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Speeding Motorists in Villages

Recently there have been a few comments about motorists not sticking to the speed limits in the village of Great Yeldham and suggesting speed limit reductions. Some residents seem to believe that speed monitoring and control is the responsibility of the parish council. This is not correct; the parish council must follow the following procedures to obtain a change in the speed limits.

Before any application can be made for a change in a speed limit a request has to be made for a road speed checking exercise. You may have seen these by the presence of two cables across a road. The response to the request usually takes up to two years. Once the results are known Essex County Council Highways Division will then decide whether there is any justification in a change.

If they decide that a reduction is justified, the parish council must make an application for a change and submit it to Highways and then it goes before the Local Highways Panel who decide on the necessity of it and whether there is funding available.

From a checking application to a change in a speed limit can take from five to seven years.

In Great Yeldham, the parish council have had road speed checking exercises undertaken and the only road that was found to be possibly in need of revision of speed limit was Poole Street but this was deemed to be so little over the allowed parameters that it was shelved by Highways.

Great Yeldham has a Community Speedwatch (CSW) Team who currently cannot operate because somebody stole one of the signs during a watching session. Community Speedwatch have no powers other than to report on accurate details of speeding vehicles. The details of a watching session must be sent to the CSW team in Essex Police. Speedwatch sites must be agreed with Essex Police and must undergo a risk assessment.

Let's assume Great Yeldham had a 20mph limit on the A1017. Who is going to police it, who is going to issue speeding fines, who is going to enforce them? Unfortunately, not the parish council as it doesn't have such Statutory Powers.

Excessive speeding is a problem in most villages but there is no need not to be watchful and helpful. **Anybody who can spare an hour occasionally will be welcome to help our CSW Team, that is, when we get a new sign.**

DO YOU KNOW the story of our old Telephone Box?



Have you noticed that the Parish Council is refurbishing the old red telephone box outside the Reading Room in the High Street? But do you know the difficulties encountered before being able to do this?!

Firstly, you need to understand that the telephone box was sited outside one of the original Post Offices opened in 1927, in a prefabricated building next to a bungalow named 'Toterene' in the High Street. A photograph exists of this building (later a gents' hairdresser) which clearly shows the telephone box.

When the new Post Office was built around 1960, the box was moved to the green in front of the Reading Room. The land had been gifted to the Village by Mrs. Maria Goodchild some time before 1898.

Our village telephone box is K6 which was designed by Sir Giles Scott and introduced in 1936, in celebration of the silver Jubilee of King George v. The crown design on our box is St. Edwards. The boxes were painted red so that they could be easily seen if required.

This enabled people to telephone emergency services, businesses or work. If they were lucky enough to have a telephone installed, you could keep in touch with relatives and friends.

Over the years with the introduction of mobile telephones these boxes have become obsolete but are of historic interest and are now being used in a variety of ways.

Now, at long last, the box has been "righted", repainted, glass panels replaced and the lock renewed.

Watch out now for a display, which will be changed regularly, to be viewed from outside the box.

THE VILLAGE TELEPHONE KIOSK

We are pleased to say that the renovation of our telephone kiosk outside the Reading Room has now been completed and a lock fitted.

It is planned to hold a variety of displays showing yearly events, things to make you smile, bring back memories or anything of interest that we can all relate to.

Our first being a Halloween theme which we hope you enjoyed. November will hold a Remembrance theme and if you have any stories or photos you wish to share – please contact us.

December of course will hold a Christmas theme.

We will keep you updated, so please check the Kiosk article in the Village Magazine every month as we do need input from YOU.

Do you have a theme in mind that you would like to show in the Kiosk? If so, please contact the office.

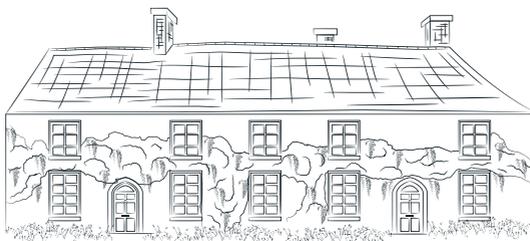
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YELDHAM & DISTRICT LADIES CLUB

Our 'Harvest Supper' ladies meeting on the 30th September was without a doubt a very enjoyable evening. We had a selection of three homemade soups, with bread, cheese and fruit a veritable feast and it was very much a party atmosphere amongst us all. The Rev'nd Justin Tomkins was our guest speaker who entertained us with his reminiscences about his early life and his journey to becoming the reverend of St. Andrews Church in our Village. Following on from our November meeting on the 25th and Deb Hart demonstrating how to make Christmas decorations, will be our Christmas Lunch on the 9th December at Petals Tea Rooms for 'members only'. For any further information please ring Margaret 237049.

GREAT YELDHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We are now getting into the routine of our Tuesday evening roll-ups and we are also beginning to think we are improving after our long absence (tongue in cheek I think!). Nevertheless, we enjoy our evening of being together and the hilarity that accompanies our bowling. We meet on a Tuesday evening 7.15 to 9.30pm and would welcome likeminded people to join us for a spot of bowling. For further information ring Margaret on 237049

A Macmillan Coffee morning held In Little Yeldham Village Hall on September 25th.

It was organised by Ruby Cracknell aged 11 and her sister Evie aged 6.

They had some cakes donated but they made a lot of cakes themselves as well. Ruby was in charge of the cakes and coffee and Evie ran a tombola Teddy Stall.

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"If it is true that one of the greatest pleasures of gardening lies in looking forward, then the planning of next year's beds and borders must be one of the most agreeable occupations in the gardener's calendar. This should make October and November particularly pleasant months, for then we may begin to clear our borders, to cut down those sodden and untidy stalks, to dig up and increase our plants, and to move them to other positions where they will show up to greater effect. People who are not gardeners always say that the bare beds of winter are uninteresting; gardeners know better and take even a certain pleasure in the neatness of the newly dug, bare, brown earth."
- Vita Sackville-West

"November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.

With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.

The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring."

- Elizabeth Coatsworth

"Most people, early in November, take last looks at their gardens, and are then prepared to ignore them until the spring. I am quite sure that a garden doesn't like to be ignored like this. It doesn't like to be covered in dust sheets, as though it were an old room which you had shut up during the winter. Especially since a garden knows how gay and delightful it can be, even in the very frozen heart of the winter, if you only give it a chance."
- Beverley Nichols

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Heddinghams & Upper Colne Benefice Services- November 2021

		Sible Heddingham	Castle Heddingham	
7th	11:00	Family Communion	9:30	Holy Communion
14th	10:50	Remembrance	10:50	Remembrance
21st	11:00	Morning Prayer	9:30	Morning Prayer
28th	11:00	Communion (CW)		Joint with Sible

		Great Yeldham	Little Yeldham	
7th	11:00	Communion (CW)	9:30	Communion (CW)
14th	10:50	Remembrance	10:50	Remembrance
21st	11:00	Communion (CW)	9:30	Communion (CW)
28th	11:00	Family Worship		Joint with Tilbury

		Toppesfield	Stambourne	
7th	11:00	Morning Prayer	9:30	Morning Prayer
14th	10:45	Remembrance	10:45	Remembrance
21st	11:00	Morning Prayer		No Service
28th	11:00	Communion (BCP)		No Service

		Tilbury-juxta-Clare
7th		No Service
14th	10:45	Remembrance
21st		No Service
28th	9:30	Morning Prayer/Communion



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The inspiration of trees

Many years ago now, one of the first chemistry projects I worked on involved helping to make a copy of the pesticide, Azadirachtin, which is naturally produced by the Neem tree. In one way or another, forests help produce so many valuable chemicals, not least pharmaceuticals. That's not to mention the fact that trees pour out life-giving oxygen and remove carbon dioxide from our atmosphere. Apparently, two average-size mature trees produce enough oxygen each year for a family of four to have all they need to breathe during that same period of time.

I love the fact that celebrations marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee will involve planting more trees. As nations gather in Glasgow this month for COP26, the international conference on Climate Change, discussions will go beyond trees and may have an impact throughout our world. I don't know what the outcomes of those talks will be but I do pray for wisdom, understanding, good listening, and for cooperation. We face daunting challenges for today and tomorrow yet I am nonetheless encouraged by the fact that at the end of the Bible we find our attention turned to a tree of life, the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations.

God bless you

Justin



The Harvest Poem

The Super sunny summer days are over,
And there is nothing we can do.
So we grab our scarves and coats,
And go look at what we grew.

Super sweet salty sweet corn being picked,
Carrots as crunchy as autumn leaves,
Oranges sleeping in the sun and,
Two cheerful cherries chatting.

We go back home from harvesting,
And unpack our fruits and vegetables.
We have our delicious meal and go to bed,
We think about how lucky we are for our food
And realise how nice and kind God is,
We then turn our lights off and go to bed.

Eliza Heath

An Ode to Autumn

Misty mornings are appearing now
In the distance I hear the plough

Dew drops on the Spiders Webs Glisten even in the absence of the sun
It is an hour of toil to spin an orb of silken thread before its intricate and elaborate design is done

Then the sun begins to melt the mists, making the colours of the leaves shine so bright and beautiful

Acorns, Hazel Nuts, Sweet Chestnuts and Walnuts scatter the ground
The Autumnal Harvest is all around
Collect Pine Cones and Teasels today
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I see Jay Birds during my countryside walks, and Robins here and there,
Sometimes landing on a branch to sample the seasons fare

The evenings now are dark and damp, and encourage you to scurry indoors
To enjoy warm meals, thick socks, good books and s'mores

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THIN PLACES



Thin places? This strange concept has Celtic origins and is a place of spiritual significance - a place where heaven meets earth. I am intending to write a few articles for this magazine based of places I have visited that for me are thin places. And where better to start than Lindisfarne?

My love affair with LINDISFARNE (Holy Island) in Northumberland, near Berwick on Tweed began in 1991 when I became Vicar of a Church in Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, dedicated to St. Aidan. My late wife and I planned a cycling tour/pilgrimage to Lindisfarne and then on to Iona. Pipe Dreams! We went by car with a tent, and never made it to Iona. But Lindisfarne became a firm personal favourite.



Holy Island is a place of pilgrimage because of its associations with Celtic Christianity, linking such names as Aidan, Cedd and Cuthbert. The path across the sands for pedestrian pilgrims is clearly marked by withies. Near the ruins of the Priory is a statue of Aidan carrying a



torch - a light to lighten the heathen of the north, but to my childish mind he looks as if he is about to eat an ice-cream cornet! It does not really do him justice, whereas the much more recent carving of Cuthbert in the Priory ruins is majestic and noble.

There is a little known pearl in the courtyard garden, not far from the Castle which is the work of the late Gertrude Jekyll: in late August the garden is superb, with charts of her original planting plan. Holy Island is a place of real peace, ideal for walking, bird watching, seal watching and simply enjoying one of the most beautiful places in England. It is well worth booking a night or two in one of the hotels or B & B establishments to get the full benefit of the island and to experience the holiness of the place (although to be fair, that is subjective - a friend recently commented that it did nothing for her!) A few years ago I misread the tide tables (or were they wrong online?!) and we were very surprised when all the coaches and day trippers had left by lunchtime. So, yes, we were stranded on the island! But what a surprise blessing it was! It was a glorious sunny day and we were content to sit, wander and simply be. Finding a meal that had not been pre-booked was difficult, but eventually had a wonderful supper at a bistro in one of the hotels. (Bistro now closed, sadly). But the perk was on the journey home, driving south past Gateshead - the Angel of the North at sunset: we had to stop and wonder - Amazing, memorable and well worth stopping . So two thin places for the price of one!



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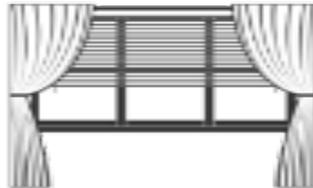
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