



YARBLETON



NEWS

January / February 2021

Dear Resident,

A little later than usual because news is scarce. No doubt once life returns to 'normal', Henton, Bleadney and Yarley will be buzzing again. Meanwhile, here's an update on several things of relevance to residents. For the next issue, please get news items to us by February 20th, at yarbletonnews@outlook.com or direct to my personal email: don.field@gmail.com, which is checked more regularly. **Don Field**, Daisy Cottage.

Villages that sparkled!

During December many of you joined in the fun to transform Yarbleton into a village-size Advent Calendar full of magic, twinkles and festivity! Every day a new window or display came alive in the villages. We were treated to wonderful festive scenes from Bleadney to Yarley and culminating in a wonderful final display in the churchyard. Thank you to everyone who took part and hopefully we can do it again next Christmas.



Wells Coronavirus Network

We are hugely lucky to be living in such a caring, sharing community but locked-down self-help can't be the answer to all the problems the less able among us face. For them, there is the Wells Coronavirus Network, a volunteer community that, since March last year, has helped people in our area with stuff like shopping, prescriptions and - crucially - loneliness.

I've only been a telephone volunteer for a few weeks but have already encountered a huge variety of requests. We all tend to live in our own little bubbles - particularly at times like this - and need to be reminded that even in a relatively prosperous place like Wells there are pockets of misery and deprivation. One example: I was called by an old man living on his own just before Christmas. He had had no contact - no human interaction of any kind - for nearly a week and desperately needed a chat. I'm your average impatient male who generally believes the phone is for brief, to the point messages, but on this occasion I sat for 25 minutes listening to this poor old boy's life story. I have no idea if all or any of it was true but at the end he thanked me for listening and said the WCN was special. As well as companionship, we were able to offer him a grocery check and a shopping delivery. It could be that we saved him from a severe mental health problem.

There are hundreds of stories like this and some of them may be buried in our own community, hence this suggestion. If you feel able to include a note about the WCN, the helpline number is 01749 467079.

Thank you for listening, **Chris Inge**.

Christ Church, Henton

In light of the recent changes to Covid Restrictions, it has been decided, with regret, to close our churches in the Benefice for the time being except for a monthly in-person Holy Communion Service, which will rotate around the Benefice. However, there will be a Zoom service each week and the pattern will be as follows:

Jan 17th Zoom Contemporary Worship 10.30

Jan 24th Zoom Traditional Worship 10.30

Jan 31st Zoom Benefice Service 10.30

Feb 7th Zoom Sunday Breakfast 9.00

10.30 Holy Communion at Henton (in person)

Feb 14th Zoom Traditional Worship 10.30

Feb 21st Zoom Contemporary Worship 10.30

Feb 28th Zoom Traditional Worship 10,30

Further information on these services and links can be found on the website:

chwchurches.co.uk

If you would like to be on the church newsletter circulation list, please contact our Church Co-ordinator **Helena Field** – benadmin@chwchurches.co.uk

We have lost a few faithful members from our church cleaning rota over the last 12 months. If you feel you could offer a couple of hours once or twice a year, please contact Sue Peel (suejpeel@btinternet.com). Full training with a duster is offered!

Henton and District Gardening Club

Our January Zoom Meeting will take the form of a Gardeners Question Time when three of our local gardening enthusiasts (they are too modest to call themselves experts!) – Nigel, Sally and Angela – will be answering questions sent in by members on a wide range of horticultural topics. Our own Kathy Clugston, aka Tim Hooker, will be in the Chair and looks forward to welcoming you at 7.15 for a 7.30 start on Wednesday 20th January. A Zoom link will be sent prior to the meeting. We are hoping that our February meeting on the 17th will feature a Zoom presentation on herbal and medicinal plants both in historic and present day usage.

Further details can be found on our informative website:

hentongardenclub.weebly.com

and from our monthly newsletter. Please contact Secretary **Sue Thorne** (674767) if you would like to become a member of the club.

Film Club

Now we have gone into another lockdown I wonder if a film Club on Zoom might interest some? It would work like a book club; people would watch a chosen film at a time that works for them, and then meet on Zoom to discuss the film. We can use the village hall Zoom account for this. Someone needs to volunteer to organise it – members of the group could take it turns to choose a film and if the film didn't appeal then no one is forced to take part. Films could be on the TV so available on catch up services or on Netflix. Email liz.little@btinternet.com as initial contact.

Village email List

A reminder that the village email is used to send out information likely to interest people living in Yarley, Henton and Bleadney. Email addresses aren't visible to anyone else. For more information or to join, simply email liz.little@btinternet.com

Yarbleton Chitchat

If you would like to be part of the village WhatsApp group, it is administered by Beverley Cox, so just contact her on her mobile and she will add you into the group. Happy chatting!

Beverley, 07834 316827

Gardening Collections

Ian Chalk has kindly compiled a handy list of gardening collection dates:

Mon 11 Jan	Garden
Wed 20 Jan	Rubbish
Mon 25 Jan	Garden
Mon 8 Feb	Garden
Wed 10 Feb	Rubbish
Mon 22 Feb	Garden
Wed 3 Mar	Rubbish
Mon 8 Mar	Garden
Mon 22 Mar	Garden
Wed 24 Mar	Rubbish
Tues 6 April	Garden
Thurs 8 April	Recycle
Wed 14 April	Rubbish
Mon 19 April	Garden
Tues 4 May	Garden
Thurs 6 May	Rubbish
Thurs 6 May	Recycle
Mon 17 May	Garden
Wed 26 May	Rubbish
Tues 1 June	Garden
Thurs 3 June	Recycle
Mon 14 June	Garden
Wed 16 June	Rubbish
Mon 28 June	Garden
Wed 7 July	Rubbish
Mon 12 July	Garden
Mon 26 July	Garden
Wed 28 July	Rubbish
Mon 9 Aug	Garden
Wed 18 Aug	Rubbish
Mon 23 Aug	Garden
Mon 6 Sep	Garden
Wed 8 Sep	Rubbish
Mon 20 Sep	Garden
Wed 29 Sep	Rubbish
Mon 4 Oct	Garden
Mon 18 Oct	Garden
Wed 20 Oct	Rubbish

Book for Sale

Jenny Crossley has another interesting book available. A first edition of *The Songs of Michael Flanders and Donald Swann*. Prices range from £4 to £23 on eBay but she doesn't know if they are First Editions! To Yarbleton £5 with proceeds to the Re-ordering Fund. Contact Jenny if interested: jennycrossley@mbzonline.net

Cleaner Wanted

Cleaner wanted for the new owners of Henley House, Wookey. Please call Mrs Olivia King 01749677410 to discuss hours etc. Many thanks.

Useful websites:

Village Hall: www.hentonvillagehall.co.uk

Wookey Parish Council: <https://sites.google.com/view/wookeyparishcouncil>