



YARBLETON



NEWS

May 2021

Dear Resident,

The good news is that from 17 May (Boris permitting), we can restart a number of activities, including, for example, indoor sports in the Hall. We list some of those here but do check the hall website (now revamped – see below) for the latest information.

Your news can be sent to: yarbletonnews@outlook.com or direct to my personal email: don.field@gmail.com, which is checked more regularly. Deadline for the next one is 20 May. **Don Field**, Daisy Cottage.

Henton Village Hall

The village hall has a new website. The address is the same as before (below) but there are lots of new things on the site. As lockdown lifts, there will be more and more things happening at the hall, so check regularly to see what's new. For those who are recent arrivals in Yarbleton, it is a way to find out about some of the groups that meet regularly. If you are thinking of booking the hall for a private event, the calendar will show you if your preferred date is likely to be available, before you get in touch with **Vanessa** (our booking secretary) to make a provisional booking.

www.hentonvillagehall.co.uk

The hall has an Instagram page ([henton_village_hall](https://www.instagram.com/henton_village_hall)) and a Facebook page (Henton Village Hall, Henton) that will have many more posts once the hall opens up again. If you take part in anything at the hall that you would be happy to have shared on these platforms, please send photos to hentonsecretary@gmail.com

Lastly, for those of you who have used the hall in the past....If you Google Henton Village Hall, you will see the Google listing of the hall on the right of your page. There is an opportunity to write a review of the hall. We'd love some recent reviews as the existing ones are rather old!

The hall trustees look forward to welcoming you to the hall very soon!

(Bookings so far include Wookey Parish Council on 17 May, Yoga, either Mondays or Tuesdays, and Badminton 2-4pm Thursdays from 20 May, Tai Chi restarting Thursday 3 June at 1015.)

Christ Church Henton Services in May

Sunday 2nd May 9.00 Zoom Sunday Breakfast

Sunday 9th May 10.30 Holy Communion followed by Annual Parish Church Meeting

Sunday 16th May 8.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 23rd May 6.30 Pentecost Lay Led Evensong

Sunday 30th May 10.30 Outdoor Benefice Trinity Sunday service at Coxley

Thank you to all who decorated the church so beautifully for our Easter Services and to the village communities who have continued to support our fundraising activities for the re-ordering of the interior of the church. The planning and paperwork seem endless but don't lose heart as the thought of a light, bright and comfortable area to meet, worship and socialise in keeps us going!

Further details from benadmin@chwchurches.co.uk, hentonwarden2@chwchurches.co.uk (Dave Harris) or hentonwarden1@chwchurches.co.uk (Sue Peel)

Website is: <http://chwchurches.co.uk>

Henton and District Gardening Club

Instead of speeding like a bird on the wing "Over the Sea to Skye" we travelled by courtesy of Zoom and **Tim** and **Lee Hooker's** wonderfully atmospheric slides to this mystical and beautiful island off the North West Scottish mainland. The extremes of mountains and lowland areas each with their diverse and abundant native plants and habitats are evident in the range of plants, trees and mosses, which survive extremes of weather including above average rainfall, long summer evenings and short winter daylight hours. Off the tourist trails, the island's inhabitants enjoy the peace and tranquillity of open skies, rugged coastlines brightened by golden gorse, castles and formal gardens as well as wild meadows full of herbs and grasses. Who needs to go abroad when we live in such beautiful surroundings?

Our May meeting is hopefully taking place in Henton Hall on 19 May at 7.30 when **Alasdair Moore**, Head of Gardens and Estate at Heligan, will tell us the story of this fascinating and popular Cornish Garden. More information on our website:

<https://hentongardenclub.weebly.com>

Henton 100 Challenge-raising funds for the Village Hall Play Area

Henton Village Hall Trustees are working to develop an outdoor play area on the Village Hall field, to cater for children of all ages and provide a safe and fun space for them to play. In May you will see a Football Goal, a Netball post and a Basketball post being provided by the village hall for all to use.

The next major feature will be a children's play area. A company has been asked to design a bespoke play facility, including a swing, climbing frame and slide. In order to get the best quality products, funds will need to be raised for the project to go alongside funds provided by the Village Hall and any Grants we are successful in

gaining. Therefore, it would be great if people in the village could do their bit and help to raise funds, if you can.

You may have heard of Captain Tom's 100 Challenge, where people have been asked to create their own 100 Challenge to raise money for good causes. Any challenges would take place on the 30 April-3 May bank holiday weekend, but you could extend this for the whole month of May, depending on how difficult your challenge is.

It would be great if children and adults alike could get their thinking caps on and participate in the Henton 100 Challenge! You can create a 'Go fund me' or 'Just Giving' page in order to raise funds. Ideas so far include:

- Walking/Running/Cycling/Riding 100 miles.
- 100 bounces on a Pogo Stick
- 100 Skips
- 100 minutes of not talking
- 100 bounces on a trampoline
- Read 100 pages of a book
- Bake 100 Cakes

and so on...

I will be aiming to walk 100 miles in May with my children. If you're interested or would like to participate, please email me on clairewray29@gmail.com

I look forward to hearing about some exciting challenges! Thank you.

Claire Wray

Welcome



Stream Cottage, Yarley

Hello Yarbleton. We are Jim and Isabel Williams and we moved into Stream Cottage, Yarley Cross a few weeks ago. Thanks everyone for the wonderful welcome.

Jim is retired but previously was a director at several international high-tech companies. He likes running, cycling, mucking around in the garden and tinkering with classic cars (Reliant Scimitar GTE). Isabel is a soon to be retired Speech and Language Therapist currently working part time in Dorset. We have three grown up children and one grandchild with another expected in September.

We love the house, gardens and location of Stream Cottage and are in progress of updating the property, hence the "shout out" for builders and electricians etc.

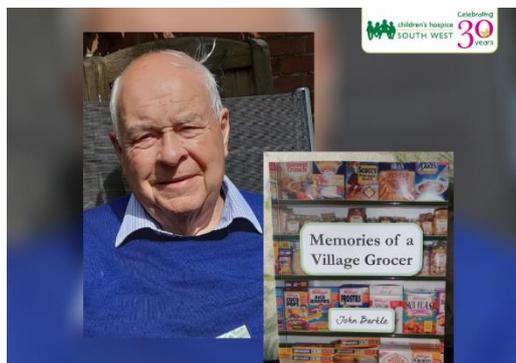
We are very much looking forward to getting to know the area and meeting some of our neighbours when restrictions allow.

All the best, **Jim & Isabel**

The Old Smithy, Bleadney

'I am a veterinary nurse and my fiancé **Daniel** is an avionics engineer. We love cooking together and are such foodies! Going on dog walks and adventures of all kinds is a favourite of ours. I love craft and making things and always rope Daniel into helping me with my next big idea!' **Ella**

Memories of a Village Grocer



John Barkle, age 86 from Wells, has written his first book called 'Memories of a Village Grocer' and it has been met with high praise. The book recounts John's days as a young boy in Ditchat, his years in the shops in Pilton and Wells, his amateur dramatics in Croscombe, to his retirement and beyond. It's been described as 'beautifully written, full of anecdotes and village

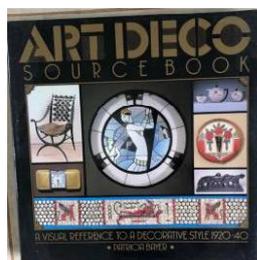
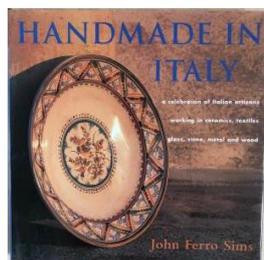
characters; a must read for anyone who remembers shopping in Barkles or who loves village life'.

To his delight, John's first print run of 150 sold out quickly and another 250 are currently being printed. The book can be purchased for £12 including postage and packing, with all proceeds going to Children's Hospice South West (CHSW).

Kylie Gallagher, Area Fundraiser for CHSW, said: *"We are delighted and honoured to be the beneficiary of John's book. I'm sure people will enjoy a trip down memory lane reading about John's life. And what a wonderful tribute to his late wife, **Elizabeth**."*

orders can be placed by emailing villagegrocer2021@outlook.com

From Jenny Crossley



Jenny has two more interesting books available in good condition, just £2 each, to the Church reordering fund. Contact Jenny if interested:

jennycrossley@mbzonline.net

Joke of the Month

(from **Ed Duckenfield**, 11 – thanks!) Why was the teddy bear so fat?

Because he kept stuffing himself...

(and from his mum, **Jenny**!) What do you call ducks swimming in the sea in Italy?

Aquaducks...