

# The Yealands News for Conyers, Redmayne and Storrs

## February 2026

Happy New Year! Hope you are cheered by the first snowdrops brightening up these grey, cold winter days, as we head into February.



### Parish Council News

#### Speeding

The PC are having another focus on speeding in the village. We are purchasing a new portable speed device that will monitor and record speeds, so we can collect data to support future actions such as reducing the speed limits etc.

We would like you to be part of this initiative. So if you experience any speeding incidents please report them to the Speed Concern Submission on the Lancashire Road Safety website <https://lancsroadsafety.co.uk/submit-concern/>

Just logging a speeding incident will help us. We will be circulating a postcard with this information in the near future.

#### Plant and Seed Swap

Following on from the successful Surplus produce stalls we had last year we are proposing to have a plant and seed swap in April. This is an early heads up, so you can indulge your green fingered need to get things sown, knowing that if you have too many you can swap them with others and grow something new in your gardens this year.

#### The Archbishop Hutton Charity Warton Almshouses: subsidised housing for those in need.

There is a vacancy for a one-bedroom house, closing date **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb**, allocated on need not age, interview early March.

For details see the poster at the end of the newsletter.

#### Mobile Library

Next visit on **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 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.

#### Village Hall News and Events

Our year of Village Hall events culminated in several very successful evenings in December. The Christmas social contributed £135 to the Tractor

Trundle who were raising money for Men's Minds Matter - the tractors were wonderful and the evening was enjoyed by everyone.

The following week we raised an amazing £458 for St John's Hospice at our Christmas Quiz.

Many thanks to the village hall committee and the wider community for their generous donations towards the raffle, and special thanks to Pure Essence for their beauty treatment voucher and Levens Hall for the donation of a family pass.

Keep an eye out for more Village Hall events - on our village Facebook page, WhatsApp group, in Yealand News and on posters on the hall door and around the village, and if you have any suggestions for future planning please let us know.

### Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January

**Yealand New Year Knees Up**  
**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026**  
**"Shelly's Bane"**  
7.00 -11.00  
Supper included  
BYO Drinks/Glasses  
Tickets £15 pp  
Tickets on sale Jan 1<sup>st</sup> 11-12 at  
the Village Hall

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 1.00-4.00pm**, in the Village Hall:

**"Lift your mood with mark making".**

Fancy trying something creative and having a fun, social afternoon with friends and neighbours?

Led by Helen from Lancaster Adult Learning (LAL), this taster session is free to Lancashire residents.

If successful and we can guarantee a minimum of 8 people then LAL have offered to run a longer course Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 1.30-4pm called Creative Communities. This is an opportunity to try out a range of techniques - printing, collage, mark making, experimenting with paint etc.

All materials are provided by LAL and are free! LAL courses are fun, relaxed and an opportunity to have a go at something new without going to the expense of buying equipment or materials. These courses are not yet live on the LAL website but if you are interested please email Kath Kenyon: [kathkenyon@hotmail.com](mailto:kathkenyon@hotmail.com) She will start a list and contact you when there is further information.

*VH Committee*

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



### FLICKS IN THE STICKS

Yealand Village Hall **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026, 7.15pm start (doors open 6.30pm)**

**The Ballad of Wallis Island.**



(Cert 12A)

*An eccentric lottery winner on a remote island pays to reunite his favourite folk duo. It's a story of lost love, nostalgia, regrets and*

*finding connection, balancing quiet sadness with clever humour and heartwarming moments.*

Cost £5.00 per person. **Tickets on sale from 19th January**



You are welcome to bring your own nibbles or food to eat before the screening and as usual your own drinks, this is

social cinema. Tea and coffee will be available ahead of the film. For more info scan the QR code.

**Dates for your diary:**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April:** We are planning to screen *Downton Abbey: the Grand Finale*.

After this there will be a break till Autumn 2026, when screenings will

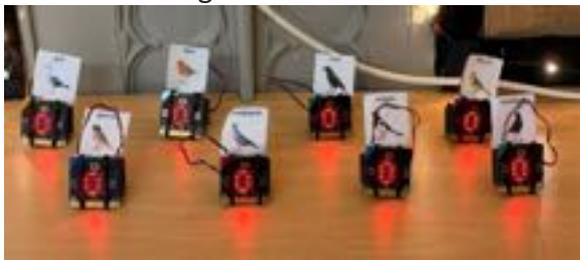
restart. If you have any suggestions for films in the new season let us know. [yealandcineclub@gmail.com](mailto:yealandcineclub@gmail.com)

### **Yealand School News**

We have had a wonderful start to the year so far. We've been learning about pirates and the Titanic with our younger children and about Mountains with our older children. In the next few weeks, we are competing in a cross country competition and after half term, some of us are going skiing.

We have started learning all the new songs for the Lancaster and Morecambe Children's Festival at Lancaster Town Hall in March. There are some lovely songs from Billie Holliday, Cyndi Lauper, traditional songs from around the world and a bit of Oasis.

Robins and Little Owls have been taking part in the Ruby Robin Challenge at Forest School, which is an award for identifying birds and taking care of them over winter.



The whole school took part in Big School's Birdwatch with coding club setting up their micro-bits to tally the birds we spotted.

### **Repair Café: a new venture**

Meet to hear more on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 6.30pm**, Warton Village Hall. The local sustainability group (SWAY) is hoping to set up a Repair cafe for Warton and Yealand.

The idea is that you bring along things needing repairing e.g. zips; broken items to be mended. This reduces the amount that is thrown out when it can be reused. We are looking for people to support the cafe- volunteer menders, welcomers, refreshment providers.

Come along on 5<sup>th</sup> Feb and hear more. Let Sue Tyldesley know if you are interested but can't attend the meeting ([atyldesley@aol.com](mailto:atyldesley@aol.com)). Thanks. Let's make this community initiative a success!

### **St John's Church News**

Congratulations to St John's 50/50 Club winners.

*November winners:* Lorraine Simpson, Ian MacGregor, Victoria Rothwell.

*December winners:* Eileen Freeman, Sally-Ann Rothwell, David Pike; *Christmas bonus,* Brenda Theobalds.

### **Dates for your Diary (all at St John's)**

Coffee @ St. John's, Fridays 10:30am till 12pm.

Crafternoon, Weds 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2pm.

Lunch @ St. John's, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 12pm.

Prayer Meeting, Weds 25<sup>th</sup> Feb, 2pm.

### **Crafting with Rhian**

*All things Galantine's!*

Weds 11<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm at St John's Supplies provided. Donations in support of St John's Church.

For more information, please contact Rhian: 07802575469

The parish is now in vacancy, for enquiries and information, please contact:

Licensed Lay Minister Annette MacKenzie: 01524 736944

### **WI**

The next meeting of the Yealands WI is on **Wednesday 11th February at 2 pm** in the village Hall.

Our speaker is Valerie Welti who will be talking about "The Canary Girls". They were the women who worked in the British and Irish munitions factories during WWI - often at great risk to their lives. Valerie is part of a group set up to raise awareness and funds to recognise and commemorate the work of the Canary

Girls, by installing a memorial at the National Arboretum.  
This promises to be an interesting and inspiring talk so please come along if you're interested - there is a small charge £4 to cover expenses, which includes refreshments.  
Everyone is welcome!

Save the date a year ahead!  
**Tour de France Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2027**  
It has been announced that the famous Tour de France is coming through Yealand, en route from Carlisle to Liverpool. Don't hold your breath, this is over a year ahead (2027) so there's plenty of time to book your place by the roadside. Detailed timings to follow..!  
Alan Tyldesley

### **RSPB News**

**Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.15 – 5.15pm**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 3.30-5.5.30pm**

**Winter Roosts at Leighton Moss.** Our local guide will look at Winter roosting behaviour from Cormorant, Egret and waterfowl. We'll hope for a Starling murmuration too, but recently they have not been roosting on the main reserve so chances are low.

For details of costs and information for these and other events:  
<https://events.rspb.org.uk/leightonmos/s?language=en>

### **Nature News**

The January full moon is traditionally known as the 'Wolf Moon' and for this Nature News here is a New Year poem via Jean Tunnicliff Wilson from SGTW, who visited Yealand this January.



### ***Wolf Moon***

She hides behind the clouds,  
her face glimpsed between their fingers;  
a hole in the velvet darkness  
above the snowy mountain

Fields glow with sublime illumination,  
hoarfrost twinkling on the grass  
Sheep huddle by the wall  
waiting for breakfast hay

Frosty roofs shine like mirrors  
above Amber windows  
Chimneys gently steam  
Headlights search the sky

Deer creep into gardens  
nibbling precious flowers  
An owl hoots up in the woods  
The cockerel's cry

The moon lights and loves it all  
but mourns the day  
some centuries past  
when an English wolf  
last sang her song

### **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 March edition by  
Tues 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

to Amanda Bingley on the YN email:  
[yealandnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:yealandnewsletter@gmail.com)

## **Archbishop Hutton Charity (Almshouses)**

### **Warton Almshouses: subsidised housing for people in need of support**

Hundreds of years ago, a Charity was set up by Archbishop Hutton, who came from the Ancient Parish of Warton. The Charity provides subsidised housing for those in need of support and who at the time of applying, live in the parishes of **Warton or the surrounding area**.

At present, there is a vacancy. The property is undergoing some re-furnishment and is likely to be available in March. The expected monthly payment is significantly lower cost than would be usual, for an applicant who can demonstrate a need for such support.

The vacant Almshouse is one of a pair of semi-detached bungalows. It has a living room, single bedroom, kitchen, shower-room and access to an outdoor area. Viewing can be arranged prior to making an application.

Application forms, and some further details (including costs), are available from the Secretary (address below) and must be returned to the Secretary by **4.00pm on Monday 16 February 2026**. Viewing of the property can be arranged with the Treasurer (phone number below) Applications will be considered by the Trustees and short-listed applicants will be called for interview, probably in mid-March.

**Treasurer:** Mr Keith Gaydon, phone 07780725038

**Secretary:** Mr Jim Bennetts, 35 Stankelt Road, Silverdale, Carnforth LA5 0TF

**Archbishop Hutton's Charity, Registration number (R237215)**

