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The precept, our part of the Council Tax, is used to provide facilities and services in the village. Even through Covid 19 and the national lockdowns, we have continued to maintain the green spaces/verges/footpaths, the play park, the Lawn Cemetery, Natural Burial Ground, St Andrews Churchyard, the Sports and Recreation Ground; the provision of the Handyman Service and general maintenance costs for the upkeep of the village; travel costs for our volunteers who have helped those most vulnerable groups with their shopping and prescriptions etc. and essential administration costs to ensure that the Parish Council fulfils its legal obligations and financial responsibilities. These services and facilities

Administration: Employee/employer PAYE and pension costs.

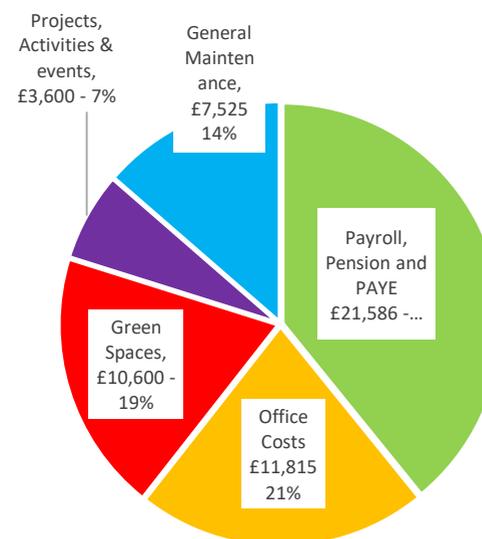
Office Costs: professional fees for legal, payroll and audit; office rent; travel & subsistence, Chairman's budget, printing, postage, telephone, internet, website and stationery; insurance; training and subscriptions, room hire, elections.

Green Spaces: Cemeteries, St Andrews Churchyard, Whitlock Green, Play Park, Verges, Footpaths and Sports and Recreation Ground.

Projects, Activities & Events: Christmas Tree, community activities supporting the Youth Club and I-Tea Support, Community Defibrillator.

General Maintenance & Equipment: Play Park and equipment, Skateboard Park/BMX Track, Cemeteries, Big Tidy Up, Handyman Service and Pest Control.

Great Yeldham Expenditure 2021/22



Receipts: Precept £46,275 Other Income £7,387 Use of Reserves £1,500 (to meet NET requirement).
Expenditure £55,162

At the Parish Council meeting held in December, Councillors agreed that there would be a small increase in the precept, from April 2021 this will increase to £46,275, (an increase of £544 from 2020/21) based on a Council Band D Council Tax Rate of £77.84 per annum (0.02p extra per week). The Parish Council has continued to find further efficiency savings across budget headings, however the small increase is to sustain the Handyman Service which I hope you agree is a valuable service. The Parish Council will continue to identify savings and welcomes suggestions from residents. Further budget information can be found at <https://greatyeldhampc.co.uk/precept>

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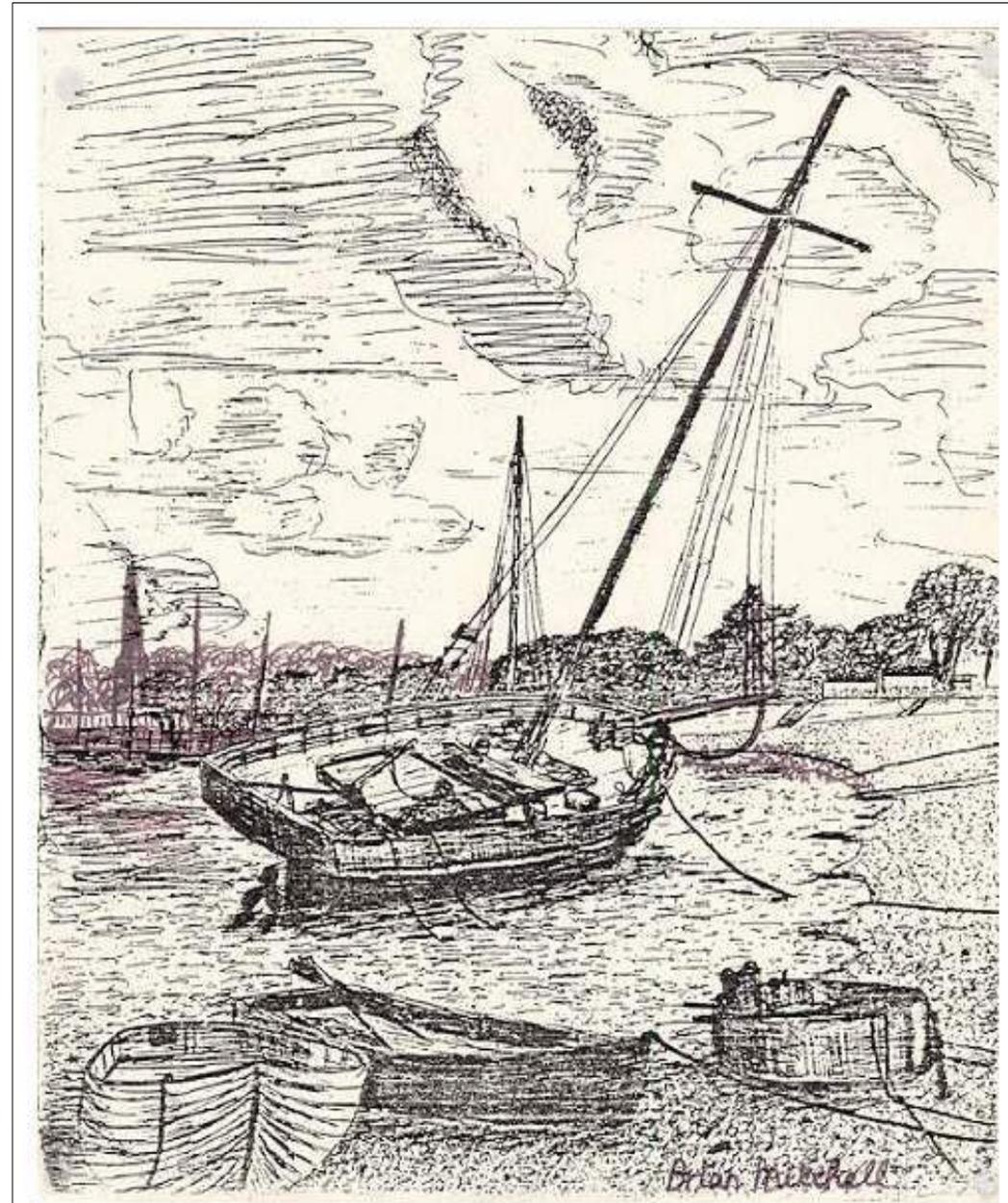


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This amazing picture has been sent in by Brian Mitchell one of our Great Yeldham residents. He said he drew it some 50 years ago with a biro on a scrap of paper one lunchtime when working at a public school on the edge of the Epping forest. I hope you all enjoy it as much as we do. Thank you Brian, can't wait for the next one.





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“Homestead liable to pay a certain tax”

Ridgewell (db Rideuuella) (oe hreed+wella)
“Spring or stream where reeds grow.”

Toppesfield (db Topesfelda)
 (oe person’s name + field)
“Open land of a man called ‘Topp’”

Ovington (db Ouituna)
 (oe person’s name + ing + tun)
“Estate associated with a man called Ofa”

Stambourne (db Stanburna) (oe stan + burna)
“Stony stream”

Sturmer (db Sturmere) (oe River name +mere)
“Pool on the River Stour”

db –Domesday Book 1086
 oe – Old English

Information obtained from The Oxford
 Dictionary of English Place Names.



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St Andrew's Church Grounds Transformation

St Andrew's Church, Great Yeldham, has seen a transformation of the grounds, as a group of local volunteers, inspired by Joe and Anne Metson, used the summer and autumn lockdown hours, to tidy the church grounds to make the church and graves more welcoming and accessible. The group has been careful to care for and preserve habitats, for the various wildlife that live and feed there, including adding a number of bird feeders and a squirrel feeder.



Pressing on

I've been struck by how different this lockdown is for each of us. We journey through one pandemic yet it does not affect us all in the same way. Many of us are grieving the loss of loved ones. All of us experience restrictions on our lives. Yet other aspects of this time affect us differently. For some of us our personal and family circumstances mean that the pandemic is simply a backdrop to something else which has far more impact upon us. Some of us are busier than ever, others are looking for new projects. Some of us face deep financial challenges, others have fewer expenses. Some of us are living alone, others are aware of sharing their space. Some of us are focused upon helping children with their online learning. Those of us here live in a rural context but we are aware that others do not.

I wonder what you find yourself turning to as you keep on going. What gives you hope? I find that I keep returning to these words from the Apostle Paul that he wrote from his own lockdown in prison: *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

May you know God's blessing as we all press on.

Justin

P.S. Our local online services continue to be available by searching 'Revd Liz Paxton' within youtube. If you would appreciate receiving regular updates about those services please let me know and I'll be happy to send those to you by email. For those you who are not online, you may be interested in the Church of England's 'Daily Hope' phonenumber. The free phonenumber is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 and offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England.



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Cottage garden society

Despite being in yet another lockdown spring is in sight and even the smallest garden can truly cheer us up on the coldest and wettest February day. There are signs of the approaching spring, with bulbs appearing and wildlife waking up as light levels and temperatures increase. As the garden comes to life again, it's time to prune shrubs and climbers, such as Wisteria as well as evergreen hedges. The top ten February jobs according to the RHS are as follows: 1. Prepare vegetable seed beds, and sow some vegetables under cover. If you subscribe to Gardeners' World Magazine you will receive free packets of seeds for the next 6 months. 2. Chit potato tubers - I ordered my seed potatoes back in October but you can probably still find some either online or in gardens centres. 3. Protect blossom on apricots, nectarines and peaches - cover with fleece overnight and remove during the day. 4. Net fruit and vegetable crops to keep the birds off. Pigeons can cause a lot of damage and are particularly keen on brassicas. 5. Prune summer-flowering deciduous shrubs that flower on this year's growth such as Buddleja davidii, Hydrangea paniculata, Lavatera, hardy fuchsias, and deciduous Ceanothus. 6. Divide bulbs such as snowdrops, and plant those that need planting 'in the green'. Lift the bulbs with their leaves on when the soil is moist, using a border or hand fork, carefully tease the clumps of bulbs apart by hand, trying to avoid damaging the roots and replant singly, spacing them at least two bulb widths' apart. Plant to the same depth as before, indicated by a change in stem colour from green to white. 7. Prune Wisteria. Wisteria needs regular pruning to keep the growth and size under control, but it will also improve the flowering display. 8. Prune hardy evergreen hedges and renovate overgrown deciduous hedges. 9. Prune conservatory climbers such as bougainvillea. Bougainvilleas require a trellis or pillar for support and can be trained as a standard and spur-pruned to restrict size. They flower on the current seasons growth so prune in late winter or early spring, just before growth begins. 10. Cut back deciduous grasses left uncut over the winter and remove dead grass from evergreen grasses.

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Hello everyone!

I used to write a doggy blog when my humans and me lived in another village and I've decided to come out of retirement

...whatever that is, and write again!

You might have seen me taking my humans for a walk around the village. I take my man human on one day and my lady human on the next day. In the winter (I'm told that what it is at the moment) I have to walk around the paths because the fields are too muddy for my lady humans' 'thing' that she rides on. I hate the 'thing' in case it runs me over (but in never has... and sometimes I cadge a ride on it!) I have to wear my 'coat' when it's cold and I hate that as well!

But when my humans stop and talk to other humans I do get cold without it. Us dogs stand and do a bit of talking but we do get boredwhat do those humans find to chat about?

It's best when I'm off my lead cos then I can have a good sniff and leave my scent on every other scent. My lady human says I would pee on every blade of grass if she let me cheek! A dogs gotta do what a dogs gotta do and other dogs need to know I'm here!

In one field there is sometimes a big white thing that goes into the air if I get near....I only want to say hello. My man human told me it is an Egret....a bird...whatever that is, and we have some 'birds' in our garden that always, always go in the air when I go to say hello! My humans feed them and if I stand near I can get the bits they leave! Lots of lovely bits that I'm not really supposed to eat as they can make me sick and then I have to go to the dog doctor and have medicine....ugh.

All this typing (ha, ha, clever aren't I) has made my paws ache so I'm going to go and lie next to the hot thing on the wall!

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I hope you all managed to enjoy your Christmas festivities even though it was not what we had all planned, but we got through it and here we are at the beginning of a New Year filled with expectation and hope that the vaccine will prove to be the lifeline we are all waiting for. Even though it will be a while yet before we can get together, I feel optimistic that Spring going towards Summer will be our time to venture out and get on with our lives. Meanwhile stay safe and take care.

Regards Margaret x

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Dear Friends,

I expect like me you had a different kind of Christmas, enjoyable but quiet and certainly not as planned. Now though, with the vaccine being rolled out, I feel we can look forward optimistically to planning our return to bowls and getting together again. I realize there is still some way to go yet, but a bit of positive thinking is key to achieving our goal, to play bowls again, catch up with old friends and put 2020 behind us.

Look after yourselves.

Regards Margaret x



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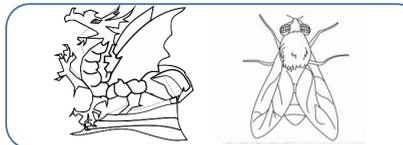
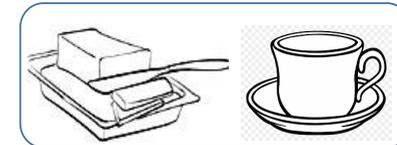
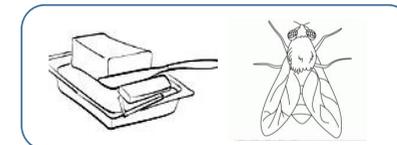
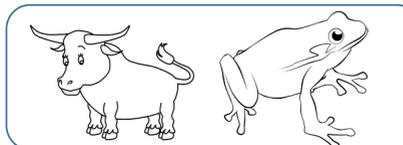
Kid's Page

Welcome to a special page for the younger people in our community.

Fun Fact: Our brains are made up of about 70% water!

Your Challenge:

Can you work out these picture dingbats? Say what you see in the first picture and add it to what you see in the second picture.



Can you get them all? Share them with someone else in your house and see if they can do it too! Can you draw your own for someone to guess?

Some jokes for you: Brighten someone's day! You might want to phone a friend/cousin/grandparent and cheer them with some laughs for the day...

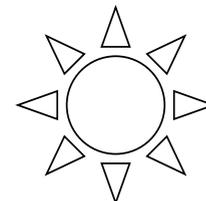
Why did the pony get sent to his room? Because he was horsing around!

Why can't Elsa have a balloon? Because she will let it go!

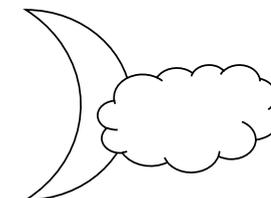
How do you get a squirrel to like you? Act like a nut!

What do you call a boomerang that won't come back? A stick!

What do you get every birthday? Older!



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Below is a schedule of when we will be in your area.

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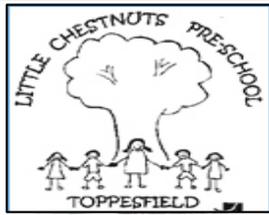
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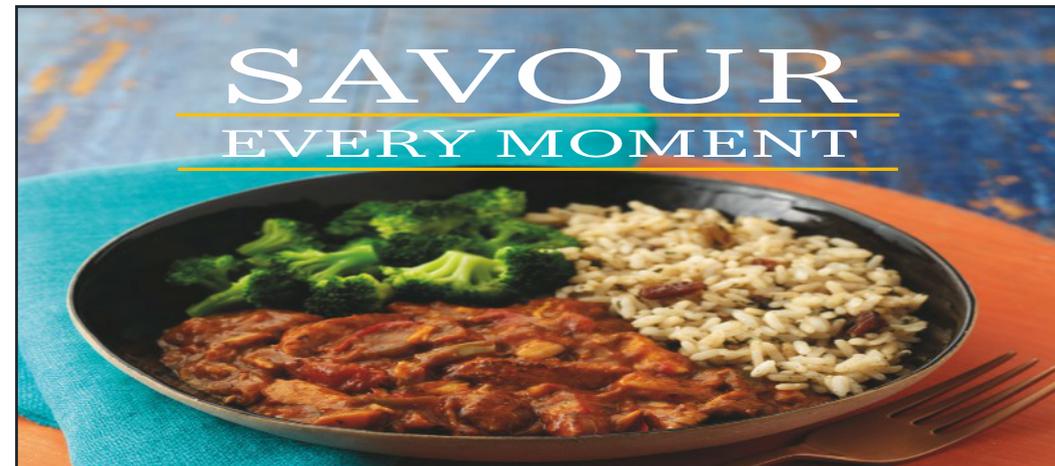
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