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The Queens Jubilee Celebrations.

The parish council events group are starting to make plans to celebrate the Queens Jubilee on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June 2022.

We are looking for help from residents, local groups, and businesses to become involved.

This could be volunteering your time to help with preparations before and on the day,

Local groups to “showcase” what they do in the village or to hold a stall.

Local businesses as above or if you would like to donate to the fund for entertainment for the community.

This is not an extensive list, just something you a rough idea.

Please either contact the Parish clerk at the Reading room 01787 237832

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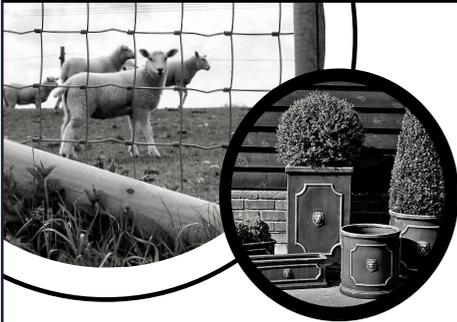
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## **Great Yeldham Post Office Closure**

The Parish Council has been made aware that the current service for the Post Office will cease on the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2022.

This is mainly due to the Sorting Office moving back to Halstead.

The current service providers have indicated that without the Sorting Office contract from Post Office Ltd the revenue generated solely through sales commission is not economically viable and with regret they are no longer able to operate the service.

A representative of the Post Office has promised to visit and talk about the possibilities of retaining some form of Post Office service.

Unfortunately, no date has been given for the visit, so it is not possible to give any more information at this time.

When the representative gets in touch and sets a date, posters will be displayed throughout the villages to tell residents the time and place of the meeting.

## **Household Support Fund**

Community360 has been asked to administer the Household Support Fund in the Braintree area. Funding up to about £500 is available for help with food, energy & water, essentials linked to energy & water and wider essentials which could include equipment, clothing, essential transport related costs and others.

The fund is open to all regardless of having children or being of a certain age.

If you feel you could benefit from this fund, in the first instance contact Community360 Braintree office on 01376 550507.

Please note that £500 is the maximum but anything from £10 upwards will be considered.

## RIP Scamp

It is with great sadness that we inform Scamp's fans that he passed away on the 18th of January 2022, he was 15yrs 3mths.

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## Great Yeldham Sports ground

I'm sure you have noticed the small building, which is situated between the zipwire, and picnic benches up at the recreation ground.

The building has been there for many years, and we have been told that it was originally built as a pump house for the ammunition storage unit that used to be on the hardstanding, where we now have the skate park and basketball nets. Where the picnic benches are used to be a water deposit. They built them both in case they had a fire in the units as the fire service took a little longer back then to arrive.

The sports ground committee are looking to renovate the old pump house. The idea is to clean, then paint the building and have benches installed.

Some funding has been secured towards materials but would appreciate any help from the community to complete this project.

If you can/are

- donate your time to help with the renovations, this includes cleaning, painting, making and/or installing the benches.
- a business who could donate materials or extra funds to the project.

Please contact the parish clerk 01787 237832 or email

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**Great Yeldham Cottage Garden Society**

# QUIZ NIGHT

**SATURDAY, 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022**

**7.30 pm Reading Room, Great Yeldham  
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4-	A B C D
5-	A B C D
6-	A B C D

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**general knowledge questions**

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## Cottage garden society

Despite the continued presence of COVID-19 your committee have been hard at work planning Covid safe events for 2020. We are pleased to announce our first event since the Owl-R-Us display in March 2020. Alan Duthie is hosting a general knowledge quiz for members and friends on Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30. Teams ideally of between 4 and 6 people although we may have to adhere to household bubbles depending on any restrictions closer to the date. Tickets cost £5 per person or £6 for non-members to include a buffet supper but please bring your own drinks. Please reserve your ticket as numbers will be controlled by either emailing [joannacwilliams@btinternet.com](mailto:joannacwilliams@btinternet.com) or place your ticket money in an envelope with your name and deliver to Anne Burrows at Hope Cottage, Bridge Street. Tickets will not be available on the door so prebooking is essential.

Other events planned for 2022 include the plant sale in May, an open garden, the return of the annual show and a new look AGM with cheese & wine. All events this year are of course subject to change as circumstances dictate. Please also remember that we have asked for help on the committee and if no such help is forthcoming by the end of this year it is most likely that the society will have to close as there will be no-one to run it. Many hands make light work, and many heads can come up with numerous ideas for new events so unless you want your society to become a distant memory, please think how you could help.

Turning to your gardens now, cut down deciduous ornamental grasses left standing over winter, before fresh shoots appear and divide large clumps of snowdrops and winter aconites after flowering and replant to start new colonies. Prune late-summer flowering clematis, cutting stems back to healthy buds about 30cm from the base. Transplant deciduous shrubs growing in the wrong place, while they are dormant. Pot up containers with hardy spring bedding, such as primroses, wallflowers, and forget-me-nots. Prune winter-blooming shrubs such as mahonia, winter jasmine and heathers once they've finished flowering. Give winter heathers a light trim after flowering, removing shoot tips but not cutting back into old wood. Prune buddleja and elder to the base to keep these vigorous shrubs to a reasonable size.

Jo Williams ([joannacwilliams@btinternet.com](mailto:joannacwilliams@btinternet.com))

## GT. YELDHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

We are pleased to say that we are now back playing carpet bowls in the Reading Room. This year hopefully, we will get to play friendly matches, although when, is the question. Meanwhile we will continue to play and compete amongst ourselves. If you feel like having a go at bowling, or are a lapsed bowler, we would welcome you so along and meet the team. We start at 7.15pm to 9.30 approximately. If you require any further information, please call Margaret on 234079.



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# YELDHAM & DISTRICT LADIES CLUB

## PROGRAMME 2022

27th January Jackie Lucas – lasting Power of Attorney

24<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm Mike Wabe - Life and Death in a Victorian Gaol

31<sup>st</sup> March at 7.30 – AGM followed by games.

\*Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm – Quiz Night run by Peter Tatam

Planting of Lily's tree followed by afternoon tea – Date tbc

28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm – Jan Cole, The Hedingham Suffragettes

26<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm – Liz Seetharaman Cats Protection

Celebration of Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Date tbc

30<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm Sharon Flowers, how to repair or make absolutely anything in fabric

29<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm Rex Freeman, Growing Old Disgracefully

25<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm Peter Regelous – A Life on the Road

29<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm – Harvest Supper followed by Lee Ranson on the work of the Braintree Food Bank

27<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm – The work of the St. Nicholas Hospice

\*24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm – Music Night with Pete George

December – Christmas Lunch (Members only) venue tbc

\*Open Night for guests

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13th	11:00	Communion	9:30	Communion (CW)
20rd	11:00	Morning Prayer	9:30	Morning Prayer
27th	11:00	Communion (CW)		Joint with Sible

Great Yeldham			Little Yeldham	
6th	11:00	Communion (CW)	9:00	Communion (CW)
13th	11:00	Family Worship	9:30	Morning Prayer
20rd	11:00	Communion (CW)	9:30	Communion (CW)
27th	11:00	Family Worship		Joint with Tilbury

Toppesfield			Stambourne	
6th	11:00	Morning Prayer	9:30	Morning Prayer
13th	11:00	Communion (CW)	9:30	Communion (CW)
20rd	11:00	Morning Prayer		No Service
27th	11:00	Communion (BCP)		No Service

Tilbury-juxta-Clare		
6th		No Service
13th		No Service
20rd		No Service
27th	9:30	Communion (CW)



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# Church News

## **Building Bridges**

Being the only member of my family not to have an American passport, I was amused to read of the upset caused recently when the word puzzle website 'Wordle' sparked outrage by including a word with an American spelling! It made me think of the ways we can let chasms keep us apart, or build bridges to connect us.

One of the projects that I'm involved in at the moment is working on building bridges between scientists and their own church congregations around the country. I've been fascinated to hear the stories of a number of Christians working on different scientific frontlines and to see how those stories build bridges of understanding and help to dispel the myth that science and faith are incompatible.

I love the connections between our different villages locally and I'm pleased that I am now involved in church services at Tilbury-juxta-Clare, as well as within the Yeldhams. I look forward getting to know those of you who go along to St Margaret's church, and if you're in that area but don't yet do that, maybe you'd like to join me in starting. You'd be so very welcome.

God bless you

Justin



## The Friends of St John the Baptist Church, Little Yeldham

### First of the 2022 guided walks

Registered Charity No. 1110136

Sunday, 3 April at 11.00 am

Meet at The Kings Head, Gosfield  
and lunch after the walk

### Following walks

Sunday, 12 June at 11.00 am

Venue tbc

Sunday, 11 September at 11.00 am

Venue tbc

All the walks are leisurely and approximately 4 miles long. Lunch at a local pub can be half way through the walk or at the end. Cost is £5 per person. You can walk and lunch, just walk, or just lunch.

Please ring Dor Webb on 07572210068 if you are interested.

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## DO YOU KNOW . . . . .

where this sign can be found in Great Yeldham?



A symbol the same as the one pictured above, can be found on the Stonebridge which goes over the River Stour, coming from the Village Green and just before the Yeldham Oak. Approaching Stonebridge from the Bus Stop, look at the brickwork down near the bottom left hand side of the bridge.

There you will see a sign similar to that shown above. This is an Ordnance Survey benchmark, a stylized image of a theodolite, the instrument used by Surveyors in measuring. This symbol shows a precisely known relationship to the known vertical data of the area, in this case the mean sea level. The home of the datum point for the mean sea level for mainland Great Britain is at Newlyn Tidal Observatory in Cornwall and the horizontal line on our bridge shows the mean sea level at Newlyn, as used by Surveyors.

There may well be other similar benchmarks in the area. If you know of any, please let the Editor know.

For further information go to:

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# Kids Page

**Fun Fact:** a group of geese is also called a gaggle.

## Your challenge:

Read the rhyme and follow the directions.

*Go for a walk somewhere you have never been!*

*Where will you go? Then, what have you seen?*

*Find something that is completely new to you.*

*Take a photo or draw a picture so we can see too!*

One or two may get printed in this magazine! Send your picture (black & white) of the place or thing you have seen on your new walk to:

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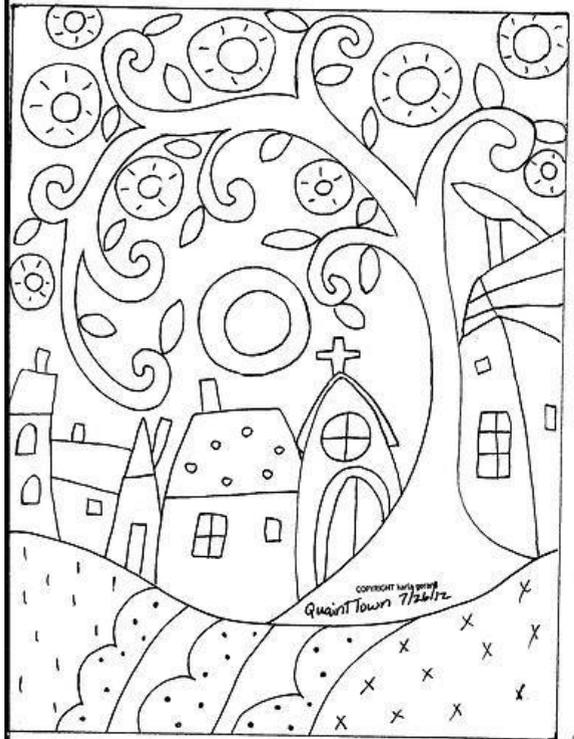
## Jokes for you:

What's a frog's favourite flower? A croak-us!

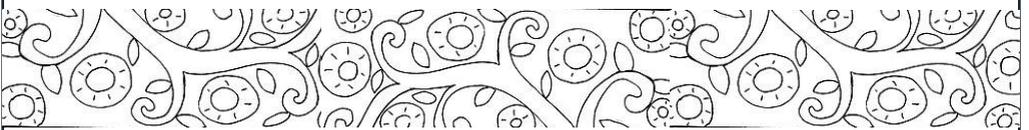
What do you get if you cross a bike and a flower? Bicycle petals!

What do you get if you cross a sheep dog with a daisy? A collie-flower!

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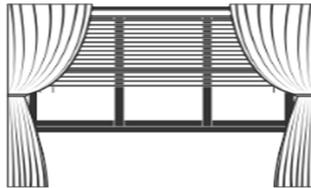
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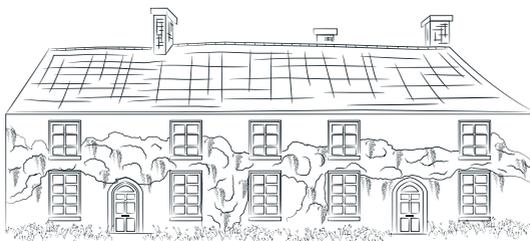
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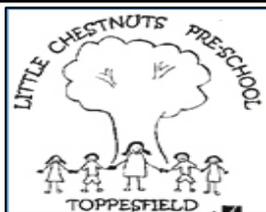
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