

# Yaxley & You

## From Yaxley Parish Council

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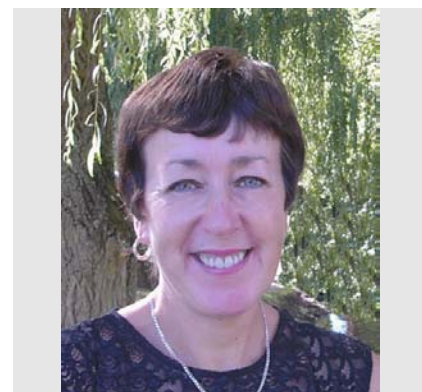


### INTRODUCING...

Mr Malcolm Whitney Chairman  
of Yaxley Parish Council

Malcolm is married to Elaine and has three children and two grandchildren. He has lived in the village for the past 24 years, and has been a Parish Councillor from 1987 and Chairman since 1993. As a director of a national engineering company, his interests are management, finance and health and safety.

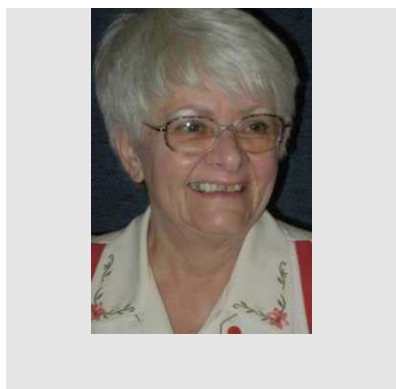
...The Parish Clerk  
Mrs Sheila Kostyrka



Sheila is the Proper Officer and the Responsible Financial Officer for Yaxley Parish Council. She has worked in Local Government for sixteen years and has recently obtained a Certificate in Local Council Administration, the new professional qualification for Parish Clerks.

The Parish Council are now working towards obtaining "Quality Status" which will enable them to obtain more funding and support from Government initiatives for the benefit of our community. Please contact Sheila:-

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... Mrs Lyn Butcher  
Vice Chairman Yaxley  
Parish Council

Lyn is married to Joe and has a daughter and granddaughter. Lyn was a District Councillor for 25 years and still enjoys representing the community at Parish Council level in all aspects of village life.

### Your Elected Parish Councillors 2003 - 2008

Reg Bingham	26 Mountbatten Avenue	241627
Lynn Butcher	190 Broadway	240746
Rodney Butcher	5 Westfield Rd	241450
Andrew Cooper	4 Broadway	706437
Kevin Goddard	20 Worthington Cl. Stilton	245962
Roger Lucas	2 Windsor Road	240820
Bill Needham	11 Askews Lane	241266
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

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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 and are also available on the web site or direct from the Parish Clerk.

## FEBRUARY – APRIL 2005 MEETINGS

Date	Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Yaxley Parish Council
15 <sup>th</sup> February	Finance and General Purposes Committee
22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Playing Fields Committee
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Yaxley Parish Council
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Finance and General Purposes Committee
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Amenity Centre Committee
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Yaxley Parish Council
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Finance and General Purposes Committee
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Annual Parish Meeting for the Electorate

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!

## HOW TO CONTACT US

Please contact the Parish Clerk, **Sheila Kostyrka** by :-

**E-mail:**                [Yaxley-pc@Cyberware.co.uk](mailto:Yaxley-pc@Cyberware.co.uk)

**By phone or Fax.**    **01733 241958**

There is an answering machine and a call minder facility for outside office hours.

**In person.**            The Parish Office is usually open from **9.30am - 2.00pm** Monday to Friday (or by appointment) and is situated inside the Austin Hall entrance at the Amenity Centre next to Yaxley Infants School in Main Street.

**In writing.**            The Parish Clerk, The Amenity Centre, Main Street, Yaxley PE7 3LU

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Yaxley Parish Council was formed in 1894 when William Gladstone established a new tier of local government. This enabled local people to represent their community, and the current members, democratically elected by the community, continue to represent our community at local level today.

All council members live or work within the village, and are still volunteers in this important community role.

The Yaxley sign features a shield supported by two stags representing the old county of Huntingdonshire and surmounted by a cuckoo. The word "Yaxley" means "the clearing where cuckoos congregate".

The shield divided into three by a "Y" representing Yaxley, incorporates two hands clasping a heart – symbolizing the heart of

William de Yaxley – Abbott of Thorney, (1265 – 1293), buried in St Peter's Church. The wheat sheaf symbolises agriculture, the chimneys symbolise the brick industry, and the hatchets a reminder that implements such as these have been found in the Fens dating back to Roman times. Under the shield is the motto "Unite Travail Progress" meaning "Unity, Work, Progress"

In celebration the Queen's Silver Jubilee in 1977, the Parish Council organized a competition to design a sign for the village, which was won by Mr T. Ward.

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## The Parish Council's Website - [www.Yaxleypc.org.uk](http://www.Yaxleypc.org.uk)

The Yaxley Parish Council Website [www.yaxleypc.org.uk](http://www.yaxleypc.org.uk) was launched nearly three years ago and over 1,400 people per month are now reading about the Parish Council's activities, which are regularly updated. All the minutes of all the Parish Council meetings are updated monthly together with lists of community facilities, organizations and events. There are links with the principal authorities, Cambridgeshire County Council and Huntingdonshire District Council and other interesting links concerning Yaxley.

We would like to thank the local businesses that support our initiative by advertising on the web site. Further advertising space is available and you are invited to contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

If you don't have access to a computer, you can use one of several at Yaxley library or at the Community Information shop in the shopping centre run by Huntingdonshire District Council. Both venues would be very happy to show you how to use a computer.

We hope you enjoy reading Yaxley Parish Council's new quarterly newsletter, which will complement our web site and provide information to our residents who do not have computer access.

You will still be receiving the "Yaxley and You" newsletter from Huntingdonshire District Council who we are now working in partnership with to bring our local residents more information. We would like to thank the District Council for their help and cooperation. Issues of "Yaxley and You" from the Parish Council will alternate with the District Council's existing newsletter.

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## “QUEENS PARK” NEWS

Yaxley Parish Council continue to wait for the land at Queens Park in Daimler Avenue to be conveyed over to them for future management.

In recent years, the Parish Council has obtained permission from the developer and owner to drain and secure the ground and to prepare it for future sports activity.

Councillor Clive Thorne is Chairman of the Ferndale Committee who is currently working towards submitting an application to the Football Association to obtain additional funding in support of this on-going project.

## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Councillor Bill Needham and members of the Parish Council recently joined the British Legion at their annual parade on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Needham laid a wreath at the War Memorial on behalf of the people of Yaxley.

## CHRISTMAS TREES

We would like to thank “**The Electric Light Company**” in Mere View for providing the lights for the Christmas trees which were situated on the Green in Main Street and outside the William de Yaxley school in Landsdowne Road. A **BIG THANK YOU** to the Fire Brigade for putting the lights up.

## SPONSORSHIP OF FLOWER BEDS

We would like to thank “**The Broadway Garage**” for sponsoring the flowerbeds on Broadway/Dovecote Lane for the second year running.

## VANDALISM AND ARSON

Vandalism and arson in Yaxley are on the increase, and we need to know who the culprits are! Please ring and leave your message anonymously on 01733 240469.

## THE AMENITY CENTRE ROOMS FOR HIRE

The Amenity Centre in Main Street consists of the old Victorian school, which is a listed building. Known as the “Owen Pooley Hall” this is available for hire and can accommodate up to 80 people for functions at a cost of £8.00 per hour. The Austin Hall, an extension to the rear of the building, has a full working stage, kitchen and bar facility and can accommodate up to 200 people. Hourly charges are £8.50 per hour Sunday to Friday and £12.00 per hour on Saturdays. Badminton sessions take place on Fridays.

## MULTI ACTIVITY CENTRE

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

## CEMETERY TO BE EXTENDED

Councillor Martin Rickman is the Chairman of the Cemetery Committee which meets three times a year. Yaxley Parish Council is also the local Burial Authority and looks after 3,500 graves in the cemetery in Dovecote Lane. As burial space is at a premium, the Parish Council are currently investigating additional burial space for the future.

Work is currently on going to turn part of the old cattle drove in the northern part of the cemetery into an existing burial facility.

## VICTORIAN CEMETERY CHAPEL

Investigations by structural engineers are currently on going to monitor any possible movement in the building.

## REMOVAL OF PUBLIC TOILETS

The District Council are considering removing the public toilet facility in Landsdowne Road due to low usage. Alternative solutions are being considered within the new shopping centre development proposals.