

# YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

## VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

August 2020

### Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting

### On Planning Matters

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> August 7pm over Zoom\*

Join us and hear the latest on:

#### Yaxham Waters Middle Field 3PL/2019/1430/F

Revised Application for 13 new lodges rather than the original 28.

#### The Old Post Office 3PL/2020/0793/O

A new application to demolish the Old Post Office and build 4 new dwellings – a pair of semi-detached houses and two detached bungalows -

#### Elm Close Appeal 3PL/2018/0021/D

This has now finally underway and submissions to the Planning Inspectorate need to be in by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

#### 25 Homes, north of Norwich Road, Yaxham 3OB/2020/0021/OB

\*The meetings are “virtual”, under the Covid-19 Regulations, using “Zoom” over the internet. To attend please email the Clerk for a link – [yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com).

### Village Hall – Good News

The Yaxham Village Amenities Association (YVAA) Trustees – who run the Village Hall and Playing Field – are delighted to announce that **the hall has re-opened** after the Covid-19 lockdown and is taking bookings.

**The hall is freshly redecorated and looks magnificent** with regular classes and groups returning over the next couple of months.

**Action has been taken to meet government guidelines** with more spaced out bookings, increased cleaning regime, a one-way system and social distancing measures and hand sanitiser at every entrance and exit. **There is also a new online booking system** in place and the website has had a refresh.

**The bar will now be opening each Saturday from 12 noon to 6pm.**

YVAA still have just 5 trustees on the Committee, Peter Smith, Steve Goldsmith, Trudy Gust, Lucy Vincent and Daniel Hull and as always, welcome others to get involved – for more information see <https://www.yaxhamvillagehall.co.uk> or email [yaxhamvh@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamvh@gmail.com).

### Celebrate 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Victory over Japan (VJ) Day

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August

Come and join us between 2pm to 5pm for a Fun Filled afternoon.

The Community Café and Bar will be serving a selection of drinks, cakes & scones. The Football Club are playing at home & will provide a BBQ.

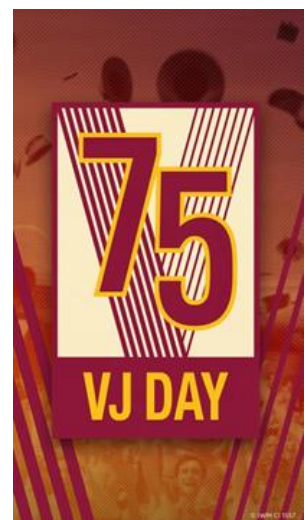
**The first 100 attendees will get a “Surprise Ration Ticket” gift!**

**See back page for VJ Day poster – please display**

If you would like to get involved providing help on the day, making cakes, running a craft stall or have memorabilia to display please email

[yaxhamcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamcommunity@gmail.com)

Tel. 01362 854 248



## Play Space – What Next?

The YVAA regrets to confirm that as a result of *annual* inspections of the play area, it has been declared unsafe for use, and must remain closed at this time.

### Call for volunteers

The YVAA and Parish Council are calling for volunteers to come forward who value the play area to get together to work to get the Play Space re-opened and to raise funds to replace the equipment in collaboration with the YVAA.

Please contact [yaxhamvh@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamvh@gmail.com) if you want to help get this well-used facility re-opened for the benefit of all the community.

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***Food Parcels – URGENT  
Have you been receiving  
government food parcels  
each week during Lockdown,  
because you have been  
shielding?***

This service is ending this weekend on 1<sup>st</sup> August. So, if you have been receiving these food parcels or know of someone who has been receiving them, the Government advice is to contact your local Council i.e. Norfolk County Council for us.

The most direct way to get this support which is still available if you are in need is; contact the Norfolk County Council Support Helpline on 0344 800 8020 for further advice. If that is a problem then please contact Yaxham Cares:

Richard 7780 972206 Parish Councillor  
Ian 01362 854248 Parish/Ward Councillor  
Peter 01362 696555 Village Hall Trustees  
Jennie 01362 696555 Community Car Scheme  
or email [yaxhamcares@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamcares@gmail.com)

Yaxham Cares



## Parish Charity News

### Covid-19 Re-start Grants

The Yaxham Parish Charity is keen to help village not-for-profit organisations to get back on their feet after the enforced lockdown. The Charity is therefore making small grants of up to £250 available to Yaxham non-commercial organisations to help towards Covid-19 related costs such as sanitiser, gloves, masks, visors etc.

The first grants have now been made to: the YVAA for the Village Hall, The Community Car Scheme, Yaxham Primary School and Yaxham Community Café.

The total budget for the scheme is £2,500. The scheme runs until the next planned Charity meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> September. All not-for-profit organisations in Yaxham who serve the community or part of it are eligible to apply. The application form is on <http://yaxham.com/parish-charity/> or email [yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com).

### Grants for the Village Hall

Great news that the Village Hall is re-opening after lockdown and a re-decoration. The Parish Charity has made a number of grants to help make this happen, including:

**June 2019, £22,280** being half the estimated costs for the Village Hall Refurbishment phase 1 (with a further £13,368 from Breckland Council).

**October 2019, £1,000** to help with essential fire-safety works for the Village Hall.

**April 2020, £5,725** or 60% of the Refurbishment Phase 2 – painting and floors – successfully done during lockdown.

**July 2020, £250** as a Covid-19 grant towards the Covid-19 costs of re-opening the Village Hall.

### Grants for the Football Club

The reinvigorated Football Club, which now has 3 teams, has been awarded grants for:

**June 2020, £600** for new dugouts on the playing field to replace the ones that had fallen into disrepair and have been removed.

**October 2019, £865** towards the new goal posts, now installed and treatment of the playing field including “verti-draining” and “over-seeding”.

***Good luck for the new season!***

## New Litter Bin at Pinns Corner

The current litter bin by the picnic table at Pinns Corner was installed by the Yaxham Woodland Group some years ago.

The bin has been the subject of frequent damage from mindless vandalism. It has needed repeated repair by a local resident – to whom great thanks.

To hopefully address this the Parish Council has purchased a brand new and hopefully more robust litter bin. This is being installed by Parish Councillors led by Cllr Anthony Cheetham. A CCTV sign has been installed by Cllr Chris Couves – thank you both.

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## Litter Picking

The Parish Council organised a litter pick earlier this year which was a great success, and we had hoped to repeat this exercise every 3 months or so. With the remaining Covid-19 restrictions we cannot at the moment do a formal litter pick.

**HOWEVER**, all residents who regularly walk in the parish can do their bit by taking a bag with them, say once a week, and collecting up the rubbish on their walk. **For bigger rubbish** that has been fly-tipped on the road or the verge then this can be reported via Breckland's website at [www.breckland.gov.uk/reportit/](http://www.breckland.gov.uk/reportit/) and it should then be collected by Serco – let us know if it isn't [yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com](mailto:yaxhamparishclerk@gmail.com). Here's to when we can get out together again on a litter pick.

**AND dog walkers** please pick up your dog's poo! In the meantime, something to keep you going...



**You sin all this litter  
we've bin sittin' in?  
Hev you bin litterin?  
If you've bin stickin'  
ya litter in a litter bin,  
then ya hint bin.**

**KEY NORFUK TYDEE!**

## Parking on Pavements, Please Don't!

During Lockdown there was a number of instances of parking on pavements. Letters went to some residents asking them not to.

Parking on pavements is inconsiderate, whether all 4 wheels or just 2. It can force people in wheelchairs or with prams or buggies to walk out into the road, putting themselves in danger.

The main roads in Yaxham are wide-enough that you can comfortably park on the road; if you are unable to park on your own property. This has the added advantage of helping to slow the traffic – which is no bad thing.

Whilst it is not illegal to park on pavements in Norfolk, if it obstructs the pavement for other users it is a breach of the Highway Code and then it can be subject to prosecution.

Please be considerate of other residents and park on your own property or fully on the road.

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## Other News...

- The missing white "H" line has been painted in at the bottom of Well Hill by Highways.
- The overhanging hedges on Mill Lane have been cut back following a letter from the Council to the landowner Glavenhill/ Lanpro.
- The owner of the Old Post Office has tidied the site after a letter from the Parish Council.
- An important drainage ditch on Yaxham Waters was filled in with a small pipe. The County Council acted, at the behest of the Parish Council, and the ditch was cleared.
- The grass at the bottom of Well Hill has been cut back by Parish Cllr Anthony Cheetham.
- Glavenhill/Lanpro have been asked by the Parish Council, after complaints by neighbouring farmers, to deal with the rampant Wild Oats on their land.
- Overgrown grass on Footpaths 2 (by the school) and CRF 10 (Mouses Lane) will be cut after the crops have been harvested.
- The village gateways will be installed as lockdown restrictions are lifted.

*That's all for now folks...!*

# VJ Day Celebration



Yaxham Village Hall  
Saturday  
August 15<sup>th</sup> 2-5pm



**Community  
Café**  
Cakes  
Snacks  
Tea  
Coffee

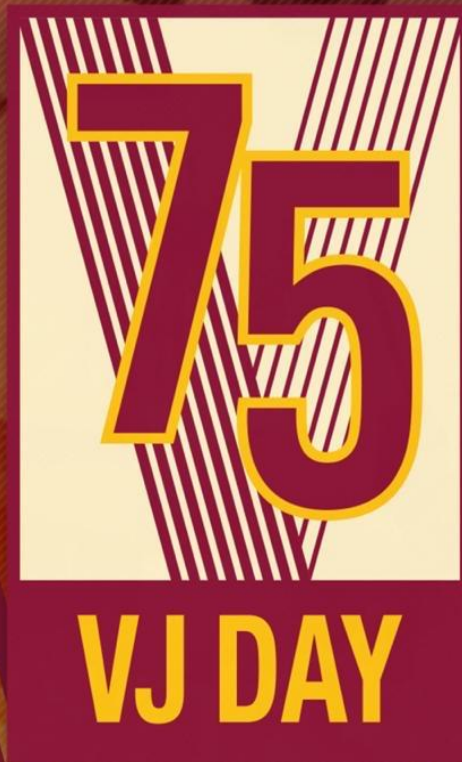
**Community  
Bar**  
Beers  
Wines  
Spirits  
Soft Drinks



1940's  
MUSIC

CRAFT  
STALLS

BBQ



1940's  
Memorabilia  
Displays



**RATION TICKET  
SURPRISE GIFT  
FOR 100 LUCKY  
ATTENDEES**

[YAXHAMCOMMUNITY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:YAXHAMCOMMUNITY@GMAIL.COM)  
01362 854248

**Come & Join the Celebration!**  
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