# YARNTON VILLAGE

News

## NOVEMBER 2012

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

Thur.1 <sup>st</sup>	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time),
Fri.2 <sup>nd</sup>	Village Hall, 10 a.m.
	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
Sat. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.
Mon.5 <sup>th</sup>	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon.5 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon.5 <sup>th</sup>	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Wed.7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)
Wed.7 <sup>th</sup>	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed.7 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Wed.7 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Thur. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 8 <sup>th</sup>	W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7 p.m.
Sat. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.
Tue. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society, Yarnton Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Thur. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Senior Club Christmas Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30 p.m.
Thur.22 <sup>nd</sup>	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.
Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Yarnton Brass Band Annual Concert, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

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#### **Copy Deadline for December Issue**

Material for inclusion in the December Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. 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 January 2013 issue is Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.



Yarnton W.I.

Following a very successful Harvest Supper meeting in October, our speaker this month is Bil Brown, who will be telling us about his work as a stone carver. This will be an Open Evening, so anyone - male or female - is welcome to come along. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th November at 7.45 p.m.

We shall have our usual book stall, and tea hostesses are Diane Dennis, Margaret Earnshaw, Pam Faulkner and **Jackie Fenton**.

Dates for your diary: 'Within Living Memory'. We are organising a Reminiscence afternoon in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th November from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. We shall have the WI photo albums and other WI memorabilia, and also other items from the past 'within living memory'. If you have anything which you think would be of interest for this afternoon, then please bring it along.

Tour of Christchurch College. This will take place on Thursday 29th November. We shall meet at Tom Gate at 3 p.m. and have a guided tour of the college, tea, and then attend Evensong in the Cathedral. The afternoon will finish around 7 p.m. For more information, or to put your name down, please contact Rosemary Barker on 730188 (evenings only). Ruth Astall

#### Thank you

My family and I would like to thank all our friends both in the village and further afield, for their visits to Peter during his illness, and for their help and support during this time and since his sad death. It has given us so much comfort to know how many people care.

Our thanks also go to everyone at the surgery and on the district nursing team, who were a tremendous help. Thank you.

Ruth Astall

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#### **Autumn treats**

I was excited to find on my October bike rides those wonderfully shiny brown conkers, but, as I thought, not so many as usual. We had some strong winds back in the spring which blew all the baby conkers off the tree - but obviously a few survived. The horse chestnut (conker) trees have a disease which makes the leaves curl up and turn brown, so let's hope they survive.

My husband and I have been busy working in our field. The hay was cut very late, but once the bales had been taken off we had to tidy up around the edges. We strimmed and clipped, making it look very nice. We piled up all the cuttings in a heap, so now I can't wait to have a bonfire. I just love watching the flames and hearing the crackles and seeing sparks go high up into the sky.

I also look forward to seeing the fireworks as they light up the sky with such lovely colours.

Hope you have good fun on Bonfire night, and happy nature watching during November. Still lots to look out for - holly berries, deer in the fields, frosty leaves and dewy spiders webs.

Ellen Cocking



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**Team Rector:** The Reverend Canon Adrian Daffern, tel. 01993 811415, Email: <u>rectorblenheim@btinternet.com</u> **Team Vicar:** The Reverend Nathan Jarvis, tel. 01865 375749, 26 Church Lane, Yarnton

I remember when.....

At the time of writing, we have just celebrated Harvest; in fact, it was my first Sunday in the parishes, and all went really well. The singing was wonderful, the flowers and Harvest decorations were lovely, and all felt very autumnal. It seems a little odd to be writing about Remembrance Sunday, but by the time you read this, it will all make sense.

Harvest and Remembrance Sunday to my mind go hand in hand. Harvest is all about celebrating all the hard work that those who produce our food put in, and thanking God for it. Remembrance and remembering is all about giving thanks for those who have given their lives, both in the two world wars, and also to communities like this one. Remembering, especially those who have died, is something we all do, from the youngest toddler remembering Grandma, to those recently bereaved. Those who are also nearing the end of their lives often speak of memories from many years ago, time spent with their parents, long gone, in the mist of history. We yearn for the times when we felt safe, memories that make us smile or laugh or cry.

Our recollections of years gone by are, however, also a part of now, part of our lives as we live them. We are shaped by our experiences of other people, of our families, of those we remember from years ago, perhaps even a friendly Vicar who told us off for scrumping apples (this is an actual memory of a lovely lady I met walking her dog the other day)! Our experience, our personal histories, shape our present and the future.

What does this time of remembering mean to you? For me, it is a time for reflection. It is a time for giving thanks, and a time to take stock of our lives, to measure them against the past and see how we are shaping up. Whatever your feelings at this time of year, you can bring them along to your church. The simple act of lighting a candle or saying a silent prayer ensures that we pay respect, remember and learn from what has passed.

This year, we have the usual services at St. Bartholomew's and you are ALL invited to come. Come and join your prayers with the tens of thousands that have been offered in this place throughout the centuries. Be part of the past, present and future of Yarnton in a special way this Remembrance-tide.

I look forward to seeing you all and pray that we will be able to honour the past and build upon it. Fr Nathan Jarvis.

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(see also regular service times below)



#### November

Fri. 2nd

7 p.m. All Souls Service, a Service of Remembering, by candlelight.

(please write the names in the book near the entrance of those to be read in the Roll of Honour during the service) Sun 11<sup>th</sup> 10.30 a.m. Sunday Morning Service with

> Act of Remembrance 3 p.m. Official Act of Remembrance with Band and Procession starting at the end of Church Lane

#### **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.

#### Weekday Service

Wednesday 9.30 a.m., St. Bartholomew's



#### WEDDINGS

If you wish to be married in St.

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Jarvis as soon as possible in your planning if you wish to be married in church.

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membership of the church. Anyone wishing to be baptised, or wanting to have their child baptised at St. Bartholomew's should contact Rev'd. Nathan Jarvis.

**Churchwardens: Dougie Fairhurst,** 98 Great Close Road, Yarnton, tel. 01865 371096

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## **Fireworks**

## Show

#### Sat. 10th November 2012

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Tickets in advance from Paternoster Farm Shop or Yarnton Post Office :£3 a person or £10 for a family (2 adults and 3 children)

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#### **Book Reading Group**

The Book Reading Group's book for discussion in November is 'Balzac and the Little Seamstress' by Dai Sijie'. The December book is 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' by Rachel Joyce .New members always welcome. Contact number: 371656.



#### **News from William Fletcher School PTA**

Last year we managed to raise an amazing £4441, and spent over £3000 on a range of items for the school, including money towards school visits, the life bus and books for classrooms. Thank you to everyone who has given their time over the last academic year to support the work of the PTA.

Looking forward to this academic year, the school would like to develop the school grounds by providing areas for the children to enhance their learning experiences, and continue to improve the stock of current library books. We have many activities planned for the year, including a Hallowe'en Disco for the children followed by a Ladies Pamper and Shopping Evening on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. Tickets for Ladies Night are now on sale. Prices are £3, + a free drink if bought in advance, or £4 on the door. Doors will open at 7.30 p.m. We welcome all ladies, and have some fabulous goodies, treatments, and a cheap bar on offer. Do come along and support the PTA in raising funds for the school.

For further information please contact William Fletcher School on 372301, or Jennie Miles on 07887 870357. *William Fletcher PTA* 

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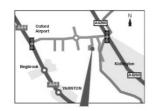
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#### Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November Dr. Eric Sidebottom, of the Dunn School of Pathology, is coming to talk about 'Penicillin'. Oxford scientists played an essential part in its development as an antibiotic, and Dr Sidebottom's talk will tell us all about it. We meet at **Yarnton** Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. Visitors most welcome (£2 including refreshments). *Helen Anderson* 

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#### Yarnton Bandits Golf Society update

#### Tiger blows them away!

Tiger Graham Woods retained the claret jug in some style, blowing away the opposition and cruising to an 11 shot victory.

Results from both days at the Meon Valley Golf Club were: Day 1. 1<sup>st</sup> Graham Woods 36pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Tatham; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ben Davis; nearest the pin, Sam White, np2, Carolyn Sampson.

Day 2. 1<sup>st</sup> Graham Woods; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam White; 3<sup>rd</sup> Carolyn Sampson; nearest the pin, Ben Davis, np2, Tom Watson, Sam Radley.



Yarnton Gardening Club

On Thursday **22<sup>nd</sup> November (please note change of date)** Robert Jacobs will tell us about 'Waterperry Gardens and its herbaceous border'. If you have never been to Waterperry, this talk should be a very good introduction. It is always well worth a visit. Meetings take place in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. Visitors welcome. *Helen Anderson* 

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#### **Senior Club**

In August we had our trip to Portsmouth/Southsea. Again the weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed their day, which ended with our raffle.

We had four birthdays in September, Barbara, Frances, Harold and Jim (who was 90 years old). As usual we all sang Happy Birthday and passed on our good wishes. We welcomed two new members: Julie Ellis and Sandra Every. Julie has been one of us on our coach outings for many years, as was her late mother and other friends, but now it is Julie and her friend Sandra, so we were pleased when they also joined our Club.

Also in September we had our last trip to the seaside this year, to Weston-super-Mare. This time we all saw the sea as it was high tide at 10.56 a.m. that day, and we also saw the sun, so we hall had a pleasant day, ending with our raffle. On 27<sup>th</sup> September we started our usual meeting with a fish 'n' chip lunch cooked by Mark in his mobile van in the car park.

Our last event of the year is on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, again in the Village Hall, and this will be our Christmas Lunch, followed by the last meeting of 2012 on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. *Jose Green, tel.* 375644

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**Parish Office**: The Parish Office in the village hall is in 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:** 14<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December 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

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and guidance; in the absence of a persuasive very special circumstances case the development is considered to be inappropriate development in the Green Belt, adversely affecting its openness, and therefore contrary to Policies CO4 and SP5 of the South East Plan 2009, saved Policy GB1 of the adopted Cherwell Local Plan and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

12/01114/F. 17 Rutten Lane, erection of double garage etc. Granted 28.09.12.

**Meadow Way Footpath:** The footpath and bridge over the ditch between Meadow Way and the A44 footpath/ cycle track has now been completed, with favourable comments by users on the improvements. The improvements were possible from the funding available from the Oxfordshire County Council grant fund available to County Councillors, which Michael Gibbard was able to use for this purpose of community need.

**Grants:** Village organisations are reminded that applications for a grant from the Parish Council must be received in writing to the Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2012 latest, and cannot be considered after that date. Applicants must explain why they are making the request, and specify the sum they are applying for, and enclose their latest statement of accounts, and also confirm that any grant awarded last year was used in the manner applied for. Successful applicants will receive the grant in April 2012.

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**Cherwell District Council Housing Scheme:** Cherwell D.C. is currently reviewing its Allocation Scheme, in line with the changes brought about by the Localism Act, the newly issued Central Government Code of Guidance, and changes within Cherwell, such as the Build! Self build programme. The proposals include the following changes,

- Restricting access to the Housing Register to applicants with a local connection to Cherwell, who are in housing need and do not have sufficient financial resources to find their own housing solution.
- Changes to the size of property and number of bedrooms a household is eligible to qualify for, to fit the incoming benefit rules and Central government guidance.
- Changes to the number of offers a statutorily homeless applicant can receive.

**Oxfordshire Youth Bus:** The Youth Facilities Bus will be in attendance each Wednesday throughout the winter months from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. in Yarnton Park. At a time when youth provision is being reduced across the county Yarnton residents are fortunate to have such a facility available for young people. The bus is in great demand and well attended last year and proved very popular.









#### Independent Retailer of the Year Winner - 2012 Retail industry Awards

You may have already heard, but at end of September Fraser's Budgens of Yarnton was awarded **Independent Retailer of the** Year at the **2012 Retail Industry Awards**! The Retail industry awards are known as the 'Oscars' of the awards season, and to win the top honour for stores under 3,000 sq. feet really is remarkable. It is only the second forecourt to win this prestigious award, and we beat off some serious competition around the UK. **Congratulations to all the staff** who all work extremely hard to get the store up to the standard required to meet the judge's tough demands. The store would like to say a huge **thank you** to all of our loyal customers who make the store what it is today.

#### <u>Ioin our Club</u>...

Always looking at ways to improve, Fraser's Budgens is pleased to announce our new **Platinum Club**. The Platinum club will be launched on 1<sup>st</sup> November and looks to **reward our loyal customers** with special offers each month. **From half price car washes throughout the week, to money-offer products** in store, we think you'll love it! Just log onto <u>www.frasersbudgens.co.uk</u> or ask in store for more details.

#### **Christmas Turkeys from the Meat Joint**

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Once again, the store will be supporting **Movember** (in November). This charity supports the number one and two male specific cancers - prostate and testicular cancer. **You may well see a member of staff or two sprouting a moustache, so please do donate your change**. We will also be holding a raffle; you will be able to buy tickets at the tills all throughout Movember!

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

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

#### <u>Car Wash</u>

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

For our September meeting we listened to Maureen Dawes talking to us about Dogs for the Disabled. This is a Banbury-based charity, although it is widely used throughout the UK. We were introduced to a beautiful one- year-old black labrador who remained silent and mostly asleep throughout our meeting. These dogs are chosen for their quiet, gentle and obedient nature and have proved to be a great benefit as companions, guides and friends to children and adults who need fairly constant care. The charity was formed in 1988 and continues to flourish, with over 250 dogs now given to clients throughout the country. This charity receives no outside help other than from charitable donations and fund raising efforts. The dogs are socialised for around 6-8 weeks and then given training for the needs ahead for about a year before being given to someone who needs the valuable help these dogs can provide.

Earlier in the month we enjoyed a splendid outing to the Jewellery Centre in Birmingham. Ladies Probus very much enjoyed this trip and learned about the workshops that made jewellery from fragments of gold from about 1880 until the 1980s. Workers were not allowed to wear trousers with turn-ups or use anything that may encourage the gold to stick to their hair or get in their clothes. We saw the very heavy machinery that was used and in turn some beautiful jewellery displayed. For further information or details of membership please contact 01993 812025. Sandy Rasch

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#### Neighbourhood Watch

**Burglaries in the Kidlington area** have risen slightly recently, and with Christmas approaching it is possible that the trend may continue. As previously advised, residents are encouraged to keep presents out of sight at ground floor level. Many opportunist burglaries take place as a result of items left on view through ground floor windows.

**Ownership of a computer** can bring its own security problems. To obtain advice in relation to online safety go to <u>www.getsafeonline.org</u>.

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#### Attracting moths to a garden

OK, so it's article-writing time, and what should I write about this time? How about moths? Something we often take for granted, but also something that if we can attract into our garden, it really does indicate we have the microecho system reasonably in balance.

The choice of plants in our gardens is the key here. as some plants really do attract particular species of moth. Leaving a moderate patch of willow herb, often considered to be a weed, can attract Elephant Hawk moths. The caterpillars are fantastic looking things, like furry slugs, with huge big eyes. Well, you think they are its eyes, when actually these markings are on its rear end, which rear up at you quite fearsomely if the caterpillar feels threatened. Its head is at the other end. It has a long nose, which is why it is called Elephant Hawk Moth. When it's in its adult moth form, it can be very pink in colour. Just stunning. Verbascum, or mullein as it is sometimes known, both white and dark, is the food plant of the larvae of the Striped Lychnis Moth. These larvae have also been found on ornamental verbascum as well, so they seem adaptable, as most of the ornamental types are non-native and foreign to this country.

If you are planting a new hedge, try incorporating some native berberis, as this in turn attracts a rare and protected species of moth called the Barberry Carpet Moth. I had the privilege of visiting a site in Oxfordshire two days ago where you can still find this moth; can't reveal where though as it's a protected species, and this was a confidential site as it's one of only three in the country where it can be found. Also two days ago, a huge Convolvulus Hawk Moth was found in an Oxford garden, attracted by white nicotiana.



So you see, wildlife gardening is a mosaic of interconnected parts, and I hope these articles are getting you to think a little more carefully about how you garden, so that the wildlife has a chance.

Happy gardening.

Stuart Mabbutt, Wildlife Gardening Specialist, tel. 01865 747243

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## Community Learning at the Marlborough School, Woodstock

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Some of the classes start later than originally advertised, so don't assume you are too late to join, and others can be joined at any point in the term:

#### School's Out Holiday Activity Programme

The programme will not be running in the December holiday this year.

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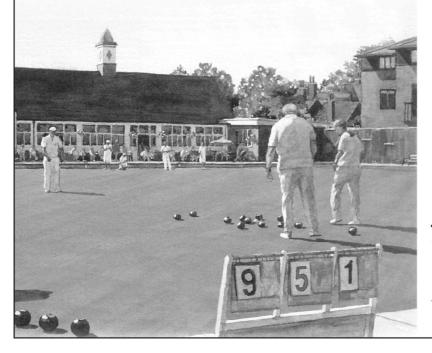
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#### The Oxfordshire Museum Exhibition in Woodstock:

17<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. – 4.45 p.m. Sunday 2 p.m. – 4.45 p.m.

www.tomocc.org.uk ; oxon.museum@oxfordshire.gov.uk Old Fire Station Gallery:

4<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Tuesday to Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday 12 noon – 5 p.m.

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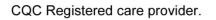
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My thanks to whoever thought of the project and those who have put it into action. From a grateful Yarnton resident. Name and address supplied

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#### **Youth Club**

It seems that more than a few would like to see a youth club established in Yarnton, so I just wanted to ask if anyone is interested in getting together and thinking it through. I have a few basic ideas, but would really appreciate more input.

Do you have experience running such a thing? Do you have any ideas on the subject? Are you someone who has knowledge regarding the legal side of things, e.g. CRB, health and safety, insurance, etc?

All info/ideas/suggestions are most welcome. Please contact me if you are willing to discuss! Many thanks.

Kim Osmond, tel. 451176, email: kimosmond@rocketmail.com

#### **St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Kidlington St. Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church, Woodstock** Parish Priest: Fr. Christopher Greaney, B.A., S.T.B.

#### **Times of Mass**

St. Thomas More Saturday Vigil 6 p.m. 11 a.m. Sunday Weekdays Tuesday 9.30 a.m. Wednesdav 9.30 a.m. Thursday 9.30 a.m. Fridav 12 noon Saturday 10 a.m. St. Hugh of Lincoln 9.30 a.m. Sunday 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. Baptism and Marriage by appointment.

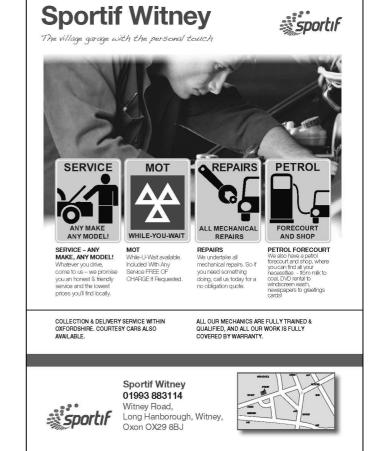
Young children go into the sacristy for part of the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass to celebrate their own liturgy. Coffee is served after the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Hugh and after the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More. St. Thomas More Primary School is next to the Catholic Church in Kidlington. If you would 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.

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

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 November

#### Woodstock

$4^{\text{th}}$	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Bob Whorton
		(Holy Communion)
$11^{\text{th}}$	9.45 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
$18^{\text{th}}$	10.30 a.m.	John Wesley Society
		(Student Group)
$25^{th}$	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Martyn Atkins
		(Church Anniversary)

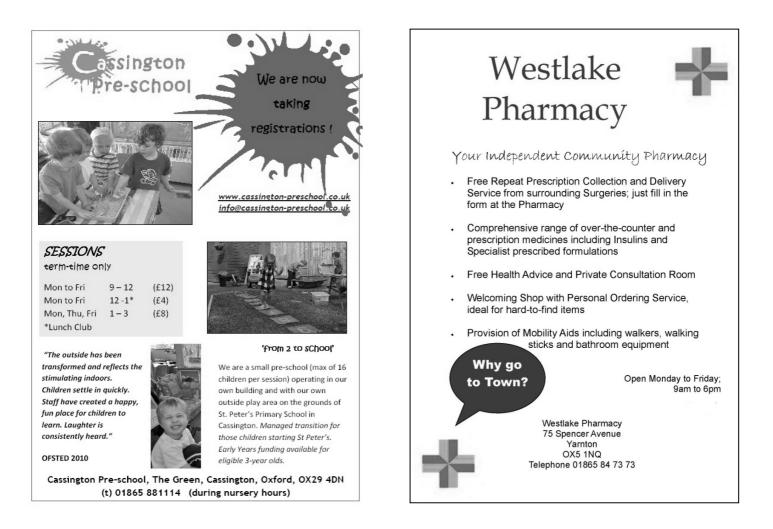
We also have a Junior Church which meets every week at 10.30 a.m. and ranges in age from two to early teens. The first part of the morning is shared with the adults in church before we then go round to the church hall to share in our own activities. We are always delighted to see new members, whether 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

$4^{th}$	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
$11^{\text{th}}$	10 a.m.	Rev. Judy Turner-Smith
$18^{th}$	10 a.m.	John Wesley Society
		(Student Group)
$25^{th}$	10 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd

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



#### **Aspire Oxford**

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In 2011 we supported over 200 clients on our enterprises, 100 of whom attended work placement opportunities with local employers. We are proud to say that last year 56 Aspire trainees secured paid employment in the mainstream job market, 35 into part-time positions and a further 21 into permanent full-time posts, allowing them to withdraw from the welfare benefit system.

#### **The Recycling Enterprise**

We launched our fledgling clothes and fabric recycling enterprise in the summer of 2010, and have seen the project grow from strength to strength. Through a drop off/collection point at Burford Garden Centre members of the public donate any unwanted goods to Aspire (clothes, shoes, fabrics, soft furnishings, books, household items etc). We collect and transport them to our Oxford base where trainees sort, repair, price or rebag. Good quality items are sold on through our ebay charity account or market stall, while low quality goods are sold on in bulk to large scale recycling companies. We are currently exploring ways to expand our resale options and are in discussions with Oxfam retail. This enterprise has demonstrated its financial viability over the past eighteen months, as just one collection point at Burford Garden Centre has generated £9000 of revenue (£500 per ton). We currently have 10 bins in the Oxfordshire community. and we are looking to site another 5 bins. Each bin is personalised to the community in which it serves, and will be updated with new advertising keeping the communities abreast of the difference their generosity has made, not only to the lives of the people we work with but to the community itself.

We were also recently winners of the Oxfordshire Business Awards for Charity and Community of the year award. If this is something you may be interested in, then please let me know, and I would be more than happy to meet with you or have a discussion around this opportunity. Also, if you would like to see the bin in all its glory, there is one situated on Monument Park which services the businesses. Ian Adshead, Operations Manager, Aspire Oxford, St. Thomas' School, 6, Osney Lane, OX1 1NJ. Tel. 01865 204450, m: 07799060046. www.aspireoxford.co.uk

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