

The Parishioner

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October 2026

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And all our regular features





Thanks to the following for their photos **Front cover:** David Cheshire - View from Mortimer Forest
This page: The churchyard — Kevin Davies; After the Eclipse — Keith Smith; Rowan — Carol Clare

FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

October always feels like the moment when life settles back into its normal rhythm. Summer plans are behind us, schools and regular activities are underway again, and the darker evenings nudge us indoors a little earlier. It's a good time to take stock of what keeps the community connected.

Many of our local groups are restarting their autumn programmes, and several events across the parish are already in the diary. As ever, these depend on the reliability of volunteers: those who organise, set up, clear away, deliver, and keep things ticking over. Their work often goes unseen, but it makes a real difference.

The newsletter also relies on contributions from across the parish. Short articles, news items, photos, reports of local happenings, and notices of upcoming events all help keep the pages balanced and representative. If you have something to share, however small, please do send it in.

Lynne

To send in articles and news items, please e-mail us at:

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**The deadline for all submissions is
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Yarpole Welcome Packs

If you are aware of new residents who have moved to the parish, or if you have recently moved yourself and haven't received one, please get in touch with Sue Langley:

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



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Police Community Support Officer meetings



Our local (Leominster) PCSO, Steph Harper, aims to visit the Gallery Café every 5 weeks on a Friday at 11.00. Her next visit, all being well, will be on **9 October**. Join her in the café for coffee and chat.

Pete Lloyd

COMMUNAL CRAFTERS

Next meeting:

Monday 12 October 1.30 - 3.30 pm

Creating with driftwood (Limited number of places available.)

At Yarpole Parish Hall, Green Lane, HR6 0BL

Cost: £3 towards the hire of the hall

We are a friendly group of crafters of all abilities who meet once a month to craft together and learn new skills

NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME!

Please contact Sue Beagley on 07816 060746 to reserve a place.

or email suebeagley@aol.com for info.

Come and

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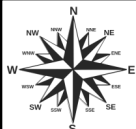
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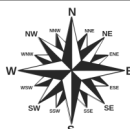
Walking Group

We meet on the 2nd Friday and 4th Sunday of every month, at 10:30 by the church. Our walks are normally about 3-5 miles.

October walks: Friday 9 & Sunday 25

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

Contact: **Viv 782271** or seiftonbatch@gmail.com



Informal Gentle Walks with Friends

Gentle walks with friends take place regularly on the 1st Friday and 3rd Sunday of each month. All walks will be short, gentle and close to the village. All are welcome to join. There's no need to book in advance, just meet outside St. Leonard's at 10.30am.

October walks: Friday 2 & Sunday 18.

For more details, please email newsletter@yarpole.org.





Kay Hutchinson, Tom Hutchinson, Esme Hutchinson, Jack Hutchinson, Hetty Hutchinson



Addicted to Sheep

"Addicted to Sheep" is a documentary film that follows the Hutchinson family, tenant hill farmers in the North Pennines, as they navigate the challenges and rewards of breeding Swaledale sheep, offering an intimate look at their lives and the harsh realities of farming.

**Yarpole Parish
Hall**

HR6 OBL

**Saturday
21 November**
7.30 pm

Tickets

Standard: £5.00

Under 18s: £4.00

Enquiries: 07788 547255 or 01568 701996

This is a Flicks And Food event. Food at 6.30. Film at 7.30. Food £10. Film £5. Food must be booked in advance: ring 07788 547255 or 01568 701996. Film only does not require booking.



Information and Tickets at www.artsalive.co.uk

**FLICKS
IN THE
STICKS**

Arts Society Lectures

Illustrated lectures on arts-related topics at Ludlow Assembly Rooms

Next meeting on **Wed 21 October 2026, at 2.15 pm**

The Glasgow Boys

Alice Foster

Visitors welcome, £8.00 on the door. Membership £45.

More information: <https://www.theartsocietytemevalley.org.uk>



First Saturday of the month 10.00 - 12.00 (last repairs).

Next session: **3 October in the Community Centre, School Rd, Leominster HR6 8NJ.**

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New Book Club? I understand there are a number of book clubs in the village but they are not looking for new members. I would very much like to join a club but in the absence of a place wonder if there is an appetite in the village for another club?



If anyone is interested would they please contact me, Gill Midgley, on 07541 575273.

AUTUMN PLANT SALE

Saturday 10 October

10.00am – 1.00pm, St. Leonard's Church

Could you donate your divided plants and any seeds?

Bring some and buy some!

Donations to the church – labelled plants please!

The Gallery Café will be open 10.30am – 12.30pm



Autumn Community Churchyard clearing

Saturday 17 October from 2pm

Can YOU help with churchyard clearing?

It's time to prepare it for winter.

We weren't able to manage a summer clearing so there's quite a lot to do!

Bring strimmers, rakes, shears and **YOU!**

Cakes also welcome!



Village Quiz

Wednesday 11 November, 7.00pm, Parish Hall



Provided there is sufficient interest, we are planning to resurrect the monthly village quiz.

There will be no bar, so feel free to bring your own drinks and nibbles.

Entry cost will be £2.50 per person with any proceeds going to Blind Veterans UK.

Please contact Lesley Bradford on 07950 725 882 to book a place.

The Mortimer Community Benefit Society is holding a Special Members' Meeting on Thursday 15 October at 7.00pm in Yarpole Parish Hall

Agenda:

- Apologies
- Chairman's Report. A review of the progress made in the last 12 months.
- Treasurer's report. Presentation of draft financial accounts for 2025.
- Election of Board members

There will be the opportunity for an informal discussion and questions from the floor after the formal meeting concludes.

Please stay on after the meeting and have a glass of wine or soft drink and chat to Board members.

St. Leonard's, Yarpole

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EVENTS DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Events this month

Date	Venue	Event	Time
Fri 2	St. Leonard's	Gentle Walks Group	10.30am
Sat 3	Parish Hall	Flicks and Food	6.30pm
Tues 6	Gallery Café	Tasty Tuesday	1.00pm
	Parish Hall	Parish Council meeting	7.00 - 9.00pm
Wed 7	St. Leonard's	Be Still	5.30 - 6.00pm
Fri 9	Gallery Café	PCS meeting	11.00am
	Various	Walking Group	10.30am
Mon 12	Parish Hall	Communal Crafters	1.30 - 3.30pm
Thurs 15	Parish Hall	MCBS Special Members' Meeting	7.00pm
Sat 17	Parish Hall	Private Event	
Sun 18	St. Leonard's	Gentle Walks Group	10.30am
		Harvest Service	3.00pm
Thurs 22	The Bell	Men's Shed Get-together	Evening
Fri 23	Parish Hall	4Cs	11.00– 12noon
Sat 24 - Sun 25	Parish Hall	Private Event	
Sun 25	Various	Walking Group	10.30am

Regular Weekly Activities

Date	Venue	Event	Time
Mondays	Parish Hall	Zumba	6.00 - 7.00 pm
Tuesdays	Parish Hall	Move it or Lose it!	11.00 - 12 noon
Wednesdays	Parish Hall	T'ai Chi	10.00 - 11.00am
	Parish Hall	Art Group	2.00 - 4.30pm
	St. Leonard's	Birchpole Singers	7.15 - 9.15pm
Thursdays	Parish Hall	Pilates (Re-starting late October)	10.45 - 11.45am
Fridays	Parish Hall	Bowls	7.30 - 9.30 pm

See 'What's on' pages for more details of events
Check www.yarpole.org for up to date information and any changes



YARPOLE COMMUNITY SHOP



October 2026

Autumn is here and, as ever, your village shop is ready with fresh root vegetables for your stews and casseroles, Certo and preserving sugar for your jam and jelly making, pumpkins for soups - or for carving! - and of course plenty of ingredients to make all manner of recipes and save you a trip into town.

Don't forget you can order fresh meat from Quarry Farm to be delivered to the shop, and we also get a weekly delivery from Tudge's with their hams, sausages and venison every Friday.

Artisan Grains have re-launched and we are pleased to once again stock their ever-popular nut roasts.

Fresh bread arrives daily - but don't forget we also stock the excellent Wessex Mill strong bread flour in white and wholemeal and yeast for those who prefer to make their own.

If the weather is too inclement and you don't want to venture out, do contact the shop on yarpoleshop@mail.com and we will arrange delivery for you.

Finally, remember that we also have kindling, firelighters and matches so those Autumn fires can keep burning!



Jon & Rowena

SHOP AND POST OFFICE OPENING HOURS

	Shop	Post Office
Monday - Friday	9.00am - 5.00 pm	9.00am - 12 noon
Saturday	9.00am - 1.00 pm	9.00am - 12 noon
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GALLERY CAFÉ

October 2026



Tasty Tuesday will be on TUESDAY 13 OCTOBER at 1.00pm
Look out for the menu & please book by 3.00 pm on Fri 9 Oct

Please inform us of any allergies; we are happy to cater for individual needs where possible. To book please email: gallerycafeyarpole@outlook.com, call the café during opening hours on 01568 780594 or drop in to see us in person. A booking sheet will be



October at the Café



Autumn at the Café is a great time to join us for a hot drink or lunch - there is plenty to enjoy in the new season and everything is home-made and delicious.

We have welcomed some new volunteers – come up and say hello.

Please see yarpole.org, Facebook and posters for updated opening information

Meet friends, old and new, and enjoy our excellent cakes, scones and lunches – and the famous Saturday bacon rolls!

The Gallery Café supports the work of St. Leonard's Management in caring for the church and keeping it open.

Thank you to our new volunteers!

Please get in touch if you are interested in joining our team (email address below).

Thank you to all the people who support the café.

Gallery Café Opening Hours

Monday – Wednesday 10.30 - 12.30 for drinks & cakes

Thursday – Friday 10.30 - 3.00, serving lunch 12 - 2.00pm

Saturday 10.30 - 12.30 for brunch

For enquiries/bookings, drop in to see us in person or email gallerycafeyarpole@outlook.com, or phone 01568 780594 (opening hours only)

Check www.yarpole.org or <https://www.facebook.com/GalleryCafeYarpole/>

During September, please check opening hours before coming.

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PARISH HALL

October 2026

Parish Hall future dates

3 October: Flicks & Food - The Colour Room

21 November: Flicks & Food - Addicted to Sheep

12 December: Christmas Ceilidh. More information nearer the date.

200 Club winning numbers for September

74: £50 2: £20 143: £10

Jan Tandy – Lottery Administrator

Parish Hall activities are listed on the events calendar (on page 11 this month).

To make a booking please contact Amanda Hordern on 01568 701996

Or email parishhall@yarpole.org

Or to book online go to www.yarpole.org and click on 'Church & Parish Hall bookings'.

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



Don't forget that books can be taken out from the Parish Hall Library whenever the building is open for an event. Just sign your book out in the register and there is no time limit. DVDs and blu-rays of recent Flicks films are also available to borrow.



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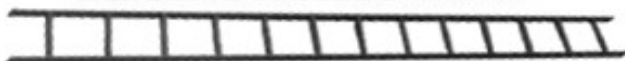
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Bearing witness

I am currently on holiday in Cromford in Derbyshire Dales with my sister and brother-in-law. Today we visited the town of Matlock and whilst walking across the bridge, we were stopped by a lady, who wanted to speak to us about the power of healing within her local church. She asked my sister and I if we were Christians and we said yes. She said, "I thought you were because you stopped and did not say no thank you and walk away, like most people do". She then spent a few moments praying with us.

This encounter made me reflect on a number of things. Firstly, I reflected on the courage that it takes in the modern secular world to stand in public and offer to share your Christian faith with others. This is not something which is easy to do, at best you might get a polite refusal from passers-by but at worst you might get derision and negative abusive responses. In openly standing in public and telling people she was a Christian, this lady was bearing witness to her faith, she was not ashamed of her faith and was willing and open to share it with anyone who wanted to listen.

Secondly, I reflected on how easy it is for me to not bear witness to my Christian faith in my every day life, I am painfully aware that I often pause and think before I tell someone that I am a Christian. When I do tell people, sometimes they are surprised, which makes me wonder why. Do I present as being un-Christian? Or is that I don't behave in a Christian way enough? This makes me realise that I should do more to bear witness to my faith, not just through saying I am a Christian, but by behaving in a Christian way. This makes me ask the question: what does behaving like a Christian mean? Going to church on a regular basis is a part of this, as is spending time in prayer and reflecting on the word of God, but more importantly I think it is about how we live our lives on a day-to-day basis and how we behave towards others. To bear witness to our Christian faith we need to have the courage to love other people, forgive other people, and ask for their forgiveness in return. We need to care for others and be kind towards them, even when they don't show kindness to us. To bear witness to our Christian faith we need to walk in Christ's footsteps and behave as he behaved.

Dear Lord, give me the courage to bear witness to you every day of my life. Help me to walk in your footsteps and love others as you love me. Give me the strength not to deny you, but to be open about who I am. Help me to encourage and support others in bearing witness to their faith. Amen

Jane Higgins Local Minister

Croft with Yarpole and Lucton



Parish Church Services for October and November 2026

October 2026

Sunday 4 Oct	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer	Croft	09.30
Wednesday 7 Oct	Be Still	Yarpole	17.30
Sunday 11 Oct	Holy Communion Common Worship	Yarpole	09.30
Monday 12 Oct	Café Church	Yarpole	19.30
Sunday 18 Oct	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer Harvest Festival	Yarpole Yarpole	08.30 15.00
Sunday 25 Oct	Lay led service	Yarpole	09.30
Monday 26 Oct	Café Church	Yarpole	19.30

November 2026

Sunday 1 Nov	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer All Souls' Service	Croft Yarpole	09.30 15.00
Wednesday 4 Nov	Be Still	Yarpole	17.30
Sunday 8 Nov	Holy Communion Common Worship	Yarpole	09.30
Monday 9 Nov	Café Church	Yarpole	19.30
Sunday 15 Nov	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer Celtic Worship	Yarpole Yarpole	09.30 15.00
Sunday 22 Nov	Lay led service	Yarpole	09.30
Monday 23 Nov	Café Church	Yarpole	19.30
Sunday 29 Nov	Group Service Christingle	Eyton Yarpole	10.30 15.00

Anyone wishing to contact a priest please phone or email:

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We have received a grant from the Benefact Trust towards the extension of the Gallery Café kitchen. We are still waiting for news about a National Lottery application; if successful, this will be wonderful news for the development work planned. This was made possible by the efforts of Gordon Ewing and also Helen Norris who prepared the application and we are very grateful for their time and effort.

We have had to bid a fond farewell to Tim Ware who has been helping with various jobs and checks over the past year. We would like to thank him for all he has done; we are, however, keen to find someone else who can help out with some day-to-day tasks. We do use members of the Men's Shed for some help, but having more contacts will allow us to spread the load. If anybody is willing to step forward for either regular or occasional work, please get in touch with a member of SLM: myself, Sebastian Bowen or Phil Daniels.

We are always on the lookout for anybody else who would be interested in serving as a trustee. We meet approximately once every six weeks in the church and remain in contact between meetings as and when issues arise. If you are interested, or know anybody who you think might be suitable, please let one of us know. I would be very happy to talk to anybody about the role to discuss how they might be able to help out. We have had an engineer visit the café a couple of times recently to iron out the various issues with the coffee machine, and we are very pleased to report that it is now working more reliably. Please do visit and try it out for yourself!

William

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Patients' Participation Group (PPG) October 2026

General Information

The surgery is working with Anima to see if they can streamline the process and make it easier for patients to use.

Flu/Covid clinics are coming in October; eligible patients will be notified. For those with mobile phones, links to make an appointment will be sent.

Staff Training Day

On Wednesday 14 October, surgeries will be closed from 12:00 but phones will be open. Kingsland Reception and dispensary will open at 4.00pm.

Staff updates – lots of changes

Those leaving are: Julita Naumowicz (dispenser), Daisy Snape (admin/HCA), Alison Harries (assistant practice manager), David Harper (physician associate).

Those joining us are Nicola Bowen (dispenser), Cindy Brookes (care navigator team lead), Debbie Perrott (care navigator), Anita Harvey (practice nurse) and Steph Ryan (dispenser back from maternity leave).

We also have trainee GP Oghenerukevwe Egigba known as Rukky. She will be shadowing for a couple of weeks before she has joint clinics with Dr Kemp/her own clinics. Dr Mercy Obanimoh, a locum, works most Tuesdays.

Missed Appointments

In August there were **91** appointments that patients did not attend. Please let the surgery know as soon as possible if you cannot attend.

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Yarpole Group Parish Council

One member of public was welcomed to the Parish Council meeting on September 1st.

A topic for your attention: Adult Exercise Equipment. It was agreed that further research is needed to confirm current levels of residents' interest. A WhatsApp poll in March indicated 55 people would use the equipment, compared with 10 who would not. **Your views are important**, please send comments to me by email or telephone (see below). You will be invited to join a working group to consider feedback received and make recommendations to the Parish Council.

Other topics included anti-littering signage, provided by Cllr Hurcomb, put up by volunteers in laybys on the B4361 and B4362. Volunteers also picked up the litter, filling several purple bags. Litter included underwear and toilet paper...

Four drainage *maintenance* tasks are planned. £1,676.75 funded through a Herefordshire Council grant, the remaining £523.25 by the Parish Council. Proposed: a) Clean out the ditch on U92404, Stocking Lane, Lucton, to help keep water off the road; b) Clear two sections of ditch alongside the C1040 in Lucton*; c) Clean out the grip and ditch at the junction C1040/B4362*; d) Open grips, gullies, and headwalls on Leys Lane. Two items marked with an asterisk (*) are on hold until it is confirmed whether Herefordshire Council will carry out drainage work alongside planned roadworks.

The Lengthsman has been asked to cut vegetation around the phone box on Green Lane, Yarpole.

To enable the Parish Footpaths Officer (PFO) to safely trim vegetation and be covered by insurance, it was agreed to fund training: City & Guilds Level 2 Award in Brush Cutters and Trimmers. The PFO, David Teale, is thanked for agreeing to attend this two-day course.

The Parish Council's role as Custodian Trustee of the Parish Hall was noted. This responsibility is limited to holding the legal title of the property on behalf of the trustees.

It was agreed to contact Herefordshire Council about the poor condition of pavements in Croft Cres. and get a quote for moss removal, including details of the proposed removal method.

A new notice board for Green Lane, Yarpole, was considered. A design similar to those installed at Bircher and Bircher Common was preferred, with lockable and open-access sections, large enough for Parish Council notices and community information. This will be discussed further.

Reports of dog attacks on livestock on Bircher Common were received earlier in the summer. The Council considered whether to contact the National Trust regarding the incidents. It was agreed to seek an update from the Graziers' Committee and if needed, contact the National Trust and the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Parish Council meetings take place on the first Tuesday of the month, 7.00pm in the Parish Hall. Upcoming dates are 6 October, **3 November**, and **1 December**, with no scheduled meeting in January 2027. You are cordially invited to attend to listen to debate on matters affecting the Group Parish and raise matters during the Public Session.

Maggie Brown, Clerk. Email clerk@yarpolegroupparishcouncil.gov.uk Phone 07398 222 310.

As the weather turns from Summer to Autumn we have traded endless sunshine for rain and drizzle. Whilst the rain is welcome after so many months without it (I am sure the farmers are glad the grass is finally growing again), it is worrying to hear the media reports that this years El Nino event will be extreme and bring with it excess rain and flooding. With that in mind, it is a very good time to report blocked drains, gullies and ditches on Herefordshire Council's reporting website. If you have any problems with the website then please do not hesitate to send problems directly to me. Hopefully reporting issues now will provide additional resilience in the months to come.

On the subject of flooding, you may have seen me in the Hereford Times recently (or on their online version) following a "flood" in Kingsland. I passed through the following morning and saw signs out for a flooded road (North Road) and water across the carriageway. Feeling sure that there was adequate drainage on that section of the road normally, I checked Google Street View and identified that there was indeed a gully in that location. A quick trip back down the road with a spade and within 5 minutes I had the gully top clear and the flood water was draining away. I was disappointed that those who came out to place the signs didn't attempt to do the same and I have raised this with our Highways Team to ensure that in future the right instruction is given and that they try and solve the problem at the first opportunity rather than just sign it and leave.

I am pleased to report that in addition to the road improvements planned for Bircher in October, we have now had confirmation that the remaining works on the C1040 (B4362 at Lucton to B4361 at Lucton) are being scheduled for November. I am sure that those residents who live along the C1040 will be delighted to hear they have not been forgotten.

I can also confirm that Herefordshire Council has begun the final consultation on the reduction of the speed limit at Cockgate from 60mph to 40mph. The changes proposed also extend the 30mph from Yarpole Village up to the Village Hall. I am delighted that this work is nearing completion and I can not wait to see the signs all in place. For those residents in Lucton, I am still working on the 40mph outside Lucton School and the reduction of the speed limit in Lucton itself. I have seen the draft proposals and I am now waiting for the formal consultation.

In my last article I said that Herefordshire Council's new Chief Executive Officer, Paul Satoor, would be visiting Bircher Ward in the coming months. He has now told me that this is likely to be at the end of October and I will plan accordingly.

As always if you have any concerns, issues or would just like a chat then please do get in touch.

Dan Hurcomb
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Hello everyone! Welcome to another edition of 'Lisa's Book Nook'. I hope you all had a lovely summer, even though it was a bit of a warm one. Thankfully the temperature is now going down, the days are getting shorter, and it will soon be time to dig out your cosy jumpers. Autumn is here once again. Whilst a lot of people dread the cold, dark evenings, I actually enjoy them, not least because they give you the perfect excuse to curl up with a good book. Out of all the books I read over the past few months, one in particular really stood out, and I'm going to review it for you today. As always, I hope you enjoy it. Have a great autumn, and I will see you all again in the December/January edition.

Overlord: The Life and Reign Of Henry VIII by **Steven Veerapen** I have read most of Steven Veerapen's non-fiction books, and have really enjoyed all of them, but this might be his best work to date. You are probably thinking you already know the story of King Henry VIII, arguably England's most notorious king, but this masterful new biography proves there is still plenty of mileage in "Bluff King Hal". There is always something left to tell, a different angle to explore, etc.

Instead of going down the well-worn path of looking at Henry VIII through his relationships with his six wives or via his religious policies, Veerapen investigates how the second Tudor monarch tried to make himself overlord over the entirety of what is now the United Kingdom and Ireland, as well as parts of France, and how this shaped and influenced a lot of his domestic policies and actions within England. This approach allows for a completely fresh, dramatic take on the life and reign of Henry, and it is skilfully brought to life in Veerapen's capable hands. His writing is immersive and engrossing, meaning this book will grab hold of your attention from the very first page and won't let go until you reach the last. It is also brilliantly researched, and I'm actually in awe of how he manages to produce books of this quality year after year. Also, if you enjoy a bit of myth busting in your history books, as I do, you won't be disappointed on that front either, as plenty of long-held beliefs about Henry are laid firmly to rest, including the one which claims he was destined for a life in the church prior to becoming his father's heir.

This book was one of my most anticipated of the year, and as you can tell from my glowing review, it did not disappoint on any level. It made me look at Henry VIII in a whole new light, and I would go so far as to say it is essential reading for any Tudor history fan. Or history lovers in general to be honest. Also, as hinted at earlier, Steven Veerapen is a prolific writer with an ever-growing back catalogue of titles, all of which are worth checking out. However, if you do decide to give his books a go, I would recommend starting with this one or with his book on witches, as these will allow you to experience him at the very top of his game.

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Informal Gentle Walks with Friends



Gentle Walks with Friends got off to a good start in August despite the hot weather. The idea came from parishioners who enjoy a decent walk but find the Yarpole Walks a bit too much of a hike. With hindsight, “steady” or “moderate” might have been better descriptions than “gentle”!

Most walks are 2–3 miles, though they may occasionally stretch to 4. We use footpaths and tracks where possible, but some sections can be rough or muddy. Hills aren’t ruled out, just the very steep ones, and we always avoid difficult stiles.

We’re grateful to our Parish Footpath Officer, David Teale, who is helping us put together a portfolio of local routes that meet these criteria.

The walks require a reasonable level of steadiness and stamina. If you’re unsure whether the walks would suit you, check whether you can answer “Yes” to all four questions below:

1. Can you maintain a normal walking pace? Not too fast, not too slow?
2. Are you in reasonable health with no issues which might impact on others on the walk?
3. Could you get yourself home if you want to leave the walk before it ends?
4. Are you aware of your limits so that you can assess whether you can realistically manage to complete the walk?

If you’re still unsure whether the walks would suit you, for further guidance contact newsletter@yarpole.org.



If you’d like to join us—regularly or just now and then—we meet outside St Leonard’s at 10.30am on the first Friday and third Sunday of each month. Dates are published in *The Parishioner*. There’s no need to book; simply turn up on the day. We’ll decide which walk to tackle taking weather etc. into account.

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Garden Party

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It will have to be an annual event!

Could you, or do you know someone who could benefit from the Good Neighbour Scheme? Please get in touch – 07885 525776

Move It Or Lose It (MIOLI)

MIOLI continues apace. Join us on Tuesdays at 11.00 in the Parish Hall as usual.

4Cs dates coming up...

October 23 A presentation by a member of ECHO

Mandy Hamblin will offer us a warm, personal and honest insight into living with a disability and her experience delivering disability training, which she hopes to develop further. She is Vice-Chair of the Board of Trustees at ECHO and also volunteers in their shop.

November 27 The History of Tartan by Gordon and Sandy Ewing

December 11 Christmas event

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Supporting the community

Although it has not been the easiest year for getting on with the outdoor community projects, with a very wet spring and scorching summer heat, The Men's Shed has carried on with several community projects. The picnic bench in the community field has been refurbished, the bench at the corner of Croft Crescent has been re-varnished and the railings alongside the stream at the bottom of Green Lane have been properly connected. In addition, two sturdy raised wooden planters, together with a lockable tool storage chest, have been made and installed at the primary school in Kingsland.

The Bell is a very important asset in our village and we continue to work closely with MCBS and its tenants, Michelle and Blaine, to assist with its maintenance and improvements. The steps leading from the car park at the back of the pub have been refurbished and secured; also, a sturdy bin fort for the storage of waste bins and empty beer kegs is nearing completion.

Supporting men's mental health

Although the Men's Shed is recognised locally for its work on community projects, our real purpose is to provide a companionable space for men to get together, chat, socialise and support each other. Sometimes, tea, biscuits and friendly banter in good company is just what we need. We also have a social get-together at The Bell on the 3rd Tuesday in the month.

Interested in joining?

We still need more men to strengthen our numbers so we can continue to support our local community and, of course, each other.

Trevor Edwards

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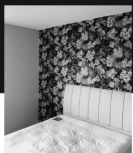
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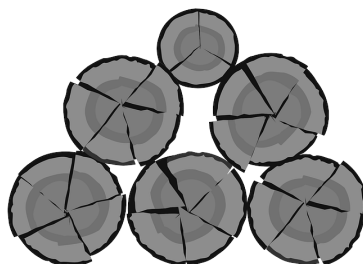
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Entries were staged between 10am and 11.30am after which the club welcomed its judges: David Griffiths – vegetables and fruit, Lisa Beddis – cut flowers, pot plants and outdoor containers, Barbara Morgan – baking and preserves and Geoff Morris – honey and homemade drinks. Judging concluded at 1pm for lunch.

2026 has possibly been the most challenging growing season in the club's history but looking at the luxuriant produce one could be forgiven for wondering whether the exhibitors inhabited the same drought-stricken county as the rest of us. Sun-lovers including aubergines, peppers, tomatoes and figs had flourished and there was a very impressive range of other vegetables, cut flowers, preserves and cordials.

The hall opened at 1.30 pm for viewing and refreshments and the club was delighted to welcome so many visitors. At 3.30pm trophies and certificates were presented and a raffle was drawn.

ODGC would like to thank Philpotts Nursery and Hinton's Garden Centre for generously donating raffle prizes. The club is most grateful to its Show Committee for all its hard work and meticulous attention to detail, the judges, exhibitors, volunteers, all those who provided delicious refreshments, visitors and everyone who contributed to making the show a success.

Ghislaine Arundale

On Tuesday 27 October, **Pip Smith** will present a talk entitled **In the Bleak Midwinter**. Inspiration from an experienced local garden designer on making the most of your plot during the colder months.

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Yarpole Parish Good Neighbours' Scheme



The Yarpole Parish Good Neighbours' Scheme held a garden party on 21 August, kindly hosted by Dave and Mary Edwards at Long Fridays. The rain damped down the dust before the party and held off during it to enable 46 clients and volunteers of YPGNS to enjoy a delicious afternoon tea of sandwiches and Yarpole's legendary cakes - all met with very appreciative feedback from the guests. Thanks to David Cheshire for the photos above.

Scarecrows come to Croft Crescent



Thanks to Di Hill for organising this event and for the photos on this page.

As you can see, the theme this year was "Wizard of Oz". Any ideas for next year's theme?





Thanks to the following for the photos on this page: Keith Smith — Sunrise from Old Barn Court, Cyclamens, Unwelcome Visitor, Bobby Robin; Sandy Ewing — Arch at Croft Castle; Fran Kay—Amaryllis.