

Yarkhill News

November/December 2016

Yarkhill Village Hall

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News

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

Events and activities

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

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

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Dear All, this Newsletter is published every two months and delivered to all households in the Parish—it would be wonderful if we could have some local input, whether it be local news, stories of local interest or just observations of the Parish as a whole ..... There is also space for local advertising at very reasonable rates. Contact me, Sallyanne (Parish Clerk) for details.

We also need input for our Parish Website—have a look at it ([www.yarkhillparish.co.uk](http://www.yarkhillparish.co.uk)). Tell us what you want from your Parish Website.

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A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Councillor Persons living within the Parish who are interested in this role are invited to contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

CONTACTS

PARISH COUNCIL CLERK: Sallyanne Batchelor 07801 108789 email: yarkhill@live.co.uk

EMERGENCY CO-ORDINATOR: Tom Misselbrook 07973 705550. (Sandbags available if required).

VILLAGE HALL: Wendy Nash 01531 670508

CHURCH WARDEN: Jane Thomas 01531 670437

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR: David Thomas 01531 670437

News from the Parish Council

YARKHILL PARISH MEETING

Held 8th November 2016 at Yarkhill Village Hall

Present: Councillor Tom Misselbrook, Councillor Chrissie Dobson, Councillor Sarah Daw, Councillor Ian Carr
Councillor Hazel Walter, Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester and clerk Sallyanne Batchelor.

8 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies received from Councillor Roy Cox.
2. There were no Declarations of Interest or requests for Dispensation.
3. The Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 22nd September 2016 were approved and signed.
4. **Open Session**

4.1 Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester updated the meeting on local and county news. Weston Beggard has received approval for its Neighbourhood Plan referendum. The majority of the community (77 for and 7 against) voted for the Plan.

At a Cabinet Meeting on 3rd November, one part of which was to do with the Corporate Budget and Performance Report for 2016, going into a lot more detail as to what Herefordshire Council is doing for its citizens. There was an overspend on both the adult care and the children's sectors. There were under spends in Communities and Corporate sectors so overall HC was within budget. There are some very encouraging results with regard to education, for example with the very early years, they are in the top quarter in the country, which is incredibly important; statistically we have had consistent above average results for school leavers for the last three years. A Level pass rates of 99.1%. With regard to "unaccompanied children" from all over the globe HC is fulfilling its obligation to care for a maximum of 25 children and have fostered 6 to date. The total of 25 is calculated according to the county population. The matter of Newtown Inn was mentioned and following the court case where the owners were found to be guilty, it now remains to see what steps are to be taken to resolve the situation and that will involve discussion between the individuals concerned and the Council. Councillor Jonathan Lester will keep the Parish updated on this point. Councillor Tom Misselbrook advised that details of the Weston Beggard Neighbourhood Plan are now on the HC website for those who are interested.

4.2 Councillor Ian Carr had investigated the matter of the stile on Grove Farm and confirmed that a new swing gate had been provided by HC but that although the landowner was under the impression that HC would install it, it is in fact the responsibility of the landowner. Councillor Ian Carr will discuss this with Mr Williams shortly.

4.3 The Tree Warden reported trees encroaching on power cables in Monkhide Lane and he agreed to bring this to the attention of the electricity provider. The question of scrub and hedges overgrowing on the main road was raised and it was stated that this is the responsibility of HC. It was decided that this point would be raised with the Locality Steward during her proposed visit.

4.4 Councillor Tom Misselbrook thanked the Lengthsman for coming to the meeting and explained his role to the members of the public. It was decided that the Parish has enough funds available to cover another days work and that the usual Autumn works should be carried out. A point was raised by a member of the public that it seemed wrong that a grant of £9000 should be made available for the Neighbourhood Plan when more money was needed for Parish maintenance. Councillor Misselbrook sympathised with this view but explained that this was a Government Grant and could not be influenced by County or Local Government. It was also agreed that the Lengthsman would replenish the yellow salt containers positioned at Monkhide, one on Watery Lane at the junction with the Tarrington road, and two on the long bend on Watery Lane which are the two owned by the Parish.

4.5 Councillor Misselbrook made his report. He said that he had been very busy with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group where good progress is being made. Other matters he was going to raise are covered under other points.

4.6 Councillor Misselbrook updated the meeting on the Neighbourhood Plan. The 4th meeting of the Steering group is at the Village Hall on 22nd November and Councillor Misselbrook invited members of the public to attend. A consultant has been appointed (funded by the Government grant). The group now has a good team of professionals in various fields. A questionnaire will be distributed to all Parishioners with the forthcoming Newsletter asking for their views on the Plan. This can be returned by leaving it at the Village Hall or the Church in boxes to be provided, or posted to Councillor Misselbrook or left with the Parish Clerk, or scanned and emailed to the Parish Clerk, all addresses are given on the form. There is also an incentive of a £50 draw to encourage the maximum return. A questionnaire is also being devised for businesses within the Parish and a list of businesses is currently being compiled. It is encouraging that six developers have already approached the Steering Group with small development plans. The Steering Group will have a stand at the Christmas Event in the Village Hall on the 11th December for parishioners to ask questions and familiarise themselves with the Plan.

4.6.1 It was agreed that the Parish Clerk needs to know what is going on, especially bearing in mind that the Grant will be held in the Parish Council Bank Account. The Parish clerk will be asked to write cheques and invoice the Steering Group for reimbursement of materials but should not be involved in too much extra

work, although she has agreed to help with the printing and distribution of the questionnaire and also maintaining Neighbourhood Plan updates on the Parish website.

4.7 The question of the safety of the Stoke Edith Road was again raised and after discussion it was suggested by Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester that the best course to a solution was for individuals to write to Councillor Rone at Herefordshire Country Council.

The Parish Clerk read a letter from the Church Warden requesting funds to help maintain the Churcyard. As in the past, it was agreed to raise a cheque for £250 for this.

5. Litter picking dates were published in the last Newsletter and the question of insurance for under 16's was raised. After referring the question to the Parish Council insurers it was confirmed that under 16's are not covered for accident or injury whilst litter picking. Although the third party liability aspect is covered it was decided that the parents of under 16's should be made aware of this fact via the newsletter and at the time of litter picking.

6. It was agreed to apply for P3 funding for 2017 /2018.

7. With regard to the proposed development of houses at Newtown Crossroads Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester advised that the Planning Committee are still awaiting final comments from the Highways people because of issues regarding connectivity of the site with Newtown Cross. He will update the parish council as soon as he has any information. It was noted that this application has been an issue for an unacceptably prolonged period of time.

8. The question of Newtown Inn was covered in the early part of the meeting.

9. On the subject of the Noticeboards Councillor Hazel Walter advised that the wood has been purchased for all four noticeboards and they are all to be made at the same time, although they have not yet been started. Councillor Hazel Walter also informed the meeting that she had just applied to the F2F for funding for another of the boards. They have already funded one of them.

10. The clerk will again contact the Parish Council bank to try to get a response regarding more frequent statements to assist in the accounting aspect of her position.

11. With regard to Councillor Roy Cox it was confirmed by Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester that if a Councillor fails to attend for 6 consecutive months he or she should no longer be considered to be a Councillor. Roy Cox has not attended a meeting since May 2015. Because of Roy Cox's long and much appreciated service to the Parish the Council had been reluctant to take this step. However it was decided that Councillor Tom Misselbrook would write to Roy Cox to the effect that he is no longer a Councillor but that his input will always be welcomed.

12. The precept amount was confirmed as an increase of 1.9% as agreed at the previous meeting and the form signed ready for posting.

13. The Clerk confirmed that she had been in contact with the Locality Steward with regard to her visiting Yarkhill. The Clerk will contact her again with details of items that require her input – these to include the overgrown shrubbery on the side of the main road, the change to the Monkhide sign, the flooding on the field at Newtown Cross, the loose drain cover at Newtown Cross, and the Stoke Edith Road. It was confirmed that the diversion sign causing a potential hazard was removed almost immediately after the last meeting.

14. It was confirmed that the Website has been updated and links to the Neighbourhood Plan site added. There will be a piece in the Newsletter asking parishioners for their input and suggestions. The intention is to make the Yarkhill website interesting and informative.

15. With regard to the telephone box at Monkhide, after much deliberation it was decided to keep the box and maintain it provided the cost of adopting the box was very low.

Close Open Session

16. Payments were made as follows:

16.1 PAYE Income Tax	£ 54.60
16.2 Parish Clerk	£436.80

17. Items for the next agenda to include Newtown Crossroads, Newtown Inn, Banking, Website, Noticeboards, Flood Risk Strategy, Neighbourhood Plan, update re Locality Steward, along with the usual items.

18. Date of the next Parish Meeting (to be confirmed please) Tuesday January 10th 2017.

NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING GROUP UPDATE

NOVEMBER 2016

The steering group continues to make good progress and we have appointed a consultant Kirkwells to give us support and guidance in completing the necessary work within the statutory framework. The cost of the consultant is funded by central government. We also have a website which includes information on progress made, dates of meetings etc which can be accessed by entering into your browser

<https://sites.google.com/site/yarkhillneighbourhoodplan>

In this addition of Yarkhill News there is a questionnaire which we would ask you to complete and return. This will give the steering group an insight into the views of local people on housing and other matters in Yarkhill. To encourage you to complete the questionnaire you are invited to enter a prize draw of £50 and if you wish to enter please complete the section with your name address etc. We have included two questionnaires with each Yarkhill News but if only one person lives at the property please complete only one questionnaire.

The questionnaire can be returned by

1. Leaving it in the box at Yarkhill Church Porch or the Village Hall Porch
2. Scanning the completed questionnaire and sending it by email to the Parish Clerk yarkhill@live.co.uk
3. Sending it by post to Tom Misselbrook The Granary, Yarkhill Court, Yarkhill Hereford HR1 3TD
4. Dropping it off with the Parish Clerk at "Hyde Cottage" – the pink house on the main road.

Closing date for questionnaires to be returned is Sunday 4th December 2016

We have also developed a questionnaire for local businesses and these will be delivered in due course.

The Village Hall is holding a Christmas event on 11 December and the Steering Group will be at the village hall with a map showing identified potential developments on which we shall be seeking your views. Members of the steering group will be available to answer any questions you may have.

May I take this opportunity to wish everybody in Yarkhill a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Tom Misselbrook

Chair Yarkhill Parish Council

A request from the Tree Warden:

At the last Parish Council Meeting Ian Carr noted the presence of Fire-Blight in several ornamental rowan trees (mountain ash or sorbus) in the vicinity of Newtown Cross. This is a serious disease and can be transferred to apple and pear trees causing eventual death of infected specimens. Cases of this disease should be reported to the Animal & Plant Health Agency.

Should any cases of Fire-Blight be identified in the Parish of Yarkhill would you please contact the Tree Warden, Peter O'Neill, on 01432 890266 or email to pjoyarkhill@yahoo.co.uk with details of location and contact information. Any other issues or concerns regarding trees in the Parish should be raised in the same manner.

The Royal Horticultural Society has a very useful website to aid in the identification of plants diseases and suitable treatments.



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Litter Picking Times

Saturday 19 November

10 am at the Village Hall

Saturday 11 March 2107

10 am at the Spar Car Park

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CHURCH NEWS



St John the Baptist, Yarkhill

CHURCHES SERVICES NOVEMBER 2016—JANUARY 2017

	4 th December	11 th December	18 th December	24 th CHRIST MAS EVE	25 th CHRIST MAS DAY	1 st January	8 th January	15 th January	22 nd January	29 th January
<u>YARKHILL</u>	11:00am		4:00pm CHRISTINGLE		11:00am	11:00 AM WORSHIP TOGETHER AT YARKHILL		11:00am		10:30am WORSHIP TOGETHER AT TARRINGTON
<u>TARRINGTON</u>	9:30am	6:30pm	6.30pm Carol Service	4:00pm Crib Service 11:30pm Midnight			6:30pm	9:30am	11:00am	
<u>STOKE EDITH</u>		3.30pm Carol Service							11:00am	

100 Club Winners

SEPTEMBER 2016

Prize	No	Winner
£12	68	Peter Clews
£7	121	Pippa Lawton-Smith
£6	72	Heather Lynes
£5	55	Peter Crawford

OCTOBER 2016

£12	50	Chris Spaett
£7	29	Clive Smith
£6	128	Alex Letts
£5	76	Nick Thomas

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

Tarrington Village Hall

Halloween Bingo

Friday 28th October

Christmas Bingo

Friday 25th November

Doors open 7.30

‘Eyes down’ at 8pm

Half time refreshments available

In aid of Yarkhill Church and Bells

Scaffold tower for hire

The organisers of the Field to Fork Festival have purchased a scaffold tower from part of the income raised at last year's event which can be hired by anyone living in the village for £15 a week. Terms & Conditions apply.

The details of the tower are as follows:

Platform size: 1.45Mx 0.5M, Max platform height: 2.73M, Max working height: 5M (approx.) Max. load: 150kg

Material: Aluminium. It weights approximately 37kg and is fitted with a pair of wheels to allow the tower to be moved around.

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A View of the Village Hall

Yarkhill has a village hall that was historically the old school. It was acquired by the Parish and used as a village hall for many years. It was a good village hall but despite tender loving care it has felt the test of time. Other younger village halls have sprung up in the area, most with the benefit of grants from various benefactors. This has left Yarkhill VH somewhat seeded, and behind the times. We have an energetic band of supporters, some paid, some not who help to keep the show on the road. You would not get a better bunch of people. I do however think that we are lacking in realistic vision. Where are we going (and we do have ideas), and is it realistic. Have we a development plan that is carrying us forward. I fear not, and most VH's do not either.

At the recent VH AGM the accounts showed the financial situation. The VH is making a profit now, and the savings account is improving. Income to the VH in the last year is approx £2000.00 (£944.00 rental), and in addition the School House brings in a rent. The outgoings on the VH are well in excess of the income of the VH. The insurance and electric are getting on towards £1000.00. The one subsidises the other. Good accounting.

The VH has a high potential maintenance bill in the future. This will be in the region of 10's of thousands, and not hundreds if the VH is to be kept in good order. This is unlikely to come from outside benefactors, as grants are usually related to usage by the community. They are unlikely to donate if the Parishioners do not use it. This leaves the VH being maintained from its own resources. A significant burden for the community.

Where do we go with our vision? Can I list the possibilities :-

1. We can soldier on as we are. Will we continue to retain helpers, as age has its toll.
2. We could shut the VH and leave it to stand forlorn in its place. Expensive to the parish and embarrassing. It could be sold and the proceeds used to cover the precept. But where would we meet- The Stables !
3. We improve the VH, using the assets we have and what are to come. Will parishioners still want to use it in 20 years time, when expectations are ever increasing.
4. Do we look to acquiring a new VH that has the facilities that the modern generation want. Do we need a community hub that could be a café/parcel drop off/ 'postal service' etc. At the last PC meeting, someone raised the very question of developing the site of the VH for housing. I realise it is very contentious.

I have thought a lot about this over the last few years, and I think the Parish needs to think about this again. I would be interested to hear from parishioners what their views are. Alternatively please come to a Parish meeting when the matter can be discussed if there is sufficient interest.

Ian Carr. Yarkhill resident.

ian.carr1956@gmail.com

Cathedral Dates

Thursday 1 December The Dean's Music Series 12.30 pm Luke English, clarinet with Gyorgy Hodozso, piano. Tickets £15 each, to include a picnic lunch, available from the Cathedral Shop T: 01432 374202.

Saturday 3 December Christmas Sparkle 1.15 pm Lunchtime organ recital of Advent and Christmas favourites given by Peter Dyke, with large screen projection. Free with a retiring collection in support of the Perpetual Trust.

Sunday 4 December Boy Bishop Ceremony 3.30 pm Choral Evensong featuring the traditional enthronement of a former chorister as Boy Bishop of Hereford.

Wednesday 7 December Ex Cathedra concert: Christmas Music by Candlelight 7.30 pm The leading Early Music choir return with a programme of Christmas music, with old favourites, stunning new music and hidden gems interspersed with readings. Tickets £30 / £20 / £10 from the Cathedral Shop T: 01432 374210.

Saturday 10 December Prayers at the Christmas Crib 10.30 am With music provided by Hereford Junior Singing Club. Coffee and mince pies for all. All welcome.

Saturday 10 December Handel's Messiah 7.30 pm A special candlelit performance by Hereford Choral Society with Marches Baroque. Tickets from 0845 4633124. www.herefordchoralsociety.org.

Tuesday 13 December Schools Donkey Nativity 11 am A nativity carol service for schools, telling the story of Christmas with the help of KS2 children, donkeys and other animals. Booking is essential from the education department T: 01432 374256 or email education@herefordcathedral.org.

Saturday 17 December Christmas Craft and Food Fair 9.30 am – 4 pm

Thursday 22 & Friday 23 December Festival of Lessons and Carols 7 pm Admission by ticket only: application forms can be collected from the cathedral from 1 November, or downloaded from www.herefordcathedral.org. Tickets limited!

Friday 23 December Christingle Nativity Workshop 10.30 am – 12 noon Enjoy a family workshop to make Christingles, share refreshments, and listen to a Christmas story in preparation for the service on Christmas Eve. College Hall. Information from education@herefordcathedral.org T: 01432 374256.

Christmas Eve Christingle Nativity Service 3 pm A celebration of Christmas light for children and families, with the telling of the Christmas story and the distribution of Christingles.

Choral Evensong 5.30 pm

Christmas Day Holy Communion with hymns 8 am The Cathedral Eucharist 10 am Choral Matins 11.30 am Choral Evensong 3.30pm

Wednesday 28 December Holy Innocents Day: A Quiet Service of Remembrance 3.30 pm for parents and families who have suffered the loss of a child, whether recently or long ago.

SAS Memorial - To support the SAS Memorial being installed in Hereford cathedral visit www.herefordcathedral.org.

JANUARY 2017

Sunday 8 January Epiphany Carol Service 3.30 pm Sung by Hereford Cathedral Voluntary Choir, celebrating the veneration of the Christ-Child by the Magi. All welcome; no tickets required.

Saturday 28 January La Nativité du Seigneur 7.30 pm Messiaen's organ masterpiece played by Peter Dyke, Assistant Director of Music at Hereford Cathedral. Tickets £5 from Hereford Cathedral Shop T: 01432 374210 or on the door.

Sunday 29 January Installation of new Prebendaries and Canon 3.30 pm All welcome!

YARKHILL VILLAGE HALL CHRISTMAS EVENING

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