

The Yealands News for Conyers, Redmayne and Storrs

May 2026

Welcome to the Yealand News!

With the arrival of lighter evenings and some warmer weather in April the spring flowers are in full bloom in gardens, on verges and in local woodlands - as these dog violets. The dawn chorus has included



heartening numbers of song thrush, blackcap, chiffchaff and a few willow warblers. The first swallows and house martins arrived at the start of April with swifts sighted in this past week. A good note on which to start the newsletter this month!

Parish Council News

Annual Parish Assembly

Wednesday 6th May, 6.30pm. Join us at the Village Hall for the Annual Parish Assembly. We will review the years' achievements and welcome hearing from you about things you felt went well and what needs more attention. There will be a short presentation on the YOGA fundraising, which so many of you generously supported. Do come along, everyone is welcome.

Litter pick

Thanks to all those who came to help with the Village tidy. This included some fabulous help with vegetation around the War Memorial and the Village Hall and the mowing of paths through the Meadows wildflower orchard. We also had a team out reporting pot holes and getting extensive photo evidence, which has been sent into Highways. The usual bags of rubbish were collected too, so a great effort by all involved. Thank you.

Plant and Seed Swap

The first one was such a success we think we will repeat it at the Repair Café on the **Saturday 16th May, 10.00am-12 noon** at the Village Hall. So bring your excess plants to swap or donate.

Allotments

If you are interested in an allotment or just curious do contact the Clerk to have a guided visit to see all the wonderful, productive developments down there, just beyond Cinderbarrow Farm.

Coffee Stop

Every Monday (except most Bank Holidays). Note we will be open on this upcoming **Monday 4th May Bank Holiday 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 11th May, 12.30pm** at the Triangle.

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Repair cafe

Sat 16th May, 10.00am – 1.00pm in Yealand Village Hall. This is the first Warton and Yealand Repair cafe. Bring your items for mending – as below.

Warton and Yealand REPAIR CAFE

Have you got anything that needs mending or repairing?

Bring it to our repair café and our volunteers will help you to save it from the bin!

Yealand Village Hall
Saturday 16th May 10:00am – 1:00pm

All repairs are carried out free of charge but we do welcome donations to help make the repair café sustainable.

Saturday 23rd May, 7.30pm May Concert: K Shoes Male Voice Choir

K SHOES MALE VOICE CHOIR
Musical Director, Michael Sanderson

MAY CONCERT
A varied programme of Male Voice harmonies

YEALAND REDMAYNE VILLAGE HALL
Saturday 23rd May, 7.30pm

Tickets £10 (U16 £5) Light refreshments available
Available from kshoesmvc.org, on the door or via the QR code below

Tickets £10 available from kshoesmvc.org (for more information scan the QR code on the poster) – light refreshments available.

Saturday 30th May , 2.00 – 4.00pm.

Afternoon tea & entertainment by the fabulous Ossie Sisters. Fundraiser for **St John's Hospice 40th Anniversary**.

St John's Hospice

Afternoon Tea
to celebrate four-tea years of St John's Hospice
on Saturday 30th May 2026
at Yealand Village Hall
2-4 pm

Delicious cakes, sandwiches and savouries, scones, jam and cream and entertainment from the wonderful Ossie sisters

Book your table today - £15 pp
contact Kath Kenyon
07961866390
all proceeds to support St John's Hospice

More summer events to follow; and we look forward to your thoughts and ideas for events at the AGM.

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

A very successful first season concluded with a well-attended

Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale. Screenings will return in the Autumn. Watch this space and social media for updates. Remember you can book your friends in with you, bring some food and drinks and have a good get together before the film starts. The admission charge includes complimentary tea and coffee before the film starts.

If you have any suggestions for films in the new season let us know.

yealandcineclub@gmail.com

Yealand School News

We have welcomed in the Summer term with hope for the sunshine and joy of all things shorts and summer dresses. There is much to be excited about in school. Eco-crew (The Spartan Army) have organised an amazing day of events to celebrate the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough in May. Activities include planting, building, quizzing

and creating a piece of artwork that will ensure his legacy continues.

On **Wednesday 20th May** join us for an Open Forest School session: **Meet at the school at 9.55am**



We will also celebrate our special birthday: Yealand Church of England School was opened 185 years ago. All are welcome to join us on **Wednesday 15th July from 12-2pm** for a community picnic and games in the sunshine (hopefully!) We would love to see your old photographs, so if you attended our school or have old newspapers and pictures, please get in touch.

Our school is also involved in celebrating the Blackburn Diocese centenary year. We have had a visit from Lisa Fenton, an Education Officer from Blackburn Diocese, who the children see as a celebrity, as they have weekly 'virtual' worship with her and Bishop Philip. The Year 5 and 6 children have their city residential to Manchester in May with Miss Bateson and Mrs Brown. There is a jam-packed schedule of museum and art gallery visits, as well as a trip to see Karate Kid the Musical.

This term we found out the names of our new starters in school, as well as preparing for those who will leave us in September to start their high school adventures. This is such a celebratory time to reflect how our young people have shaped and changed our school and the excitement of what is to come next. The **Year 6 Leaver's Celebration Service** will be held at St. John's Church on **Tuesday 14th July from 2pm** - please come along and share this special moment with us all.

Lastly, save the date! Our **annual jumble sale** is booked for **Saturday 6th June** from 10am at the village hall. If anyone is having a "Spring

Clean" please bear us in mind, we can hold

donations at school ahead of the day - please just phone to confirm before dropping off: 01524 781360



Dance classes for toddlers and pre-school



children in Yealand Village Hall. This latest season is still running - up to **Friday 15th May**. The classes are from 10.45-11.45am. For more details contact the School on the email below:

admin@yealand.lancs.sch.uk

St John's Church News

Congratulations to St John's 50/50 Club winners: Amy Morgan, Norma and George Heaton, Angela and Tom McCarthy.

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

Coffee @ St. John's, Fridays 10:30am till 12pm.
Crafternoon, Wednesday 13th May, 2pm.
Summer Lunch, Friday 15th May, 12pm.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 27th May, 2pm.

The parish is now in vacancy, for enquiries and information, please contact either Licensed Lay Minister Annette MacKenzie: 01524 736944 or Authorised Lay Minister and Churchwarden Jenny Chapman: 07525749267

WI

The next meeting of the Yealands WI is on **Wednesday 13th May, 7.30pm** at the Village Hall. Our speaker is Lynn Espley with an amusing, insightful and intriguing talk on the contents of a 'mystery bag'!

Visitors are very welcome to come along for a small donation of £4 towards expenses - We're always happy to tell people about our wonderful WI and all the various activities we offer. For further details contact Kath on 07961866390

Leighton Hall Events

Mon 04 May 2026, 10.00am – 4.00pm Dog day event

A fun family day of everything waggy-tailed and dog-related in Leighton's rolling parkland. Top displays, dog training experts, dog agility demo, gundog demo, have-a-go activities including fun dog show, stalls, treats, shopping and everything to get tails wagging! Early Bird tickets available now: Adults £3, Child (2 – 16 years) £2.50. For more details and other events see: <https://www.leightonhall.co.uk/whats-on/events-diary>

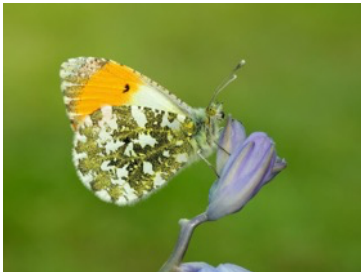
RSPB News Leighton Moss

Guided Dawn Chorus:

Sunday 3rd May 4.00am – 6.30am. For details of this and other upcoming RSPB events see: <https://events.rspb.org.uk/leightonmoss?language=en>

Nature News

Many of you will have heard of 'no mow May'. This is an approach that aims to manage the burgeoning growth of grasses and wild flowers in gardens, common land and verges with a very light touch over the month of May. You may be selective in the areas you leave alone to grow on this month or areas you choose to lightly mow.



<https://butterfly-conservation.org/butterflies/orange-tip> photo by Iain Leach

The idea is to facilitate the flowering and growth of plants that are essential in maintaining biodiversity year on year. Not just 'floristically' but importantly to

support the range of insects, including vital pollinators such as, bees, hoverflies, butterflies and moths.

Indirectly or directly, not just insects, but birds and larger creatures, including ourselves, rely on a rich biodiversity either as a food source and/or to support pollinators of field and orchard crops or the habitat of small mammals.

In many small and not so small ways even garden lawns or common meadowland etc. can support a range of wild grasses and flowers from celandine, (the less loved) forget-me-not and dandelion to yellow rattle and plantain, Hedgerows and verges for instance, are home for many common plants that are food sources for pollinators. Hedge garlic (garlic mustard) is

the food source for the orange-tip butterfly and the garden pug moth; while the speckled wood butterfly likes to feed on grasses; dandelion, dock and the common plantain support a wide range of moths including ruby tiger, garden tiger and white ermine. The humble, much maligned thistle family, the painted lady butterfly. For a full, fascinating list of plants, the moths and butterflies that feed and pollinate them see for moths:

<https://butterfly-conservation.org/sites/default/files/moth-foodplant.pdf>

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So as you get the strimmer and mower out this summer, spare a thought for these myriad and often rare but important creatures around us, and consider a light touch.

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 June edition by

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