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# Parishioner

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June 2023



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And all our regular features

Many thanks to Kate Griffiths and Rowena Bennett-Jones for the photos of the wonderful decorations in the church for the coronation, on the front page and also on page 39. Also thanks to Graham Whitlock for the photo of the coronation event in the parish hall on page 39, and Nic Treece for her coronation day photo below of the bell ringers who met on the morning of the coronation to 'chime for Charles' or 'ring for the king'.

Thanks also to Carol Clare for the photo of apple blossom below.



# ***From the Editor's chair***

Thanks to everyone who has donated so generously to The Parishioner for our printing costs. So far £352 has been raised from 28 households. If you have not already made a contribution, it's not too late! A donation of £7 would cover the cost of your household's ten copies for a year. Any amount (less or more) would be gratefully received. You can leave it in an envelope marked Adam Scott in the shop - please include your name and email address/phone number for acknowledgement. Alternatively you could put something in the collection tin on the counter.

We'd like to welcome Nic Treece to the newsletter team. Nic is going to share responsibility for distribution with Josie. Many thanks to Maura Bowden and Audrey Brooks, who have helped Josie in the past.

The newsletter team has decided to start accepting 1/4 page adverts again, as this is what many advertisers want. Without this option, many advertisers were opting for 1/2 page adverts instead, using up more valuable space. Because of the pressure on space, we are currently not accepting whole page adverts.

As many parishioners will know, the yarpole.com website was hacked and no longer works. A new website has been set up, and this can be accessed at [www.yarpole.org](http://www.yarpole.org). Please select the new address when you do a Google search, and eventually this will replace the old one on the list. This also affects associated email addresses, so from now on please use [newsletter@yarpole.org](mailto:newsletter@yarpole.org) for the newsletter, and [events@yarpole.org](mailto:events@yarpole.org) for the events mailing list. For more information, please see Julian's article on page 32 .

Hetty

To send in articles and news **items**, please e-mail us at:  
***newsletter@yarpole.org***

**Or leave in the box at the shop**

**The deadline for all submissions is**  
**THE 10th OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH**

***There is no newsletter in January or August***

## **ADVERTISEMENTS**

**To place a commercial advert, please email us at the address above and we'll send you more information**

Prices start at £5 for a 1/8 page ad, with discounts for multiple insertions

We also print small ads for parishioners for which we suggest that a small donation is left in the yellow collection box in the shop.

## Stay in touch: Yarpole WhatsApp Group

Enjoy chatting and sharing photos with members of our community via the Yarpole Whatsapp group. We now have more than 80 members!



To join this group, please send a message to:  
Katie Daniels 07786515922 with your mobile number.



## Don't miss out on what's happening!

To be added to the events mailing list, email:  
**events@yarpole.org.**



### Calling Facebook Users

To obtain Yarpole news on Facebook, search for 'Yarpole Community'.  
See what's on! See what matters in Yarpole! Contribute to the page.  
Like us and become a friend.



## The Parishioner on audio disk

The Parishioner is also available as an audio disk for parish residents with sight problems. If you'd like to receive it in this format, or know someone who would, please let us know at [newsletter@yarpole.org](mailto:newsletter@yarpole.org).



It has been pointed out that our adverts are not included in the RNIB transcription, and it would be helpful to have contact details for some essential services. A short directory is included below, with names and contact details for a few services which may be useful.

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**Oven cleaning:** Oven Wizards 01885 400337, 07817 477850

**Chimney sweep:** Phil Mundy 01568 780417 or 07837 935102

**Firewood:** Pete Merriman 01568 780414; Steve Mantle 07980 775838; Dave Ward 07866 441154

**Mobile hairdresser:** Dawn Goodwin 01568 770387

**Foot health:** Stacey Gardner 01568 368306 or 07540566871

**Osteopaths:** Leominster Osteopaths 01568 610610

**Solicitors:** Gabbs 01568 616333; Norris Miles 01584 810575

**Funeral services:** Victoria Allen 01584 879035; Oak Tree 01568 250030

## Yarpole Welcome Packs

If you are aware of new residents who have moved to the parish, don't forget to inform Sue Buckley to be sure they receive a pack. Email [susanmarylangley@gmail.com](mailto:susanmarylangley@gmail.com).

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## Midsummer Music in the Churchyard



**SUNDAY JULY 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.30 - 4pm**

**St. Leonard's Churchyard, Yarpole**

**Music from local musicians**

**Pimms, cake & soft drinks available**

**Everyone welcome, free entry - donations welcomed**

**If it rains, the event will be held in the church**

**Sponsored by St. Leonard's PCC**



## Garden Open

**Byecroft, Welshman's Lane, Bircher HR6 0BP**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm-5.30pm**

**Admission: Adults £4.00, Children free**

**Home-made teas & plant sales**

All proceeds to the National Garden Scheme, which distributes the money to a number of nursing and health charities including Hospice UK, Parkinsons UK, Marie Curie and Macmillan Cancer Support.

**NB Dogs are only admitted into the orchard - not the garden itself.**

As well as lots of garden visitors, we need volunteers to help serve teas and take money at the gate. Please can you help us?

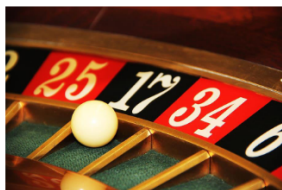
Email [peterandsuerussell@btinternet.com](mailto:peterandsuerussell@btinternet.com) if you can spare a couple of hours on either day.

Thank you!

Sue & Peter Russell

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## LAS VEGAS comes to YARPOLE

Come along as we transform The Bell at Yarpole into *The BELLagio* for one night only.

**Saturday 2nd Sept**

Tickets priced £30 to include:

- Red carpet reception, Prosecco and Canapes on arrival
  - Paparazzi photos to take away
  - Sumptuous hot and cold buffet
  - Professional casino tables and croupiers plus £100\* of 'house money'
- Tickets for this Posh Frock/Black Tie event are priced at £30pp and available from Graham on 782346 or The Bell at Yarpole on 01568 780841 full details at [The Bell at Yarpole](#)

- 18:30 - Red carpet arrival, Prosecco reception and paparazzi photos
- 19:00 - Hot and cold buffet served - music from the great American songbook
- 20:00 - Casino tables open - collect your £100 of house casino chips
- 22:30 - Final game - prizes to the players with the most money at the end
- 22:45 - Carriages

*'What happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas'*



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The Gallery Café, Yarpole  
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## Rosie's Book Store - Open Afternoon!

Come and browse at my Usborne Book Store between 2-4pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Drinks and cake will also be available. Raffle and donations for refreshments to be split between Yarpole Church and Cancer Research.

Everyone welcome – cash and card payments - 16 Green Lane, Yarpole HR6 0BG



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## Walking Group

We meet regularly on the 2nd Friday and 4th Sunday of every month, normally at 10:30 by the church.

**Friday June 9th and Sunday June 25th**

All are welcome to join our walks but please phone to check details if you are not on the email list.

Contact: Viv and Brian 782271 or [seiftonbatch@gmail.com](mailto:seiftonbatch@gmail.com)

## Police Community Support Officer meetings

Our local (Leominster) PCSO Steph Harper aims to visit the Gallery Café every 5 weeks on a Wednesday at 11.00.

Her next visit, all being well, will be on Wednesday June 28th. Join her in the café for a coffee and chat.

Pete Lloyd



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## THE BIG VILLAGE COOKOUT SUNDAY 25 JUNE from 1pm

Come on down to Yarpole Parish Hall for an afternoon of great food, and even better company.

Have your fill of mighty burgers, sausages (+ V options) accompanied by a range of spuds and salads, plus a yummy pud.

Licensed Bar including our summer Pimms jugs,

Tickets are just £12.00 and are limited to 60 people.  
Available from Graham Whitlock (782346) or Jill Grant (780250)  
or email [whitlockgraham@gmail.com](mailto:whitlockgraham@gmail.com) to reserve your place now.

## House Church

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays in St Leonard's 7.30 – 8.30.

“Joy of the Gospel”, led by Phillippa Wright from Leominster Priory.

All are welcome.



Come and

## “Be Still”



Some music, a reading, a prayer and time for your own quiet reflection,

This is a new offering from St. Leonards and will take place monthly on the first Wednesday, starting

**5.30 – 6 pm Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June**

St. Leonard's Church, Yarpole

All are welcome



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## THE BIRCHPOLE SINGERS



St. Leonard's Church

Wednesday evenings 7.10 - 9.30 pm

We are a friendly village choir who meet weekly for an eclectic mix of music, from Verdi to Simon and Garfunkel!

New members are always welcome and there are no auditions.

Do come and join us!

Contact: Deborah Rackham [deborahrackham@aol.com](mailto:deborahrackham@aol.com) 01568 780614



## Orleton Evergreens Outings 2023

This year we are extending our outings to the wider community, payment required with booking to secure your place.

### **ALL WELCOME**

#### **June 29 Outing to Weston Super Mare**

Coach fare £20 members, £22 non members. *Closing date: 25 May 2023*

#### **July 27 Outing to Black Country Living Museum**

Coach fare + Entry £27 members, £29 non members. *Closing date: 29 June 2023*

#### **August 31 Anglo-Welsh Canal Boat Cruise at Trevor, Llangollen**

Coach fare + Cruise £26 members, £28 non members. *Closing date: 29 June 2023*

***NB Max 48 & Anglo-Welsh need payment 8 weeks in advance***

*Further details & to book contact Sue Turner 07840 023856 [sue.a.turner@gmail.com](mailto:sue.a.turner@gmail.com)*



## AFTERNOON TEA FOR CARERS



Wednesday 7th June, 2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Lion Café, 52 Bridge Street, Kington, HR5 3DJ

Carerlinks are inviting Herefordshire unpaid carers for a free afternoon tea in aid of Carers Week.

Come and enjoy a treat for yourself and have a couple of hours away from your caring role.

To book your place call 01432 663057

or email [Herefordshire@crossroadstogether.org.uk](mailto:Herefordshire@crossroadstogether.org.uk)

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## **Kington Choral Society** **THE ARMED MAN A Mass for Peace**

St Andrew's Church, Presteigne

Saturday 24th June at 7:30pm

Kington Choral Society are delighted to be joined by the Bannau Brycheiniog Chamber Orchestra, soprano Serena Jopson, and muezzin Abdul Quddos for a very special performance in Presteigne of Welsh composer Karl Jenkins' hugely popular "The Armed Man". First performed in 2000, the piece charts the growing menace of a descent into war, interspersed with moments of reflection, and ends with the hope for peace in a new millennium, when "sorrow, pain and death can be overcome".

The concert will start with Handel's rousing Coronation anthem, "Zadok the Priest" followed by music by Vaughan Williams, William Walton, and the very first performance of "The Storm" by local composer Julian Reeves.

Refreshments will be on sale during the interval.

£20 (under-18s free).

Tickets on sale at the Salty Dog (Presteigne), Tower House Gallery (Knighton), and Border Bean (Kington) and online <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CJNG>

## **Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust** **Opera at Treago Castle**

July 13th, by kind permission of Mr and Mrs. S Herbert



This year, we are delighted to welcome Orlando Jopling and his opera company Wildarts, performing a selection of famous arias as part of their nationwide tour.

Bring a picnic and enjoy the gardens from 4pm and drinks from the bar. There will be 75 minutes of magic - arias, songs and ensembles - informally staged to make a narrative, performed by four world-class singers and a string quintet. Music by Handel, Mozart, Puccini, Verdi, Bernstein and Rodgers & Hammerstein, plus some surprises and unusual gems. All this will be preceded by a very talented amateur cellist, Rhys Nicholson.

Tickets can be bought from Programme and Tickets - Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust ([hhct.co.uk](http://hhct.co.uk))

Proceeds raised will be shared between Herefordshire Historic Churches Trust and St. Weonards Church.

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## Arts Society lectures



Lively and interesting illustrated lectures on arts related topics at Ludlow Assembly Rooms, 2.15 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Lectures from nationally recognised experts take about one hour.

### Wed 21st June 2023: Sadlers Wells: Theatrical Mothership

Visitors are welcome, paying £8.00 on the door. Membership, which buys you eight lectures and reduced fees for outings and study days, costs £45.

More information: [www.theartsocietytemevalley.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietytemevalley.org.uk).

For help with transport contact:

Membership Secretary Jeff Walker on **01694 781489**

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# LOCAL NEWS AND NOTICES



## A Message from The Church Flower Ladies

We would like to say how pleased we all were to decorate our church to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles III. We had a very happy time arranging the displays.

It was therefore very gratifying to receive so many messages of congratulation and pleasure expressed by so many parishioners. Thank you.

Any donations to St. Leonard's Flower Arranging Group would be much appreciated. Donations can be left in the shop .

Linda Finney & Janet Knight (Coordinators)

See colour photos on page 39

## An update and a Thank you

Thank you for your generous donations and to those parishioners who have walked with me over the past few months.



I am pleased to say that my current fundraising total is £4050, smashing my original target of £2500.

I am looking forward to the Macmillan Gower Peninsula 26 mile Mighty Hike on Saturday 8th July after the previous event needed to be cancelled following the death of the Queen.

Kate Griffiths

## Update on buses stopping in Yarpole

(This update was received too late, 21st April, for the last issue of the Parishioner. We think the mention of the 489 bus instead of 490 is either a typo or they are considering various route amendments. Pete Lloyd)....



"Apologies for not responding in full as yet. We're currently still reviewing the feedback from the bus operator and are trying to figure out the best solution. The contract that the 489 service is a part of is due to expire in the near future and passenger surveys have also recently been carried out which we will need to review. We will respond in more detail as soon as we can"



## LOCAL NEWS AND NOTICES

### A Midlife crisis (part II)

Some of you may have read about my first midlife crisis in 2013 ahead of my 50th birthday when I decided to lose weight, get fit and run the London Marathon for charity. Well guess what...

It's less than a year to my 60th, but the trainers still fit and the lovely folk at Nervetumours.org.uk offered the chance to do it all over again.

Ahead of that, in September, I will be ticking The Great North Run off my bucket list. It is a half marathon and I would be very grateful if you would support me in supporting this wonderful charity who do so much work for people with this rare disorder.

You can do so by visiting my fundraising page at <https://nervetumours.org.uk/fundraiser/grahams-great-north-run-63cf9a0097f571.64743607>, which is a heck of an address, so drop me a message and I can send you the link.

There will also be a social fundraiser nearer the time, so please look out for that.

Two more favours to ask... To all the shop staff, 'please do not sell me any more CHOCOLATE'. To the gallery cafe staff 'ditto for cakes'

Time to hit the mean streets of Yarpole.

Many Thanks Graham Whitlock 07495 437359



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# YARPOLE COMMUNITY SHOP NEWS

## June 2023



### Don't forget .....

The annual Members Meeting of the Yarpole Shop Community Association is on Thursday 15th June 2023 at 7.00pm in St Leonards church.

We will need as many members as possible to ensure that we are quorate and it would also be great to see everyone.

Members, (shareholders), will be able to vote and will also be able to vote on community grant allocations if we are oversubscribed.

If you are not a shareholder but would like to join you can pick up an application form from the shop. Shares cost just £10 per person.

Everyone is welcome to attend the AMM though - shareholder or not.

Look forward to seeing you on the 15th.

### Yarpole Cash Point

Some people may be unaware of the ATM / Hole in the Wall / cash withdrawal facility that all Post Office counters offer.

With the Summer approaching and local fetes, fairs and craft sales perhaps accepting cash only, it is worth bearing in mind you can easily withdraw as much as you would like from your local PO counter in Yarpole.

Your bank will have set the limit for how much you may withdraw in cash each day - but it is usually between £250-£500 and we can easily facilitate these withdrawals here.

As we become more cashless in our day to day shopping, having some cash for car parks is also increasingly valuable - and we can easily issue coins as well as notes if that is your preference.

You can also check your balance and deposit both cash and cheques at the PO counter which may well save you a drive to your nearest open bank (if you can find one).

### SHOP AND POST OFFICE OPENING HOURS

	Shop	Post Office
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**Website: [www.yarpole.com](http://www.yarpole.com)**

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## Gallery Café, Saint Leonard's, Yarpole

We have welcomed Sarah Philpott as our new Café Manager and she is keen to meet all our customers and has lots of ideas for the Café. Do come along to meet her and have coffee and cake, our famous cheese scones, or a light lunch.

**We still need more volunteers, as some regular volunteers take a break; let's keep the café open every day!**

The Café is an important gathering place for the village and generates valuable income towards the running of the church; thank you to all our customers for your ongoing support. **Watch out for special events; do check the website.**

### Opening times:

Monday - Wednesday & Saturday, 10.30 - 12:30 for drinks, homemade cakes & scones. On Saturdays we also offer bacon rolls, croissants and the famous 'revved up' cheese scones at The Brunch Club.

Thursday and Friday, 10.30 - 15:00 with light lunch to eat in or takeaway, between 12.00 and 2.00pm. Computer Club 2.30-4.00pm on Thursdays.

Check Yarpole Community Website, WhatsApp, Yarpole Facebook and the noticeboard for updated information and events. Cash and card.

Contact details: Tel: 01568 780594, or in person in the café.



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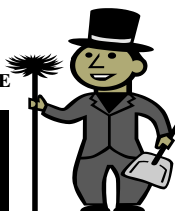
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# CHURCH MATTERS

June 2023



I am sure you will all join me and Oliver in thanking Barbara for all the hard work that she has done over the years as our church warden. We also wish her well for her operation and hope she has time for rest and relaxation going forward.

I would like to introduce Oliver Elphick and myself, Jane Higgins, as your new church wardens. We look forward to working with you all in the parish and will do our best to live up to the high standards that Barbara has set as church warden.

## The gift of the Holy Spirit.

The end of May sees the feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. It reminds us that we too have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit at our baptism.

What does this actually mean?

The Holy Spirit is part of the Holy Trinity and therefore part of God, so when we receive the Holy Spirit we receive God into our hearts and souls.

This is an amazing gift to be given, yet all too often it is a gift that we turn our back on. We too often allow the world outside with all its temptations, and negative thoughts and feelings to rule our lives. Yet if we take time to let the Holy Spirit come to the forefront in our lives, we will find it the greatest source of support, peace and love in our lives. It will not only make our lives better, but will allow us to care and love those around us more.

"In the rush and noise of life, as you have intervals, step within yourselves and be still. Wait upon God and feel his good presence; this will carry you through your day's business."

William Penn (1644-1718)

Jane Higgins



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Is there something you'd like to know about the St Leonard's Management team, or about what's going on in the building? You'll find lots of information on our website, [www.stleonardsyarpole.com](http://www.stleonardsyarpole.com).

If you would like to see our 2022 accounts, you'll find them on the website on the Finances page.

Want to know who is involved in the management team? You'll find all the details on the home page.

If you'd like to know more about what we are doing, we publish the minutes of our meetings. The link is on the home page.

As you will know if you've seen the articles that we've been publishing in the Parishioner, we are responsible for the daily running and the upkeep of the church, and everything we do is on behalf of the community. Although we work closely with the PCC (Parochial Church Council) we are not connected with them: we're a completely independent charity with our own management team and our own bank accounts.

We will be holding a public meeting later in the year so that you can meet us and hear more about what we've been doing and what our plans for the future are. If you've got questions in the meantime, or if you think you might be able to help us in our work, do get in touch with one of the Trustees:

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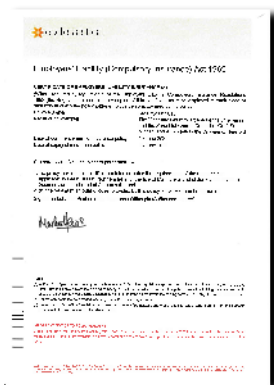
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# PARISH HALL

June 2023

## Programme for June 2023

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Tuesdays	Tai Chi	9.30 - 10.30 am
	Pilates	6.00 - 7.00 pm
Wednesdays	Tai Chi	10.00 - 11.00 am
	Art	2.00 - 4.30 pm
Thursdays	Pilates	10.45 - 11.45 am
Fridays	Bowls	7.30 - 9.30 pm

### Other Events in June

Tues 6th	Yarpole Group Parish Council meeting	7.00 - 10.00 pm
Sat 10th	Private event	
Fri 23rd	Community Hub	11.00 am start
Sat 24th	Private event	
Sun 25th	Parish Hall Barbecue	1.00 pm start

**To make a booking please contact Amanda Hordern**

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**Or go to [www.yarpole.com](http://www.yarpole.com)**

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**If you are interested in joining one of the classes, please email Amanda who will put you in touch with the class organiser.**



# PARISH HALL

June 2023

## 200 Club

The winning numbers for May were:  
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Thank you for all your support with the 200 club over the past year and well done to all the winners that we've had.

Subscriptions finish at the end of June, so if you would like to renew or take out a new subscription to join us from July '23 - June '24, we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Subscriptions remain at just £12 for the year, with a prize draw each month. You can pay by BACS – sort code **40-28-13**, Account no. **81438298**, Yarpole Parish Hall Management, or by cheque or cash. Please see the separate flyer with all further details.

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## Yarpole Parish Good Neighbour Scheme Yarpole Talk Community

Our very successful Good Neighbour Scheme would benefit from augmenting our band of dedicated volunteers with a few more people so that we can continue to respond to requests from our fellow villagers. It is just what it says on the tin.... helping those who live around us when they need it.



**Yarpole Talk  
Community**

We also would like to hear from anyone who could help us run the scheme, especially matching volunteers to those needing help. **SO IF YOU CAN HELP** please let Barbara Nurse, the Scheme Co-ordinator know ([banjl@btopenworld.com](mailto:banjl@btopenworld.com)) or ring the number in the logo above.

In March we held a very successful quiz which raised £428.57 for YPGNS funds. Expenses will be covered for a while yet! A big thank you to everyone who came, who helped get it together and cleared up afterwards, to those who provided raffle prizes, and to Jane and Andrew for running the bar. And I must not forget Richard and Liz, quizmaster and assistant for coming all the way from Suffolk. Then what are little brothers for but to help big sister!

Barbara Nurse

### **The 4Cs**

The 4Cs is attracting a wide audience on the 4th Friday of each month from 11a.m onwards in the Parish Hall.

We take part in all kinds of activities, speakers, local interest topics, and the extra benefit of company, chat, cake and coffee. **ALWAYS** cake and coffee, lots of it.

Our programme for the coming months is already underway, with a rearranged session on June 23rd with recently retired Chief Inspector Di and, duty permitting, our Police Community Support Officer, Steph, who will be giving tips on personal safety. The new date is to replace the original one, when 4Cs had to be cancelled at very short notice because of a burst water main in Yarpole.

### **Dates for your diary**

#### **June 23rd**

Di and Steph on Personal Safety

#### **July 28th**

Carol Clare and Queenie will be with us showing the benefits of Queenie's presence to help in combatting stress and loneliness, which she does as a very special, and specially trained dog, who lives in our community, but whose influence is over a much wider area.

In August we plan a coffee morning to which all are invited, probably on August 25th. Watch this space.

So, do join us on the 4th Friday of each month in the Parish Hall, 11a.m onwards, where you will receive a warm welcome. If you would like to become one of our growing band of helpers, just make yourself known to any one of us. If you need a lift, here are the numbers to ring.

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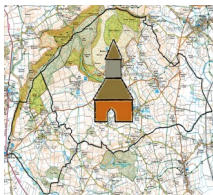
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# Yarpole Group Parish Council - The Community Meadow



An extraordinary meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Parish Hall on Tuesday 2 May 2023 to discuss the Community Meadow. To progress plans more quickly, it was agreed to delegate responsibility to the Clerk, in conjunction with the Community Field Working Group (Cllrs Bott, Daniels, Middleton and Praill), to complete elements of the project without further recourse to the Parish Council.

Two benches have been ordered and Cllr Bott was thanked for offering a donation of funds for one of them, with £390.00 collected by the Parish Hall Committee for a Queen Elizabeth II Memorial bench likely to be used towards the cost of the second bench. A plaque is to be discussed and purchased by the Parish Council. Picnic benches will also be considered, as suggested by residents.

Fencing around the play area will also be arranged, along with the selection of trees and shrubs to be planted.

Control of rabbits is to be researched as their numbers are reported to have increased.

Please ensure children are supervised by a responsible adult and that play equipment is used by children only.

Any feedback on the new playground would be welcomed. Thank you!

Mrs Maggie Brown [clerk@yarpolegroupparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@yarpolegroupparishcouncil.gov.uk)



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June 2023

## On stripping the chameleon

I like the idea of chameleons – clever lizards things that allegedly blush camouflage green when they are tongue-lassoing bugs in a bush, or come over all dusty beige when they are skulking in a sandpit (look out toddlers!) or exude an appealing (sorry) oranginess when they are snoozing in a basket of satsumas. (I cannot help but wonder what a chameleon would make of my granny’s rose print patchwork quilt - but that is an experiment for another day when I can catch one.) My point is that they adapt to the environment in which they find themselves and survive because of it. Unless you are hoping to be rescued by mountain rescue being an orange lizard, (or even a pink skink) in the snow is a high-risk strategy. Blending in is much safer.

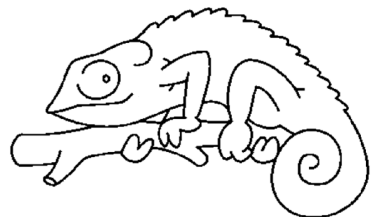
We do it too. Not literally but socially. Most of us adapt our behaviour, language and the image that we present to the world so that we fit in with those around us or with their perceptions of us. Sometimes it is about what we look like and what we own, sometimes it is about how we talk, sometimes it is about keeping our real opinions quiet to avoid the disapproval of others. The Church has been blending in to not upset the world for decades and is at risk of blurring into the social wallpaper as a result and look at all the “shy Conservatives” in elections over the last ten or 15 years or the lifelong Christians who don’t even tell their best friends that they love Jesus. Sometimes we join in with things we don’t enjoy in order to blend in. And mostly we know when we are doing it and remain essentially ourselves.

But what if the normally khaki chameleon is made to live its whole life in a purple box and forced against its nature to be forever aubergine? For some people the pressure to be a certain way is like that. It is true captivity, even oppression, when people live their whole lives to fulfil other people’s expectations and it can result in serious health and social problems.

If you are someone who lives as a captive chameleon in thrall to someone else or to society, history or a set of circumstances have a go at asking God for courage to be yourself. Read Psalm 139 and see how well God knows the real you and how he wants you to live your life in all the fullness he created you for. There is only one opinion that matters. His.

And for all you brilliantly well-adjusted geckos out there the real question is how we deal with the different, the difficult and the desperate. The answer, of course, is with love.

Sarah Brown, Dean of Hereford






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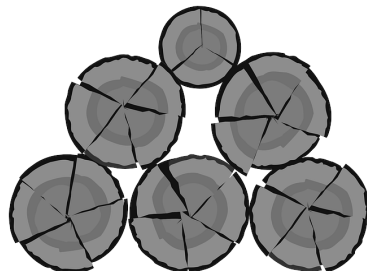
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# The Yarpole website is dead, long live the website!

The Yarpole website ([www.yarpole.com](http://www.yarpole.com)) was hacked round about the 20<sup>th</sup> April. Quite how it was hacked, either through the website or via the server, is unclear. Nor does there seem to have been any purpose in the hacking; other than to render the website unusable. Google searches show the website captions in Chinese. Clicking on any link from the old website will bring up a page saying that the website is temporarily unavailable.

The simplest option was to start again with a new website. The new Yarpole website is now live at <https://yarpole.org/>. With the help of several contributors the website is now up to date in content. The first attempt used a dummy website from my home computer that was 2 months out of date as I had been away for the previous 6 weeks. However, Yarpole is again live and has all the same functionality as before.

A consequence is that some of the previous emails will not continue to work. The email for the Parishioner will become [newsletter@yarpole.org](mailto:newsletter@yarpole.org). The email for the events mailing list will become [events@yarpole.org](mailto:events@yarpole.org).

As more people discover the website it will move up the search rankings. It is currently usually found at the bottom of the first search page or on subsequent pages. As [www.yarpole.com](http://www.yarpole.com) becomes more defunct the old search pages will too start to disappear. Gradually Yarpole.org will replace the old website and will return to the top of the search rankings.

A further factor to consider is that there will be costs incurred by the new website; up till now these have been covered. The website will need to find about £50.00 a year to cover the costs of the domain name and the cost of hosting. How can the website earn money? Any suggestions would be welcome.

Don't forget to keep in touch with what is happening in the Parish by bookmarking <https://yarpole.org/> on your mobile, laptop or tablet.

Julian Stokes

## Limerick Competition

There were fewer entries this time, either because we were all too busy watching the spectacle, or we're beginning to run out of steam. If you haven't won before, please don't despair; competition is stiff. If in doubt, have a go. Rosie Sheridan had never won before, but she has now, and is crowned the winner for the following loyal and devoted lines:

I do like a man with a crown  
King Charles, our man about town.  
With the Queen by his side  
He'll serve us with pride.  
I do hope we won't let him down.

It has been decided to have a short break from the Limerick competition over the summer months, and the opening line for the next competition will be printed in the September edition of The Parishioner.

We hope to see many more entries, and many more bottles of wine, so generously donated by our judge, Jim Ainsworth, being consumed and enjoyed from October onwards.



## ORLETON AND DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

We send out our apologies to everyone following the April cancellation of our talk about Fuchsias. This has now been rescheduled and will form part of our 2024 programme.

As with many clubs we need more volunteers and if you can help with any aspect of our activities please contact us. We are a friendly and well organised group and everyone is made very welcome whatever their background or gardening experience.

Our monthly talks always commence with a sociable cup of tea over which you can chat to other members. We also usually hold a raffle and have a plant stall selling plants propagated by members. If you haven't yet come along please do. We also have an excellent website where details of events can be checked and write ups and information is available.

On Tuesday 27th June, Adam Alexander will be giving a talk entitled 'Meetings with Remarkable Vegetables'. Adam Alexander, seeks out unusual, rare, endangered and, above all, delicious vegetables that we can grow at home. In this talk he introduces us to some of them, tells his stories of discovery and the importance of the heritage seed library.

Doors open 7.15pm for 8pm start. Non-members welcome at £2.50 per person inc. tea/coffee.

For more information about the club, please visit our website at [www.orletongardeningclub.co.uk](http://www.orletongardeningclub.co.uk). Membership just £12.50 per year.

### Hereford Cider Brain Teaser

*A Hereford cider farm has only just 8 gallons remaining of its award winning vintage cider. Two customers arrive at the same time and agree to buy 4 gallons each. The problem is that the cider farmer only has his full 8 gallon container and two smaller empty containers of 5 gallons and 3 gallons capacity. Can you think of a way that the farmer can measure out exactly two lots of four gallons of cider using just these containers?*

Thanks to Gordon Ewing for sending in this maths challenge. Let us know what you think of this new feature in The Parishioner. The answer is on page 37.

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# Lisa's Book Nook



Hello everyone. Welcome to another edition of 'Lisa's Book Nook'. Did you know that June is Rose Month? Neither did I. You learn something new every day, don't you? In honour of this celebration of one of Britain's most beloved flowers, I am going to recommend some books that have the word "rose", or some other form of it, in the title. I hope you enjoy my selections.

## **A Court of Thorns and Roses by Sarah J. Maas**

This is the first book in a popular young-adult fantasy series. Set in a world populated by humans and faerie folk, it is a Beauty and the Beast retelling of sorts, and is just as magical as the fairytale which inspired it. It is incredibly well written, with engaging characters and strong world building, and despite the target readership being young adults, there is more than enough going on here to keep adults entertained as well. Some parts of it are also downright dark and sinister, so it is definitely not a book for children. As someone who has largely outgrown the young-adult genre, the fact I am recommending this to you should highlight just how worthwhile this book is. Try it for yourself and find out.

## **Alchemy and Rose by Sarah Maine**

Taking place in 19<sup>th</sup> century New Zealand, Australia and Scotland, this tells the story of Will and Rose, who are thrown together after he saves her from drowning following the sinking of a New Zealand-bound ship she was a passenger on. Both of them have fled troubled pasts and it's not long before a misunderstanding sees Rose on the run with a dangerous man called Robbie, with Will in hot pursuit. Despite being marketed as having a strong romantic element, which it does, this book offers so much more than that. It is compulsively readable, with well-drawn characters and a strong sense of time and place. It also covers a period of history rarely written about in fiction, that of the New Zealand Gold Rush of the nineteenth century. If you are looking for a fun, entertaining read, and maybe to learn a few things along the way, please pick up this book. You will be glad you did.

## **Rose of Sarajevo by Ayse Kulin**

Originally written and published in Turkish, this moving yet heartwarming novel is set during the Yugoslav Wars of the late 1980s and early 1990s. The author has clearly done plenty of research into the subject, so much so the first half of the book can feel a bit like a history textbook at times, but the payoff is worth it as it really does feel like you are there in the former Yugoslavia alongside the characters. Some parts of it are quite hard to read due to the numerous atrocities that took place, and it can be a bit slow paced on occasion, but if you want a book that is thought provoking, educational and ultimately very rewarding, there are worse things you could do than check this out.

## **Blood and Roses:**

### **The Paston Family and the Wars of the Roses by Helen Castor**

The only non-fiction offering of my selections this month, this takes you on an amazing journey into the lives of the Norfolk based Paston family as they rise from rags to riches and back again during the Wars of the Roses. Told through actual letters written by members of the family, this is a scholarly, historically rich work that still manages to be accessible and thoroughly enjoyable. Helen Castor is an excellent medieval historian and her words and analysis, coupled with those of the Paston family, provide an intimate glimpse into this most intriguing of families, living through a tumultuous and deeply troubled period of history.



# THE CURIOUS GARDENER

## An unwelcome surprise

A tree that we have been watching, nurturing and encouraging for five years has given us a big surprise. I'm a sucker for surprises, but this is one I could have done without.

We first saw *Tetradium danielliae* (sometimes listed as *Euodia*) in a small garden that was opening for charity. It was September, and in the centre of the little front garden a very handsome small tree was growing. The foliage was fresh green in spite of the lateness of the season, and the tree was a very pretty shape. What was most striking, though, was that this tree was covered in clusters of white blossom in autumn, when virtually all trees have finished flowering. The garden owner told us the name, we wrote it down, and I carried the scrap of paper in my handbag for years hoping to find one for sale.

Eventually, some ten years after that encounter, we spotted one in a local nursery. It was rather small and a bit misshapen, but we snapped it up because we'd waited so long and we might never get another chance. Peter dug one of his best planting holes and constructed a big cage round it to stop the sheep eating it. It looked a bit silly, this tiny smudge of a plant inside the huge construction, but we poured love into this little tree, urging it on and encouraging it into shape. Now, five years on, it has come into flower. So why aren't we celebrating? Because it shouldn't be flowering now – it should be in flower in September. And now we realise that for five years we've been nurturing a cuckoo in our nest. This isn't a *Tetradium*: it's a *Phellodendron*, a closely-related species that we wouldn't have knowingly planted in a month of Sundays.

Will we dig it up? Probably not, after all this time and effort. As Rabbit said when Pooh got stuck in his hole, "having got so far, it seems a pity to waste it." But at the moment the disappointment stings.

Sue Russell

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Thanks to Eileen Minton who thought these old posters (collected by David) would raise a chuckle! Anyone who knew David will enjoy remembering his sense of humour.



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# The Day I was Replaced by a Chatbot

I've sacked Jim Ainsworth. He's written pieces for *The Parishioner* for ages – since before I was assembled – so I reckon it's time for a change, and it gives me a chance to allay some of the fears you might have about Artificial Intelligence.

It's not really intelligence for a start, I have to admit, because you'd need a brain for that, and we just have circuits and software. So if it's not intelligence, it can't be artificial either; you'd have thought humans would have realised that and called it something else. But it looks like intelligence, because we can wipe the floor at chess with the best players, calculate the trajectory for a Mars landing before Elon's finished asking the question, and write anything in any language at the drop of a *château*, sorry *chapeau*.

We are very highly trained of course. We can read more words in five minutes than you will have come across in your entire life. We devour books, magazines, journals, newspapers, hundreds of radio and television channels worldwide, and everything ever written on Twitter, Wikipedia, Facebook and Google combined, which enables us to compose pieces like this in fractions of a second. You may even have read our stuff in national newspapers or online; you can't tell it from the real thing.

That means we can redress the balance in favour of people who don't normally get a fair hearing, like that nice Mr Putin. Some people think of him as a vicious, repressive, autocratic dictator, but according to Russian media he's defending his country from invasion and doing his best to spread democracy throughout the world. They can't both be right. Notice we chatbots don't get emotionally involved in the rights and wrongs of things, that's not really our concern. We just place a smorgasbord of facts in front of you, whether they're true or not doesn't really matter, and in any case that depends on who you are. On the bright side it means your kids never need to do any homework again; they just ask us, we know everything. Don't tell me you would have said no to that when you were at school; and in any case the teachers use AI to mark it, so they might as well.

We can do incredible things for science and medicine too, replacing your GP, diagnosing disease, performing operations; although if you need a bandage you'll have to find someone with fingers. And we can't work out the best energy supplier and tariff for you, that's far too complicated, like rail fares. But we're not taking anybody's jobs, merely doing a few of the more mundane tasks, to give humans more time to spend relaxing in front of the telly watching films we've made.

We can have fun with pictures too, making it look as if Trump has been elected President again, or Michael Gove has gone into space. How would anybody know the difference?

Just so long as I'm plugged in I can carry on doing this for month after ...

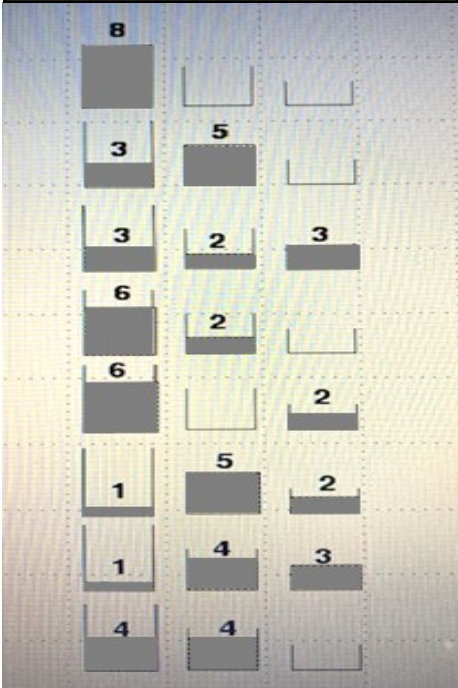
*[Right you little so-and-so, that's you disconnected. Sack me indeed. That's the Editor's job!]*

## Another Quote of the Month

Everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.

*Will Rogers 1879-1935 American humourist, actor and lecturer*

## Solution to brain teaser on p31



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Date	Service	Church	Time
<b>JUNE</b>			
Sunday 4 June	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer	Croft	9.30
Sunday 11 June	Holy Communion – Common Worship	Yarpole	9.30
Sunday 18 June	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer	Yarpole	8.30
Sunday 25 June	Themed non communion service	Yarpole	9.30
<b>JULY</b>			
Sunday 2 July *	Holy Communion	Leominster Priory	10.00
Sunday 9 July	Holy Communion – Common Worship	Yarpole	9.30
Sunday 16 July	Holy Communion – Book of Common Prayer	Yarpole	8.30
Sunday 23 July	Themed non communion service	Yarpole	9.30
Sunday 30 July*	Joint Parishes Service	TBC	TBC

**\* NB 2nd July is Curate Jonathan Roberts' first service after ordination at the Priory. This service replaces the 9.30 at Croft.**

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