

Yaxley Messenger

September 2023



Peacock
Butterflies on
Buddleia

*Photograph
by Rita Hunt*

Dates for your diary

1st September—Zumba Gold begins

9th September—Autumn Bingo

15th September—Pop-Up Bar

22nd September—Harvest Supper

29th September—Macmillan Coffee Morning

30th September—Quiz Night

28th October—Children's Halloween Party

18th November— Another Evening with Charlie Haylock

9th December—Christmas Bingo



Family Bingo Night

Yaxley Village Hall
Old Ipswich Road IP23 8BX

Saturday 9th September

6.30 p.m. for Eyes Down at 7.00

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Caller: John Hawes





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4PM - 10PM

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FEEDBACK ON THE EVENING.

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St Mary the Virgin church would like to invite
you to the village

Harvest Supper



On Friday 22nd September, 7pm for 7.30pm at

YAXLEY VILLAGE HALL

£10 per adult, £5 for children under 12

Includes two course meal, but please bring you own
drink

Vegetarian and gluten-free options available (request in
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If you are able to contribute an apple pie or apple crumble,
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accepted**

10.30 to noon

**Offers of cakes and raffle prizes requested. Also offers on help on
the day, please**

**Coffee Morning
Yaxley House Care Home**

Church Lane, Yaxley



**Wednesday 20th September 2023, 10.30am-11.30am
Then every third Wednesday of the month thereafter**

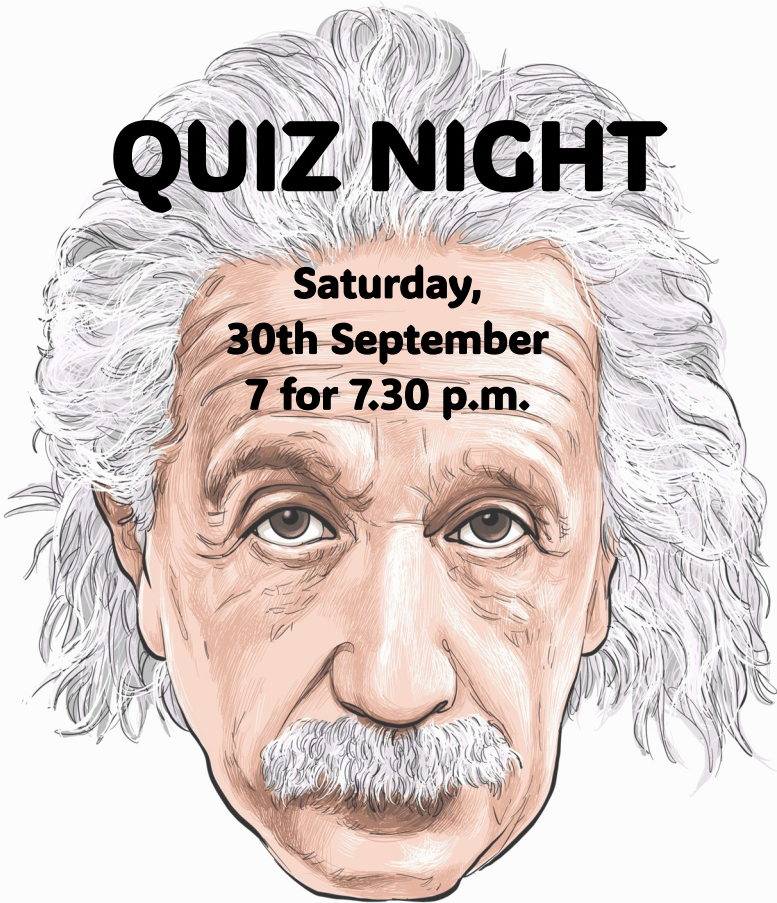
All welcome

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**Yaxley Village Hall
Old Ipswich Road, Yaxley IP23 8BX**

QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday,
30th September
7 for 7.30 p.m.**



Entrance £2.50 per head

Join a table or come with friends

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

**Yaxley Village Hall
Old Ipswich Road, Yaxley IP23 8BX**

Charlie Haylock and "The Dig"

Saturday 18th November

7.00 for 7.30

Charlie is an extremely amusing expert on dialects, especially the Suffolk accent. He was adviser to Ralph Fiennes for the film "The Dig"



Preliminary interest has been keen, so get your tickets early to avoid disappointment

**Tickets £8 each - available from
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Clubs and Societies

The Art Club

Meets in the Village Hall on Tuesdays 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon

September 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

All abilities welcome, £4.00. Come and create something artistic.

Further details: Chris Virgo 788819.

The Garden Club

September 7th Afternoon visit to Plantsman's Preference Nursery

More details: Celia Pearson 788494

The Yaxley Needlework and Craft Group

**September 6th and 20th
at 2 p.m. in the Village Hall**

Share skills, complete projects—with tea and chat £2.50
Do come along and join us.

More details: Celia Tel 788754 or email: celiaarmstrong@hotmail.co.uk

The Four Seasons Ladies' Group

**September 19th at 2 p.m.
In the Village Hall**

John Hawes: "John and His Working Life"

**Further details: Rita Hunt 0776 7143287
email: ritahunt100@hotmail.com**

Yaxley and Mellis Reading Group

Enjoy reading? Want to discuss books with others?

Fourth Thursday afternoon of the month

Further details: Marie Needham 07904 121215 mnwhizz@yahoo.co.uk



The Parish Council

Next Council Meeting **13th September**



The agenda/notices are on the Parish Noticeboard five days prior to the meeting

The Parish Clerk may be contacted by phone on 01379 783203 or 07958 623897 between 9.00 am and 7.00pm from Monday to Friday and on Saturday from 9.00am to 1.00pm. Please leave a voicemail message if there is no reply and the Clerk will return your call as soon as possible. Contact may also be made by email:- philip.c.freeman@btinternet.com or by letter to: Philip Freeman, 2 Mellis Road, Thrandeston, Diss, IP21 4BU
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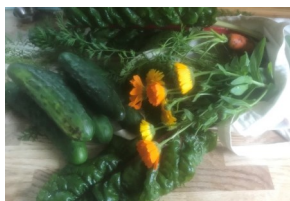


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St. Mary's Church

**South Hartismere Benefice
September 2023**

I am a novice allotment keeper. Over the last two cycle of seasons, I have started to appreciate the various times of growth, times of fallow and planting, of waiting for fruits to ripen and for the time of harvesting of, hopefully, an abundant crop.

Last year was a challenge as we baked in the extreme temperatures. This summer has brought challenges of its own, the rain and warmth has brought abundant fruit, of plants I chose and plants I didn't. I have a rather overgrown plot!

As I walk to my allotment passing fields, I see the wider challenges of the rain and hear of the anxiety of the farming community as they wait the ripening of their crops. I pray to the Lord, asking for the sun to shine and dry and ripen the grain heads, so the harvest can be gathered. I am writing this before the final harvest has been brought in but have anticipation that it will be gathered and that we will have much to be thankful for.

The news tells us of scarcity, the headlines tell of shortages of rice and wheat. Yet there are stories of hope and generosity. There are stories of communities working together to grow crops that use sustainable methods, both here in the UK and in other parts of the world. There are stories of abundance as people give with generous hearts. Food banks and porch pantries here in the UK are about people living and caring for one together, sharing in the goodness of God's provision. They are making small but significant changes.

Ethiopia has had drought for the past five years and farmers are watching their crops and livestock die. Godana is one such farmer, yet he has hope. Pray for peace Godana says, for if a person has peace inside, they can get through the difficulties.

Jesus said, my peace I give you. No matter what our circumstances the gift of his peace is to help us get through the trials of life. The psalmist sing 'happy are those whose help is in the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them. Who keeps faith forever and brings justice to the oppressed.' God's mercies are new every day. God's faithfulness and kindness continues, ready for us to choose to take hold of and to live in hope and with joy.

Rev Debbie

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FOUR SEASONS

What an amazing meeting we had in August. Thanks go to Jane Hoggart for her most entertaining song and dance show.

Our next meeting features an old friend John Hawes with a new talk entitled 'John and his Working Life'. From what he has told me it looks very different to his usual talks.

Well done to the member who 'brought a friend' and a big welcome to a new lady who saw our advert in the Messenger. Thank you also to members who suggested a subject for next year's programme.



19th September
2p.m. Yaxley Village Hall



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The Yaxley Book Shelf Vol 19

By Andrew Martinelli....

In this month's reading I returned to some of my usual themes, but also ventured into some unusual ones as well.

An Inconvenient Death

by Miles Goslett

A conspiracy theory or an insightful exploration of recent and secret history? This is an exploration of the background and suggested events surrounding the death of Dr David Kelly. If you recall the 'dodgy dossier' then this might interest you, and also, if it is to be believed, shock you. Aside from that some very interesting political history from 2003.

The Alchemist

by Paulo Coelho

This was not one of my usual reads! Written by a Brazilian author, it took six months to sell the first copy and a further six months to sell the second, which was to the same buyer as the first. Translated later into many languages, it then became a worldwide bestseller. This follows a shepherd boy looking for treasure and being guided along the way. A journey that captures the imagination, with messages for the reader along the way.

Churchill's Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare

by Giles Milton

Back to WW2, and some incredible ingenuity! Based on the sabotaging of Nazi equipment and transport. Just a few 'boffins' invented all manner of weapons, some of which were intended for defence in case of invasion, and some were taken to the fight. This was a gripping and incredible record of 'The mavericks who plotted Hitler's defeat'.

First Light

by Geoffrey Wellum

Geoffrey Wellum became an RAF fighter pilot aged just 17. He became a Spitfire pilot, the youngest at that. This is his story from school days to the Battle of Britain and beyond. A film was made of the book, and is worth a watch. An amazing insight into a real hero of the time.

And from a guest:

Elektra

by Jennifer Saint

For lovers of Greek mythology, Elektra is a great story, telling the stories of three women during the trojan war: Clytemnestra, Cassandra, and Elektra. It is a great retelling of the fall of Troy and offers fresh perspectives on this often-retold tale, and the writing is extremely visual.

Even if you don't love The Iliad or Greek mythology, the author breathes life into centuries-old myths and legends that make the reader connect with the story.

The main themes of this book are betrayal, rage, revenge, and deep human emotion, and are expressed brilliantly, enabling the reader to really empathise with the characters.

"Let him come back so that I can see his eyes as the light drains from them. Let him come back and die at the hands of his bitterest enemy. Let him come back so that I can watch him suffer. And let me make it slow."

Share your favourite/ latest books with us—just a few words on each will do

Email your notes to me at tony1andabby2@hotmail.com

Abby

St Mary the Virgin church would like to say

Thank You

to all of the wonderful people who supported the Strawberry tea last month.

A total of £240 was raised to help with the much needed repairs to our beautiful historic building.

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**Family Halloween Party
Saturday 28th October**



At the Village Hall

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Supply your news/village events by **15th of the month please** to **Abby Brett** at Willow Lodge, Old Ipswich Road, Yaxley, IP23 8BX
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September brings a new school year, one of my children is in primary school and the other secondary. Between uniforms, PE kit and knowing they'll need to catch the bus each day the costs are adding up. I'm already pretty stretched, so I'm not sure how to cover these extra outgoings. Is there any help I can get?

A new school year can put pressure on lots of people's budgets, so you're not alone in your worries.

But there is help available. If you are online, a good place to start is the Citizens Advice website at citizensadvice.org.uk/family/education/help-with-school-costs where you'll find lots of information on the support you might be entitled to for school-related costs. The help you can get to cover school lunches will vary depending on how old your children are and if you claim benefits. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 automatically get free school meals. You can apply for free school meals for older children if you claim certain types of benefits, including Universal Credit, Child Tax Credit and Income Support.

You mentioned concerns about travel costs. If your child can't walk to school because of special educational needs or disabilities they should get free school transport. You may be able to get help with transport costs from Suffolk County Council if your children can't walk because it's dangerous or too far.

If you're on a low income, Suffolk County Council may also be able to help you with activity and school uniform costs. You're likely to be considered to be on a low income if you get means-tested benefits like Universal Credit or Housing Benefit. In some places there are also local charitable schemes that can help. A good place to find out about these is the school itself or Parent Teacher Association (PTA), as both will usually know if these kinds of schemes exist. A lot of people are feeling the squeeze at the moment, but it's important to remember that help is available with school costs and you're not alone.

If you need more information on getting help with school costs, the advisers at Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk will be happy to help.

Citizens Advice Mid Suffolk can provide advice on issues including debt, finances, employment, benefits, family/relationships and more. You can contact them by phone on 01449 676060, visit in person at Milton House, 5 Milton Road South, Stowmarket IP14 1EZ or use the contact form at midsuffolkcab.org.uk/contact-us. Our opening hours are Monday-Thursday 9.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm. For more information go to midsuffolkcab.org.uk.



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