



YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

December 2021



WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS
& A HAPPY & "ELFY" NEW YEAR

Christmas Community Café, Yaxham Village Hall

Thursday 9TH December 10am-1pm
Christmas Specials served by our Elves!
Everyone welcome!

Next Dates Thursday 13th & 27th January –
Transport? Call the Café Coordinator: 07765 263389



We have a new Clerk to the Parish Council!

Please welcome our new Clerk – Rebecca Wade. She has a background in finance and administration. She lives in Dereham. Her enthusiasm and commitment shone through at interview and we look forward to formally welcoming her at our next meeting on Wednesday 8th December 2021 at 7pm in the Community Room at Yaxham Village Hall.



All welcome!



Parish Council Meeting Dates

This year has been thoroughly disrupted thanks to the pandemic and the government's changing regulations. We are very sorry that we have ended up moving dates, venues and times, and succeeded in confusing everyone including ourselves.

However, we have now settled for the first 3 months of 2022 meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month, rather than Thursdays, and in the Village Hall itself, and starting at 7.30pm. This is because with the continuing high covid case rates, not to mention new variants, the David Myhill Room, our usual venue, is not large enough to safely accommodate Cllrs, the Clerk and members of the public, for the time-being. The Hall is booked on Thursdays, so that is why we have moved to Wednesdays. The first 3 meetings in 2022 will therefore be on Wednesday 26th January, Wednesday 23rd February and Wednesday 23rd March – all starting at 7.30pm.

BUT, just to be difficult our December 2021 meeting will be on Wednesday 8th December at 7pm and will be in the Community Room at the Village Hall! Where we will be agreeing the budget and precept for 2022-23 – and welcoming our new Clerk.

Planning/Flooding/Sewage Update

The Elm Close application for sewage and surface water management is progressing, albeit very slowly. Anglian Water tell us that they have refurbished both the Norwich Road and St Peter's Close sewage pumping stations, sealed manhole covers that were letting surface water, and linked the two pumping stations so that they can work together to better manage the sewage pumping capacity. The test will come when the winter rains really start. The Elm Close application includes a new sewage pumping station lomked into the Norwich Road pumping station, and this will also link electronically with the other two to make best use of the capacity. The Elm Close station will have a holding tank for over 24 hours' worth of sewage produced by the new Elm Close development.

What we are still awaiting is confirmation that the surface water run-off from the new Elm Close development will flow into the ditch by St Peter's Close; and that this and other ditches will be cleared and maintained all the way down to the Tudd. Until there is a long term agreement in place for this, the Parish Council will continue to oppose this planning application.

IN THE EVENT OF FLOODING

0344 800 8013

Norfolk's new one stop number
for flooding in our county

or visit

www.norfolk.gov.uk/flooding

If you are in immediate danger call 999

There is also continuing work with Anglian Water, Highways, the Local Lead Flood Authority, and landowners such as the Mid-Norfolk railway, to seek to improve both surface water and foul water management, especially as Yaxham is one of the first sixteen villages to be prioritised by Lord Dannatt's Norfolk Strategic Flooding Alliance (NSF).

Award to recognise the parish of Yaxham's "resilience in the pandemic"!

The Lady Dannatt MBE, HM Lord-Lieutenant of Norfolk, has organised plaques to be presented to Norfolk communities to recognise just how much was done to respond to the pandemic – and continues to be done – to support the frail and vulnerable of all ages in our communities in the face of the pandemic. It is Norfolk through and through. In Lady Dannatt's own words:

"They plaques are based on the design skills of Wymondham based Ruby Douglass, a recent graduate of Norwich University of the Arts. The style of lettering, blue colouring and shape of the plaques were chosen as a visual means to celebrate the community overcoming such a difficult year. The wording and a number of quotes were researched by Norwich's National Centre for Writing, with the committee finally deciding on the simple but inspirational words of Norfolk born Harriet Martineau".



The plaque for the community of Yaxham Parish is to be presented at the next **Community Café in the Community Room at Yaxham Village Hall at 10am Thursday 9th December 2021** by Mary Rudd, Deputy Lieutenant, on behalf of Lady Dannatt.

All welcome to our Festive Café!

Christmas Services at St Peters, Yaxham

- Sun 19th Dec, 2:00pm @ Carol Service
- Fri 24th Dec, 8:00pm @ Holy Communion
- Sat 25th Dec, 9:30am @ Crib Service

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Dates for your Diary - Events at Yaxham Village Hall in 2022

Saturday 29th January, 7.00 - Bingo

Saturday 26th March, 7.00 - Quiz

All welcome – come along with friends and family!



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Yaxham Parochial Charities

The Yaxham Parochial Charities can award small grants to residents of the Parish of Yaxham who are in need support. The Trustees of the Charities are nominated by the Parish Council and St Peters Parochial Church Council. In the New Year a grant process will be announced to enable qualifying residents to claim small sums of up to £50 to help with emergency family and household expenses. Email yaxhamparochialcharities@gmail.com

See http://yaxham.com/local_index/yaxham-parochial-charities/ <https://matvchurch.uk/>



**Don't be alone at Christmas,
share the day with your friends at Poppies, from 12.30pm**

Don't be alone at Christmas, come share the day with your friends at Poppies, 12.30 pm onwards. Any residents of Yaxham/Clint Green, without friends, family, or carers to keep them company on Christmas day, are welcome.

£25 per head for 2 courses

- Roast Turkey dinner with all the trimmings
- Xmas pudding or Apple pie, with custard or cream
- Mince pies with Tea or coffee

Places are limited, reserve a seat with £10 deposit

We can cater for anyone with special dietary requirements, but we will need prior notification.

Please contact us for further details

Poppies Café & Bistro, Dereham Road, Yaxham, 01362 562019
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