

The Yealands News for Conyers, Redmayne and Storrs September 2025

Parish Council News

The Meadows Mowing!

On Friday 15th August, we met with Mike Sharples from the LCC Public realm team to hear people's concerns about the mowing regimes and management of the green spaces on the Meadows. Mike was very helpful and amenable to hearing our feedback. Thanks to him and to Glyn for highlighting the issues. The notes from the meeting are at the end of the newsletter.

YOGA

The contractors have said they will start the work this week if the weather allows. It should only take a couple of days, but please be patient if the parking at the hall is a bit disrupted.

Next PC meeting **Weds 3rd Sept 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

Village Hall Panto Room Clearing

There will be a work party to clear the Panto Room at the VH on **Sunday 5th Oct 2pm**.

If anyone knows any drama groups etc that might be interested in some fabulous costumes, do get in touch with

Gerry Moore from the Village Hall committee: 07769 335107

gerrymoore1950@gmail.com

Village Hall News

See our forthcoming events listed below:

Produce swop stall at the Village Hall



The first stall was very successful raising over £100 for the Foodbank, the next produce swop will coincide with **Coffee Stop on Monday 8th Sept from 10.30-11.30am**. See the

end of the newsletter for info from our Clerk about how to tell when fruit is ripe and best for picking.

FLICKS IN THE STICKS via Cine North at Yealand Village Hall: the film



Conclave is on **Sat 20th September 7.30pm**. Booking available: Adults: £5. Under 16s accompanied by an adult are free. BYO food and drink.

Next film night **22nd November**.

Saturday 11th October 7 pm in the Village Hall live music and dancing with



Ashleigh Wood, popular local singer. Includes light supper. BYO To book see contact details below. **Last date for booking 30th September.**

December as always is filled with festive fun with quiz, bar, tractor trundle and the fish and chip van. 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

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.

Mobile Library

Next visit on Monday 15th September 12.30pm at the Triangle.

Yealand School News

The school diary is filled with exciting trips to the Westmorland County Show and to a Children's Rock Concert at Lancaster University.

On Friday 26th September at 2pm School will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon, which is to be supported by the local community and held in the Village Hall. Please come along for coffee, cake and a catch up. Many thanks for all your support.
Kathryn Brown

Macmillan Coffee and Cake Friday 26th Sept 2.00-3.00pm



Hosted by Yealand School in the Village Hall. All are welcome for an afternoon

of cake, games and fun.

Dance Classes – for toddlers and pre-school children



From Friday 12th September to Friday 24th October 10.45 - 11.45am in the Village Hall.

No need to book - just turn up!

WI

The Yealands WI invite you to our meeting on **Wednesday 10th September at 7.30pm**. Our speaker is Steve Halliwell who has a wealth of knowledge about Levens Hall and he is going to tell us about the people and history of this local family home. Our main event of the year is our Open Meeting on **Wednesday 8th October at 2 pm**. “ Lovingly Artisan “ are coming along from their bakery based in Kendal to tell us about their love of breadmaking and how they’ve developed their business into one producing award winning sourdough bread . They will be bringing along samples to try and will give information about their stockists. Everyone is welcome to both these events – there is

a small charge of £4 which includes refreshments. Please tell friends and family.

St John's Church News

Congratulations to the July 50/50 Club winners - Alicia Tipper, Hannah Simpson, Jack Hartley.

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

Coffee @ St. John's, Fridays 10:30am till 12pm. Please join us for coffee and cakes.

Crafternoon: Wednesday 10th Sept 2pm

Summer Lunch: Friday 12th Sept 12pm

Prayer Meeting: Wednesday 24th Sept 2pm

Churchyard Day

St John's annual Tidy up the Churchyard day, **Saturday 13th Sept, 10:30am.** (Note change of date).

Please join us to help tidy up and care for the churchyard. Please bring your own tools. Refreshments provided.

Crafting with Rhian

Please join us at St John's on **Wednesday 17th September 7pm** for an evening of sea glass art. Following a demonstration by Rhian, you will create your own sea glass art to take home. Supplies provided. Donations in support of St John's.

For more information, please contact Rhian: 07802575469

Yealand Harvest Lunch

The Yealand harvest lunch will be held on **Sunday 28th September 12:30pm** in Yealand Village Hall, following the Harvest service at 11.00am in St John's.

The lunch is open to everyone. Offers of salads and desserts welcome. Tickets available from Granville: Adults £5, children £2.50. For more information, please contact Granville:

g.tunncliffe-wilson@zen.co.uk

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

RSPB News – events at Leighton Moss **Dusk Discoveries - wildlife walk**

Thursday 11th Sept 18.30-20.30 Booking essential. For details see

<https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/118888>

Makers Market

Saturday 20th Sept 10.00am-4.00pm

No need to book. Usual entry fee

<https://events.rspb.org.uk/events/127449>

For other events see:

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

Leighton Hall events

Tennants Auctioneers Free Valuation:

Tuesday 2nd Sept 11.00am-3.00pm

For more details see:

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

Nature News

A feature this month is the Wild Service Tree – a rarity of the whitebeam family. We are lucky to have some examples in the area, so on your rambles look out for these trees, around the size of a small sycamore, with a rowan like colour and texture to the bark (same family), and distinctive shiny serrated leaves.



There have been some recent sightings of small flocks of lapwing on the local fields – notable as this bird is now considerably less common – you can also see a few out on the estuary (my photographic skills aren't up to pictures of lapwing!). Their distinctive high pitched 'peewit' call is a give away with a typical 'ragged' rising and falling flight.

As for weather updates this month has seen a markedly lower rainfall than average for August in the North West— to date around 46 mm (usually 60-80mm), which has intensified the drought status affecting a wide area of the country including Cumbria and Lancashire. So it is a relief to have some rain this week. A often underlooked adaptation to these conditions is how thicker, taller grass and other vegetation in gardens and wilder areas of pastures and woodland, can not only act as a natural mulch, but also makes use of even tiny amounts of dew in the early mornings to retain essential moisture.

When is fruit ripe and ready to pick?

This question came up recently at the Garden Surplus stall (next one Monday 8th September): ‘How do you know when your fruit is ripe to pick?’

It is fairly straightforward with stone fruit like plums or damsons, they need to give when you squeeze them. If you are not sure, a bite will let you know if the sugars have developed and they are sweet to taste.

With apples and pears, it is not so easy, they can look so delicious and rosy and ready when they are in fact not yet ripe.



If you cup your hand under an apple and give it a very gentle turn or quarter twist it should drop off into your hand.

If you have to tug it at all, it is not yet ripe.



Cutting one in half and seeing if the pips are brown is another way to check for ripeness. (still mostly white and unripe in this photo).

Handle apples with tender care and place them into a basket or box without bumping, they bruise so easily. If picked like this, they will keep and not go brown or bad. How long they will keep depends on the variety some are only crisp and tasty for a couple of weeks and others like the favourite cooker Bramley will go through the whole winter and keep until April. It will famously keep until the rhubarb is ready to pick. Between them Bramleys and rhubarb will keep you going in crumbles all the year round.

Pears are a little different, they don't ripen on the tree, but it is even more important that you don't pick too soon. A gentle lift should detach the pear from the branch, again don't bump or squeeze them but place in a single layer in a box and keep in the cool for a couple of weeks until they become soft, they will all come ripe at once so you will have to feast on them while you can and preserve them when you can eat no more!

Rebecca (Clerk)

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 next edition by

Thursday 25th September to Amanda

Bingley on the YN email:

yealandnewsletter@gmail.com

Notes from:

The Meadows Mowing Meeting with Mike Sharples Public Realm Team Leader from Lancaster City Council on Friday 15 August 2025 at the Meadows

Present Mike Sharples (MS), Cllr Geraldine Moore, Glyn Harmer, Clerk Rebecca Oaks

The grass cut regime on the Main areas of the Meadows is every 4 weeks, with 8 scheduled cuts a year between April and October at 40mm height. This is too infrequent for the football field area, the grass had been cut a few days earlier and it was very rough with a lot of cut grass on the surface.

Action MS offered to see if they could put an extra cut in, so the sports area was cut fortnightly in tandem with a similar area in Warton.

The hedge adjacent to the play area, (not the section cut by Josh) uncertain who is responsible for this, no one is sure who is cutting it at present.

Action MS to check whether it is LCC responsibility, though he says they have not cut it in the past few years.

The paths crossing the Meadows green are narrow and overgrown.

Action MS to get the team to clear the path edges right back in winter.

The wildflower orchard is unkempt and unpopular with some.

Action MS to do the annual low cut and removal of arisings in September, also to cut in Feb/Mar to shorten the grass before the Hay rattle germinates.

Action Clerk to liaise with A/SNL to obtain seed and plug plants to enrich the area in autumn and to organise a work party to do the planting.

The carpark and route to the bus stop unkempt

Action MS to ensure that the left hand side of the path to the bus stop is mown at least a metre wide on the monthly mowing schedule.

Action MS to get the team to cut back behind the carpark in winter.

The wall by the bus stop in need of repair

Action MS to speak to the trees team to cut the Willow pollard and look at the other trees by the wall to see if they are posing a threat to the wall and potentially the drains.

Mowing in Yealand Storrs, supposed to be three times a year.

Action MS to ask the team to do a safety cut on verges as soon as possible.

The bench by the Pound on Silverdale Road (at the exit from Yealand Redmayne into Storrs) is on a high plinth and unsafe for people less able.

Action MS to take a look at this.

The path edges and kerbsides vegetation potentially blocking drains This is a matter for Highways at County Council level. The best way to get this seen to is to contact County Council via Love Clean Streets app (download this to your phone) take a picture and send it in. [Report It on the go with Love Clean Streets - Lancashire County Council](#)

Action Clerk to do this for the worst drains (done)