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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Wed. 2 nd	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 2 nd	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Thur. 3 rd	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Mon. 7 th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 7 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 7 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 7 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Wed. 9 th	'Little Sheep' <i>(and every Wednesday in term-time)</i> , 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 9 th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 9 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 7 p.m.
Thur. 10 th	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, <i>(and every Thursday in term time)</i> , Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Thur. 10 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Fri. 11 th	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. <i>(and every Friday)</i>
Sat. 12 th	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Tue. 15 th	Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Thur. 17 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 17 th	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Fri. 18 th	Quiz Night, British Legion, 8 p.m.
Sat. 19 th	Bingo Night, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m.
Sat. 26 th	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Thur. 31 st	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.

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Copy date for the March issue is Friday 1st February.

Yarnton Parish Council - thanks

Yarnton Parish Council would like to record their sincere thanks to the retired Parish Clerk, Peter Luke, for his diligence, help and advice to the Parish Councillors and residents alike after over 18 years of dedicated service as a Councillor and Parish Clerk. We wish him a long and healthy retirement.

Brian Newell, Chairman, Yarnton Parish Council

Senior Club

In November we had our Christmas Lunch, superbly cooked by Caroline and her helpers. We all enjoyed roast turkey plus all the trimmings, delicious trifle, followed by mince pies and tea and coffee. We were entertained by children from William Fletcher School; the music and singing was enjoyed by everyone. We all sang Happy Birthday to Giacomo, and we each received a present before we left for home. We were thanked by many, who said they had really enjoyed the lunch and afternoon. Our next celebration will be on Valentine's Day, and as we have said before, it would be great to welcome any new members.

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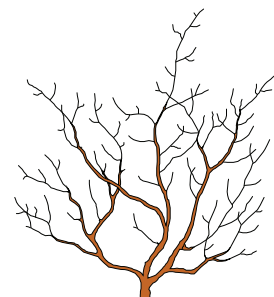
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Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society

On Tuesday 15th January there is a talk by J. Banbury on 'The History of Woodstock'. The meeting is at Yarnton Village Hall, starting at 7.45 p.m. Visitors most welcome (£2 including refreshments).

Helen Anderson

News from Kidlington and Yarnton Surgery

Dr. Andrew Brown is retiring after working for the practice since 2005 - he will be very much missed by his colleagues, staff and patients. Dr. Alex Gillies will be taking his place.

Did you know that there is now a pharmacy at the Kidlington surgery site? It is open seven days a week. Our list is still open, and as well as patients from Kidlington and Yarnton we welcome patients from all the surrounding villages.

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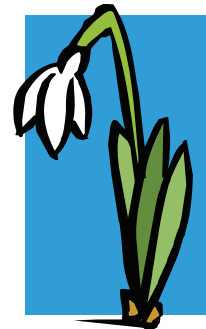
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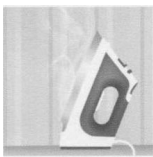
It has been quite a winter, and it has only just begun. We have had high winds and ice, and of course horrendous rain. The front of the vicarage was completely flooded, which is nothing compared to some in Yarnton who had to bail water out of their homes. Who knows what is to follow? One thing we do know is that it will eventually pass, and somehow even the gardens will recover and flourish. Soon, we will see signs of growth and greenery poking up from the cold earth and the cycle of new life will begin again.

We have just celebrated Christmas and all that it means to all of us in the village. It might be a time of celebration for you, a time spent with family and friends eating too much chocolate and Christmas pudding. It might be a time of remembering, perhaps thinking of those who have not shared our Christmas table this year. We might be looking forward in eager anticipation at the year to come, or dreading what might be around the next corner. As a Vicar, you would expect me to tell you something about Jesus, hope, a springing forth of new things that will benefit us all. I don't like to disappoint, so here goes.....

At St. Bartholomew's we are experiencing something rather exciting. You might be mistaken by thinking that all is as it has always been. The rhythm of village life, the rhythm of church life calmly getting on with things. This is true, but there is an undercurrent of joy and expectation. It is often hard to tell when an Anglican is excited, but look hard at your friends who go to church, and you will see a sparkle in their eyes. The parish is full of a wonderful desire to grow and engage, to worship and to reach out, but mainly, to have fun together. This year, we will be doing lots of everything!

In coming issues of Village News you will be reading about special services for Healing and Wholeness, the revival of The Yarnton Feast around St. Bartholomew's Day, a Church Fair with a difference, Craft and Fun Days for all ages and of course, our usual round of services and celebrations that punctuate our year. Yarnton is growing, and our church is growing. We really want you to be part of it, part of the story. So, keep an eye out for what's on, and perhaps come along and see what we are up to at the end of the lane. I look forward to this year, and pray that we will all grow and flourish as we live in this wonderful place.

Nathan Jarvis



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Coffee after the 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 Nathan Jarvis 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. Nathan Jarvis.



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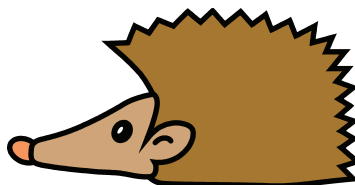
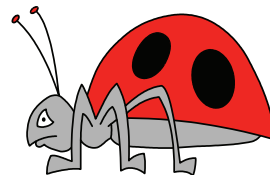
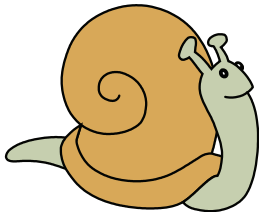
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Yarnton W.I.

We begin the New Year with a visit from Dr. Tony Maisey whose talk is on 'The concept of pain'. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th January at 7.45 p.m. and visitors are always welcome.

We shall have our usual book stall, and tea hostesses are Mavis King, Susan Knox, Gill Long and Hannah Melhuish. We would remind members that subscriptions are due at the January meeting. The cost for the year is £33 and members should have received an envelope from Sheila. It would be a great help if you could pay promptly, and if for any reason you will not be rejoining for 2013, then please let Sheila know as it will save her chasing you.

Ruth Astall

Yarnton Pre-school Christmas Fun Day

Well, it was lots of fun and we raised lots of money! Our very grateful thanks go to all those individuals who gave so generously of their time and money. Particular thanks go to the following businesses for their donations:

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New members will be very welcome

If golf is your game, then why not come along and join us as a guest, if you enjoy yourself you may then consider becoming a member.



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

Pancake Party

St. Bartholomew's Church will be holding their pancake party again this year on Shrove Tuesday, 12th February, in the Village Hall at 6.30 p.m.

All proceeds to Helen and Douglas House. Entrance by ticket only please, available now from church or from Gill Rowbotham, tel. 377623.

Do bring your friends and families along and get tickets now to help us make this another successful and enjoyable evening.



Yarnton Fireworks and Bonfire 2012

Yarnton Playing Fields would like to thank everyone who attended the village Firework Display last year, with increased support ensuring the event continues into 2013. Yarnton Playing Fields also thanks the many organisations and people involved in putting together an excellent event once again:

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Kidlington Netball Club
Yarnton Guides
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6	Mrs. E. Luke	33	Mr. M. Bunning



Yarnton Gardening Club

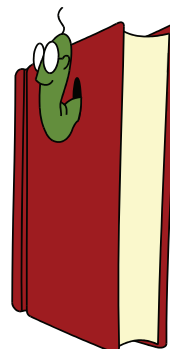
Our first meeting in 2013 is on 17th January at 7.45 p.m. in Yarnton Village Hall. The talk is called 'An Evening with Howard Drury', who is a garden adviser, lecturer, presenter and writer. He has been a TV presenter of a gardening programme for Central TV and was Horticultural Training Officer for the City of Birmingham for many years.

Subscriptions for 2013 are due this month – but you may come as a visitor for £2.

Helen Anderson

Book Reading Group

The Book Reading Group's book for discussion in January is 'The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner' by Alan Sillitoe. February's book is 'Grace Williams says it loud' by Emma Henderson. Meetings start at 7.30. Contact number, 371656.



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The post box is at the left end of the Village Hall.

Future Meeting dates: 9th January and 13th February (Budget meeting 16th 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, www.yarnton-village.org.uk

Parish Council - contact numbers

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Planning Applications:

12/01334/F. 1 The Spears, demolish garage, erect two-storey extension

12/01500/F. Land South East of Yarnton, inland waterways marina including enhanced ecology, and north of Woodstock Road, Yarnton new road access, etc.

12/01482/F. 50/52 Church Lane, demolition of two dwellings and erection of one new dwelling.

12/01615/F. 25 Pixey Close, dormer window to serve proposed loft conversion.

Recent flooding: The recent flooding in several parts of the village has highlighted to YPC several issues within the village. One major cause for concern is the main Pumping Station in Merton Way which frequently fails in heavy rain, causing sewerage water to flood houses close by. We have been in contact several times with Thames Water expressing our concern that the 2 pumps in the pumping station are inadequate for the amount of houses now in the village. We have just heard from Thames Water that they intend to take action to resolve the issue, although as yet they are unsure what or when the work will be done.

We do have to take into account the high risk of flooding in Yarnton, especially as we are situated on flood plain close to the Oxford canal and River Thames, both of which are likely to burst their banks during heavy storms or long periods of wet weather, leading to the overflow often reaching the village. Also Spring Hill causes water to flow rapidly down Cassington Road into the village adding to the problems. This water is then filling drains and sewers adding to the rain falling directly onto the village.

Further building projects simply cover land which would soak up some of the rain, so the recent flooding should indicate to the District and County Councils that Yarnton is no longer a suitable area to build new homes, and we should raise strong objections should attempts be made to do this. The Parish Council's major objective must also be a complete rework of the existing sewers and drainage system. We must put pressure on Thames Water to ensure that the pumping stations are in good working order at all times. We are continually being told that pumps are not operating properly and Thames Water must introduce a plan which corrects this abysmal situation.

Yarnton Care Committee: The Care Committee was set up in 1974 to give help where needed to residents of Yarnton.

Services provided focus predominantly on older residents and/or those less mobile.

Chairman: Peter Luke, tel. 372932, **Secretary:** Bernie Connors, tel. 372944, **Treasurer:** John Appleton tel. 460496.

Members: Jaqueline Carpenter, Judy Mitchell, Brenda Louch, Graham Thompson, Fred Jones.

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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 visits Yarnton Park from **6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.** each Wednesday throughout the winter months. 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 is proving 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 **must** apply by **15th January 2013**, online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or on paper (forms available from the County Council website or a local school). Please see poster on Parish Council noticeboards.

Hedges: The Parish Council has received several complaints about overgrown hedges in front of properties making it extremely difficult to walk on the path, especially with wheelchairs or pushchairs, often making it necessary to walk on the road. Residents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that hedges/shrubs are cut back to the boundary of their property.

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 www.yarnton-village.org.uk and is available from the parish office at opening times, and also from the post office at Budgens shop.



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Local Suppliers

We have recently brought in a local preserves supplier. Homemade by Maggi, these are made in Oxfordshire and have already proved popular in store. If you have any local suppliers you would like to nominate, you can either give us your suggestion at www.frasersbudgens.co.uk, see a member of staff or you can let us know at our suggestions box by the fruit and veg in the store.

Suggestions Box

The suggestions box is your way of letting us know your thoughts. We are always looking to improve and will consider any suggestions you may have for the store, no matter how big or small! Whether this be something that could be improved, a new local supplier or a new product you think we should be stocking. Please let us know by popping your suggestion in the box next to the fruit and veg (the bananas to be specific!)

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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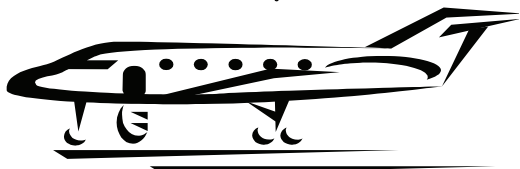
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The Kidlington (*Yarnton & Begbroke*) Netball Club, established in this area several years ago, continues to offer regular netball to women and girls of all standards.

At the half-way point in the Oxfordshire League, the A team is in 4th position in Division One, with the B team in 3rd position in Division Five. **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, and for those taking up the game at a more recreational pace.

U16, U14, U12 and Highfive sessions are supported by our coaches with six teams playing in the Oxfordshire Junior League on Sunday mornings. Please contact Tess tessa.horn@gmail.com 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.

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Beavers

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Last year the Beavers went to Hobbycraft for a craft evening, had a sleepover at the hut during the October half term, which included a trip into Woodstock, and discussed their hobbies as well as making key-rings and towers from spaghetti and jelly babies.



Cubs

(8-10 years – Mondays 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. with Wendy wendyltatham@gmail.com)

The Cubs have been busy working towards their navigator, map reader and astronomer badges over the past term. The County also held the Chief Scout Silver Awards in November. The ceremony congratulates those who have earned all 6 of their challenge badges and is the highest award the Cubs can achieve. This year we had two Cubs attend the ceremony, which is held annually, and several more well on their way to attending the ceremony next year.

Over the coming months we have the district scrapheap challenge and the Boot and Compass competition (navigation and map reading based challenge day).



Scouts

(10-14 years - Fridays 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. with Naomi nay@nkheydon.freeserve.co.uk)

The district midnight exercise saw the Scouts compete in a series of 15 challenges running from 4 p.m. to midnight. The team entered consisted of the younger Scout members including two who had just completed the transition from Cubs, so they did really well to come 9th (of 15) in the Oxford Spires District. In weekly meetings the Scouts have completed their library badge following a trip to Kidlington and have earned their photographer badge.



Explorers & Network

(14-18 years - Mondays 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. – with Kevin kev@nkheydon.freeserve.co.uk)

The Falcon Explorer unit has also seen lots of success with two earning their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Awards and four more working towards their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award. During their recent Bronze practice, the team had a few navigation problems which gave them a valuable learning experience for the real thing next year.

If you would like to come and join in the fun please let us know – we have spaces!

General

In November you may have seen all the Sections parading for Remembrance Sunday in the village.

All the sections work towards earning their Chief Scout Award. To achieve this, the young people have to earn their challenge badges. The badges include problem-solving challenges, improving their fitness and learning about healthy eating, meeting people in the local community, learning about religions other than their own, learning first aid and finding out about international charities and global issues - and that's just a taster.

As all the sections have to try new experiences and skills, we are always grateful to anyone who could pop in and talk to any of the sections about a hobby or skill, or even give a master class in how to do something, from dance to martial arts, to DIY, to a new game. Please contact any of the leaders if you could help.

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

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 January

Woodstock

6 th	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd <i>(Covenant Service)</i>
13 th	10.30 a.m.	Simon Pillinger
20 th	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Philip Beuzeval
27 th	10.30 a.m.	Andrew Maisey

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

6 th	10 a.m.	Mike Trinder
13 th	10 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd <i>(Covenant Service)</i>
20 th	10 a.m.	Matt Stammers
27 th	10 a.m.	Ian Leck

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



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Smile

As I mentioned in past notes, my father recently passed away, so I am having to do lots of clearing out. I was delighted to find some old books which I had never seen before. Apparently one of my father's favourite authors was H.L.Gee. In his book 'Through the Year' he wrote a little verse or note for each day of the year. I found them really uplifting.

As we go in to a new year I thought I would share one verse with you all, which if we all did, would make the world a happier place:

'Whenever it's windy or foggy or wet,

In short, when the weather is vile,

Turn up your coat collar, but please don't forget

To put on your very best smile.'

It's exciting to find the first bulb shoots appearing and seeing the first snowdrop and aconite. That really puts a smile on my face - hope you see some too, to cheer you on, on these cold winter days.

Happy New Year!

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We have planned more discos and cake sales, a race night and quiz night for the whole family, and of course our much anticipated summer fete. Please keep an eye out for further information on these events.

Thank you to everyone who has helped raise money for the school in 2012. It would not be possible without the fantastic support of the local community. In particular, we would like to say a huge thank you to Jonathan and his team at Budgens of Yarnton for their continued and unwavering support; this is greatly appreciated. Thank you all and happy New Year!!

William Fletcher PTA

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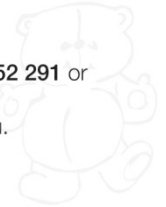
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Cold Calling by persons claiming to be from Thames Valley Police has been occurring across the area. To check the identity of a TVP employee, ask for their shoulder number and name, then phone the police on non-emergency number only and ask to speak to them. **DO NOT** use any other number given to you by the caller.

Expensive Gifts such as Ipad, Iphone, Ipod, mobile phones, etc. can be very easily coded by the owner using an ultra violet marker pen. Pens are obtainable from police stations, NHW coordinators or purchased from retail outlets.

Theft from motor vehicles has increased across our area recently, predominantly during the hours of darkness. As previously advised, it is not wise to leave any articles on view in vehicles.

Don't Forget FREE CYCLE CODING will be available on Saturday 12th January 10 a.m. -12 noon at Paternoster Farm Shop.

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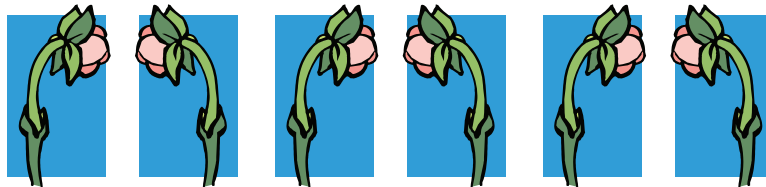
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Oxfordshire Community Woodfuel Programme

Buying woodfuel, plus a directory of woodfuel suppliers

The Oxfordshire Community Woodfuel Programme is a new initiative run by the Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment and several partner organisations. It aims to help local communities to:

- Connect with their local environment and local energy supply, and understand the productive nature of woodlands
- Increase their supply and demand for woodfuel
- In doing so, reduce their carbon footprints, improve their biodiversity, and reduce their 'fuel miles'

I am the programme manager and hope to send you regular briefings. This first note is about buying woodfuel, for anyone with a wood burning stove or fireplace. Please help your wallet, your flue, and your local woodfuel merchants by being an informed buyer.

The environmental advantages of using woodfuel decrease the further the wood has to travel. So aim to **get your wood locally** - from your community woodland or local woodland owners: look in shop windows or notice boards, or try www.sylva.org.uk/myforest/, www.woodfueldirectory.org and www.coppice-products.co.uk. Unless stated otherwise, wood from garage forecourts or supermarkets is unlikely to be local. Kiln dried wood has been - as the name implies - heated up to drive off water. This heating process uses energy, and also reduces the environmental advantage of burning wood.

Logs are generally sold by the load, but there is no specification of what a 'load' is. **Rules of thumb for purchasing logs** include:

- Buy logs that have been dried for at least one year under cover, otherwise you may well get logs with a high moisture content, and spend much of the wood energy just turning this into steam. The ends of dry wood often look greying and old, with radial lines of splitting. Alternatively, buy freshly cut logs, which will be cheaper, and dry them yourselves for a year under cover.
- When completely dry, all wood produces roughly the same amount of energy per weight. However hardwood (e.g. ash, hazel, fruit tree) logs weigh more than softwood (pine) logs, and so produce more energy per log. This means that a tonne of hardwood logs will take up less space than a tonne of softwood logs, and fewer 'top ups' of hardwood logs will be needed to keep a log stove running for a given time. So be clear about whether you are getting hardwood or softwood.
- Make sure that the logs are cut short enough to fit into your stove.
- Any logs that have a diameter of more than 10cm (8 inches) should be split.
- Look for certificates like HETAS and Woodsure, which guarantee wood quality.

The Oxfordshire Community Woodfuel Programme is working on developing a specification for firewood, including what a 'load' means, and what moisture content the wood should have. Watch this space!

You could consider **buying woodfuel as a group**. It is easier and cheaper for a supplier to serve one large customer than many small customers, so a community woodfuel buying scheme may get a better price because of these economies of scale. The Oxfordshire Rural Community Council runs a community oil buying scheme, and may be able to provide advice on setting up a similar scheme for logs: contact them at oil@oxonrcc.org.uk.

Finally, we **encourage woodfuel suppliers to register with websites** so that people can more easily find their local suppliers. The main free sites are www.sylva.org.uk/myforest/, www.woodfueldirectory.org and www.coppice-products.co.uk.

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- Pilates all levels Tuesdays 5.15 p.m. and 6.20 p.m.
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- Golf all levels Saturdays 12.30 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.
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- Learn to Knit Wednesdays 7.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m. 4 sessions from 30th January.

Saturday 26th January one day or half-day Workshops

We are holding the third of our 5 Saturday workshops on 26th January. Courses running are:

- Applemac Beginners
- Aromatherapy: An Introduction (morning)
- The Art of Picture Making
- The Great Game: Poetry and Rhyme
- How to use your Sewing Machine
- Meditation (afternoon)
- Stained Glass
- Yoga (morning)

Ring to book a place on any of the courses. We look forward to hearing from you.

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



Keeping room for woodlouse in our gardens

My scribblings this month have been inspired by a sighting I just had, out there in my own garden, of a woodlouse going about his business in my compost heap.


Believe it or not, there are 37 species of woodlouse in Britain, and although some are only 10mm long, the Sea Slater type can be up to 30mm in length. The hard shell of a woodlouse can be grey, pinky brown, white and yellow or even just white. They have seven pairs of legs and rather interesting antennae. Some species of woodlouse are widely seen, others may only be seen by the coast or in southern counties of Britain.

To keep them in our gardens we need to provide damp places, especially during daytime hours. Leaving a pile of leaves, having grassland of different lengths, deadwood in a woodland, or even a compost heap in our gardens, are often all we need to do. There is even a type of woodlouse that lives within ant nests, so don't be too keen on destroying every ant nest you see.

Mainly, woodlouse eat plant material that is already rotting; only very occasionally will they attack young seedlings. They are one of the key creatures in recycling the nutrients from our plants back into the soil. So when you see these little beasts running around your garden, don't recoil in horror, they are our friends and only a pest if you choose a mindset that sees them in that way.


Happy Gardening!

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Glyme Valley Probus Club for Ladies

Our November meeting brought us a very different subject when our speaker, Sue Renigan, came to talk to us about her wig making business. She began her working life as a hairdresser, and she went on to explain about her work and the needs of her clients. On display were some very beautiful exhibits and examples of her work, all lengths, all colours, curly and straight. These are generally supplied for medical needs and can usually be very expensive, and the process of ordering a custom-designed wig can also be a lengthy process. Hair is supplied from all over the world from hair merchants and can be coloured, cut or highlighted just like our own hair. Synthetic hair is also available and frequently used, although not of the quality of real hair. It was a very informative and interesting talk.

We have two holidays already planned for the coming year.

For further information or details of membership please telephone 01993 812025.

Sandy Rasch

How to stay young

Throw out all non-essential numbers. This includes age, weight and height. Let the doctors worry about them. That is their job. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, whatever. Never let the brain idle. 'An idle mind is the devil's workshop'. Enjoy the simple things. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you gasp for breath. The tears happen. Endure, grieve and move on. The only person who is with us our entire life is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive. Surround yourself with what you love, whether it is family, pets, keepsakes, music, plants, hobbies, whatever. Your home is your refuge. Cherish your health. If it is good, preserve it. If it is unstable, improve it. If it is beyond what you can improve, get help. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the shops, even to the next county, to a foreign country, but NOT to where the guilt is. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity. AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take but by the moments that take our breath away. We all need to live life to its fullest each day!!

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Speed Humps: A Solution

Whilst it may be appropriate to have some sensible form of properly maintained traffic calming in Cassington Road, I note with interest the point made by Enid Anderson (YVN Dec 2012) '... a small minority of the village who use this road...'

All those years ago when speed humps were introduced in Cassington Road there was a noticeable increase in traffic flow along The Garth. Now that we have the excellent Frasers Budgen store, traffic flow along The Garth has increased in both directions several-fold.

I suggest a solution to the plight of those in and/or using Cassington Road would be to recycle the broken speed humps in Cassington Road by installing them in The Garth. They would of course need to be positioned such that the many lorries (and vans and cars) travelling at speed are actually caused to slow to something more appropriate to a residential area. 20 is Plenty?

Keith Johnston, 67 The Garth

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