

The Yealands News for Conyers, Redmayne and Storrs

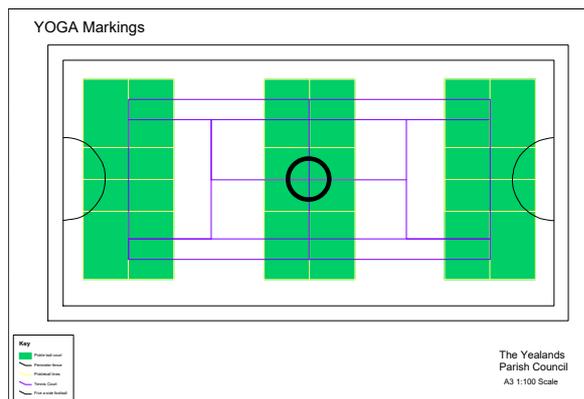
December 2025/January 2026

Parish Council News

YOGA news

The YOGA refurbishment has progressed well, our crack technical team (thanks Mark and David) have highlighted a few surface issues, which the contractors have been to see and will address in the next couple of weeks. The last thing we want is any errant bouncing on the Pickleball courts! We have agreed to wait until the better weather of March to paint the lines, as the plan (see below) is to make the three Pickle ball courts show up in green, which will need to dry before the lines go on, so proper drying weather will be necessary.

YOGA court markings



There will be tennis and football markings as well of course so anyone who is more inclined to play those sports should dust off their rackets and boots in readiness.

Community orchard



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We had one tree casualty on the orchard down at the allotments, when the pesky rabbits 'ring-barked' an apple tree. By request from fellow allotment holders, the PC decided to choose a replacement; a late fruiting blue plum *Haganta*, which bills itself as aromatic, sugary and firm. Sounds delicious. It's been planted now and protected, so roll on next summer.

Lancaster City Council Local Plan Review :

The Consultation Event is on later this afternoon **Wednesday 26th Nov.** **All are welcome to call in to Yealand Village Hall look at the plans and talk with the Council representative between 4.00-7.00pm.**

The Review plans will explain how much development is needed in the whole district, how this could be achieved and how to protect areas of environmental, economic and community importance. This includes Local Plans for the 2025 Climate Emergency Development and the AONB (now Natural Landscape). See the poster at the end of this Newsletter for more details.

The next PC meeting is on **Wednesday 7th January, 7.00pm**. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mobile Library

Next visit on **Monday 8th December** and in the New Year **Monday 19th January**, 12.30pm at the Triangle.

Coffee Stop

Every Monday (except Bank Holidays) in Yealand Village Hall 10.30-11.30am. All welcome to drop in for a friendly chat and a cuppa.

Yealand School Christmas Events

Yealand School welcomes all of us to join them to enjoy both these festive events in the Village Hall.

Yealand School Christmas Fair

🎄 **Saturday 29th November, 10am-12 noon in the Village Hall**



Lots of local craft sellers are joining us for the morning, including stalls of homemade cakes and chutneys, knitted scarves and hats, bead jewellery, homemade Christmas decorations, Tropic skincare and games for the children.

🎄 **Monday 1st December – at Coffee Stop, 10.30-12.00pm**. The children from the school will be entertaining us with **Christmas carols**. There will also be a Fairtrade stall at this event.

🎄 **Monday 15th December** – at Coffee Stop, 10.30-12.00pm. The children will be performing their **Christmas Dance** for us. These Christmas performances by the children really do make Christmas in the village a wonderful and joyful experience. Do join us to enjoy the performance, refreshments and mince pies.

Village Hall News and Events

Fairtrade stall: Monday 1st December

This will be run by Helen to coincide with Coffee Stop **10.30-11.30am**. There will be Fairtrade items for sale including Christmas cards.

Saturday 6th December

🎄 A Yealand Christmas Cracker Event in the Village Hall! Bar, Fish & Chip Van, Tractor Trundle & Father Christmas. Friends, neighbours, children and dogs, bring them all to our annual event culminating in the extravagant Milnthorpe Tractor Trundle! 🎄

Friday 12th December

🎄 Christmas Quiz 🎄
Yealand Christmas Charity Quiz in support of St John's Hospice. Teams of up to 6 people. Supper included, BYOB. Tickets from Kath Kenyon 07961866390 kathkenyon@hotmail.com

For all these events see the poster at the end of the newsletter.

In the New Year we will be planning our programme of events for 2026. We welcome any ideas for music, social evenings, theatre groups, quizzes etc - or anyone you've seen or heard about that you could recommend? Or maybe a great caterer? Please get in touch with Kath Kenyon kathkenyon@hotmail.com or speak to any of our hard-working village hall committee. Look out for an exciting new addition to our Hall calendar too: we are working in

collaboration with Lancashire Adult Learning to bring exciting events, open to everyone and free of charge!

VH Committee

Contact to book events or if you have queries: Susan Mason-Cave

coopermason39@gmail.com

or message 07752 358357



FLICKS IN THE STICKS

The next film will be in Yealand Village Hall **Saturday 28th February 2026, 7.15pm** *The Ballad of Wallis island*. Look out for tickets sales details in the next Yealand News (Feb 2026 edition)

Dates for the diary

Saturday 18th April 2026

We are planning to screen *Downton Abbey: the Grand Finale*

After this there will be a break until Autumn 2026 when screenings will restart. If you have any suggestions for films in the new season let us know yealandcineclub@gmail.com

St John's Church News

Congratulations to the October 50/50 Club winners: Sally-Ann Rothwell, Chris Hamilton, Brenda Theobalds.

Dates for your Diary

All at St John's:

Coffee Fridays 10:30am till 12pm.

Please join us for coffee and cakes.

(Note: no Coffee on December 19th and 26th.)

Crafternoon, Weds 10th Dec, 2pm.

Lunch, Friday 12th Dec, 12pm.

Bethlehem Mass with St John's Choir

24th December, 9:30pm.

Please join us on Christmas Eve for a Bethlehem Mass.

St John's Patronal Day service

Sunday 28th December, 10:30am.

January events at St John's

Coffee Fridays 10:30am till 12pm.

Crafternoon, Weds 14th January, 2pm.

Lunch Friday 9th January, 12pm.

Prayer Meeting, Weds 28th Jan, 2pm.

For inquiries and information, please contact Mother Alice Ormondroyd 07469739995.

CancerCare's 2025 Christmas

schedule is packed full of events including at Leighton Hall – see below for the full calendar of CancerCare events:

<https://cancercare.org.uk/news-and-events/christmas-at-cancercare>

RSPB News

Wintering Waders & Waterfowl

Thursday 11th Dec, 10.00am -1.00pm

Meet at the saltmarsh pools with the guide and spend some time at the hides looking for wintering waders. Tea & coffee provided once back at the visitor's centre.

Wreath Making workshop

Sat 13th Dec, 1.30 – 4.00pm

Make your own Christmas wreath

For details of costs and information for these and other events:

<https://events.rspb.org.uk/leightonmos?s?language=en>

Leighton Hall Events

Weds 3rd Dec, 10.00am-2.00pm

CancerCare Christmas Fair

Festive cheer and seasonal shopping with craft stalls filling the rooms of Leighton Hall. For more details see <https://www.leightonhall.co.uk/whats-on/events-diary>

Nature News



November has been a thoroughly wet month with some strong winds at times - the tail end of hurricanes the other side of the Atlantic. Locally recorded rainfall to date just over 168mm (and counting) including over one day a total 51mm. However, the first significant frosts of this winter are upon us (minus 4 C recorded in my garden last week!). This brings a sparkle to the landscape on a sunny day, along with the biting cold. Birds, deer etc often seem more active in the colder days, in their desperate scramble to find food to provide vital energy to keep warm, with great, blue and coal tit, sparrows, goldcrest, wren, treecreeper, jay, thrush, blackbird, redwing, chaffinch, magpie, crows, jackdaw, starlings all observed busy in the woods and fields. Plenty of the smaller species including goldfinch and marsh tit will be at our birdfeeders – and its useful if there are

prolonged severe frosts to put out water as well. More solitary, but just as active, you may notice the buzzard gliding silently over the local fields and hear the tawny owls in the dusk.

Yealand Newsletter

Do contact me if you find the newsletter hasn't arrived. If you know of anyone who doesn't have email and would like a paper copy, let us know, we will try to arrange one to be dropped off.
Amanda

Copy for the February edition by 27th January 2026

to Amanda Bingley on the YN email:
yealandnewsletter@gmail.com

Yealand Village Hall Winter 2025

Christmas Coffee Stop at Village Hall 10.30 -11.30

Monday 1st Dec –

Carols and Mince pies with Yealand Primary School

Monday 15th Dec –

Yealand Primary School present their “Christmas Dance Spectacular”

Come along and celebrate the festive season – Everyone welcome !



Yealand Christmas Social Event

Saturday 6th December from 5 pm

• Treat yourselves to fish and chips
from The Village Fryer (5-8pm)

Pop Up Bar (pref card payment)

Meet Father Christmas 6-6.30

Milnthorpe Tractor Trundle through village



The 2025 Village Hall Charity Christmas Quiz Friday 12th December

Doors open 7pm for 7.30 start

£6 per person Teams of up to 6

Platter Supper included / BYO drinks + glasses

Prepay and Reserve your table by

contacting kathkenyon@hotmail.com or 07961866390

In support of St John Hospice



New Year's Morning Served 11 – 12

Bacon or Sausage Baps

Veggie alternative

Tea /Coffee

£5 (card please)

Everyone welcome



Yealand New Year Knees Up

Saturday 31st January 2026

“Shelly’s Bane”

7.00 -11.00

Supper included

BYO Drinks/Glasses

Tickets £15 pp

Tickets on sale Jan 1st 11-12 at
the Village Hall



**HAVE
YOUR
SAY**

Local Plan for the Lancaster District

The new Local Plan for the Lancaster district will re-explore how much development is needed in the whole district, where and how that development should be achieved, whilst also protecting areas which are of environmental, economic, and community importance.

Scoping
and Early
Participation
CONSULTATION

Closing date
for comments
**26th January
2026**

The new approach to plan making is for 'only one plan for one area' and therefore the new Local Plan will apply across the entire district and will, once completed, supersede the current planning framework for the district. This includes the 2025 Climate Emergency Local Plan Development Plan Document and the 2019 Arnsdale & Silverdale Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Development Plan Document, the latter of which had previously spanned both Lancaster District and Westmorland and Furness.

Once completed the scope of the new Plan will be applicable to all of our district's communities, including the communities inside the Lancaster District's part of the Arnsdale & Silverdale National Landscape.

We welcome your views and opinions on the content of the documents which form part of the Local Plan.

Drop in events

Venue	Date	Time
Gaskell Memorial Hall (Silverdale)	Saturday 15th November 2025	10am - 1pm
Warton Village Hall	Wednesday 19th November 2025	4pm - 7pm
Yealand Village Hall	Wednesday 26th November 2025	4pm - 7pm

If you can't make any of these events but you still want to talk to us about the Local Plan Review then don't worry, please feel free to contact us.

Contact us

Website To complete an online form / view the documents, visit www.lancaster.gov.uk/local-plan-review

Email planningpolicy@lancaster.gov.uk

Call us 01524 582383

Write Planning and Housing Strategy, PO Box 4,
Town Hall, Dalton Square,
Lancaster, LA1 1PJ.

Further information

Website To receive further updates, please sign up to the planning policy consultation list at www.lancaster.gov.uk/localplan



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