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YARNTON

# JUNE 2012

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#### **CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH**

| Fri. 1 <sup>st</sup>                         | Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)                         |
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| Sat. 2 <sup>nd</sup>                         | Jubilee Songs of Praise, St. Bartholomew's                                       |
| Sat. 2 <sup>nd</sup>                         | Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.            |
| Mon.4 <sup>th</sup>                          | Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)                      |
| Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup>                         | Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)                           |
| Mon.4 <sup>th</sup>                          | Book Reading Group, tel. 371656  |
| Wed.6 <sup>th</sup>                          | 9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)                     |
| Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>                          | 'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's |
| Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup>                         | Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)                           |
| Wed.6 <sup>th</sup>                          | Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (and every Wednesday)                  |
| Thur. 7 <sup>th</sup>                        | Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.  |
| Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup>                        | Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7 p.m.                                     |
| Thur. 14 <sup>th</sup>                       | W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.  |
| Fri. 15 <sup>th/</sup> Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup> |  |
| Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup>                        | Gardening Club visit to Hook End Farm, Upper Basildon                            |
| Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup>                        | Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.            |
| Tue. 19 <sup>th</sup>                        | Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society, Begbroke Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.          |
| Thur. 21 <sup>st</sup>                       | Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.  |
| Thur. 21 <sup>st</sup>                       | Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.  |
| Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup>                        | Police 'Have your Say' meeting, Paternoster Farm Shop, 12.45 p.m.                |
| Sun. 24 <sup>th</sup>                        | Village Day, Rutten Lane Playing Fields, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.                         |
| Thur. 28 <sup>th</sup>                       | Senior Club outing to Swanage, 8.45 a.m.   |
| Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup>                        | Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.            |
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#### **Copy Deadline for July Issue**

Material for inclusion in the July Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June Copy should be e-mailed to: <u>ruth@astall.com</u> **and** <u>helen.anderson4@ntlworld.com</u> or delivered to Mrs. Ruth Astall, 19 The Spears, tel. 372637. The Editorial Committee reserves the right to cut, edit, or omit articles, or refuse advertisements for reasons of space limitation, suitability, etc. Their decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into. Copy date for the August issue is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

#### From the Editorial Committee

We recently received an unsigned letter concerning policing issues in the village and think this is an opportune time to remind people that we are unable to consider publishing anything without knowing where it has come from. If we feel there is a good reason for not identifying the correspondent, then we can put 'name and address supplied', but we must have the information ourselves. We are also very careful not to print anything which might be libellous or discriminatory, and reserve the right to cut, edit, or omit articles, or refuse advertisements for reasons of space limitation, suitability, etc. Our decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into.

With regard to the issues raised by the unknown person, then the Police 'Have your Say' sessions held regularly at the Paternoster Farm Shop are open to all and are an ideal opportunity to discuss problems. See the Neighbourhood Watch article for dates.

#### Yarnton Village Hall

The hall comprises a large Main Hall and a Back Room. The hall is fully accessible - facilities include stage, kitchen, toilets with disabled facilities and car park. The hall is available for hire for meetings, training events, shows, lunches, clubs, sales, parties, etc. The charges for hiring the **Main Hall** or **Back Room** are per hour unless stated. Village residents: £10 Regular bookings,village residents (minimum of 8 bookings): £9 Non Village Residents: £11 **Kitchen:** £8 per session A deposit of £100 is required when booking the hall. For further information or to book the hall please contact Booking Secretary on **07948 722633** 





#### Grasshoppers and Beetles in the garden

I was wondering what to write about in this wildlife gardening article, then saw a beetle sitting on my study window, so there you go, Grasshoppers and Beetles in the garden. Experts suggest there are up to 4100 species of beetle in Britain, most feeding on what gardeners call pests, so beetles are worth attracting. Grasshoppers and crickets, though, only have 27 native species in Britain and are indicators that there is good grass management happening.

Beetles need varied habitats throughout the year, some on the ground, some in tree canopies. Dense growth gives shelter, warmth and humidity, and nectar is important, as some beetles need nectar as part of their diet. Even well maintained lawns and flower borders are good for beetles. Most grasshoppers like coarse grassland that is warm and sheltered. Some like damp meadows, and others like shorter grass with bare patches they can bask in. Crickets again like rough grass in the sun with some scrub and bramble on which to perch.

Keeping a mix of long and short grass is good for all three creatures, rotational pruning of your prized shrubs is advisable too - don't prune everything every year. Yes, you will lose the flowering potential on some plants the following year, but by having foliage of different ages that attract more beetles, etc., you gain in the long run. Always leave one area of lawn long and uncut all winter to give these little beasties somewhere to hibernate. Happy Gardening.

Stuart Mabbutt, Wildlife Gardening Specialist, tel. 01865 747243

#### Why not be part of this year's Yarnton Village Fun Day?

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

- Promote your club
- Get new members
- Maybe raise some funds

This year we are combining the event with a Fundraising Charity walk for BLISS.

If you would like to take part please let us know how:

**Table only** 

Fundraising Stall (10% donation of profits to BLISS)

Proposed Activity \_\_\_\_\_

You can have demonstrations going throughout the afternoon near your table. Please let us know if you want the tarmac court area so we can co-ordinate use of this. The walk (aimed mainly at children) will start following a warm-up at 2 p.m.

Please contact: Kate Hopcraft, 07753 641012 or Jo Dickson, 01865 460387



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#### **Oxford Harmonic Society**

**Oxford Harmonic Society** concludes its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary season on a high note with Haydn's *Creation*, one of the enduring favourites of the choral repertoire. The piece will be a fitting finale to the choir's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, which began with a triumphant version of Handel's *Messiah* and included a rare performance of Carl Loewe's little-known *Passion Oratorio*, which delighted both choir and audience with its beauty and emotional depth.

This summer concert is on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June in the Sheldonian Theatre at 7.30 p.m., and tickets are available from Oxford Playhouse, tel. 305305, or

www.oxfordplayhouse.com /TicketsOxford), We Got Tickets (www.wegottickets.com), and on the door. Visit <u>www.oxfordharmonicsoc.org</u> for more information about the choir and its performances.

Rated as 'consistently impressive' by the *Oxford Times*, Oxford Harmonic Society aims for high standards and attracts top soloists as well as amateur singers from the local region. The choir fosters a friendly and welcoming atmosphere and welcomes enquiries from enthusiastic potential members. For more information, see the choir website.

#### Yarnton Lunch Club

After a lot of searching and in response to my appeal in the YVN we found a new cook, Mrs. Kamsella Chetty, and what a find she has been. Although being a vegetarian herself, Kamsella has cooked delicious traditional dishes and puddings that have been thoroughly enjoyed by the diners. Sadly however, Kamsella has to leave us at the end of July to pursue a long term project. Kamsella and her menus will be greatly missed by all involved in the Lunch Club. Could you rise to the challenge? Male or female, a married couple or just two friends able and willing to cook a two-course meal once every four weeks for on average 24 very appreciative older residents. Cooks are supported on the day by a team of 3-4 helpers who set up tables and chairs, set the tables, serve the meals and wash up, etc. We have four really good teams, cheerful and flexible. We just need another cook. Could it be you?

Lunch Club meets every Wednesday in Yarnton Village Hall from 12.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m., lunch being served at 1 p.m. Cost of the two-course meal followed by tea or coffee is £3. We are able to keep the meal at a reasonable price as all cooks and helpers are volunteers so there is no wage bill.

To offer your help as a cook or for any other information please contact me on 374126. *Brenda Louch, Yarnton Lunch Club* 

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#### **Yarnton Village Hall**

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2012 at 7 p.m. in the Back Room. All users of the hall and residents of Yarnton are invited to attend. This is your chance to have your say on matters that concern you. *Peter Astall, Secretary* 

#### Thank You

To friends and family who came to my 80<sup>th</sup> surprise birthday party in the Red Lion, thank you for the cards, presents and good wishes. And special thanks to Andrew, Janice and Richard and families for organising the evening and managing to keep it a secret for so long. And a final thank you to all for just being there. *Derek Byrne* 



#### **Yarnton Medical Practice**

There are to be a few changes at the surgery over the next month or so. Dr. Evans has now reduced his commitment to part-time, and from May he has been working solely at Yarnton on Monday and Thursday each week. Dr. Sarah Morris will be working from the Kidlington site only from May and Dr. Eleri Shellens will be working at the Yarnton Surgery for the next few months. Dr Pandher, Dr. Aitken and Dr. Brown will also continue to work at both sites. From mid-May we are open on a Friday afternoon at Yarnton to meet the increasing demand from the village's expanding population. This means that the only time the surgery will be closed is Wednesday afternoon. The practice has recently set up a Patient Participation Group. Although the group has had its first meeting, we feel there are areas of the practice population which are still under-represented. If you are between the ages of 18 and 30, are a carer, or are cared for, are from an ethnic minority group, or are part of the canal or travellers community, we would very much welcome you as a member. If you are interested, and would like more information please give me a call on 842292. You are now able to make your appointments or request your prescriptions via our website: www.kidlingtonandyarntonsurgery.co.uk. Should you wish to do this you will need to request a PIN number - our receptionists will help you with this. Many of you will know that there is a new pharmacy based the Kidlington Surgery which is open from 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. on weekdays, from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Saturday and from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Sundays. As always, we welcome new patients to our surgery. Carol Cripps, Locum Practice Manager

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#### Senior Club

The outings have now been decided and are as follows: 28<sup>th</sup> June Swanage, 8.45 a.m.

Worthing, 8.45 a.m. 26<sup>th</sup> July

23<sup>rd</sup> August Portsmouth/Southsea, 9 a.m.

20<sup>th</sup> September Weston-super-Mare, 9 a.m.

18<sup>th</sup> October Northampton, 9 a.m.

We have three pick-ups in Rutten Lane: The Paddocks, the School, and the corner of Aysgarth Road/Rutten Lane, so the pick-up times vary from 8.40 a.m., the last being 9 a.m. And for the 8.45 a.m. trips the first pick-up will be 8.25 a.m. Everyone is welcome, whether a club member or not.

We have several members who are ill; Brian T. has gone to Didcot Hospital and at the time of writing was making good progress, and good wishes were also sent to Eileen who has been very ill with shingles.

Any enquiries to Jose Green, tel. 375644.





# Yarnton Village Fun Day and

# **BLISS 'Walk for Hope'**



Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2012 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. At the Rutten Lane Playing Fields



Something for all the family

Come and find out what clubs and activities there are in and around the village



Refreshments available



At 2 p.m. warm up for the 'Walk for Hope' A sponsored walk to raise money for BLISS (the charity for 'babies born too sick, too small or too soon') **Walk as much or as little as you can!** A family walk to help other families

If you would like a sponsor form please contact Jo Dickson on 01865 460387



#### Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup> June – 'Walk for Hope' BLISS Fundraiser

This is the next event in my fundraising efforts for BLISS, the charity for babies born 'too sick, too small, too soon'. As I wrote in a previous YVN, I have decided to fundraise for this charity as my cousin had her baby girl, Hope, at only 25 weeks. She was only 1lb 4 oz and her chances of survival were not good, but she battled meningitis, a bowel operation and many other hurdles before she was discharged in December 2011. She is now 9 months old and a 'massive' 9lbs in weight. She has had her first smile and is doing well.

The walk will be part of the Village Funday, which opens at 1 p.m., with a warm up at 2 p.m. A 500m circuit will be there for anybody who wants to participate, but I would love as many children to take part as possible. You can be sponsored (contact me for a sponsor form) or just pay £5 on the day to see how far you can walk, jog, run, skip, be pushed in your buggy, or in fact any other way you want to complete the course – how about 3-legged? We are expecting Hope to be there on the day to meet you! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. Many thanks for reading this. *Jo Dickson (Yarnton resident), tel.* 460387







#### Yarnton Gardening Club

The second of our programme of outings takes place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June, when we will go to Hook End Farm, Upper Basildon in the afternoon.

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June there will be a talk by John Grimshaw entitled 'In a plantsman's garden'. John Grimshaw is a widely travelled and distinguished plantsman and author. There will also be a competition for the best single rose.

Meetings take place in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. Visitors always welcome.

Helen Anderson, tel. 371656

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| Times of Mass  |           |  |  |  |
|--|-----------|--|--|--|
| St. Thomas More  |           |  |  |  |
| Saturday Vigil   | 6 p.m.    |  |  |  |
| Sunday   | 11 a.m.   |  |  |  |
| Weekdays   |           |  |  |  |
| Tuesday  | 9.30 a.m. |  |  |  |
| Wednesday  | 9.30 a.m. |  |  |  |
| Thursday   | 9.30 a.m. |  |  |  |
| Friday   | 12 noon   |  |  |  |
| Saturday   | 10 a.m.   |  |  |  |
| St. Hugh of Lincoln                                      |           |  |  |  |
| Sunday   | 9.30 a.m. |  |  |  |
| Wednesday  | 12 noon   |  |  |  |
| Sacrament of Reconciliation, Kidlington, Saturdays 10.30 |           |  |  |  |
| a.m 11 a.m., 5.15 p.m 5.45 p.m., or any time at call.    |           |  |  |  |
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Young children go into the sacristy for part of the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass to celebrate their own liturgy. Coffee is served after the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Hugh and after the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More. St. Thomas More Primary School is next to the Catholic Church in Kidlington. If you would like your child to attend this school, please contact Fr. Chris on 377093, or the Headteacher Mrs. M. Buller on 373674. A mini-bus collects from surrounding villages.



#### **Coach outing to Bletchley Park**

We have organised an outing to Bletchley Park on 9<sup>th</sup> August, and there are still some spaces on the coach. If you think you would like to come along, then please ring Rosemary Barker on 01865 730188, evenings only, for more information. *Yarnton W.I.* 

#### Edmund (Ted) Lee

The ashes of Ted Lee, who died on 24<sup>th</sup> April, have been interred in Yarnton Cemetery, which was his and the family's wish. Many will remember him as an active sportsman and bowls player, and one who was also very active in Yarnton community.



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#### **Road Closure of The Garth - 5th June**

Will all Yarnton residents please be aware that on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June The Garth will be closed for a Jubilee Street Party. We would be very grateful if on that day residents of The Garth could park their cars in their driveways to make way for the celebrations. The road closure will be in place from approximately 11 a.m.. Many thanks for your co-operation!

#### **Book Reading Group**

The Book Reading Group's book for discussion on 4<sup>th</sup> June is 'Fasting, Feasting' by Anita Desai. July's book is 'Long Song' by Andrea Levy. Contact number: 371656. *Helen Anderson* 

#### **School Summer Holidays**

If your children get bored or fed up 'cos there's nothing to do' during the summer holidays, help may be on the horizon.

Keep checking the Yarnton Village News and Parish Notice Boards for information about 'Sports Activators' who help to provide activities for young people free of charge. It's for the benefit of the youngsters so get them looking. *Yarnton Parish Council* 

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**Parish Office**: The Parish Office in the village hall has now been relocated into the new extension at the end of the left hand corridor after entering the main entrance, with the post box to the left of the main entrance by the new fire exit door.

**Future Meeting dates:** 13<sup>th</sup> June and 11<sup>th</sup> July in the Village Hall at 7 p.m., then every second Wednesday in the month.

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of all Parish Council Meetings are available on the village website once they are approved, <u>www.yarnton-village.org.uk</u>

Parish Council - contact numbers Parish Council Chairman

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**A34 Roadworks.** The traffic lights on the A34 north of Yarnton for the slip road to the Science Park are now in operation and seem to be working smoothly. By the time you read this the toucan crossing opposite the old Post Office should be complete, and this will make access to the village amenities much safer for those living on the east side of Woodstock Road and in the Sandy Lane and Gravel Pits Lane areas.

**Welcome to Yarnton Booklets:** The booklet can be viewed and downloaded on the website <u>www.yarnton-village.org.uk</u> and is available from the parish office at opening times, and also from the post office at Budgens shop.

**Compostable Caddy Bin Liners Reminder:** The caddy bin liners are still selling well and stocks at the Parish office in the Village Hall will be maintained for collection on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., or will be delivered by arrangement if more convenient and not possible to collect. The price is £3 (three pounds) per roll of 40 liners. Telephone 378476. The sale of liners has received an encouraging response and stocks will be maintained for your convenience. **Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of all Parish Council Meetings are available on the village web site once they are approved, www.yarnton-village.org.uk





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#### <u> Iubilee – The start of Britain's Greatest Summer</u>

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#### **The Garth Jubilee Street Party**

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Fraser's Budgens are very happy to be involved with The Garth's very own street party – we wouldn't want to miss out on the fun! We will **be providing some food** for the residents of the Garth and look forward to joining the party during the day. Let's hope the great British weather holds up for what will be a great day!

#### **New Local Suppliers**

In keeping with the **British theme** we have some great **additions** to our local supplier range in store. Our latest additions are the **Oxford Cheese Company** and **Arkell Ales**. These two will not really need a huge amount of introduction, but suffice to say, we are very excited to be working with these two renowned and prestigious local companies.

#### Sobell House Moonlight Stroll - July

Fraser's Budgens will be supporting this event by entering a team to do the **charity walk on 7<sup>th</sup> July**. **Please sponsor** us in store where you can also learn more about the worthy event and try and help us to raise money for our chosen charity.

#### **Sobell House Charity and William Fletcher School**

Remember that we have **collecting tins** for both **Willam Fletcher School** and **Sobell House Hospice**. We are pleased to be associated with both of these causes. Please continue to donate to these important causes; your change really does make a difference!

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The first Sunday in June is the beginning of what used to be known as the 'green season' in the Church's year, and is now known as 'Ordinary Time'. We are no longer either preparing for a major festival nor are we looking back at one, but hearing week by week of the life and ministry of Jesus. It also heralds the start of the serious hay-fever season for many people, as well as major examinations. So best wishes to all those who are sitting their GCSEs or A-Levels or further education exams this year. And of course June is serious grass-cutting time, and of planting out, but also the month that gardens, as well as the countryside, can be looking at their best before the hotter drier weather begins to take away their fresh green appearance. At least we hope we will eventually get some warmer drier weather than we have experienced during April, which will enable all of us to become more 'green' in the current sense of thinking of our environment, by finally switching off our heating.

The 1<sup>st</sup> of June is the day on which we hope we will be interviewing those who are considering coming to Yarnton and Begbroke parishes as the new Team Vicar; so you may see some of us with a possible vicar in tow, wandering up towards the school or around the church during the day. The interviews are taking place in Yarnton Manor, and we are very grateful to them for letting us use their premises.

That weekend sees the start of the celebrations when the Queen keeps the Diamond Jubilee of her Coronation. We give thanks for her long and devoted service to our country and the Commonwealth, as she has seen both changing in ways that wouldn't have been thought of when she was crowned. To celebrate, Yarnton and Begbroke Churches are planning to serve afternoon teas in Yarnton Village Hall from 3.30 p.m., with a Jubilee Songs of Praise to follow on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>. Begbroke has a number of events happening over the weeken,d so do look out for the details of those. Let's hope the weather is kinder this year than it was on the actual Coronation day.

And last but not least, on 24<sup>th</sup> June Clare Hayns, the Curate in the Blenheim Benefice, will be ordained priest by Bishop Colin in Dorchester Abbey, so do please remember Clare and her family at that time as she takes this important step. *Anne CSJB* 

#### CHURCH DIARY

(see also regular service times below

| June                 | đ                                       |
|----------------------|---|
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> | 'Messy Church', 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.         |
|                      | St. Martin's Church Hall, Bladon        |
| Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Coffee morning in aid of St.            |
|                      | Bartholomew's, 57 The Garth, Yarnton,   |
|                      | 10.30 a.m. – 12 noon                    |
| Sun 24th             | No 11 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's |
|                      | Yarnton Village Day, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.,   |
|                      | Yarnton Playing Fields                  |
|                      | Benefice Service at Woodstock, 6 p.m    |
|                      | when Clare will preside.                |
|                      |   |

#### **REGULAR SERVICE TIMES**

(every week unless otherwise stated)



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| Sunuays |   |
|---------|---|
| 8 a.m.  | Holy Communion, Book of Common                    |
|         | Prayer, at St. Bartholomew's                      |
| 11 a.m. | Holy Communion, Common Worship,                   |
|         | at St. Bartholomew's                              |
|         | Coffee after the service.                         |
|         | (this month on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday we have |
|         | a special Family Service)                         |

Weekday Service Wednesday 9.30

9.30 a.m., St. Bartholomew's

#### WEDDINGS

If you wish to be married in St. Bartholomew's we will be happy to do all we can to make your day as special as possible. You are advised to contact Rev'd Sister Anne CSJB as soon as possible in your planning if you wish to be married in church.

**And a request:** Father Andrew left the wedding list for this year, on which **Damian and Georgia** are booked for 8<sup>th</sup> September. Does anyone know who they are, as there are no other details?

#### BAPTISM

Baptism is the sacrament by which we take the big step in the Christian life into full

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**Team Rector:** The Reverend Canon Adrian Daffern, tel. 01993 811415, email: <u>rectorblenheim@btinternet.com</u>

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#### School's Out Holiday Activity Programme

School's Out is a children's activity programme running every school holiday (except bank holidays) at The Marlborough School: 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> June and 23<sup>rd</sup> July – 24<sup>th</sup> August. Activities will include:

- Art, craft and cookery (6+)
- Sports activities (6+)
- Street dance (8+)
- Theatre Workshop (8+)
- Survival (8+)
- NEW: Pottery (8+)
- NEW: Sewing (8+)
- NEW: Crazy Clay (8+)
- NEW: Specialist Sports Days (8+)

Days run from 9.30 a.m. – 3.30 p.m., with an optional 'chill out' from 8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. – 5 p.m. Costs are £17.25 per day/£80.50 per week, or for a family ticket (up to four children from the same family) £36.50 per day. There is an additional charge of £3.75 per child per session for the morning Chill Out and £5.75 for the afternoon Chill Out (8+). Some activities carry an additional £2 charge towards the cost of materials. Financial support is available - please contact Jenny Bodinham at The Marlborough School or your child's headteacher, family support worker or health visitor for more information. We accept childcare vouchers - please ring for information. Courses fill up very quickly so please book early to avoid disappointment.

We are always keen to hear from anyone who would be interested in tutoring (we are particularly keen to hear from Pilates or other exercise class tutors). Also, if you have ideas for courses that you'd like to see, please let us know – we can't promise anything but we will consider all suggestions seriously.

Mrs Jenny Bodinham, Administrator, Woodstock Partnership Extended Service, tel. 01993 813592

#### Woodstock Methodist Church, Oxford Street, Woodstock Kidlington Methodist Church, Oxford Road, Kidlington

Minister: The Revd. Jonathan Todd, tel. 01865 842214, Email: <u>jonathan.todd@oxfordmethodists.org.uk</u> Lay Worker: Malcolm Bromhall, tel. 01865 373958, Email: malcolm.bromhall@oxfordmethodists.org.uk Web: <u>www.woodstockmethodists.org.uk</u>, <u>www.kidlingtonmethodistchurch.co.uk</u>

There are no Methodist churches in Yarnton, but you will find one in both Woodstock and Kidlington. Details of our forthcoming services are below, but there are also various midweek activities, details of which can be found on the appropriate website. Everyone is welcome to come and join us at any time.

#### Services in June

#### Woodstock

| $3^{rd}$         | 8.30 a.m.  | Rev. Martin Wellings  |
|------------------|------------|-----------------------|
|                  |            | (Holy Communion)      |
|                  | 10.30 a.m. | Rev. Jean King        |
| $10^{\text{th}}$ | 10.30 a.m. | Rev. Martin Wellings  |
|                  |            | (Holy Communion)      |
| $17^{th}$        | 10.30 a.m. | Rev. Jonathan Todd    |
|                  |            | (All-age Café Church) |
| $24^{th}$        | 10.30 a.m. | Rev. Nicole Sims      |

We also have a Junior Church which meets every week at 10.30 a.m. and ranges in age from two to early teens. The first part of the morning is shared with the adults in church before we then go round to the church hall to share in our own activities. We are always delighted to see new members, whether with or without their parents!

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Every Friday we meet at 9.30 a.m. for a short informal time of prayer followed by coffee. On the third Friday of the month, this incorporates a celebration of communion. All welcome!

#### Kidlington

| 10 a.m. | Malcolm Bromhall       |
|---------|------------------------|
| 10 a.m. | Julie Todd             |
| 10 a.m. | Rev. Judy Turner-Smith |
|         | (Holy Communion)       |
| 10 a.m. | Matt Stammers          |
|         | 10 a.m.<br>10 a.m.     |

The Kidlington church also runs a Junior Church and crèche on Sunday mornings.

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#### Thames Valley Police - Kidlington Neighbourhood Update - May

#### **Crime Information**

Your Local neighbourhood officers have been out and about providing high visibility presence to deter crime. There have been a few burglaries in the area, so I am asking you all to be vigilant and make sure you keep your homes secure. If you see anyone acting suspiciously then call us on 101, or 999 if a crime is taking place or in an emergency. If you would like a crime prevention visit where we give you advice on security, then get in touch and we can organise one. Shop-lifting is on the rise in the area, but the good news is that we have made 3 arrests for shoplifting this month. We are working closely with local businesses to address this. Incidents involving the theft of petrol seem to be on the rise at the moment and drugs are still a priority for the area. Officers will be proactively patrolling to catch any offenders. If you see anything or smell anything not quite right please call us. The theft of metal in the rural neighbourhood is still a problem for us, which it why it remains one of the priorities for our area.

#### **Partnership Activity**

We are working closely with all publicans in the area to ensure any issues or persons known to be causing problems are dealt with effectively. We hold regular Pub Watch meetings with landlords. There is also a monthly Resident and Social Letting meeting, where issues of housing and problems with tenants are discussed and actioned using a multi-agency approach. Your local Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) also meets regularly. Members discuss local priorities like speeding through villages, and work together to come up with ways to tackle issues. We are currently working with Cherwell District Council to set up a scheme called Forecourt Watch which we hope will help reduce incidents where people fill up with fuel and drive off without paying. Kidlington Pedestrian Zone went live this month and local officers have been working with Highways to ensure the smooth implementation of the zone. General feedback is that some sort of barrier is needed to provide 24/7 enforcement. But all seems to be going well so far.

Samantha Wes, Neighbourhood Policing Administrator - Cherwell LPA ,tel. 01295 75454, email: <u>sam.west@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</u>

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Numeracy is the overall focus for this term....and soon a sponsored Mini-Olympics is to take place. Let's hope that there will be plenty of sponsorship money to add up! We will be celebrating the Jubilee with a lovely tea party and with plenty of activities involving all things red, white and blue.

The Summer Funday will soon be upon us again, so please do support us on this special day if you can.....date and details to follow shortly...... *Management committee* 

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#### Yarnton W.I.

Our speaker this month is Malcolm Nelson, who will give us Part 1 of his talk '40 years catching smugglers', an insight into just how Customs Officers catch drug smugglers. This will be an open meeting and everyone is welcome to come along – male or female! We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 7.45 p.m. Tea hostesses this month are Rosemary Smith, Gwyneth Stone, Brenda Thornton and Liz Trevett. Don't forget it's still not too late to put your name down for our August outing to Bletchley Park on 9<sup>th</sup> August. Please ring Rosemary Barker on 01865 730188, evenings only, for more information. *Ruth Astall* 

#### **Bridewell Organic Gardens**

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#### **Glyme Valley Probus Club for Ladies**

We held our fairly formal AGM in March, which brought a new President, a new Vice President and a 'newish' committee. We congratulated ourselves on the past enjoyable year with good speakers, super holidays, days out and much more.

We began the first meeting of our new Probus year with our new Vice President, Val Mountford, taking control, since our new President was enjoying the sunshine while the rest of us were enjoying the endless April showers.

Our speaker for the occasion was John Paine, who gave us a very interesting picture quiz on the City of Oxford. Familiar sights taken from different angles added to the entertaining and thought provoking lunchtime gathering.

We have an exciting year planned, with excellent speakers, a wide variety of trips, several holidays and a party to celebrate this special year. We have a short waiting list and would welcome enquiries from potential members. For further information please contact 01993 812025.

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#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

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**Inconsiderate Parking** is something that affects us all at sometime or another, whether we are the offender or the offended. Areas close to schools can sometimes be a problem. Perhaps a little more consideration on the part of the vehicle driver and a little more tolerance on the part of the aggrieved might go a long way towards resolving the issue. As we all know, double yellow lines have never stopped people parking on them.

Smoke Alarms. Do you have them fitted in your home and do they have live batteries fitted? When did YOU last test yours? In one year alone 213 people died between the hours of 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. and some of these fatalities could have been prevented by working smoke alarms. The next 'Have Your Say' meeting will take place on 22<sup>nd</sup> June at Paternoster Farm Shop,

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#### Woodstock U3A - another successful year

April saw Woodstock's U3A AGM, attended by a record 70% of its members – a tribute to its on-going success. Now in its 6<sup>th</sup> year, the Woodstock branch of U3A has 17 specific Interest Groups running each month – all well supported by the members. The AGM dispensed with its usual monthly speaker, staging an 'Entertainments' afternoon organised and run by its various Groups. The audience was treated to performances of Recorders, Play Reading, Madrigal Singing, Living History, plus 3 individual monologues.

Alongside these, five other Groups produced static displays: Needlecraft, Science Group, Walking Group, Living History and Art.

John Turvey, who was re-elected Chairman, said 'Woodstock U3A is really prospering and is still increasing its membership. I believe our success is due to both the number and diversity of our Interest Groups. This is witnessed by to-day's very professional displays and presentations'

The Speaker Programme for June – October is:

12th June: 'St. Helena' - Jill Carey

10<sup>th</sup> July: 'From Downing Street and Back' - Alan Brewer

4<sup>th</sup> September: 'Victorian Music Halls' - James Mitchell 2<sup>nd</sup> October: 'Medical Detection Dogs' - Heather Shute

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Sheila Westall, tel. 373445

#### Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society

On Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> June, members of the History Society are going to visit Kelmscott Manor, which was the home of William Morris. The Manor has many possessions of William Morris and his friends and is a most interesting house to visit. The house is near to the River Thames and has a lovely garden. *Helen Anderson, tel. 371656* 



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I was thrilled to see that because of the heavy rains of April the brook by the Village Hall was full of water. It was dried up for so long and overgrown and full of rubbish. When we used to live around there, I used to watch the frogs and tadpoles in the brook every year, so couldn't believe my eyes this year to see masses of tadpoles swimming about. It was amazing to think frog spawn had been laid and the tadpoles survived – hopefully some will make it to be adult frogs.

Update on 'Hoppy' the crow (actually identified as a rook!) from last month, we see him daily now and have started giving him food. His mates are still around and hopefully he will survive. He has an injured leg, but is able to fly. Most of the garden birds will have hatched their eggs by now and their young flown the nest. The sparrows on our roof next to my bedroom window have successfully had a family.

On a personal note, any of you who know me will know I have a special needs daughter – Katy. After 33 years she has flown the nest and gone to live in Bognor and is very happy to live by the sea. So my nest is now empty. *Ellen Cocking*