garden, and the beautiful Bishop's Garden at their own leisure, with our team of volunteer garden guides on hand in each garden to answer any questions.

Tickets cost £6 for garden entry. You are welcome to arrive any time during the day but please note that last entry is at 3pm. Why not upgrade your ticket to include garden entry and afternoon tea for £16? Tickets can be purchased via the cathedral website.



Organ Lunchtime Concert - Jonathan Lee
Tuesday 23 July, 1.15pm

Join us for our popular Lunchtime Organ Concert series. This week's concert is given by Jonathan Lee, Trinity College, Cambridge. Free with a retiring collection.

Quiet Day - Roads of hurt & hope
Thursday 25 July, 10am - 3pm

A day of prayer and reflection, walking biblical roads & listening to those living on the roads today. Led by Canon Dr Andrew Mayes, recently returned from being chaplain at St George's College Jerusalem.

To book your place please contact the Cathedral Office on 01432 374 200 or office@herefordcathedral.org - This is a free event to attend but booking is essential.

Organ Lunchtime Concert - David Hulse
Tuesday 30 July, 1.15pm

Join us for our popular Lunchtime Organ Concert series. This week's concert is given by David Hulse, Hereford. Free with a retiring collection.



**Yarkhill Village Hall Produce
Show and Fete**

Saturday 20th July

3-5pm

**Cream Teas, Raffle, Tombola,
Games, Prizegiving**

**In support of Yarkhill Church and
Village Hall**

**Look out for entry forms in the Newsletter or email
katiebott@gmail.com**



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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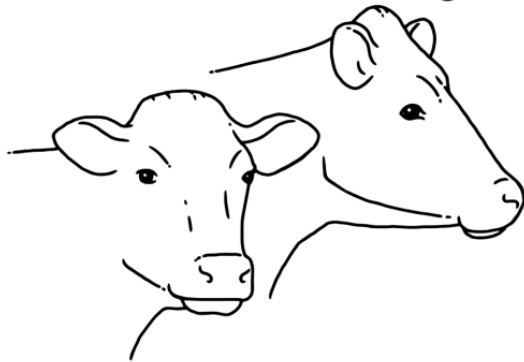
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Guidance for Complaints Procedure

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 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 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](#)

