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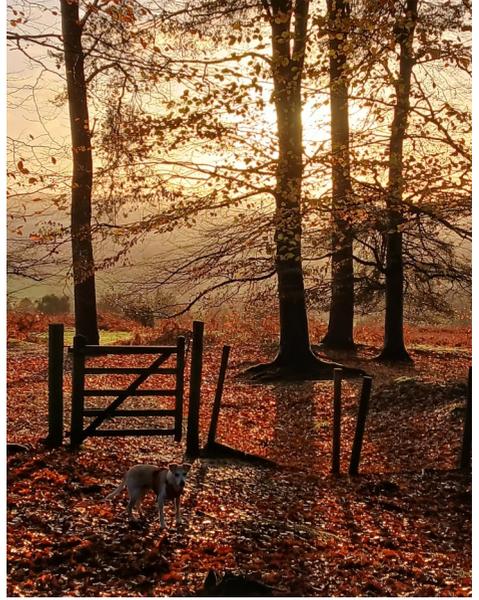
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**And all our regular features**





Thanks to the following for their photos:  
Front cover: Vicky Rollinson - Sunset over Yarpole  
This page: Julia Marshall - View over Bircher Common  
Janet Athey - Oaker Coppice on Bircher Common  
Louise Hodgetts - A frosty January in Yarpole  
Phil Bray - Grass snake shedding its skin

# FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

Welcome back after our Christmas break. It seems like ages since I was in the editor's chair, thanks to Lynne's kindness in covering for me while I was out of action, and it is a pleasure to be back.

We are delighted with all the photos that readers send in; we get a wonderful mix of our beautiful local scenery, and events taking place in our parish. Do keep them coming! We very much appreciate all our regular photographers and their high standard of photography. Also, we are always pleased to receive photos from people who haven't sent them in before. We will often try to prioritise these, but any photos that we receive that cannot be used straight away are stored on our Cloud for future use.

Concern has been raised by some local residents about the negative impact of fireworks on New Year's Eve. It is a long time until the next traditional date for fireworks, i.e. November 5th, but it's worth making mention of the issue now. We should always be very mindful of the effect of fireworks on animals, both wild and domestic.

Our new arrangements for producing the audio version of the newsletter are now going very well following a few teething problems at the start. We currently have four readers and would love to welcome another one onto the team. If we had five readers, each one would only have to do it twice a year. It's a very worthwhile job and is just a morning's work each time. It works very well if a couple do it together to get the variety in voices. If you are interested please email us at the address below. You don't need any special equipment, just a mobile phone and a quiet room.

Finally, I'd like to wish our readers all the very best for 2026, (somewhat belatedly!) during which we look forward to receiving all your submissions for The Parishioner.

Hetty

**To send in articles and news items, please e-mail us at:**

**[newsletter@yarpole.org](mailto:newsletter@yarpole.org)**

**Or leave in the box at the shop**

**The deadline for all submissions is  
THE 10th OF THE PREVIOUS MONTH**

***There is no newsletter in January or August***

## **ADVERTISEMENTS**

**To place a commercial advert in The Parishioner, please email  
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**Prices start at £5 for a 1/8 page ad**

**We also print small ads for parishioners for which we suggest that a small donation is left in the yellow collection box in the shop.**

## Audio version of The Parishioner

The Parishioner is also available by email in audio files for parish residents with sight problems. If you'd like to receive it in this format, or know someone who would, please let us know at [newsletter@yarpole.org](mailto:newsletter@yarpole.org).



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WhatsApp



## Calling Facebook Users

To get Yarpole news on Facebook, search for 'Yarpole Community'. See what's on! See what matters in Yarpole! Contribute to the page. Like us and become a friend.



## Yarpole Welcome Packs

If you are aware of new residents who have moved to the parish, or if you have recently moved yourself and haven't received one, please get in touch with Sue Langley:

[susanmarylangley@gmail.com](mailto:susanmarylangley@gmail.com).

## Don't miss out on what's happening!

To be added to the events mailing list, email [events@yarpole.org](mailto:events@yarpole.org).



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## Wonder Women with Sarah Hagen

A celebration of forgotten female composers

Performance and afternoon tea

15 March 3pm, St Leonard's Church



"Why hurry over beautiful things? Why not linger and enjoy them?" So pondered Clara Schumann, remembered as one of the finest pianists of all time. Pianist and humourist Sarah Hagen delves into the remarkable stories and piano music of forgotten female composers from the classical repertoire. This recital will highlight piano works by 18th and 19th century composers, including Clara Schumann, Cécile Chaminade, Delphine von Schauroth, and others. Included will be stunningly gorgeous music by Marianna Martines, who moved in the same circles as Haydn and Mozart, and often joined Mozart in piano duets at the musical soirées she and her sister held in their Viennese home.

Tickets, £12, from [www.artsalive.co.uk](http://www.artsalive.co.uk)  
or call Jeanette Kinsey on 01568 780849 or WhatsApp 07896 622005  
Tickets will also be available from the shop.

This afternoon's programme seems particularly suitable for Mothering Sunday, where the aim is to celebrate all women. Afternoon tea will be served in the interval. Payment will be by donation with a recommended minimum of £5 per person. Profit from this is separate from the ticket sales and will be shared between St. Leonard's Management and the PCC.

If you would like to help with the tea please let Jeanette know. Please also inform her of any dietary requirements.

Trailer: <https://youtu.be/ceqAyaXyZSk?si=37Q-xqe55yjO9gx>

## COMMUNAL CRAFTERS

Next meeting:

Monday 16 February - 1.30 - 3.30pm

At Yarpole Parish Hall, Green Lane, HR6 0BL

Cost: £3 towards the hire of the hall

We are a friendly group of crafters of all abilities who meet once a month to craft together and learn new skills

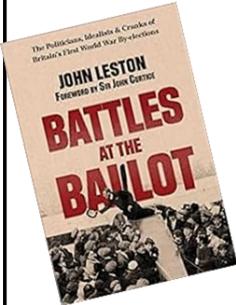
**NEW MEMBERS VERY WELCOME!**

Please contact Sue Beagley on 07816 060746

**Yarpole Living History Group**

present an illustrated talk by

**John Leston – author of “Battles at the Ballot”**



When Britain entered the First World War, the main political parties at Westminster agreed an “electoral truce”: if a seat fell vacant (outside Ireland), the incumbent party would replace the MP unopposed. This worked...for a while until social changes, wartime issues and general British eccentricity surfaced. The arguments erupted in the one place they couldn't be fully controlled: the wartime by-election.

Come and hear some of the stories of the idealists, cranks and general eccentrics who stood for election...and sometimes won!

**TUESDAY 24 MARCH – Yarpole Parish Hall HR6 0BK – 7.00pm**

**£2 Refreshments available**

**More info : Rose Jenkins 01568 780536**

**Police Community Support Officer meetings**



Our local (Leominster) PCSO Steph Harper aims to visit the Gallery Café every 5 weeks on a Friday at 11.00. Her next visit, all being well, will be on **6 Feb**. Join her in the café for coffee and chat.

Pete Lloyd



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## WHAT'S ON

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CHESS ..... At the meeting at The Bell on Thursday 15 January there was great enthusiasm, but too few numbers.



There will be no more chess sessions for the foreseeable future.

.....BUT WATCH THIS SPACE!! .....

Anyone who is interested in having a game or two, contact:

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### ★ New Term - New MD Birchpoles

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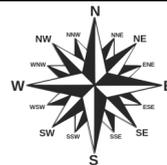
Every Wednesday Term Time  
7:15-9:15pm (Adult Choir)

Refreshments included

St Leonard's Church, YARPOLE

£5/ session Contact details

07915886265 or fb page



### Walking Group

We meet regularly on the 2nd Friday  
and 4th Sunday of every month,  
normally at 10.30 by the church.

**February walks: Fri 13 & Sun 22**

All are welcome to join our walks but  
please phone to check details, if you  
are not on the email list.

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### St. Leonard's Church and Community Hub

Our church and community hub is a superb venue for your next celebration or special event – whether it be for an exhibition, an illustrated talk, a musical soirée, a family gathering, a special anniversary or a public event.

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## CHURCH LENT STUDY COURSE

Starting Monday 23 February, Revd Matthew Burns is leading a 5-week Lent Study course which is open to everyone. Based on the book "LentWise" by Paula Gooder, it is described as "Spiritual Essentials for Real Life". It will run on Monday nights from 7.30 until 8.30pm ending on 23 March.

Café Church will be suspended during this period, restarting on Monday 13 April with a new course.

For more information contact Revd Matthew Burns  
[teamvicarwest@leominsterteam.org.uk](mailto:teamvicarwest@leominsterteam.org.uk)

## Come and Be Still

Some music, a reading, a prayer and time for your own quiet reflection.  
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### Arts Society Lectures

Lively and interesting illustrated lectures on arts-related topics at Ludlow Assembly Rooms, 2.15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Lectures from nationally recognised experts take about one hour.



Next meeting on **Wed 18 February 2026**

Vivienne Lawes

Revolution in the Art School: The Bauhaus 1919-1933

Visitors are welcome, paying £8.00 on the door. Membership, which buys you eight lectures and reduced fees for outings and study days, costs £45.

More information: <https://www.theartsocietytemevalley.org.uk>

For help with transport contact:

Membership Secretary Jeff Walker on **01694 781489**

### Leominster Seed Swap

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**10am - 12midday**

**Leominster Community Centre**

All Welcome Free entry

Bring along your extra seeds, plants, bulbs and swap for anything on the table. Come along empty-handed - always seeds to spare

Refreshments

Leominster Wildlife Group Leominster in Bloom

Tools for Self Reliance Herefordshire Wildlife Trust



*Bin it? No way!*

First Saturday of the month 10.00 - 12.00 (last repairs).

Next session: 7 February

Online bookings open two weeks before: <https://leominsterepaircafe.org.uk>

Leominster Community Centre, Church Street, Leominster, HR6 8NJ

Refreshments available

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For more information email: [repaircafeleominster@googlegroups.com](mailto:repaircafeleominster@googlegroups.com)

Or find us on Facebook.

# EVENTS DIARY FOR FEBRUARY

## Events this month

Date	Venue	Event	Time
Tues 3	Parish Hall	Parish Council meeting	7.00 - 9.00pm
Wed 4	St. Leonard's	Be Still	5.30 - 6.00pm
Fri 6	Gallery Café	Police Community Support Officer meeting	11.00am
Sat 7	Parish Hall	YPGNS Annual Quiz	7.00 -10.00pm
Tues 10	Gallery Café	Tasty Tuesday	1.00pm
Fri 13	Various	Walking Group	10.30am
Sat 14	The Bell	Valentine's Night	
Mon 16	Parish Hall	Communal Crafters	1.30 - 3.30pm
Sat 21	Parish Hall	Ceilidh & buffet	6.30pm
Sun 22	Various	Walking Group	10.30am
Mon 23	St. Leonard's	1st session of Church Lent Study course	7.30 - 8.30
Thur 26	The Bell	Thai Night	
Fri 27	Parish Hall	4Cs	11.00-12 noon

## Regular Weekly Activities

Date	Venue	Event	Time
Mondays	Parish Hall	Move it or Lose it!	11.00-12 noon
	Parish Hall	Zumba	6.00-7.00pm
Tuesdays	Parish Hall	Move it or Lose it!	11.00-12 noon
Wednesdays	Parish Hall	T'ai Chi	10.00-11.00am
	Parish Hall	Art Group	2.00-4.30pm
	St. Leonard's	Birchpole Slingers	7.15-9.15pm
Thursdays	Parish Hall	Pilates	10.45-11.45am
Fridays	Parish Hall	Bowls	7.30-9.30pm

See 'What's on' pages for more details of events  
 Check [www.yarpole.org](http://www.yarpole.org) for up to date information and any changes

# LOCAL NEWS AND NOTICES

## MADE IN HR6 – 2025 – FINAL REPORT

The signs are packed away, the raffle prizes distributed and hopefully you, your family and friends are enjoying Christmas gifts which were bought at November's "Made in HR6" – the biggest yet.

Some statistics:

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2025</b>
Number of Exhibitors	16	24
Exhibitors' fees	£1,070	£1,650
Raffle Income	£498	£771
Number of prizes	21	38
Café Sales	£1,258	£1,369
Other income	£355	£102
Total Income	£3,181	£3,892
Total Expenses	£405	£646
<b>Surplus to St. Leonard's Management</b>	<b>£2,776</b>	<b>£2,796</b>
<b>Surplus to MCBS (The Bell)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>£450</b>

For this event we were able to accommodate more artists thanks to the involvement of Mortimer Community Benefit Society who made The Bell's Cider Barn available to eight exhibitors – thank you to those who made this possible.

As with so many events in Yarpole this occasion could not have occurred without the contribution of our enthusiastic volunteers – over 60 (number not age!) during the weekend – thank you all.

Finally, thank you to all those businesses, exhibitors and members of the community who donated raffle prizes and to those café bakers who donated ingredients for the scrumptious cakes that nearly always feature at Yarpole events.

Once again so many people have worked side by side to raise funds for the upkeep and repairs of two of Yarpole's most treasured buildings. Exhibitors were very complimentary of the venues and the organisation. Visitors, too, loved the atmosphere of the exhibition and we hope that they will be encouraged to return to St. Leonard's, the Gallery Café, the Village Shop and The Bell in the future.

David Cheshire

## LOCAL NEWS AND NOTICES

### St. Leonard's Christmas Fund Raising

*Thank  
You*

Thank you everyone for all your generosity in the run up to Christmas 2025, notably raising:

- £450 through the “recycled Christmas presents” stall on 6 December for MAG, the Mines Action Group. They replied to me saying “We're really grateful that you and the community decided to gift the proceeds of your gift sale to MAG. This generous donation will help return safe land to communities affected by conflict. With your help, they can build a better future, free from the fear of unexploded remnants of war. **Thank you so much!**”
- Over £181 for the Children's Society from the Christingle and Carols around the Tree services and further donations to the Princess Trust from the Christmas Card tree.
- £165 from carol singing in the pub

You also collected over 120 pairs of glasses to be taken to Ghana. Plus great appreciation to all those who gave their time and skills to decorate the church and those who produced so many wonderful Advent windows.

Rose Jenkins

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### Dorothy Hargreaves 1940-2025

Dorothy was born the 5<sup>th</sup> of 6 sisters in Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire. Her early years were spent in a small cottage in Burmington where she formed a strong attachment to a pony called Pete who she would saddle up and ride at every available opportunity. This love of horses would stay with her all of her life.



After some years spent working with horses after leaving school at 14, Dorothy spent some time living and working in Canada before returning to England to work as a car delivery driver. It was here she met John whom she would soon marry in 1968.

In 1975 they moved with their 3 young sons to Bircher Common where Dorothy would live out the next 50 years. Here she was able to rekindle her love of horses and soon earned a reputation locally as being something of a “Horse Whisperer” as well as playing an active role in the community, always keen to help others whenever she could.

My abiding memory of Dorothy is of her gritty determination to keep going despite everything and her lovely smile right up to the end.

R.I.P. my darling. Love John.

## LOCAL NEWS AND NOTICES

### Library Home Delivery Service



The library home delivery service is a free service available to customers of all ages who may struggle to visit the library in person. Library items can be delivered to your home every six weeks.

You can ask for up to 20 books or audiobooks from the categories offered and library staff will select titles on your behalf and deliver them to you.

Who can use the service?

The service is available to children and adults of all ages, who:

- are unable to visit their local library due to health issues;
- have unpaid caring responsibilities for a family member with a lifelong condition that prevents them visiting the library;
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# YARPOLE COMMUNITY SHOP



February 2026

## International mail changes

Please be aware that in response to new requirements from the Universal Postal Union (UPU), Royal Mail, as of 5 January 2026, will be making changes to its international priority services to all destinations.

**International Signed** service will be retired.

**International Tracked** will become available for all destinations.

- The service will be available for Large Letter and Parcel formats only.
- There is no change to the maximum compensation limit which will remain at £50 with enhanced compensation available up to £250.

**International Tracked and Signed** will change to only being available for documents and correspondence and will not be available for sending gifts or goods.

- The maximum compensation available for loss or damage will be £50. No enhanced compensation will be available

There are no changes to International Standard or Economy Services.

## Feeling snuffly?

Don't forget that while we are not a pharmacy we do stock common cough and cold remedies, paracetamol, lozenges, tissues, etc. to help you through the winter.

Jon & Rowena



Made in HR6  
November 2025



# GALLERY CAFÉ



**February 2026**

Tasty Tuesday will be on TUESDAY 10 FEBRUARY at 1.00pm

Lunch will be pork or vegetable meatballs in a tomato sauce, with savoury rice  
Upside down pear cake with cream, or one of our delicious cakes

Please book by 2.00pm on Friday 9 February

Please inform us of any allergies; we are happy to cater for individual needs where possible. To book please email: [gallerycafeyarpole@outlook.com](mailto:gallerycafeyarpole@outlook.com) or call the café during opening hours on 01568 780594 or drop in to see us in person. There will be a booking sheet on the tall cupboard.

## Valentine's Day at the café

Treat yourself or someone special to a Valentine's treat  
Cup-cakes and coffee? Heart shaped cheese scone?  
After your bacon roll!



**A volunteer is now needed to help on Thursday lunchtimes: 12noon-2.00pm**

**Please get in touch!** [gallerycafeyarpole@outlook.com](mailto:gallerycafeyarpole@outlook.com)

Thank you to all the people who support the Café

## Gallery Café Opening Hours

Monday – Wednesday 10.30-12.30 for drinks & cakes

Thursday – Friday 10.30-3.00, serving lunch 12-2pm

Saturday 10.30 -12.30 for brunch

For enquiries/bookings, drop in to see us in person or

email [gallerycafe@yarpole.org](mailto:gallerycafe@yarpole.org), phone 01568 780594 (during opening hours only)

Check [www.yarpole.org](http://www.yarpole.org) or <https://www.facebook.com/GalleryCafeYarpole/>

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## CHURCH MATTERS

As I write this at the beginning of the year the news around the world is not good. We have news of the death of people in the fire in Switzerland, events in Venezuela, the death of protesters in Iran and other countries, and the continued war in Ukraine. We might look at all these things and think that the world is coming apart.

It reminds me of the phrase “No news is good news”, implying that any news is usually bad news. However yesterday when I was in the shop in my village, I heard a man telling his friend that his wife gave birth to their son on New Year’s Eve. He was sharing news with a friend and it was good news.

In St. Matthew’s Gospel 24: 11-14 Jesus says:-

*“Many false prophets will arise; they will deceive many, and with the increase of lawlessness, love in most men will grow cold; but the man who stands firm to the end will be saved. This Good News of the kingdom will be proclaimed to the whole world as a witness to all the nations.”*

Jesus is telling us that in spite of all the bad things in the world, we still have the hope of salvation, the good news that Jesus is promising us. If we have faith and live our lives loving and caring for each other and rejecting evil, we will be part of that good news.

*Lord, help us not to feel despair when we hear of bad things happening in the world, help us to see the good things around and hear the Good News of salvation that Jesus has given to us. Amen*

Jane Higgins - Local Minister

### **Croft Church, St. Michael and All Angels**

The church at Croft has recently been affected by a failure of the external render on the west gable. The area has been roped off with the support of the National Trust and the church has been closed for safety, whilst we determine the best course of action.

We are sorry that you have been unable to visit or attend services at Croft; we are working hard to make the tower safe and re-open the church, as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Jane and Anna, Churchwardens

This is the link for the Diocese of Hereford where the parish magazine article, and other material, can be viewed: <https://www.hereford.anglican.org/news/parish-newsletter/>



*‘Always look on the bright side of life’*

This quotation from the iconic film, Monty Python’s *“Life of Brian”* has always been a motto that I have tried to emulate, even in the past when some people have made fun of my surname, calling me *‘Earwig’*. I discovered whilst teaching about mini-beasts that earwigs are extremely meticulous about looking after their colony and their young. So I have always brushed aside the intended insult with that positive mindset. So, when I consider the content of this monthly update on SLM’s activities I always endeavour to emphasise the positive, even if things have not always gone to plan.

Looking back on 2025 it is great to celebrate the fantastic work of everyone at our superb Gallery Café. Not only is it a great community asset but in the last two financial years, especially, the funds raised from the Gallery Café have contributed up to 45% towards SLM’s expenditure on St. Leonard’s and the Bell Tower. This has allowed us to provide the automated doors, the new storage shed, added resources for our excellent archives’ exhibition and the purchase of the scaffold tower for repairs and maintenance projects. That is why we are so keen to improve the working environment for Jackie and her team by extending the café into the storage area above the vestry. This ambitious project is now looking to need £50,000 for its completion as additional costs, e.g. conservation architects’ fees of up to £6,000, are taken into account. We are working really hard to attract grants from key agencies and charities but the process is increasingly complex. This is even more so because, although Herefordshire County is statistically one of the poorest in the country – ranked 45<sup>th</sup> out of 46 for Gross Value Added per head - there are pockets of relative wealth, including the parish of Yarpole. So our success as a community-focussed parish with a very positive impact on support for those in need – e.g. through the Good Neighbours’ Scheme and the 4C’s initiative as well as our community-owned assets such as the shop, post office, parish hall and pub - may paint a picture that any external funding should go to those in ‘greater need’.

Rest assured the trustees will strain every sinew to bring our Gallery Café extension project to fruition but your continued support will always be appreciated. This alongside, addressing the day-to-day repairs and maintenance needs of our beautiful Grade 1 listed Bell Tower and our Grade 2\* listed church. Why not join the team and become a trustee to broaden and strengthen our range of expertise so that our efforts are redoubled to address the challenges ahead?

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Jan Tandy - Lottery Administrator

Parish Hall activities are listed on the Events Calendar (on page 10 this month). To make a booking please contact Dave Bradford on 07974 193294 or [parishhall@yarpole.org](mailto:parishhall@yarpole.org) or go to [www.yarpole.com](http://www.yarpole.com) and click on 'Church & Parish Hall bookings' to book online.

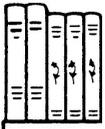
If you are interested in joining one of the classes please email Dave, who will put you in contact with the class organiser.

## Parish Hall future dates

**21 February Shake off those Winter Blues Ceilidh with food**

**11 April Flicks & Food: The Roses**

**27 June Summer BBQ and Ceilidh**



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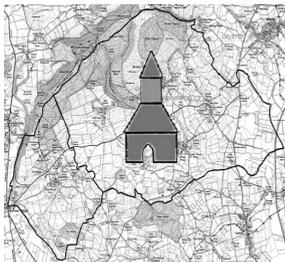
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## Yarpole Group Parish Council

Two meetings took place in December 2025, and another 'extra' meeting is planned in January, to consider responses to planning applications. On 2 December, the council was pleased to welcome Cllr Lynne O'Sullivan as a new member. Cllr Duncan Grant's resignation was received the following day and was accepted with regret by the chairman. Cllr Grant is wholeheartedly thanked for his longstanding contributions to the parish council and the wider community, including membership of the Finance Working Group, and I believe Chairman of the former Planning Committee. I have been unable to find out when Duncan first joined the council, but his name appears in Minutes from 2005, the earliest I have on file. I am personally grateful to him for his help in posting notices and his constant good humour when dealing with the bank. Official Notices of Vacancy were posted on 15 December, and if an election is not called by 8 January, applications will be invited for co-option.

A precept of £33,000 was set for 2026/27, towards a budget of £45,744.66. £906.00 Lengthsman Grant and £11,838.66 from General Reserves balance the two. The budget can be seen on the website, under Accounts & Finance.

A grant of £1,760 was agreed for the Parochial Church Council, as a contribution towards burial grounds maintenance. It was agreed to assist with repairs to the path between Yarpole churchyard and the C1039, whilst noting this is not the responsibility of the Parish Council. A bag of pea gravel cost £60.95 net. It was spread by volunteers (not arranged by the Parish Council) for which they are thanked. Six traffic cones for use on Green Lane were also purchased at a cost of £60.73 net.

Road sweeping took place in Yarpole village on 2 December, and positive responses were received from residents. Hire of the machine and operative cost £595 net.

The steps up to the Public Right of Way through the Community Meadow were discussed. To improve accessibility, it was agreed to direct walkers to the main entrance and install a pedestrian gate which can be used when the main gate (for vehicular access) is closed.

Two planning applications at Bircher were considered. No objection was raised to application P253123/F, change of use from agricultural storage to domestic accommodation; an objection was submitted to application P253262/PA4 to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of the barn to a dwellinghouse. At the second December meeting, representations were agreed to be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate regarding P253060/ENF - Enforcement Appeal Croft and Yarpole, Bircher. Land at Gorbetts Bank Cottage, Luston, Leominster Herefordshire HR6 0AS. Full details are available in the Parish Council minutes.

The new bench has been installed in Lucton by the graveyard. Thanks are due to Cllr Geoff Trotter for arranging its installation.



Do come along to a meeting or contact the council with questions or concerns. Upcoming scheduled meeting dates are 3 February 2026, 3 March, and 7 April, all at 7pm at the Parish Hall.

Mrs Maggie Brown, Clerk. [clerk@yarpolegroupparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@yarpolegroupparishcouncil.gov.uk) 07398222310

## **News from our County Councillor**

Firstly, let me take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. I hope, like me, you managed to take some time off work between Christmas and New Year. I had hoped to return fully rested and raring to go however a seasonal bout of flu had other ideas. As I sit writing this I am just about recovered but please accept my apologies if you have been trying to contact me as I am still playing catch-up.

Christmas was meant to be a time of goodwill to all however, I must report that the Government has not recognised this in the publication of the draft Local Government Financial Settlement (the route via which Herefordshire Council gets its central funding). The figures are slightly worse than we feared and whilst we are still working through the exact details, it is clear that the deficit between what we need and what we are allocated will be over £27 million. The settlement is in place for three years and it shows decreasing funding from the centre in each of those three years. The Government has even included a yearly council tax increase of 4.99% in its figures. Whilst I am sorry to be the bearer of bad news, it is important that every resident knows the context of the decisions that need to be made in the new year. As always, I will be looking to protect the services that matter most to rural residents and if you would like to raise any of these with me then please do email or call.

2025 was a pivotal year for our highways locally. We have seen a huge volume of road resurfacing works across Bircher Ward and I hope that you have noticed the difference. The improvements to the B4362 at Comberton and Yarpole, and the B4361 at Richards Castle and Luston were particular highlights. Despite all of this work, I am conscious that many residents who live down C or U roads have areas that require resurfacing or patching works and I will be pushing the council to invest in these in the months ahead.

I am also pleased to confirm that M Group Highways have been selected as the company who will take over from Balfour Beatty on 1 June 2026. They have a very good reputation and I cannot wait for them to get started.

As always if you have any concerns, issues or would just like a chat then please do get in touch.

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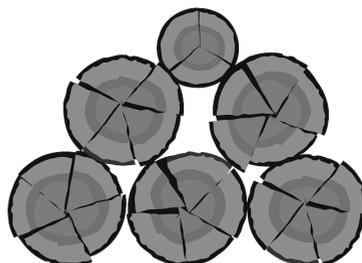


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Firstly a thank you to everyone who came to our New Year's Eve evening and contributed to the raffle. We raised £200 of which £100 was donated to St Michael's Hospice. Congratulations to the winners of the meal at The Bell. It was a great evening with some splendid costumes. We were well entertained by our local band, Run for Cover. (See photo here and colour photo on page 43.)

Again a big thank you to those of you who braved the cold to help with the Big Bell clean up. Once again we achieved more than had been expected. We are very grateful to our community support.

We start our 3<sup>rd</sup> year of being a managed and run community pub. Many challenges remain and we need the support of everyone if we are going to continue to succeed.

Valentine's Night at The Bell, Saturday, 14 February. A splendid 2-course meal at £34.50 or a 3-course meal for £39.50 per person. Bring a loved one or come with a group of friends. Please book online. We will be asking guests to pre-order their meals.

A reminder that the Quiz will continue to be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month. There is not a quiz in February due to a clash with the YPGNS quiz. The next quiz will be on Thursday, 5 March.

We are re-introducing our theme evenings on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. On Thursday, 26 February we will be holding a Thai evening. A choice of dishes for £17.50 per person.

Our midweek social evenings continue, many of which are accompanied by live folk music in the Cider Barn. Come and join us.

We desperately need more active support on the committee managing The Bell. If you can help please speak to one of us or email [chairman@themortimercbs.org](mailto:chairman@themortimercbs.org)



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*Julian Stokes*

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## Yarpole Men's Shed



**Annual General Meeting.** Our 2026 AGM will be held on Tuesday 3 February in the Gallery Café. Start time is 11.00 a.m. The meeting is open to all current members of YMS and prospective new members are also welcome to attend.

**New members are welcome!** We are looking for more men to join our group and membership is open to men residing in Yarpole Parish and surrounding areas. Whether you are interested in helping with community-based projects, just socialising or you feel you would like to get involved in developing the group's activities, we would like to hear from you.

**What are we planning for 2026?** We already have several ongoing and planned community-focussed projects. We have recently refurbished the Parish Hall notice board and will continue with the weekly maintenance checks at St. Leonard's Church. We are also planning the construction of some flower planters for a local primary school. Our ongoing project is to complete the final areas of construction for our shed and, ideally, to find a way to connect a power supply so that we have our own dedicated meeting space.

**Social events.** We usually have a social get-together at The Bell on the third Thursday of each month, starting at 7.00 p.m. for Shed members and prospective members.

**DIY Life Skills.** Want to get some hints, tips and guidance on undertaking basic home DIY projects? if there is enough demand we could possibly run some group sessions in the Spring. If you're interested let us know by email at [yarpolshed@gmail.com](mailto:yarpolshed@gmail.com)

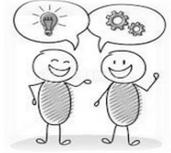
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Trevor Edwards



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Anna Morley

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**27 February** A Doctor's Life in Papua New Guinea - Julian and Challis Stokes

**27 March** Sue Beagley and our local Crafters will impart some secrets to us.

**24 April** Clare Powell's rearranged talk on Living with Dementia.

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Val Ainsworth

# Grit Bins

Salt/grit bins are provided by Herefordshire council for spreading on public highways during icy weather - anyone can use them. You will need your own shovel.



They are generally located on smaller roads that are not gritted by the council. Details regarding gritting can be found on the Herefordshire council website <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/gritbins>, this includes maps of the roads the council grit.

Last year the parish council did an audit of grit bins and found several missing from the map provided by Herefordshire Council.

This was reported and they have been replaced by Herefordshire Council at no cost to the parish. A new bin has also been placed in Croft Crescent at the junction with Green Lane.

In late 2025, two Yarpole councillors, together with a volunteer, checked the grit bins and cut back foliage to make them accessible. This is not something Herefordshire Council do and if the lengthsman were directed to undertake this task it would involve a cost.

## **ADOPT A GRIT BIN -**

Hopefully, with the help of residents, Yarpole parish can ensure the bins remain functioning and able to be used in future icy weather.

If you have a grit bin near you or know one that is lonely and needs caring for, please contact Maggie Brown our parish clerk, to volunteer.

## **What it would involve -**

Tell the Parish Council:

- If a bin needs refilling
- A bin is damaged (they do occasionally get hit by vehicles).
- If a bin is not being used, perhaps in the wrong location.

Ensure any foliage around the bin is kept in order, to ensure the bin is accessible.

It would NOT involve you being responsible for spreading grit, this is for all residents to do.

There will be a Parish Council volunteering form to sign along with a risk assessment, to be completed.

Cllr Lynne O'Sullivan and I will be working with Maggie to co-ordinate things.

Maggie can be contacted at: [clerk@yarpolegroupparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@yarpolegroupparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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Thank you.

Cllr Diane Hill

# THE CURIOUS GARDENER

## Buried Treasure

Most of the plants in our garden are still fast asleep for the winter, but the weeds don't seem to be playing by the same rulebook. I have been crawling around on the surface of the soil removing pesky willowherb seedlings and uprooting baby brambles. It may not sound like a terribly fascinating task, but what makes it more interesting are the odd items that one finds, things that have probably spent years buried beneath the surface but that have been lifted by frost or by fork and are now seeing the light of day.

Over the years I've found a whole range of domestic flotsam: fragments of ancient clay tobacco pipes, the lid from a china jar of Gentleman's Relish, a child's marble, some lead toy soldiers, a large stash of oyster shells – oddments from other lives and other generations that pique the imagination. But nothing I have ever found can compare with something that a former colleague discovered in her veg patch.

She was doing her winter digging, and being young and fit was really putting her back into the job. Her clay soil was lumpy and she was giving vent to all her inner frustrations by thumping the lumps for all she was worth. The clay crumbled before her onslaught – all except one particularly solid chunk of soil that resisted. She brought the back of the fork down on it but it wouldn't give way. She tried driving the tines of the fork directly into it, but somehow they couldn't get a grip. She fetched a spade and whacked it as hard as she could but it was still impervious to her efforts. Slightly out of breath, she picked it up and examined it. Now that she was looking at it more closely she could see that it wasn't actually a lump of earth at all. It was a soil-smearred, man-made object, three or four inches long. It was crafted from metal, heavily corroded from years of being buried. She rubbed some of the encrusted soil off with her thumbs and the shape of the item started to emerge. It was vaguely egg-shaped, with a pattern of criss-cross lines etched onto its surface. It was flattened at one end, while at the other end there seemed to be a handle and the remains of a rusty ring. It looked like ... surely it couldn't be .... It dawned on her with dreadful clarity that the item she'd spent the last five minutes bashing with her spade was an ancient grenade!

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### News from the Leominster Area Branch

#### There's no hole like home...

Members of the Leominster area branch of Herefordshire Wildlife Trust are intending to put up some bird boxes in the local area in February so I want to share with you an article from the Wildlife Trust:

“Many garden birds nest or roost in hollow trees and holes in trees. Unfortunately, these days, most old and lying trees and branches, which offer the best nesting and roosting sites, are routinely cut down and removed. This leaves fewer places for birds to set up homes and raise families. Specially constructed nest boxes imitate the holes and cavities in dead standing wood that are usually cleared away. A bird box can be a real help to garden birds - an estimated 2 million fledglings are reared in nest boxes each year. And it’s a wonderful feeling to see a blue tit or robin investigating a nest box that you made and put up yourself”.

For simple instructions go to <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/actions/how-build-bird-box>

Do get in touch with us at [leominsterbranch@herefordshirewt.co.uk](mailto:leominsterbranch@herefordshirewt.co.uk) for more information.

Diana Emes  
Communications Secretary

## Community First – Rural Affordable Housing

Rural communities across the UK are under growing pressure to provide homes that local people can afford. As new **mandatory housing targets** influence local plans, it is essential for residents, parish councils, and community groups to help shape development in their area. The **Rural Housing Enabler (RHE) Project at Community First Herefordshire and Worcestershire** supports this by working with communities to plan for homes that are affordable, well-designed and appropriate for local needs.

**Affordable housing is crucial for sustaining rural life.** Many villages face high house prices, limited rental options, and a shortage of suitable homes for young people, families, and older residents. Without the right housing, communities risk losing key workers, local services may decline, and rural areas can struggle to thrive.

The RHE Project offers practical support to help communities take an active role in planning:

**Housing Needs Surveys** - gather evidence of local demand.

**Site Assessments** - identifying suitable development locations.

**Support for Community-Led Housing** - including Community Land Trusts.

To explore solutions together, an upcoming event will bring residents, parish councils, and housing specialists together:

**6 February, 10:30–1pm**

**NMITE, Skylon Park, Hereford**

The RHE Project is here to help rural communities shape a sustainable housing future - now is the time to get involved. To book your place go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/together-for-rural-affordable-housing-herefordshire-tickets-1963309460447?aff=oddtcreator>



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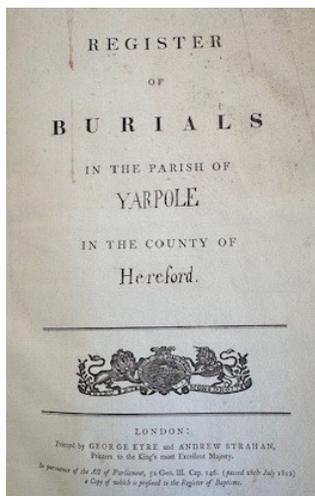


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# Updating the Yarpole Burial Ground Records – information from HARC



Having worked on reorganising the charting of graves in the churchyard earlier this year, we decided to update the records of interments in the burial ground on the other side of the road. This was started some time ago by members of the Living History Group and details were available in the white folder on the bier. However, over the last two decades nothing has been added to either the chart or the record folder. As we know, keeping these records up to date and in an easily accessible form is of great help to people who come to Yarpole trying to trace their relatives. A considerable number of graves here are totally unmarked, just grassy mounds. This is probably because whilst the families might have been able to buy the burial site, there was no more money for a headstone or surround.

Details of all burials from 1813 to 1981 are now lodged in the Herefordshire Archive and Records Centre (HARC) offices in Rotherwas, whilst more recent ones are kept here in Yarpole. We plan to make up a folder of all the copied burial records, to be made available in St. Leonard's for anyone interested. Getting all the information together will take time and effort but should be well worth it.

A recent visit to HARC to access and photograph these older records proved fascinating.

The burial registers provide little detail beyond date, deceased's name, abode, age, and signature of the person who carried out the ceremony, but there are interesting and poignant stories to be inferred. Several of these come from the additional, unofficial entries, often made in pencil, by Aaron (Aa) Thomas, the "Perpetual Curate of Leinthall Earls" – a few examples:

Sadly, in February 1817 Luke Walker of Yarpole, aged fourteen days, was ".taken to this church to be christened – in perfect health but was suddenly seized with illness during the performance of the rite and expired...".

One entry, on the burial of the 13-day old infant Philip Jones in December 1821, rather illustrates the curate's attitude to "fallen women" – "This child was the illeg. te offspring of Eliz. Hughes and should therefore been here called Philip Jones Hughes!"

Childhood was fraught with dangers as shown by the burial entry for the 18-month-old James Robinson of Bircher Common in 1823, who was "Scalded to death".

Two 1829 entries describe a double funeral on 1 February for two widows, recorded as mother and daughter – Mary Evans (95) and Elizabeth Lea (52) of Hamnish, Kimbolton. "These persons lived in the same house and died the former on the evening of the 28<sup>th</sup> the latter on the following morning".

One deceased woman seems to have been overcome by emotion; Mary Price of Yarpole, "widow of Thomas" was buried on October 14 1833 having "died suddenly in the churchyard at Yarpole while attending the funeral of her son".

We found the 1903 burial entry for the unfortunate Jane Haywood of Bircher Common who was murdered by her husband William, the last man to be hanged in Hereford Goal, whose story we wrote in The Parishioner the year before last.

In the earlier burial register there are numerous, small, loose paper certificates, signed by local Registrars from various districts including Derby, Fownhope and Cleobury, but mainly Kingsland. These mostly confirm that a death has been registered prior to the funeral. Presumably they were slipped into the book by the officiating minister for want of a better filing system. One is a medical certificate of cause of death, of a teenage girl, from the TB prevalent at the time. Two tiny pieces of paper suggest possible missing entries: "Jane 60, James 56" and "June 1<sup>st</sup> 1875 [for which there is no entry] Florence Jane & Wm Perkins BC".

If you are looking for a record in Hereford, do visit HARC (register and book first, so that they can find the record/s you need). The staff are helpful, the facilities superb and there is always something of interest on display.

Carol Clare  
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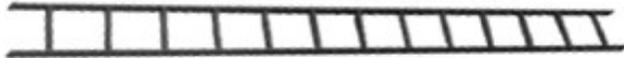
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## Knights of North Herefordshire

During my monthly trawl through the back copies of the newsletter, I stumbled on a series of occasional articles entitled 'Knights of North Herefordshire', written by Mr Harley Dance. Among these, I found the following:

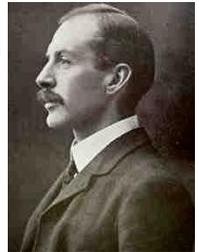
### The Revd. Sir Henry Williams Barker (1821-1877)

The Revd. Barker was vicar of Monkland for 25 years, until his death. He wrote and translated many beautiful hymns, some of which are to be found in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, a hymnal which was first published in 1861. His own hymns include *The King of Love my Shepherd Is*, *Praise O Praise Our God and King*, and *O Praise Ye the Lord*. There are lovely memorials to him both inside and outside Monkland church. His grave is to the west of the church, a few yards from the lychgate which was set up in his memory.



### Sir John Arkwright (1872-1954)

A descendant of the inventor Sir Richard Arkwright, Sir John Arkwright was a scholar, poet, landowner and MP for Hereford, 1900-1912. Born at Hampton Court, Hope Under Dinmore, he later moved to Kinsham Court where he became an expert on the growing of daffodils. Poor health prevented him from serving in the First World War, but he did serve in the Metropolitan Police. He wrote the words for the remembrance hymns *O Valiant Hearts* and *Who to Your Glory Came*. Sir John, Lady Arkwright and their son, David, are all buried in Byton churchyard, to the north east of the chancel.



### Sir Arthur Keysall Yapp (1869-1936)

Arthur Keysall Yapp was born in Orleton. A farmer's son, he began preaching in chapels at the age of 15 and at 21, joined the YMCA, an organisation he served for almost half a century. He was secretary of the organisation in 1914 when war was declared and instantly appealed for £25,000 to continue its work among those serving with the colours. Before the war had ended, he had raised almost £3 million (over £200 million today). In knighting Sir Arthur a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire, King George V declared that the whole British Empire was in his debt. Sir Arthur and Lady Yapp are buried in Orleton churchyard, to the south of the church.



I have yet to find any titled female heroines in the archives, but watch this space in the next newsletter about a simply 'brilliant' woman, who lived just a few short miles from here.

Paul Humphrey

*Photos from: Find a Grave (supplied by tomasmeister), Forgotten Poets of the First World War & Leominster Museum.*

# Tripe

There, I've written it, although some might say I write little else. But this time I mean it.

It isn't everyone's cup of tea of course. 'Ugh! Tripe!! How awful!!!' say people who've never eaten it. I have, in various forms, and it can be delightful. It is not neglected in many countries in Europe, or indeed around the world, as it is has become here. Turkey (the country) has its tripe soup, and there is a dish from southern France called *pieds et paquets* where small bite-sized pieces are served in a tomato and garlic sauce: let's face it, most things taste good in a tomato and garlic sauce. And there is a cold jellified dish of *tripes à la mode de Caen*, which a friend who lives in Caen has made for us: lovely stuff. Part of the attraction historically has been its cheapness, but why would a 'cheap eats' TV chef these days cook tripe when they can use chicken of questionable provenance and quality for the same price?

Many people who bought tripe from the market stall in Chorley where I grew up, would have preferred it cold with onion and vinegar. Yes, a whole stall dedicated to the different kinds, from the different stomach compartments of ruminants: seam, manifold, honeycomb, and elder (which was how they described a boiled cow's udder).

When I moved from Lancashire to Northamptonshire, imagine my surprise when I found there were no tripe stalls at all, and butchers didn't sell it either. What was I to do? Only one thing for it. It was always a mystery how such a pristine white finish could be achieved from the unpromising start of an animal's stomach, but now was my chance to find out. I asked a local butcher for some raw material and pondered where to start with the big piece of green carpet underlay from the inside of a sheep, smelling of grass and digestion. How hard can it be? I thought: just boil it up until it looks like the stuff on the tripe stall. Men don't need instructions, any more than we need directions. Anyway there was no TripeAdvisor in those days. So it went into a huge cauldron with buckets of water on a Monday morning. I reckoned four hours should be enough.

After eight hours there was no discernible change. So it went in again on Tuesday with fresh water. Even if I could describe the smell you probably wouldn't want to read it, but it permeated the entire house all day, and didn't go away at night. Same again on Wednesday, by which time, I felt, it should definitely show signs of progress. But it didn't: still green, pongy and unyielding. On Thursday I added some vinegar and salt, to provide encouragement, but to no avail. On Friday it blew its last chance and at the end of the day looked and smelled exactly as it did on Monday morning. My admiration for professional tripe dressers knew no bounds.

But now we had to get rid of it. Even the dog wouldn't touch it, and it wouldn't go in recycling, so we buried it in the garden, confident that the dog wouldn't dig it up. After a few days the stench began to abate. I haven't tried it again.



Thanks to the following for the photos on this page:

Christmas vegetable sorting - Tim Ware

One of the decorated tractors that passed through Yarpole in December - Mike Southgate

Traffic jam in Bicton Lane - Sandy Ewing

Christmas cards made by the 'Old Orchard Stitchery' craft and chat group - Jane Gardman

Christingle service - Val Ainsworth

New Year's Eve at The Bell - Dave Bradford

## Croft with Yarpole and Lucton Parish Church Services for February and March 2026



Date	Service	Church	Time
<b>Feb</b>			
Sun 1	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer	Yarpole	09.30
Wed 4	Be Still	Yarpole	17.30
Sun 8	Holy Communion Common Worship	Yarpole	09.30
Mon 9	Café Church	Yarpole	19.30
Sun 15	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer Celtic Worship	Yarpole Yarpole	08.30 15.00
Sun 22	Lay led service	Yarpole	09.30
Mon 23	Lent Wise – A Lenten study course	Yarpole	19.30
<b>March</b>			
Sun 1	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer	Croft	09:30
Mon 2	Lent Wise - Lenten study course	Yarpole	19.30
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Sun 29	Palm Sunday - Group Service	TBC	

Anyone wishing to contact a priest please phone or email:

Rev. Matthew Burns on 01568 614399, [teamvicarwest@leominsterteam.org.uk](mailto:teamvicarwest@leominsterteam.org.uk)

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