



# YARBLETON NEWS



**February 2022**

Dear Resident,

Here we are again, and almost certainly circulated alongside the latest issue of the Triangle, Yarbleton News of course focusing on village activities in Yarley, Henton and Bleadney and the Triangle focused primarily on Church activities in the Benefice of Wookey, Henton, Coxley and Godney.

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 February. Don Field, Daisy Cottage (07889 828974).

## Village Hall News

The hall has been very busy recently with nearly all the pre-Covid regular groups back and lots of children's parties and family gatherings. The Sunday afternoon 'Social Dancing' sessions are now well-established, but there's room for more people to join in if you are thinking about it. The dancing runs from 2-4 on Sunday afternoons and costs £5 per person. You could just turn up, or you can call **James** or **Dorothy** on 07769 603937 for more information.

We are currently in the process of trying to arrange training in the use of the defibrillator that is located in the phone box opposite the church. Watch out for news of the date of the session on the Chitchat group and the village email if you would like to join this. If you don't use Whatsapp or email, but would like to join the training, leave a note for the hall secretary via the hall letterbox and we will make sure you are told the date.

[www.hentonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.hentonvillagehall.co.uk)

## Play Area Update

Although the planning officer had hoped to make a decision before Christmas, nothing has been decided yet. So the work cannot start until the application is approved. We will let everyone know as soon as we know more. All the fundraising efforts and support for this initiative are much appreciated.

## Christ Church Henton Services and Activities in February

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| 6th Feb.  | Sunday Breakfast from 9.00 a.m. in Henton Village Hall – bacon butties, good coffee, fellowship with a Pause for Thought, Crafts and Quiz |
| 13th Feb. | Holy Communion at 9.00 a.m. (note time)   |
| 20th Feb  | Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer 8.00 a.m.  |

27th Feb. Evensong at 6.30 p.m.



A number of supporters from the Benefice travelled to Farmborough near Bath on 17th January to witness **Rev. Guy** being installed as Vicar of Farmborough, Marksbury and Stanton Prior. Guy was delighted to be presented with a stole made by **Andrea Foale** of Coxley who incorporated memorable pieces of fabric donated by members of the Benefice.

### Henton and District Gardening Club

**Katherine Crouch** was our award-winning January speaker who brought a breath of fresh air to the gathered club members with her talk on *The Self-Seeding Garden*. We had enjoyed her previous online talk but nothing beats sitting back and immersing oneself in colourful images of glorious wild flower meadows and interesting gardens she has designed with self propagation in mind. Her main messages were to hold back from digging out plants that have found ways to set seed in edges of paths, walls as their roots seek moisture. Leave areas of grass to grow, flower and set seed before mowing and mimic the cycles of haymaking on farm land, but you can add colourful plug plants to add interest. Rake and Shake was also her message if you want to aid dispersal. We are going down under in February with **Hilary Little** for *Wild Flowers and Wallabies of SW Australia* on 16th Feb at 7.30 in Henton Hall.

**KEEP THE DATE** – Our Avalon Lecture Speaker on 16th March will be **Anne Swithinbank** talking on all aspects of *Houseplants*, their prominent use in room displays, care and propagation and the way in which they can bring our gardens indoors. Tickets (Visitors £10, Members £8) are now available – further information from our website (below) or contact or contact **Simone** at [thomassya@gmail.com](mailto:thomassya@gmail.com) (tickets are limited so booking is essential)  
[hentongardenclub.weebly.com](http://hentongardenclub.weebly.com)

### Wookey Parish Council

The first Wookey Parish Council Meeting of the new year took place with full attendance of Councillors masked and wrapped up in winter clothes to brave the open windows and doors on a night where the temperature dropped to 0°.

The meeting agreed to recommend the shed installation at Henton Hall. A working group was set up to look at speeding and HGVs using the B3139. The application for the extension of the car park at Wookey Recreation Ground has been submitted and will hopefully be completed in the spring. This should help with problems parking in Wookey village. The Queen's Jubilee celebrations will include the planting of several oak trees as part of the 'Green Canopy' project Prince Charles is heading up. The council are looking to have a beacon on top of Knowle Hill as part of the national line of beacons. If anyone has any suggestions of other celebrations please contact the Clerk.

The new Somerset County arrangements are continuing and a representative from Wookey Parish Council continues to seek the best outcomes for the parish. Parish Council Elections will now take place in May to coincide with the new Unitary Elections.



The Sentence of Consecration of additional burial ground at Greenfields Cemetery took place on 19th January. **Bishop Rob Martin**, assisted by **Janet Saxon**, Diocese Registrar took the service wearing their traditional robes and wigs. This is a service that takes place infrequently and was interesting.

**Denise Boulton**, Clerk, Wookey Parish Council

## Thanks!



A big thank you to everyone who bought a Christmas reindeer from **Toby** and for those that made a separate donation. Toby is learning to weld for his Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award and welded 22 reindeer from horseshoes (under the supervision of his Dad and with lots of horseshoe donations from farriers!), and raised a total of £700 for the Wells Food Bank:

<http://wellsvineyard.com/index.php/compassion>

The Food Bank are raising money for a new van to do deliveries and asked if we would be happy for the money to go towards that, so the money was paid directly to them and they have earmarked it for the van. They have a GoFundMe page (under Wells Vineyard Foodbank Van Appeal), if anyone else wants to make a donation.

[www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com)

If there are any experienced welders in the village who would like to give any guidance to Toby, we'd love to hear from you! Many thanks again. **Jenny** (at Copper Beeches).

## The 'Blankets for Jordan' Charity Project

Dear All, some of you might know, some might not....over the last two years I have been running a charity project, 'Blankets for Jordan'. Ladies in and around Wells have been knitting, crocheting and quilting blankets and dropped them off at our home. Eventually I sent them to my friends in Jordan, who support 350 of the poorest families in their country. I have written a blog, explaining why I am doing this. If you are interested, please email me on [anitasknitwork@gmail.com](mailto:anitasknitwork@gmail.com) and I will send you my blog. In year 1 I sent 39 blankets. Last November it was 85! I also sent some of our clothes, which are so very welcomed too. As they are so desperately in need for help, I agreed to continue.

And so, my fellow Yarbletons, if you have a bit of spare time, please knit a square (no matter what size!), a strip, a blanket. If I get bits and pieces, I will put them together and make them into a blanket. If you are short of wool, do let me know.

My next shipment will be in November 2022. So plenty of time! Please, do contact me if you would like to know more or if I can be of help.....or just get knitting, crocheting or quilting.

I would be so very grateful. **Anita Love**, Moorfields, Ford Lane, Henton.

## Pop up Shop

Christ Church Henton Saturday 12th February, 10am – 1pm.

Please leave quality clothes – no more than six items per person - in Church on Thursday 10th February between 2pm and 5pm.

No toys or children's clothing please. All profit to Christ Church Re-ordering Fund.

## Tai Chi

(From **Hope Mayne**) Tai Chi classes we hope will be at 2.00 p.m. on a Monday in Henton village hall. We are still waiting until the virus numbers are lower, but poised to return.

## Possible New Group

Following the winding up of the Henton Women's Institute, several members of our community have expressed an interest in setting up an entirely different type of informal social group. So far, there's no consensus on what form it should take, so it's proposed that a meeting be arranged during March to swap ideas. If you're interested, then please email [yarbletonsocial@gmail.com](mailto:yarbletonsocial@gmail.com) by the end of February.

## Stamps

Thank you to everyone who has put their used postage stamps through my letter box. I'll be sending them all to the Royal National Institute for the Blind at the end of the first week of February, if you have any more to donate. **Michelle**, The Playground.

## Dog Lead Found

While out walking my dog Shadow I came across a very nice leather dog lead dropped by a stile. I left it hung on the stile in full view expecting its owner to retrace their steps to find it. Some while later I found it still there and brought it home and have asked around to try and reunite it with its owner but with no luck. If you can help reunite it with its owner (and dog) please contact me by email [kenmasters265@gmail.com](mailto:kenmasters265@gmail.com) or mobile 07784941439. **Ken Masters**

## And a Happy Ending



**David Heath** would like to thank **David Vincent** and **Dave Harris** for recently rescuing his cat Charlie!