



Yaxley & You

From Yaxley Parish Council

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A Message from the Chairman - Malcolm Whitney

March is the time of year when the District Council sends out the letters notifying householders of the council tax for next year. If you check the detail in the letter of the components that build up of the council tax, you will see that the Parish Council has the lowest increase of all elements and the parish increase is below the RPI rate of inflation. This has been achieved by prudent budgeting and with close control of costs and expenditure throughout the year.

Huntingdonshire District Council has made a unilateral decision to remove the public toilet facility at the Broadway Shopping Centre, situated in Lansdowne Road. This decision has not been widely consulted or publicised and the Parish Council protests have fallen on deaf ears.

Long after this decision had been taken by HDC to remove this toilet, the Parish Council proposed that the redevelopment of the Shopping Centre should have a public toilet facility and we are very pleased to confirm that this has now been included. It may be some time before this development proceeds and meanwhile there will be a period without a public toilet facility - any protests to the District Council please!

Carrying on the theme of toilets, the Parish Council are very pleased to confirm the completion of the toilet for the disabled within the Amenity Centre. This has cost £8000.00 with the District Council contributing 33%. As well as this expenditure, the Amenity Centre has had a fire alarm system installed, gas supply installed, a new gas heating system and some new fire proof curtains. In total this brings the expenditure to £18,000.00.

A feature of our parish that has been missing since 1990 is the Norman Cross Eagle. A column has been re-built which now supports the new eagle. This now re-establishes this site and it a distinctive landmark for our parish. Yaxley Parish Council has been involved throughout this appeal project, has supported it financially on behalf of the parishioners, and is very pleased to see such a satisfactory conclusion.



Cllr Bill Needham

It was intended to have a feature in this edition of the newsletter introducing the chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee - Councillor Bill Needham. Instead of this we find ourselves mourning the sudden loss of Bill after a short illness.

Bill has served as a Councillor for 33 years and was a significant contributor to the activities and functions of the Council during this extensive period. He was always thoughtful and considerate to others and had the interests of the whole community in mind at all times. He was frequently serious, but just as frequently humorous, his opinion was respected, he was a much valued and needed member of the Council. He worked with all age groups, from senior citizens through to youth work, as well as representing the Council and Yaxley in many positions over the years. Bill would always make himself available when needed to help manage the Council's functions and give up his time willingly and often.

He was very much a family man and our thoughts are with his widow Joyce, his children and grandchildren. The community and Council will be poorer without Bill but give thanks for the many years of service and contribution he gave. We have not only lost an exemplary Councillor, but also a good friend.

HOW TO CONTACT US: Please contact the Parish Clerk, Sheila Kostyrka by :-

E-mail: Yaxley-pc@Cyberware.co.uk

By phone or Fax: 01733 241958

WWW.YAXLEYPC.ORG.UK

All Parish Council meetings are open to the press and members of the public. Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday evening of every month in the Council Chamber at the Amenity Centre in Main Street at 7.30pm. Committee meetings are also held on Tuesday evenings. Agendas for meetings are posted on the notice board outside the Amenity Centre or direct from the Parish Clerk.

MAY - JULY 2005 MEETINGS

Date	Meeting
10 th May	Annual Meeting Yaxley Parish Council
17 th May	Finance and General Purposes Committee
24 th May	Parish Council Open Meeting
14 th June	Monthly Meeting Yaxley Parish Meeting
21 st June	Finance and General Purposes Committee
28 th June	Cemetery Meeting
12 th July	Monthly Meeting Yaxley Parish Meeting
19 th July	Finance and General Purposes Committee
26 th July	Allotments & Byways Committee.

Yaxley Parish Council's Surgeries are held at the Yaxley Community Information Shop at Broadway Shopping Centre every other Friday morning 10am until 12 noon. Please call in, meet the Parish Councillors and discuss any of your concerns. We would like to thank Huntingdonshire District Council for the use of the Community Shop for these fortnightly sessions. You can contact Julie Butcher or Louise Dawson at the Yaxley Community Information Project on 01733 247133, or just drop in!

Parish Council Representatives

Cambridgeshire Association of Local Councils	Cllr. Clive Thorne
Yaxley Countryside Trust – Tree Warden	Cllr. Reg Bingham
Community Development Steering Group	Cllr. Clive Thorne
Pre-school and out of school provision	Cllr. Kevin Goddard
Safer Routes to School	Cllr. Mark Oliver
NW Hunts Community Safety Partnership	Cllr. David Youles
Walking for Health	Parish Clerk – Mrs Sheila Kostyrka

Your Elected Parish Councillors 2003 - 2007

Reg Bingham	26 Mountbatten Avenue	241627
Lyn Butcher	190 Broadway	240746
Rodney Butcher	5 Westfield Road	241450
Andrew Cooper	4 Broadway	706437
Kevin Goddard	20 Worthington Close, Stilton	245962
Roger Lucas	2 Windsor Road	240820
Mark Oliver	203 Broadway	242448
Martin Rickman	22 Cookson Close	243880
Clive Thorne	99 Main Street	245783
Geoffrey Wade	1 Main Street	240325
Malcolm Whitney	3 Rosewood Close	243351
David Youles	9 Lee Road	772976

WHAT'S ON AT THE AMENITY CENTRE

OWEN POOLEY HALL

Monday: Stage Door School of Dance 3.45pm - 5.45pm. For children aged 4.
Contact Lesley Gramiegna A.I.S.T.D on 01733 244779

Weight Watchers 6.30pm - 8.00pm Further details on 08457 123000

Tuesday: Empty

Wednesday: Irish Dance 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Thursday: Empty

Friday: Empty

If you would like to hire the Owen Pooley Hall either visit our web site at www.yaxleypc.org.uk
or telephone **01733 241958**

AUSTIN HALL

Monday: Jazzercise Classes 6.30pm and 7.30pm
For full details call Steph on 01480 216090 or e-mail at Jazzercise@Btinternet.com
Web site: www.Jazzercise.com

Tuesday: Kickboxing 6.30pm - 8.00 pm
Further details from Alex on 07930 260705 or Andy on 01733 360720

Taoist Tai Chi - 8.00pm - 9.45pm Just drop in or call Ron 01733 205132
or Jeff 01733 350149

Wednesday: Slimming World Starts at 7pm. Contact Angela on 01733 380179

Thursday: Jazzercise - details same as Monday

Friday: Karate 6.00pm - 7.15pm Juniors and 7.30pm - 9.00pm Adults

Sunday: Jazzercise - details same as Monday.

The Austin Hall is the larger of the two. It has a stage with lighting, curtains and a pull out catwalk.
It also has a kitchen, tables and chairs, toilets and a bar.

The Owen Pooley Hall has chairs and tables, kitchen and toilets.

Both can be hired by the hour day or evening, or by the day (8am - 6pm) and have a large shared car park.

THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING

On the list of meetings, you may have noticed the Parish Council Open Meeting on the 24th May. The Council are inviting all residents to the meeting to hear the Annual Report of the Council and to meet the Councillors.

You will have an opportunity to address the councillors and find out exactly what Yaxley Parish Council do for the village.

The meeting will commence at 7.30pm. The council look forward to meeting you.

WEB SITE

The number of individual visitors to the Council's website in March was over 2000. The site is full of information about Yaxley, "what's on", minutes from recent council meetings and lots more. The address is www.yaxleypc.org.uk

VANDALISM AND ARSON

There has been an increase in vandalism and arson in the village. The police can do nothing unless they have information that leads them to the culprits.

You may have noticed that the dog waste bins have been removed. This is because vandals were taking the contents and throwing it around and into gardens backing onto the park. The council are considering an alternative design of bin, but for now dog owners are now having to take their dog's waste home.

A lot of crime in the village is damage to cars. Although some of these actions are petty, it is still upsetting to owners and a crime. If you know who is doing this, please call the police. If you want to call and report arson anonymously, call **01733 240469**. There is also a box on the wall inside the post office where you can write to the police with any information that may help beat crime in Yaxley. The box is situated on the inside wall between the shop and the post office.

MULTI ACTIVITY CENTRE

The floodlit open air Multi Activity Centre is situated at the Middletons Road playing field and is available for hire. It is ideal for community groups and children's football parties

ALLOTMENT RENEWALS

The council is aware that the temporary closure of the office has hindered the payment of the allotment bills. If anyone has experienced difficulty, please leave a note with your name, phone number and allotment name and number in the post box outside the Austin Hall, and someone will be in touch to organise collection.

YAXLEY 7 RUN

On Sunday 26th June, there is going to be a 7 mile road race. The race will start and finish at the William De Yaxley School. The race starts at 2pm and entry forms will be available from the beginning of May. If you would like more information, please contact Paula Smith - Race Co-ordinator on **01733 705483** or Val Stone - Race Director on **01733 242445** or e-mail them at yaxleyroadrace@yahoo.co.uk

YAXLEY SPRING CLEAN

On Friday 17th June, there will be a Spring Clean around the village. Litter picking and graffiti removal will be carried out by various volunteer groups. Although the Parish Council litter picks regularly, it is too big a job to complete fully. The Spring Clean has been organised by the Community Information Shop, and anyone interested in getting involved can get in touch with them on **01733 247133** or by e-mail on Louise.Dawson@huntsdc.gov.uk Protective clothing will be supplied if necessary and there will be refreshments. The clean will last from 10am - 2pm.