



# YARBLETON NEWS



**May 2022**

Dear Resident,

May already and, again, there is plenty happening locally. As always, your news can be sent to: [yarbletonnews@outlook.com](mailto:yarbletonnews@outlook.com) or direct to my personal email: [don.field@gmail.com](mailto:don.field@gmail.com), which is checked more regularly. Deadline for the next one is 20 May. **Don Field**, Daisy Cottage (07889 828974).

## **Village Hall News**

### **Film Club**

The Village Hall trustees are delighted to announce that plans for the formation of a Members' Film Club have been finalised. We would like to present these plans to the community at a social evening event, on **Saturday 14th May**, 7pm at Henton Hall .

Please do join us to see for yourselves what we feel is an exciting extension to our social get-togethers. Complimentary refreshments will be offered to welcome you to the event, which will include a sample film screening. At the event we will set out the terms of membership, answer any questions you may have, and sign up members who wish to support this new venture.

As a member, this will be your club and you will have the opportunity to contribute to a small film selection group, to make suggestions for future showings.

We Look forward to seeing you on the evening.

**Terry Mewse**, Henton Film Club

### **Garden tidy-up**

We're hoping to see lots of people at Henton Village Hall on **Sunday 1st May** at 10.30. It doesn't matter if you don't have great gardening skills.... we'll still have a useful job for you.

### **Defibrillator Training**

**Michelle Durrant**, Hall Secretary, is trying to arrange training for the defibrillator (in the old post box, opposite the church). Watch this space for more details or get in touch with Michelle directly if interested: [hentonsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:hentonsecretary@gmail.com)

## Christ Church Henton (CCH) Services and Activities in April

**1<sup>st</sup> May** 9.00am, Sunday Breakfast with Quiz, breakfast rolls, Pause for Thought, Craft and lots of coffee and chat in the village hall.

**8<sup>th</sup> May** 9.00am, Holy Communion, CCH

**15<sup>th</sup> May** 8.00am, BCP Holy Communion, CCH.  
4.00pm, Muddy Church at Wookey Farm.

**22<sup>nd</sup> May** 6.30pm, Evensong, CCH

**29<sup>th</sup> May** 10.30am, Benefice Holy Communion at Coxley

Christian Aid envelopes will be dropping through your letterbox soon. If you would like to contribute, please leave them with **Jenny Crossley** (Ryemead) before the end of May.

Further details on all Church activities from [benadmin@chwchurches.co.uk](mailto:benadmin@chwchurches.co.uk),  
[hentonwarden2@chwchurches.co.uk](mailto:hentonwarden2@chwchurches.co.uk) (Dave Harris) or  
[hentonwarden1@chwchurches.co.uk](mailto:hentonwarden1@chwchurches.co.uk) (Sue Peel)

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

## The Village Feast

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Village Feast will be held on **Friday 3rd June** in the churchyard of Henton church. We'll meet at 12 noon for drinks before settling down for lunch around 1pm at a long table on and around the churchyard path.

If you would like to come, please let us know by **Friday 27th May** by email (or a note through the letterbox) to: **Jenny Crossley** (Ryemead) [jennycrossley@mbzonline.net](mailto:jennycrossley@mbzonline.net)

Or **Viv Chalk** (Jamara) [vivianchalk@icloud.com](mailto:vivianchalk@icloud.com)

Nearer the time we hope that you will put your name to one or more dishes from the menu selection for sharing. We will be asking guests to bring their own chairs, eating and drinking utensils and drink. We're hoping for sunshine but in the event of wet weather the alternative venue will be at the Village Hall.

## Henton Fete

The fete resumes this year, on **Saturday 2nd July**, and volunteers are needed to ensure its success. In particular, volunteers are required to run the following stalls (with guidance from previous stall holders:

### Stalls

**MEMORABILIA:** curating and displaying a collection of artefacts lent by members of the community, which illustrate life throughout the Queen's reign (the organisers will provide tables and display boards).

**BOOKS:** the organisers have a large collection and more can be donated.

**PLANTS:** Just need to set up and run, residents donate plants.

**JEWELLERY:** There is already a small collection and the organisers will seek further contributions. Just need to set up and run.

**BOTTLE TOMBOLA:** Donations will be sought from the community.

**SOMERSET LOCAL PRODUCE:** Approach local producers to donate food/drink, collect goods and run stall. Advice available from previous holders of this stall.

**CHILDREN AREA:** Space within a large marquee, with activities such as face painting, lucky dip, hook a duck and crafts.

### **Activities**

Marquee pitching/striking (about two hours, **Friday 1 July** and **Sunday 3 July**)

Car park. Should be able to use field next to (west of) hall, need about three people to direct traffic in and out of gate.

Stall Relief. Need a pool of (say six) people to enable stallholders to leave stalls, and provide tea, coffee from the hall kitchen.

Please contact the fete committee if you are available to assist in any way or have any questions. Please get in touch by email: [hentonfete@gmail.com](mailto:hentonfete@gmail.com)

### **Parish Council News**

Wookey Parish Council (which covers Yarbleton too) is very proud of its cemetery and is going to provide new gates at Greenfields Cemetery in Wookey to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The high quality bespoke gates will be installed in the next few months. If you would like to contribute towards the cost of the gates please contact The Clerk, Wookey Parish Council 01749 670938 [wookey.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:wookey.pc@tiscali.co.uk)

The Election in May will take place in Wookey Parish for the New Somerset Council. There will be no election for the Parish Council as this was uncontested and all candidates elected. There is a vacancy and if you are interested in joining, please contact The Clerk, Wookey Parish Council 01749 670938 [wookey.pc@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:wookey.pc@tiscali.co.uk).

### **Soap from Ancient Mesopotamia**

**THURSDAY 12th MAY**, 7 for 7.30 pm at Henton Church, Adults £10, Children £5. Wine and soft drinks. Tickets [jennycrossley@mbzonline.net](mailto:jennycrossley@mbzonline.net)

**David Holland**, who has lectured at the British Museum, The Ashmolean, Oxford University, The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York and now in Henton is giving a talk on the fascinating subject of the origins of Middle Eastern soap.

The product is as good as the history - used by Queen Zenobia, Cleopatra, Elizabeth 1, Assyrian Queens, Romans and Greeks. It is one of the greatest medical discoveries in human history. The soap is still being made and David will have some on sale after his talk.

All profits to Christ Church, Henton.

### **Henton and District Gardening Club**

There was an audible sigh of relief when our April speaker **Charles Chesshire** gave us permission to have a more relaxed approach to neatness, order and symmetry in our gardens. Using quotes and poetry and an enthusiastic, rambling and breathless style he showed us wonderful slides of gardens he had worked on or visited all over the world, underlining the balance between formal tightly clipped topiary and wild flower meadows with everything in between. We look forward to future talks by Charles.

In May we welcome back **James Cross**, head gardener at the Bishops Palace as he looks back, assesses the present and makes plans for this popular and local garden. We meet in the village hall at 7.30 on **18th May** with plant sales table, coffee, raffle and updates of future visits. See our website:

[hentongardenclub.weebly.com](http://hentongardenclub.weebly.com)

### **Henton Short Mat Bowls Club**

Ever fancied playing indoor bowls? How about giving it a go? We're a very friendly club. We meet at Henton Hall on Tuesdays from 7.30 -9.30pm and Wednesdays from 2-4pm. Ring or email for further info or just come in and see us.

**John Castree** 01749 677390    [johncastree@outlook.com](mailto:johncastree@outlook.com)

### **Support the Dig**

In support of **Professor Danielle Schreve's** annual two week excavation at Gully Cave in Ebbor Gorge, I organise a Diggers' Dining Plan for them each year in which local people offer a single simple evening meal to eight diggers (Danielle and students) to save them shopping and cooking. I am looking for a host for **24 July** to complete my plan for this year's dig. For more info contact me at [t.gifford2@bathspa.ac.uk](mailto:t.gifford2@bathspa.ac.uk) or 01749 679128. **Terry Gifford**

### **Open Day at a Nature Reserve, Doctors Hill, Wookey**

**23rd June**, 11 to 4. Plants for sale. Refreshments. Entry by donation to Somerset Wildlife Trust. This is a young reserve; 600 trees planted in 2014 and 600 in 2019 with a meadow and other features. Wonderful view. All help welcome. Contact [susanmbates@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:susanmbates@hotmail.co.uk)

### **Competition for the Tree Plaque Opening**

We gave details last month of this competition. A4-sized tree outlines are available for colouring in – one for younger children (0 to 5 years) and one for older children (5 to 10 years). Available as a PDF by emailing the editor, or arrange to collect a paper copy.