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I hereby give notice that the Great Yeldham Annual Parish Assembly will take place:



Thursday 6th April 2023 at 7.00 pm At the Reading Room, High Street, Gt Yeldham

This is a meeting for and of the community:

- View draft plans for Bowtells Meadow and share your thoughts about the project and other activities in the parish – what has worked well and what hasn't worked so well.
- Information from local clubs, societies and activities
- Annual Reports from the Parish Council, Braintree District Council and Essex County Council

Cllr Philip Rawlinson Chairman, Gt Yeldham Parish Council 16th March 2023



Great Yeldham Parish Council will be hosting the 'Big Lunch' bringing the community together to share friendship, food and fun! Join us at the Recreation Ground, Toppesfield Road (No vehicle parking except Blue Badge Holders)

SUNDAY 7th MAY 2023 1.00-4.00 PM

Ticket reservation - email <u>greatyeldhampc@btinternet.com</u> For updates see our website <u>https://greatyeldhampc.co.uk</u>

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.

Here is where you can check if your ID is accepted: https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voterid/accepted-forms-photo-id

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https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voterid/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 Certificates, 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

Hedinghams & Upper Colne Benefice Sunday Services - April 2023

	Sible Hedingham			Castle Hedingham		
2nd		Palm Sunday Walk		Palm Sunday Walk		
9th	11:00	Easter Communion	9:30	Easter Communion		
16th	11:00	Morning Prayer	9:30	Morning Prayer		
23rd		Communion				
30th	11:00	Benefice Communion		Benefice Service at Sible		

	Great Yeldham			Little Yeldham		
2nd	11:00	Family Communion	9:30	Communion		
9th	11:00	Easter Commuion	9:30	Easter Communion		
16th	11:00	Family Communion	9:30	Communion		
23rd	11:00	Family Worship		Service at Tilbury-juxta-Clare		
30th	11:00	Benefice Service at Sible		Benefice Service at Sible		

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Celebrating life

Back in March 1992, Alan Anderson was 3,000 feet up in the air, the only passenger in small plane. His future father-in-law, Les Rhoades, was the pilot. Without any warning, Les had a heart attack and died at the controls of the plane. Alan's first reaction was that Les was pulling one of his pranks but it quickly became apparent that this was no joke. Alan's second response was to send out a distress call on the radio.

A nearby pilot, Robert Legg, picked up the call and quickly drew alongside Alan's plane. Alan didn't know how to operate the throttle or the brakes but, through the radio, Robert told him what to do. Following Robert's instructions Alan was able to bring the plane down to safety where emergency vehicles were already waiting. Alan later commented that the incident "seemed like Les' way of saying 'If you come through this then you can marry my daughter'".

I can only imagine how it must have felt for Alan to find himself back on solid ground once more but I'm sure I'd have had such a powerful sense of gratitude for being alive.

As we approach Easter once more our local churches will celebrate that gift of life and Jesus' power over death. You can find details in this magazine and you'd be so welcome at any of our services.

God bless you

Justin

YELDHAM & DISTRICT LADIES CLUB

Our last speaker Sophie Ede from Hearing in Essex was herself deaf having suffered a serious illness in her late teens early twenties which unfortunately changed her ambitions regarding her musical career. It was very interesting to learn that hearing aides are specifically unique to each person and their need. On April 27th Brian Thurlow will be talking about Maria Marten and the Red Barn. Should you be interested in joining us just come along 7.30pm on Thursday in the Reading Room, your first visit is free, have a cup of tea/coffee and cake and enjoy a relaxing evening. If you need anymore information ring Margaret on 237049.

GREAT YELDHAM CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Now that the evenings are getting lighter, we are hoping to start making arrangements to play some friendly matches home and away. We always enjoyed our friendly games, meeting old friends and the challenge of playing competitive bowls was always great fun and a lot of laughs as we don't take ourselves too seriously. It was just a group of likeminded people enjoying an evening out together playing bowls whether win or lose. If you would like to come along and swell our numbers, we would be very grateful. Just drop in on a Tuesday evening 7.15 to 9.30 and see what we are all about. Ring Margaret if you want any more information regarding our Club.

April update.

A stalwart band of about 10 members now regularly meet at the Reading Room, on a Wednesday evening from 7.00pm until 9.00pm.

Thanks to Richard, Robin and Keith from Braintree & District Table Tennis League, who gave up their time and came to see

us on the 15th March. They stayed all evening and passed over some invaluable tips to us about playing, serving and for the first time, playing doubles, which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to them.



You are all most 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 after all.

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The Trust has three key aims:

- protect ancient woodland, which is rare, unique and irreplaceable
- restoration of damaged ancient woodland, bringing precious pieces of our natural history back to life
- establish native trees and woods with the aim of creating resilient landscapes for people and wildlife

Established in 1972, the Woodland Trust now has over 1,000 sites in its care covering approximately 29,000 hectares. Access to its woods is free so everyone can benefit from woods and trees.

On 11th March 18 members enjoyed a flower arranging demonstration by Becki Poulter with the added attraction of cheese and wine. We will therefore be expecting many more entries in the flower arranging classes in this year's show on Saturday 2nd September. A reminder of the two classes: An Arrangement Fit for a King and A Miniature Arrangement. For the photographers amongst you, the photography classes are as follows: Gardens; Our Village; The Colour Yellow; Relaxing; Weather – Good or Bad; Furry Animals; A Sporting Event; Reflections: An Informal Portrait and for the children, A photograph of a Flower. The Section rules are unaltered - Photographs must not have previously been exhibited in any show; Entries may be Black and White or Colour prints; Maximum print size: 7 x 5 inches. May be landscape or portrait: Prints must be mounted on card, maximum size 9 x 7 inches and visibly titled. You do not need to be a member of the society to enter any of the classes in the show but only members will be sent an advance copy of the Show Schedule. To join either contact myself or Sarah MacKinnon at Stonebridge House. Membership is £4 per adult or £7 for a couple at the same address and gives preferential booking and prices for society events including some member only events plus a monthly newsletter. Any member is also eligible to join the committee to have a say on future events and how the society is run.

April is the month to plant second early and maincrop potatoes or even first earlies if you didn't get round to it in March. Potatoes are easy to grow – one seed potato will produce many potatoes to harvest. Prepare the soil by digging and removing weeds, and then dig straight trenches 12cm deep and 60cm apart. Plant the seed potatoes 30cm apart and cover them with soil to fill the trench. When the shoots reach 20cm tall, use a rake, hoe or spade to mound soil up around the bases of the shoots, covering the stems halfway. This is called earthing up. You can also grow first early and second early potatoes in a large bag on a patio or balcony, covering them with compost as they grow.

Save the following dates in your diaries: Saturday 13th May is our annual plant sale on the Village Green. Hold off buying your bedding plants until then as you might just grab yourself a bargain. On Saturday 17th June we will be hosting Professor Chris Gibson who will give a talk on Gardening with Wildlife in Mind and Sunday 23rd July is our coach trip to RHS Wisley. Further details in due course.

Jo Williams

<u>The Friends of St John the Baptist</u> <u>Church, Little Yeldham</u>

You are invited to join us for a guided walk on **Sunday, 23rd April 2023.**

Meet at the Kings Head, Gosfield at 11.00am

The walk will be leisurely and approximately 4 miles long. Cost is £5 per person. Lunch follows at the Kings Head. You can walk and lunch, just walk, or just lunch.

Please ring Dor Webb on 07572 210068 if you are interested.

Friday, 12th May 2023 at 8.00pm.

The Friends invite you to an evening talk in the Church by the well-known local historian, Ashley Cooper. He will be speaking on '*Sudbury in the 1960's'*.

Preceding the talk, at 7.00pm the AGM of the Friends of St. John the Baptist Church, will take place and will be followed by a complimentary drink at 7.45pm. Friends of St John are free and £5 for non-friends which will be refunded if you join on the night. Subs are £10 per annum. Booking not required.

Advance Notice

This year, we are holding *'An Audience with Winston Churchill'* on Saturday, 1st July, to take place in the Medieval Barn, Upper Yeldham Hall, Little Yeldham.

Put the date in your diary!

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By Rosemarie Sayer



Hi everyone,

I would like to welcome local resident Julie Campbell who responded to our cry for help and has very kindly taken on the role of Club Secretary. Many thanks Julie for volunteering

and for joining us on this exciting community project.

If you have walked past the Men's Shed or have been following our Fb page, you will have noticed that the wiring and the workbenches are almost complete. Special thanks again to Adrian Burr from AGL Design & Installation Ltd of Great Yeldham for his support on the electrical side of the project.

As we get near to the end of the conversion of the containers, I would like to pay special thanks to Mark Sutton and Pete Ewers, who, over the last seven months, have put hundreds of man hours into the conversion of two rusty old containers into a wonderful workshop. Mark has taken holiday time to support the project and donated a lot of spare bits and pieces from his own garage to keep the conversion process moving along. Pete's vison and design for the shed has been incredibly thoughtful. The Workshop is insulated and lined and airflow channels, to reduce condensation, have worked extremely well. It has a workbench that can be raised and lowered to enable easy access for people in wheelchairs, there will be an access ramp, a sink and water heater have been included. The main tools have been designated their own areas to make best use of space. The circuitry is all guarded in metal conduits and has a kill switch for fast shut off and the overall design leaves a lot of space for movement within the shed itself. Pete and Mark have worked brilliantly together (ably assisted by other members of the team of course) and we are grateful to them both.

We are now ready to do the risk assessments and health and safety checks before we can open to the community.

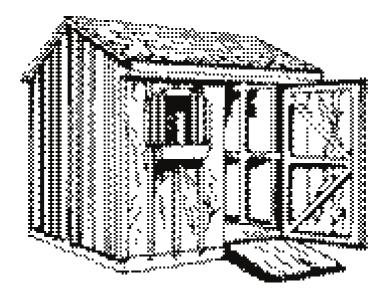
The committee is excited to now take the next step from building site to a functioning community asset and we hope that the residents of the local villages enjoy it. We look forward to supporting community projects and events.

As ever we have a wish list; Screws, Nails, glues & stains, crafting materials/tools, woodworking and craft books, cordless power tools and timber

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



Kids age. Fun Fact: Animals that lay eggs (like these ducks) don't have belly buttons!

Your challenge:

How many ducklings can you find in the picture above? Write your answer here:

Now, colour in the picture with whatever colours you like! And keep your eyes open for new ducklings and baby chicks this season in our area!

Joke for you:

try reading this out loud with someone else:

- 1: M R ducks.
- 2: M R not.
- 1: O S A R. C M wings?
- 2: L I B. M R ducks!

Have fun!

LITTLE YELDHAM IS CELEBRATING!

The Trustees of **LITTLE YELDHAM VILLAGE HALL** are pleased to announce they have received grants totalling £19,800 from the Community Initiatives Fund and The National Lottery Community Fund which will enable the refurbishment of **Little Yeldham Village Hall Car Park**. Grateful thanks to all the Funds and Lottery players who have made this possible.

LITTLE YELDHAM, TILBURY-JUXTA-CLARE AND OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL has received funding from The National Lottery Community Fund, The Bruce Wake Trust, The East of England Co-op Community Cares Fund and donations and revenue from events, totalling £66,000 which will allow the refurbishment of Little Yeldham Recreation Ground. Grateful thanks to all the Funds, Lottery Players, Donors and Volunteers who have made this possible.

Time to get walking again!

With Spring on its way, we start to think about getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Essex https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/essex has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (who maintains the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Essex (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

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