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## **August/Sept: 2024**



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## Great Yeldham MacMillan Coffee Mornings

This year Great Yeldham Parish Council and Reading Room are going to run **TWO** coffee mornings.

The first will be on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 12pm in the Reading Room. This is to give people who are busy during the week the chance to come along and enjoy village companionship and conviviality. Coffee, tea and cakes will be available in return for a donation to MacMillan Cancer Trust.

The second will coincide with the Community Hub that runs from 10am to 12pm on Monday September 30<sup>th</sup>. This session occurs at the same time as the village pop-up Post Office. Once again delicious refreshments will be available in return for donations.

The pop-up Post Office has been running for about two years and many villagers are using it to their benefit.

So, don't forget, Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> and Monday September 30<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 12pm.

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## Inspired by others

I had the privilege of hearing a talk recently by an ex-pupil of Hedingham School and Sixth Form. It was at an end of year awards evening and the speaker was an athlete. She told stories of the importance of sport in her life. She mentioned both physical and mental health, coming back from injury and learning about perseverance. A highlight was her story of preparing to swim across the English Channel next month with a group of school friends, in aid of charity.

One of the awards that the speaker gave out that evening went to a current student who is already a four-time world champion in her sport.

Many of us will be taking an interest in the Paris 24 Olympic Games. The evening at Hedingham reminded me once more, that each of those athletes we watch will have their own stories of overcoming set-backs and of keeping on pushing forwards towards a goal. Most of us don't have the chance to do that in the context of professional sport but all of us have a chance to do it in our own ways.

I hope that the Olympics and any other sport we enjoy this summer inspire us to keep on doing just that.

God bless you

Justin

## Some of our local church services for Aug. & Sept. '24

### St Andrew's Church, Great Yeldham

Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> August	11am Family Communion
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup> August	11am Family Worship
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> August	11am Family Communion
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> August	11am Family Worship
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept.	11am Family Communion
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	11am Family Worship
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	11am Family Communion
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	11am Family Worship
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Sept.	Benefice Comm. at Sible Hedingham at 11am



### St John the Baptist Church, Little Yeldham

Sun. 4 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am Communion service
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am Lay-led service
Sun 18 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am Communion service
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Service at Tilbury-juxta-Clare at 9.30am
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### St Margaret's Church, Tilbury-juxta-Clare

Sun 25 <sup>th</sup> August	9.30am Communion service
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept.	9.30am Communion service
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**SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2024**  
**GREAT YELDHAM READING ROOM**



**Great Yeldham**  
**Cottage Garden Society**  
**ANNUAL SHOW 2024**

**Registration Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Aug**  
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## Great Yeldham Cottage Garden Society

August 10th is apparently National Lazy Day. Now I am not sure which nation this relates to but then August 15<sup>th</sup> is National Relaxation Day and August 30<sup>th</sup> is National Beach Day – so August generally appears to be a rather pleasant, lazy, relaxing month. However, the highlight of our events diary each year is our Annual Show which this year is a little earlier than normal, on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August in the Great Yeldham Reading Room. You don't need to be a member of the society to enter, or even live in the village - the more the merrier. There are cash prizes up for grabs as well as cups and trophies. The different classes cover homegrown fruit & vegetables, flowers & pot plants, flower arranging, cookery, home produced eggs, arts & craft, photography and children's classes. All exhibits must be staged between 9 and 10.30am on the day of the show as then the hall will be closed for judging. The Show then opens for public viewing at 2 pm with teas, a raffle and finally the prize giving at 3.00pm. Please do come and give us your support.

Completed entry forms (available from me if required) can be handed in to Sarah Mackinnon at Stonebridge House, next to the old Post Office, emailed to [joannacwilliams@btinternet.com](mailto:joannacwilliams@btinternet.com), or given in person on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August in the Reading Room between 7-8pm or on the morning of the show between 9.00 -10.30. All members have been sent a schedule of the different classes. Please enter what you can; this is a friendly, amateur, village show but there is no show without entries.

The society has been invited to visit The Hawthorns retirement village in Braintree for an afternoon Tea Dance and tour of the gardens on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Anyone interested please let me know, member or non member. It looks like they will also provide a tasty afternoon tea.

Two final dates for your diaries; Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October for a dramatic talk by Bryan Thurlow with buffet supper, and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November for our AGM, both to be held in the Reading Room. More details in the next issue.

Jo Williams

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## **The Great Yeldham Cup**





# St Andrews Church Community Café

**5 September, 10.00-11.30am**



*& dates for the rest of 2024*



Our next café, run in partnership with St Andrews Church in Great Yeldham, will take place on **Thursday 5 September**.

Our café is run by volunteers who provide all of the refreshments and bake in advance to ensure that there is always a good selection of cakes and biscuits available.

The café takes place in St Andrews Church from 10.00am to 11.30am and everyone is very welcome to come along. You can either just pop in for a quick cuppa and a piece of cake, or stay with us for the morning.

Refreshments are free, but we are always extremely grateful for your donations, which help us to keep the café going.

Café dates for your diary for the rest of 2024 are:

3 October

7 November

and 5 December.

**We look forward to seeing you!**



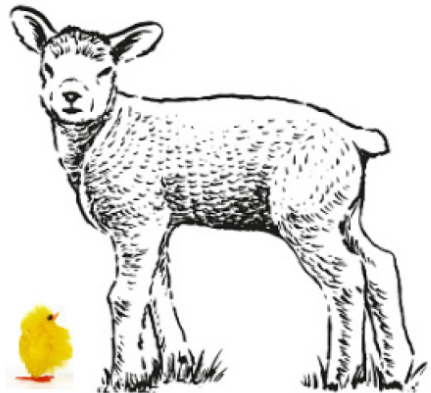
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The bell ringers of Great Yeldham, back row: Donna Draper, Keely Humm, Christopher Brown, Lloyd Kidd. Front: Mary-Anne Redmond, Lloyd Wilkins and Emma Richards.

## Bellringers of Yeldham

WHAT better day for the young bellringers of St Andrew's School at Great Yeldham to make their public debut than on St Andrew's Day and St Andrew's church.

The boys and girls have been practising for weeks for the big day on Wednesday. And at the St Andrew's church celebration service they played on handbells Morning has Broken and the St Andrew's Day hymn, Jesus calls o'er the tumult, on handbells.

The seven young enthusiasts became interested in campanology when supply teacher, Joan Redmond, gave them a potted history of Great Yeldham parish church. Joan, who is a church warden at St Andrew's, took them up into the belfry where they were fascinated by the big bells.

"Keely started us all off," ex-

plained eleven-year-old Emma Richards, and they all agreed school chum Keely was the first to get interested and gradually her curiosity rubbed off on the rest.

The boys and girls ring handbells and the big tower bells.

Every Wednesday they toll one of the six big bells in the tower for mid-week communion.

Joan organises the group of youngsters and thinks they are probably the only group of bellringers in the area affiliated to a school and ring for school services.

The group comprises of three boys and four girls and their ages range from nine to eleven. Lloyd Wilkin, Christopher Brown, Keely Humm, Donna Draper, Emma Richards, Lloyd Kidd and the youngest member, Marv-

Anne Redmond. All except Mary-Anne are allowed to ring the big bells.

These are the most exciting they all agree, and Monday night practice on the big bells is greeted with great excitement.

Unfortunately, practice is not every week because they are stuck for a full-time instructor. So they rely on Michael Mason from Shalford who comes along every fortnight, and Michael Matthews from Clare, teaches when he can.

For some people it can take a good few years to become a competent bellringer, says Joan, while others pick it up in months.

But however long it will take the St Andrew's junior bellringers of Great Yeldham, one thing is certain they are all well on the road to becoming polished performers.

## **New Writer in Town.**

I am a Great Yeldham resident and member of the local table tennis club. In December 2023 in a strange “light bulb” moment, I decided I could write a book. By the end of March 2024, I had written two, both of which to my amazement, I got publishing deals for.

The first book to come out on Aug 1<sup>st</sup> is called “**The Good, The Bad and The Ugly**: The Story Of 45 mixed Up No.1 Songs” (49,000 words). I take 45 famous singles from each year when Top Of The Pops was on (1964 to 2006) plus two bonus tracks and write their stories. I suggest the No.1s are mixed up being “good, bad or ugly” (named after the 1968 No. 1 featured in the book) and politely suggest which might be which and why. If you want to know why Bohemian Rhapsody in 1975 and Mr Blobby in 1993 could both get to No. 1 in the same singles chart, then this is the book for you.

The second book is to come out in mid-September and is called “**Life Is A Long Song**: A Compendium of Jethro Tull in 33 1/3 Songs” (37,000 words). I used the front and back stories of these songs, numerated after the speed of a long-playing L P, to provide a historical snap shot as to what was happening with the classic rock band Jethro Tull, when they were released. And I really do examine a third of a song. To find out how you will have to buy, borrow, or steal the book.

I am retired with far too much time on my hands I am not sure how I managed to write two different music books in just three months. Rumours suggest there maybe more books in the pipeline

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Richard Taylor



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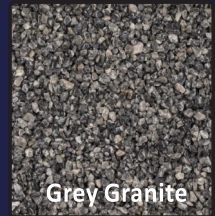
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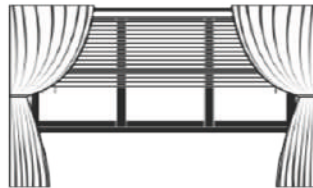
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