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SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2023
1.00-4.00 PM

Ticket reservation - email greatyeldhampc@btinternet.com
See next edition for updates or visit <https://greatyeldhampc.co.uk>

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GREAT YELDHAM TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Great News

The Great Yeldham Table Tennis Club has now been officially formed with Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary elected.

Our first club night was on Wednesday 22nd February. A fuller report will be in the April edition.

You are welcome to come along on a Wednesday night to see what we are about and hopefully join in the fun, it's a social event as well.

Please contact John on 01787 238297 for more details.

YELDHAM & DISTRICT LADIES CLUB

We made a good start to 2023 with a cheese and wine evening to accompany a very interesting talk by Paula Short entitled La Veuve Cliquot (The Woman behind the Wine). It was lovely to see so many of our ladies braving the cold of the January evening to come to what was a very enjoyable first meeting of the year. Our programme covers a wide range of speakers and interesting subjects so if you would like to join us we meet on the last Thursday in the month in the Reading room from 7.30 to 9.30pm. Your first visit is free so do come, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and cake and meet new people or catch up with old ones. Ring Margaret if you would like more information about our Club. 237049.

GREAT YELDHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Well, here we are again, another year when we hope to entice some new members to come along to our Bowls Club. You don't require any special skills but will be shown the rudiments of the game and enjoy a cuppa, a biscuit and a chat. It really isn't a hard game to play and you will be surprised at how quickly you can pick it up. Come along and give it a try, just turn up on a Tuesday evening 7.15 to 9.30 and give it a go. We will welcome you with open arms.

What you need to know for local elections in May 2023.

If you're looking to vote in May's local elections, there is some important information you need to know.

To vote in the local elections this May 2023 at a polling station or by proxy, you will need to show **PHOTO ID**. This is a **NEW** requirement, introduced by the UK Government's Elections Act which was passed last year and comes into effect for the first time this May.

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<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/applying-a-voter-authority-certificate> Currently the application process has not yet opened but we will update you as soon as this becomes available. Voters who do not produce a Voter Authority Certificate, or valid Photo ID will not be allowed to vote on the day. What about postal and proxy votes? Postal voters will not be affected and will be issued with their postal ballot papers as usual. If you choose to vote by proxy then the person who you have trusted to vote on your behalf will have to take their own photo ID or Voter Authority Certificate to the relevant polling station in order to be issued with a ballot paper. If you have any questions at all, our Elections team are here to help & assist you. You can contact them by emailing elections@braintree.gov.uk or calling 01376 552525. We also have all the details about the Braintree district local elections and Voter ID on our website here: www.braintree.gov.uk/elections

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GREAT YELDHAM COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY

Our first event of 2023 will be a flower arranging demonstration by Becki Poulter on Saturday 11th March at 7.30pm in the Reading Room. Becki will demonstrate how to make a beautiful floral arrangement perfect as a Mother's Day gift plus an Easter table arrangement and more. No experience required. We will be providing cheese and wine and each ticket purchased also gives you one entry into the draw to win one of the arrangements. Tickets £12 CGS members or £14 non members from Sarah MacKinnon at Stonebridge House or Jo Williams at Ashbrook Cottage. Tickets must be pre-ordered please for catering purposes. Come and be inspired for the Annual Show on Saturday 2nd September when the Flower Arranging classes are: An Arrangement Fit for a King, max size 12x12x12 inches; and A Miniature Arrangement, max size 6x6x6 inches. The Halstead Co-operative Cup is awarded for the Best Arrangement in the Show.

Tickets are still available for the guided tour of the National Stud at Newmarket on Sunday 2nd April. Meeting at Wavertree's Coffee Shop at 11am for tea/coffee and biscuits we will embark on a 90 minute guided tour via minibus of the National Stud. Tickets are £15 for members or £17.50 for non-members and must be booked before **10th March**. Please email joannacwilliams@btinternet.com to reserve your tickets today.

Turning back to the show, I did promise a sneak preview of all the classes beforehand so here are the Section B classes for Flowers and Pot Plants: Chrysanthemums - vase of three stems ; Asters - vase of five stems (single head per stem); Rose - single bloom in a vase; Roses - three blooms in a vase (may be of different varieties); Dahlias - vase of five stems (single blooms, with own foliage); A vase of five stems of any one kind of flower; Garden flowers - a vase of three different kinds; A cut specimen bloom, spike or spray; A pot plant - Orchid - in a max 8 inch pot; A pot plant - Fuchsia - (max 8 inch pot); A pot plant - Geranium/Pelargonium in a max 8 inch pot; A pot plant - Flowering, any kind not mentioned in previous classes, in a max 8 inch pot; A pot plant - Foliage, any kind in a max 8 inch pot; A pot plant - Cactus or Succulent in a max 8 inch pot. No separate foliage may be included in any class. Oversized pots will be disqualified. Exhibits must have been maintained by the exhibitor for at least three months before the show. There are silver cups to be won for the best exhibit and the most number of points in this section, as well as for the best rose.

Jo Williams

GREAT YELDHAM COTTAGE GARDEN SOCIETY

Spring Floral Demonstration

by Becki Poulter

Saturday 11th March 2023

£12 CGS members £14 non-members

Ticket price includes one entry into

draw to win an arrangement

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GUIDED TOUR OF THE NATIONAL STUD at NEWMARKET

SUNDAY 2ND APRIL 2023

11amat WAVERTREE COFFEESHOP, CB8 0XE for coffee & biscuits prior to the 90 minute minibus tour.

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before 10th March for either event

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Then check out the display in the Village Telephone Box in March to view the finds unearthed during excavation work of the area at Nun's Walk prior to the new homes being built.

St Andrews Café – 2nd and 23rd March

The café, run in partnership with St Andrews Church in Great Yeldham, first opened in September 2021. It now provides a regular space for people in the village and surrounding areas to connect and catch up with old friends and to make new ones. We are delighted that the café has proved to be so popular and that it has become established as a regular event to look forward to for so many people.

We have **two** cafés taking place this month - the first on Thursday 2nd March and the second on Thursday 23rd March.

The café is run by volunteers who provide refreshments and bake in advance to ensure that there is a good selection of cakes and biscuits available. There is no charge but we are always grateful for any donations we receive.

Everyone is very welcome to come along – our youngest visitor was only a few weeks old, and the oldest now well in to their 90s.

The café takes place in St Andrews Church and is open on each date from 10.00am to 11.30am. Dates for the rest of the year are set out below. (Please note that there will not be a café in April or August this year).

2nd March
4th May
6th July
5th October
7th December

23rd March
8th June
7th September
9th November

We look forward to seeing you soon!

**Little Yeldham, Tilbury Juxta Clare and
Ovington Parish Council**

SPRING FAYRE

**at the Little Yeldham Village Hall on
Saturday 25th March 2023 from
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Heddinghams & Upper Colne Benefice Services - March 2023

Sible Heddingham			Castle Heddingham	
5th	11:00	Family Communion (CW)	9:30	Communion (CW)
12th	11:00	Communion (CW)	9:30	Communion (CW)
19th	11:00	Morning Prayer	9:30	Morning Prayer
26th	11:00	Communion (CW)		

Great Yeldham			Little Yeldham	
5th	11:00	Family Communion (CW)	9:30	Communion (CW)
12th	11:00	Family worship	9:30	Morning Prayer
19th	11:00	Family Communion (CW)	9:30	Communion (CW)
26th	11:00	Family worship		Service at Tilbury-juxta-Clare

Toppesfield			Stambourne	
5th	11:00	Morning Prayer	9:30	Morning Prayer
12th	11:00	Communion (CW)	9:30	Communion (CW)
19th	11:00	Morning Prayer		
26th	11:00	Communion (CW)		

Tilbury-juxta-Clare		
5th		
12th		
19th		
26th	9:30	Communion (CW)



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Peter Hyland

25th March 1926 to January 1st 2023.

I would like to thank the Rev Justin and all who attended the funeral service on Jan 18th. I would also thank, friends old and new, neighbours, members of fund-raising committees, The Ladies' Club, The Carpet Bowls Club, The Cottage Garden Society and all who have been involved in our lives in Yeldham and for the many, many letters and cards, plants and flowers I have received. Your support, in the loss of my dear husband, is so much appreciated,
 Val Hyland.

Church News

Looking up

Have you ever noticed how most birds drink? We were reflecting in church recently on Jesus' encouragement to 'look to the birds of the air'. I discovered that most birds drink by gravity. They take some water in their beak and then they tilt their heads up, making use of gravity to cause the water to flow downward towards their stomach. Whether the bird is a chicken, a robin, or even a penguin, tilting their heads up to swallow can make it appear as if the bird is giving thanks. Interestingly, pigeons are one of the few birds that can drink by suction, leaving them looking down as they drink, with far less expression of any form of gratitude!

I'm grateful that, once more, we're moving out of winter and into spring. As we long for peace to come in Ukraine and for good to come in so many other situations that we'll have on our minds, I find that it helps me to keep on reminding myself of so many things I'm grateful for.

It won't be too long before we have a chance to give thanks and to celebrate at Easter time once more. In the meantime, you may wish to join us in our local churches as we celebrate Mothering Sunday on 19th March and we give thanks for our mothers.

God bless you

Justin

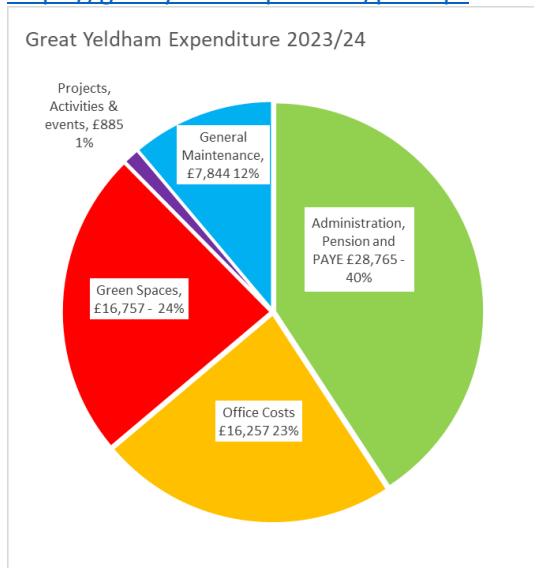
Great Yeldham Parish Council Precept 2023/24

The precept, our part of the Council Tax, is used to provide facilities and services in the village. We continue to maintain the green spaces, verges and footpaths; the Lawn Cemetery, Natural Burial Grounds and St Andrews Churchyard; the play park and the Sports and Recreation Ground; the provision of the Handyman Service and general maintenance costs for the upkeep of the village; and essential administration costs to ensure that the Parish Council fulfils its legal obligations and financial responsibilities.

The Parish Council has continued to find further efficiency savings across the budget, however with inflation above 10%, council finances are under pressure. In addition, the Parish Council anticipates a further reduction of £1,097 from Braintree District Council Street Cleansing grant and Council Tax surplus. Additional commitments include £980 for the village Post Office Service; maintenance of Bowtells Meadow when transferred to the Parish Council an additional £1,000 (annual grass cutting costs estimated at £4k); increased costs for grounds maintenance works; Local Government pay offer uprated to 4.04%.

At the Parish Council meeting held in January 2023, Councillors agreed from April 2023 the precept will increase to £53,296, which represents the Parish element of the Council Tax Band D Annual Charge of £80.97 (a rise of £2.43 from 2022/23, approximately the equivalent of 6 pints of milk). 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>



Receipts:

Precept	£ 53,296
Other Income	£ 9,212
Use of Reserves/	
Receipts/S106	£ 8,000
Total Receipts	£ 70,508

Expenditure:

Administration, Pension,	
PAYE	£ 28,765
Office Costs	£ 16,257
Green Spaces	£ 16,757
General Maintenance	
And Handyman	£ 7,844
Activities & Events	£ 885
Total Expenditure	£70,508



Hi everyone, is there a potential Club Secretary out there?

You may have seen that we are making great progress in installing the wiring circuits at the Men's Shed. This is thanks to Adrian Burr from AGL Design & Installation Ltd of Great Yeldham who has volunteered his time, experience, and some kit to lead us safely through the process – Thank you Adrian.

We received an unexpected donation in the form of a brand new laptop for the Shed from Adam of Apex evolution who had been told about the shed by Little Yeldham Resident and work colleague Anastasia Chatzara – thank you so much, we will make great use of it.

We had a lot of sewing machines offered to us, thank you all. We could only take one at the moment and so thank you to Tina Kelson for her kind donation.

We hope to have the workbenches completed in a few weeks and then it will be time to organise the interior, check and PAT test tools, complete risk assessments put up signage and get organised for opening.

This reminds me, **we are looking for a volunteer to join the group as Club Secretary.** The duties are not onerous. We just need someone keen and organised. The Secretary will join committee and work with me to attain a charitable status for the shed over the next year. The role is open to anyone, but being familiar with What's App and having a basic level of computer literacy would be useful. If you are interested please contact me.

Our wish list at the moment is therefore; Club Secretary, ironmongery, glues & stains, crafting materials/tools, woodworking and craft books, cordless power tools, and some games like, Chess, Scrabble, and Draughts

Please remember to join our Facebook group for the latest news and updates. Simply search for Great Yeldham Men's Shed or type in <https://www.facebook.com/groups/482066230422000>

Or you can contact me direct on: M: 07576 757350 E: Mail martinkdowding@gmail.com. Happy Shedding - Martin



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WHAT GOES WHERE

MONDAY ROUTE 1

OCTOBER 2022

3 10 17 24 31

NOVEMBER 2022

7 14 21 28

DECEMBER 2022

5 12 19 24
SAT

JANUARY 2023

3 9 16 23 30
TUES

FEBRUARY 2023

6 13 20 27

MARCH 2023

6 13 20 27

APRIL 2023

3 11 17 24
TUES

MAY 2023

2 8 15 22 30
TUES

JUNE 2023

5 12 19 26

JULY 2023

3 10 17 24 31

AUGUST 2023

7 14 21 29
TUES

SEPTEMBER 2023

4 11 18 25

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◇ Different collection day

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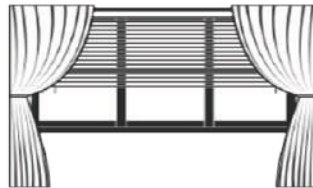
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