

# YARNTON

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## VILLAGE

## NEWS

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### CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Fri. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. ( <i>and every Friday</i> )
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. ( <i>and every Monday</i> )
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. ( <i>and every Monday</i> )
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. ( <i>and every Monday</i> )
Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's ( <i>and every Wednesday</i> )
Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup>	'Little Sheep' ( <i>and every Wednesday in term-time</i> ), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. ( <i>and every Wednesday</i> )
Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. ( <i>and every Wednesday</i> )
Thur. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, ( <i>and every Thursday in term time</i> ), Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Sat. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club trip to RHS Wisley
Wed. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 19 <sup>th</sup>	W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Thur. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Tue. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society, 7.45 p.m., Begbroke Village Hall
Thur. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Senior Club outing to Windsor/Henley, 9 a.m.
Sat. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Thur. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Fri. 27 <sup>th</sup>	World's Biggest Coffee Morning, Village Hall, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Fri. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night, British Legion, 8 p.m.

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Material for inclusion in the September Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

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Copy date for the November issue is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October

### George Tutte

George founded Yarnton Band and taught what seemed like most children in Yarnton to play a brass instrument when I was a child, in the Bandroom at Little Blenheim and in his garage at his bungalow in Field Close. Along with a lot of ex players of Yarnton Band that I've spoken to recently, I have fond memories of George and his wife Doreen, who had the patience of a saint, never knowing who George would be taking back to their home, but more often than not Doreen had been making things like homemade toffee for after the practice. Sadly George died on 9<sup>th</sup> July at his home in Meriden. George's funeral on 22<sup>nd</sup> July was attended by well over 100 people, and a brass ensemble made up of current Yarnton Band players, friends and ex-pupils of George played during the service, with Yarnton Band's current conductor Guy James taking on a dual role playing and conducting the band.

*Lynne Whitley*

### Patrick Parry Okeden

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## Ribbon cut to mark opening of extra care show flat

A show flat at an exciting new Housing 21 extra care housing scheme for older people in Yarnton was officially opened on 6<sup>th</sup> August. Representatives from Oxfordshire County Council, Cherwell District Council and Housing 21 cut a ribbon to mark the key milestone in the scheme's development. Erdington House will provide 50 apartments for rent and shared ownership sale, as well as a restaurant and hairdressing salon in a complex that is designed for independent living.

There will be an additional boost for the local community with the creation of job opportunities when the scheme opens in November. Housing 21 is looking to recruit 15 new members of staff, including care workers, cleaners, a care team leader and senior care workers.

Sue Green, Locality Manager for Housing 21 said: 'We're delighted to see the development at Erdington House reach this key milestone with the opening of the show flat. Erdington House will not only provide high quality apartments for older people but also local job opportunities, making it a valuable asset for Yarnton.'

Cllr. Judith Heathcoat, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Adult Services, said: 'It's clear that many people want to live independently for as long as they can, but in order to do this, people need to have the support and facilities in place. Extra care housing schemes like Erdington House mean that people can continue to live independently in their own homes and yet have access to nearby help and extra assistance should they need it. The County Council is working with its extra care housing partners to have more than 900 extra care places across Oxfordshire by 2015. The Erdington House project will contribute significantly towards this goal and I am sure many people will enjoy the facilities that will be on offer there.'

The new development is being built in a partnership between Housing 21, Oxfordshire County Council, Cherwell District Council, Willmott Dixon and the Homes and Communities Agency. The development has been partly funded with a grant from the Homes and Communities Agency. Cherwell District Council's lead member for planning, Cllr. Michael Gibbard, said:

'Cherwell District Council has a proven track record of working with partners to provide high quality new housing developments for those in housing need. Erdington House is another example of this and I wish its new residents well when they move in later in the year. My congratulations to all those involved in turning this project into a reality.'

Erdington House's one and two bedroom apartments will have fully fitted kitchens and level access showers. Residents will benefit from a secure door entry system with intercom to every apartment, a court manager service and an emergency call system.

Housing 21 is now taking reservations for the shared ownership properties and further information can be obtained from the Housing 21 sales team on 0345 608 4021, email [sales@housing21.co.uk](mailto:sales@housing21.co.uk). Information on the rental properties can be obtained from Housing 21's lettings service on 0345 606 6363 or email [lettings@housing21.co.uk](mailto:lettings@housing21.co.uk)

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**'Work, Rest and Play'.** As I stand on the threshold of another birthday (I need to find a therapist who can help with me turning 40, please!), it occurs to me that things are changing. I get an achy knee in winter. If I do more than a few hours gardening, I practically need to be stretchered out of the house the following day; that sort of thing. Things are starting to wear out and get a little tired. I am officially getting older.

I was having a conversation with a group of students the other day about the television shows and cartoons we remember from when we were children. I came up with the usual things from someone who was brought up in the 1980s. Rhubarb and Custard, Bagpuss, Willow the Whisp, the Flumps, and my favourite, the Wombles. We remembered commercials from that time too, and I thought of the ad for Mars bars. I couldn't understand why, when the advert told us they were good to eat once a day, I was not allowed to follow this health advice. I simply thought my mum was being mean. It turns out that eating lots of chocolate has turned into a habit of a life time, but that's another story..... I then realised that the students were exactly half my age. Where on earth has the time gone? What had I done with the last twenty years?

Well, I guess a lot of that time has been taken up with work. Before I was ordained I had a career in publishing. I loved all the travel and attending exciting meetings in foreign countries. I felt as if I was doing something worthwhile, and so much more interesting than most of my friends who seemed to be trapped in offices. Work was good. Work was fun and fulfilling. Life has of course continued to be busy and life enhancing in the parish. It seems to me that we are very focussed on what it means to be in work at the moment. Programmes about not having it are all over our TV schedules. I watched a programme the other day called 'How to get a Council House' and another called 'Find me a Job'. It seems to me that they should all be called 'How to Patronise the Unemployed'. We are obsessed with asylum seekers and immigrants, who gets what, and who deserves what. It is all about rights and responsibilities. I was always taught (by a wise mother who has always worked hard) that work was not only about earning a living, but earning respect, for oneself and others, taking your place in society. And what of those who are working, sometimes struggling to make the mortgage or rent payments, keeping all the plates spinning? We have plenty of those in our two parishes of Yarnton and Begbroke. How fulfilled do we feel when the pressure is on, when we feel we are on a treadmill? Feeling good about our work seems a luxury that we can't afford at times.

**Where do we go for encouragement?** How about rest? I can almost hear you all say 'what about it?', as you flick through the magazine in a brief moment of quiet perhaps. Rest is something we seem to value less and less. A recent survey suggests that we Brits are terrible at stopping and resting, we lead Europe as a nation of those on the brink of mental illness and 'burn out'. We seem unable to stop, to recharge and to process our work, to examine our lives and act appropriately. We race, headlong, into the next day or week, without any real pause. This is our fault of course. We want supermarkets to be open every day. We insist that to get everything done, the weekend needs to be packed with activities and trips out and the odd bit of work, as the Blackberry or iPhone hums away in our pocket. More e-mails to look at when we get in. It never stops. Rest time gets taken over with desperate attempts to fit in everything else. Sundays used to be called a day of rest. Remember those days? I am not advocating we go back to how it used to be, bad black and white films on a Sunday afternoon, and nothing open but the corner shop. But sometimes we need to stop and simply be.

**Where do we go for peace and quiet?** And finally, play. I have always been good at this part. I love meeting friends, having dinner, catching up over a glass of wine, spending time with those who are precious to me. But even our play time, the time when we can let rip and be silly, have a laugh and do all the things we say we will get around to, has changed. Play can be spontaneous, it doesn't have to cost anything. We live in one of the most beautiful parts of the country, rivers, meadows, canals all on our doorstep. I wonder how many times a week we get out there and take time to feel the long grass in the fields, to see the changing seasons, to have fun in our beautiful corner of England? I know. We haven't got time! Play is a way of letting out all our frustrations, of letting go temporarily. A hugely important part of life. At a recent party, a bouncy castle, hired for the kids, ended up being populated by the adults as the children sat around talking on the grass. It was wonderful to see.

**Where do we go to have fun?** Work, Rest and Play. A simple summing up of our lives, and yet an important reminder to get things in balance. If things get out of kilter, things start to go wrong. We are rapidly approaching a time in the church where we start to celebrate all these elements in a special way; Harvest Festival time is almost upon us. This year, we will be having a traditional celebration. Our churches will be filled with fruit and vegetables, freshly baked bread, and the abundance of nature. Harvest is all about sharing our lives together. We say thank-you to the folk who work hard to produce our food, we then spend some time enjoying the 'down time' that comes afterwards, and finally celebrate with a big party. What could be nicer? As I approach my big Four Zero, I do so with some fears about the future, and with much thanks for what has passed. I pray that much of what is to come is spent with you, the wonderful people of Yarnton and Begbroke.

*Nathan*

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*Ann Warne, tel. 377403*

## From a village resident

As a relatively new resident I have come to love living in Yarnton and make a point of reading the newsletter every month to keep up with what is going on. It is a really valuable piece of information.

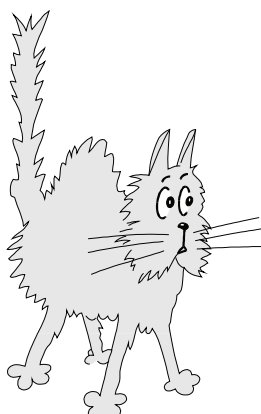
Frequent reference is made to dog fouling, which I agree is totally unacceptable. However since moving here I have had no cause to complain about dog mess at all. Owners seem to be pretty responsible to me, and especially the dog owners in my close are really aware of their animals' behaviour.

CAT mess on the other hand has been a continual problem. I am forever removing cat poo from my garden, and as someone who has had to work particularly hard on improving the grounds around my house, it is especially galling! I have had several plants ruined by cats scratching and fouling, and have spent considerable amounts on deterrents, which work to an extent, but then the animals just foul in the middle of the lawn instead! (And I do know the difference between cat, dog, hedgehog and fox poo - unfortunately!!) Having to use chemicals on the garden is not good, and cat mint/catnip rarely works. Discovering cat poo whilst gardening is obviously highly unpleasant, but the dangers of cat mess are overlooked - toxoplasmosis can make one really quite ill and can do harm to pregnant women and their unborn babies, for example.

None of the above even begins to address the detrimental effects that the high number of cats in our neighbourhood has on our wildlife! I am going to begin a tally of the number of dead animals which I have to dispose of each year as a result of cat activity.

In summary, I think we have done a great deal locally and at society level to address the issue of dog fouling; now the same attention should be drawn to cat fouling. Cat owners should be made to feel the same level of responsibility towards their animals' behaviour as with dogs. There is absolutely no reason why I should have to put up with one more than the other, especially when the harm caused by cats is significantly greater overall.

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**Arson in Yarnton village**

Regrettably there have been three incidents of arson recently over a period of three weeks. Two separate incidents took place in Yarnton Park and one on the pedestrian pathway between Pixey Close and Hayday Close.

Thames Valley Police is investigating the circumstances surrounding these incidents and making good progress in identifying the culprits responsible. Any member of the public who has any information regarding any of the incidents is urged to contact Thames Valley Police on the Non-Emergency Number 101. Alternatively contact PC Alderman at Kidlington Police Station on 101. All information will be treated in strict confidence and callers are not obliged to give their personal details.

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U16, U14, U12 and Highfive sessions are supported by our coaches, with six teams playing in the Oxfordshire Junior Winter League on Sunday mornings, and training continuing throughout the year. Please contact Tess [tessa.horn@gmail.com](mailto: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 - Laura - [kidlington.netball@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kidlington.netball@hotmail.co.uk).

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In the past term the Beavers were out orienteering at Cutteslowe Park, the Cubs learnt semaphore and braille for their communication badge, the Scouts learnt how to care for their bikes in preparation for the bike ride and the explorers and network were busy taking part in Shennington 24-hour pedal care race.

And at the end of a busy term the Scouts went off on Summer Camp, where they earned their basic nautical skills badge after a busy water-based camp to include kayaking, water orbs, dragon boating, rafting and bell boating! And even the rain on camp didn't dampen their spirits.

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On **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September** we are spending a day at Youlbury Scout Activity Centre to show everyone just what we do on camp and why the young people involved go home tired, covered in mud, smelling of a camp fire and yet asking when the next camp will be! Lunch will be provided – although you will be cooking it yourselves over a wood fire (don't worry we will show you how).

There will be a range of Scouting activities to take part in on the day, and you can find out more about the camp-site and us as a Group – everyone's welcome, there are no age limits on taking part and having fun!

So for more details of the day please contact me on [wendyltatham@gmail.com](mailto:wendyltatham@gmail.com)  
(you do need to book a place as we need to know numbers in advance of the day)



And if you can't come and Share Our Scouting but would like to find out more details about the Group, please feel free to contact us anyway – we are always looking for more help whether it be making drinks at events, helping the Cubs learn some DIY skills, showing the Scouts how to repair their bikes, minor repair works on the hut, hoovering the hut... the list goes on, and even if you can only help once we would be grateful of the extra hands!

## Senior Club

On 4<sup>th</sup> July we again welcomed Mark, who came and cooked us a fish 'n' chip lunch, which we all enjoyed. This was followed by our usual games and raffle, with tea/coffee and cakes. Then on 18<sup>th</sup> July we had a visit from PC Phil Owen, who gave a brief talk on how to stay safe, and what to do if in doubt – the number to ring is 101. The birthdays in July were all ladies: Jill, Mavis, Helen and Betty (Payne), who unfortunately has not been able to attend the club for a few months due to not being very well. We sent her our best wishes and sang Happy Birthday to those at the club.

On 25<sup>th</sup> July, just as the hot weather was turning to showers, we had our trip to Cheddar. We stayed for 1½ hours, and the grey skies turned to blue as we were leaving. We joined the coach, which then took us to Burnham-on-Sea. We had a pleasant afternoon and met at the coach to draw our raffle in the sunshine. We left at 5 p.m. and had a good journey home via the M5, Birdlip Hill and on to the A40. Many thanks were given to Milan, our driver for the day.

Our trip in September is on 19<sup>th</sup> to Windsor and Henley. We hope we are still able to welcome new travellers as we have on our other trips; we had six in August, so our numbers have been great so far this year.

We are sorry no-one has yet enquired about being our secretary – it really doesn't take too much time.

*Jose Green, tel. 375644*

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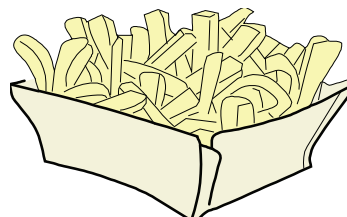
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## Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society

September's meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> has a talk by Jon Fleming entitled 'Journeys of a Queen's Messenger'. Following a military career, including climbing in the Everest region, Jon Fleming became a Queen's Messenger, carrying information and instructions from the Foreign office to our Ambassadors abroad.

The talk at Begbroke Village Hall starts at 7.45 p.m. Visitors welcome (£2 including refreshments).

*Celia Hutton*



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### Yarnton W.I.

Unfortunately we had to cancel our trip to Poole due to lack of support. This was a great shame as Rosemary had put a lot of work into organising it and those of us who had put our names down were disappointed not to be going. This is not the first time we have had a problem with coach outings, and we shall certainly think long and hard before we organise one again. Thanks are due to Rosemary for all her efforts.

The visit to Aston Pottery on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September, for a tour of the pottery at 2 p.m. will however still take place. We shall travel by car, so you can make your own arrangements for the rest of the visit. Please contact Rosemary on 01865 730188 (evenings only) if you would like to put your name down.

Our speaker this month is Martin Maw, the Curator of the Oxford University Press Museum, who will give us an insight into the museum's artefacts. A visit to the museum may be arranged for a later date. This will be an Open Meeting, so anyone else who is interested is welcome to come along.

We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 p.m. We shall have our usual book stall, and tea hostesses will be Mavis King, Susan Knox and Gill Long.

**Harvest Supper.** If you would like to put your name down for the Harvest Supper on 10<sup>th</sup> October, please contact Mary on 371721.

*Ruth Astall*



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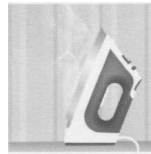
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**The Book Reading Group's book for discussion on 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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We're taking the harvest festival back to its roots and focusing on fresh food, as we do best at Fraser's Budgens. A charity will be chosen with each customer getting the opportunity to donate £1 with their shopping. At the end of the Harvest festival all the donations will be put together and fresh fruit and vegetables will be given to the chosen charity.

**Tasting Day** – During September we will again be holding our ever popular local supplier tasting day. We have this about once a quarter and it gives you all a chance to not only try a wide range of local products but also to meet the makers. It is always a treat, so keep an eye out on the sandwich board outside the front of the store for details of the date and time.



**Forecourt of the Year?** On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September we are up for the Forecourt trader of the year awards 2013. These are between the top forecourts in the country so we are against some stiff competition! Over the last two years Yarnton has won the two most prestigious awards in the retail industry awards, which we have decided not to enter this year, but never the Forecourt trader awards. To win this would be a huge achievement for the store. We are nominated for 3 top awards.

## PLATINUM CLUB

### Platinum Club Benefits

To all those who had troubles joining over the last few months we would like to apologise for the administration error that had occurred. You will be pleased to know that this has now been corrected and improved. If you did have any troubles joining in the past please do try again or email [yarnton@frasergroup.co.uk](mailto:yarnton@frasergroup.co.uk) if you need any assistance. Just log onto [www.frasersbudgens.co.uk](http://www.frasersbudgens.co.uk) or ask in store for more details.

If you haven't already joined we think you are missing out! There are many reasons to join; whether it be the money off vouchers each month, the half price car washes during the week or £5 off a £25 shop. 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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5<sup>th</sup> November. Hidden Secrets of British Art .Robert Edwards/Samuel Cooper

3<sup>rd</sup> December. The History of the Lottery. John Barton

7<sup>th</sup> January. Crime Writing. Peter Tickler

Woodstock U3A is now over 100 strong and currently has 18 interest groups, all of which meet regularly: Ambling, Battles and Battlefields, Books, Classical Music, Discussion, Lunch Group, Historical Buildings and Sites, Madrigal Singing, Needle Craft and Lace Making, Living History, Painting and Drawing, Play Reading (2 groups), Poetry for Pleasure, Recorders, Science Discussion, Scrabble and Walking.

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Contact for further information: Mary Hawken Tel: 01993

812166, e-mail: [mary.hawken@talktalk.net](mailto:mary.hawken@talktalk.net) or

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On one of my bike rides I saw lots of stones under a cherry tree – I guessed a bird had had a juicy meal!

Often on branches of big trees and on the ground under the branches you can see evidence (droppings) of where birds have perched for the night.

It is always good to investigate and get a closer look at nature.

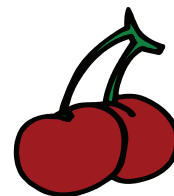
I am writing this on 9<sup>th</sup> August and can't believe how quickly the nights are getting in. Its now quite dark at 9.30 and by the time you read this – probably by 9 p.m.

It is sad to think those long light evenings are over for another year – but there is still plenty to look out for in Autumn as the season turns.

Happy detective work!

*Ellen Cocking*

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**Future Meeting dates:** 11<sup>th</sup> September and 9<sup>th</sup> October in the Village Hall at 6.15 p.m., then every second Wednesday in the month. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of all Parish Council Meetings are available on the village website once they are approved, [www.yarnton-village.org.uk](http://www.yarnton-village.org.uk)

### **Parish Council - contact numbers**

#### **Parish Council Chairman**

Fred Jones. Tel: 373871

#### **Parish Council Vice-Chairman**

Brian Newell. Tel: 842253

#### **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<sup>th</sup> May 2011 for a four-year period. Michael Gibbard was declared elected as District Councillor as from 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 for a four-year period.

Co-opted Parish Councillor: 10<sup>th</sup> August 2011:

Graham Thompson. Tel: 461479

Co-opted Parish Councillor: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2013

Keith Johnston: Tel: 372266

#### **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

#### **Yarnton Village Hall**

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#### **Planning Applications:**

13/00841/F, 63 Meadow Way. First floor side extension. MW 0103/13 (OCC), Sheehan Haulage and Plant Hire Ltd. Woodstock Road. Erection of waste recycling and transfer facility and access improvements.

#### **Planning Decisions:**

13/00584/LB, Exeter Farm, 124 Cassington Road. Various repairs, renewal, construction, etc. Granted 18.7.13  
13/00831/TPO, 9 Poppy Close. Reduce overextended sections of canopy, etc. Remove deadwood, etc. Granted 23.7.13.

**Better Broadband:** An announcement was made recently in the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire Programme. As part of this, we are preparing press releases and other announcements on the soon to be completed contract. Further information can be found on the Oxfordshire County Council website [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk). We are looking for local case studies to include, which would highlight the impact of better broadband for families, communities, and businesses across the County, particularly in our investment intervention area.

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**Welcome to Yarnton Booklets:** The booklet can be viewed on the website [www.yarnton-village.org.uk](http://www.yarnton-village.org.uk) and is available from the Parish Office at opening times, and also from the post office at Budgens Shop.

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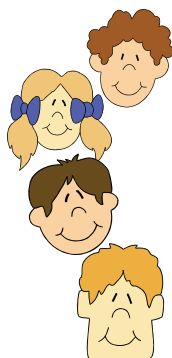
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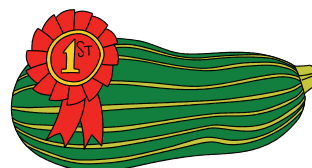
## Yarnton Gardening Club

Tim Miles is our speaker this month, and his talk is on the 'Delights of the Kitchen Garden', which should be of particular interest to those members who like to grow their own vegetables. Tim is the head gardener at the Cotswold Wildlife Park and has spoken to us on several previous occasions.

We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 p.m. and visitors are always welcome (cost £2).

Our coach visit to Wisley on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September is virtually full, but it's worth ringing John Cherry on 373083 in case there are any late cancellations.

*Ruth Astall*



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## George Tutte - 1926 - 2013

George was brought up in 1930's Whitechapel. George's steely eyes confirmed a strong, assured character. George was evacuated along with many other children, meanwhile his family were 'bombed out'. As a Bevan Boy he was drafted to the North East Coalfield where he met and married his wife, Doreen, the daughter of a fellow miner. George maintained a strong bond with the mining community, often attending the Miners' Gala. The newly-weds moved to Devon where George worked for the Great Western Railway, and it was here that he started to pursue his interest in brass. He bought a trumpet hoping to emulate the great Harry James.

From Devon the couple moved to Garsington where George would work in the booming motor industry. At that time corporate brass bands were fashionable; mill bands, factory bands, etc. and Morris Motors Band was amongst the best. This created an exciting time for brass bands in Oxford, and George joined the City of Oxford Band based in Temple Cowley where he played and worked hard for the committee.

The couple then decided to move to Yarnton and buy their own home. It was here that his daughters, Glenda and Julie, became interested in playing cornets. George taught them how to play and after the girls had taken their instruments to school two of their friends wanted to play. The quartet practised in George's garage and took to the streets to play carols in the Christmas of 1959, calling themselves The Yarnton Band. More children appeared expressing an interest and George somehow managed to obtain instruments and teach them how to play them.

George had great powers of motivation and persuasion which encouraged the children to practise hard. It soon became apparent that something quite special was happening. Recognising this, the children's parents were very supportive and formed the Band Committee. George then entered the band for the National Contest, 4<sup>th</sup> (bottom) section. By 1973 they had won the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> section and were now in the 2<sup>nd</sup> section. In thirteen years and without any instruments or funding they had gone from being a quartet of children to a national second section band, now competing against established town and city bands along the way, a truly remarkable achievement. At this point George became ill and was unable to continue with the band, completely changed his life, taking up yoga and developing an interest in woodwork. He and his wife then retired to the West Midlands to be nearer their daughters.

Although the heady heights of the 2<sup>nd</sup> section did not last long, the band has continued to teach children, which always greatly pleased George. When he visited for the annual concert, and was involved with last-minute touches, the children were always wide-eyed, as he never lost that special charisma.

A memorial concert for George is being arranged.

*Mark Sherratt*

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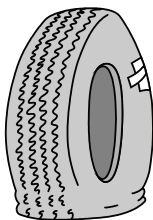
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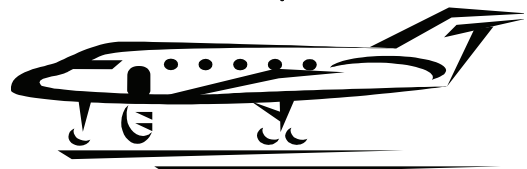


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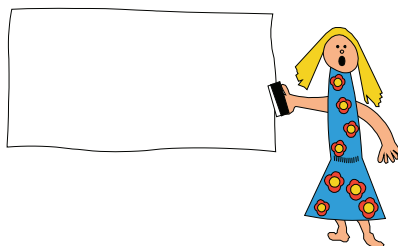
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There are no Methodist churches in Yarnton, but you will find one in both Woodstock and Kidlington. Details of our forthcoming services are below, but there are also various midweek activities, details of which can be found on the appropriate website.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

**Services in September**

**Woodstock**

1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 a.m.	David Matthews
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Simon Blainey
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Sue Barrett
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Mike Trinder
29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd (Harvest Café Church)

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**

1 <sup>st</sup>	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
8 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Matt Stammers
14 <sup>th</sup>	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church ( <i>a time of games, crafts and informal worship</i> )
15 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Rev. Martin Wellings ( <i>Holy Communion</i> )
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10 a.m.	Andrew Maisey
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**White Symbolism:** White flowers, especially those with drooping heads, are predominantly seen as death omens. So that welcome early spring riser, the snowdrop, may not be so innocent after all. White lilac and may flowers are considered distinctly unlucky when brought into the home, although white may blooms are considered a welcome guest on May morning. May is also considered an auspicious gift if well budded and covered in morning dew, as it is thought to beautify young women.

**The Wizard Tree and Mistletoe:** The popular mountain ash or rowan is known in the Celtic world as the wizard tree, and is often found near Oxford homes to keep evil away. It's also said to stop the dead rising, which explains why it is often found in graveyards. In some areas though, a rowan is considered a devil worship symbol due to the flowers being a pentagon shape, which is a devil worship symbol, when they wither and the berries form. A colleague of mine told me this story under an ancient crab apple tree on Shotover one sunny afternoon. The same evening, a tremendous gale blew up, pulling the tree out of the ground and twisting it into a horrific shape. There may be a connection here, but I choose not to investigate further...

Mistletoe is a plant often used at Christmas, but have you ever seen it in church? This is because mistletoe has its roots in Paganism, so Christians avoid it.

**Dreams and their Meanings:** The appearances of plants in dreams are also significant. My grandfather often said dreaming of juniper, and then placing a sprig under a cow's tail on waking would keep cattle plague away. Dreams of fruit picking are a sign of wealth, and dreams of the fruits themselves indicate the birth of a boy, but dreaming of the actual tree is considered unlucky.

**Herbs:** Gardens with flourishing lavender, sage or rosemary show that the woman is master of the house. Parsley is also symbolic. To transplant it is considered dangerous, or even fatal if given as a gift, unless the owner indicates silently, and the recipient returns later to dig some up in pretend secrecy.

Parsley is thought to be best sown with curses, as it goes to hell nine times before it germinates. In Charlbury, parsley is said to make a bad man good if sown on Good Friday after church.

Not really a wildlife gardening article, but it's something to think about when out in the countryside or your garden, enjoying the wildlife you do have.

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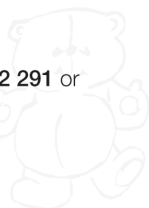
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