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2012**

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## CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's ( <i>and every Wednesday</i> )
Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. ( <i>and every Wednesday</i> )
Wed. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. ( <i>and every Wednesday</i> )
Thur. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Fri. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. ( <i>and every Friday</i> )
Sat. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.
Mon. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. ( <i>and every Monday</i> )
Mon. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. ( <i>and every Monday</i> )
Mon. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Wed. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7 p.m.
Thur. 9 <sup>th</sup>	W.I. outing to Bletchley Park
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club afternoon visit to Woolstone Mill House gardens
Sat. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.
Thur. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Tue. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society, Begbroke Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Thur. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Senior Club outing to Portsmouth/Southsea, 9 a.m.
Sat. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.
Thur. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Fri. 31 <sup>st</sup>	Police 'Have your say' meeting, Paternoster Farm Shop, 12.45 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.

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Copy date for the October issue is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### Yarnton Amateur Players

#### 'Allo 'Allo

On 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> June, Café René opened its doors for 2 nights only. Despite the presence of Gestapo, members of the Resistance, and an assortment of German Officers, over 150 members of the public were safely entertained, wined and dined and evacuated without injury. René has never seen his cafe so full, or Edith's singing so rapturously received.

René would like to thank everyone who assisted on the night, and regrets that no financial reward can be given.... but it is the war. C'est la vie.

We hope that everyone who enjoyed the show will be back in December for the family pantomime. In the meantime, if anyone would like to join us (on or off the stage) please get in contact.

*Belinda Davies, tel. 372917*

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### Yarnton Bandits Golf Society - update

Great day for all at Southfield in May; the course was in superb condition. Mike Walton took the honours, with Ryan Allen second and Lee Parsons third. Sue White was NTP and Ricky Smith NTP in two strokes.

In June, 'Captains' day was held at the Springs, another great day organised by 'Capitan' Richard Byrne and another success for the in-form Mike Walton - who can halt the steamroller? Dave (Dickie) Davies was second on count back, Steve Enoch came third, Mike Walton NTP in 2 strokes and a rollover for NTP. Nice to see vice captain Pete Wakefield playing again, a thought echoed by all members.

There will be a BBQ at the Red Lion on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> August; please try to attend and bring guests. Please inform landlord and bandit Mark Haslet of numbers. Anyone wishing to attend any of our meetings as a guest please contact Steve Lenhardt, email [stephenlenhardt@msn.com](mailto:stephenlenhardt@msn.com). Sam Radley

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## CHURCH DIARY

(see also regular service times below)

### August

Sun 26<sup>th</sup>

All Age Communion for Saint Bartholomew

St. Bartholomew's Church, 11 a.m.



## REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

(every week unless otherwise stated)

**St. Bartholomew's Church,  
 Church Lane, Yarnton.  
 The Church is open every day  
 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**



### Sundays

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 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.



## BAPTISM

Baptism is the sacrament by which we take the big step in the Christian life into full membership of the church. Anyone wishing to be baptised, or wanting to have their child baptised at St. Bartholomew's should contact Rev'd Sister Anne CSJB.



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**Associate Priest:** The Reverend Sister Anne CSJB, tel. 01865 855 331, email: [annecsib@csjb.org.uk](mailto:annecsib@csjb.org.uk)



It is with great delight that I am able to announce the appointment of

**The Reverend Nathan Jarvis**  
as Team Vicar in the Benefice of Blenheim

**Nathan will be licensed at a special service at St Bartholomew's, Yarnton, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm. Please be praying for Nathan as he prepares to come and live and work with us.**

Meanwhile, he has been kind enough to write something about his life:

I was born in Rochdale, but moved to Yorkshire when I was 10 days old. You decide whether I am a Lancashire or Yorkshireman. It has been a subject of debate in my family for many years! After school and A levels, I went to Oxford Brookes to study English and Education Studies, with a view to becoming a teacher. I eventually decided that was not for me, and went into publishing, just down the road from here, near Oxford Airport. I enjoyed my time with Elsevier, and who would have thought that I would eventually become its Parish Priest as it is within the boundary of Begbroke. God moves in mysterious ways.

After a time with another company based in London, I was persuaded to go to chapel in Oxford for the Easter Service. For some reason, everything clicked into place. My church upbringing, my desire to worship, and a need to be with other Christians all came flooding back, and my journey towards ordination began.

I eventually returned to Oxford and studied for the priesthood at St Stephen's House, and was ordained in Durham Cathedral to serve the parish of Holy Trinity, Hartlepool. I had a good three years, and then moved to Birmingham as Vicar of St Luke's, Kingstanding. I have enjoyed being part of a team, especially developing our ministry to young people. Our Messy Church is into its second year and growing, as are other new ways of connecting with the people of the parish.

On a personal note, my interests are varied. I am passionate about animals, and currently have two very grumpy hens (who may or may not be moving with me!) and a rather attention seeking Labrador called Oscar. I enjoy collecting antiques, and love spending time rummaging through junk shops. As yet, I have not managed to spot any priceless artefacts, but I will let you know if I do. I am interested in rural and environmental issues, and in many ways this informs my approach to spirituality and prayer. I am also studying for a Doctorate, examining how the Eucharist can transform the mission of the church.

I am really looking forward to working within the Blenheim Team and getting to know you all. It seems to me that good and exciting things are happening here, and I am thrilled to be part of what you are doing now, and what we will be doing in the future. My prayers are with Adrian and all the team, lay and ordained, as we serve God in this beautiful corner of England.



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Thanks!

*Kim Osmond*

### **Ley Community – Yarnton Park**

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June six residents of the Ley Community joined playing field committee members in refilling the bark pits in the children's play area. Their considerable contribution enabled the work to be carried out without closure of the facilities.

The Playing Field Management Committee would like to register their sincere thanks to the volunteers from The Ley for their valuable contribution for the benefit of our community.

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### **Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society**

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August Alastair Lack, who was Head of English Programmes for the BBC World Service for many years, before becoming Secretary of the Oxford University Society, is coming to talk about 'Oxon Country Houses'. Alastair Lack is a member of the Oxford Guild of Guides and is particularly interested in the history and architecture of Oxford, including the pre-Raphaelites. We meet at Begbroke Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. Visitors most welcome (£2 including refreshments).

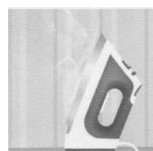
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During weekly meetings the Beavers visited the Castle site where they learned about health and safety. The Cubs have worked on their Home Safety badge, and several of them have completed their Global Challenge badge after an evening of setting off water rockets. The Scouts have also had a busy term including the Woodstock trail, whilst the explorers are planning expeditions to help with their Duke of Edinburgh awards and have been out and about participating in pedal car races.

The Group attended the St. George's Parade in Oxford, parading from Broad Street to the Castle area, to then renew promises, and attended the Service of Celebration to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in Woodstock's Saint Mary Magdalene Church.

The Cub section went on a further camp in July, this time with Oxford Spires District, which was Olympic based. All the Cubs were split into 16 country groups and went around different Olympic 'sports' gaining bronze, silver and gold medals for completing the activity. The activities included gymnastics, human football table, sumo suit wrestling, cycling and blindfold trails through the woods (canoe slalom).

On the 20<sup>th</sup> July term finished with a surprise celebration for Kevin Heydon's 50 years with the Group including a BBQ and badge presentations. All the sections were awarded the badges earned across the term and several new members were invested into the Group by making their promise in front of their families.

Over the summer the Scouts will heading off on a week's survival camp, and of course all the sections will be planning the activities for next term. So if you would like to come and join in the fun contact us.

Beavers 6-8 years - Wednesdays 4.30 p.m. - 5.45 p.m. - please contact Rose on [rosemary@ralphs-family.com](mailto:rosemary@ralphs-family.com)

Cubs 8-10 years - Mondays 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m. - please contact Wendy on [wendyltatham@gmail.com](mailto:wendyltatham@gmail.com)

Scouts 10-14 years - Fridays 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. - please contact Naomi on [nay@nkheydon.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nay@nkheydon.freemove.co.uk)

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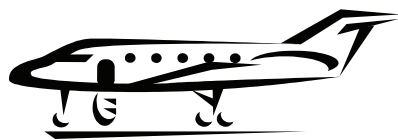


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### 2012 London Olympics – BP Medallions

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## The John Kirby Museum for Scouting & Guiding

The John Kirby museum, formally the Len Launchbury museum, is a collection of most things Scouting. Nestled amongst the trees of Youlbury Scout Activity Centre in Boars Hill, Oxford, the museum guides you through the history of the Scout Movement, from the birth of Scouting's Founder, Baden-Powell to modern Scouting. With a chance to look at more than 3000 badges, old and new, plus try on old uniforms, blow a kudu horn, and even try your hand at Semaphore.

The Museum is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. onwards all through the year, and a dedicated team is on hand to show people round.

The Museum also includes a dedicated Oxford Gang Show Room featuring all the Oxford shows and scripts from as many shows as is possible to obtain. At some time or another many people were in the Scouts or Guides and also the Gang Show and all would be most welcome, particularly with their sons and daughters or grandchildren.

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The Parish Office is open Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.30 a.m. to 11 a.m. If the Clerk is not available when you call, please leave a message on the answerphone and a response will be made as soon as possible.

**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:** 8<sup>th</sup> August and 12<sup>th</sup> September 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, [www.yarnton-village.org.uk](http://www.yarnton-village.org.uk)

### Parish Council - contact numbers

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#### **Yarnton Village Hall**

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#### **Planning Applications:**

12/00881/TPO. 9 Poppy Close, to fell and replace 1 No. Ash tree TPO/7/2001

#### **Planning Decisions:**

12/00563/F. 209 Woodstock Road, rear dormer and balcony. Granted 22.06.12.

**Annual Parish Meeting:** At the Annual Parish Meeting of Yarnton Parish Council on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012, Brian Newell was elected Chairman and Michael Gibbard was elected Vice Chairman for the current financial year.

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**Metal Theft Costs Soar:** (Extract from Clerks and Councillors Issue 82). The problem of metal thefts is costing local authorities millions of pounds each year, according to new research by the **Local Government Association** (LGA). The LGA conducted a survey of 157 councils across England and Wales and found that the cost of metal theft had risen by an estimated 26 per cent in a single year, soaring to £4.6 million in 2011. This amount could keep 20 libraries open or employ 260 care workers for the elderly, said the association. It warned that the financial burden was likely to get worse unless the government introduced new legislation to regulate the scrap metal industry. Cllr. Mehboob Khan, chair of the LGA's Safer and Stronger Communities Board, said: 'Government missed an opportunity by not including a change in legislation in the recent Queen's Speech. It is vital that local authorities get stronger powers to make it more difficult for thieves to dispose of stolen metal.

Councils want to see an annually renewable licence for scrap metal dealers, which could be reviewed at the instigation of the police or licensing authority and, if necessary, revoked. The LGA has called for an overhaul of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 1964, which requires councils to register dealers, without the ability to refuse the application. Along with a tougher licensing regime, it believes that this will make it more difficult for scrap dealers to handle stolen metal.

**Welcome to Yarnton Booklets:** The booklet can be viewed and downloaded on the website [www.yarnton-village.org.uk](http://www.yarnton-village.org.uk) 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.

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### Yarnton Pre-School

Many thanks to all the parents, staff, and committee members who showed their support at the Pre-School Funday. A fun time was had by all who attended! Thank you to Mark at The Red Lion, Yarnton, for letting us hold the Funday there.

We would also like to thank those who so generously donated prizes for the raffle, these included:

Tiffany Nails; Paul Kay Hair; Oxford Greyhound Stadium; Bibury Trout Farm; Didcot Wave; Roald Dahl Museum; Blenheim Tea Rooms; Planet Ice; Zoomania; The Turnpike; Ivory Hair Design; Central Hair Salon; Holiday Inn.

We said Goodbye to the children who are moving on to school in September, and we wish them many happy school years!

We look forward to welcoming the children back who are staying with us, and to meeting the new starters and their families. All of this will take place after a well deserved Summer break.

*Management Committee*

### Senior Club

We wished three ladies a Happy Birthday in June – Jean, Heidi and Pat. We also had our trip to Swanage. We were lucky to pick one of our few days of summer, with sunshine all day. We stopped as usual for our raffle on the way home.

Our trip in August is to Portsmouth/Southsea on 23<sup>rd</sup>. We leave Yarnton at 9 a.m. – please note first pick-up is at 8.45 a.m.

We are sorry to hear that Beryl (Thomas) had an accident on a coach while holidaying in Cornwall. We hope by now she is on the mend. Also Bill (Jones) was in hospital back in June, and Brian (Talboys) whose recovery has been very slow. Best wishes to you all.

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Within Yarnton we have 25 such groups managed by street coordinators, and it is wholly appropriate that new residents should have the opportunity to become involved. If you would like more information regarding Yarnton Neighbourhood Watch, please contact me on 373871 or email: [evenfredj@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:evenfredj@yahoo.co.uk).

*Fred Jones, Village Coordinator*

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## **Yarnton Gardening Club**

There is no meeting in August. However there is a visit to Woolstone Mill House garden on 11<sup>th</sup> August in the afternoon. It is not too late to join us if you have not already put your name down on the list. Woolstone village lies just below White Horse Hill so the more energetic of us can visit that as well!

*Helen Anderson*

## **Yarnton Care Committee 2012**

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## **Colourful Gardens**

I don't know about you, but I love and get great pleasure from looking at other people's gardens. It cheers me up to see what other folks have done and the show they have made.

I love doing our garden - this year time has been a bit limited, but I have managed to dash into a few garden centres (as my husband would say 'not another garden centre!'). This time, rather than have a planned colour scheme, I have picked up anything that is bright and colourful or even a bit different and put it in the garden. It is coming on well with all the rain we've had and I haven't had to do much watering.

I love spending the odd 5 minutes in the garden dead-heading the flowers or watching the bees and insects that also appreciate the flowers. So if you are passing, I hope you enjoy our colourful garden as I like looking at many of yours.

Update on 'Hoppy' the Rook - sadly hasn't been seen for a few weeks, so maybe nature has taken its course.

On a final happy note - our tadpoles have now grown legs, much to the amusement of our grandchildren.

*Ellen Cocking*

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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 August

##### Woodstock

5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Philip Beuzeval
12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd (Holy Communion)
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	David Harper
26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Jan Grimwood

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!

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

5 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
12 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	David Matthews
19 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Simon Pillinger
26 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Rev. Bob Whorton (Holy Communion)

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Next 'Have Your Say Meeting' will be held at Paternoster Farm Shop on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> August from 12.45 p.m. – 1.30 p.m.

Come along and meet your local police.

### Police Non-Emergency number is 101

*Fred Jones, NHW Coordinator, tel. 373871*

## Village Day 2012

On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June the third Yarnton Village Day was held at Yarnton Park, this year incorporated with a sponsored walk in aid of Bliss.

Unfortunately the weather and the fact the day clashed with other events resulted in a drop in both organisations involved and residents attending – hopefully those that did found the day worthwhile.

YPF would like to thank all the organisations that were present, the residents that visited, the Village Club for making their facilities available and the Village Hall for the use of tables.

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## Cherwell District Council

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The Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner elections are provisionally scheduled for 15<sup>th</sup> November 2012. To vote you need to be registered by completing and returning the annual registration form, which each household will soon receive. To find out more about registering, visit the election page at [www.cherwell.gov.uk](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk), email [elections@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:elections@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) or phone 01295 227005.

## Can Man and Wildlife live side by side? – our findings

Can man and wildlife live side by side? That's what I said in my last article that I would be exploring in June. My company was Sponsoring the Sunningwell Festival, which had its main stage constructed within the village pond. We recorded some material for our wildlife radio programme 'Going Wild with Wildlife' on Radio Cherwell, which explored whether man and wildlife could actually live side by side if they wanted to. As I said in my last article, I feel that although gardens and streets are manmade, so is the countryside. What we see as countryside is a product of thousands of years of farming and management. Having said that, if we manage it wisely, wildlife will still come. Our findings were that the festival didn't have too much of a detrimental effect on the wildlife, perhaps in some areas it had a positive effect. Mallards happily raised two young, and festival goers could almost see the juveniles grow day by day. The moorhens also continued to raise their young, often spending much of their time under the stage. Bats too had a feeding frenzy during the performances. Lights attracted moths which the bats happily hoovered up. At times, it was raining moth wings as the bats discarded what they didn't eat.

Lots of erosion occurred on the grass areas around the pond. The bare earth is now great for basking dragonflies, ground nesting bees and house martins, who need wet mud to build and repair their nests. Plus the cutting back of some of the undergrowth so the stage could be constructed, in a roundabout way may help provide growth of different ages, which in turn may attract more wildlife than you might do if you had growth of all the same age and stage. For example, grass of differing lengths is great for hedgehogs, as they have a wider range of food available to them.

It was interesting to hear what people assume wildlife gardening means during our involvement. Some feel it's doing nothing and letting the wildlife fend for itself, others think it's just about wildflowers and never weeding. Our job was to educate people into realising it's more about growing lots of different things and just not letting anything dominate. The choice of plants is up to you, it's the variety of types that matters. Happy Gardening.

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Thank you to everyone who supported us at the Village Day. Our Jubilee Bear's name was Harry, guessed correctly by Julie Hilsdon and there were 236 sweets in the jar.

Gemma Boodell's guess was closest (230) and in total we raised £40 for Joanne Dickson's charity BLISS.

We do not have a meeting in August, but instead have our coach outing to Bletchley Park on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August. If you find at the last minute that you would like to come, then please ring Rosemary Barker on 01865 730188 for information.

We have arranged a meal for members to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September at the Woodstock Masonic Hall, 7 p.m. for 7.30 p.m. The cost for a 3-course meal is £16. If you would like to put your name down for this, please contact Carol on 377911; she will also be able to give you the menu choices.

*Ruth Astall*

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OxBEL recruits and trains volunteers to befriend people who are facing the end of life and may be isolated and alone or just need someone to talk to. We offer top quality training, regular one-to-one support, bi-monthly peer support groups (well-attended - our volunteers get a lot out of connecting with one another), and the opportunity to really make a difference to someone's life. Volunteers visit the person they befriend just once each week at a mutually convenient time.

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