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YEOFORD FOOTBALL FESTIVAL 2026



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Editorial

Schoooooool's Out For Summer, Schoooooool's Out Forever...

...or so sang Alice Cooper, Godfather of Shock Rock turned Born-Again Christian. Well, don't believe everything you hear kids, there's a good shout it'll be back in come September. But, whatever, it most certainly is the holiday season now and for a lot of people that means well-earned breaks, so I hope you lucky souls are managing to get away/stay here/whatever takes your fancy to enjoy yourselves.

So, what's been going on around Yeoford recently? Well, the big event in the village was the 3rd Yeoford Football Festival up at the hall, run by some of our local lads (I say lads, they're men, but we knew them when they were 3ft high, etc. etc.), anyway, it was a huge success and you'll see from the write-up inside what they raised and who it went to (if you missed the spoiler on the front page that is). Looks like alongside the beer and cider-related annual events we can add a sporting one to the village roster, which is great news.

Talking of cider, Yeo-Cider has a date now, with the 2026 version being primed for Saturday 3rd October. As ever, we're now looking for sponsors, both for the ciders themselves, but also for the all important glasses, so if you know of anyone or any companies that may be interested, please either get in touch with me or Yeoford Hall.

Another upcoming event sees the Will Blake Band return to Yeoford on Saturday 27th September. As ever, this will be great and if you want tickets, details are inside.

And that's that...have a great summer!

Cheers...

The Editor

The Village Voice Is YOUR Village Magazine

We want to hear from you and want you to use it to convey anything you feel of interest to your fellow villagers.

Please leave any items for the YVV at Torricon, Station Road before the **20th of each month**, anything after that date may not be considered until the following month. **You must provide a name and address**, even if this is not for publication.

You can also email the editor, Jonathan, at **yvveditor@yahoo.co.uk** or phone **01363 84501**

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	Trustee User Groups	Local Community Groups	Private Bookings (Local)	Private Bookings (Non Local)
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Dartline Coaches

Zeal Monachorum Church	0912
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Colebrooke Church	0932
THE DUCK AT YEOFORD	0936
YEO VIEW	0938
Raddon Down Cross	0945
Crediton TIC High Street	0955
Exeter Sidwell Street	1020

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Crediton TIC High Street	1345
Raddon Down Cross	1350
THE DUCK AT YEOFORD	1355
YEO VIEW	1357
Colebrooke Church	1403
Coleford Gospel Hall	1408
Zeal Monachorum Church	1423

669 (Tuesdays only)

MD Buses

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Whiddon Down Shelter	0922
Hittisleigh Cross	0930
Crockernwell	0945
Cheriton Bishop School	0947
THE DUCK AT YEOFORD	1002
Colebrooke Church	1010
Coleford Gospel Hall	1013
Crediton St Saviour's Way	1022
Crediton Morrisons	1027

Crediton Morrisons	1115
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Cheriton Bishop School	1310
Crockernwell	1313
Hittisleigh Cross	1326
Whiddon Down Shelter	1328
South Zeal Oxenham Arms	1335

Yeoford Community Garden

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There is a link to this page under "Useful
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If the pothole has already been reported please
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Thursdays are also available.

Crediton Arts Centre News

Saturday Aug 8th Cinema in the Park.
The Heart Project, special screen to
allow a daytime film and an evening
film with food available

Saturday Aug 15th Arts in the Park.
The Heart Project. Our usual mix of
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workshops drumming and circus
workshops theatre and music
performances, a craft tent and food all
day

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CREDITON HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

July's monthly council meeting included updates on the various road closures affecting the parish, introduction of the "Housing and Economic Land Assessment 2026" and further discussion relating to the Road Warden Scheme.

It was noted that the telephone box in Yeoford Village has been painted however it is understood that the line is being upgraded to digital with a 6 figure number meaning the telephone is temporarily non-operational.

DCC Councillor Cairney introduced the charity "AbilityNet" to the council who provide free digital skills training for older and disabled adults - information on the scheme is available via Paul Scarbrough, Tel: 0118 2346730; paul.scarbrough@abilitynet.org.net.

The Council usually meets on the first Monday of the month. There is no meeting in August and the next full Council meeting will be on Monday 7th September at the Boniface Centre, Crediton. If you would like to read the minutes of the June Parish Council Meeting they are on the PC website.

Please contact one of your councillors or Charlotte Long, the Parish Clerk (clerk@creditonhamlets-pc.gov.uk or **01363 84558**) if there is something you would like discussed at the next Council meeting. Members of the public are very welcome to attend any meeting and speak during the public session. Meeting details and contact information for Councillors are on the Parish Council website (www.creditonhamlets-pc.gov.uk).

PLEASE READ: AIR AMBULANCE

An appeal to all our villagers

If you, your children or anyone you know plays in the recreation ground please always check with them that they have returned the goals to the edge of the field.

This is because the Air Ambulance **CANNOT LAND** if the goals are in the middle of the field.

If you pass the recreation ground or see anybody playing with the goals in the centre, could you please remind them (politely) that they should be returned to the edge after use, or move them back if you find them abandoned like this.

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Yeoford Community Association

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JOKE OF THE MONTH COMPETITION

I asked if I could leave work early the other day and the boss said "Yes, if you make up the time." So I said "Sure, it's twenty past fourteen."

West Down Chapel Yeoford Road

August 2nd Sunday Morning Worship
at 11am with Mervyn Burd.

August 9th Sunday Morning Worship
at 11am with John Allan.

August 12th Wednesday Friends and
Neighbours at 2pm with Tea and
Biscuits.

August 16th Sunday Morning Worship
at 11am with Mark Stanbury.

August 23rd Sunday Morning Worship
at 11am with Rev John Passmore.

August 30th Sunday Morning Worship
at 11am with Maurice Harrison.

The coffee morning
will be on Tuesday
18th July, 10.30am in
the Hayloft at Mole

Avon - do come along **learn, laugh, live**
to chat. The open

meeting is on **Wednesday 19th** in the
Boniface Centre for a talk by **Roger Avery**
on Bird migration - how they do it and
what we don't know. It costs £2, including
refreshments, and everyone is welcome -
you don't have to be a member. Doors
open at 9.30 for 10am.

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Holy Trinity Church Yeoford

We have decided to continue the lunch
and café into August this year.

Please join us for a cream tea before
Songs of Praise at 4pm.

Messy church is starting again on
September 19th and November 14th.
We will be in church from 2-30pm. We
will be getting the church garden wildlife
friendly making hedgehog boxes and
bug hotels as well as other things.

Community Lunch Monday August 3rd
12-15 for 12-30, please sign up in
church.

Coffee Company Monday 10-11am if no
lunch.

Services for August

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9:30am

Sunday 23rd August
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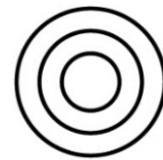
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It's been 7 years since my field has been cut and it's been left mostly to do its own thing.

At last it's a cooler morning, so I get on my boots and trousers to keep the ticks away, and head off for a little safari. The birds have fledged and it's very quiet, save for the sound of a young buzzard in the woods calling for food. When I'm back up on the yard its' parents can hunt here for the 1000's of voles running their endless tunnels beneath the rank grass.

And it's dry now, not even a spot of dew. Cobwebs extend across swathes of tall grasses. Clumps of thistles and yellow yellow flea bane stand between the yellowing grasses, Birdsfoot trefoil weaves its way across the drying grasses. All look healthy green and happy.

The night shift is still finishing. The red deer have already left after a good night's sleep but hundreds of tiny moths rise as my steps disturb them. It's getting hot so I slip into the deep shade of the mature trees that line the field boundary. So much cool but dry, so dry. And no rain for weeks now and more heat to come.

The meadow browns are the first butterflies up. Then skippers and red admirals. Peacocks and Painted Ladies. The odd brimstone and orange fritillary complete the butterfly family here. All keen to feed on thistles and the field scabious that I've planted on the yard. The skippers are a delight to watch and need docks to overwinter on. I do cut the seed heads off though and dump them in the hedge for the voles and mice.

Right now all is good in the wild but how it will cope with this prolonged heatwave is another matter. So please keep putting water out in dishes on the ground for wildlife. The Binne has already dried up and other rivers may follow.

Anna (artonmove@hotmail.com)

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YEOFORD VILLAGE VOICE FUN QUIZ

Well, it's holiday season, so let's have a quiz about British holiday makers (based on the ABTA Holiday Habits Report)...

1. Which country is the most popular overseas destination for British holidaymakers?
2. What are the top five most visited countries by UK residents overall?
3. What percentage of people consider a holiday to be the most important time of the year?
4. What is a "cool-cation"?
5. What is "set-jetting"?
6. What major UK travel protection scheme handles flight-inclusive package holidays alongside ABTA?
7. Has the average duration of a summer holiday trip gotten longer or shorter recently?
8. Approximately how many total trips abroad do UK residents take in a year?
9. Do more British people take domestic holidays (staycations) or trips abroad?
10. What is the single most important factor for Brits when choosing a holiday?

Answers below...

Quiz Answers:

1. Spain (accounting for roughly 17.8 million trips); 2. Spain, France, Italy, Turkey, and the USA; 3. Roughly 65%; 4. Traveling to chillier northern climates to escape intense global heatwaves; 5. Visiting destinations popularized by movies, books, or TV shows; 6. ATOL (Air Travel Organisers' Licensing); 7. It has shortened slightly from traditional two-week blocks down to average stays of 8 to 9 days; 8. Around 94.6 million overseas trips; 9. Domestic holidays have a higher participation rate, with roughly 71% taking UK breaks compared to 59% traveling abroad; 10. The specific destination itself



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YEOFORD FOOTBALL FESTIVAL—SATURDAY 4TH JULY

On July 4th the 3rd edition of the Yeoford Football Festival took place at the village hall and recreation ground, the tournament which is co-organised by Owen Cooper, Matt Cooke and Riley Orchard had a record 15 different teams in attendance from all over the Mid Devon area. Each year the tournament aims to raise money for a chosen charity with both this edition and the previous in 2025 raising money for Hospiscare, a charity who do outstanding work in the local community and have provided much needed support and comfort to many families.

The tournament started at 9:00 and after some gruelling group stage matches the draw for the semi-finals and finals took place at the much needed lunch break. During this lunch break and throughout the whole of the day, our incredible team of volunteers helped to keep the ship sailing smoothly. With our dedicated barbeque team of John Orchard and Andy Cooke providing a culinary masterclass and keeping the players and supporters fed. Whilst they were busy with the barbeque our volunteers from Bow Hospiscare fundraising group led by Jackie Coren simultaneously ran both a bar, a very successful raffle and kept the ship afloat when Owen, Matt and Riley were all in action.





As the knockouts progressed sadly both Yeoford teams were eliminated on penalties after putting in a proper shift as they say. Our three worthy winners of the day were, in the cup the Crediton based 60's, in the YFF Trophy local side Cheriton Fitzpaine, and the shield was claimed by Ansu's FC. What pleased the organisers most however was the positive attitude that every team attending played with, whether winning or losing everyone banded together to create a brilliant day and some memories to last a lifetime.

The day wouldn't have been possible without our sponsors who made helped turn the event from an idea to a reality, so a big thank you goes to, Devon Flooring and Sanding Co, Crediton Milling Company, Page Concrete Ltd and Vonde Studios. In all were able to raise £1,896.80 for charity, a sizeable amount of money that combined with last years total now equates to £3,053.63 raised for Hospiscare.

To everyone who attended, whether as a player, a supporter, or just those who were wondering what all the noise was about, a big thank you to each and every one of you for helping us shape this amazing day. Plans are already in the works for next year where we hope to go bigger and better than any year before.

If you would like to contact the team with any questions please do so either by email - @yfcoldboys@gmail.com or on our Instagram page [@yfcoldboys](https://www.instagram.com/@yfcoldboys).

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