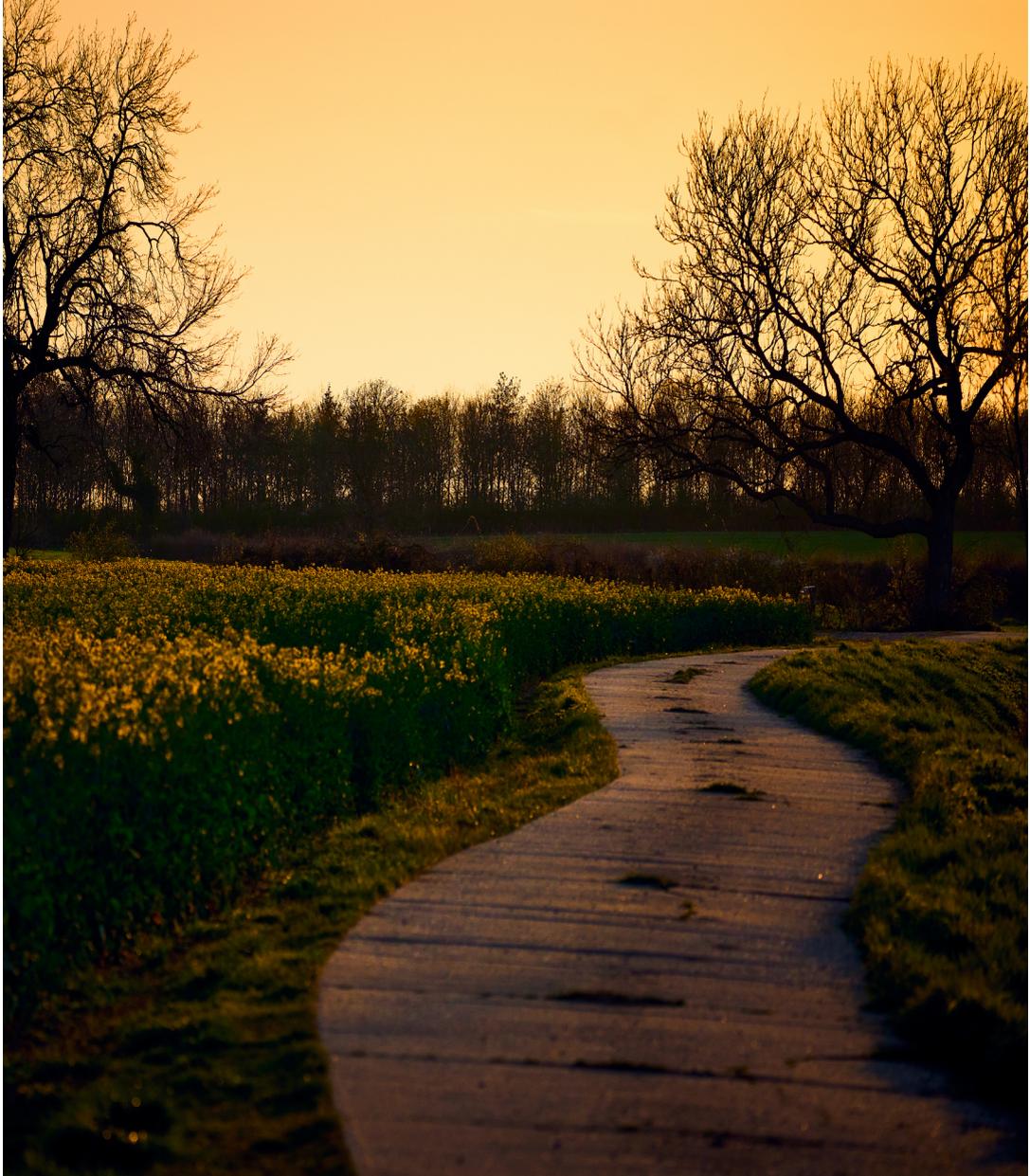


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## **GREAT YELDHAM PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21**

### **Chairman's Report**

The past year has been interesting, busy and in many ways different from previous years. Naturally the Covid 19 pandemic has had a major influence on the work of the Parish Council. In between, a great deal has happened.

Sadly, Marlene Broomfield our good friend and Chairman of the Parish Council passed away after a short illness on July 4th 2020. Marlene was involved in all aspects of village life, always giving her time and support where it was needed. She was involved in many activities including organising events; tending to the burial grounds; the Sports and Recreation Ground in which she played a vital role in the operational management and maintenance of the grounds/pavilion; the Reading Room Management Committee helping to manage the village hall. Marlene was always willing to help, no job was too big or too small. She will be a huge loss to the Parish Council and our community and will be deeply missed by everybody who knew her. With donations from the Parish Council, local residents and Braintree District Council Councillor Community Grant, we were able to install 3 Maples Trees and a lectern display in Marlene's memory. This has been an incredibly difficult year for everyone. Our thoughts are with all those who have lost loved ones.

At the start of the year, we were already in lock down and we were forced to cancel both the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting. The Parish Clerk and Councillors have managed the difficult Covid-19 circumstances with efficiency, dealing with online meetings, closed facilities, risk assessments and constantly changing Government guidelines. The Support Group set up by the Parish Council provided, much needed help and comfort for elderly and vulnerable residents during the pandemic. The Parish Council would like to thank the members of the Support Group and all the volunteers who made this initiative such a success.

Essex County Councillor David Finch stepped down on the 11<sup>th</sup> May this year and I would like to thank him for all his services given to the Parish Council over the years and pass on our well wishes for an enjoyable retirement. We welcome two new Parish Councillors Theobald and Lovell and the Parish Council are looking forward to when we can get back to full community life and to helping to shape its future.

It is heartening to know from the work that has been done in the last twelve months, there is much to look forward to when the current restrictions can be eased. In the meantime, the most important thing is for all to keep well and stay safe.

### **Key Activities 2020/21:**

**Burial Ground.** Work continues with improvements to the burial grounds. Plans for the much need car parking facilities were put on hold due to Covid 19 but plans are moving forward to complete this project in 2021.

**Emergency Plan** is updated each year; our thanks go to volunteers who willing donate their time to help clear the footpaths of ice/snow when required.

**Events** unfortunately due to Covid 19 the Parish Council has not been able to hold any community events. However, the Parish Council was able to erect the annual Christmas Tree and the children of St Andrews decorated Christmas Tree Decorations, a Christmas Light Switch on was held live via Facebook. On 23<sup>rd</sup> March we joined in the National Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the UK's first Covid lockdown and to remember those who died in the pandemic. In remembrance, the Parish Council wrapped a yellow ribbon around the old oak tree along with messages written on yellow hearts by the children of St Andrews Church of England Primary School; the Reading Room was also illuminated in yellow with yellow hearts.

**Highways.** The Speed Watch Team continue to work towards reducing speeding through the village. The Parish Council continues to work with ECC in identifying suitable locations for Vehicle Activated Signs for the High Street. Liaised with ECC on road/bridge defects, potholes, damaged signs and public, footpaths.

**Sports Ground.** The Parish Council have been working in partnership with the Sports Ground Management Committee in refurbishing the site. Plans are in progress for the installation of 6 pieces of outdoor exercise equipment and a clamber stack offering an enjoyable play environment for children. It is hoped the equipment will be installed by August 2021. A dog bag dispenser has now been installed at the Sports Ground near the entrance.

**Planning.** Discussed and commented on 16 planning applications affecting the village and attended Braintree District Council Planning Committee meetings to represent the village, as necessary.

**Other Projects and Working Groups** continue to work on their activities around the village, helping to solve any issues that may occur and working on the environment for all to enjoy working within a set budget. The adopted BT kiosk located outside the Reading Room is

being refurbished and will display themed events focused around the seasons. Provided a £500 grant towards a new website for the Reading Room. The Education Foundation, provided £1520 in small grants to 19 local applicants towards the purchase of school uniform for those children leaving primary school to attend secondary education .

**Web Site and Facebook.** The website [www.greatyeldhampc.co.uk](http://www.greatyeldhampc.co.uk) continues to keep residents up to date with current information, forthcoming events and legal requirements.

**Village Magazine.** The magazine continues to produce an interesting and valued magazine, with 10 editions produced per annum which is posted to every household in the village with thanks to our editor and volunteers. Editions are available to view on the Parish Council website.

**Village Maintenance.** The Parish Council appointed a new grass cutting contract for three years ending in March 2024 who will continue to maintain the grounds ensuring that the village green, open spaces, burial grounds, St Andrews church yard and verges look good. Through efficiency savings the Parish Council were able to fund the Handyman service which continues to undertake general jobs throughout the village including hedge/tree cutting/pruning, sweeping leaf fall, checking play equipment, general grounds maintenance work. Work continues on repairing the wet pour surface in the Play Park. Undertook pest control at the burial grounds and the sports ground.

### **Key Actions for 2021/22**

- Continue to work with the Sports Ground Management Committee on regenerating the Recreation Ground for the provision of new sporting facilities The next phase will be to source funding opportunities for the Multi Use Games Area.
- The Parish Council will be planning a Village Tidy Up day in October 2021 the Amenity Refuse Vehicle provided by Braintree District Council will be hired for this event instead of the 2 skips normally provided.
- Reviewing the play area/equipment for young children. Providing facilities for Youth activities/Youth Club.
- Investigating provision of Allotments. Improve planting area around the lay-by opposite the post office.
- Continue to progress the car parking facilities at the Cemetery.
- Working with the Police to recruit 2 Community Special Constables.
- To progress work with the installation of the Railway Station Display Board

- Appropriate signage around the village: speed awareness, road crossing signs, continue to review and maintain street furniture, street scene and open spaces/footpaths.
- Continuing to develop a programme of events for the village, if/when covid restrictions are lifted.
- Continue working with Braintree, ECC and other key partners in development opportunities for the village including new housing, employment, health services and recreation facilities.
- Continue to work with the developers for Hunnable Industrial Estate and Nuns Walk.
- To meet the administrative costs of the running of the Parish Council in the discharge of its statutory duties including the cost of employing the Clerk.

## **NOTICE OF CASUAL VACANCY**

### **Great Yeldham Parish Council**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a vacancy has occurred in the office of Parish Councillor for Great Yeldham Parish Council.

An election to fill the vacancy will be held if ten local government electors for the electoral area so request. Such request should be made in writing and must include name, address and signature.

Requests must be submitted to the Proper Officer (Chief Executive) of Braintree District Council at Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree CM79HB. The deadline for receipt of requests is no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday 7 July 2021. If an election is not requested as aforesaid the vacancy will be filled by the Parish Council as soon as is practicable.

## Great Yeldham Education Foundation

The parents of children resident in the parish of Great Yeldham who will have children leaving primary school this year to attend secondary education are eligible to apply to the Foundation for a grant towards their child's school uniform. ***Please note: Residency in the parish is determined by your name being on the current edition of the Register of Electors for Great Yeldham.***

**The closing date for applications is Thursday 8th July 2021 at 12 noon.** Successful applicants will be notified by the 21st July 2021. Download the application from <https://greatyeldhampc.co.uk/charities/great-yeldham-education-foundation/> or email [greatyeldhampc@btinternet.com](mailto:greatyeldhampc@btinternet.com)

### **The 4 Villages magazine.**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who are involved with distribution of the magazine to residents of Great Yeldham, Little Yeldham, Tilbury Juxta Clare and Ovington. Without their dedication we would not be able to have the magazine delivered to your doors.

We are looking for new volunteers to help as a few of our volunteers are no longer to help. We are looking for help in the following areas Great Yeldham, Highfields (Leather lane end to top of the hill), Stambourne road, Church road and Ridgewell road (up to petals tearooms).

If you can offer help in either Little Hyde, Whitlock drive, Strawberry fields. We do have volunteers for these areas but they are delivering over 150 magazines a month and it would be great to lessen the load for them, so if you could offer to share that would be amazing.

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1. That the small brick building on the top of the mound in the middle of the Sports Field was built to be a Pump Room? During the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War, munitions on their way from Gt. Yeldham Station to the airfield at Ridgewell were stored in buildings on the concreted section of the Sports Field. In case of fire in the stored munitions, a pump was installed to pump water from a pond nearby to help fight such a fire should it occur!

2. That there was once a Grammar School in Great Yeldham? It occupied the house now known as Applegates on North Road, almost opposite the Church. It has a long and chequered history, being deemed an “Industrial School” during the late eighteenth century but being named as a Grammar School in Kelly’s Directory of Essex dated 1890. It eventually closed in the early 20<sup>th</sup> Century.



3. That there has been a Post Office in Great Yeldham since the early eighteen hundreds. During the past 200 years, the Post Office has occupied at least 6 different sites, including part of the Old Hall House on the High Street; the old Drapers Shop in North Road and the “Fear of God House” on the High Street (now a hairdresser’s). Just before the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, the Post Office was housed in the building attached to Elm Villa beside the Reading Room and then to another site nearby in a prefabricated building made by Whitlock Bros. before being established in its present situation on the High Street.

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Dear Ladies Club, you will all now have received your invitation to Afternoon Tea at Petals Tea Room and thank you for phoning to let me know whether you can join us or not. Those of you requiring transport will be contacted a few days before. We are all looking forward to enjoying this happy occasion which has been a long time coming and if you have any queries you can contact me as before. Regard Margaret.

## **GT. YELDHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB**

Dear Members, you will all have now received a letter giving you a date for our Bowls Cub get together. I hope you can come. It will be good to see everybody and will enable us to talk about the Club together and how we will proceed and adapt to the new Guidelines issued by the ECBA.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Regards Margaret.

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The creamy marble furniture has a golden tint  
The duvet cover and pillow case have a buttercup print.

Over in the corner is a bag of boiled sweets;  
Butterscotch and Barley Sugar are today's special treats.  
There are many shades of yellow pacifying yet cheerful.  
Mellow yellow, soft and beautiful.

By Rosemarie Sayer

## **Brians Blog. For August 6th: The Day The Sun Rose In The West by Brian Mitchell.**

Early in the day, in and around the city, people had been going about their daily business. Many were already at work in the factories and in the fields. A small group of children had been helping their families planting rice, and had stopped to catch crickets; which they would flush out of the ground by pouring water down their holes and catching them as soon as they floated to the top, then fry them to eat.

Some fishermen had just landed their first catch of the day, and some children had gathered round to pinch some of the smaller fish, which they would eat raw after drying them and soaking them in vinegar or lemon juice.

Some smaller children were playing with a small octopus which had come up in the fishermen's nets, and were biting it and allowing its tentacles to curl around their necks in order to shock the city folk on their way to work.

At the sound of a dull, reverberating drone somewhere to the West, they searched the blue sky until they spotted a flashing, silvery fish approaching the city.

The plane appeared to bank and turn away, as if uninterested. The people carried on with their work and play.

Some fishermen out at sea said: "The sun rises in the West today!"

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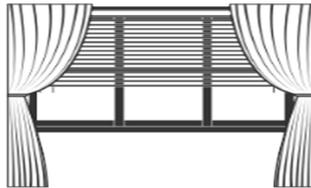
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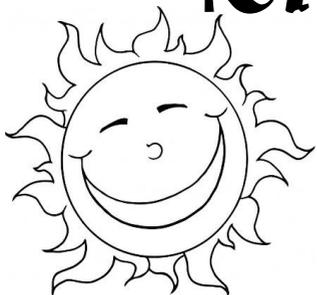
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**The more you take, the more you leave behind. What am I?**

13-22-22-1-26-1-12-23-26

**Say my name and I disappear. What am I?** 26-16-19-12-21-10-12

**Imagine you are in a dark room, no windows, no doors.**

**How do you get out?**

26-1-22-23 16-20-8-14-16-21-16-21-14

**What kind of coat is always wet when you put it on?**

8 10-22-8-1 22-13 23-8-16-21-1

**Runs smoother than any rhyme, loves to fall but cannot climb. What  
am I?**

4-8-1-12-25

**I never ask questions, but am often answered. What am I?**

8 11-22-22-25-9-12-19-19 or 8 1-12-19-12-23-15-22-21-12

**I have no wallet but I pay my way. I travel the world but in the  
corner I stay. What am I?** 8 26-1-8-20-23

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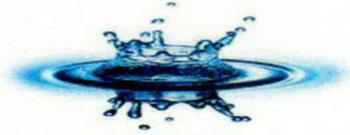
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Volunteers are trained by SERP to use the equipment and record the information which is passed onto Essex Police for action when necessary. Volunteers are issued with speed checking equipment, high-visibility jackets and roadside signs.

Little Yeldham Community Speed Watch is a group of local people who want to help make a difference and encourage awareness of the speed that vehicles are travelling through our village. We aim to monitor traffic for 1 to 2 hours per week from Spring to Autumn and volunteers can participate in as many sessions as they wish.

Further information on the scheme can be found at

<https://saferessexroads.org/policecommunity/community-speed-watch/>

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## Summertime

The daughter of a friend of mine is getting married at the end of July. Not knowing what restrictions will be in place at the time the couple have made one plan in the hope of welcoming over a hundred guests and another in the event that they can only have thirty. By the time you read this I expect they'll know which scenario is possible. Others of us will be looking ahead to the rest of the Euros football, Wimbledon, holidays and meeting up with family and friends. We'll make plans and we'll adapt them as we need to.

I had the privilege of meeting the new Bishop of Chelmsford, Guli Francis-Dehqani, within a large online gathering recently. I was inspired by her wisdom, her humility and her focus on listening to others. One of the things that stuck with me from her comments was her desire to live in the present and to trust the future into God's hands.

I hope that whether it's through sport, holidays, weddings, family gatherings, or other plans, you have some wonderful time 'in the present' this summer.

God bless you

Justin

# Heddinghams & Upper Colne Benefice Services- July 2021

		Sible Heddingham	Castle Heddingham	
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Of bells on the hills; a twinkle  
Of sheep in the lowlands; a bevy  
Of bees where the clover is heavy;  
A butterfly blundering by,—  
And that is July!*

From July in the West by James Newton Matthews

If like me you have been walking through the village and thinking to yourself, "those hedges are much better trimmed than mine" or "those lawns are nicer mowed than mine" or "those hanging baskets look much more colourful than mine" then stop a moment and think to yourself why that might be. Many of us are having to deal with all sorts of problems in these unprecedented times. Health issues, money worries, losing a job, caring for a relative or worse. All of these issues not only take time to deal with but they can sap our energy and prevent us from doing those things that normally we would cope with easily, such as weeding the border for example. Don't beat yourself up about it. Recognise the reason why you can't do what you would normally have done and accept that there are only 24 hours in a day and 7 days in a week which frankly just aren't enough so some things have to give. Gardens can be very forgiving so when you do get a moment, you can achieve a lot. A few minutes weeding, a quick five minutes on the mower will get things looking shipshape again. In the meantime try to enjoy the outside space that you have whether it be a large garden, a small terrace or simply a windowbox. Our gardens really can make us feel better.

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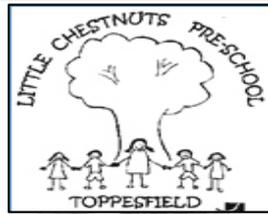
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