

The Yealands

News for Conyers, Redmayne and Storrs March 2016

New Inn News

Mary Rose Selman reports

What a great Pop Up Pub evening we had to raise money for the Defibrillator Fund and a Raffle with proceeds towards our campaign fund. A full village hall enjoyed good beer, good food and good company courtesy of the efforts of Glyn and Gerry! Sandy Sanderson gave an update on our campaign to restore the New Inn as we reach the end of our initial share offer period. The glass is definitely half full, with more investors returning their forms daily. We are on track for our stated target figure.

We have 112 investors and over half these investors are residents of the three villages. This is a fantastic response and proves without a doubt that we have great backing in our desire to have the New Inn, our pub, restored and trading and in creating a village Hub using the suggestions we have received.

We have been asked if this Pub and Hub plan appeals to everyone. Well, our Treasurer has crunched the numbers and interestingly it is almost a 50/50 split between male and female investors. We truly are an equal opportunity group! Thank you to everyone who is supporting us by investing, donating and sending good wishes.

Village School

FRIENDS OF YEALAND SCHOOL JUMBLE SALE

At the village hall Saturday 5th March 1-3pm
We would be very grateful for donations of jumble which can be left in the village hall committee room the week before, or collected on request - call Veronica on 01524 782797. The jumble sale will include an auction of the more valuable items at 1.30pm. Refreshments including bacon butties will be available so please come down and bag yourself a bargain.

BINGO EVENING

At the village hall Sat 19th March from 6.00pm
Pie & Peas supper and licensed bar
Tickets £5.50 per adult, £3 per child under 12
available from the school office Tel: 01524 781360 or email: admin@yealand.lancs.sch.uk

GOVERNOR VACANCY

Yealand school has 14 governors, eight of whom are nominated by St John's as foundation governors. There is now a vacancy for a foundation governor, with a four year term of office. The school would appreciate someone with a commitment to the education of Yealand children, with time to give to the work of the governors.

An interest in learning about school finance would be an advantage. Details from Jean at J.Tunncliffe-wilson@zen.co.uk

B4RN in Redmayne

The band of hardy volunteers have managed to keep the project rolling along throughout the winter, despite the bad weather. We have now connected 128 properties to the network in the Yealands. Most of the core ducting is now installed, with just a short section in the 'Creep a Crawl' woods to be completed. We are planning to do this work in the next two to three weeks. We will then 'blow' the fibre optic cables from the Village Hall through to Yealand Storrs and onwards to Brackenthwaite. This will enable us to connect the properties in these areas to the network.

There are still a small number of individual property connections to be made in both Redmayne and Storrs. These are 'on-going' and will be completed as soon as possible. Sorry for the delay.

We are also waiting for three road crossings to be completed by our contractor. These are at the 'triangle' in Redmayne - the main road in Storrs and at Brackenthwaite. We are hoping that these will be completed by the end of February. These crossings will allow us to connect properties, which are isolated from the core ducting, to the network. There is also a section from Hazel Grove towards Hale to complete but we are waiting for ground conditions to improve.

The project in 'TheYealands' is almost complete. It has been a fantastic effort by our group of volunteers, who have been amazing. They have been out in all weathers and we are grateful for all their efforts. We are also grateful to the various

contractors who have helped with 'mole ploughing', digging and road crossings and to all the landowners who have allowed wayleaves across their land. It has been a fantastic example of a community project. Many thought that it couldn't be done but we have proved them wrong. A great excuse for a party!

We are now preparing to 'hand over' to the volunteers from Silverdale and Storth who will continue the project in their own villages. We wish them luck. Thanks to all.

Internet phone services

The B4RN system, allows customers to access telephone services, via the internet. This means that, if you wish, you can discontinue your contract with BT, but keep your number. There are a number of companies who will provide this service, with Vonage Ltd. being the one currently recommended by B4RN. Many residents in the villages have changed to Vonage and are happy with the service. We like the feature which transcribes voicemails to an email text, to be read anywhere (ed). See www.vonage.co.uk. They also offer 2 free months, if you pass on a name who then signs up. With some co-operation between neighbours, a whole series of people in Yealand can benefit.

Local buses

Lancashire CC decided back in November to cut all subsidies to rural bus services from the end of March, but the information was not sent out to parish councils. The implication for service No 51 from Lancaster to Carnforth and Silverdale, via the Yealands is very serious. We are all aware that many of the buses run with few passengers but the service is still important to many local residents, at certain times of day.

In discussions with LCC, the two Parish Councils are now seeking ways to maintain a restricted service. They have been left with little time to find an acceptable way forward, but the group are hopeful that they may get some of what they are asking for. Nothing will be known for the next ten days or so. The PCs and Yealand News will keep residents informed.

Yealand WI

The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday 10th February at the Village Hall. The talk on Decorated Eggs by Trish Bugeja was extremely interesting. Who would have thought there were so many different ornamental items you could make with the humble egg! The 'Egg Related'

competition was won by Joan Brown with a beautiful decorated egg shell bouquet.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th March and the talk will be 'Restoring the Nursery Garden at Halecat' by Tom Atwood. This month the competition will be 'A Piece of Floral Pottery', to be interpreted as you like! This will be an open meeting and everyone is welcome. Tea, cake and raffle. Visitors £3. More details from Diana McClure on 781803.

Leighton Moss

Evening Meal and Talk: An Audience with Attila Bankovics Tuesday 22 March (7-9.30 pm)

Join Hungarian conservationist Attila Bankovics for this inspiring talk about the Kiskunság National Park, Hungary (twinned with our very own Leighton Moss!) Enjoy a two course home-cooked meal (a pre-booked vegetarian option is available) and bring your own bottle. Booking and payment in advance essential by phoning 01524 701601. Cost £30 (RSPB members £22).

Beyond Heartstart

Progress but a setback

Defibrillators for the Yealands

Following on from the excellent Heartstart training alongside discussions at the Village Hall Committee and both Parish Councils it has been proposed that the villages of Conyers, Redmayne and Storrs could benefit from a defibrillator - possibly more than one. Fundraising has already begun but more support is needed. The first defibrillator will be housed outside the village hall with a second at the Old School House. Once in place free training and support will be available.

Anyone or any organisation willing to support our efforts should contact Geraldine Moore on 07769335107 or email gerrymoore21@uwclub.net It is possible to donate to the overall fundraising pot or to specify which defibrillator venue you may wish to support.

Viv Calvert writes:

Unfortunately there has been a set-back in the plans for a Yealand First Responders group. On 13th February I learned that the NW Ambulance Service will not support the establishment of any new groups at the moment. A £15 million budget cut means that they have refused to meet the on-going costs of essential pagers and oxygen cylinders. As a result I had to cancel the meeting planned for the 16th. My apologies to anyone who turned up expecting it to go ahead. I informed all

those who expressed interest at the Heartstart sessions, but it completely slipped my mind that there would also be a response from last month's newsletter, and I hope you will excuse my lapse of concentration!

Obviously I am disappointed, but I am looking into an alternative scheme called the Village Emergency Telephone Scheme. It involves volunteers, trained in CPR and defibrillator use, being alerted by phone and acting as 'runners' to get village defibrillators quickly to an emergency. Also, the Burton and Holme Team have offered training in their use, so there are still possibilities for the future. Thank you for all your support to date.

St John's church

There will be a special service to mark Mothering Sunday on March 6 at 9.15am.

The next Knit and Knatter is in church on Wednesday March 9, 2-4pm.

There will be a Lent lunch on Monday March 14 in the village hall at 11.30, after Coffee Stop. There is no charge but you are invited to make donations to this year's chosen charity - Mosamaria, a project in our link Diocese of the Free State in South Africa, which works with people with HIV and AIDS.

We hope to fill the church with spring flowers for Easter and invite you to bring pots of spring flowers or bulbs to church from Monday March 21. The plants will be given out or planted in the churchyard afterwards. Thank you!

The service on Easter Day, Sunday March 27, 9.15am will be followed by an Easter egg hunt in the churchyard—children of all ages welcome!

Tea @ St John's is on Wednesday March 30 at 3.00. Please ring if you would like a lift or if you or anyone you know can't get out and would like a nice tea to be delivered that day.

Further information from Ron Ogden 736518 or Sally-Ann Rothwell 734585.

Yealand Old School

Thursday 10th Mar note this the second Thursday 10.00-12.00

Crafty coffee morning :Yorkshire buttons

All welcome, no particular skill needed

Morecambe Bay Foodbank

The foodbank report that the number of individuals helped during 2015 was slightly up on 2014, but ASDA no longer allow permanent collection points

in their stores, and this source of donations will not be easy to replace. There is a red collection box for non perishable items just inside the door of the Quaker Meeting House, which is taken to the foodbank on Fridays. There is also a collection point in Tesco at Carnforth.

Outside the area

This newsletter usually limits news to just the two parishes, or perhaps the AONB, but there is space this time to mention a performance of Iolanthe, by Hornby Occasionals which features singers from Yealand. It is on from the 16-19th March 7.30, at the Hornby Institute, tickets £8/£10 from 015242 22227

Mobile library

Visit dates 7th and 28th March.

Cuts in the permanent libraries cut by the County seem likely but no information has been given about the mobile service.

Further ahead

Warton Drama Group will present Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare, to be performed at Warton Village Hall from 13th - 16th April at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 and available from Warton Post Office during shop hours or Sue Wilcock on 01524 735058.

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