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January 26th
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February 23rd
Ashley Cooper brings us 200 years of Local History

March 30th
Annual General Meeting
followed by a talk by Peter Tatam about Credit Unions

April 27th
Amanda Sutherland demonstrating Creative Jewellery

May 25th
Jenny Gibbs on being a Turkish Shirley Valentine
Goods will be on sale

June 29th
Celia Graham talking about A Servant’s Life in Ickworth House

July 27th
Dawn Roche on Magistrates in the Community

August 31st
Lindsey Cornish with Tales of Living and Working in Ethiopia

September 28th ***
Harvest Festival Supper with entertainment by Phil Sutton

October 26th
Robert Burridge with an insight into Police and Armed Response Teams

November 30th
Debbie Hart guiding us into Christmas Floral Decorations

December 14th ***
Christmas Party Night with Ray Spiller.

We meet at Great Yeldham Reading Rooms at 7.30pm
Occasional visitors are always welcome
(charge £3.50 per visit including refreshments))
*** Denotes Ticketed Events (discount for Members)
More information please call Margaret 01787 237049
Braintree District Council is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of residents and has been working with partners such as Fusion Lifestyle and Active Braintree Network to tackle the district’s high obesity levels. Following the successful 2016 project, Braintree District Council’s Livewell campaign ‘If I Can, You Can’ launches in January and promotes health, fitness and wellbeing. Residents are being asked to encourage friends and family to get active by sharing their own stories, videos and photos on social media. Residents from the Braintree district who have overcome their barriers to get fit and healthy are encouraging others to live well in 2017 and are saying “If I Can, You Can”. “The Council is committed to get residents active and those who are failing to achieve 30 minutes of sport or physical activity five times per week. £2.3 million is the estimated figure that physical inactivity costs the Braintree District in healthcare and sickness absence.” “50% of adults in the Braintree district who are inactive want to take part in sport, demonstrating there is an opportunity to increase participation. The ‘If I Can You Can’ campaign shows that many people can overcome perceived obstacles which prevent them from taking part in health and fitness activities.”

Braintree District Council is offering residents a chance to win one of six £25 vouchers for Fusion Lifestyle leisure centres and one of six fruit hampers from Tesco in Braintree town centre, to residents who share their physical activity pictures and stories on social media. Share pictures on their own twitter accounts and on the Livewell Facebook Page and to include the hashtag #IfICanBD, for a chance to win. For more information about health and wellbeing please visit www.livewellcampaign.co.uk, and information about sports clubs and activity sessions in the area: https://www.getactiveessex.com/. List of Fusion Lifestyle leisure centres please visit www.fusion-lifestyle.com. Terms and conditions
Personnel
A new councillor was co-opted to the Parish Council at its meeting in December. We welcome Lewis Mundy-Gill. Lewis lives in the High Street with his family, and is enthusiastic about getting involved in the work of the Parish Council to maintain rural services and keeping the community safe in Great Yeldham.
Tracy Wigmore, our Parish Clerk, is now on extended leave but will maintain her role of Responsible Financial Officer. At the same time she will continue to attend to matters related to The Lawn Cemetery and The Glades Natural Burial Ground, as well as United Charities and the Education Foundation Trust.
Christine Marshall has joined us to cover the Parish Clerk duties, working Wednesday and Thursday in the Parish Office at The Reading Room. There are no changes to contact information.

Planning Issues
- At the Parish Council meeting held on 1st December 2016, there were no new planning applications to be discussed. However the Parish Council does continue to oversee any applications for work intended to be carried out on trees in conservation areas or that are listed
- The planning application 16/01670/FUL: Erection of 2 storey rear extension, has been refused by Braintree District Council.

For information on any all planning applications and decisions please refer to Braintree District Council’s website at: //publicaccess.braintree.gov.uk/online-applications//search.do?action=simple&searchType=Application

Events
- The Christmas Tree and Carol Service was held on Saturday 10th December on Whitlock Green. The tree looked very festive, but due to the heavy rain that evening the traditional carol singing led by the Reverend Barbara Hume was held in the Reading Room, which was followed by sausage rolls, mince pies and mulled wine. Our thanks go to Barbara as always, to Cllr Colin Brooker for making sure the electrics worked for the lights and to all the volunteers and councillors who helped with the event.

Bus stops
The Parish Council is determining the “official” bus stops and once these are identified will be making a request to the bus operators and the Local Highways Panel for additional stops outside the Waggon & Horses and Leather Lane at the junction of Butlers Way.
Great Yeldham Parish Council

Highways matters
With the deteriorating weather we have had to lodge reports with Essex Highways for repairs to the footpath at Manns Cross where the flagstones holding back the banking have fallen. We continue to monitor other situations, particularly potholes and where vegetation is encroaching on pathways or junction visibility.

Precept
There will be a slight increase in the Precept for 2017/18 due to the reduction in the Localism Grant paid by Braintree District Council. Other budget increase costs have been covered by using some of the Council’s reserves, but also through prudent spending on projects where grants are obtained to fund the majority of the work.

Neighbourhood Plan
At its February meeting the Parish Council will be finding out how to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Great Yeldham. This is an initiative that is gaining momentum throughout the country’s parish councils. Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area. It will be a lot of work and will require community involvement, so within a few months the Parish Council will host a community open day to discuss ideas, identify knowledge and skills and set a strategy for the future.

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The new spring term has started really successfully in our school. All the children returned from the Christmas break full of enthusiasm and ready to tackle their learning. Every class have now embarked on a new topic. Mulberry Tree Class are learning about ‘Space’, Apple Tree Class about ‘The Great Fire of London’, Cherry Tree’s topic focuses on ‘Modern Europe while Horse Chestnut Tree Class are ‘Comparing Places and People’ beginning by looking at Mexico. Finally Oak Tree Class are engaged in a topic about ‘Computational Thinking and Creativity’! Wow what a diverse range of topics to inspire our children to learn about the world around them!

As I write 30 of our Key Stage 2 children are preparing to leave the school and get on a coach to take them to the O2. This is the third year we have sent our school choir to the O2 to take part in the Young Voices Concert. This is an amazing opportunity that allows them to sing to an audience with up to 7,000 other school children. It is a long day but always loved by the staff and pupils who attend!

We are delighted that already this term we have competed at a Level 3 County Event. This was for a small group of our SEN children who qualified for the Boccia County final. 12 schools from across Essex took part and we ended up 4th! This was a fantastic achievement and we are incredibly proud of how well the children did! We are looking forward to all the other sporting events that are still to come in January, February and March.

Carrie Prior, Headteacher
www.greatyeldhamschool.co.uk
Tel: 01787 237235

Dates for the Diary
10am Friday 31st March Easter Service at St Andrew’s Church
Saturday 24th June, Summer Fair
The Annual General Meeting of the society was held on 18th November and the events held throughout the year were reviewed. The Chairman reported that the two trips, to Green Island Gardens and Perrywoods Garden Centre and to Cambridge Botanical Gardens and Scotsdales Garden Centre were both well attended and greatly enjoyed by those who went. Two evening talks had been held, one by Owls-R-Us with a static display of a dozen owls and the second by the Wildlives Animal Rescue and Rehabilitation Centre with an emphasis on hedgehogs in the garden. Both talks had been well attended and a superb buffet supper had been provided by Sarah Mackinnon on both occasions.

The plant sale in May was again a success selling a variety of bedding plants, shrubs and homegrown plants as well as second hand garden paraphernalia. The 3 open garden events to The Old Rectory, 11 Toppesfield Road and 40 Butlers Way were also much enjoyed by all who visited. The Annual Show in September was deemed a success with all the winners having been mentioned in a previous edition of this magazine. It was agreed that the main objective of the show was to bring the village community together and was not a money making event. Other activities held throughout the year included the Container competition which was won by Anne Barber, the school planter competition and the sunflower competition arranged for the school children with the tallest entry being the winner.

The chairman also reported on the sad death of Humfrey Chamberlain who had been one of the society's greatest supporters for many years. Thanks were given to Anne Metson for auditing the society accounts and a special vote of thanks was given to Anne Burrows who was standing down from the position of secretary after nine years.

The treasurer, John Richardson, provided a copy of the income and expenditure report for the year which stated that the bank balance at year end stood at £1,549.08.
Great Yeldham Cottage Garden Society
Membership secretary, Anne Barber, reported that the membership of the society totalled 86. She was thanked for all her hard work in collecting the annual subscriptions. It was discussed and agreed that the membership fees would increase in 2017/18 to £4.00 per person or £7.00 for a couple.
The final part of the meeting was the election of the Officers and Committee of the Society as follows: President: Dr Paul Marshall; Chairman: Jo Williams; Treasurer: John Richards; Secretary: vacant; Show Secretary: Matt Chater; Membership Secretary: Anne Barber; Committee Members: Sarah Mackinnon, Hazel Richards, Pat Slimming, Barbara and Howard Buckenham. It was unanimously agreed to invite the existing Vice-Presidents, Mrs Claudia Gray, Mrs Rosemary Brown and Mr Peter Hyland to continue in their offices.

The committee are now busy planning the diary of events for 2017 and all members will be informed once the events are finalised. Subs remain at £3.50 or £6.00 for a joint membership of two adults living at the same address until 30th September 2017. Membership entitles you to a monthly newsletter, informing you of all the society events, discounted rates on event ticket prices and invitations to member only open garden afternoons. If you have not yet paid your subs for this year, please get your payment to Anne Barber (Tel: 01787 238024) or any one of the committee members.

Jo Williams (joannacwilliams@btinternet.com)

YELDHAM & DISTRICT CANCER SUPPORT
The group held its first meeting of the year by setting some goals that will be both achievable and satisfying. One was to sort out the old family photographs and create some albums for the younger family members. Others had ideas such as small gardening projects or books they always meant to read.

We continue to provide friendly companionship as well as tea, coffee and nice biscuits. So, if you are a cancer patient, in or beyond treatment, a carer, or bereaved by cancer, you are welcome at The Reading Room, Great Yeldham at 10.30-12 on the third Thursday of every month. Next meeting is 16th February.

The group can only continue with organisers, so if you have time to help us out, or if you want more information, please contact Mary Marshall on memeng@live.com, or 07773161367, or Martin Tarrant on 237253.
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On Monday 6th March at 2.30pm there will be an illustrated talk on ‘Alec Guinness’ by Simon Frampton.

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If you would to include your club details, please contact the editor: Alicia (07768 152700) EMAIL: Steph@thefurlongs.co.uk.

Deadline for next issue will be September 16th items received after this may not be included in the issue - Thank you

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Meet the last Thursday in the month at GYRR - Tel: 01787 237049

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Great Yeldham Walking Group
Second Saturday in the month - meet at the Village Green at 10am For The Solar Society
Meet on the first Monday in the month at Castle Hedingham Memorial Hall

Great Yeldham Cottage Garden Society

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Beaver scouts 6-8 years old Thursday 5.30-6.45pm
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All meet at the recreation ground. For more information Andrew Callaghan on 01787237056 or 07976780132
Great Yeldham Parish Council

The Parish Council meet the first Thursday of every month, except in January. All meetings start at 7.30pm in the Reading Room, High Street, Great Yeldham and are open to the public and press. There are 15 minutes available for public participation. Agenda and Minutes are published each month on the Parish Council’s website and are placed on the notice board on the green at the North Street and Bridge Street junction.

Website: www.essexinfo.net/great-yeldham-parish-council/

Office: The Reading Room, High Street, Gt Yeldham, CO9 4ER – 01787 237832

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November 18th - Pop-Up Restaurant with Guest Speaker 19:30
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