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News

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A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR READERS

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Have you looked at our website: www.yarnton-village.org.uk?

CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Mon. 2 nd	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 2 nd	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 2 nd	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 2 nd	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)
Wed.4 th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 4 th	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 4 th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 4 th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Thur. 5 th	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time),
	Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Thur. 5 th	Senior Club Christmas Lunch, Village Hall, 1 p.m.
Fri. 6 th	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
Sat. 7 th	William Fletcher PTA Christmas Fun Day, Village Hall, 2 p.m. – 3.30 p.m.
Sat. 7 th	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Sun. 8 th	William Fletcher PTA Nearly New Sale and Santa's Grotto, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Wed. 11 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 12 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 14 th	Advent Craft Day, St. Bartholomew's, 10 a.m. – 12 noon
Sat. 14 th	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Sun. 15 th	Carol Service, St. Bartholomew's, 4 p.m.
Wed. 18 th	Marlborough School Service of Lessons and Carols, St. Bartholomew's, 7 p.m.
Thur. 19 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 19 th	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Fri. 20 th	William Fletcher School Christingle Service, 9.30 a.m.
Sat. 21 st	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Tue. 24 th	Christmas Eve Crib Service, St. Bartholomew's, 4 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Midnight Mass, St. Bartholomew's,11.30 p.m.
Wed. 25 th	Christmas Day BCP Service, St. Bartholomew's, 8 a.m.
	Christmas Day Eucharist, St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m.
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Thur. 2 nd January	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.

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Acknowledgement - Gillian Saunders

Sam and Richard Saunders wish to thank all who attended the funeral/reception and for the sympathy cards, letters and donations received for Breast Cancer Care. The total received to date is £493.

YARNTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

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St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Kidlington St. Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church, Woodstock Parish Priest: Fr Prem Fernando

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Times of Mass		
St. Thomas More		
Saturday Vigil	6 p.m.	
Sunday	11 a.m.	
Weekdays		
Monday	9.30 a.m.	
Tuesday	7 p.m.	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	
Friday	12 noon	
St. Hugh of Lincoln		
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	
Wednesday	12 noon	
Sacrament of Reconciliation, K	idlington, Saturdays	
5 p.m 5.30 p.m., or any time at call.		
Baptism and Marriage by appointment.		

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



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Yarnton Gardening Club

December sees our Annual General Meeting and Christmas Social. This is the time to review the year's events and elect the committee and officers for the coming year. We are always looking out for new committee members, as we may be losing one or two existing ones, so if you feel you would like to help, then please contact one of us to put your name forward. If there are enough of us, then the work is well spread out and not onerous.

Following the business, we look forward to enjoying the food brought by members and to being entertained with carols by Yarnton Band. The meeting and social are for members only, and if you plan on coming but haven't put your name on the list to say what food you will bring, then please contact Gill Rowbotham on 377623 as soon as possible.

The meeting is in the Village Hall on Thursday 19th December starting at 7.30 p.m. *Ruth Astall*

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Team Vicar: The Reverend Nathan Jarvis, tel. 01865 849352, 26 Church Lane, Yarnton

Well, another year is almost gone, and Christmas is almost upon us. Go to any major supermarket, and you would think Christmas began months ago. Chocolate and decorations have been in our shops for weeks now, and we somehow feel obliged to stock up on everything that we think we will need way in advance. We are still preparing, still shopping, still looking up recipes for the 'big day', and still wondering if we will get the usual box of hankies and socks from our aged aunt who falls asleep in the middle of the Queen's Speech. We all have one, right?....

You would be forgiven if you had no idea that we are actually in Advent, or you will be when you read this edition of the magazine. Advent is the time for preparation as we count down to the big day. It has probably passed you by, as it does for the majority of the population. We are in such a rush to get to the morning of Christmas Day that we forget about the preparation. I don't mean the shopping and planning, but the preparation of our hearts.

It's the same when I see couples planning to get married. They have spent so much time, effort and energy into preparing for the day's celebrations that they forget about the bit that comes afterwards, the bit that involves two people being together for the rest of their lives. This 'bit' gets forgotten. Cakes, table decorations, venues, wedding lists at John Lewis, and who's sitting where take over. We miss the point of the whole thing.

Christmas is about awaiting our saviour, awaiting the birth of a man who came to save us from ourselves. This holiday is about something bigger than food and drink, a festival that should raise us up, inspire us to change and to act in a way that shows kindness and humility as reflected in the face of the baby Jesus. A few years ago, I was shopping on Christmas Eve, the only time I had available, and was about to take the last net of sprouts when a rather rude lady pushed passed me and almost shoved me to the ground for them. She was rather taken aback when she turned round to see my collar and realised that I was a Vicar. 'A very Happy Christmas to you!' was my response, trying hard not to get grumpy and annoyed. I secretly hoped that the sprouts were hard and tasteless, and that her Christmas Tree would drop all its spikes all over her carpet - I'm nice like that! Somehow, she had forgotten what all this fuss was about, and I was in danger of forgetting too.

Whatever you are doing this Christmas, wherever you are, perhaps surrounded by family and friends, perhaps on your own, remember what it is we are celebrating. Who it is we are celebrating.

Come to church, sing some carols, say some prayers, light a candle, eat mince pies and drink mulled wine. The church is open for business, and I'd like you to come through the doors. Bring your families and friends, bring children and stop worrying about them making a noise. Jesus doesn't mind, and neither does the Vicar. Come to one of our services, any of them. Take a small amount of time out, sit quietly and pray, give thanks for all God has given us at Christmastide.

From me, from my lovely Church Wardens and from the whole congregation at St. Bartholomew's, we wish you a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

Nathan



We are an established golfing society with a present membership of 33; we play at least once a month and each year plan a long golfing weekend away (also abroad). We meet at The Red Lion on the first Monday of each month at 8 o'clock New members will be very welcome If golf is your game, then why not come along and join us as a

It golf is your game, then why not come along and join us as a guest, if you enjoy yourself you may then consider becoming a member.



Chairman: Steve Lenhardt, 07941 063021 Treasurer: Sue White, 07786 150112

Yarnton Village Hall

The hall comprises a large Main Hall, Back Room and Committee Room. The hall is fully accessible - facilities include stage, kitchen, toilets with disabled facilities and car park. The hall is available for hire for meetings, training events, shows, lunches, clubs, sales, parties, etc. The charges for hiring the **Main Hall** or **Back Room** are per hour unless stated. Village residents: £10 Non Village Residents: £12 **Kitchen:** £8 per session A deposit of £100 is required when booking the hall. For further information or to book the hall please contact Booking Secretary on **07948 722633**

CHURCH DIARY

(see also regular service times below)



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Sat. 14 th	Advent Craft Day, St. Bartholomew's
	10 a.m. to 12 noon.
	FREE LUNCH. Come as a family and enjoy
	Christmassy Activities and Crafts
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	Christmas Day Eucharist
	St. Bartholomew's 11 a.m.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES (every week unless otherwise



St. Bartholomew's Church, Church Lane, Yarnton. The Church is open every day from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sundays 8 a.m. Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer, at St. Bartholomew's 11 a.m. Holy Communion, Common Worship, at St. Bartholomew's

Coffee after the service. **Weekday Service**

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

Woodstock Music Society Christmas Concert Friday 13th and Saturday 14th December, St. Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock, 7.30 p.m.

Paul Ingram will conduct the choir and orchestra in a performance of Finzi's In Terra Pax and Holst's Chrismas Day. We are delighted to be joined by Oxford Girls' Choir to sing Cecilia McDowall's Christus natus est. There will also be music by Mendelssohn and carols by John Rutter. Tickets are: £13 (concessions £12) at the door (full-time students £5, accompanied children under 16 free), or £12 (concessions £11) in advance from The Woodstock Bookshop, 23 Oxford Street, Woodstock, tel. 01993 812760 or by email: <u>concerts@woodstockmusic.info</u>.

WEDDINGS

If you wish to be married in St. Bartholomew's we will be happy to do all we can to make your day as special as



possible. You are advised to contact Rev'd Nathan Jarvis or Canon Adrian Daffern as soon as possible in your planning if you wish to be married in church.

BAPTISM

Baptism is the sacrament by which we take the big step in the Christian life into full membership of the church. Anyone wishing to be baptised, or wanting to have their child baptised at St. Bartholomew's should contact Rev'd. Nathan Jarvis. or Canon Adrian Daffern.



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Dr. David Evans' Retirement

At the farewell tea marking Dr. Evans' retirement after 25 years as a GP at Kidlington & Yarnton Medical Group, several people commented that some people who were not able to get along to the tea might like to see his farewell comments, so we are publishing them here, with his permission.

I would like to thank all those kind people who have given me their good wishes following my recent retirement. I have been a GP here in Kidlington and Yarnton for 25 years, and before I came here in August 1988 had read that Kidlington was the largest village in Europe. It is certainly true that Kidlington has very much of a village atmosphere, and this is particularly true of Yarnton also. We are very fortunate in both villages in having all the great British institutions that make village life so enjoyable – particularly the churches, amateur dramatic and singing societies, youth groups, sports clubs and groups of every type for every person, with much public-spirited volunteer involvement. We have been made to feel very much part of the community here, with my wife Joanna teaching in many of our schools, and it has been a wonderful place to bring our family up in.

Many of you know that my Christian faith is of great importance to me, and on the day that I accepted the position as a GP here my daily reading from the Psalms was a wonderful verse – 'the boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places' - and this has certainly been true of Kidlington and Yarnton. It has been good to have the support of all the churches here in the villages, particularly my own church – Kidlington Baptist.

It has also been good to have the friendship and support of some great colleagues, almost all of whom have been a joy to work with. From Dr. Hughes on, it has been good to discuss difficult and interesting cases, and our younger doctors have contributed much to our practice. We have been blessed with truly supportive nurses and staff. And above all, thanks to you – our patients – it has been a real privilege to help in a small way, to get to know you a little, to form friendships that will last, and to see young children grow up and start their own families. Thank you also to my family for their support, particularly to Joanna and all those meals which had to be kept going on a low oven because of last minute phone calls and visits! Quite a few people have asked me what I will do in retirement. Those of you who know me will realise that I am not a great DIY enthusiast, but Joanna has a list of jobs that have been waiting around the house for many years! I understand also that there is a little-explored, by me at least, territory to the south west of Kidlington called Sainsbury's with which I am to become more frequently acquainted! Along with time to read, explore our wonderful countryside, and fulfil other long dormant ambitions, I think that my time will be well filled. Not least when we visit my eldest son Jonathan's family in New Zealand, a country that seems perfect in almost every way, except that it is 12,000 miles away! Many of you have been kind enough to take an interest in my children as they have grown up. Jonathan has taken leave from the Metropolitan Police to assume 'daddy day care' duty for our grandchildren Nathaniel and Emelia, while Lois completes her training in psychiatry. Timothy recently started as a junior hospital doctor in London; Peter will qualify as a doctor from Southampton next year and Rachel will qualify as a doctor from Bristol in three years' time.

I am retiring from the health service at a time of great change. Some of these changes, such as the increasing privatisation of various sectors of the health service, are difficult for someone like me who trained in the NHS at a time when co-operation rather than competition was its hallmark and it was recognised as the leading health service worldwide. I will miss you – the patients – greatly (though I hope to see you around the villages for many years to come), but I will not miss the box-ticking and almost continuous re-organisations which have taken so much time, energy and resources. But I am sure that the young doctors coming along will adapt and find ways to use the changes as well as possible. It is time for the old dinosaurs like me to move over!

One of the particularly sad features of recent years for me has been the loss of continuity of care both in general practice and in hospital medicine. I think that this is now being recognised, not before time, and hopefully we will return to a style of medicine that allows the 'whole person' to be considered and allows long-term cooperation between doctors and patients. My parting words of wisdom, if I have any, are to find a doctor you trust and can relate to, and stick with them – 'better the devil you know than the devil you don't know!'

So, all the very best for the future. It has been a great privilege to be a GP in this community, and I wish you all good health and happiness in the years to come.

David Evans



Woodstock Methodist Church, Oxford Street, Woodstock Kidlington Methodist Church, Oxford Road, Kidlington

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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 December

Woodstock

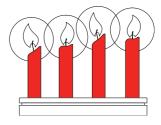
1^{st}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(Café Church)
8^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Rosemary Davies
		(Holy Communion)
15^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Simon Pillinger
22^{nd}	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church Christmas
		Presentation
	6 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight
24^{th}	11.15 p.m.	Midnight Communion
	(preceded by mi	nce pies from 10.45 p.m.)
25^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(All-age Christmas Worship
29^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Ian Leck

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! We also have a Christmas Fun Day on Saturday, 21st December, from 12 noon until 4 p.m. for school-age children. For further details, please contact Jonathan. 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^{st}	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall	
5^{th}	6.30 p.m.	Christingle Service	
8^{th}	10 a.m.	Heidi Cottrell	
14^{th}	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church (a time of games,	
	-	crafts and informal worship)	
15^{th}	10 a.m.	Rev. Adam Stevenson	
		(Holy Communion)	
22^{nd}	10 a.m.	Graham Kirby	
	6 p.m.	Carol Service	
24^{th}	3.30 p.m.	Crib Service	
25^{th}	9.30 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall	
		(All-age Christmas Worship)	
20 th	10 a m	Pour Judy Turnor Smith	

29th 10 a.m. Rev. Judy Turner-Smith The Kidlington church also runs a Junior Church and crèche on Sunday mornings.



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William Fletcher PTA

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We regret that due to circumstances beyond our control, we have postponed the date of the pantomime - but be sure to put your ticket order in soon!

This is a family show that is guaranteed to please everyone. An entertaining story of a magic lamp, a genie and Chinese laundry with sing-a-long songs, terrible jokes and audience participation.

This year is even better value for money, as we are offering a free child ticket for every adult. Buy your tickets now to grab the best seats – adults £8 and concessions only £5. Performances are on Friday 31st January at 7.30 p.m., and Saturday 1st February at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. Box Office: Sue Oliver, tel. 460349 *Belinda Davies, tel. 372917*

Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society

There is no meeting of the History Society in December. The next meeting will be in Yarnton Village Hall on 21st January.





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Senior Club

In October three members celebrated their birthdays: Margaret, Kath (Whitcombe) and Brian, who still could not be with us, so good wishes were sent to him and a chorus of Happy Birthday was given to the two ladies. Our last outing was to Cheltenham and Gloucester; we chose another sunshiny day and everyone enjoyed browsing around the shops or cathedral, just as they wished. We thanked Milan our driver, who found a good place to stop for our raffle, and thanks were given as usual to all who had travelled with us, especially non-members, as without their support we could not make these trips each month.

We were pleased to welcome back Betty (Payne), who for months has been too unwell to be able to come to our meetings. We still have Brian and Fred who are both still immobile; we hope they are better in time for our Christmas Lunch on 5th December. *Jose Green, tel.* 375644



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The Red Lion

Are we in danger of losing the Red Lion pub? The premises are empty at the time of writing, and out of curiosity I looked at the website of Greene King. They are asking for a rent of £22,900 per annum plus an entry cost of £30,150 on an agreement of at least three years, and then the tenant will have to buy many supplies from the company. If someone takes the pub on they will also have to pay for staff and servicing. Obviously Greene King is in business to make money, but in many places they have closed breweries and pubs down and then sold the sites for development. It will be sad to lose a place that has served the village for many years and which in wartime raised money for HMS Yarnton. *Peter Hewis*



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Michael Dunmall - 31.01.1935 - 25.10.2013, 127a Cassington Road Yarnton

My lovely father sadly passed away on Friday 25th October 2013 . He had only lived in Yarnton for 5 years, but before his illness he attended the village 'Lunch Club' and was a regular customer of the farm shop. He was a loving father, a well loved and respected grandfather to 8 grandchildren, who referred to him often in young person's speak as a 'ledg' (legend). He also had 4 great grandchildren. This is a particularly sad time for the family as in August we sadly lost my brother John Michael Dunmall of the same address following a short but brave battle against cancer.

Everyone who knew my Dad will know that he had a great sense of humour and was always ready with a joke in most circumstances. He was a lovely man and a great character -I will miss him every day for the rest of my life. He has now been re-united with his wife and buried in Horsley cemetery.

Angela Dunmall

Glyme Valley Probus Club for Ladies

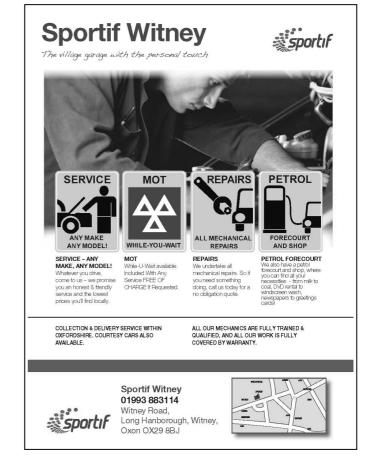
In October Oxford Blue Badge Guide Alistair Lack came to talk to us about some of the lesser known facts of the University. This was a fascinating and educating talk; we were told that education was free way back in 1249 when University College was founded by the Bishop of Reims. Indeed all the older colleges were founded by Bishops, Kings or Queens. Charles 1st lived at Christ Church during the civil war, and the University has the finest group of medieval buildings, which are inspirational and beautiful and were not bombed at all during World War 2. The Colleges are all very wealthy and All Souls, which has no students since the Fellows are involved mainly with research, is possibly the most wealthy. We were told about the Mallard Dinner which is held only once every 100 years and where, of course, duck is on the menu. Alistair spoke with much pride and knowledge of the City that is just down the road. Many members of our present Government have been students at Oxford, and this trend will no doubt continue. Selection for the brighter student continues, but young people from a less supportive background are now given the opportunity to flourish during their under-graduate years. Oxford University is unique in that it offers a very close ratio of tutors to students, since there are 20,000 students and 8,000 academics.

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Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

Winners of the draw on 31st October were:

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60	Mrs. K. Wilson	38	Mrs. L. Trevett



Yarnton Band

A Merry Christmas to you all from Yarnton Band. The band will be playing in the church on Sunday 15th December at 4 p.m. for the Carol Concert, and at other venues in Yarnton and surrounding area. *Mark Sherratt*



Yarnton Parish Council

Clerk: Lynne Whitley

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The Parish Office is open **Mondays and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** If the Clerk is not available when you call, please leave a message on the answerphone and a response will be made as soon as possible. If the main door of the Village Hall is locked, please knock on the window by the post box at the left end of the Village Hall.

Future Meeting dates: 11th December and 8th January 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, <u>www.yarnton-village.org.uk</u>

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

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Co-opted Parish Councillor: 10th August 2011: Graham Thompson. Tel: 461479 Co-opted Parish Councillor: 15th 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:** 13/01416/F. King's Retreat, Church Lane. Erection of

open car shelter. 13/01562/OUT. Land North-west of Windmill Barn, Cassington Road. Erection of detached dwelling (Outline). 13/01607/OUT. Yarnton Nurseries. Alterations to existing nurseries and garden centre, and development of 12 new dwellings including access.

Planning Decisions:

13/01274/F. 21 The Garth, 2-storey side/single storey rear extension. Granted 9.10.13. 13/01276/F. 27 The Garth, single-storey side and rear

extension. Granted 31.10.13.

13/01370F. 49 Meadow Way, single-storey side extension. Granted 31.10.13.

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Littlemarsh Pavilion: The new pavilion was officially opened on Saturday 9th November by Mr Peter Luke, former Parish Councillor and Parish Clerk. The Parish Council would like to thank all residents for their help in achieving this project, and hope to organise at least one open evening in January for residents to visit and look around the new pavilion. Details will be placed on the Parish Council noticeboards and the village website.

Temporary Road Closure – Sandy Lane. In the interests of public safety it will be necessary for Oxfordshire County Council to close a short section of Sandy Lane, Yarnton to facilitate fire hydrant remedial works including works to the footway and kerbing. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is being made to implement the temporary closure and will operate from 2nd December 2013. The estimated duration of the work is 2 days. Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and also overnight access for those residents within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works. **Parish Council Office closure:** The office will be closed on Monday 16th December and Thursday 26th December.

Entry to Primary School: If your child was born on or between 1st September 2009 and 31st 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 15th January 2014. Apply online at <u>www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions</u> 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 31st 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 and is available from the parish council office at opening times, and also from the post office at Budgens Shop.



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Christmas Time and The Society of Later Life Advisers Spending time with our loved ones this Christmas

During Christmas and the New Year period we generally spend a lot more time with different members of our family and close friends. Although this closeness is often great fun, it also gives us the opportunity to reconnect with these people in many different ways. This can be accompanied by the sudden realisation that our loved ones are not coping as well as we thought and that they have now moved through the active and passive stages of retirement, reaching a time where ongoing care is now required.

Inspired by my late mother who lived locally and suffered early onset dementia, I have spent the last 8 years of my life specialising in Legal, Tax and Financial Guidance for those in the Active, Passive and Care Stages of Retirement. Living in Yarnton for over 25 years of my life, it is with great enthusiasm that I welcome Erdington House to the village, which has 50 apartments for older people designed for independent living and those wanting to enjoy a good quality later life. This follows the arrival of Sanctuary Residential and Nursing Home just over 2 years ago for those who often have much greater care and nursing needs. Having visited these facilities, it feels good to be able to refer clients to Later Life accommodation that is well equipped and on our doorstep.

Understanding the complex network of care and various different financial provisions provided for our ageing UK population is a minefield for many. Choosing where to receive the care you require can be a daunting task, as it often involves leaving a home with which you are familiar and in which you may have lived for many years. Whenever we choose a new place to live, we do it on the basis of a mixture of logic and emotion. Logic dictates where it should be and how close to family and friends, etc. The emotional element is based on whether or not it feels like home.

Written information and brochures can tell you about the practical issues but the 'feeling of the place' is something you must establish for yourself. The key advice is to visit the homes which meet your practical requirements. Prepare a list of the issues which concern you and don't be afraid to ask questions. You will find care providers more than happy to discuss your needs. Everyone has their own idea of what is nice, what suits them and what meets their own preference. The question therefore needs to be 'does it suit me?' and in this respect there is no right or wrong answer.

Many of us have preconceptions about residential care homes and sadly, the image of care provision has not been well presented in the media. Television programmes and press articles tend to focus on the sensational and all too often it is the occasional problems which are highlighted. The vast majority of homes providing high standards and first class care are simply not newsworthy.

Having grown up here and then returning to Yarnton ten years ago, this will always be a special place for me. My mother is at rest in the village cemetary and my own children have also been through William Fletcher school just like my brother and me. Who knows what the future holds? Maybe one day, if I am lucky enough to reach the care stages of retirement, I will live in a care home where I can look over and watch the children playing, with memories from the past.

The Society of Later Life Advisers (SOLLA)

SOLLA was founded in 2008 as a 'not for profit' organisation, to meet the needs of consumers, advisers and those who provide financial products and services to the Later Life market. It aims to ensure that consumers are better informed about financial issues in later life, and can find an Accredited Adviser. All SOLLA members:

- Are specialists in advising older people on financial matters
- Have been awarded the Later Life Adviser Accreditation (LLAA) which is independently audited and endorsed by Government Body, the Financial Skills Partnership (FSP)
- Follow a strict code of conduct

There are many areas where help and advice is needed on a wide range of later life areas. Some of these include help selecting the type of care required, which could be home-based or may require a residential/nursing home. Having an understanding of paying for care and whether or not any financial help is available from the state is often a priority in people's minds. This is a complex area. People who have to self-fund their 'Long Term Care' are not usually aware of the Financial Products available to pay for this. Taking over the financial affairs of other people is a position families find themselves in and often they are not aware of how to set up a Power of Attorney (LPA) or a Deputyship order. People wonder where they can go to get help. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Andy Pike DipPFS (your local Accredited Later Life Adviser)

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1000s upon 1000s

I'm writing this whilst on holiday in one of my favourite places - north Norfolk.

My husband and I got up at 5.30 a.m. this morning; it was dark and bitterly cold, but we saw amazing stars in the clear sky. We heard a Tawny Owl call and saw another as we drove to Snettisham RSPB Nature Reserve to watch and hear one of nature's amazing happenings.

As we walked in the darkness to the beach, the sound of 1000s of wading birds filled the air and then in awe we watched 1000s of Pink-footed Geese leave their overnight feeding ground to fly off to feed on the sugar-beet fields. They just kept coming - skein after skein.

By now it was getting light and a hazy yellowy sun rose. We were frozen but we toughed it out to see the most amazing spectacle of all - wintering Knots. We could see them feeding on the mudflats and then the stunning sound like a rushing wind as they flew up and swirled in the sky as one. We just watched the awesome sight as the sun reflected on the birds, changing colour from a black cloud to a sparkling shimmer and an incredible whoosh sound as they flew right overhead. We were speechless (and that's saying something!)

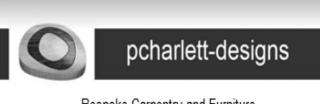
It was wonderful and did us good to watch this spectacle of nature. So if you get the chance - go out and find something good to watch and hear - maybe a nearby starling roost? It seems so early in November to write this, but - HAPPY CHRISTMAS! *Ellen Cocking*

STOP PRESS...

Many of you know we have been looking after Peter the Pigeon for a few months.

I am sad to say that he mysteriously disappeared from our garden a few weeks ago. Only a few tell-tale feathers on the grass gave any indication that he was missing. We

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Yarnton W.I.

For our Christmas meeting Barbara Ponting will be demonstrating paper flower making, with an opportunity for everyone to 'have a go'. There will be a small charge of £1 per member for anyone who wants to make a flower, and it would be helpful if you could bring along a pair of scisssors. The competition will be for 6 handmade Christmas sweets (judged on looks and presentation), and there will be refreshments and mulled wine and a seasonal raffle. Tea hostesses are Jean Amor, Pam Appleton, Joanna Bailey and Sue Brewerton. We meet at the Village Hall on Thursday 12th December at 7.45 p.m., and visitors are always welcome. Don't forget that Sheila and Michael Westall will be hosting their usual Punch and Mince Pies at their home, 1 Stocks Tree Close, on Sunday 15th December at 11.45 a.m. and are looking forward to welcoming everyone to this seasonal gathering. Ruth Astall



Hibernation Places

By reading these wildlife gardening articles on an ongoing basis I hope you are all beginning to realise that wildlife gardening isn't about 'doing nothing', a popular misconception. It's about managing a garden sympathetically. It doesn't have to be untidy, and often wildlife gardening isn't that far removed from traditional gardening. It's as much about breaking age old habits of us gardeners, as it is about considering the wildlife. It's a very simple point I want to focus on in this article, and that's hibernation areas. If you follow my advice, year on year, each spring and summer you will increase the species diversity in your garden. Don't though, tidy everything away when autumn and winter arrives. In one swoop you could destroy much of what's been achieved. If you attract life into your garden, maintain hibernation areas, otherwise much of what you have attracted will be destroyed, with little hope of returning the following year in some cases.

Take a look at your borders, full of perennial plants. By all means, cut them down when flowering is finished (leaving one or two seed heads as a food source), but leave at least 6 inches of stem. These stems, as they dry out and become hollow, are great hidey-holes for many little beasties. Leaving the stems also protects the crowns of your prized plants against the cold winter and also reminds you where they are. Then in spring, when all the little beasties have emerged, cut the remaining stems down to the ground. So you see, wildlife gardening and traditional gardening are quite close friends. Happy Gardening. *Stuart Mabbutt, Wildlife Gardening Specialist, tel. 01865 747243*



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Monday 30th December to Wednesday 1st January: closed Open usual from Thursday 2nd January.

Exhibitions

Until 5th January 2014. The Oxfordshire Craft Guild Christmas Selling Exhibition, featuring many of the county's leading contemporary craft makers and designers. This exhibition will display jewellery, textiles, pottery, keepsakes and treasures, perfect for Christmas! 4th December. Friends of The Oxfordshire Museum Lecture: Veronica Isaac – Dress Historian talks about decorative needlework, May Morris and the art of embroidery (1862-1938). Free to Friends of the museum, £2 for visitors. 7.30 p.m.

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Try as I may I have been unable to recruit more members to the Committee. In reviewing my personal situation, I'm mindful that I no longer live in the village and also feel that after over 20 years of being the Branch Secretary it is time for change. I am therefore resigning at the end of this year. Without new committee members the Yarnton Branch will cease to be and will become a sub-branch of either Kidlington or Woodstock. This does not mean that help will not be available to ex-service personnel or their families. There is a national Legion telephone line (08457 725 725) for help or advice at any time. Shortly a freephone telephone number will be available to further assist those in need.

If there is anyone living locally who would be interested in helping with the committee work please contact me . You would need to be a Legion member (if you are not already), but need not necessarily have served. *Peter Talboys, Branch Secretary, Yarnton Royal British Legion, home telephone 375121*

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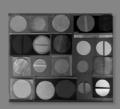
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Archery. Mon. and Thur. 8 p.m.

Badminton. Mon. and Thur. 7 p.m.

Be Creative With Your Photos. Tue. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (from 4th *March for 5 weeks)*

Calligraphy (Beginners). Thur. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Computing for the Terrified. Wed. 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Drawing with Sarah Moncrieff. Tue. 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. (5

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Dressmaking for Beginners. 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. (limited availability)

Flower Arranging for Beginners. Wed. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. (from 5th March for 5 weeks)

French Beginners. Mon. 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.

French Next Steps. Mon. 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Golf for All. Sat. 12 noon

Italian Beginners Tue. 7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Italian Conversation. Wed. 7.30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Italian Next Steps. Tue. 7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Knitting for Beginners. Wed. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. (5 weeks)

Life Drawing. Wed. 7.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m.

Next Steps Computing. Tue. 4.45 p.m. - 6.45 p.m.

Now You Can Knit. Wed. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. (from 5th March for 5 weeks)

Pilates (Mat). Thur. 11 a.m.

So Now You Can Sing (Improvers). Tue. 8.15 p.m. -9.30 p.m.

Spanish Intermediate. Thur. 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m.

Spanish Next Steps Wed. 7.30 p.m. – 9.30 p.m.

Tai Chi. Tue. 6.15 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Watercolour Painting for Beginners. Tue. 7.30 p.m. - 9.30

p.m. or Thur. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. (2 weeks only)

Watercolour Painting. Tue. 7.30 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. or Thur.

2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Yoga. Mon. 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m., Tue. 4.30 p.m. - 6 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m., Thur. 9.40 a.m. - 10.55 a.m. (limited availability) Zumba Gold. Thur. 5 p.m. Zumba. Thur. 6 p.m.

The third of our 5 Saturday workshop days is taking place on **25th January**. Classes running that day are: An Introduction to Reflexology (*p.m. only*) Apple Mac for Beginners Drumming Workshop (if you don't have a drum some will be available to borrow) (p.m. only) How to use your Sewing Machine Knit a Gift Stained Glass (this class is now full, spaces available on 15th *March and 17th May*) Yoga – Sound and Light with Fran Kirk (a.m. only)

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Book Reading Group

The Book Reading Group's book for discussion on 2nd December is 'Gaudy Night' by Dorothy Sayers. For January we chose 'Skios' by Michael Frayn. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. New members most welcome. Contact number: 371656.

Christmas is here!

Our favourite time of the year! A time for fun and festive cheer, a time to wrap up warm and enjoy mulled wine round the fire. You will have seen our festivities in store, from the decorations to the indulgences only Christmas brings. This year we have even **more offers** for you to get into the Christmas spirit! From party food to party wine, we can help you create your perfect Christmas celebration; from turkeys to sprouts, let us help you with your Christmas lunch. We have it all at Fraser's Budgens; all at a great price too, with **half price wines and champagnes to a great selection of cheeses and meat platters**.

Last chance to order your perfect Christmas Lunch

The last date to order your Christmas turkeys is December 13th. If you don't already know, we are able to offer our customers the opportunity to order their Christmas lunch from us here at Fraser's Budgens. This is in Partnership with the Meat Joint, and after the success of last year you won't want to miss out. The Meat Joint source only the finest turkeys and geese, they are free range, top quality and traditionally reared in Oxfordshire by renowned farm Peachcroft. You can also order a whole host of other fantastic meats and top quality Christmas food too. Make sure you pre book yours by filling out the Christmas order form in store.

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We are open Christmas Day!

On Christmas day we are **open for a limited period (10 a.m. – 2 p.m.)** for anything you may have forgotten or need just a little more of. Whether you need that last minute cranberry sauce or batteries for the gift that arrived without, no need to worry, our staff will be there with a festive cheer to serve you.



Yarnton Brass Band

As always the wonderful Yarnton Brass band will be playing around Christmas time at Frasers Budgens. The date is to be confirmed so keep an eye out for this in store or on the website. This is always one of the highlights of the festive season so make sure you don't miss out!

PLATINUM



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.

You will also become an automatic member of the wine club, in conjunction with the Oxford Wine Company. This gives you access to special offers and hints and tips. Cheers!

Just log onto <u>www.frasersbudgens.co.uk</u> to join or ask in store for more details.

Platinum Club Benefits

- Half price car washes (Mon. Fri.)
- 20% off coffee every day
- 2p off per litre of fuel every Sunday
 Vouchers for money off products
- each month
- A free product every month!
 £5 off when you spend £25 in store
- each month!Automatically become a member of
- the wine club
- More to come too...

