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Mon. 1st	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)
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)
Tue. 2nd	Village Hall AGM, Back Room, 7 p.m.
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.
Thur. 4th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Fri. 5 th	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
Thur. 11 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Fri. 12 th	William Fletcher School Fete, 5.30 p.m.
Sat. 13 th	Summer Fayre, Sanctuary Housing, 11 a.m.
Sat. 13 th	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Tue. 16 th	Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society, 7.45 p.m., Begbroke Village Hall
Wed. 17 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 18th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 18 th	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 20 th	Gardening Club trip to Savill Gardens
Thur. 25 th	Senior Club outing to Cheddar/Burnham-on-Sea, 8.45 a.m.
Sat. 27 th	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

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There will be lots of stalls including, amongst others, a tincan alley, face painting, lucky dip, and pudding stall. There will also be barbecue and bar, with music by Yarnton Band,

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Birthdays in May were Sylvia, Eileen, Jackie, Betty (Percival) and Les. Best wishes and a chorus of Happy Birthday were given to them all.

We then had our second coach outing, this time to Weymouth. The weather had worsened by the end of the month, and we started off in rain – not too heavy so no-one got soaked. We stopped for a leg stretch in Salisbury, again missing the showers. When we arrived there was a little sunshine, then a couple or so quick few spots, again no-one got wet and we did see the sun. It should have been warmer for the time of year; nevertheless we all were able to sit on the seafront as well as all the other things one does on a day out. We travelled home via Ringwood and stopped at services for our raffle, by now a bright sunny evening.

Our trip in July is on $25^{\rm th}$ to Cheddar and Burnham-on-Sea. Everyone is welcome.

We urgently need a Secretary for the Club. We meet on alternate Thursdays in the afternoon, plus a committee meeting approximately every 6 weeks, which follows on after Thursday club. We hope someone will come and offer to keep our records in order. Many thanks. *Jose Green, tel.* 375644

Christian Aid collection 2013

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the distribution and collection of envelopes and to all who contributed to the total of £1706.96, during Christian Aid week in May.

We covered most of the village this year, but just one or two more helpers would have enabled us to cover the whole area; sorry if you were missed - you could still donate on line at www.caweek.org
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Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society

July's meeting, on Tuesday 16th, has a talk by Barbara Allison, who has expert knowledge of sixteenth and seventeenth century clothes. The talk is entitled 'Petticoats and Partlets' (and which one of us knows what sort of garment a partlet is?). The talk starts at 8 p.m. and will be preceded at 7.45 p.m. by a meeting of members to discuss the future of the society. Helen Anderson

Long Leys Farm, Cumnor Open Gardens

Sam and Jody Meredith-Horne are opening their spectacular garden to the public on Saturday 6th July from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in aid of a local charity. The garden includes a beautiful rose garden with over 100 different varieties. There will also be a range of stalls selling goods. Tickets cost £3 per person, under 16s free of charge. Long Leys Farm, Leys Road, Cumnor, Oxford, OX2 9QG. Parking available in nearby field. For further information, please contact Kelly Bartlett on

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Future Meeting dates: 12th June and 10th July in the Village Hall at 6.15 p.m., then every second Wednesday in

the month.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of all Parish Council Meetings are available on the village website once they are

approved, <u>www.yarnton-village.org.uk</u> **Parish Council - contact numbers**

Parish Council Chairman Fred Jones. Tel: 373871

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Parish Council Members:

John Burford. Tel: 849750 Harry Carrier. Tel: 841733 Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435 Carol Green. Tel: 371355 Anna Isles. Tel: 372895

The above-named were declared elected as Parish Councillors without a contest as from 5^{th} May 2011 for a four-year period. Michael Gibbard was declared elected as District Councillor as from 5^{th} May 2011 for a four-year period.

Co-opted Parish Councillor: 10th August 2011:

Graham Thompson. Tel: 461479

Co-opted Parish Councillor: 15th May 2013

Keith Johnston: Tel: 372266 **Planning Applications:**

13/00520/F. 14 Merton Way, two-storey side extension

and conservatory

13/00584/LB. Exeter Farm, 124 Cassington Road, repairs to chimneys, provision of external lights, metal handrail to staircase, repairs/renewals to slate weathering.

Construction of stone wall and gates; shingle car park area, close boarded fence and gate.

Parish Councillor: Thank you to everyone who showed an interest in filling the vacancy for a new Parish Councillor. At the Parish Council meeting held on 15th May 2013, the council voted to co-opt Keith Johnston on to the Parish Council. Keith moved to Yarnton in June 1989, and since 2010 he has been a Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for part of The Garth and Spencer Avenue.

New Pavilion: The Parish Council has now been given permission to take out a loan from Cherwell District Council to help fund the new pavilion at Little Marsh. Demolition of the old pavilion and construction of the new pavilion will be starting shortly.

Register of Local Heritage Assets: The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires local authorities to recognise buildings and other structures that are deemed to be of local historic or social importance. These were formerly known as 'Locally Listed' and will now be referred to as 'Local Heritage Assets'. Yarnton Parish Council will be passing information on local places to Cherwell District Council when requested. One of our councillors will be co-ordinating this, so if you think you would like to be involved in helping to compile this register, please contact the Parish Clerk.



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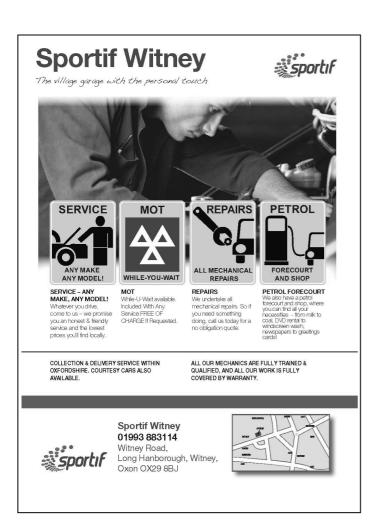
Burial Ground: We appreciate that the Burial Ground is very important to a lot of parishioners, so are always happy to receive suggestions for improvements to be made. A small gate for pedestrians was suggested and has recently been installed at the Burial Ground, which we hope will make access easier, particularly for elderly residents who found opening the double gates difficult, especially in bad weather. The padlock on the gate at the end of the Bridle Path has recently gone missing while the contractor was mowing the grass at the Burial Ground. If anybody has found it or inadvertently taken it, we would appreciate it being returned to the Parish Office please.

Blocked Sewers: Blocked sewers are still occurring frequently in the village, often due to things like nappies and wipes being put down toilets. Please think and dispose of these in the appropriate way.

Overgrown Hedges and Trees: There are still several properties in the village where hedges and trees are well over the boundary, making it difficult to walk on the path, especially with pushchairs and wheelchairs. If yours is one of these properties, it would be appreciated if you could cut the hedge back to the boundary. If it is not possible for you to do this yourself, there are several contractors in the village who will happily give you a quote for carrying out the work.

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. **Dog Waste Bags:** Dog waste bags are available free of charge from the Parish Office.

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Views

One thing I really love is a distant view. I can stand for ages picking out different things and places, imagining all of life going on but not being part of it. Sadly I don't have much of a view from our home in Yarnton – mainly over roof tops. I can just see Beckley TV mast.

From the holiday house we recently rented in Cornwall we had the most amazing views. We were staying in a place right out in the sticks – difficult to find on the narrow Cornish roads. But the views were just stunning from the hill, especially when the sun rose and you could see where the sun was shining and see the clouds coming, or where it was raining (we had plenty of that!). In this narrow part of Cornwall I could see across to St. Ives, Penzance, Newlyn, St. Michael's Mount and much more. One day we had an awesome sunset, and best of all a rainbow which seemed to end so brightly right in a field.

Back at home we managed to spend a few nights camping in our field. It was lovely waking up to see a field full of orchids and cowslips. At 4 a.m. the cuckoo started singing, so I'm pleased to have heard it this year. Has anyone heard it in Yarnton this year?

I thought you might like this poem by E.M. Adams:

The Sea

Take your bucket, and take your spade, And come to the sea with me, Building castles upon the sand Is the game for you and me! Races run with the tumbling waves, Then rest awhile in the cool, dark caves. Oh, the greatest joy in the summer time Is the sea, the sparkling sea!

Enjoy the summer.

Ellen Cocking

P.S. Peter Pigeon is still alive and well in our garden. Our grandchildren love him but sadly still not the chickens!

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Yarnton Scout Group

We have had a busy few months, with camping at Youlbury, an Easter canal boat trip on the Grand Union Canal and the planning of the Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition taking place over the summer.

The Ragbag scheme is working well and so far we have earned over a £100 from the clothing collected, so please do keep dropping your old clothes, handbags, belts and shoes in the collection bin outside the hut.

Over the past term the Beavers have been 'around the world' visiting Gibraltar, Kenya and Australia, among a few, with activities based around the countries, finishing at Easter Island with an Easter Egg Hunt. Congratulations to Hugo and Stanley on completing their Chief Scout Bronze awards.

The Cubs have been working on their Global Challenge badge with a visit from the Red Cross, and learning how to filter water. Over the coming term the Cubs will be working on their Communicator badge by looking at codes, foreign languages and showing they can follow instructions.

The Beavers and Cubs have also joined for a camp at Horley where they worked towards their Naturalist badge. Congratulations to Will and Oscar for gaining their Chief Scout Silver awards.

This term the Scouts are working towards their Outdoor Challenge badge, which helped them on their recent patrol camp at Horley. They have also visited the fire station as part of their Community Challenge badge and Fire Safety badge.

The Scouts are heading out on a water activities camp at the end of July, where they will be water orbing, rafting, bell boating, Canadian canoeing and dragon boating.

Meanwhile the Explorers and Network have been busy working towards their Bronze and Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award; they also took part in the canal boat trip, which went well despite the canal freezing and the odd snow flurry! They are now looking towards the pedal car competitions which will be taking place over the summer.

Look out for us on the 14th July when all sections will be taking part in a sponsored bike ride around the village to help raise some funds towards a new hut. So if you would like to come and join in the fun, contact us:

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Our speaker this month is Cheryl Waller whose talk is entitled 'A basketful of herbs'. The meeting is on Thursday 18^{th} in the Village Hall at 7.45 p.m., and visitors are always welcome (£2).

In July we also have a coach trip on Saturday 20th to the Savill Garden. For further information or to book a place, please contact John Cherry on 373083.

Don't forget that Ruby and David Haynes are holding a Garden Party at their home, 46 Aysgarth Road, on Sunday 1st September, starting at 6 p.m. Tickets cost £6 each and this event is for members only.

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Our speaker for May came to talk to us about 2 Victorian Country Houses in the Chilterns, and Cliveden and Hughendon Manor were the houses in question. We were told of many historical facts, dates and of the politics of the time. Cliveden has been burnt down twice, originally built in 1795 and has had many illustrious owners. Among them are William Waldorf Astor, born in 1848, an American of German origin who made his fortune in the fur trade. He later became the American Ambassador to Italy and this allowed him to collect art and become even more cultured. He preferred life in England and so he acquired Cliveden, which remained with the Astors until the middle of the last century and is now a hotel, with gardens owned by the National Trust. Cliveden, as we all know, was fairly central to the Profumo scandal of 1963. Hughenden Manor was owned by Benjamin Disraeli, a favourite of Queen Victoria, and interestingly MPs received no salary at that time and were expected to be selfsupporting. Disraeli went on to marry a wealthy widow, Mary-Anne, and they had a very successful marriage although there were no children. He bought Hughenden Manor, which is smaller than Cliveden, on the advice of Sir Robert Peel, since Disraeli needed to own a country house in his constituency, and this was done with various loans, since he was not a wealthy man. Benjamin Disraeli was a popular and very successful MP, but his great love was politics and not Hughenden Manor, and eventually the house was left to his nephew and is now owned by The National Trust.

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We will also have a small plant and book sale plus live music from 2 p.m. The raffle will be drawn at 4 p.m. For further information please contact Polly Archer, Activities Leader Yarnton, tel. 849195 Email: Polly.Archer@sanctuary-housing.co.uk

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Don't forget our outing in August to Poole, travelling by coach. This is on Thursday 8^{th} August, leaving Yarnton at 8.30 a.m. and leaving Poole to return at 5 p.m. The cost will be £11.50; this is for the coach only, as once there you will be free to do as you wish. If you require any further information, please contact Rosemary Barker on 730188 (evenings only). There are spaces available and any visitors would be welcome to join us on this trip. *Ruth Astall*

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It's been a hectic few weeks since I have been back from my illness. The appendix is still there, grumbling away, but much better than it was. It is now an annoying presence rather than a threat of hospitalisation. Things are now improving. Again, thank you for all your good wishes and prayers. For me, the last few weeks have been a time of reflection and taking stock. I guess being ill does that to you. You start to think about all the things you have to get sorted in case another hospital stay is required. Have I got a nice enough dressing gown? Do I have a decent pair of slippers that the dogs haven't chewed? That sort of thing......

I also started to think about the house. I had better make sure it's clean and tidy at all times in case people have to come in and help, and find it in disarray. My mother always said, 'a tidy house, a tidy mind'. She, of course, has a house that sparkles with polish, never a thing out of place. My house is somewhat different. It is a busy place, people coming and going at all times, meetings being held, one-to-one discussions and prayers, and a few parties if the last few weeks are anything to go on. It's a place of activity, sometimes rather frantic. How do I get some time for reflection in the midst of a busy life? As clergy, we tend to spend all of our time trying to make sure our parishioners are happy. We put on lots of services that we think might be useful and bring people closer to God; we visit and spend time with our congregation in their own homes, and we go to school to lead assemblies. Where do we find quiet? Where do we find space?

This question could be for all of us. We race around DOING lots of things, and spend precious little time simply BEING. It is the modern disease. It is as if we cannot bear silence or space; we have to fill it with activity. On Saturday, we had a big baptism in church, and I spoke with some of the young mums. The conversation was all about activities, how they had to dash off to pick little Jack up from horse riding, or Ellie from dancing, or had to rush off for piano lessons at home. The mums looked fit to drop, the dads, completely frazzled.

Time seems to be a rare commodity these days. I think life is poorer for all our running around.

When did you last take time out, or perhaps even go on a quiet retreat? The answer might be never. As we go about our daily business, perhaps we could think about where we might like to go for a short time of reflection or quiet. It might be when we are driving to work, or perhaps walking the dog, even when we are doing the washing up or when potting plants in the shed. We all have a special place we like to go. Perhaps think about using it for quiet time.

Many of the stories of Jesus involve him going off to a remote place. He sometimes goes up a mountain, sometimes into the desert. Today in our readings we hear about him going off in a boat, leaving the people on the shore. He knew more than anyone that time alone is important. We could do worse than follow His example.



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Weekday Service

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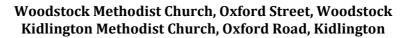
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There are no Methodist churches in Yarnton, but you will find one in both Woodstock and Kidlington. Details of our forthcoming services are below, but there are also various midweek activities, details of which can be found on the appropriate website. Everyone is welcome to come and join us at any time.

Services in July

Woodstock

7^{th}	8.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(Holy Communion)
	10.30 a.m.	Alan Turner-Smith
14^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rachel Norman
21^{st}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(Holy Communion)
28 th	10.30 a.m.	Ioanna Tulloch

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

7^{th}	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
14^{th}	10 a.m.	David Harper
21st	10 a.m.	Rev. David Bull
		(Holy Communion)
28^{th}	10 a.m.	Jim Hewitt

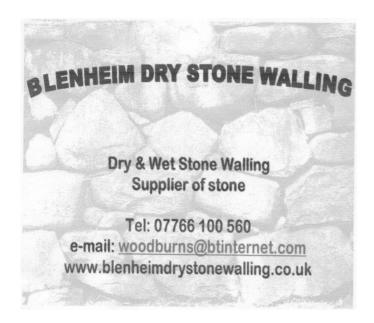
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Identifying Bird Nests

I've just had a reader on the phone who says she has a large garden full of bird nests but doesn't know which species are using the different nests. I instantly thought, ah ha!!! material for my latest wildlife gardening article. I have limited space, so I will have to be brief and just cover a few species.

More birds are nesting in our gardens year-on-year, it seems. If you're lucky enough to have nesting birds, here's how you can learn who lives where. Watch out for birds carrying nesting material as that can be a tell-tale sign of what is nesting nearby. Do not disturb nesting birds – and a licence is often needed for photography of nests. Greenfinches nest low in bushes or trees, usually just inside the canopy; sometimes deeper. Nests can sometimes be found in small groups, often untidy and made of dried grass, moss and thin twigs, lined with hair, thin roots and sometimes feathers. They nest from April to July, raising up to 3 broods per year.

Goldfinches nest in the same way as greenfinches in many ways, but their nests are a very neat case of moss lined with thistle-down and wool. Or maybe made totally out of horse hair.

Song thrushes, like blackbirds, nest in shrubs or hedges up to 4m high, occasionally much higher in trees or on ledges of buildings. Nests are made with twigs, dry grass and moss, but are unique among British bird nests in having a hard inner of mud, rotten wood and even manure, solidified with saliva and molded into shape by the bird sitting on the nest.

Have a look at the nests in your garden; the various construction techniques are stunning.

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What is a grandparent?

(Taken from papers written by a class of 8-year-olds)



Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's.

A grandfather is a man, and a grandmother is a lady!

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the colours of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on 'cracks.'

They don't say, 'Hurry up.'

Usually grandmothers are fat, but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like 'Why isn't God married?' and 'How come dogs chase cats?'

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.

Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television, because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us.

They know we should have snack time before bed time, and they say prayers with us and kiss us even when we've acted bad.

A 6-year-old was asked where his grandma lived.

'Oh' he said, 'She lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go get her.

Then when we're done having her visit, we take her back to the airport.'

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things, but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!