

# YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

### December 2020



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WISHING YOU ALL  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
AND A  
HAPPY NEW YEAR

  
Stay Home  
Stay Safe

Hands – Face – Space



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**Yaxham Parish Council  
Extraordinary Meeting  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
6pm Over Zoom**

This extra meeting is to consider:

- a new planning application by Flagship Homes for ground source heat pump at St Peter's Close with up to 25 boreholes 80-110m in depth
- Flooding issues off Station Road up from the railway crossing
- Possible Parish Council involvement with the Play Area by the Village Hall
- Elm Close Appeal – allowed, what next?

The Zoom link will be on the agenda, or email [yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com).

**Parish Council Consultation**



A huge thank you to everyone who responded – some 80 responses were completed and returned i.e. over 20% of the village households. The information is now being considered and will help set the priorities for the Council for 2021/22, to be agreed at the next regular Council meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2021 at 7pm over Zoom.

To encourage responses the Council offered a prize of 4 bottles of wine to the winning response – and this prize has gone to a household in NR19 1RN – congratulations!

**Yaxham Primary School  
New Pedestrian Safety Barrier**

This has now been installed in front of the school's front gate and will help improve the safety of the pupils entering and leaving the school, thanks to the Yaxham Charity grant.

**Yaxham Play Area**

Yaxham Parish Council and the Trustees of the Yaxham Village Amenities Association (YVAA) have continued discussions to get the play area re-opened and refurbished. The latest position will be set out at the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – come along to make your points and hear the discussion.

**New flashing Speed Sign site and 30 mph speed signs in Clint Green**

The village has two flashing speed signs – “Safety Awareness Messaging” or “SAM2” signs. There used to be 4 sites that these could be put up around the village, but one SAM2 sign pole was removed a few years ago at the entrance to Clint Green from the Yaxham direction. After talking with NCC Highways a new SAM2 sign pole has been installed so that once again the Parish Council will be able to site the SAM2 sign at this important point ahead of the blind bend approaching the school – and hopefully it will help slow the traffic entering Clint Green from Yaxham. In response to residents' reports, a number of the 30mph repeater signs and posts have also been repaired or replaced along Norwich Road, Clint Green.

**New “Dereham Road”  
name sign installed**



For many years Dereham Road residents have been plagued by people or delivery companies thinking it is Norwich Road – because the only sign opposite Station Road said “Norwich Road”. The Council has now succeeded in getting Breckland Council to install a new sign saying “Dereham Road”.

## Clint Green Village Gateway

When first installed this was a mess. Thanks to residents and Councillors' representations the Parish Council listened and organised a site-meeting with Highways. It was agreed this needed to be changed – and



was fixed within four days. A real improvement – thank you to all involved.

*PS The Gateway at Yaxham Waters has now also been re-positioned.*

## The Yaxham Parochial Charities

The Yaxham Parochial Charities exist to provide small individual grants to the elderly in the Parish of Yaxham. Over several hundred years, small parcels of land and bequests have been made to the Parish. Some have been sold and the money invested. Currently the Charities own four pieces of land around the village which are rented out. The majority of the rent and income from investments can be paid out to Parishioners, the final decision on recipients lies with the Voluntary Boards of Trustees. The remainder of the income is paid to Yaxham Parochial Church Council as laid down in the original bequests.

The Trustees are meeting in January to discuss how these funds could be used to best benefit those in need of support. There will be no payments made until after this meeting. This is to ensure there are the maximum funds available for those in need help most.

Full details of the Charities can be found at [http://yaxham.com/local\\_index/yaxham-parochial-charities/](http://yaxham.com/local_index/yaxham-parochial-charities/) if you would like more information, or suggest uses for the funds email [yaxhamparochialcharities@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamparochialcharities@gmail.com)

***If you have issues for the Parish Council to consider, please email [yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com)***

## Christmas at St Peter's

**Nativity at St Peter's** You are warmly invited to take part in our Christmas Angel Trail. Collect your trail route from St. Peter's Church porch between 21st & 31st December. Look out for the Nativity scene in the porch and the Nativity narrative inside the church.

**Christmas Services at St Peter's:**

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December: 10.30am**

**Morning Worship**

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve: 8pm**

**Christmas Holy Communion**

This will be a little different this year with Covid-19. You will need to wear a facemask, socially distance and there won't be singing, but it will still be a special time celebrating the birth of Jesus. Places will be limited, so you may need to book. Please check [www.matvchurch.uk](http://www.matvchurch.uk) for the latest details or contact the Benefice Office: 01362 858873.



## Yaxham Community Café

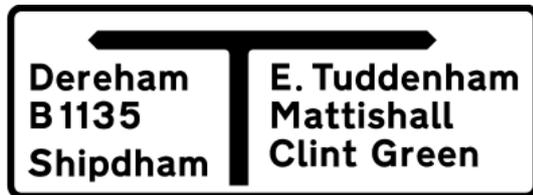
The Yaxham Community Second Thursday Café, has been in shutdown since March. We tried to re-open in October, but have now sadly taken the decision to remain closed until March 2021.

The Community Café team have not been idle. We have created another great calendar for 2021 with our Favourite recipes. Please order via our Facebook page @Yaxcomcafe, via our e-mail [Yaxhamcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:Yaxhamcommunity@gmail.com) or via our Café coordinator on Tel 07990725728. At just £8 each will have a great stocking filler for family and friends.

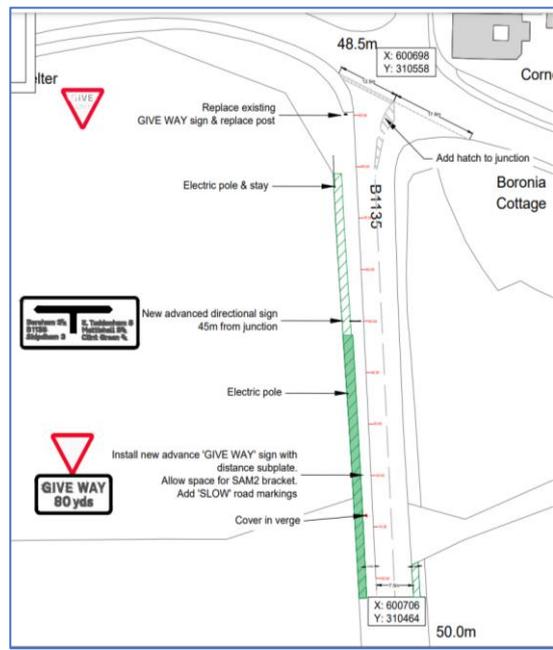


## Whinburgh Rd/Norwich Rd B1135 Junction - New Traffic Signs and Road Markings

In the last few years the planters at this junction by the village sign have been destroyed twice by out-of-control drivers careering across the junction. We have been very lucky that this has not caused death or injury to pedestrians and other road users. In discussions with NCC Highways the Parish Council has been exploring ways that within the rules the road markings and signs can be improved to really try to improve the safety of this junction. One issue is convincing drivers that this is a "T" junction rather than a cross-roads. Highways has now designed the following sign that makes this clear:



In addition, the current Give Way sign will be replaced and a new Give Way sign in advance of the junction. This will also be able to have a SAM2 sign. For the first time the village will have a SAM2 sign on the Whinburgh Road warning about the speed of approaching vehicles and collecting data for future discussions and consider other possible improvements if required.



## A Personal Tribute to David Myhill



It is with great sadness that David Myhill, otherwise known to so many as "Crocket" suddenly passed-away last week.

He was a village stalwart and worked tirelessly for 40 years supporting the community.

It all started when David was voted as Chairman for the Queen's Silver Jubilee Celebrations in 1977. Shortly after this the Yaxham Village Amenities Association (YVAA) was formed to raise money for a playing field and David was at the helm. Their fundraising continued to raise funds to build and maintain a village hall, which they achieved in 1988.

As Chairman David was instrumental in organising and running fundraising events from Bingo's to Carnivals, Whist Drives, Car Treasure Hunts, Dog Shows, Auctions and Dances to name just a few, which many villagers will recollect with very fond memories. David was a natural with the microphone and always took on the role of Master of Ceremonies, from bingo calling, to hosting carnivals, fetes and crowning carnival queens.... he really was the spirit of Yaxham.

Not only did he dedicate so much time in fundraising for the village, he spent many hours doing maintenance around the hall, playing field and church room.

David was an outstandingly popular larger than life character in the village. He had many friends, from the loyal hardworking team who supported him on the YVAA, to the many villagers he would always stop and chat to and have a laugh with on his rounds.

His energy, passion and dedication to our village was immeasurable. He put his heart and soul into Yaxham and was the life and soul! He will be missed but never forgotten by many people in the community and beyond.

*Peter & Barbara Bennett & family*