

YARNTON VILLAGE NEWS



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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Fri. 1 st	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. <i>(and every Friday)</i>
Fri. 1 st	Race Night, William Fletcher School, 7 p.m.
Sat. 2 nd	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Mon. 4 th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 4 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 4 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 4 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Wed. 6 th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 6 th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 6 th	'Little Sheep' <i>(and every Wednesday in term-time)</i> , 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 6 th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 6 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 7 th	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, <i>(and every Thursday in term time)</i> , Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Thur. 7 th	Public Meeting to discuss proposed loan and plans for new Pavilion at Little Marsh Playing Field, Village Hall, 7 p.m.
Sun. 10 th	Mothering Sunday Service, St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m.
Thur. 14 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 14 th	W.I. Annual Meeting, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 16 th	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Tue. 19 th	Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society, Yarnton Village Hall
Thur. 21 st	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Thur. 28 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 28 th	Maundy Thursday Service, St. Bartholomew's, 7 p.m.
Fri. 29 th	Good Friday Liturgy, St. Bartholomew's, 10 a.m.
Sat. 30 th	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Sun. 31 st	First Mass of Easter, with Easter Fire, St. Bartholomew's, 6.30 a.m., followed by BBQ Parish Eucharist for Easter Day, 11 a.m., followed by Easter Egg Hunt and Egg and Spoon Race

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Material for inclusion in the April Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 8th March.

Copy should be e-mailed to: ruth@astall.com and helen.anderson4@ntlworld.com

or delivered to Mrs. Ruth Astall, 19 The Spears, tel. 372637.

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Copy date for the May issue is Friday 5th April.



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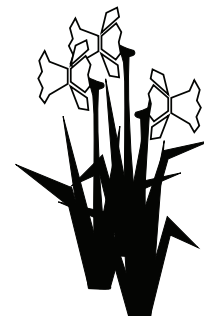
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The March Wind

The Merry March wind is a boisterous fellow, He tosses the trees; and the daffodils yellow

Dance and sway, as he blows by To hurry the clouds across the sky. (*E.H.Henderson*)

It's strange to read about March winds and what we associate with different months. This poem was written years ago, and I guess the seasons have changed greatly. We have definitely had our fair share of the snow and rain so far this year – I wonder what the next few months hold. Exciting news is that we saw waxwings in the village. A kind friend phoned to say she had some in her garden in The Garth, so we rushed down to see them. Amazing birds, very smart to look at and make a lovely sound. They enjoyed feasting on the berries and then perching on the taller tree to rest – staying for a few days, before flying off on their way back to Scandinavia. Hopefully some of you saw them - I did stop anyone I saw to tell them to go and have a look. Things to look out for in March: sticky buds, violets, primroses (don't forget to smell them), celandines, coltsfoot, periwinkles and wood anemones. Also, as it gets warmer, look out for the first butterfly to appear and listen to hear the frogs croaking as they make their way back to ponds to lay their spawn.

Hope you enjoy some nice spring walks and that we soon get some warm sunshine.

Ellen Cocking

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Yarnton W.I.

First of all, we would like to thank the Village Hall committee for putting our tapestry wall hanging back up in its previous prominent position. We think it looks even better against the new decor than it did previously. For those who don't know, it was stitched by WI members to celebrate the Golden Jubilee in 2002, and the panels represent various village organisations and areas of interest. We are in the process of compiling a list of all those who worked on the tapestry, so if you are no longer in W.I. but did some stitching, then please could you let me know.

Our March meeting is our Annual Meeting where we look back over the past year and elect our committee and officers. The business will be followed by a demonstration of Easter egg decorating by one of our members, Gaynor White. Tea hostesses are Jennifer Watts, Jean Amor, Pam Appleton and Joanna Bailey.

We meet at the Village Hall on Thursday 14th March at 7.45 p.m. and visitors are always welcome at our meetings. The following evening, Friday 15th, we have a Skittles Evening at the Masonic Hall, Woodstock at 7 p.m. The cost is £10 per head, to include a buffet supper. Husbands and friends are very welcome to join us, so do come along for what promises to be a fun evening. Please let Rosemary Barker know if you would like to come, tel. 01865 730188 (evenings only).

Ruth Astall

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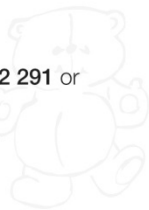
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Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

Winners of the draw on 24th January were:

79	Vacant number	171	Mrs. Y. Coleman
20	Mrs. L. Whitley	163	Mrs. L. Gaskins

Glyme Valley Probus Club for Ladies

We began the Christmas season with a wonderful candlelit Carol service, joining the Woodstock Men's Probus in December. We held our annual Christmas party with lots of good things to eat; we enjoyed a quiz, a fun raffle and some seasonal songs.

We gave a toast to the New Year at our January meeting, and then listened to Karen Wiseman, who is the education officer at Blenheim Palace. She talked to us about her life behind the scenes. This was, of course, very interesting for us all and we listened with fascination to the details of how the Palace is run; how it is cleaned and how the heavy 300-year-old tapestries are sent away at immense cost for repair and preservation. The Palace is a continuous restoration project throughout the year. Frequent filming is done and is always enjoyed by visitors when the Palace is open. It is also a thriving and necessary business, and forestry plays a large part. Trees are grown which will be forested in around 180 years' time and used for all manner of things from furniture to housing. How charming to think distant generations will enjoy the oak that is growing now.

As I write looking from my window at deep snow I remember being told that the Palace is not heated during the closed months of the year, partly due to the cost, which is the best part of £1000 per hour, but surely John Vanburgh could not possibly be so mundane as to include cavity wall insulation in his great masterpiece, although we were told cool air helps to preserve the priceless art and tapestries.

There is a water bottling plant and Blenheim water is exported across the world. Sheep are used for grazing only and just to keep the grass short. This is a taste of some of the very interesting facts we learned about this magnificent Palace just across the road from us all.

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Sandy Rasch

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I wasn't looking forward to it, but I went with the intention of keeping quiet, listening and maybe learning something. There were 20 others on the course, two-thirds male and one or two quite belligerent and determined to be awkward. The tutor had heard it all before and was very professional and asserted his authority pleasantly and quietly.

The content of the course was extremely interesting and thought-provoking. A lot of the Highway Code has changed over the many years since I took my driving test, and although I drive quite a lot and try to keep up-to-date there were a few things that were new to me.

There have been changes over the past few years to road engineering, driving techniques and safety advice, but they are rarely reported in the media and as a result we rarely change the habits we've picked up over the years.

I found the course well worth the time and effort involved and I'd recommend it to anyone faced with the choice of a £60 fine and licence points (and increased insurance) or a four-hour course at a cost of £95.

It may have changed my mind about Speed Awareness, but it didn't change what I think of mobile speed cameras sitting 50 yards from where the speed limit on a busy dual-carriageway drops from 70 mph to 50 mph.

Name and address supplied

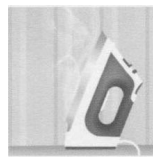
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For more details, including ticket availability and prices, see www.oxfordharmonicsoc.org, or telephone Alice Luck on 01865 775106.

April López, Publicity Team, Oxford Harmonic Society

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

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Young children go into the sacristy for part of the 11 a.m.

Sunday Mass to celebrate their own liturgy.

Coffee is served after the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass at

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The AGM was held on Monday 7th January, and the election of the Committee was as follows:

Steve Lenhart Chairman; Sue White Treasurer and Fixtures; Mike Walton Handicaps; Sam Radley Captain; Pete Wakefield Vice Captain.

The Order of Merit trophy for most points throughout the year was won by Mike Walton.

Results for the November meeting at Haddon Hill were:

1st Sam White, 2nd Steve Enoch, 3rd Mark Davies, nearest the pin Ben Davies, nearest the pin 2 Sam Radley.

Results for January at Kirtlington were:

1st Lee Parsons, 2nd Ricky Smith, 3rd Mark Davies, 4th Sam White, nearest the pin 2 Lee Parsons.

Sam Radley

Kidlington and Yarnton Medical Group

Kidlington and Yarnton Medical Group were very sorry to say goodbye to Dr. Andrew Brown, who retired after ten years with the practice. Dr. Brown is replaced by Dr. Alex Gillies.

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Carol Cripps, Locum Practice Manager, Kidlington and Yarnton Medical Practice, Kidlington Oxford OX5 1AP, tel. 01865 842292

Senior Club

Although I missed the deadline for February, there was not a lot to report. We had several birthdays, including mine, which I shared with Fred on 16th, and then there was Kath (Wilson), then Muriel and on the very last day Stan. We all received a card and a small present and a chorus of Happy Birthday. On 17th we were delighted to welcome Revd. Nathan Jarvis, who came to see what we get up to. We hope to see more of him in the future. The attendance that day was excellent. I think we all knew the forecast was going to be right, as the next day we woke to several centimetres of snow. We have just started a new year at the Club, so will be planning events for the rest of 2013. Anyone wishing to join us will be made very welcome; just come along on any of the dates given for March.

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William Fletcher PTA

Hello everyone and greetings from William Fletcher PTA! 2012 was a good year for the PTA, even despite these austere times. For those of you who supported our range of events and activities, a huge thank you. With your help we were able to raise funds that were spent on much needed equipment, resources and subsidised educational visits for the children.

Our 2013 events are already in full swing with the PTA arranging a number of fun-packed events for the year ahead, with our recent Valentines Disco being a great success. However, some of the events are not just for those directly associated with the School but for Village residents as a whole. One such upcoming event is **The Race Night** which is taking place on the evening of **Friday 1st March, at 7 p.m.** Building on last year's success, this is a fun evening of DVD-based 'live' Horse Racing projected onto a big screen with the opportunity to bet and win using a Tote System. Refreshments will be available. Adult Tickets are priced £3 in advance or £4 on the door. Children are welcome and free of charge, though must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Tickets are available in advance from the School Office.

By participating, you can make a real difference, so we hope to see you there! *Liz Hipkiss*

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New Charity?

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Yarnton Parish Council

Clerk: Lynne Whitley

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Future Meeting dates: 6th March and 10th April in the Village Hall at 6.15 p.m., then every second Wednesday in the month. *(Please note change of start time for meetings.)*

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

Parish Council Chairman

Brian Newell. Tel: 842253

Parish Council Vice-Chairman

Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435

Parish Council Members:

John Burford. Tel: 849750

Harry Carrier. Tel: 841733

Carol Green. Tel: 371355

Anna Isles. Tel: 372895

Fred Jones. Tel: 373871

The above-named were declared elected as Parish Councillors without a contest as from 5th May 2011 for a

four-year period. Michael Gibbard was declared elected as District Councillor as from 5th May 2011 for a four-year period.

Co-opted Parish Councillors: 10th August 2011:

Ewan Siret. Tel: 460412

Graham Thompson. Tel: 461479

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer:

Lynne Whitley. Tel: 378476

District Councillors:

Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435

Trevor Stevens. Tel: 451800

County Councillors:

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Yarnton Village Hall

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Planning Applications:

12/01801/F. 6 Sandy Lane, addition of single-storey building and conversion of garage loft.

12/01334/F. 1 The Spears, demolish double garage, construct 2-storey side and rear annexe.

13/00001/F. 9 The Garth, retrospective, re-instate existing window previously bricked over.

Planning Appeal:

12/01274/F. 14 Merton Way, two-storey side extension. Appeal dismissed.

Loan for Pavilion. Yarnton Parish Council wishes to inform all residents of Yarnton that it is proposing to apply to Cherwell District Council for a loan of approx. £173,000 to assist in the building of a new Pavilion at Little Marsh Sports Ground, Green Lane, Yarnton, to replace the existing sports pavilion that is no longer 'fit for purpose'. The proposed replacement pavilion, for which we have planning permission and agreed building regulations, will meet the long term needs of 6 youth football teams, 2 men's football teams and 2 cricket teams.

The project total is £328,772, of which funding from other sources will be £155,500, with the amount to be borrowed being £173,272 over 10 years. This will have the effect of an additional £13.73 per annum per household for 10 years, on the annual parish precept for a Band D property. If anybody has any observations regarding this proposal, please put them in writing to The Parish Clerk, Yarnton Parish Council, Yarnton Village Hall, The Paddocks, Yarnton, Oxford, OX5 1TE or by email to clerk@phonecoop.coop. **There will be a public meeting to discuss these proposals at Yarnton Village Hall on Thursday 7th March at 7.30 p.m.**

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It seems at the moment that we are obsessed with the environment. It is as if we have suddenly realised that we as humans are very quickly going to run out of excuses for the damage that we have inflicted on our natural world. We cannot pick up a newspaper or watch the news without some report or other telling us that we are over-fishing the seas and that species we used to rely on are almost extinct. Somehow, we seem to forget this when we go to the chippy and order cod or haddock. We like things the way they have always been. It makes us feel safe and secure. It is the same with many areas of life.

I was speaking to a gardener the other day about when to plant certain things, and when to start growing vegetables now that things seem to be warming up a little. It turns out that he has been planting the same things for over twenty years. He is a creature of habit. It can be the same with the church. We look at our buildings, especially St. Bartholomew's, which has stood for a 1000 years, and we get an image of stability, strength and steadfast resilience to change. We tend to forget that the church has evolved and adapted to modern life throughout the whole of its history. As I write, the government is getting ready to vote on the equal marriage bill, a subject that has split the Tory party and the C of E in two. By the time you read this, we will know the results! We are still grappling with women bishops and seem unable to find a solution. Stability yes, but change also. Without change, things stagnate and become irrelevant. Without challenge, we become lazy and complacent. We need to keep looking forward and moving forward.

Another season is about to end, and another begin. We move from Lent to Eastertide. The regular heartbeat of the church going about its business. All seems as it has ever seemed down Church Lane. This year, I want to challenge that notion. You may think that worshipping God is all about singing a few hymns, standing up and sitting down in the pews, and chatting over coffee afterwards. In some ways it is, and yet it is much more. On Easter morning, we will be gathering early in the morning, blinking in the sunlight (I hope) of a new day, a day followed by celebration, fun, food and drink, and hopefully lots of laughter. We will be gathered around a fire, lighting a huge candle and asking God to bless us for the rest of the year, placing all our hopes and fears on him. We will be saying to all who want to hear, that we believe in someone called Jesus who lived, died and rose for us. This is quite a radical statement.

Whatever you think of Easter, whether you are simply looking forward to chocolate (my favourite is a Cadbury's Caramac if anybody is interested), or to the resurrection of Christ, some interesting characters will be having a party at the end of the lane. Why not join us? If you fancy coming along for the egg and spoon race or the Easter Egg Hunt, you are very welcome. If you want to break the habit of a lifetime, ring the changes and come and think about where Jesus might fit into your life, our doors are open. Now is the time to do something different. And so, whether you are a regular church-goer or an occasional visitor, venture down the lane. You never know who you might meet.

May I wish you a very blessed and Happy Easter. Nathan.

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- Sun. 24th** Palm Sunday Service, 10.30 a.m., St. Michael's Begbroke, with a special four-legged guest (please bring a carrot)
- Thu. 28th** Maundy Thursday Communion Service, 7 p.m.
Vigil at St. Michael's Begbroke, 9 p.m. – midnight
- Fri. 29th** Good Friday Liturgy, 10 a.m.
6.30 p.m. Stainers Crucifixion. Tickets £8 for adults, or £20 for a Family Ticket (maximum of 5 people), tickets available from church.
- Sun. 31st** First Mass of Easter, with Easter fire, 6.30 a.m. followed by a BBQ
Parish Eucharist for Easter Day, 11 a.m.
Followed by Easter Egg Hunt and Egg and Spoon Race



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.

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
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Weekday Service

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On Tuesday, 19th March there is to be a talk by Shaun Morley on 'Emigration from Oxfordshire in the 19th Century'. This will be almost the last meeting in Yarnton before we return to Begbroke for the meeting in May. Please note that the AGM in April will now be held in Yarnton.

Helen Anderson

Pam Squires: Macmillan Cancer Support Thanks

Thank you to all for attending Pam's funeral on 8th January. The attendance at St. Bartholomew's Church was massive and the whole family were truly touched. As well as the beautiful flowers, total donations to Macmillan Cancer Support were £485.21 which is most impressive. Once again thank you for all your kind words, cards, donations and support, it is a great comfort to us.

Sincere thanks,

Ron Squires and family

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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 February

Woodstock

3 rd	8.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
	10.30 a.m.	David Harper
10 th	10.30 a.m.	Local Church Group
17 th	10.30 a.m.	Matt Stammers
24 th	10.30 a.m.	Rev. David Bull
29 th	10.45 a.m.	Walk of Witness, beginning at St. Hugh's
31 st	6.30 a.m.	Churches Together Sunrise Communion, Blenheim Lake
	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd (<i>All-age Easter Communion</i>)

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

3 rd	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
10 th	10 a.m.	Rev. Leslie Marsh (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
17 th	10 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
24 th	10 a.m.	Simon Pillinger
29 th	9.45 a.m.	Walk of Witness, beginning at St. John's
	7 p.m.	Tenebrae Service
31 st	8.30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
	10 a.m.	Rev. Judy Turner-Smith (<i>All-age Easter Communion</i>)

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We meet in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m. New members are always welcome, but you may come as a visitor for £2.

Helen Anderson

Recycling Resolutions

It was really helpful to read in last month's Village News about the ability to recycle all of our plastic containers. I had been under the impression that only containers marked with 1 or 2 could be put in the blue bin and had been frustrated that many pots seemed to be marked with PP and therefore had to go in the green bin, destined for landfill.

I emailed Cherwell District Council to confirm that I really could put all these containers in my blue bin and was told that, indeed I could as 'it is possible to recycle most plastics now'. I also enquired about flower pots and was told that small plastic flower pots are OK to be included. Great news for the gardeners amongst us!

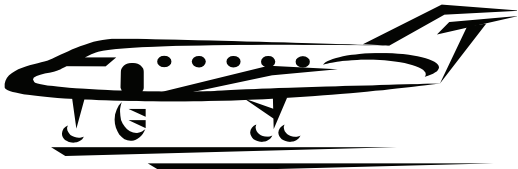
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When the hedge is well established, try planting some climbers to grow amongst it; brambles and honeysuckles are ideal. Planting the odd small tree along the hedge line will work wonders too; for example, crab apples give extra height and fruit during autumn and winter. Your hedge doesn't have to be totally level, so the odd tree is great. Hedges are ideal sources of nectar if planted correctly, so have a go at growing a native mixed hedge and watch the bees move in.

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Yoga all levels, Thursday 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m., Tuesday 7 a.m. - 8 a.m., Monday 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Calligraphy all levels, Thursday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Creative Writing with Poetry, Wednesday 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

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Watercolour Painting, Tuesday 7.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m.

Computing for the Terrified, Monday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Computing Next Steps, Wednesday 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Singing Beginners, Tuesday 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Singing Choir, Tuesday 8.15 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

Saturday One-day or Half-day Workshops

We are holding the fourth and fifth of our five Saturday workshops on 16th March and 18th May. Courses running are:

Saturday, 16th March

Anyone Can Dance (afternoon); The Art of Watercolour and Collage; Back, Neck and Shoulder Massage (morning); Digital Photography; Drawing with Confidence; Floral Gifts; Hot Stone Massage (afternoon); Introduction to Roman Blind making; Stained Glass; Yoga (morning);

Saturday, 18th May

Anyone Can Dance (afternoon); Applemac Moving On; Aromatherapy Facial (morning); Indian Head Massage (afternoon); Introduction to Curtain Making; Know Your Body Know Yourself (Ayurvedic) (afternoon); PC Maintenance; Portrait Drawing; Stained Glass; Watercolour Demonstration (morning); Writing the Unwriteable: Poetry and War; Yoga (morning)

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Topics March to May are:

5 th March	'Musical Theatre of Gilbert and Sullivan' Bernard Lockett
16 th April	AGM, followed by entertainment by members
7 th May	'The Changing Wildlife of the Chilterns' John Tyler

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