

# YARNTON

# VILLAGE

# NEWS

NOVEMBER  
2013

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## CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Fri. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. ( <i>and every Friday</i> )
Sat. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Souls Service, St. Bartholomew's, 6 p.m.
Sat. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Sun. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	24-hour Vigil for Syria, St. Bartholomew's, 12 noon
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. ( <i>and every Monday</i> )
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. ( <i>and every Monday</i> )
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. ( <i>and every Monday</i> )
Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's ( <i>and every Wednesday</i> )
Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup>	'Little Sheep' ( <i>and every Wednesday in term-time</i> ), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. ( <i>and every Wednesday</i> )
Wed. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. ( <i>and every Wednesday</i> )
Thur. 7 <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.
Thur. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Sat. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Fireworks Show, Ittlemarsh Sports Field, 7.30 p.m.
Sun. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Service, St. Bartholomew's, 3 p.m.
Wed. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 14 <sup>th</sup>	W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Tue. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society, 7.45 p.m., Yarnton Village Hall
Thur. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Fri. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	William Fletcher School PTA Ladies' Night, 7 p.m.
Sat. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.

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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 January 2014 issue is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

### **Distributor Needed for the Village News**

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*Ann Warne*



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### Book Reading Group

The Book Reading Group's book for discussion on 4<sup>th</sup> November' is 'Man in the Wooden Hat' by Jane Gardam. December's book is 'Gaudy Night' by Dorothy Sayers. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. New members most welcome. Contact number 371656.

*Helen Anderson*



### Yarnton W.I.

We had a wonderful evening in October for our Harvest Supper and to celebrate our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The main course of ham, quiches and salads was provided by the committee, and members supplied delicious puddings. We were joined by the OFWI Chairman, Sue Cox, Federation Secretary Virginia Lawrence, and Jean Hammond, and guests from other institutes in the Cherwell Group. Gaynor White made a beautiful birthday cake, but sadly was unwell and unable to be there to see how lovely we thought it looked and tasted. We are very grateful to the following local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes for this special occasion: Edinburgh Woollen Mill, Frasers Budgens, Freelance Fabrics, Paternoster Farm Shop, Westlake Pharmacy, Yarnton Nurseries.

Our speaker this month is Gill Whitten, who hopes to scare us with her Ghost Stories! Our meeting is in the Village Hall on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45 p.m. and we are always pleased to welcome visitors.

We shall have our usual book stall, and tea hostesses are Julie Walters, Janet Ward and Jennifer Watts.

**Date for your diary:** Sheila and Michael Westall will be hosting their usual Punch and Mince Pies at their home, 1 Stocks Tree Close, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 11.45 a.m. and look forward to welcoming everyone to this seasonal gathering.

*Ruth Astall*

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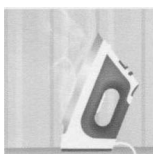
We have to start with just one birthday back in August, so Happy Birthday was sung to Chris. Our outing was to Christchurch and the New Forest; we had wonderful weather and again both places were a delight to visit. Mel our driver took us on a detour between the two, and stopped off at Barton-on-Sea. We all got off and wandered over the grass to the sea, where we had wonderful views of the Isle of Wight. We also had our raffle here in the glorious sunshine; this saved us stopping on the way home.

In September we had three birthdays: Harold, Frances and Barbara; as usual we gave them our good wishes and sang Happy Birthday. On 19<sup>th</sup> we had our trip to Windsor; the weather was OK until 1 p.m., then we had light rain. It had cleared by the time we rejoined the coach and no-one complained of getting wet. We were due to go on to Henley, but as the weather was 'iffy' it was put to the vote as to whether Mel our driver should take us to a Garden Centre instead. This was unanimously agreed, so after a scenic journey we arrived somewhere between Maidenhead and Reading, and guess what, the sun came out, so we were able to draw the raffle before our journey home, which again avoided the motorway, so this was another day enjoyed by all.

It was with great sadness that we heard that our dear friend Jill (Saunders) passed away on 21<sup>st</sup>. We held a minute's silence at our meeting on 26<sup>th</sup>. She will be remembered always, as for many years she had helped in the kitchen making our tea and cakes. We could always rely on Jill.

Our outings have come to an end, so our next event will be our Christmas lunch in the Village Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> December. We hope by the time this is printed that Brian will be well on the way to recovery after his knee operation, and that Fred is able to walk again after severe pain due to osteoporosis. Both have been a great help to the club in the past so we wish them a speedy recovery.

Jose Green, tel. 3765644



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## Yarnton Scout Group

*The Rag Bag Scheme*

THANK YOU to everyone who has been donating their clothes, bags, belts and shoes to the Ragbag bin outside the scout hut. We have been emptying it on a regular basis and the funds are rolling in as a result – to date we have received £339.00 for the 'rags' collected. So please keep dropping your bags of 'rags' into the bin; all the funds will help us to make some much needed repairs to the hut over the winter months and go towards rebuilding the hut in the long run.

After the summer break all the sections are now back into fun-packed programmes; the Beavers are working hard towards their Fitness Challenge badge and heading off to Rewley Road Fire Station to meet the fire fighters and find out about safety in the home. The Cubs are working towards their Home and Road Safety badges and their Promise Challenge badge and will be heading to Youlbury for an activity evening, together with a visit to the local church. They are also taking part in the District Swimming Gala at Temple Cowley. Meanwhile the Scouts are working towards their Craft badge and Creative Challenge badge. They are also looking forward to participating in the District Wide Game in November.

The troop is delighted that 2 scouts have been selected for the 23<sup>rd</sup> world Jamboree in Japan in 2015; only 36 scouts from the entire county can go, so Yarnton is very proud that we will have been represented at the last 4 world jamborees.

The Explorers are working towards a practice run of their bronze Duke of Edinburgh award, a bowling night, a 'ready, steady cook' competition, and very bravely are going to be staying overnight in Oxford Castle during the Halloween season.

Beavers 6-8 years – Wednesdays 4.30 p.m. – 5.45 p.m. - please contact Rose on [rosemary@ralphs-family.com](mailto:rosemary@ralphs-family.com)

Cubs 8-10 years – Mondays 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. - please contact Wendy on [wendyltatham@gmail.com](mailto:wendyltatham@gmail.com)

Scouts 10-14 years - Fridays 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. - please contact Naomi on [nay@nkheydon.freemove.co.uk](mailto:nay@nkheydon.freemove.co.uk)



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## Yarnton Lunch Club

Thanks to Celia's article in the August issue of the YVN we now have a new cook. Callum, a young man living in the village, has volunteered to give up his day off from work to cook for the Lunch Club once a month, for which we are very grateful. To date his meals have been excellent and very well received by the diners. Thank you Callum.

We really could do with a couple more volunteer helpers, male or female, to assist with setting up and laying tables, serving meals and washing up. Just 2 hours once a month on a Wednesday would be a great help. If you could spare the time please give me a ring - your contribution would be appreciated.

Our summer meal out was on the 21<sup>st</sup> August, held at The Boat at Thrupp. An excellent meal in very pleasant surroundings was enjoyed by all who attended. The meal was free of charge to the diners, with the cost met from profit made on our weekly raffle. Our Christmas meal out will be held in early December and we are considering a number of possible venues. Following this we will be preparing for the Christmas Buffet at which all diners, cooks and helpers receive a gift, in recognition of their support for the Lunch Club.

If you could spare the time once a month as a helper please give me a ring; you will be made very welcome.

*Brenda Louch, tel. 374126*

## William Fletcher PTA

The PTA would like to inform the village of two exciting events coming up at William Fletcher School. The first is a Ladies' Night which will take place on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 7 p.m. The evening will include beauty treatments, a bar, raffle and a range of stalls selling things appropriate for Christmas gifts! Price is £3 which includes a free drink on arrival. If you would like to have your own stall, tables are available for only £5 plus a donated raffle prize. To book or for further information please contact the school on 01865 372301.

The next event is a Nearly New Sale with Santa's Grotto to be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., an opportunity to have a clear out and sell some of your children's outgrown clothes, shoes, toys, books, and to buy items too. Items are sold on behalf of the seller with 70% going to the seller and 30% to the PTA. Items must be nearly new or in very good condition. Spaces are limited so please sign up early and pick up a seller's pack from the school office. In addition there will be an adult stall with all proceeds going to the school, so if you have any unwanted clothes and accessories (laundered please!!) that we could sell we would be very grateful. Come and see Santa in his Grotto for just £2 per child including a gift to take home. The PTA café will be open to keep you going.

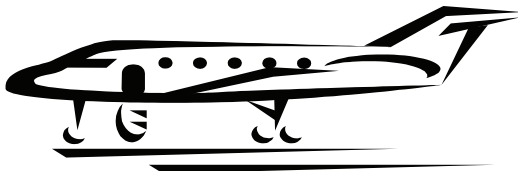
*Liz Hipkiss*

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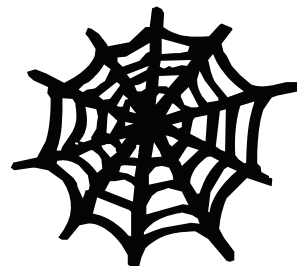
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## **Naughty Peter Pigeon**

You may remember I rescued an injured pigeon many months ago now, expecting nature to take its course and for him to pass peacefully away! All these months later he is still with us and taking over the garden. Most recently he decided to see what it was like inside the house as the back door was open. I walked in and screamed as I saw him proudly standing in the hallway. My scream brought my husband running to my rescue and while we were in the process of catching him he poo'd on the carpet and left us enough feathers to fill a pillow!! So now he is truly in disgrace and waddles around the garden with just one tail feather – still thinking he owns the place. We've laughed about it a lot since. November is the time of fogs and mists. Recently, on one of those foggy mornings, everything in the garden had spiders' webs on it. I love taking prints of these (sorry spider!) by using spray talc onto black paper. They are lovely to see and make one realise how intricate the web is. On that day my granddaughter rang to tell me excitedly all about the spiders' webs she had seen in her garden. I was thrilled to think she is enjoying nature's wonders too. Happy firework night – be careful that no hedgehogs are hiding in the bonfire.

*Ellen Cocking*



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**Future Meeting dates:** 13<sup>th</sup> November and 11<sup>th</sup> December 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**

Bookings: Tel: 07948 722633

#### **Planning Applications:**

13/01274/F. 21 The Garth, 2-storey side/single-storey rear extension

13/01276/F. 27 The Garth, single-storey side and rear extension

13/01370F. 49 Meadow Way, single-storey side extension

**Planning Decisions:** None

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**Notice of Conclusion of Audit:** BDO LLP have reported that Notice is hereby given that the audit for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013 was completed on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2013, and the accounts are now available for inspection by local electors in accordance with Section 14 of the Audit Commission Act 1998. There were no matters which came to the attention of BDO which required the issuing of a separate 'additional issues arising' report.

To arrange a viewing between the hours of 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Mondays and Thursdays, please contact Lynne Whitley (Parish Clerk/Responsible Finance Officer), 01865-378476 or [clerk@phonecoop.coop](mailto:clerk@phonecoop.coop)

**Littlemarsh Pavilion:** At the time of going to press, although the pavilion will not be fully completed, the official opening is planned for the night of the Annual Firework Display, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2013 with the opening at 7 p.m. Confirmation of this will be placed on the Parish Council noticeboards and the village website nearer the date.

**Trees along the A44 Service Road:** We were informed by Oxfordshire County Council that some trees along the A44 Service Road would have to be felled as they had destroyed the drainpipes, and this was the cause of the flooding at Yarnton Roundabout earlier this year. The work started towards the end of September. All residents affected were informed by the Parish Council by way of letters and a meeting arranged for representatives of OCC to explain the reason for the work.


**Entry to Primary School:** If your child was born on or between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010, you need to apply for a primary school place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. Closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2014. Apply online at [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions) or on paper (forms available from the County Council website or a local school).

**Grants:** Village organisations are reminded that applications for a grant from the Parish Council must be received in writing to the Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013, and cannot be considered after that date. Applicants must explain why they are making the request, specify the sum they are applying for, enclose their latest statement of accounts, and also confirm that any grant awarded last year was used in the manner applied for. Successful applicants will receive the grant in April 2014.

**Compostable Caddy Bin Liners:** Caddy bin liners can still be purchased from the Parish Council Office in the Village Hall 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.

**Dogs:** We are still receiving complaints of dog mess around the village, although the problem has decreased in recent months. Would dog walkers please remember that when walking along the bridle path near the burial ground, dogs should remain on leads until well past the burial ground. Bags of dog mess tied to a fence are almost as offensive as the mess itself. Please dispose in the proper way. Dog waste bags are available free of charge from the Parish Office.

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



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U16, U14, U12 and Highfive sessions are supported, 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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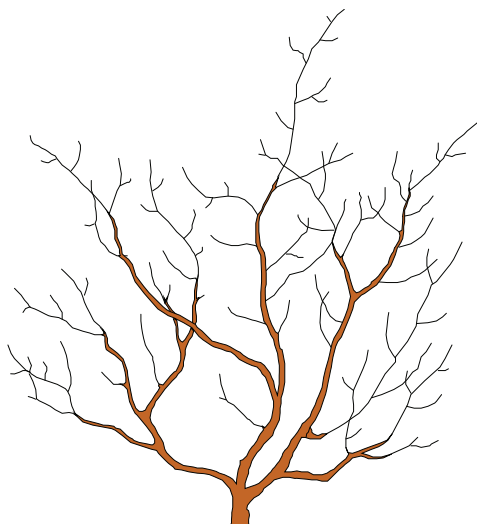
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## Yarnton Gardening Club

Chris Chadwell will be our speaker this month, and his topic is 'Plant Introductions at National Trust and other properties'. We meet at Yarnton Village Hall on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November at 7.45 p.m. and visitors are welcome.

**Christmas AGM and Social.** This will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December and is for members only. As usual, we ask members to bring along some food to share – wine and soft drinks will be provided. If you have not already put your name down, please contact Gill Rowbotham on 377623 to let her know what food you will be bringing.  
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This all seems rather obvious, but it certainly wasn't to the known victims. If you have elderly relatives or neighbours please make them aware.

**Cycle coding and registration:** a joint NHW/Thames Valley Police event will be taking place in the village during January 2014 to accommodate cycles old and new. Further details will be advertised in the December and January issues of the YVN. This will be a free of charge service.

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Chairman: Steve Lenhardt, 07941 063021  
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What seems like many years ago, I was a rather serious student, working hard for my degree in theology, and hoping one day to be ordained. I went to all my lectures, read the books I had to, and had long tedious conversations about the finer points of worship and liturgy with my tutors. Eventually, of course, I was ordained, and here I am several years later.

Thinking back to those days, it is hard to recognise that person. I had no idea of what it would be like to run a parish (never mind two!), to deal with conflict and change, to try to lead a church into growth, to be 'all things to all people' as vicars are often seen. Sometimes the prospect of keeping two listed ancient buildings open and fit for purpose is a daunting one. It is now getting colder, and it's time to switch on the heating. You can hear clergy sigh across the country. Gas bills, oil bills, and the threat of ice freezing the water pipes. This month's letter is really cheerful isn't it.....?

Actually, it is. In the two wonderful villages I work and worship in, we have buildings that are a joy to be in. The comments book in St. Bartholomew's speaks for many. 'Thank-you for letting us come into your beautiful building' and 'what a peaceful calm place this is' are a couple from the last few weeks. If you want to know more, read the new book on Oxfordshire churches advertised in the porch where we are said to have 'the best collection of stained glass in the county'. I agree.

Being part of church, looking after a church, coming to church can sometimes be hard work, but to see how it affects the lives of our residents is humbling. You might be an occasional visitor, perhaps you come in to sit quietly; I know lots of you do. You might come to light a candle and say a prayer. However you use the church, remember, as we do at this time of year, all those who have worked so hard to keep it open, and those who do the same today.

We move into autumn, the leaves have fallen, the apples have been eaten or made into cider, and the year starts its closing performance. The church, however, continues. We move from harvest to Remembrance. Last year, the church was packed, and we expect the same this year. We remember, we give thanks, we celebrate, and we participate. All the elements that make up a lively, vital community. I look forward to seeing you there.

## CHURCH DIARY

(see also regular service times below)



Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	All Souls Service <i>St Bartholomew's, 6 p.m.</i>
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	24-hour Prayer Vigil for Syria <i>St. Bartholomew's, 12 noon</i>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Remembrance Sunday Service. <i>St. Bartholomew's Church, 3 p.m.</i>

## 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 <i>Coffee after the service.</i>

### Weekday Service

Wednesday	9.30 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
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## 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.



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

## Yarnton Band

On Remembrance Day, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November, the Band will join the British Legion along with other village organizations including the W.I., the Scouts and Guides for the annual Remembrance service held in the church at 3 p.m. This is a moving service in a beautiful setting and includes the laying of the wreaths and the reading of the names of the fallen from the village.

Later on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November we remember our late founder, George Tutte who passed away back in the summer, with a memorial concert in the Village Hall starting at 7 p.m. Tickets £5, concessions (OAPs and children) £3.

George's daughters, Glenda and Julie, two of the founder members of the Band, will be there along with their families, and many old members and friends are coming. Many of you have played in the Band or been associated with the Band over the years and would have known George, and some of you would have known George socially. We would love to see you all and if you know anybody who might be interested please pass on the details.

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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 November

#### Woodstock

3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Andrew Maisey
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>9.45 a.m.</b>	Julie Todd
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Mark Wakelin (Church Anniversary, followed by lunch)
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Judy Turner-Smith (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!

#### Kidlington

3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
9 <sup>th</sup>	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church (a time of games, crafts and informal worship)
10 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Jan Grimwood
17 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Local Church Group (Café Church)
24 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd (Holy Communion)

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

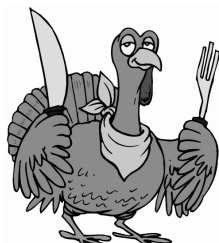


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## Bartholomew Players

### Eynsham ladies go nude to raise money for Helen and Douglas House!

The brave ladies of Eynsham's Bartholomew Players are not only stripping off on stage in their performance of Tim Firth's 'Calendar Girls' this November, but they are also producing their very own 'nude' calendar in order to raise money for Helen and Douglas House, their local hospice for children and young adults! Twelve local businesses in Eynsham have generously agreed to sponsor a month each and to bravely host the nude photo shoot in their premises! All the profit from calendar sales will go to Helen and Douglas House.

Please do come along to have a really good laughter-filled night out, to support our local charities at the same time and to have the chance to purchase your very own copy of the 2014 'Calendar Girls' calendar to bring a smile to your face for the next 12 months!

**Dates:** Wed 27<sup>th</sup>, Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>, Fri 29<sup>th</sup> and Sat 30<sup>th</sup> November. **Venue:** Eynsham Village Hall, Back Lane, Eynsham, OX29 4QW

#### **Tickets - for Wed, Thurs and Saturday nights**

Doors open: 7.15 p.m., Performance: 7.45 p.m.

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In keeping with previous November productions, the play alone will be staged on the Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. On FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER THERE WILL BE A FUNDRAISING/CHARITY 2-course SUPPER AND THEATRE SHOW jointly in aid of Eynsham Rotary Club's local charities and Bartholomew Players.

#### **Tickets for FRIDAY 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER - Tickets must be purchased in advance by 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**

Contact Denise Santilli on Tel: 07721 744020 or email [bart.players@gmail.com](mailto:bart.players@gmail.com)

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[www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/community/index/html](http://www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/community/index/html)

If you would like a free copy of our brochure or to book a place please telephone **01993 813592** or email **[comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk)**.

On some of our weekly courses it is possible to join late if there is still availability - please ring to check.

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For up to date information about availability on courses please see the school website (as above); as courses become full they are listed for your information.

Weekly courses that are still open for enrolments include:

Pilates (Mat) - Thursdays 11 a.m.; Tai Chi - Tuesdays 7.30 p.m.; Zumba - Thursdays 6 p.m.; Zumba Gold - Thursdays 5 p.m.; Yoga - Tuesdays 4.30 p.m. (all other Yoga classes are full); Anyone Can Sing - Tuesdays 7 p.m.; Archery - Mondays and Thursdays 8 p.m.; Badminton - Thursdays 7 p.m.; French Beginners - Mondays 7 p.m.; Spanish Beginners - Wednesdays 7.30 p.m.; Spanish Intermediate - Thursdays 7.30 p.m.; Italian Conversation - Wednesdays 7.30 p.m.; Calligraphy - Thursdays 7 p.m.; Watercolour Painting - Tuesdays 7.15 p.m.; Life Drawing - Wednesdays 7.15 p.m.; Computing for the Terrified - Tuesdays 4.45 p.m.; Prepare Your Address Labels - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November for 3 weeks 7 p.m.

The second of our 5 Saturday workshop days is taking place on **30<sup>th</sup> November**. Classes running that day are: Photoshop for Beginners; Stained Glass; Christmas Gifts and Crafts on your sewing machine; Floral Decorations - Christmas Chic; Spanish Cookery (different recipes from October); Back, Neck and Shoulder Massage (p.m. only); Yoga - Balancing the Body (a.m. only); Drawing with Confidence; Pottery - making a vase/jug/mug/pot; a hand-sewn Christmas workshop.

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### 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.

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Young children go into the sacristy for part of the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass to celebrate their own liturgy.  
Coffee is served after the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass at 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.

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## Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society

The talk on 19<sup>th</sup> November in Yarnton Village Hall will be on 'William Gill, Victorian Explorer and Spy' and will be given by Tony Hadland. Historian and writer, Tony Hadland is particularly interested in cycle history and technology, as well as family and local history. The talk starts at 7.45 p.m.

*Helen Anderson*

## Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

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## We Must Open Our Eyes

Wildlife gardening and photography may not really seem related, but bear with me; Stuart Mabbutt hasn't gone mad and lost the plot!

We humans as a species are losing the ability to see that which is right in front of us. Yes, wildlife is struggling, but there is more there, right in front of us than we are actually seeing. Next time you go for a walk, take a camera with you and try and take some photographs of what you see. Doesn't matter if you don't think you have a good camera, or that you may not be a good photographer. Just have a go; by trying to take a photograph, you will engage with the environment around you and begin to see things you would normally just walk on past.

Then, take what you see and learn back to your garden and try and replicate that. This is a major skill of any successful wildlife gardener.

Let's take that a step further. Autumn is a great time to engage children with the natural world with all the colours out there. Often children collect together leaves and other materials to make individual pieces of artwork. Now the natural world has four seasons; why not get our children out there more often than just in Autumn to do these beautiful pieces of work? This is what will engage the next generation of wildlife gardeners.

So let's all go for a walk, with our eyes open and observe what is actually there, staring us in the face.

Happy Gardening.

Stuart Mabbutt, Wildlife Gardening Specialist, tel. 01865 747243

## Eynsham Choral Society

Eynsham Choral Society will be performing Rossini, Petite Mess Solennelle, on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at St. Leonard's Church, Eynsham, starting at 7.30 p.m. Conductor Stuart Dunlop. Soloists: Elinor Rolfe-Johnson, Harriet Kirk, Matthew Morgan, Johnny Herford. Tickets £12/£10 from Evenlode DIY, or contact Margaret Owen ([meowen@ntlworld.com](mailto:meowen@ntlworld.com); 01865 455492).

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