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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

| Mon. 1st | Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday) |
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| Mon. 1st | Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday) |
| Mon. 1st | Book Reading Group, tel. 371656 |
| Mon.1st | Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday) |
| Wed. 3rd | 9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday) |
| Wed.3rd | Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday) |
| Wed. 3rd | 'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's |
| Wed. 3rd | Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (and every Wednesday) |
| Thur.4 th | Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time), |
| | Village Hall, 10 a.m. |
| Fri. 5 th | Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday) |
| Wed. 10rd | Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m. |
| Thur. 11th | Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m. |
| Thur. 11th | W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m. |
| Fri. 12 th | Quiz Night, British Legion, 8 p.m. |
| Sat. 13 th | Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. |
| Tue. 16th | Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society AGM, Yarnton Village Hall |
| Thur. 18th | Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m. |
| Fri. 19 th | Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall, 7 p.m. |
| Thur. 25th | Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m. |
| Sat. 27th | Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m. |
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Material for inclusion in the May Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 5th April. 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.

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 June issue is Friday 10th May.

Neighbourhood Watch

Scams reported in Yarnton include bogus reports from **FEDEX** regarding alleged parcel non-delivery. The notification by email appears to be genuine but is in fact bogus. Contact with the nearest FEDEX depot in Aylesbury confirms the existence of the scam. To authenticate any such failed delivery simply phone the Aylesbury depot on 0845 600 0068.

Another current scam is notification of cash awards to Yarnton residents which have been received from

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requesting bank details for transfer of awards. Neither of these is new, but can be persistent and possibly inviting. I would ask residents to pass to the police, Trading Standards or myself documented evidence of similar offers. Broadcasting of such offers will make residents more aware of the scams circulating.

Little Book of Big Scams addresses the £73 billion a year cost to the British economy. The book can be obtained from Thames Valley Police or downloaded from their website.

Theft of number plates has increased in the Kidlington and Yarnton areas. These are used in theft of fuel from garages without payment (Bilking). The theft of number plates often occurs at night from vehicle parked on the road. It is essential that such thefts are reported to the police as soon as possible.

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Yarnton Gardening Club

Our speaker this month is Philip Aubury who will talk to us about 'Lovely Lawns and Flower Meadows'. Philip has had a long career in horticulture, first working in nurseries, then as a lecturer in Birmingham for Birmingham Parks Department. For twenty years he was the Director of Birmingham Botanical Gardens.

Members who have been nurturing their Primula Auricula plants which were given out at the October 2012 meeting should remember to bring them along for judging. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday $18^{\rm th}$ April at 7.45 p.m. New members are welcome, but you may come as a visitor for £2.

Date for the diary: Our annual Plant Sale will be on Saturday 11th May in the Village Hall at 11 a.m. This is always a good chance to stock your garden at reasonable prices. *Ruth Astall*

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Bartholomew Players Present 'Dangerous Corner' by J. B. Priestley

They say that variety is the spice of life so, after the hilarious hospital farce performed last November, Bartholomew Players are going to present a period thriller from Wednesday 15th to Saturday 18th May. '**Dangerous Corner**' by world-renowned playwright J.B.Priestley was first performed in 1932, yet it is still relevant to modern audiences since it deals with timeless human issues.

Interestingly, Priestley lived locally for a time in Church Hanborough, so is it possible that the idea for this, his first major play, was conceived here based on local characters? Come along and see for yourself!

At their stylish country house Freda and Robert Caplan are hosting a dinner party for their colleagues and friends who are senior executives at a publishing company. The women are beautiful, the men confident and handsome and all are enjoying their successful lives. Then a cigarette box and an ill-considered remark set off a relentless series of revelations leading to other, more dangerous, secrets being painfully exposed. When the truth spills out about the recent 'suicide' of Robert's clever and reckless brother, the group's perfect lives begin to crumble. As this happens the real cost of professional and social success becomes frighteningly plain.

The cast of seven, which includes one new member along with many long-standing members, has very much enjoyed reenacting the attitudes and behaviours of the 1930s era. Do come along and support Bartholomew Players in this production.

Venue: Eynsham Village Hall, Back Lane, Eynsham, OX29 4QW

Dates: Wed 15^{th} , Thurs 16^{th} , Fri 17^{th} and Sat 18^{th} May **Doors open:** 7.15 p.m., **Performance:** 7.45 p.m.

Tickets: £8 (£7 concessions)

Available: in advance from Denise Santilli, Publicity Officer, 07721 744020, dr@lhvineyard.wanadoo.co.uk, or on the door

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Irresponsible Dog Owners

Yarnton Park is quite clearly signposted as being out of bound to dogs, so why are a few irresponsible owners allowing their animals to defecate in the park and the dog owners leaving the faeces on the ground? The park is used by a wide range of age groups, in particular youngsters who are susceptible to infection from the faeces. Lots of people work hard to provide a safe environment in the park, yet some couldn't care less about the health and wellbeing of our young children or the appearance of the park. Failure by dog owners to pick up their dog mess is an offence punishable by a large fine. Regulations apply to us all, and we all have a responsibility to conform for the well being of our community. I would ask ALL dog owners not to take their animals into the park as it contravenes the regulations and likewise for ALL dog owners to pick up their dog faeces in any public place. **It is good to see that** in other areas of the district owners failing to comply are being fined for this offence. Quite frankly the irresponsible owners who allow this to happen don't deserve to live in and benefit from what Yarnton has to offer its residents. I for one will do all possible to identify the offending owners and report them to the authorities. Its time irresponsible owners were 'brought to heel' as well as their dogs. I look forward to other residents' support in this matter. Fred Jones, tel. 373871

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How Sad

I am writing this on a dull morning, and I'm feeling really sad.

I will explain why. As you know, I regularly bike up the A44 to Bladon roundabout and back. Having done this so often, I know where special plants are, etc., and had been eagerly waiting for a wonderful clump of snowdrops to come up by the last house before Bladon roundabout. To my horror one day a huge tractor had been working along the hedgerow and driven right over them and crushed them. A few days later a hedge between two fields had all been taken out and trees where kestrels used to sit had been cut down.

WHY???

Then, to finish it all off – all the lovely fragrant blossom bushes and trees in the central reservation between Yarnton and Begbroke have been cut down.

I was devastated – why did it have to happen? – so many wildlife habitats destroyed in such a short time.

On a happier note – at least the skylark kept singing and cheered me up!

During a recent stay in Norfolk I went to a wood FULL of aconites and snowdrops – a wonderful sight.

Also, visiting the RSPB reserve on Otmoor I was lucky enough to hear and see a bittern – what an amazing sight and sound. It is a great place to have a walk and hear and see birds if you have a chance.

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Ellen Cocking

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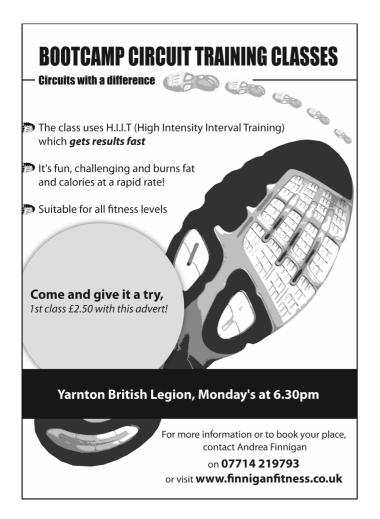
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Yarnton Carers Coffee and Cake

Meets: fourth Tuesday of each month

Time: 10.30 a.m. - 12 noon

Place: Yarnton Nurseries Cafe, Sandy Lane, Yarnton. **Meeting dates:** April 23rd, May 28th, June 25th, July 23rd,

Aug 27th, Sept 24th, Oct 22nd, Nov 26th

For details please call Christine Stanbridge, Outreach Worker for Bicester, Kidlington and Yarnton at Carers Oxfordshire on 07827 235 456

Christian Aid Week 12th to 18th May

Every May during Christian Aid week a group from the church takes part in the Christian Aid Collection Week by taking a house-to-house collection in the village. Christian Aid works to bring an end to poverty around the world, tackling its root causes as well as its effects. It is amazing how, with just a few hours of time and effort, we can make a huge difference to the lives of some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Christian Aid Week raises over £12m, most of which comes from house-to-house collections. Last year the collection in Yarnton raised in excess of £2000.

We are very grateful to all our regular collectors, but we do really need more volunteers if we are to cover the whole village, especially with all the new housing; the more helpers the less each one has to do. You can volunteer on your own or with a friend.

If you can help, delivering or collecting envelopes, or preferably both, please contact John Appleton on 01865 460496, mobile 07770868235 or email: john appleton@ntlworld.com

or Caitlin Dimond, tel. 01865 378811

Yarnton Parish Council

Clerk: Lynne Whitley

Office: Village Hall, The Paddocks, Yarnton, OX5 1TE.

Tel. 378476. e-mail:clerk@phonecoop.coop

The Parish Office is open Mondays and Thursdays

9 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. If the main door of the Village Hall is locked, please knock on the window by the post box at the left end of the Village Hall.

Future Meeting dates: 10th April and 15th May 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 $5^{\rm th}$ May 2011 for a four-year period

Co-opted Parish Councillor: 10th August 2011:

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:

Maurice Billington. Tel: 842235 Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435

Yarnton Village HallBookings: Tel. 07948 722633 **Planning Applications:**

12/01603/F. 198/200 Woodstock Road, erection of

detached garage and dwelling.

13/00071/LB. 124 Cassington Road, Exeter Farm, external/internal subsidence remedial repair work.

Planning Decisions:

12/01482/F. 50 and 52 Church Lane. Demolish two dwellings, erect one new dwelling. Granted 6.2.13. 12/01757/F. 61 Merton Way, garage conversion, first floor extension to side, etc. Granted 5.2.13.

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.

Annual Parish Meeting – Yarnton Village Hall, Friday 19th April at 7 p.m. Martin Woodley MBE has agreed to speak at the APM on the subject of Trading Standards and Doorstep Crime. All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend.

Dogs: Recently the problem of dog mess and horse droppings on the bridlepath leading to the Burial Ground has increased greatly, causing great concern to people going to the Burial Ground, either to tend to graves or for the burial of a loved one. PLEASE, if you walk your dog down this path, can you make sure that you pick up any mess they make, to alleviate the problem. There is a dog bin situated at the end of the bridlepath, and dog waste bags are available if required free of charge from the Parish Office. Can you also please not let your dogs off the lead until you are past the Burial Ground. It has become apparent recently that a lot of people are ignoring the notice at the end of Church Lane about this. If the problem persists, the area will be monitored and fines imposed.

The Parish Council is also getting an increasing number of reports of dog owners taking dogs into the park in Rutten Lane, despite notices at all entrances to the park saying that dogs are not allowed in the park.

Tree Cutting: An incident has been reported to the Parish Council recently of a tree being cut down on land not belonging to the house owner. Any trees outside of your boundary should not be cut without getting prior permission from the County Council.

Parish Council Vacancy: Due to the resignation of a member of the Parish Council who has moved out of the area, there is now a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. If you are interested in the vacancy, please contact the Parish Clerk.

Pavilion Loan: At the public meeting held on Thursday 7th March to discuss the proposed loan for a new Pavilion, the public wase asked to vote on the following:

- 1. That borrowing approval be sought from the Department for Communities and Local Government for a loan of up to £173,272 over a 10 year period.
- 2. That the precept be increased to meet the repayments due on the loan over a 10 year period.

Of the 46 people present who were eligible to vote, 44 people voted Yes, 1 No, and 1 Abstention. This means that the Parish Council will now seek approval from the Department for Communities and Local Government for the loan from Cherwell District Council.

Compostable Caddy Bin Liners: The caddy bin liners are still selling well and stocks at the Parish Office in the Village Hall will be maintained for collection on Mondays 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 01865 378476. **Welcome to Yarnton Booklets:** The booklet can be viewed 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.

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

Services available:

Surgery or Hospital Appointments. Transport is available for appointments where no other is available. A small charge is made for hospital visits. **Contact Judy Mitchell, tel. 374104.**

Shopping Bus. A fortnightly minibus to Kidlington on a Tuesday morning 9.45 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. Door-to-door service with help to carry the shopping. Donation by each passenger of £1 per round trip. **Contact Fred Jones, tel. 373871.**

Lunch Club. Every Wednesday in the Village Hall 12.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. A two-course meal with tea or coffee for just £3. Free transport available for people with limited mobility. A companionable meal in friendly atmosphere. **Contact Brenda Louch, tel. 374126.**

Wheelchair. Temporary use of a privately-owned lightweight wheelchair is available. Contact Bernie Connors, tel. 372944. Enquiries should be made direct to the contact for the particular service.

The Parish Council is keen to keep residents informed of things happening which affect them and is using the village website to give up-to-date information when available.

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The Environment Agency, which is the navigation authority for the Thames, is now recruiting for the 2013 season and is looking for volunteers who can commit to assisting at least one day a week between May and the end of September. Volunteers can agree their hours with lock keepers, but need to be available at least from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers are particularly needed along the river between Reading and Lechlade. Volunteering is a great way to meet people and to find out more about the Thames, its history, wildlife and management. At the same time volunteers know that they are doing something worthwhile that is really appreciated.

Our volunteer assistant lock keepers work alongside paid lock keepers. They help boats pass through the lock safely: taking ropes, directing traffic, and operating sluices and lock gates. They help maintain the site: painting, tidying and gardening. They provide information to visitors, be they on foot or afloat, so that they can make the best of their time on the river. Visitors really appreciate the local knowledge that volunteers can provide.



All applicants are invited to an assessment at a local lock. Here they will have the role explained to them and be shown what it involves in practical terms. They will also be assessed to decide which site may be most appropriate for them and to ensure that they have the physical capabilities required. After successful completion of the assessment, they attend an induction course which focuses on safety and preparing them for the lock-side. On the lock-side the volunteers follow a documented training programme before being signed off to take charge of the lock on their own. This will only be for short periods, while the paid keeper is at lunch, for example. The volunteers are there to augment the service provided by paid staff, rather than to replace them.

Volunteers are provided with some uniform and can claim mileage for travel to and from their lock (subject to a daily maximum). They also receive a monthly newsletter which keeps them in touch with what is going on along the river and other activities of the Environment Agency.

If you would like to find out more about volunteering on the Thames and to receive an information pack and application form, please contact the Volunteer Team on 01491 828360 or email thames.volunteers@environment-agency.gov.uk
Demetri Somarakis, River Thames Volunteer Team - Waterways

Environment Agency, Red Kite House, Howbery Park, Crowmarsh Gifford, Wallingford, OX10 8BD





Yarnton W.I.

We had our Annual Meeting in March, when we looked back on a very successful and enjoyable year. Doris Tresise was elected for a second year as President, with Carol Cleaver continuing as Secretary. Sheila Westall stood down as Treasurer after many years of service, and was thanked for all her work over the years. Mary Chamberlain was elected as Treasurer in her place and we wish her well. Sheila is staying on the committee, and the other committee members are Ruth Astall, Jenny Austen, Rosemary Barker, Ann Moss, Maureen Rhymes, Melanie Wakefield and Gaynor White. After the business of the meeting, we were entertained by Gaynor, who gave us a demonstration of Easter Egg decoration.

This month our speaker is Melissa White, Gaynor's daughter, who will tell us about her involvement with Dreamflight, a charity that changes young lives through taking seriously ill and disabled children, without their parents, on the holiday of a lifetime to Orlando, Florida. Tea hostesses are Sue Brewerton, Dorothy Cherry and Jacqueline Cook. Gaynor will be holding a coffee morning in aid of Dreamflight on Thursday 20th June at 10.30 a.m.

We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday $11^{\rm th}$ April at 7.45 p.m. and visitors are always welcome at our meetings. On Wednesday $3^{\rm rd}$ April Maureen Rhymes will be holding a clothes sale at her home, 159 Rutten Lane at 7 p.m., in aid of funds. If you have any good quality clothing which you no longer want, then please bring it to Maureen's on $3^{\rm rd}$ April, labelled with your name and the price you require. 10% of any sales will go to WI, the balance to you, but any clothes not sold must be taken away at the end of the evening.

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Reunion

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Lynne Whitley/Gill Baldwin

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Thames Valley Police Neighbourhood Update - March

Crime information

The month of February has come and gone, and crime continues to occur which affects all of us in some way. It is usually crimes such as burglaries, car crime and criminal damage that cause us most inconvenience and most distress. But remember, we live in the lowest crime area in the whole of TVP. Due to the rise in fuel prices especially diesel, we have seen a rise in thefts of fuel and of number plates. A total of 8 offences of theft from vehicle were recorded for February, but the good news is that whilst arresting a male from one incident, he made admissions to other thefts in the area. Though I am pleased there have been no reported house burglaries, there have been 5 burglaries of business premises, where the theme seems to be taking charity boxes. This saddens me as they are not denying the businesses the money but the charities themselves. If anyone has any information about who may be responsible for these crimes please contact 101. You do not have to leave your name. Or you can call crime stoppers on 0845 555 111.

Anti Social Behaviour

I have been getting reports of intimidation and harassment of residents in Yarnton in the vicinity of the Southern Electric site. I have personally visited the young males who are responsible and harassment warnings have been issued.

Partnership Activity

This is a strong area for the neighbourhood team. A lot of community work has been done recently by PCSO Ian Wilkins with the PEGASUS PROJECT, where he has organised a day in April for vulnerable victims of crime to attend. We will have guest speakers on hand to provide advice on home security, fire awareness and DIY initiatives. There will also be a fun element with the onus on closer community ties. This will be on 9th April at Kidlington Baptist church. I have been working with partners on preventative methods regarding dealing with problem children and the various measures that can be brought in to help, if they are not willing to comply with intervention.

NAG Priorities

I can report that we have had some success this month with one drugs raid in Yarnton, where a small amount of cocaine was seized and a male dealt with. My team and I are continuing to find cannabis on people and in some areas you can smell it out in the open. We have also conducted both a Metal Theft Operation and a Burglary Operation which involved numerous officers from other Neighbourhoods and as a result several arrests were made. Enquiries are still ongoing to establish if there is enough evidence to charge.

Sign up to Thames Valley Alert

Thames Valley Alerts is the new system for receiving crime and policing updates for your area. The state-of-the-art system allows anyone who signs up to choose what updates they receive and how they would like to receive them. A new option includes receiving information via text and more traditional landline and email messages will still be available. To sign up to receive alerts visit www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

Samantha West, Neighbourhood Policing Administrator - Cherwell LPA, Banbury Police Station, Warwick Road, Banbury, OX16 2AE. Tel: 01295 754541, Email: sam.west@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk





We are an established golfing society with a present membership of 33; we play at least once a month and each year plan a long golfing weekend away (also abroad). We meet at The Red Lion on the first Monday of each month at 8 o'clock

New members will be very welcome
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Keep an eye out for our local supplier tasting day, the date is to be confirmed, but these days are ever popular where you get to meet the suppliers of some of our great foods - some of them you may even know, as they're from just around the corner!



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

With membership growing and more and more people taking advantage of the Platinum Club, we hope you have joined so you can also make the most of the offers. We think you'll love it! If you did have any troubles joining in the past, please do try again or email yarnton@frasergroup.co.uk if you need any assistance. Just log onto www.frasersbudgens.co.uk or ask in store for more details. But don't worry, if you don't have access to the internet you can still join and be entitled to some of the great offers, just by showing your card!

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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!)

New Charity?

Whilst we will always look to support William Fletcher School we would like to give another cause our support as well. If you have a charity that is close to your heart, please suggest it to us via the website and we will put it forward. Thank you to those who have given their suggestions so far.

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Senior Club

On $14^{\rm th}$ February we ended the Club's year with a party, at which we were joined by many friends who regularly join us on our coach outings. We had a special tea with entertainment by Keith, who sang a variety of songs. The afternoon ended with a bumper raffle. We were sorry many people were ill and could not come, especially as the weather turned in our favour with sun and higher temperatures.

Also in February, on 28th, we had our AGM. It was agreed we had had a very enjoyable year and day trips were still popular. The committee elected are:

Chairman: Jose Green; Treasurer: Jackie Carpenter; Secretary: Joan Miles. The rest of the committee stayed the same: Chris Green, Marjorie Bradley, Barbara Pinfold, Kath Whitcombe.

We are also pleased to welcome Frances Page. We were sorry Marjorie was still poorly and wished her well again soon; also to Jim who has missed our meetings due to illness again. Get well soon.

We hope our first coach trip will be on 2^{nd} May. Details next month, so keep this day free. As usual we will welcome non-members who wish to join us. *Jose Green, tel.* 375644

Yarnton Village Hall

The hall comprises a large Main Hall, Back Room and Committee Room. The hall is fully accessible - facilities include stage, kitchen, toilets with disabled facilities and car park. The hall is available for hire for meetings, training events, shows, lunches, clubs, sales, parties, etc.

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It was wonderful to see so many villagers there. Our sincere thanks to all who gave so generously with their time, help and support for such a worthwhile cause.

Gill Rowhotham



Conifer Trees in Our Gardens

I love trees - in the right place – but as many are finding, evergreen conifers which are allowed to grow unchecked can create a huge nuisance in our gardens, which can severely affect neighbouring properties. Their denseness blocks out valuable sunlight, and don't we need as much of that as we can get these days? The outgrowth inhibits anything much surviving underneath.

We had a situation on our boundary which could not be reconciled with our neighbours despite several requests over the years, and so when we became aware that the law now enabled such situations to be formally challenged we took our case to Cherwell District Council.

High hedge situations are decided under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act of 2003, and the legislation is restricted to certain types of hedge (taken from CDC website):

- Be wholly or predominantly evergreen or semievergreen. This means it must retain some live foliage throughout the year. Beech hedges, for example, are excluded as although they often retain leaves throughout the winter, these leaves are dead and brown.
- Consist of a line of two or more trees or shrubs. The legislation does not apply to single trees.
- Be at least 2m in height. This is measured from natural ground level at the point at which the hedge is growing, usually on the hedge owner's land.
- Form a barrier to light or access.
- Adversely affect your enjoyment of your property by virtue of its height. Problems related to hedge roots are specifically excluded.

The height to which a hedge might be directed to be reduced is determined by a formula using windows and height of property, etc, and in our case the decision was to reduce the height by just under half; we were then left with just the overhang to cut back. The notice requires that the 'hedge' is then maintained to that height year on year and the notice also attaches to the property and moves with it when it is sold. The process has taken the best part of a year – but we have achieved the objective of getting morning sunshine onto the back of our bungalow, and look forward to a reduction in our heating bills. Even though there is a fee from the District Council for the `High hedge service', it has been worth it.

Further information at

http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=1739
The officer in charge of high hedge issues is Mr Rob
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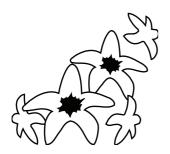
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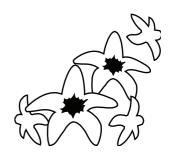
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Thank you

I want to thank everyone for attending my mum's funeral in March. We couldn't have asked for a better day weather-wise and we really appreciated the cards we received and the kind words of support. Mum had lived in the village for over 60 years and it was lovely to see people at the funeral that she had known for all those years. Thank you so much everyone - it really meant a lot to the

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Team Vicar: The Reverend Nathan Jarvis, tel. 01865 849352, 26 Church Lane, Yarnton Team Rector: Canon Adrian Daffern, tel. 01993 811415

As we go to press, our Vicar, the Reverend Nathan Jarvis, has been ill for the last few weeks. We wish him a speedy and full recovery. Our April message comes from Canon Adrian Daffern, Team Rector of the Benefice of Blenheim, of which Yarnton and Begbroke are a part:

Last year I went on the trip of a lifetime – my first ever visit to the Holy Land. I have been ordained for 21 years in June; 21 years of preaching and teaching about Jesus – and yet I had never been to the place where he was born (Bethlehem), the place where he grew up (Nazareth), the place where he was taught (Galilee), and the place where he died and rose again (Jerusalem) – until then. It is hard to describe just how much this affected me. All I can say is that for 21 years I feel as if I have been reading the Bible in black and white – whereas now everything is in colour. Even though so much of Israel/Palestine has changed in the last 2000 years, much remains the same. To walk where he walked, and to pray where he prayed – faith came alive for me in a new way, and faith, and life, will never be the same again.

We have just celebrated the events of Jesus' Passion – the last week of his life and ministry, his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the Last Supper, his arrest and torture, his crucifixion, his death, and – Alleluia! – his resurrection. But why bother? Or, to be more precise, why should you bother?

Because he did it all for you. And he longs for you to take a step towards him, to look at his face, to hear his voice, and to feel his touch. And if you wonder how on earth you might do any of that, or what it might mean, just come along to church, or be brave and give Nathan a ring! Because when Jesus Christ is at the centre of your life, things make sense in a way that they never did before. *Canon Adrian Daffern*

CHURCH DIARY

(see also regular service times below)

Sat 20th Men's Breakfast

Sun 21st Eucharist for Healing and Wholeness

6 p.m. St. Bartholomew's

(Please note that there will be no other

services on this day)

Sat 27th Women's Breakfast Sun 28th Messy Church

3 p.m. - 5 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene's

Church, Woodstock

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.

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 or Canon Adrian Daffern 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. or Canon Adrian Daffern.

Churchwarden: Charlotte Rayner, 3 Paternoster Court, Yarnton, tel. 01865 849534

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Note: This seems to be a very good initiative from the District Councils and worth signing up to in order to get a better deal on energy prices with collective bargaining.

Community Education at the Marlborough School, Woodstock

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Weekly Classes

Pilates all levels, Tuesday 5.15 p.m. and 6.20 p.m. Hula Hooping Adult and Parent and Child, Wednesday 5.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m.

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.

Italian Next Steps (for people that know a little or who have attended Beginners), Monday 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Badminton all levels, Monday and Thursday 7 p.m. - 8 p.m. Archery all levels, Monday and Thursday 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. Golf all levels, Saturdays 12.30 p.m. - 1.30 p.m. Spanish - Beginners, Intermediate, Wednesday 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

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 fifth of our five Saturday workshops on 18th May. Courses running are:

Saturday, 18th May

Anyone Can Dance (afternoon); Applemac Moving On; Aromatherapy Facial (morning); Indian Head Massage (afternoon); Introduction to Curtain Making; Glass Engraving (only 6 students taken; not offered anywhere else in Oxfordshire); PC Maintenance; Portrait Drawing; Stained Glass; Watercolour Demonstration (morning); Yoga (morning)

Weekend Course, Saturday and Sunday 15th and 16th June

Stained Glass Leaded Workshop

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

Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society

On Tuesday, 16^{th} April the Society holds its AGM, and this year it will be in **Yarnton**. The AGM will be followed by an opportunity for members to show and discuss their own interesting artefacts.

Helen Anderson

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You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Since 2009 we have raised over £20,000 and it has become our flagship community fundraising event. We want to raise £10,000 from this event in 2013 we can provide more support to spinal cord injured people.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group.

Be a part of something special and make a real difference to help spinal cord injured people gain access to the information and support they need to enable them to live full and independent lives."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk



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

This winter has not been the best for outdoor team sport, with some matches having to be postponed, but we continue with *Club Night* when there is no snow or heavy rain, on Tuesdays at Rutten Lane, *Yarnton 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.* providing training for those who are participating in the 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.

For updated information please contact: Club Secretary - Paula - kidlington.netball@hotmail.co.uk.





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Keep an eye out for them hovering near and resting on flowers. Many seem to enter conservatories and greenhouses too.

The adult hoverflies like flowers where there is easy access to the nectar. Good plants to encourage these helpful insects are aster, 'poached egg' plant, 'baby blue eyes', ice plant, phacelia, ivy and poppies. Some of these plants are great for growing in tubs and containers on patios, so even if you don't have a great expanse of garden, you can still play your part in attracting them. Have a look out in your garden and see what other plants hoverflies are attracted to; we would love to know and expand our own knowledge.

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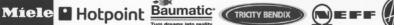
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Web: www.woodstockmethodists.org.uk, www.kidlingtonmethodistchurch.co.uk

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 April

Woodstock

| 7^{th} | 10.30 a.m. | Joanna Tulloch |
|-----------|------------|----------------------|
| 14^{th} | 10.30 a.m. | Rev. Philip Beuzeval |
| 21st | 10.30 a.m. | Jan Grimwood |
| 28^{th} | 10.30 a.m. | Rev. Jonathan Todd |
| | | (Holy Communion) |

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!

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| 7^{th} | 10 a.m. | Malcolm Bromhall |
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| 14^{th} | 10 a.m. | Hannah Stammers |
| 21 st | 10 a.m. | Ian Leck |
| 28^{th} | 10 a.m. | Jennifer Thompson |

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

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A Thorny Problem - Cyclists Beware!

If you use the cycle path on the east side of the Woodstock Road (A44) between Langford Lane and the Texaco Garage you will no doubt have incurred punctures.

The majority of the hedgerows along this stretch are thorny. When they are 'pruned' - and I use the word loosely as the machine which does it is more like a threshing machine - it scatters small pieces of twigs, with thorns about 10 metres in either direction. This is fine as a long as the cycle paths are swept afterwards, but they are not.

I have contacted the Council on three occasions and have also mentioned it to the Councillors in Yarnton and Begbroke. So far nothing has been done. I was informed by the Council that the owners of the fields used contractors to cut the hedgerows, who should then tell the Council so they can sweep the cycle paths/roads – it doesn't work.

The resultant punctures cost money, are time consuming, cause delays in getting to and from work and a general inconvenience. On occasion I have resorted to using the A44 itself, which is not only a danger to myself but also to motorists.

If you are a cyclist who has encountered this problem you may like to support me by phoning the County Council Highways Dept on 01865 792422 to complain. *Chris Brooks*

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Book Reading Group

The Book Reading Group's book for discussion in April is 'Forty Rules of Love' by Elif Shafak. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m., usually on the first Monday in the month. May's book is 'The Finkler Question' by Howard Jacobson. New members most welcome. Contact number: 371656. *Helen Anderson*

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 10.30 a.m. - 11 a.m., 5.15 p.m. - 5.45 p.m., or any time at call. **Baptism and Marriage** by appointment.

Young children go into the sacristy for part of the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass to celebrate their own liturgy. Coffee is served after the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Hugh and after the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More. St. Thomas More Primary School is next to the Catholic Church in Kidlington. If you would like your child to attend this school, please contact Fr. Chris on 377093, or the Headteacher Mrs. M. Buller on 373674. A mini-bus collects from surrounding villages.



A messy problem!

I am sure other people will have noticed the problem of cigarette butts around the bus shelter for Great Close Road. It's a dirty embarrassing mess at the minute.



Could a sign be put up on the lamp post to deter this? *Helen Tyas*

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