

# The Yealands News for Conyers, Redmayne and Storrs

## April 2026

### Welcome to the Yealand News!

Warm weather has arrived after a mostly very cold month, which has checked wildflower and seedling growth. The



warmth has now brought out a flush of new grass – and throughout May, along with the tree blossom, we have seen particularly fine arrays of hawthorn flowering in local hedgerows and woodland.

### Parish Council News

#### Notice of a Casual Vacancy on the Parish Council

Due to Councillor Dawn Hancock stepping down at the Parish Assembly there is a vacancy on the Parish Council (Warton B ward). Many thanks to Dawn for all her hard work over the many years she has served on the PC.

On receipt of the notice signed by ten electors of the Parish (or Ward of Parish if warded), requesting that the vacancy be filled by an election, the Proper Officer will fix a date on which an election will be held. Any such notice(s) shall be served on the Proper Officer, Town Hall, Lancaster, on any day following the publication of this Notice, but not later than **5<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.

If an Election is not requested, the Parish Council shall fill the vacancy by

co-option. If anyone is interested in standing for the PC, please

[clerk@theyealandspc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@theyealandspc.org.uk)

It is anticipated that this vacancy will be filled by co-option at the next meeting on **1<sup>st</sup> July 2026**.

#### Speed Indicator Device (SPID)

A new SPID is to be sited, near the School and Village Hall. Any day now we are expecting the Highways to install a post to take the new SPID. This will be sited to encourage traffic to slow down approaching the School and Hall from the Conyers direction.

It will have data collection capacity, so we can monitor speeds and use this for evidence for further traffic calming actions, if necessary.

#### Coffee Stop

Every Monday (except most Bank Holidays) in Yealand Village Hall 10.30-11.30am. All welcome to drop in for a friendly chat and a cuppa.

#### Mobile Library

Next visit on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, 12.30pm at the Triangle.

#### Repair café

The first and highly successful Warton and Yealand Repair café was held on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May in Yealand Village Hall.





Nearly 30 people brought at least one item for mending, including clothing, a vacuum cleaner, a sewing machine,

power drills, radios and laptops.

Others called in and could exchange or donate from the seed plant stall and talk with the repairers.



While waiting for repairs or for anyone calling by there were refreshments on sale including

tea, coffee and some excellent cake. Many thanks to the repairers and to the organisers from Sustainable Warton and Yealand (SWAY), who have set up this brilliant local resource.

**The next Repair Café will be held in the Warton Methodist Hall on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 11.00am-1.30pm.** Thereafter the plan is to alternate between these two venues so the July café (date TBC) will be at Yealand.

### Yealand School News

What a wonderfully busy half term we have all had, we have spent time in the forest soaking up the beautiful sights of the bluebells and enjoying the lighter days . Our older children completed their SATS



and we were all super proud of the effort and hard work they displayed during the week. The rest of their

classmates hosted a celebratory party to end the week, and all the children enjoyed some party games and treats.

As a whole school we celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Sir David Attenborough, a day to remember, a day where everyone came together to plant, paint and learn.

You might spot our mural on the side of the shed as you pass the school, each child



helped to create it; and it definitely makes us smile as we walk past during playtime. Did you know? Octopuses have three hearts! One of the many animal related facts we

learnt during the activities of the day.

To end half term our Year 5 & 6 children travelled to Manchester for their residential trip, an action-packed itinerary including visiting Media City UK, Coronation Street and attending the theatre to watch The Karate Kid: The Musical.

Looking ahead to the last half term of the academic year we still have lots of amazing days to come. All children will take part in tennis lessons on the newly resurfaced YOGA with Cartmell Tennis. There is a sports day, beach school, leavers and graduation ceremonies all to squeeze in.

Please come along and **help us celebrate our 185 years**, we will be hosting a “bring your own” picnic on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July from 12:15pm**, we are hoping for some sunshine but fear not, the village hall is on stand-by should the weather gods not be in our favour.

### Yealand School Jumble Sale



A reminder that our annual jumble sale is on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June** from 10am at the village hall.

For anyone having a last minute "Spring Clean" please bear us in mind. From Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June we are still collecting donations at school ahead of the day - please just phone to confirm before dropping off: 01524 781360

### St John's Church News

Congratulations to this month's St John's 50/50 Club winners: Torin Malkin, Anne Hartley, Sioban Emery. Easter Bonus – Clare Flaherty.

#### Dates for your Diary (all at St John's)

Coffee @ St. John's, Fridays 10:30am till 12pm.  
Crafternoon: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm.  
Summer Lunch: Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June, 12pm.  
Prayer Meeting: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2pm.

St John's Summer Concert, Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 7pm. Donations in support of Parkinson's UK.

The parish is now in vacancy, for enquiries and information, please contact: Licensed Lay Minister Annette MacKenzie: 01524 736944 or Authorised Lay Minister and Churchwarden Jenny Chapman: 07525749267

### WI

The next meeting of the Yealands WI is on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm** at the Village



Hall. Our speaker is Hilary McCumiskey, who was wardrobe mistress for the Northern Ballet company and will talk about her experience backstage at the ballet.

Visitors are very welcome to come

along for a small donation of £4 towards expenses - we're always happy to tell people about our wonderful WI and all the various activities we offer. For further details contact Kath on 07961866390

### Silverdale and Arnside Arts Festival

This will be taking place again this year on **Sat 27<sup>th</sup> – Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June**, with many venues open from 10am-5pm. The Festival is a celebration of beautiful work from over 80 local artists and makers. Have a look on the website to see what's on sale and where including the different village venues where you can find information and refreshments:

<https://silverdale-arnside-art-festival.co.uk/>

### Heron Theatre, Beetham

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

The Heron is celebrating 25 years since the opening of the Theatre in 2001, with a range of events running from **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Sun 28<sup>th</sup> June**.

The programme showcases the history and variety of different arts (film, drama and music art exhibitions) offered by this wonderful little theatre. The event starts with Friday film night, then Saturday anniversary drama events include a children's play in the morning; and on Sunday there are free music and drama events throughout the day, including a celebration cake. For more details and to book tickets see: <https://www.ticketsource.com/theheron/events>

### Mourholme History Society event

Save the date! **Sat 5<sup>th</sup> – Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Sept**

An exhibition is planned at Leighton Hall with talks on a range of topics as below, plus history displays in churches in the parish and a talk by the Quakers in the Meeting House. We aim to provide a comprehensive history of our lovely villages, from their origins, their strange names, the local archaeological finds, farming, industry and schools; and Quaker connections and the influence of members of the society of friends on the character of the villages. Learn about the Wartime school and the old traditions and ways of life of our predecessors.

As the event is actively being planned and the organisers would love to get more local input. If you have any historical information, family stories, memories or photos relating to Yealand please do share them with us. If you would like to get involved and help out on the days please let us know. Last year we hosted a very successful weekend in Warton and the year before in Silverdale. Several residents opened their historic houses to small pre booked groups and gave a limited tour of their interesting features. It may be there are some residents who might consider doing this in Yealand?

For more information and if you would like to contribute to this project please contact Nina the Mourholme History Chairman at [Mourholme@hotmail.com](mailto:Mourholme@hotmail.com)

### RSPB News Leighton Moss

For details of RSPB events see their website: <https://events.rspb.org.uk/leightonmoss?language=en>

## Nature News

This month has brought opportunities to spot birds that are rare or only occasionally spotted. A pair of osprey were seen flying over the Gaitbarrows area (a first for the editor!) and also reported at Leighton Moss having seemingly flown over the estuary from Foulshaw Moss. Woodcock can be seen in May / June at twilight 'roding' over the woods at Yealand (flying straight across woodlands calling – thought to be territorial behaviour during nesting season). For info see <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/woodcock>

Usually at some point in May you may still hear a cuckoo in our area. Once relatively common in England, you are now much more likely to hear and see cuckoos in the Scotland, particularly around the West coast and islands. Similarly the willow warbler and occasionally the spotted flycatcher are both still seen locally, but notably both are likely now to seek wilder corners or more remote landscapes. These often exciting and unexpected sightings underline the importance of our local woodlands and habitat, supporting a range of wildlife to thrive.

So to bats, which are a protected species, and several of which can be observed in our area.



Brown Long-eared bat  
(Silverdale, 2016)

Hopefully this will encourage you to take part in the **bat survey**, ( mentioned in the April YN.)

Gail Armstrong, who is managing the survey in this area, notes that “If you’d like to learn more about your local bats or just get out in the fresh air during the evening, then you can become a citizen scientist and take part a National survey. All that’s involved is being outside for one hour, starting at sunset anytime from April to September.

You can do the survey in your garden, in a local woodland or even along a quiet lane, but be mindful of hazards such as cars and bikes. You do not need any specialist equipment to carry out the survey, but North Lancashire Bat Group has bat detectors that local people can borrow for a week at a time. They are collected from, and returned to Silverdale. Once you have

completed the surveys, input your results online then return the detector for the next person to borrow.” To find out more, send an email to [gail@batlady.co.uk](mailto:gail@batlady.co.uk)

## Yealand Newsletter

Do contact me if you find the newsletter hasn't arrived. If you know of anyone who doesn't have email and would like a paper copy, let us know, we will try to arrange one to be dropped off.  
Amanda

## Copy for the July edition by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

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