

Yarkhill News

Yarkhill Village Hall

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The village Hall Committee has recently acquired two new members, Sandy Feakins from Watery lane and Sam Kelly from Newtown. Not only has Sam joined the Committee, she has also volunteered to take on the role of Chairman and was duly appointed at the last committee meeting. Sam takes over the Chairmanship from Katie Bott who has done a fantastic job for the last three years. If you are interested in the future of the Village Hall and would like to join a small Committee that meets about four times a year please contact Wendy Nash .

Thank you to all that turned out for the recent Christmas Evening, which was a very enjoyable event and a special Thank you to Sam Kelly for the magnificent job that she did in transforming the Village Hall into a Winter Wonderland.

Coffee Mornings continue to be held at the Hall from 10am – Noon on the 2nd Thursday of each month and although we now have six people that regularly attend it would be lovely to see a few more faces even if you are only able to pop in for half an hour. Anyone that would like to come but doesn't have transport please contact Wendy Nash.

Dog Training now takes place in the car park at the Hall on a Monday morning at 10.15am. There is no need to book, just turn up with your dog, some treats and a toy.

The next event at the Hall will be the annual Easter Egg Hunt, watch out posters and for details on the Village website and Face Book.

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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

### YARKHILL PARISH COUNCIL—VACANCY FOR COUNCILLOR

The Council, with the support of the Parish Clerk, is responsible for administering the money raised through the Precept, responding to planning applications submitted to Herefordshire County Council for Yarkhill, maintaining footpaths, ponds and trees and addressing issues with roads and all other local issues affecting Yarkhill such as flooding, litter and the environment. Currently the Parish Council is working with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to produce the Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors attend a Parish Council meeting once every two months and occasionally meet to respond to planning applications briefings or consultations from Herefordshire Council.

If you have an interest in the future of our village by becoming a Parish Councillor please contact Sallyanne Batchelor Yarkhill Parish Clerk by emailing [yarkhill@live.co.uk](mailto:yarkhill@live.co.uk) or telephone her on 07801 108789



### CONTACTS

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

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR:** David Thomas 01531 670437

# News from the Parish Council

## **MINUTES OF YARKHILL PARISH MEETING Held 17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Yarkhill Village Hall**

Present: Councillor Tom Misselbrook, Councillor Chrissie Dobson, Councillor Sarah Daw, Councillor Hazel Walter, and clerk Sallyanne Batchelor. 5 members of the public were present.

1. Apologies received from Councillor Ian Carr, Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester and Ann Elliott.
2. There were no Declarations of Interest or requests for Dispensation.
3. The Minutes of the Parish Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were approved and signed.

### **4. Open Session**

4.1 Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester was unable to attend the meeting due to prior commitments but the Clerk read his emailed report as follows:

*Obviously since the last meeting the Christmas holidays meant that nothing much happened.*

*However, now we are all back the main issue that the council will grapple with is the decision as to whether the council tax will rise significantly due to the government's announcement that councils can add another 6% increase over the next three years to cope with the financial demands on adult social care. This percentage increase would be added to the planned yearly increase of 1.9%. Some councils are proposing 3% in the first year, 3% in the second and nothing further in the third year. Herefordshire Council had planned a 2% increase anyway on top of the 1.9% for the next financial year and so this is the decision that will take place at the next full meeting of council. I have not been given any updates regarding the application at Newtown Cross nor Newtown Inn. This is disappointing.*

4.2 Ann Elliott was unable to attend the meeting but again her emailed report was read out by the clerk as follows: *There is little to report on the footpath front since the rather damp weather has kept us to lanes for the most part. We notice however that there has been no progress with erecting the Kissing Gate on YK4. Are extra hands needed to get it done?*

Councillor Ian Carr was going to speak to the landowner with regard to the gate/stile and he will no doubt share his findings at the next meeting.

4.3 The Tree Warden was unable to attend the meeting.

4.4 The Lengthsman was unable to attend the meeting and it was agreed that Councillor Hazel Walter would contact him with regard to the remaining days work. Councillor Tom Misselbrook agreed to check the salt in the relevant containers on Watery Lane to make sure it had been replaced as agreed with the Lengthsman at the last meeting.

4.5 Councillor Tom Misselbrook made his report. He started by expressing gratitude for the hard work and commitment to the Parish over many years by Councillor Roy Cox who sadly passed away recently.

He said that he had again been very busy with the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

4.6 Councillor Tom Misselbrook updated the meeting on the Neighbourhood Plan. Unfortunately three members had left the group due to personal and work commitments. Councillor Tom Misselbrook emphasised the need for volunteers to join the Steering Group. It is a very worthwhile project and any parish members wishing to join should contact him.

The first instalment of the Government Grant (£4000) has been paid into the Parish Council Bank Account – most of this will be used to cover the cost of the Consultant. The return rate of the questionnaire sent out to Parish members was 28%; Martin Ennis spent some considerable time analysing the results. These results will be published in the Yarkhill Newsletter along with the full report on the Neighbourhood Plan. The Questionnaire for local businesses will be issued shortly – the delay being because the member of the steering group organising it has left. It is now a fact that 12 new homes have to be built in Yarkhill Parish to meeting Council criteria. The Neighbourhood Plan will enable the parish to have an influence on where these houses are built. Existing development of four homes on the Monkhide site are included in this figure. The NP display at the Christmas Fair was visited by a significant number of people and some interesting points and questions raised.

The winner of the £50 prize was drawn and the winner was Caroline Borley and the Clerk will raise a cheque for this amount.

4.6.1 Kirkwells Contract. Kirkwells are the appointed consultants for the NP Steering Group. It was agreed that all Councillors and the Parish Clerk read the draft contract because the contract is between Kirkwells and the Parish Council; the Parish Council therefore need to give Councillor Tom Misselbrook dispensation to sign the contract if he is happy with the outcome of discussions at the next Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting. This meeting is on 31<sup>st</sup> January at 6pm and members of the parish are encouraged to attend.

5. Litter picking. The next litter picking day is 11<sup>th</sup> March, 10am at the Spar car park. The Clerk confirmed the litter picking kits had been ordered and Councillor Hazel Walter volunteered to collect them from Hereford and ask for warning signs as well. After the last litter pick problems arose with the bags and rubbish left at the Village Hall ... it was agreed to leave the next litter pick rubbish around the back of the village hall and Tom will discuss with Wendy the best place for future litter picks.

6. The Village Hall. A new Chairperson has been appointed to the Village Hall Committee, namely Sam Kelly. Councillor Ian Carr had raised the matter of the future of the Village Hall in an article in the Newsletter. This resulted in a meeting of the Village Hall committee where it was agreed the committee would individually consider future plans for the Hall, taking Parish members ideas into consideration, and bring these ideas to the next Village Hall meeting.

7. As previously raised, there is no news on either the proposed development at Newtown Crossroads or the issues with Newtown Inn. It was generally agreed that both these planning matters had been dragging on for far too long and it was agreed that Councillor Tom Misselbrook would raise both matters with Ward Councillor Jonathan Lester and urge him to gain some definitive answers.

8. With regard to Newtown Inn please see point 7.

9. On the subject of the Noticeboards Councillor Hazel Walter advised a further donation of £500 has been forthcoming from the FTF committee. This means that the company appointed to make the noticeboards has now had £1000. Unfortunately, although the wood has been purchased for all four boards, they have still not started the construction of them. Councillor Hazel Walter, accompanied by Councillor Tom Misselbrook, agreed to visit the company and urge them to honour the agreement.

10. The clerk confirmed she had written to the bank four times with no response. However the statements are now being sent on a monthly basis which is what was required.

11. With regard to the vacancy for a Parish Councillor the Clerk informed the meeting that she had received no applications for the position. Councillor Tom Misselbrook agreed to write a piece for the Newsletter in a bid to arouse some interest.

12. Flood Risk Strategy. Councillor Hazel Walter told the meeting of another community with potential flooding risks who had formed a band of volunteers with diggers and tractors and such like, who once a week in the summer months did a small amount of flood prevention work, followed by Cider and snacks. She wondered if such a group could be formed within our Parish ... perhaps local people would comment on this and see what interest there is. Councillor Hazel Walter agreed to compose a piece for the Newsletter. It was agreed that any items for the Newsletter should be with the Clerk by the evening of Sunday the 22<sup>nd</sup> January with a view to completing the Newsletter by the end of the following week.
13. The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken with the Locality Steward and that the points raised at the previous meeting had been dealt with. It was agreed that any issues to be dealt with by the Locality Steward should be directed to the Clerk who will in turn raise them with the Locality Steward.
14. Details of the Herefordshire Walking Festival to be included in the Newsletter.

It was agreed to include a section in future Agenda for “Any Other Business”. The Clerk had an item to be discussed which did not fall into any of the previous points. The Clerk had received several emails and telephone calls from Parish members over the past few months regarding two pieces of public land in Monkhide. It was decided that as this was a matter which affected the whole parish it should be raised at the Parish Meeting. The first issue is concerning proper access to the public bridleway (YK18) which runs over Mr Peter Ball’s land and the second issue is the upkeep and maintenance of the small parcel of common land known as Monkhide Green. The Clerk has agreed to investigate the matters and report back to the Parish Council.

It was agreed that when the Clerk posts the notices for the Parish Meetings the Agenda should also be posted so that Parish members can see what is to be discussed.

The Parish Council agreed not to adopt the telephone box in Monkhide.

### **Close Open Session**

15. Payments were made as follows:
 

|      |                     |         |
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| 15.1 | PAYE Income Tax     | £109.20 |
| 15.2 | Parish Clerk        | £436.80 |
| 15.3 | Autela Payroll Svcs | £ 22.50 |
16. Items for the next agenda to include Newtown Crossroads, Newtown Inn, Noticeboards, Neighbourhood Plan, Vacancy for Parish Councillor, Flood Risk Strategy, along with the usual items.
18. Date of the next Parish Meeting Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

## **YARKHILL NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN—RESULTS OF PARISH SURVEY**

There were 55 questionnaires returned. This represents 23.4% of the number of people registered on the electoral roll. The methodology used to establish the overall position was to count a positive response as 1 and a negative response as minus 1. Where there was a choice to give an order of importance, the scores for each choice were divided by the number of choices multiplied by the response level. The resulting score was then divided by 0.55 to give the value as a percentage of the total return. A response of “no opinion” had no value assigned to it.

### **Q1. What type of housing do you think is needed in Yarkhill?**

The most popular choice was for family homes (63.6%) followed by affordable homes (50.45%). Rental was in third place with 11.8% whereas there was a slight majority against retirement homes (-5.9%)

### **Q2. Herefordshire Council’s Core Strategy identifies the main focus for new housing as Newtown Cross (table 4.14) and Monkhide (table 4.15) Where would you like to see any new homes built?**

The most favoured option was for adjacent to existing settlements (34.5%) followed by within (25.45%). There was a majority against isolated homes (-3.6%).

### **Q3. In meeting demand for additional homes what preferences do you have for how they are grouped together?**

The most positive response was for groups of up to 3 houses (78%) closely followed by single dwellings (61%). 3-10 was on the borderline of support vs objection and 10 plus saw a majority rejection (-56%)

### **Q4. Do you have an opinion on the design of new houses?**

In keeping with local tradition was by far the most popular choice (87%) with Eco design finding favour with 56.4%. Contemporary design was rejected by the majority (-16.3%).

### **Q5. Do you consider that there is a need for more local employment?**

50.9% were of the opinion that more local employment would be needed.

### **Q6. Which transport issues would need addressing to support additional housing?**

Safer roads were the preferred answer (82%) closely followed by a better bus service (73.9%) with much less support for cycle routes (33.32%).

### **Q7. Which community facilities would need improving to support new housing development?**

Apart from the top answer, roads (78.8%), the survey was generally much closer across the choices for this question. Access to healthcare and additional shops scored 43% and 41.3% respectively. Then came public open space (35.9%), the village hall (31.3%), a play area (30.45%) and footpath improvements (30.27%). The least favoured options were child care and a schools both scoring 17.7%.

**Q8. Are there any special features that you believe should be protected from development? (Please identify)**

the comments are too many to be included in Yarkhill News however they will be made available at a later date

**Q9. Agriculture: Please give your opinions on the following :**

Removal of hedgerows and woods were the least favoured options with over 70% against in both cases. Broiler sheds and polytunnels on a large scale also met with disapproval with over 30% being not in favour of either. Indoor cattle rearing sheds drew a more neutral response with just under 4% being against.

**Q10. Would you support the development of tourism?**

There is a lot of support for B&B (84.65%) and food premises (63.73%). An activity centre also drew a majority in favour albeit at a much lower level (13.24%). Chalets, holiday homes and camping all had a majority against.

**Q11. Renewable energy: Would you support any of the following?**

The most popular form of renewable energy by some margin was hydropower (46.2%).

Some way behind there was support for anaerobic digesters (19.6%) and solar panel farms (11.6%). Wind power had a small majority in favour at 4.73%. The only negative reaction was to biomass burners (-14.6%).

**Q12. Infrastructure: What do you think will need urgent attention to support additional development?**

The top responses were for fast broadband (75.27%), a mains water supply (70.55%) followed by improved mobile phone reception (63.27%). Main sewers and mains gas also had a majority support albeit at a much lower level (48% and 29% respectively).

**Q13. Your comments: Please feel free to raise any additional issues that you consider to be relevant.**

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### **Yarkhill Neighbourhood Plan**

The Parish Council has received a grant of £4000 from central Government on behalf of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group and this money will be used to pay for a Consultant, Kirkwells, to assist us complete the work and to fund consultations with the village and stakeholders. We hope, in February, to circulate a questionnaire to local businesses to seek their views on development and other issues in Yarkhill.

At the recent Christmas event at Yarkhill Village Hall considerable interest was shown in the large parish map put together by the Steering Group which incorporated proposed developments in Yarkhill identified in the early phases of the Neighbourhood planning exercise. Many comments were expressed, some positive and some less so, and we took the opportunity to note people's views which are critical in not only helping shape the Neighbourhood Plan, but also the future of our community itself. In due course the map will be added to our website:

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

Included in this edition of Yarkhill News is a summary of responses given to our pre-Christmas residents questionnaire and on behalf of the Steering Group may I thank all of you who returned completed forms to us. It is clear from the answers given to the questions that there is a strong preference for any residential developments to be on a small scale and near existing settlements. We now know that the Herefordshire core strategy drafted by the County Council requires 12 houses to be built in addition to those that have already received planning permission in the recent past or been completed. The Yarkhill Neighbourhood Plan is our community's opportunity to significantly influence where those houses are built. If we do not undertake the exercise and see it through to adoption, Herefordshire Council will make development decisions for us.

Unfortunately the last meeting of the Steering Group in early January had to be postponed as insufficient numbers of people were able to attend due to other commitments. There is a core group of members of the Group who are undertaking most of the work but we could use extra hands and skills through the addition of further team members whose input would be invaluable in contributing to the content of the Neighbourhood Plan. If you would like to participate in the Steering Group and make a contribution to this all important community exercise please contact [tommisselbrook@gmail.com](mailto:tommisselbrook@gmail.com).

The next Group meeting is on 31 January and commences at 6pm though most meetings, which are held monthly, commence at 7.30pm.

Finally congratulations to Caroline Borley the winner of the £50 draw prize for completing the survey questionnaire.

Please note—copy dates for inclusion in the Yarkhill Newsletter for 2017 are as follows: March 20th, May 20th, July 20th, September 20th and November 20th. All copy to be sent to the Parish Clerk in writing or by email. Many thanks.



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**Litter Picking Times**

**Saturday 11 March 210710 am at the Spar Car Park**

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## **Lifts**

### **Do you sometimes need a lift Or Could you give someone a lift?**

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### **EVEN IF YOU HAVE DONE SO BEFORE**

Please contact me if you are prepared to be asked for a lift or if you think you may need one. I will then ensure that anyone who might want a lift has an up to date contact list of drivers.

Ann Elliott [annell1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annell1@hotmail.co.uk) 07951290937

## **Herefordshire Walking Festival**

Planning is already underway for the 2017 Herefordshire Walking Festival which runs from 17th to 25th June, 2017. Now in its 16th year, the Walking Festival highlights all aspects of the county—landscape, architecture, heritage, art, food and farming, village and market town.

This year we would like to give parishes an opportunity to show off their villages, local paths and sites of interest to people who come from all over the country and abroad to enjoy the beautiful scenery and unique villages of Herefordshire and to introduce Herefordshire residents to more of their own beautiful county. We are looking for Parish Path officers to either put together and lead walks around their local area or to identify local people in the parish who would be interested in leading a walk.

The walks can be anywhere from 1 to 15 miles and would ideally have a theme such as local history, food, flora, fauna, churches, etc. All walks leaders will require the services of a fellow helper who can act as a backmarker and either hold a current first aid/heart start certificate or attend our free heartstart training session.

This is an opportunity to show visitors why Herefordshire is regarded as one of the beautiful counties in England and the key role local parishes have in preserving its unique charm.

Have a look at last year's programme on [www.walkingfestival.com](http://www.walkingfestival.com) and email Lisa Richardson on [herefordshire.walking@yahoo.com](mailto:herefordshire.walking@yahoo.com)

# CHURCH NEWS



St John the Baptist, Yarkhill

## CHURCHES SERVICES FEBRUARY—MARCH 2017

|                              | <u>5<sup>th</sup> Feb</u> | <u>12<sup>th</sup> Feb</u> | <u>19<sup>th</sup> Feb</u> | <u>26<sup>th</sup> Feb</u> | <u>5<sup>th</sup> March</u> | <u>12<sup>th</sup> March</u> | <u>19<sup>th</sup> March</u> | <u>26<sup>th</sup> March</u><br><u>MOTHER</u><br><u>NG</u><br><u>SUNDAY</u> |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <u>YARKHILL</u>              | 11:00<br>PC               |                            | 11:00<br>MP                |                            | 11:00 PC                    |                              | 11:00M<br>P                  |                                                                             |
| <u>TARRINGT</u><br><u>ON</u> | 09:30<br>PC               | 6.30 ES                    | 09:30<br>PC                | 11:00F<br>S                | 09:30<br>PC                 | 6.30<br>ES                   | 09:30<br>PC                  | 11:00am                                                                     |
| <u>STOKE</u><br><u>EDITH</u> |                           |                            |                            | 11:00<br>HC                |                             |                              |                              | 11:00am                                                                     |

### 100 Club Winners

| Prize | No  | Winner         |
|-------|-----|----------------|
| £12   | 76  | Nick Thomas    |
| £ 7   | 126 | Geoff Harrison |
| £ 6   | 90  | Heather Lovett |
| £5    | 15  | John Wateridge |

### Christmas Draw

| Prize | No | Winner                 |
|-------|----|------------------------|
| £50   | 78 | Nigel and Sue Stead    |
| £35   | 82 | Thomas and Jack Taylor |
| £25   | 52 | Richard Borley         |
| £15   | 69 | Emma Whitworth         |
| £10   | 14 | Edward Donohue         |

**26<sup>th</sup>Feb Messy Church Ashperton Village Hall 2:30pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> March Ash Wednesday services at Bosbury and**

If you are interested in learning to ring the new bells please contact our Ringing Master:

Ashley Fortey at [Ashey4009@talktalk.net](mailto:Ashey4009@talktalk.net) or the Churchwarden: Jane Thomas on 01531 670437

### **St Michael's Hospice Plant Fair**

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May - 10am-5pm at St Michael's Hospice, Bartestree, Hereford HR1 4HA

**Can you help?** If you enjoy gardening and are able to grow some extra plants to donate to us for our Plant Fair in May, please get in touch with Gaynor by telephone on 01432 851 000 or email [gwarren@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk](mailto:gwarren@st-michaels-hospice.org.uk). If you would like to have a plant stall yourself, please contact Gaynor to express your interest and find out more details.

### **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:

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## **Cathedral Dates**

### **Tuesday 7 February - St Benedict**

A four-week course considering St Benedict as a guide and prophet in today's world. Cathedral Barn. £5 per session. Booking 01432 374225. 3 pm

### **Thursday 16 February - *The Dean's Music Series***

### **Monday 20 February - Miracles in the Marches**

In association with the friends of Herefordshire Archives, Ian Bass talks about the Miracles of St 5thomas Cantilupe. Meet near the Welcome Desk. £5 per person. Booking 01432 374225. 2 pm

### **Wednesday 1 March - *Ash Wednesday Eucharist***

The service will include the imposition of Ashes. With music including Allegri's *Miserere*. All welcome. 5.30 pm

### **Saturday 4 March - *Chorister Open Morning***

An opportunity for those interested in having a son join the choir to learn more about what is involved, meet current chorister parents and to attend an open rehearsal. To pre-register please contact Geraint Bowen (01432 374238).

### **Sunday 5 March - Crucified with Christ**

The start of the Lent film festival (four further evenings – 19 & 26 March, 2 & 9 April) looking at our faith in films. £5 per session. Booking 01432 374225. 5 pm (optional Evensong 3.30 pm)

### **Tuesday 7 March - *Music scholars Eucharist and lunch***

An opportunity to hear the music scholars sing a four-part mass in the Lady Chapel of Hereford Cathedral. All welcome 12 noon. For details of the Lent Lunch following the service contact 01432 374259.

### **Wednesday 16 March - Friends Spring Lecture**

An evening in the companionship of Friends of the Cathedral and with Canon Chris Pullin, talking about 'Ireland: Saints, Stones and the Sacred'. College Hall. Tickets available from 01432 274783. 7 pm

### **Thursday 16 March - *The Dean's Music Series***

### **Sunday 19 March - Ecumenical Companions welcome**

### **Saturday 25 March - Hereford Choral Society concert**

Poulex's *Stabat Mater* and Haydn's *Harmoniemesse*. Ticket information 0845 46 33 124 [tickets@herefordchoralsociety.org](mailto:tickets@herefordchoralsociety.org) 7.30 pm

### **Sunday 26 March - Widor's Mass for two choirs**

Sung by the cathedral choir and former choristers during the Cathedral Eucharist. All welcome. 10 am

### **Tuesday 28 March - Westminster Quiz**

**SAS Memorial**—To support the SAS Memorial being installed in Hereford cathedral visit [www.herefordcathedral.org](http://www.herefordcathedral.org).

#### *Cathedral Choir*

*Do you know of a boy, aged 6–8 years of age, who might be interested in joining the internationally-renowned Hereford Cathedral Choir? As well as singing in the cathedral, the choir regularly tours abroad, broadcasts on TV & radio, annual perform in London (Guards' Chapel) and takes part in the world-famous Three Choirs Festival.*

*It may be your son, or equally it may be a grandson, nephew or the son of friends – sometimes a gentle nudge of the parents might be needed! If a parent or guardian would like an informal discussion about the opportunities, Geraint Bowen, the director of music, would be delighted to hear from you (01432 374238, [organist@herefordcathedral.org](mailto:organist@herefordcathedral.org) or visit [www.herefordcathedral.org](http://www.herefordcathedral.org)). All choristers receive generous scholarships to the cathedral school and, in some cases, fully-funded places can be made available.*

## FLOOD RISK STRATEGY-

HELP needed from Parishioners please-

You may know that Hereford Council is withdrawing financial support for the Lengthsmen in the County who trim verges on corners and help with maintenance of the "C" roads as regards risk of flooding/ danger when driving (mud and ice) over the next two years. Yarkhill Parish council is seeking to avoid putting up the precept and so a way must be found to get around this.

At present there are unofficially kind people who help when flooding has actually occurred such as Tom Clay, Peter Ball and others in Monkhide, Roger Harris, Robert Savagar and others in east and west Watery Lane. There are other areas of risk at Monksbury Court and near the Stretton Grandison border on the A417 south where the Borleys and the Giles have put in a lot of work. The River Lugg Drainage Board are supposedly responsible for helping with part of Watery Lane from the river drainage on our eastern border as far as the bridge at the Tarrington T junction. Ian Carr and Bob Aspey have an informed knowledge of Newtown/Lower Eggleton risks. Please can you help me collate these RISK AREAS in detail (ordinance points or telegraph pole numbers required) and areas that are not mentioned such as in the Newtown area so we can have a finite list registered with the Parish Clerk.

There is also a need to consider what we as Parishioners can do in terms of PREVENTION of damage to housing and obstruction to vehicles. This to me seems to boil down to adding to the maintenance of the verges/gullies plus clearance of ditches down at present by the Lengthsman and those mentioned above.

Would it be useful to form WORKING PARTIES like we do litter picking to work in the better weather to clear the gullies and clear what ditches we can clear easily, asking support from the landowners where feasible?

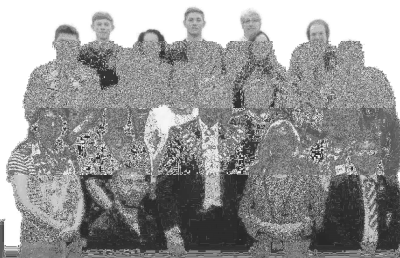
In Bodenham, the energy provided by their organised working sessions produced a lot of support from the local agencies which included equipment given to help with their work.

Please contact me, any Councillor, or the Clerk with details of flood risk sites and your thoughts on working parties and or equipment needed. [We already keep a supply of sandbags-refreshed by Hereford Council kept at the Parish Hall. (contacts: Tom Misselbrook - Parish Council Chairman and Wendy Nash - Caretaker). There are salt grit bins in Watery Lane and at the top of Monkhide- which will need their contents refreshing yearly by us as only one of these 4 bins belongs to the Council]

Contact me on [hazelwalter@btinternet.com](mailto:hazelwalter@btinternet.com) or 01432 890320 or 07710459440



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