

The Yealands News for Conyers, Redmayne and Storrs

April 2026

Welcome to the Yealand News!

The Spring Equinox last week saw ever more carpets of garden and roadside daffodils. And here a wonderful display of wild varieties in local woodland. All this quite cheering together with bright yellow celandines coming into bloom and early blossom.



Parish Council News

Litter pick

The next litter pick will be on **Saturday 18th April 10am**. Meet in the Village Hall car park. We have been unable to get permission from the Lancaster City Council to do the unrestricted roads, so we are just going to litter pick the 30mph roads, which should not take long. We will combine the task with a general tidy up including:

- A tidy up around the Village Hall, the War memorial and near the school gates.
- Weed and mulch the fruit trees on the wildflower orchard on the Meadows
- Clean the bus shelters on Silverdale road.
- A concerted effort to report the potholes via Love Clean Streets

Please do come and join us, bring 'hi vis' vests and gloves if you have them. Many thanks.

Plant and Seed Swap

Saturday 25th April, 10.00am

The plant and seed swap stall will be on The Meadows (by the playground). There will be lots of lovely plants and seeds to swap and or buy. Do bring along any you have surplus to requirements and exchange for something you haven't thought of trying before!

If you are interested in an allotment or just curious, there will also be an opportunity to have a guided walk round the site to see all the wonderful, productive developments down there. (The allotments are just beyond Cinderbarrow Farm, we will drive down).

Repair cafe

Advance notice of the first Warton and Yealand Repair cafe on **Sat 16th May, 10.00am – 1.00pm** in Yealand Village Hall. Bring your items for mending! More information to follow...

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.

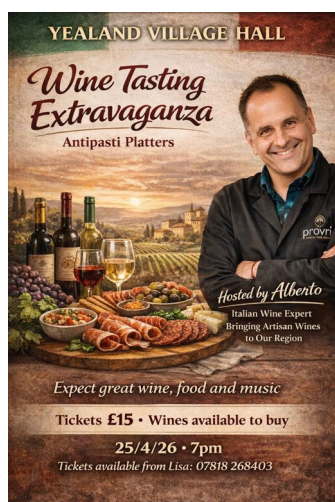
Mobile Library

Next visit on **Monday 13th April, 12.30pm** at the Triangle.

Yealand Village Hall News and Events 2026

Saturday 25th April, 7.00pm

An Italian Cheese and Wine Evening hosted by wine expert Alberto. An opportunity to taste Italian wines and cheese. There will be Italian wines to purchase. Tickets £15 available from Lisa – contact via 07818 268403



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



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

Saturday 30th May 2-4pm.

Afternoon tea & entertainment by the fabulous Ossie Sisters. Fundraiser for St John's Hospice 40th Anniversary. Pop the date in your diary. Further details nearer the time. 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

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or message 07752 358357



FLICKS IN THE STICKS

Saturday 18th April

Downton Abbey: the Grand Finale[PG]



The Yealand Big Screen returns. Doors open at 6.30pm for social time, the film is screened at 7.15pm. If you haven't managed to catch a film during the 2025/26 season this is your last chance

before the summer break. 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. Drinks only during the film. The £5 admission charge includes complimentary tea and coffee before the film starts.

To book go to the website:

<https://forms.gle/JJED1pMeKqPjuDja7>

Or scan the QR code



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

yealandcineclub@gmail.com

Yealand School News

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. Yealand Village Hall from **Friday 17th April – Friday 15th May**. For details contact the School admin@yealand.lancs.sch.uk



St John's Church News

Congratulations to St John's 50/50 Club winners: Jim Hamilton, John Freeman, Jenny Chapman.

Dates for your Diary – all at St John's

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

Crafternoon, Wednesday 8th April, 2pm.

Summer Lunch, Friday 10th April, 12pm.

Prayer Meeting, Wednesday 22nd April, 2pm.

Holy week and Easter in the Benefice

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

Eucharist of the Last Supper, 7:30pm at St Oswald's Warton.

Good Friday, 3rd April

Walk up the Crag, Warton, 10 for 10:15am, meet at St Oswald's.

Service for non-walkers, St Oswald's Warton, 10:30am.

Hot cross buns, Friday Coffee at St John's Yealand, 10:30am.

Stations of the Cross, St Mary's Borwick, 2pm.

Service at St Oswald's Warton, 6:30pm.

Easter Vigil, Saturday 4th April

8pm at St John's.

Easter Sunday 5th April

Service at St John's, 11am. Followed by refreshments.

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 Yealands WI hosted a Charity Quiz on 18th March in conjunction with our neighbouring WIs known as the Dallam group. It was a great afternoon with plenty of delicious cakes and much laughter. We're proud to announce that we raised over £520 for St John's Hospice. The ladies of Yealand (and further afield) were magnificent!



The winners were a team from Silverdale WI. Well done!

The next meeting of the Yealands WI is on **Wednesday 8th April, 7.30pm** at the Village Hall. Our speaker is Marjorie Bidgway who is going to talk about the history of buttons ... it promises to be an imaginative and interesting evening.

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

King Charles English Coastal Path

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cy0dxexdd8xo>

Alan Tyldesley has sent this update about plans for our local coastal path explaining that there's been quite a bit of news coverage about this recently, but Yealand News readers should not get excited just yet.

Many miles have been brought into use around the country, but is yet to be established around the whole of Morecambe Bay, with nothing across the Lune to Fleetwood and the Fylde. The idea of a coast path dates from the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009, and five years later Natural England published plans. Locally, detailed proposals for the section around Furness and Morecambe bay (Silecroft to Silverdale) were published in Jan 2020. This has required many amendments, but Ministerial approval came in January this year.

To date there is no funding for a walkway attached to the railway estuary viaduct across the River Kent and the swampy ground on the

Cartmel side. Locally, a new path is needed around the foot of Warton crag, between the Chimney (which is in Yealand) and Warton. There is as yet no agreement who will actually implement the work, so walking plans for this section are still on hold.

The editor notes: More positive news for long distance walkers is the upgraded coast to coast path from St Bees to Robin Hood's Bay. For details see

<https://www.coasttocoast.uk/>

Leighton Hall Half Marathon



A successful, though damp, running event in March was caught on camera by Alan Tyldesley, as the race marshals guided competitors powering on through Yealand Storrs!

RSPB News Leighton Moss

For details of RSPB events over the Easter holidays see their website:

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

Nature News

This month we have a fascinating description of bats found in the Yealand area from bat specialist Gail Armstrong, and an invite to take part in a bat survey.

Bats in the Yealands

Eight species of bats are found around the Yealands, many relying on the extensive areas of woodland and parkland as well as large gardens. Bats in the UK indicate a healthy environment, as they are consumers of night flying insects which do best where there is clean water and ample vegetation.



Far and away the most common species here is the humble pipistrelle, weighing only 5g and with a wingspan of about 8-9 inches (22cm). It

comes out shortly after sunset and is easily recognisable by its fast and jerky flight.

The Noctule bat also does well here. It is our largest bat and the earliest out in the evening. It mainly roosts in tree holes or hollow branches. Then there is a small bat with big ears, the woodland specialist Brown long-eared bat. A slow, manoeuvrable flyer, this is a stealth bat which only comes out well after dark and flies low under the tree canopy to avoid possible predators.

Take Part in a Bat Survey

If you'd like to learn more about your local bats or just get out in the fresh air during the evening, then you can become a citizen scientist and take part a National survey. All that's involved is being outside for one hour, starting at sunset anytime from April to September.

You can do the survey in your garden, in a local woodland or even along a quiet lane, but be mindful of hazards such as cars and bikes. You do not need any specialist equipment to carry out the survey, but North Lancashire Bat Group has bat detectors that local people can borrow for a week at a time. They are collected from, and returned to, Silverdale. Once you have completed the surveys, input your results online then return the detector for the next person to borrow.

To find out more, send an email to gail@batlady.co.uk

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 May edition by Friday 24th April

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