

The Yealands News

for Conyers, Redmayne and Storrs

March 2025

Parish Council

Litter pick

Just a reminder that the litter pick is planned through the villages on Saturday 15th March. If you would like to take part we are meeting at the Village Hall at 10am. Bring gloves, but bags and grabs provided.

Parish Council Meeting

Next Parish Council meeting is on Weds 26th March at the Quaker Meeting House, 7.30pm. There is always a slot for public participation.

Consultation: Draft Conservation Area Appraisal

A draft consultation appraisal is available for comment via the Lancaster City Council website - regarding the Conservation Area which has, since 1981, designated most of Yealand Conyers and some parts of Yealand Redmayne. The proposal is for an extension, which takes in the fields between Dykes Lane and Roseacre Lane, to the east of the church. The LCC are seeking views from the local community. If you would like to comment see:

<https://keepconnected.lancaster.gov.uk/yealand-conyers-and-redmayne-caa>

NB a hard copy of the consultation document has been put in the Village Hall on the notice board. Any landowners affected will be contacted directly. The consultation ends on 4th April.

Trip to Buckingham Palace!

The PC is happy to announce that our nomination of Dawn Hancock was successful, so she and Brian will be off to a Royal Garden Party in May. This is in recognition for the very many years that Dawn has served on Yealand Conyers Parish Council as Chair and now The Yealands PC. A well-deserved treat!



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After several weeks of night frosts and cold winds the snowdrops have been abundant this winter – with many fine clumps in the Yealands - other flowers that often follow close on the heels of the snowdrops (primrose / crocus/ daffodil) have been checked by the cold. But at last, some milder days have seen the daffodils start to flower as we inch towards Spring.

Village Hall News for 2025.

After a wonderful month of events in December and a great welcome to the New Year the Village Hall Committee are busy planning events for 2025. Some dates for your diaries:



Saturday 26th April: Spring Quiz hosted by Quizmaster Kath, a fundraiser for the Yealand Outdoor Games Area (YOGA). Doors 7.00pm for 7.30pm, BYO drinks and glasses. Price is £6 pp and inclusive of supper.

Please let us know numbers to help with food requirements and pay on the door, cash or card welcome. See contact details below.



Saturday 7th June: Time to be confirmed. Another YOGA fundraiser needing volunteers please. Buckets, sponges provided so just car washers needed to host this event. Let us know if you can help for any period

of time.

Enjoy a bacon/sausage sandwich and a brew whilst your car gets a wash, and you will be supporting the future of the YOGA.

Friday 25th July: our popular Pop up Pub and Pizza night. Kicking off summer with an end of term event for all the family.

Further events planned.

The big screen is coming to Yealand in September and November. Would you be interested in being part of a Mini Cini group to support the film nights? Get in touch if this is you! A young person from the village would be great too!

Saturday 11th October brings live music and dancing with Ashleigh Wood a popular local singer.

December as always is filled with festive fun with quiz, pop up pub, tractor trundle and the fish and chip van. More to follow, we will keep you updated.

VH Committee

Contact to book events or if you have queries: Susan Mason-Cave
coopermason39@gmail.com
 or message 07752 358357

Yealand School News

In the last few weeks, there's been a buzz at Yealand Church of England Primary School as we prepare our Year 4 and 5 children for a Lancashire Story-telling competition.

Through Mrs Berry's application, we were one of five schools selected to take part this year. The children have been introduced to a Scottish folklore tale and have to create their own story for performance which they will showcase in front of a panel of judges and then to an audience at a theatre in Chorley in April. We are all very excited about this opportunity for our children to shine.

To support this work, we have planned activities throughout the whole school to develop essential Speaking and Listening (oracy) skills. Since the pandemic, there has been a national decrease in these skills and we are working hard in school to support our children and their families, providing children with opportunities for their communication skills to flourish. We welcomed Dominic Kelly who shared his stories and taught the children techniques to be expressive and to connect with an audience. We also welcomed a local children's author Emily Fell, who shared her story 'The Snotgoblin' with the children and talked

about the creativity and excitement of developing stories. Both classes will have the opportunity to visit the theatre in the next few months. Our youngest children are going to see the story 'Pirates love Underpants' come alive at Lancaster Grand Theatre and our older children will experience the RSC Young Encounters production of an abridged version of 'The Tempest' at Blackpool Grand Theatre - including a question and answer session before and after the production. We look forward to sharing news on the competition in later editions of the village news.

Warmest wishes to you all

Kathryn Brown

Yealand School Jumble Sale:

**Saturday 15th March starting
11.00am**

If you have any jumble, then donations can be left at school and if you fancy a bargain or two, we look forward to seeing you from 1pm. Contact us at 01524 781360

Coffee Stop

Every Monday in Yealand Village Hall
10.30-11.30am

All welcome to drop in for a friendly chat and a cuppa

St John's Church News

Congratulations to the January 50/50 Club winners:

Jennifer Chapman, Kate Waddington, Alan Casson.

Dates for your Diary: all events at St John's Coffee @ St. John's, Fridays 10:30am till 12pm. Please join us for coffee and cakes.

NB no Coffee @ St. John's on Friday 28th March.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch, Tuesday 4th March, 12pm.

Knit and Natter, Wednesday 12th March, 2pm.

Lunch @ St. John's, Friday 14th March, 12pm.

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 26th March, 2pm.

For inquiries and information, please contact:

Mother Alice Ormondroyd 07469 739995.

QUAKER DAY OF HEALING & WHOLENESS

Saturday March 1st 2025

Quaker Meeting House, Yealand Conyers
11am to 1pm



We will silently focus on people and situations known to us that are in need of support. The

Meeting House was built in 1692 and is a haven of tranquillity for anyone seeking a few moments respite from a busy life.

Stay for 2 hours or simply a few minutes.

Please join us.

Tea and coffee and a warm welcome awaits.

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Our next meeting is on Wednesday 12th March at 7.30pm in Yealand Village Hall. The speaker will be a fire officer from Lancashire Fire and Rescue who is going to talk about fire awareness and safety in the home. So come along and find out how to keep your home safe. Everyone is welcome. Small charge of £4 to include tea, coffee and cake.

RSPB News

Birdwatching for Beginners at Leighton Moss

Sunday 2nd March 8.30am-10.30am

Book online:

<https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/104489>

If you're new to birdwatching or if you simply wish to expand your nature knowledge, join our guide Andy Chapman journey. Enjoy a leisurely walk and take the next steps on how to find and identify birds in their natural environment.

There will be another chance to join a

Birdwatching for Beginners on

Sunday 6th April 8am-10am

Walks for All:

Dates and meeting venues in March:

Walks are on Tuesdays from 10am-12pm

No need to book – just turn up!

4th March: The Albion, Arnside

11th March: RSPB Leighton Moss

18th March: Leighton Hall.

25th March: Silverdale Hotel, Shore Road.

Join us for an easy guided walk aimed at people living with dementia and their carers. Each walk is open to anyone who would like the support of our friendly group to discover the beautiful landscape, wildlife and culture of the area. The walk will last no more than an hour and afterwards, there will be the chance for a chat and a cuppa in one of the local cafes.

For further information, contact the project leader Feleena Taylor on 07474588585 or the National Landscape Team on 01524761034.

Leighton Hall events for March

<https://www.leightonhall.co.uk/whats-on/events-diary>

Sat 22 Mar 2025

[Pennine Trails Leighton Hall & National Landscape Trail Races](#)

Run beautiful trails through Leighton Hall's woods and parkland, and the crags and bay views of Silverdale's National Landscape. Event village including pizza and coffee stall, goodies for every participant including free medal, buff and car sticker.

Timings: 10k event start 11:00am, half-marathon start 1:00pm

Cost: Entries 10k £25, half-marathon £30, entries close Thursday 20th March 2025

Thu 27 Mar 2025: 11am-3pm

[Tennants Auctioneers FREE Valuation Event](#)

hosted by Tennants Auctioneers. Their specialists will look any items including jewellery, ceramics, antiques, paintings, clocks and collectables. No appointment required.

Mourholme Local History Society

Meetings are now held at the Gaskell Hall, Silverdale 7.30pm-9.00pm

Next meeting on **Weds March 26th 2025:**

Nick Burton will talk about

Cromwell's Northern Journey 1648; Walking in the footsteps of the new Model Army across Yorkshire and Lancashire to fight the Battle of Preston in August 1648.

For more details see:

<https://www.mourholme.co.uk/?Events>

Nature News

Sadly a badger and an otter have been found knocked down on Storrs Lane in the past couple of months. Wildlife on the move at night (including hedgehogs as the weather warms up) is specially at risk from traffic, so if you're heading down that way keep a close lookout for both larger and smaller animals crossing the road.

On a happier note, it's been a delight hearing the song thrush singing up in Yealand Allotments woods at Yealand Storrs in the last two weeks, along with increased activity of the smaller garden birds getting ready for nesting.

Yealand Newsletter

Thanks to everyone who sent encouraging comments after my first newsletter of the year. Hope you find this March edition interesting!

And apologies to those who didn't receive the newsletter and had to email me for a copy. I am hoping we will gradually iron out the inevitable problems with the newsletter mailout. Email servers are often quick to block distribution emails with attachments. One way to help manage this: check that the new newsletter email is added to your contact list. You can also try adding a rule to accept emails from this address.

If you know of anyone who doesn't have email and would like a paper copy, do let us know and we will try to arrange one to be dropped off.

Amanda

Copy for the next edition by 28th March to Amanda Bingley on the YN email:

yealandnewsletter@gmail.com