

Yarkhill News



The Bullock Family showing their support for the NHS

YARKHILL CORONAVIRUS SAFE GUARDING GROUP

The Yarkhill Hub is still operating so if anyone, or anyone you know needs help during the Coronavirus situation please make contact with one of the following co-ordinators.

For **MONKHIDE VILLAGE** Mandy Williams on 07780 586846

For **YARKHILL CHURCH AREA** .. Katie Bott on 01432 890388

For **NEWTOWN AREA** Sallyanne Lees on 07801 108789

WARNING: Please be aware of persons unknown to you calling at your door and offering to help this is a cruel scam targeting the vulnerable, whereby the caller takes cash or your card and never returns.

Thank you so much to those who have volunteered their time to help. It seems the community is working together and supporting each other.

During these difficult times the Newsletter cannot be delivered by hand and so until further notice it will be emailed to all those people who have given permission for their email address to be used.

If you are reading this in the notice board and wish to receive the newsletter by email please contact Sallyanne (Parish Clerk) on 07801 108789 to arrange.

A Message from The Chairman – May 2020

Many of you have commented how lucky we are to live in a place like Yarkhill in the current crisis and I can only endorse those sentiments. We have an abundance of walks, runs and cycle rides on our doorstep and the lack of traffic makes them all the more enjoyable. There is plenty to take in at this time of year, and look out for the rainbow pictures in a number of places and also the growing collection of painted stones on the parapet of the Skew Bridge in Monkhide as a thank you to the NHS all from the younger members of our community. The lockdown is not easy and I would like to commend everyone for following guidelines.

The Parish Council continues to function even though we will not be holding formal meetings in the foreseeable future. We do however have a process in place to deal with any urgent matter where we can convene via an online medium such as Skype or Zoom. The constitution of the PC will also not be subject to the normal AGM which is held each May and I will continue as Chairman in accordance with the new national policy issued to all Parish Councils last month. Tom Misselbrook will remain as Vice Chairman.

On each of our notice boards, and in the previous newsletter, we highlighted the support group that we have established to help anyone in need with matters such as shopping or prescription collection and this will stay in place for as long as required. I would like to thank those of you who have volunteered and also others who have been offering help to neighbours as and when necessary.

We have unfortunately had a few incidents of groups of people getting together including one holding a BBQ near the church though I must stress that the individuals were not local residents. None of us likes to be seen as an informer, but we should not tolerate any unnecessary risk being brought into our community so never hesitate to phone 101.

Herefordshire Council is continuing to function as near to normal as possible and you may have noticed that a number of local potholes have recently been filled in. The Planning Department is still processing applications, but unable to visit a proposed development site so any new application is likely to be held back until restrictions are lifted. In Yarkhill, application 194151 for 6 houses adjacent to Rosedale in Newtown was approved in April having originally been submitted well before the March lockdown.

The Hereford refuse tip at Rotherwas has reopened for essential visits, but the facility at Ledbury remains closed for the time being. We have only had one incident of fly tipping in Yarkhill which was a number of tyres thrown into the River Frome on Watery Lane. These were kindly removed by local residents last Saturday and we would like to thank them for their community action. Herefordshire Council has been asked to remove the tyres from the roadside and this should happen shortly. Let us hope that this was an isolated incident but please let our Parish Clerk know of any further local instances you become aware of.

The B4224 to Fownhope which many of us rely on for access to the medical centre is still expected to be closed until September while repairs to the carriageway are undertaken. As regards fibre broadband, Airband is now hoping to begin the necessary infrastructure work in June / July, but for the time being none of the providers is able to enter private residences to complete connections.

The PC will keep you updated about local matters and you can also read updates on the Herefordshire Council website in relation to the County more broadly. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if there is anything you would like to raise, ask or suggest. We will do everything we can to help.

In the meantime, on behalf of us all on the PC, do stay safe.

Jeff Hughes

Chair

Bringing Communities Together

The Coronavirus Epidemic has caused a considerable amount of hardship and loss but it has also helped pull communities together to support each other. People quickly volunteered to assist those who needed shopping or other help in Yarkhill and in the hamlet around Yarkhill Church much has happened to bring the community together again, which diminished when the Field to Fork Festival finished.

A WhatsApp group was quickly established and people soon offered to bring items of shopping back for those who were unable to go to the shops. Videos and jokes appeared on What's App to cheer everyone up and it became very quickly the source of items which were needed such as hair dressing scissors! When one of the residents had a birthday a Zoom party was organised to celebrate and 12 households participated. It was a sunny day so most people sat in their gardens while opening a can of beer or bottle of wine. We continue to come out in our gardens every Thursday to clap to support the NHS

WhatsApp is a very good means of communication between residents and it will be interesting to see whether it continues once this crisis is over.

Tom Misselbrook

Vie Chairman



**A fabulous photograph of the Walsh family
tribute to VE Day**

CONTACTS

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATOR: David Thomas 01531 670437

Newsletter

The Hub

Herefordshire Police

May 2020

'**The Hub**' is a new publication from the Police in Herefordshire for the benefit of the people who live, work and visit Herefordshire. Frank, informative and full of advice, we will welcome your feedback.

Possibly more than ever before there is a need for all of us to help each other and it would be remiss not to mention COVID-19 and overwhelming public compliance with the restrictions in place although sadly not by everyone!!



To those few we repeat action where necessary. or we WILL take (and have taken) enforcement

Coronavirus (Covid-19): We're asking you please to only call 999 if it is an emergency and 101 if it is urgent. If you can, use our online services. Please only contact us about breaches of the 'stay at home' measures if you feel there is a significant issue or serious breach of the restrictions.

- [Our information and advice on coronavirus and policing](#)
- [NHS advice about coronavirus External Link](#)
- [Stay at home measures and other guidance on Gov.uk](#)

For those reading this electronically hover over the bullet points above and PRESS CTRL +CLICK otherwise log onto <https://www.westmercia.police.uk/> for further information

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

Produce Show and Summer Fete

Regretfully we have made the decision to cancel the Produce Show and Fete this Summer.

We hope to be able to organise a good old fashioned knees up at the Village Hall as a celebration when all this chaos is over and we are allowed to meet again.

Meals on Wheels now delivering in your area

Herefordshire Meals on Wheels offers daily deliveries of hot, homemade food direct to your door. All meals are freshly prepared and cooked daily, then delivered to your door for your convenience. We can cater for a range of different dietary requirements. Fresh and frozen meals are also available which can be consumed over the weekend.

If you are interested in this service then please contact
Katie Bott on 07939 261640

Please see menu below. Alternatives are available.

Cost of hot main course, delivered, is £4.25

Cost of pudding, delivered, is £2.45

Our kitchen and all of our drivers follow strict hygiene protocols.

Bake and Create - Meals on Wheels Herefordshire Menu

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	Minced Beef Hotpot with seasonal vegetables Fruit Crumble and custard	Roast Turkey Roast Potatoes and vegetables Fruit Trif E	Liver and Onions with Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables Jam Sponge with Custard	Chicken Casserole with Green Vegetables Apple Crumble with Custard	Fish in Parsley Sauce with Potato croquettes and peas Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt
Week 2	Faggots with Diced Potatoes and Vegetables Lemon Drizzle Cake	Chicken and Mushroom pie with Mashed Potatoes and Vegetables Cheesecake	Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables Homemade Rice Pudding	Cottage pie with Seasonal vegetables Fruit Crumble and Custard	Breaded Fish with Potato croquettes and Peas Cof Ee Cake
Week 3	Sausages in Onion Gravy with Seasonal vegetables Syrup Sponge and Custard	Pork and apple casserole with New potatoes and Green Vegetables Homemade Rice Pudding	Traditional Beef Stew Chocolate swiss roll and Custard	Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes and Vegetables Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard	Fish Pie with Peas and Sweetcorn Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

Please do let us know if you have any dietary requirements or would like an alternative meal. We also offer chilled meals which are available for Friday delivery. Any queries you can contact us on 07939 261640

Coronavirus update from Herefordshire County Council

We are currently experiencing a very high demand at the moment with the daily announcements from the government. As we're sure you can appreciate, we are putting all of the necessary measures in place to ensure we have business continuity for our service in these uncertain times.

We thought it would be appropriate to provide an update to you directly, as a contact for your local parish.

Council Tax

Residents left struggling to pay their Council Tax can apply for Council Tax Reduction, which is a form of reduction from a Council Tax bill based on the household composition and income. More information on Council Tax Reduction and how to claim can be found [here](#).

Self-employed residents can put in a request for their Council Tax instalments to be deferred until **June**, where needed. In such circumstances, requests must be made by emailing counciltax@herefordshire.gov.uk including their Council Tax account reference number (8 digits long, beginning with 1) and proof of their self-employed status.

Business grants

Businesses eligible for grants will be contacted directly by smallbusiness-grants@herefordshire.gov.uk.

Online services

Given the high demand currently, **we are urging all of our customers to register on our online portal** to view their accounts for Council Tax, Housing Benefit and/or Council Tax Reduction, Business Rates and Landlord services online to help speed up the response time to customers' queries.

Doing so will also allow customers to sign up for **electronic billing** for Council Tax and **electronic notifications** for Housing Benefits and/or Council Tax Reduction.

Visit www.herefordshire.gov.uk/myaccount.

General updates

Residents can also subscribe to receive the latest updates on COVID-19 in Herefordshire [here](#).

We would appreciate your efforts in communicating this information with your parishioners if possible.



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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.

If you would like to hire this equipment please contact Martin Ennis on T: 01432 890486 M: 07831 424667 E: martinennis325@gmail.com

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