

The Yealands

News for Conyers, Redmayne and Storrs April 2017

New Inn Reopens

There can't be many who did not know that the New Inn reopened on the 9th March. The whole pub was full that evening, free drinks an amazing surprise, and welcome nibbles from the kitchen.

So Yealand News wants to give a warm welcome to Zoe and John who have the roles of licencee, manager and chef.

Sandy Sanderson, who chaired the enterprise that explored the possibility of a community buy out comments:-

"Having been heavily involved in our attempts to save the New Inn, I am delighted at what Barry has already achieved. The casual room arrangements, quality of finishes, and of course the massive improvement in the quality of beer and food are all welcome. We are now proud to bring visitors to our village pub. We set out to reopen the pub and ensure it was sustainable. This has been achieved, we can only hope that villagers will support it as it is again a village hub for casual get togethers from a coffee in the morning, lunch, snack or dinner or just a simple drink."

St John's church

Congratulations to the 50/50 Club winners in February - Ian and Sue Thompson, Annette MacKenzie and Joan Brown.

The next Knit and Knatter is in church on Wednesday April 12, 2-4pm. Come along for a break from normal everyday life and bring something to work on while you relax, chat, drink tea and eat cake!

Tea @ St John's is on April 26 at 3.00. A reminder that everyone is invited to this free afternoon tea in church. We can provide a lift if you need one and if you can't get out we can bring a nice plated tea to you at home afterwards. Please ring for more information for yourself or anyone you know who might be interested.

For information about anything to do with St John's please ring Sally-Ann Rothwell on 01524 734585 or email sally-ann@thebower.co.uk

Lancaster Canal

Part of the canal lies with Redmayne, and YN reported last October that the PC had adopted a section. We will be holding a briefing meeting on Wednesday April 19th at 6pm in Yealand Village Hall when Roy Gibbons, Manager of the canal, at the Canal & River Trust, will be present.

Roy will outline the various opportunities to get involved. This could involve Flower and Bulb Planting, Towpath Tidy, Wild Flower Protection, Bridge Cleaning etc etc. Anything is possible. He will answer questions on the Health and Safety issues, when working close to water.

Everybody is invited, not just residents of Redmayne. Why not 'come along' and get involved? The meeting will last for one hour only.

You will be interested to know that we will be celebrating the Bi-Centenary of the Lancaster Canal in 2019. This will be a huge celebration with many events being planned.

Any questions please contact Mike Macklin (michaelmacklin9@gmail.com)

Crafty Coffee

Thursday 6th April 10-12 in the Old School
Making new from old. Come and have a go at making bags from old jeans or similar. No sewing skills required.

Yealand First Responders

We would like to express our appreciation to Phil Heath and his family for their very generous donation to the funds of the new First Responders' group in Yealand. Thank you to all who contributed to the collection of over £800 at Lynn Heath's funeral. We extend our sincere condolences to Phil, Christopher and Roger.

. Leighton Moss

Avocet Amble

Monday 10, 17, 24 April (10-11.30 am)

Join us for a guided walk to discover more about this iconic emblem of the RSPB, as well as why Morecambe Bay is such a fantastic home for them and other wildlife. Booking and payment in advance essential. Cost £7 (RSPB members £5.50).

Birdsong for Beginners

Sunday 16 April (7.30-10 am)

Join Andy Chapman on this informative wildlife walk. Learn more about different bird songs in the woodland and around the reedbed, get tips on identification and advice about wildlife watching. Afterwards enjoy a bacon or veggie sausage bap and tea or coffee. Booking and payment in advance essential. Cost £15 (RSPB members £12).

A range of events for families are run on Wednesdays and Thursdays

Pearl Harmer

Glyn, Ruth and the Boys would like to thank all who have sent their condolences to us at the end of Pearl's life in the Yealands. It was our wish to have a simple family internment at St Johns (She hated fuss) and then to celebrate her life at a later date.

We would like to hold a Memorial Coffee Morning in a few weeks time so that all who wish can come along for a natter and gossip and share any memories that you might have of Pearl. Any funds raised will go to the renal ward in Preston where the staff helped and supported both us and her over the last year or so during her illness. No date has been set yet but we will spread the word as soon as we do.

Yealand WI

Our monthly meeting was held on Wednesday 8th March in the Village Hall. Simon Cane regaled us with tales from his trekking trip to Nepal and showed superb photos of the Himalayan mountains and his climbs on Island Peak and Mera Peak. The poem competition was won by Diana McClure.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th April in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm when Jo Marsden will be talking about the work and animals at the Lakeland Wildlife Oasis. The competition will be a 'Wild Animal Soft Toy'. As usual refreshments will be served and we will be happy to welcome new members and visitors. More details from Diana McClure on 781803.

Humpty Dumpty

I'm not sure whether this has been chosen as the story for the next panto at the village hall, because we have so many stone walls to sit on, or they have a lead actor with a suitable waistline, but the script is being written and if you are interested in taking part please contact Yvonne at yvonnetrachy@aol.co.uk

A dog owner writes

Spring is here, birds are nesting and lambs are skipping round the fields. We are lucky in the Yealands to have many lovely places to walk our dogs. But, dog owners, are you aware of the laws with regard to letting your dog off lead at this time of year? Dogs should be kept on a short lead between 1 March and 31 July in open country and common land and at all times near farm animals. By law, farmers are entitled to destroy a dog that injures or worries their animals. Also farm animals can become aggressive if their young are approached. If this happens it is safer for you to drop the lead and retreat rather than trying to protect your dog and risk being injured.

Dog mess is unpleasant and can give other animals and people, especially children, nasty infections. So please always clean up after your dog and put the plastic poo bag in the bin. There are bins at regular intervals in our villages so you will not have far to carry it. Worming your dog regularly will help to keep it healthy and tick prevention is very important. We live in an area where ticks are a problem and dogs can get Lyme's disease just like humans. Given the mild wet winter we have had it is likely there will be more ticks than ever this spring.

Use it or lose it

Mobile library, next visit; 3rd April

Funding Yealand News

I'm pleased to report that both parish councils have provided financial support again for the printing costs of YN, and in addition support has come from the residual funds of the community company set up to explore the options for a buyout of the pub.

Coffee stop

Yealand News is also supported by Coffee Stop, at the village hall every Monday 10.30-12.00. On Monday 24th April there will be a special fundraiser, with stalls, a raffle and entertainment from children of the village school. Proceeds to the local Parkinson's group.

Postscript on the Hoe Down. A good meal, a five piece band and all the tickets sold. The dance floor was full to the end of the evening. An excellent event, thanks to Lisa and her team.

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