

News



We wish all our readers a happy and peaceful Christmas

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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Sat.1 st	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.
Mon.3 rd	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)
Mon.3 rd	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)
Mon.3 rd	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Wed.5 th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)
Wed.5 th	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed.5 th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Wed.5 th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Thur.6 th	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time),
	Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Fri.7 th	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
Fri. 7 th /Sat.8 th	YAPS Pantomime, Pirates of the Panto, Village Hall (see inside for times)
Sat.8 th	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.
Wed.12 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7 p.m.
Thur.13 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur.13 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 15 th	Advent Craft Day, 10 a.m. – 2.30 p.m., St. Bartholomew's
Sat.15 th	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.
Thur.20 th	Gardening Club AGM and Social, members only, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Sun. 23 rd	Christingle and Carol Service, 6 p.m., St. Bartholomew's
Mon. 24 th	Crib Service, 5 p.m., Midnight Mass, 11 p.m., St. Bartholomew's
Tue. 25 th	Christmas Day Service, 11 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Mon.31 st	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8.15 p.m. – 11.30 p.m.
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Thur. 3 rd	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
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Material for inclusion in the January 2013 Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 7th December. 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 February 2013 issue is Friday 4th January.

Your Village News

I know that many of you look forward to receiving your copy of the Village News and finding out what's going on in Yarnton each month. As the village continues to grow, more people offer to help deliver to a particular road or area, and there are now 36 volunteers who, between them, deliver the 1400 copies which are printed each month. As Distribution Organiser I'd like to thank all of them for their help.

Of course, sometimes a distributor will miss a month due to illness or holidays, and when this happens I ask one of my few 'reserve' volunteers to step into the breach. I don't need to call on them very often, but it's good to have them as back-up. If you feel you could offer occasional help, or if you'd be happy to take on a monthly commitment as and when a vacancy occurs, please contact me with your details. The average delivery probably takes about half an hour and offers gentle exercise and an opportunity to admire your neighbours' front gardens! Finally, I'd like to take this opportunity of thanking Paternoster Farm Shop and the Post Office at Fraser's Budgens who hold a small supply of current newsletters if the dog has chewed yours before you got to read it. *Frances Peck, tel. 374708*

Senior Club

Our last trip of the year was on 18th October, which was to Northampton. On this occasion we stopped in services on the way to draw our raffle, then on to Northampton. Again we were blessed with beautiful sunshine and a very happy crew arrived home at 6 p.m. We had six trips in all and on every one we had sunshine and lovely weather, which was a miracle after our so-called summer. We would like to thank everyone who supported these days out, especially non-members, whom we hope felt most welcome. Also in October we sang Happy Birthday to four members: Richard, Margaret, Kath and Brian. We only have one meeting in December; this is on 13th and our New Year starts on 3rd January 2013, so this just leaves us to say Happy Christmas and Happy New year to everyone, and many thanks to the editorial committee of the Yarnton Village News.

Jose Green, tel. 375644







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EVERYONE WELCOME



Yarnton W.I.

For our December meeting we shall have a demonstration of Christmas Flower Arranging by The Flower Shop, late of Yarnton Nurseries. The competition will be for a Christmas brooch (please note this is not as advertised on our programme). We shall have seasonal refreshments and a raffle. We meet in Yarnton Village Hall on Thursday 13th December at 7.45 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. Tea hostesses are Wendy Haddleton, Ruby Haynes, Elizabeth Holdak and Peggy Howells.

Punch and Mince Pies. Sheila and Michael Westall's annual social event is on Sunday 16th December at 1 Stocks Tree Close from 11.45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to come along and get into the festive spirit. *Ruth Astall*

Yarnton Amateur Players Christmas Pantomime ' Pirates of the Panto'

Yarnton Amateur Players are proud to bring you their latest swashbuckling, action-packed, adventure-filled family pantomime, 'Pirates of the Panto'. Jump aboard for an entertaining story of buried treasure, sunken ships and drunken sailors.

We set sail on Friday 7th December at 7.30 p.m. and Saturday 8th December at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Tickets are priced at £8 each (concessions £5). Don't miss the boat - book now for tickets! *Sue Oliver, tel. 460349*

Cherwell District Council



All I want for a waste-free Christmas!

Christmas is on its way, and with all the presents, parties and puddings it can sometimes lead to a lot of leftovers, of the packaging and food kind. So we have got some handy and helpful tips on reducing, reusing and recycling this Christmas.

- Count down to Christmas by eating food from the freezer. It clears space for leftovers and makes use of what's already there, saving money in the run up to the celebrations.
- When you go to do your big Christmas shop, take any recycling which you can't recycle at home, like glass bottles and jars, with you to the supermarket recycling banks.
- Why not look out for presents made from recycled material this Christmas? A growing range of clothes, furniture and even electronic goods contain recycled material and will make perfect 'green' gifts this Christmas.
- A whole range of jars from cranberry sauce to baby food can all be recycled: just give them a rinse in your leftover washing up water and recycle them at your local recycling site.
- If you're having visitors to stay this Christmas, let them know where your blue recycling bin is and what goes in it. You can also get the kids involved in the household recycling routine while they're on Christmas holidays.
- Remember, there are lots of unexpected Christmas items you can recycle in the blue bin like sweet tins, tin foil and aerosols.
- Don't forget that you can recycle your Christmas cards when you take them down on twelfth night. You can put them in the blue bin with your paper and card recycling.
- Remember if you do have extra recycling over the Christmas period, you can put it out next to your blue bin/box in a clear plastic bag or cardboard box. We will collect all the extra recycling presented in this way. Real Christmas trees can also be recycled by putting them next to your brown bin on collection day.
- For more information on reducing, reusing and recycling this Christmas check out our twitter account @CherwellRecycle
- <u>www.lovefoodhatewaste.org.uk</u>. <u>www.recyclenow.com</u>

Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

Winners of the draw on 1st November were:

- 146 Mr. A. Adkins133 Mr. J. Parsons
- 25 Mrs. V. Stepney93 Mrs. I. Hall
- J. Parsons 93 Mrs. J. Hall

Eynsham Choral Society Christmas concert

Sat 1st December, 7.30 p.m. at St. Leonard's Church, Eynsham – featuring Charpentier Messe de Minuit and Finzi In Terra Pax with orchestra and soloists. Tickets £12/£10 from Evenlode DIY, or contact Margaret Owen (<u>meowen@ntlworld.com</u>, tel. 01865 455492).





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Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society

The History Society's next meeting is on 15th January 2013. There is no meeting in December. *Helen Anderson*

Winter nature news

I am writing this in the middle of the Leicestershire countryside. We are on grandparents duty and had to leave home at 6 a.m. (that's devotion for you!). The clocks had gone back and it was still dark, but as we travelled a wonderful bright moon appeared from behind the clouds. As we drove along it was amazing to see the dawn gradually appear, and even though there was no special sunrise, suddenly everything looked bright. Two exciting bits of nature news:

We have had 3 knocks on the door asking us to collect stranded hedgehogs. It is great to see them curl up into a prickly ball, and wonderful to show them to our grandchildren close up so they can really study them – a good way to learn.

A question – has anyone heard the noise a squirrel makes? Whilst I was over at my Mum's recently, I called my husband outside to identify a bird sound - I thought it was a jay, but to our surprise it turned out to be a squirrel, sitting crossly on a branch obviously defending his territory – great to hear something new.

Hopefully we will be putting up our Christmas lights again this year – so don't forget to walk up Aysgarth Road over the festive time and ponder on the true meaning of Christmas with the Nativity scene in our front garden. As our granddaughter said last year when it was raining 'I'm just going to wipe Joseph's nose – he's got a drip on the end of it!'

HAPPY CHRISTMAS Ellen Cocking



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This week at church, we are planting bulbs, not one of my favourite jobs. It seems like so much effort when you have to wait so long to see any fruits for your labour. These funny looking brown blobs sit in the cold ground until they see fit to spring forth and brighten up the spring. It amazes me every year. Just when you think the garden is looking bleak and boring, up pop these hardy blooms to cheer up the winter. By the time you read this, they will be sitting in their icy beds awaiting the allotted time, waiting for the natural scheme of things to kick in. It seems to me that it is a bit like that with God.

Having just arrived in the parish, I can see so many things that are about to spring forth, projects and ideas, excited parishioners wanting to work for the community here in Yarnton. It is wonderful to watch. Such enthusiasm, drive and passion goes in to making a church and a village flourish; such effort to arrange friendship lunches, parties and get-togethers that strengthen our life together. Sometimes though, we don't always see the result of our labours straight away. It takes time. As a rather impatient chap, I don't like waiting. I want everything done yesterday, so bulb planting has a lot to teach me this year.

Watching and waiting is what the church does best, and we are about to go into a wonderful season of looking forward, of expectation and hope. Advent is a great time of preparation, getting the ground ready, if you like, for the springing forth of Christmas. I would suggest that it is worth taking the time to think about what this season is all about. If we simply ignore Advent, as most people do, we plunge head first into Christmas, and don't really understand what it is all about. We have forgotten the seasons, especially those that belong to our church. All the major supermarkets had 'seasonal stock' in weeks ago. Crazy. So, my challenge to you, just as we all think about eating seasonal veg. etc, is to think about seasonal celebration. Take time this year to prepare, to watch and to wait, to pause and to think. Christmas is not around the corner, it is at the end of a journey called Advent. Let's walk it together.

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CHURCH DIARY

(see also regular service times below)



December

Journeying with the Magi: An Advent Course for Yarnton and Begbroke

Each Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Begbroke Church, followed by Mince Pies and Mulled Wine

Saturday 15th Advent Craft Day, 10 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. Please come along to our fun day for children of all ages. We will be making decorations for the church and to take home. Including a Fish and Chip lunch. FREE EVENT.

6 p.m. Christingle and Carol Service Sunday 23rd Christmas Eve 5 p.m. Crib Service

11 p.m. Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 11 a.m. Morning Service

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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Bartholomew's should contact Rev'd. Nathan Jarvis.

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Tuesday Post-Natal Pilates 3.15pm-4.15pm British Legion (bring your baby along!)

Wednesday Intermediate Pilates 7pm –8pm William Fletcher School

For more information or to book your place call Andrea Finnigan (dip ONT dip FTST) 0771 421 9793











Yarnton Gardening Club

On Thursday 20th December it is our AGM and Christmas social for members only. This will take place in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. Please let Gill Rowbotham (tel. 377623) know what food you will be bringing, if you haven't done so yet. *Helen Anderson*



Book Reading Group

The Book Reading Group's book for discussion in December is 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' by Rachel Joyce. January's book is 'The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner' by Alan Sillitoe. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. Contact number 371656. *Helen Anderson*



Free Cycle and Push Scooter Security Coding

This Free of Charge service sponsored by Yarnton Parish Council will be available to village residents on Saturday 12th January 2013 10 a.m. – 12 noon at Paternoster Farm Shop, Cassington Road, Yarnton. Bring along your items, in particular new cycles purchased as Christmas gifts. *Fred Jones, Yarnton Neighbourhood Watch*

Neighbourhood Watch

Dwelling Burglaries have occurred locally and are currently being investigated by the police. As published in previous articles, residents are urged to ensure that all groundfloor windows and doors are secured when homes are unoccupied. This includes side and rear gates to back gardens.

Acts of Anti Social Behaviour should always be reported to the police. If it's important enough to offend you, it's worth reporting to the police.

Small Repairs Service. Need someone reliable and trustworthy for those relatively small jobs you cannot tackle? Contact Cherwell District Council on 0844 8330310 or visit <u>www.cherwell.gov.uk</u> for further details.

Thames Valley Alert. If you want to find out more about what is going on where you live visit

<u>www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk</u>. You can receive updates via email, phone or text.

Many Thanks to the 25 Neighbourhood Watch Street Coordinators in our village who support our community by distributing information provided by Thames Valley Police to their groups. Your contribution is invaluable. On behalf of Yarnton NHW I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

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BIR HDAY

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<u>Christmas is here!</u> This year we have even **more offers** for you to get into the Christmas spirit! From party food to party wine, we can help you create your perfect Christmas celebration; from turkeys to sprouts, let us help you with your Christmas lunch. We have it all at Fraser's Budgens; all at a great price too, with **half price wines and champagnes to 3 for £10** on a whole host of party food. Remember, you can pre-order your top quality Christmas turkeys and food through the Meat Joint (see below) or the Budgens turkeys will be in store from the 20th December. That's not all; to get **more great offers** you can join our **Platinum club** to take advantage of our exclusive Platinum Club vouchers and offers in the store.

PLATINUM CLUB

Join our Club... With the Platinum Club up and running, more and more customers are making the most of our exclusive vouchers and offers. Come and join our club to get offers available to our Platinum Club members. By joining you will be entitled to 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. But don't worry, if you don't have access to the internet you can still get a card and be entitled to some of the great offers, just by showing your card!

Christmas Turkeys from the Meat Joint

After the success of last year, we have again teamed up with the **The Meat Joint** to offer all our customers the opportunity to get their **Christmas turkeys with all the trimmings from the store.** The Meat Joint source **only the finest turkeys and geese** for you to **pre-order here in store**, ready to pick up at a later date. The turkeys are **free range, top quality and traditionally reared in Oxfordshire** by renowned farm **Peachcroft**. You can also order a whole host of other fantastic meats and top quality Christmas food too. Make sure you pre book yours by filling out the Christmas order form in store.

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!

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Budgens

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.	
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		

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.

10.30



Chairman: Steve Lenhardt, 07941 063021 Treasurer: Sue White, 07786 150112

Yarnton Bandits golf update

Captain Byrne sails in.

Captain Richard Byrne came good in the October meeting at the Chiltern Forest Golf Course. Res. 1st Richard Byrne 2nd Paul Kilcoyne 3rd Sam Radley Nearest the pin Sam Radley



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The Kidlington (*Yarnton & Begbroke*) Netball Club, established in this area several years ago, continues to offer regular netball to women and girls of all standards. Our *Club Night* for the Winter season is *Tuesdays at Rutten Lane, Yarnton 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.* and provides training for those who are participating in our regular league matches, as well as Back to Netball for those taking up the game at a more recreational pace. The club runs several adult league teams in the Oxfordshire League which is now playing at the new floodlit Oxfordshire Netball Centre at Marston.

U16, U14, U12 and Highfive sessions are supported by our coaches as we seek to provide for the next generation of players. Please contact Tess <u>tessa.horn@gmail.com</u> for further information on our junior sessions.

Whatever your age, if you are thinking that netball could be a fun and fitness activity which you would like to participate in, do consider coming along to our club.

More information from: Club Secretary - Paula - kidlington.netball@hotmail.co.uk.



Yarnton Parish Council

Clerk: Lynne Whitley

Office: Village Hall, The Paddocks, Yarnton, OX5 1TE. Tel. 378476. e-mail:<u>clerk@phonecoop.coop</u> 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 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: 12th December and 9th January 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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Granted. 12/01274/F. 14 Merton Way, two-storey side extension. Refused.



Parish Clerk: Peter Luke retired at the end of November after holding the position of Parish Clerk for almost 13 years, for which the Parish Council is extremely grateful and would like to wish him a long and healthy retirement. Peter's replacement is Lynne Whitley.

Housing Development at Yarnton Nurseries Site: The Planning Application No. 12/01135/OUT for alterations to the existing Garden Centre and to build 43 dwellings on this site has now been withdrawn.

Grants: Village organisations are reminded that applications for a grant from the Parish Council must be received in writing to the Clerk by 31st 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 2013.

Oxfordshire Youth Bus: The Youth Facilities Bus will be in attendance each Wednesday throughout the winter months from **6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. in Yarnton Park. Please note the change of time.** 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.

Entry to Primary or Infant school – September 2013: If your child was born on or between 1st September 2008 and 31st August 2009, you need to apply for a primary school place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. Parents/Carers <u>must</u> apply by **15th January 2013**, online at

<u>www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions</u> or on paper (forms available from the County Council website or a local school). Please see poster on Parish Council noticeboards.

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Oxford to Stratford Bus Route: The Parish Council has been notified of a change of timetable on Sundays and Public Holidays until Sunday 10th February 2013 for the Service Number 50 Oxford to Stratford route. Please check <u>www.stagecoachbus.com</u> for more details.

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.

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.





Message from The Flower Shop (formerly The Flower Shop Yarnton)

We would like to let all of our customers know that we are no longer situated inside Yarnton Nurseries Garden Centre. We would also like to explain the reasons for this decision, so please read on to find out more ... During the past 18 months it has become very obvious to

us that we are receiving most of our orders and contracts either online through our website and internet search engines or over the telephone. Although we love having our shop as a showroom and a base for our business and we absolutely LOVE chatting to the people passing through the nursery, we have come to realise that, from a financial point of view, the shop is holding us back rather than allowing us to move forward.

We want to be able to offer our services to the whole of Oxfordshire and become a more flexible and efficient company. So in future, all of our orders will be taken online or by telephone. Customers will still be able to email us, view our Facebook page and our Blog for all the latest news and offers, or contact us with any enquiries via our website.

Becoming a more flexible business will mean that we can pass this flexibility on to our customers. We will still offer free, no obligation consultations for our work, whether it be for weddings, sympathy designs, corporate events or workshops. All of these will take place at a venue of the prospective client's choice.

We will still be available seven days a week and, with the exception of some of the Bank Holidays, every day of the year. We will continue to stock the same products and provide the same high quality, fresh hand tied bouquets, cut flowers, floristry sundries and everything else a high street florist would provide. Most of our products are already available to purchase online via our website and further products will be added to our online shop in the coming months, along with further improvements to the general layout of the site.

From a local point of view, our services will still be available in the Yarnton and Kidlington area, and we will, of course, continue with our existing contracts and honour any offers made to local residents during our time at the nursery.

If anyone has any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact us via the usual email addresses and telephone numbers, or via our contact page or through Facebook or Twitter.

We would like to offer thanks to all of our customers for their support in the past, and also to Yarnton Nurseries itself for being such a great support during our time there. Cathy and Liz at The Flower Shop, tel. 01865 890695 or 07512 212283, email

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YOGA in YARNTON

Anita is also a member of the IYA (Iyengar Yoga Association) and has been studying Iyengar Yoga since 1997 and has been teaching since 2006. Individual and small group classes available at 98 Rutten Lane. Please call for details of Yoga classes.



Oxford Vaccine Group University of Oxford Centre for Clinical Vaccinology and Tropical Medicine Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford, OX3 7LE Tel/Fax: 01865 857420 info@ovg.ox.ac.uk



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Evaluating the Immune Response to Two Different Meningitis Vaccines

The Oxford Vaccine Group, part of the University of Oxford, would like to invite you to take part in a study looking at the detailed immune response to meningococcal vaccines.

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What happens in the study?

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A member of the research team would give you 1 dose of a meningococcal vaccine followed by a further meningococcal vaccine one month later. You would have a total of 5 study visits over a 2 month period.

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You would have 24-hour telephone access to the study team throughout the study period should you have any concerns.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. If you would like any further information, please telephone the Oxford Vaccine Group on 01865 857420 or email us at info@ovg.ox.ac.uk

une Response to Two Different Meningitis Vaccines|Information leaflet; Version 1.1; dated 07/06/2012; NRES Committee South Central – Oxford C 12/SC/0275

Oxford Biomedical Research Centre

Kidlington & Yarnton Medical Practice PPG Open Meeting on 31st October

We held the Open Meeting about Carers and Caring on what turned out to be a very wet and windy afternoon, so we didn't have dozens of visitors, but those who did brave the weather found it very useful.

Several organisations and charities were there – some who support carers to give advice, some who can offer care, either residential, in the home or in day centres, and some who can just make life easier with gadgets or help with jobs round the home.

The Organisations who put on displays were: Carers Oxford, Guidepost Trust Independent Living Centre, Bluebird Care (Cherwell), Sanctuary Care - Yarnton Care Home, Daybreak Oxford, Kidlington Good Neighbours Scheme and the Yarnton Care Committee.

All of these are anxious to offer help when needed and were pleased to have the opportunity to get out into the community and show their faces.

A folder with the contact details of all these organisations is available at Yarnton and Kidlington. Just ask at reception if you would like to have a look at it. *Sheila Westall*

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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 December

Woodstock

2^{nd}	8.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(Holy Communion)
	10.30 a.m.	Alan Turner-Smith
9^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Mike Trinder
16^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Judith Atkinson
23^{rd}	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church Christmas
		Presentation
	6 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight
24^{th}	11.15 p.m.	Midnight Communion
		(preceded by mince pies
		from 10.45 p.m.
25^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(All-age Christmas Worship)
30^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship

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! We also have a Christmas Fun Day on Saturday, 22nd December, from 12 noon until 4 p.m. for school age children. For further details, please contact Jonathan.

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Kidlington

Klunngton			
2^{nd}	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall	
9^{th}	10 a.m.	Rachel Norman	
	5 p.m.	Christmas Songs of Praise	
16^{th}	10 a.m.	Hannah Stammers	
	6 p.m.	Carol Service	
23^{rd}	10 a.m.	Rev. Leslie Marsh	
		(Holy Communion)	
24^{th}	3.30 p.m.	Crib Service	
25^{th}	9.30 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall (All-age	
		Christmas Worship)	
30^{th}	10 a.m.	Julie Todd	

The Kidlington church also runs a Junior Church and crèche on Sunday mornings. In addition, we are holding a Christmas Tree Festival on 8th and 9th December, from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on the Saturday and 12 noon – 5 p.m. on the Sunday. All are welcome!









Speed Humps in Cassington Road

As a resident of Yarnton, using the Cassington Road regularly to move to and from my home, I heartily agree with your correspondent (October YVN) objecting to the speed humps.

We have to have the tracking of our car wheels checked regularly (at our own expense) due to the bumps being badly designed, but for the past two years since the winter of 2010 several of the humps have disintegrated causing great concern over the risk of our tyres being cut. We do NOT travel at any speed over these obstructions. We are a small minority of the village who use this road, and I am aware talking to the majority of residents not using this road that there is a lack of understanding. This is only one aspect of the problem - noise, fuel consumption and discomfort apply also. *Enid Anderson*

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Classes beginning in January 2013: (exercise classes can be joined at any point during this term – ring for more information about availability).

January 2013 weekly classes

Pilates: Tuesdays 5.15 p.m. and 6.20 p.m.

Hula Hooping: Adult and Parent and Child, Wednesdays 5.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

Yoga: Thursdays 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m., Tuesdays 7 a.m. – 8 a.m.

Calligraphy: Thursdays 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Creative Writing: Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Flower Arranging: Mondays 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. (25th February 5 weeks)

Italian for Beginners: Mondays 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Badminton: Mondays and Thursdays 7 p.m. – 8 p.m. Archery: Mondays and Thursdays 8 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Golf: Saturdays 12.30 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Spanish: Beginners, Intermediate Wednesdays 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

Guitar for Beginners (Acoustic): Wednesdays 8.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m.

Life Drawing: Wednesdays 7.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m. Watercolour Painting: Tuesdays 7.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m. Computing for the Terrified: Wednesdays 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Computing Next Steps: Mondays 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. Singing (Beginners and Choir): Tuesdays 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. and 8.15 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

Learn to Knit: Wednesdays 7.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m., starts 30th January (4 sessions)

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Mrs. Jenny Bodinham, Community Education and Woodstock Partnership, The Marlborough Church of England School, Tel. 01993 813592/01993 811431, Ext. 228 Email: comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk

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Woodstock U3A -The University of the Third Age Speaker Programme January – March 2013

Woodstock U3A's speaker programme for January – March 2013 has now been agreed.

 $8^{\rm th}$ January: Daybreak Dementia Clubs in Oxfordshire - Sandy Briscoe, plus

The Disappearance of my Father - Patrick Fitz-Gibbon 5th February: Curiosities in the Cotswolds - Alan Copeland 5th March: Musical Theatre of Gilbert and Sullivan -Bernard Lockett

We meet monthly at the Marlborough School Woodstock, generally every 1st Tuesday at 2 p.m., and new and potential members are most welcome. U3A is a nationwide organisation set up for older people not in full-time employment, who wish to meet socially and become involved in a wealth of different interest groups. Monthly meetings generally last about two hours, and include a guest speaker.

Woodstock U3A is almost 100 strong and currently has 17 interest groups, all of which meet regularly: Ambling, Battles and Battlefields, Books, Classical Music, Discussion, Lunch Group, Madrigal Singing, Needle Craft and Lace Making, Living History, Painting and Drawing, Play Reading (2 groups), Poetry for Pleasure, Recorders, Science Discussion, Scrabble and Walking.

An ideal opportunity to meet new friends, socialise, pick up a new hobby or interest or just meet friends once a month, new members are always welcome, and Chairman John Turvey will be delighted to hear from any prospective members.

Contact for further information: John Turvey, tel. 01993 812806 or Patrick Fitz-Gibbon, tel. 01869 347238, e-mail: patrick@fitz-gibbonassociates.co.uk

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types spend many hours trying to find and eat groundbased invertebrates amongst leaf litter, grass of different lengths and in borders. They also eat insects within trees and shrubs and also rotting fruit in autumn. Both species like dense hedges and foliage within which to nest. To continue to attract these birds, make sure you have ample ground cover. This can be made up of shrubs, herbaceous plants and alpines. Slug pellets should be avoided on any level as these species in particular will be poisoned by them. As always, providing a wide range of flowers, trees and shrubs will provide these birds with somewhere to feed, sleep and breed.

Blackbirds very often can be seen feeding on short mown grass very close to some dense ground cover. They prefer short grass for worms, and the longer vegetation is where they get more wide ranging food as more insects use that. Using meal worms is a good supplementary food to put on your bird tables too.

Both species have more than one brood a year; often a blackbird can have up to 5 broods, so finish cutting your hedges by February, and then thoroughly check for further nests when you commence pruning your hedges in July. These simple steps are all you need to encourage these thrushes into your garden.

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