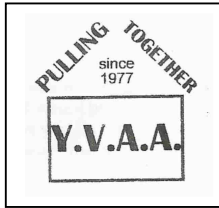


Yaxham Village Amenities Association

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WINTER NEWSLETTER 2012

Hello friends

The Amenities extend a very sincere thank you to all of you that have supported the association throughout 2011, it is very much appreciated. As this is the Diamond Jubilee year I am sure it will be extra busy especially with the Carnival fast approaching. May I make a polite request... if you find the bottle banks full on arrival please can you take your bottles home again and wait for some space – thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Once again, I am sorry to have to report that dogs have been fouling the playing field and Jubilee Park. Please can owners ensure that they clear up after their pooch? There are 2 doggie bins on the park, please use them. Two people I would like to mention who help to keep our village clean and tidy are Mrs Monica Matthews and Mrs Pam Youngs who on their daily rambles pick up the litter – thank you so much.

Please keep an eye on your neighbours during the winter period, especially if they are elderly.

As space is limited in this edition, it remains for me to wish you all a very happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

David Myhill, Chairman

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL CLUB

Here we are at the beginning of a new year – what will it hold for all of us? New Year Greetings from the Social Club to you all together with our very best wishes for 2012.

A Dance on New Year's Eve will have taken place by the time you get this newsletter, and to those who attended we hope you all enjoyed the evening and had a good time. Thank you for your support.

As always we would like to welcome any new members who have joined the Club recently, and we hope you enjoy using the facilities. To any new residents in the village, if you have not visited the Club yet come along either on a Friday or Saturday evening and see what we have to offer for your enjoyment. We always welcome new members, and the Club Fees are still the same i.e. £2.50 per year or £10.00 Five year Membership, Senior Citizens £1.50 per year £6.00 Five year Membership, Junior Membership for 16/18 year olds £1.50 per year.

An important date for your diaries is June 24th for the Annual Car Rally Day. Posters and full information about this will shortly be displayed.

We are hoping to get a second darts team started playing on Thursday evenings through the summer. Anybody interested in taking part please put your names forward through any of the bar staff at the club, new members very welcome. There is a pool team playing on Monday nights in the winter league only, again new members for this will be very welcome. Please come along and join in.

We always ask this, but if there is anyone who is interested in helping out with the Social Club please come forward. You can get details and information from any Club Committee Member or ask at the bar. Also if you have any ideas of how we can improve the club please let us know, any suggestions will always be welcome.

YAXHAM FOOTBALL CLUB

We will be running two teams this season, the 1st Team managed by John Barnes and the 2nd Team by Martin Spillett. Both teams are hoping to get promotion this year. The 1st team is in the Semi-Final of the Cup. All local support for match games is always welcome and will be much appreciated so come along and cheer the lads on. If you have any ideas of how we can improve the club please let us know.

LACE MAKING CLASSES AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Fancy trying a new craft? Our fun and friendly group meets on Friday nights in the meeting room at the Village Hall **from 7.15pm until 9.30pm**. If you haven't got your own lace equipment then don't worry, equipment can always be borrowed. For more information please contact Jenny on 01362 692041. Classes will resume on 3rd February 2012.

YAXHAM AND DISTRICT WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

As usual, our programme organiser selected very interesting subjects for our last four meetings:

In September, unfortunately the speaker Nigel Teulon from Hardingham Station failed to appear when visitors from other institutes had joined us. However, a quiz session was hastily arranged and everyone enjoyed the evening.

In October Phillipa Biddle brought her friend and several members of their Cavalier King Charles Spaniels family and spoke of their breed and family history.

In November, the AGM took place and an election was arranged and conducted by Meg Dozling – a WI advisor. Eileen Browne was elected to succeed Joan Thurgill as the new President. On her retirement, Joan was presented with a selection of lovely gifts from the members.

In December, a Christmas party was enjoyed by all present. Members received a gift as they left for home, with Christmas wishes. Unfortunately Eileen, the new president was taken ill and was unable to join members at the party. We wish her a speedy recovery and a welcome return awaits her in the New Year.

Our forthcoming programme is as follows and is displayed on the notice boards in the Village Hall and behind the village sign:

January – Richard Wright, 'From Pigs to Oil Lamps'

February – social evening

March – Beverley Cooper, 'In the footsteps of our Fathers of World War II'

April – Carol Williams, 'The Origin of Nursery Rhymes'

If any of these items are of interest to you, come and join us as a guest under no obligation. We meet in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.15pm. Enquiries to Joan Thurgill on 01362 692097.

The Macmillan Coffee Morning once again came up to all expectations and raised £1,072.27. A receipt and letter of thanks is to be found on the Village Hall notice board. Well done Yaxham!

GOOD COMPANIONS CLUB

The club meets in the Village Hall on **1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 2pm till 4pm**. Contact Mrs M Moore (Chairman) 01362 693827.

YAXHAM CARNIVAL

Villagers were invited to a meeting on Monday 17th October 2011 to discuss the possibility of rekindling the community spirit by holding a Yaxham Carnival on **Saturday June 2nd 2012** to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. David Myhill showed a scrap book filled with newspaper cuttings and an array of photographs capturing the wonderful memories from years gone by, colourful floats and imaginative fancy dress outfits. A small committee was elected to drive this project forward and to initially research any restrictions due to the current Health & Safety Law.

We need your support in making this event a success and to encourage local residents to get involved. **We would like to invite you to our next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 10th January at 8pm in the meeting room at the Village Hall.** Please come along with your ideas and find out how we can organise a day of fun activities to remember, with an evening dance to mark the finale. On Saturday 18th February, we shall be holding a pre-carnival dance where the Carnival Queen will be chosen.

We appreciate life in the 21st Century can be extremely busy but memories are to treasure. We hope that 2012 will not only be remembered for the Olympics but also for the enthusiasm of bringing the young and old residents together in Yaxham to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

We look forward to seeing you on January 10th. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to email lisagoldsmith@talktalk.net

YAXHAM WOODLAND GROUP

The Yaxham Woodland Group has had a busy schedule of walks and working party day during the last quarter of 2011. The Group still hopes to achieve a piece of land for a Community Woodland and that is the main aim for 2012. The Group is also hoping to gain part funding to buy a log-splitter for use by group members and villagers, and is keen to hear from anyone who would find it useful to hire a splitter for the day.

The Diary for the first quarter of 2012 is as follows;

7th January 2012 - Pinns Working Party 10.00am – Noon

4th February 2012 – Pinns Working Party 10.00am – Noon

5th February 2012 – Jack Frost Walk, 2pm leaving from St Peters Church, and returning to the Church for refreshments at 3.30-4.00 pm

3rd March 2012 - Pinns Working Party 10.00am - Noon

7th April 2012 - Pinns Working Party 10.00am - Noon

Should you wish to join us or have further details please contact the group Chairman Dr Andy Marczweski at yaxhamwoodlands@gmail.com

YAXHAM EVANGELICAL CHAPEL, CLINT GREEN - Mrs. Carol Beavis 01362 696846.

ST PETER'S CHURCH

Revd Sally Thurgill, Tel: 692745.

Churchwarden, Mrs A Cheeseman, Tel: 693214.

The 'Coffee, Cakes and Carols' event held in the church on Saturday 10th December for the East Window Restoration Fund raised a total of £547. Grateful thanks to all who helped in any way to achieve this splendid result.

FRIENDS OF YAXHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL '200 Club' - Dizzy Martin's ticket was the lucky winner of its first ever Christmas Draw

When asked how she felt she said "woof" and settled down to work her way through some dog biscuits. Dizzy expressed her satisfaction that the Friends' "200 Club" had been such a success in its first year of operation. Set-up at the start of 2011, the club has steadily picked-up members. It is all part of the efforts to raise money to pay for the school's new Log-Cabin "ELF" (External Learning Facility") to help the school to continue to deliver the high standard of education for which it is known.

Each ticket costs £24 a year or £2/month. Most members pay £2/month by standing order. Half the money goes into the prize fund and half is contributed to funds for the "ELF". Each month there are 3 prizes awarded – the first were in February. The monthly prizes are currently up to £36 per prize. A new 'log cabin' style teaching space, "ELF", was built at Yaxham Primary School over the school summer holidays by Anglia Log Cabins Ltd, following planning permission being granted by Norfolk County Council. It offers teaching staff more flexibility in educating particular groups of pupils in specific subjects. It was opened by the Bishop of Norwich on 29th September and is in good use.

Buy a "200 Club" ticket – contact the School Secretary, Yaxham Church of England Primary (VA) School, Clint Green, Yaxham, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1RU or see www.yaxham.com/school

Yaxham Church of England Primary (VA) School is a "Good" School, says Ofsted and Church of England

2011 has been a tremendous year – the SATs (annual pupil tests) have been the best for many years, the new log-cabin eco teaching room has been built, and at the end of the year we had an OFSTED Inspection, followed by a Church of England Inspection. These inspections happen every few years and both graded the school as "Good" with "Outstanding" elements. OFSTED said "Yaxham is a good school." It has made rapid improvement since its last inspection and standards are now above average. Pupils have an excellent understanding about how to keep safe... their behaviour is outstanding, as they care for one another. Both parents and carers are very happy with the school. One, speaking for many, said, "My child has really progressed and has much more confidence." The C of E Inspector said "Yaxham is a very welcoming, caring school with a clear Christian ethos. This is demonstrated in the friendly, family atmosphere where high levels of pastoral care ensure everyone feels valued. The headteacher gives a strong vision for Yaxham as a church school and is very well supported by a committed staff and governors."

If you would like to know more about the school or would like your child to come to Yaxham's village school, then please contact: Mrs Nightingale, Headteacher, Yaxham Church of England Primary (VA) School, Clint Green, Yaxham, Dereham, Norfolk, NR19 1RU Tel: 01362 692033, e-mail: office@yaxham.norfolk.sch.uk or see www.yaxham.com/school - 'A village school to be proud of'.

YAXHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman	George Crummett	Church Cottage, Church Lane	01362 692845
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	Ian Faircloth	Willow Farm, Norwich Road	01362 698374
	John Hull	Cydonia Cottage, Station Road	01362 695154
Clerk	David Myhill	Croft View, Well Hill	01362 692593
	Liz Stallion	Tynedale, Station Road	01362 695761

We are pleased to welcome 3 new members of the village Speedwatch Team, bringing the total of regular volunteers to 10. Members of the Team have been undergoing training in the operation of the Speed Awareness Messaging (S.A.M.) equipment that we have used at several locations in the village since 28th November. We would normally expect to have use of this equipment for 2 weeks at a time but, because other villages did not want to use it during the cold weather, we are lucky enough to have use of it until 4th January 2012. It is good to see that the majority of drivers do slow down when they see the warning that they are exceeding the 30 m.p.h. limit. At its Meeting on 15th December 2011, Yaxham Parish Council expressed its appreciation to all members of the Community Speedwatch Team for the work that they do to reduce the speed of traffic through the village.

Every year the Council makes donations to local charities. The donations this year, each for £35 were sent to Age UK Norfolk, East Anglian Air Ambulance, MacMillan Cancer Support and the Teenage Cancer Care Trust.

The Council has submitted its request to Breckland Council for a Parish Precept of £8,140 for the Financial Year 2012/13. This is an increase of £175 over 2011/12 but, is expected to show a small decrease in the amount that Yaxham Council Tax payers will be asked to pay towards the village element of the total Council Tax bill.

One of many tasks that are undertaken by the Parish Council is to run the village website. If you have access to a computer we suggest that you visit www.yaxham.co.uk where you are sure to find something of interest to you. The cost of running this website is increasing every year and we try to recoup the costs by asking local businesses if they would like to advertise on the site for a small contribution. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk (details above) to discuss.

Yaxham is one of the local parishes that have decided to plant daffodils around the village to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Several locations around the village have been selected and approved by County Highways. We have also planted bluebells at Pinns Corner and in Jubilee Park.

DIARY DATES & BOOKINGS FOR YAXHAM VILLAGE HALL

JANUARY			
Saturday	7 th	Private Party	
Sunday	8 th	Car Boot (Lions)	
Saturday	14 th	Bingo	
Sunday	15 th	Car Boot (Carol)	
Saturday	28 th	Private Party	
FEBRUARY			
Saturday	4 th	Private Party	
Sunday	5 th	Private Party	
Saturday	11 th	Bingo	
Sunday	12 th	Car Boot (Lions)	
Sunday	12 th	Bingo (Lions)	7.30pm
Tuesday	14 th	Breckland Children's Activity afternoon	1.30pm – 3.30pm
Thursday	16 th	Coffee morning	10am – 12pm
Saturday	18 th	Pre-Carnival Valentine's Dance	
Sunday	19 th	Car Boot (Carol)	
Sunday	26 th	Craft Fair	10am – 3pm
MARCH			
Saturday	3 rd	Bingo	
Sunday	4 th	Car Boot (Lions)	7.30pm
Sunday	4 th	Family martial arts	12pm – 2pm
Tuesday	6 th	R.L.B. Afternoon Tea	1pm – 5pm
Saturday	10 th	Bingo (British Heart Foundation)	
Sunday	11 th	Car Boot (Carol)	
Sunday	25 th	Private Party	
APRIL			
Sunday	1 st	Car Boot (Lions)	
Sunday	1 st	Bingo	7.30pm
Monday	2 nd	A.G.M. Amenities	
Saturday	7 th	Dance – Vintage Day	
Saturday	14 th	Bingo	7.30pm
Sunday	29 th	Private Party	

HALL BOOKINGS

If you would like to book the Village Hall for any occasion please contact Mrs. Muriel Meachen for more information, to check availability and to request a booking form on 01362 695876.

We recommend that you book well in advance so as to not be disappointed.

Hall Hire charges
Hiring the hall represents excellent value for money.

£9 per hour for bookings made by Yaxham residents

£17 per hour for all other bookings.

Charity events qualify for a special flat rate of £45 for Yaxham residents, £90 for all others.

If you need to know more information about events in the hall please contact David Myhill on 01362 692593.