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2014

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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Thur. 2 nd	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, <i>(and every Thursday in term time)</i> , Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Thur. 2 nd	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Fri. 3 rd	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. <i>(and every Friday)</i>
Sun. 5 th	New Year Family Service, St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m.
Mon. 6 th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 6 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 6 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 6 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Wed. 8 th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 8 th	'Little Sheep' <i>(and every Wednesday in term-time)</i> , 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 8 th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 8 th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 8 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 9 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 11 th	Dance (ballroom and sequence), British Legion, 8 p.m. – 11 p.m.
Thur. 16 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 16 th	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Tue. 21 st	Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Sat. 25 th	NGW/TVP cycle coding and registration, Paternoster Farm Shop, 10 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.
Thur. 30 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Fri. 31 st /	YAPS pantomime 'Aladdin and the Wishing Tree', Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 1 st February	YAPS pantomime 'Aladdin and the Wishing Tree', Village Hall, 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

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Material for inclusion in the February Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 10th January.

Copy should be e-mailed to: ruth@astall.com and helen.anderson4@ntlworld.com

or delivered to Mrs. Ruth Astall, 19 The Spears, tel. 372637.

The Editorial Committee reserves the right to cut, edit, or omit articles, or refuse advertisements for reasons of space limitation, suitability, etc. Their decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into.

Copy date for the March issue is Friday 7th February.

GROUP EXERCISE CLASSES in Yarnton

MONDAYS
Pilates 9.45am - 10.45am
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Bootcamp Circuits 6.30pm - 7.30pm
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Senior Club

We only had two birthdays in November: Bill and Giacomo. They each received a small present and our best wishes, plus a chorus of Happy Birthday. We welcomed Brian (Haddlesey) back after his knee operation, also Jim (Pratley) who had been ill for the past nine months or so. We were sad to hear that Betty (Payne) was back in hospital; Hilary had a really nasty fall, hitting the back of her head; and Fred is still waiting for an operation on his spine, so get well wishes were passed on to all of these members.

We hope that the New Year will see an improvement to all of those who have been suffering during 2013.

So from everyone at the Senior Club a Happy New Year to all the Village News readers, especially to the Editorial Committee who do such a splendid job keeping us informed with the Yarnton news.

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Yarnton Medical Practice Trust Fund

When the new Yarnton Medical Practice building was opened in 2004 a considerable amount of new equipment was needed to meet patients' needs and there was no money available from the then Primary Care Trust (PCT). Some was donated in kind – a wheelchair, furniture for the meeting room, music centre, etc, but to provide new medical equipment many people generously made cash donations.

To keep this money specifically for medical equipment it was advisable to have a separate independent fund to manage it, so in 2005 the Yarnton Medical Practice Trust Fund was set up as a registered charity to receive donations and to pay for equipment that the doctors and nurses needed. Over the years, people have been incredibly generous and the Trust Fund has received £15,861 which has all been spent on medical equipment, much of it to enable patients to receive treatment in the village and not have to travel to Kidlington or occasionally even to hospital.

Now, however, the immediate need has been met and there is no longer a list of new equipment needed. New ways of funding General Practice are being brought in as well, so in consultation with the practice the Trustees have decided that now is a good time to close the Trust Fund and this will be done formally at the Annual Meeting in February.

In future, any donations to the Kidlington & Yarnton Medical practice will be acknowledged by the practice and used to maintain or replace equipment or provide services as needed.

We, the Trustees, would like to thank everyone who has enabled us to carry out our role so successfully over the years – the people who have made donations and the doctors, nurses and staff who have been so appreciative of their new equipment. When disability access requirements threatened the closure of the Yarnton branch of the practice, which then operated from a house in The Garth, we were among those who had to fight very hard to get new premises in the village, lobbying our MP and regularly attending meetings of the PCT's patient participation group to ensure that the future of medical provision in Yarnton remained high on their agenda, and we are proud that we now have such a first-class facility in the village and very grateful to Dr. Pandher and his staff for the valuable service that they provide for us.

John Cherry, Ruby Haynes, Graham Melhuish, Peter Russell-Smith & Sheila Westall

I would like to say a big thank you to the patients of Yarnton for their generosity and support and to Yarnton Trust Fund for all of their hard work since the opening of the Yarnton Practice building in Rutten Lane. The donations made via the Trust Fund have been very much appreciated and have meant that we have been able to provide extra services to patients which otherwise we would not have been able to afford.

Dr. KS Pandher

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Happy New Year

So we come to the start of a new year - it is hard in January, as we have had all the excitement of Christmas and this month is dark and often cold - but with the now lengthening days we must be hopeful of spring just around the corner, and those first few green shoots of bulbs are in the garden.

So our first spring flowers will soon be out - snowdrops, aconites - my favourites.

As I write this in early December, already I have seen winter jasmine out, climbing up walls - a lovely bright cheery yellow flower - it seems to flower for ages. I have a few stems in a vase in the house to cheer me on dull days. I love flowers - wild ones and cut flowers. We have a lovely bay window and when we moved to our present house some 31 years ago (actually in January) I promised myself to always have a vase of fresh flowers in it, and over all these years I have kept to this.

I love giving bunches of flowers to folk who need cheering up too - it always brings a smile. I hope seeing flowers brings cheer and makes you smile.

Snowdrops by Mary Vivien

I like to think that, long ago,
There fell to earth some flakes of snow
Which loved this cold, grey world of ours
So much they stayed as snowdrop flowers.

Ellen Cocking

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Our speaker this month is Virginia Grant from Kingston Bagpuize House who will be telling us about the Garden and Parkland of her home.

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Ruth Astall

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- *Endometriosis pain
- *Morning sickness & general nausea
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- *Menstrual dysfunction
- *Menopausal dysfunction (hot flushes/insomnia/anxiety)

Antenatal & Postnatal Clinic

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- *Symphysis pubis dysfunction
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Yarnton W.I.

We begin the New Year with a talk on a serious topic. Our speaker is Bernie Gravett speaking about 'Human Trafficking and its impact on the UK'. We shall have our usual book stall and tea hostesses are Dorothy Cherry, Jacqueline Cook and Pauline Coppock.

Please note that your annual subscription is due at this meeting. The cost this year is £34.70 and all existing members should have received an envelope from Mary. If for any reason you will not be renewing your membership, then please let Mary know (tel. 371721) so that she doesn't chase you for payment.

We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 9th January at 7.45 p.m. and are always pleased to welcome visitors. You can come as a visitor up to three times before you need to join, so why not come along and give us a try?

In December we were invited to have a promotional table at the Erdington House Christmas Fayre. This is the new assisted living block of flats on the Cassington Road. We were made very welcome by the staff and residents and they all seem keen to be part of the community. They have asked if we would go along again in January to talk more to them. A number of their residents were interested in maybe joining WI, and other organisations in the village might also like to visit to let everyone know what is available in the village.

Date for your diary: We have arranged a game of skittles on Friday 14th March at the Masonic Hall in Woodsdtock. The cost will be £10.50 to include food.

Ruth Astall

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Helen Anderson

Littlemarsh Pavillion - Invitation

Yarnton Playing Fields Management Committee would like to welcome all Yarnton residents to view the new Pavilion at Littlemarsh Sports Field. The pavilion will be open from 7 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. on the following dates: Friday 24th January and Monday 27th January. Please come along and view the building and facilities offered – no booking, etc. just turn up on those dates and times.

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Future Meeting dates: 8th January and 12th February 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

Parish Council - contact numbers

Parish Council Chairman

Fred Jones. Tel: 373871

Parish Council Vice-Chairman

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Parish Council Members:

John Burford. Tel: 849750

Harry Carrier. Tel: 841733

Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435

Carol Green. Tel: 371355

Anna Isles. Tel: 372895

The above-named were declared elected as Parish Councillors without a contest as from 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.

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

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Planning Applications:

13/01664/F. Corncroft, Little Blenheim, Erect garden studio/hobby room.

Planning Decisions:

13/01416/F. King's Retreat, Church Lane, Erect open car shelter. Refused.

Temporary Road Closure – Yarnton Lane Level Crossing. A request has been received from Centurion Site Services for a temporary road closure to apply to Yarnton Lane Level Crossing whilst essential level crossing maintenance works are carried out. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is being made to implement the temporary closure and will operate from 10 p.m. on Saturday 11th January until 9.15 a.m. Sunday 12th January. Access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for those residents within the closure area, subject to the progress of the works. Please note that access routes will depend on exactly where the works vehicles are at any time and may need to be negotiated with the gang on site as necessary.

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. Apply online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions or on paper (forms available from the County Council website or a local school).

Cycling. A local resident was hit recently by a boy riding a bicycle on his way to school in the public pathway/alleyway between Spencer Avenue and Bartholomew Avenue where there are two 'blind spots'. Although there isn't an exclusion for cyclists, this area should be treated the same as any other footpath, i.e. pedestrians should be given priority and bikes shouldn't be ridden where it causes any danger to pedestrians.

NGW/TVP cycle coding and registration will take place 25th January from 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. at Paternoster Farm Shop.

Dementia awareness. Oxfordshire Rural Community Council (ORCC) is co-ordinating a project to raise awareness about dementia in communities, and aims to get people to think about what support they could provide to their neighbours.

Dementia friendly communities are places where people feel comfortable and less embarrassed by their memory problems. This is a project for all members of the community and not only those who are currently directly affected by dementia. ORCC is looking for interested individuals or groups to help promote a 'launch' meeting. If you would like to know more please contact Alan Foulkes, tel: 01865 883488 or Alan.Foulkes@oxonrcc.org.uk

Winter Weather. The Parish Council would like to remind residents that the grit bins in the village are filled once each winter by Oxfordshire County Council for use by residents to grit the road near the bin to make life easier for themselves and other motorists on roads where OCC don't grit. This grit is not intended for private individuals to take for their own personal use.

Advice from gov.uk website: You can clear snow and ice from pavements yourself. It's unlikely that you'll be sued or held responsible if someone is injured on a path or pavement if you've cleared it carefully. When you clear snow and ice do it early in the day – it's easier to move fresh, loose snow. Don't use water – it might refreeze and turn to black ice. Use salt if possible – it will melt the ice or snow and stop it from refreezing overnight (but don't use the salt from salting bins as this is used to keep roads clear). You can use ash and sand if you don't have enough salt – it will provide grip underfoot. Pay extra attention when clearing steps and steep pathways – using more salt may help.

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 378476.

Dogs. 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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Neighbourhood Watch

Distraction Burglaries can be very distressing for the victims, who invariably are elderly residents. Such an incident took place in Yarnton involving two white males posing as window cleaners. One male engaged the resident in chatting while the other male, on the pretext of using the upstairs toilet, stole property from bedrooms. If you have elderly relatives or neighbours, alert them to this method of distraction.

Anti Drink/Drugs Drive campaigns are in operation countrywide. It's not worth taking the risk. Being caught and losing your licence is the easy bit. Having to live with the consequences of irresponsible and criminal behaviour is not so easy.

Scams and cold calling are prolific at this time of year. Anything from bank fraud to carpet cleaning provides criminals with the opportunity to relieve you of your hard earned money. Uninvited offers to do you favours, or services at knock down prices should be treated with extreme caution.

www.getsafeonline.org provides excellent advice for parents on child internet safety issues. It is also possible to sign up using this website to receive email updates.

Incident reporting. As previously requested, residents are asked to ensure all incidents are reported to the police using 999 in an emergency or 101 non-emergency. Please remember that whilst it is helpful to provide your details at the time of reporting, it is not a prerequisite for making the report.

FREE cycle coding and registration takes place on Saturday 25th January at Paternoster Farm Shop from 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m.

I hope you have a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. Many thanks to all the Neighbourhood Watch Street Coordinators, who year-on-year provide a most valuable service to our community.

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<i>Weekdays</i>	
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Tuesday	7 p.m.
Thursday	9.30 a.m.
Friday	12 noon

St. Hugh of Lincoln

Sunday	9.30 a.m.
Wednesday	12 noon

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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. Prem on 377093, or the Headteacher Mrs. M. Buller on 373674. A mini-bus collects from surrounding villages.

Yarnton Band

A happy new year from everybody at Yarnton Band, and a welcome to all those of you who have recently arrived in the village.

If you have read my last three entries you will be aware that our founder, George Tutte, passed away during the summer of last year and that we held a memorial concert for him in the Village Hall in November just gone. As you can imagine it was a wonderful evening, with old friends marking the various years of the band's past, many of whom had travelled some distance and had had to stay in hotels, etc. overnight, but none had travelled as far as one-time band stalwart Audrey Willett, who had come all the way from Freemantle, Australia. What a wonderful tribute to George, who as those of you who knew him will testify, was a very special man indeed. Much was and has been said of George's gift for teaching and inspiring youngsters, but that was only the half of it. George's infectious enthusiasm also rubbed off on adults such as the children's parents, a parish councillor, the school headmistress, all of whom played their part in building the band, and also a village resident Mr. Walter Oldfield who gave the band a home on his estate for many years.

Ill health overtook George back in the mid-seventies, after which he was never really able to take the band again, as it got him too worked up. Since then many other people have kept the band going through good times and bad, and through many changes right up to the current day, where we are happily installed in the new Village Hall extension where we also have a storeroom.

One thing the band can say for itself is that right back to when George started the band with his daughters and their friends to the present day we have always taught youngsters. The band has always believed in producing its own players. In fact, through most of the band's fifty-four year history it has been predominantly a youth band, but that's not to say we don't want adult members - far from it, the more the better. We welcome players of all ages and teach people of all ages to play. We also supply the instruments and music.

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Lay Worker: Malcolm Bromhall, tel. 01865 373958, Email: malcolm.bromhall@oxfordmethodists.org.uk

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

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

Services in January

Woodstock

5 th	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd <i>(United Covenant Service)</i>
12 th	10.30 a.m.	Julie Todd
19 th	10.30 a.m.	David Matthews
26 th	10.30 a.m.	Jan Grimwood

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

5 th	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
11 th	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church <i>(a time of games, crafts and informal worship)</i>
12 th	10 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd <i>(Covenant Service)</i>
19 th	10 a.m.	Matt Stammers
26 th	10 a.m.	Simon Blainey

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Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society

The speaker at the meeting of the History Society in January will be Elizabeth Boardman, who is the college archivist at Brasenose College. The title of her talk is 'I tope all the Night as I trifle all Day'. The meeting will be in Yarnton on 21st January at 7.45 p.m.

Helen Anderson

'Dignity in Care Champions' and SOLLA

During 2014 why not consider becoming a 'Dignity in Care Champion'? The Dignity Challenge is all about having high quality services available to those receiving care that completely respect people's dignity. Anyone can become a Dignity in Care Champion as this is all about making a positive difference to people's lives, and many of us do this in our everyday life already. At last count there were approximately 40,000 'Dignity in Care Champions' within the UK and just over 150 in Oxfordshire, and this group is continuing to grow rapidly.

The challenge describes an ethos of values, actions and high quality services that respect people's dignity. There are 10 key areas listed below, and you can find out more by visiting www.dignityincare.org.uk

1. Have a zero tolerance of all forms of abuse
2. Support people with the same respect you would want for yourself or a member of your family
3. Treat each person as an individual by offering a personalised service
4. Enable people to maintain the maximum possible level of independence, choice and control
5. Listen and support people to express their needs and wants
6. Respect people's right to privacy
7. Ensure people feel able to complain without fear of retribution
8. Engage with family members and carers as care partners
9. Assist people to maintain confidence and positive self-esteem
10. Act to alleviate people's loneliness and isolation

A 'Dignity in Care Champion' endeavours to promote awareness of these 10 points to everyone connected with health and social care with people we meet during our working day. These 10 values, when written down, perhaps help remind us, during a busy day, not to lose sight of respectful ways and a general caring/love for those people who are more vulnerable in our society.

The first question to ask yourself if you are thinking of becoming a 'Dignity in Care Champion' is: - Do I care about making services better for people, treating people as individuals, ensuring that they feel respected and getting the basics of care right? If so, you qualify. Each Dignity Champion's role varies depending on their knowledge and influence and the type of work they are involved in. The role should not be onerous; there are many small things that you can do that can have a big impact on people's lives. Champions choose how active they want to be – there are no requirements/time commitments to be met. Together, I believe, we can make a difference to those needing care and encourage an ethos that changes the way that this area is both delivered and perceived. With the media news continually reporting negative stories, changing perspectives is challenging and takes time. If we can gradually deliver the Dignity message enthusiastically and in any way possible, it will hopefully improve someone's difficult years of life for the better.

The Society of Later Life Advisers (SOLLA)

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- 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.

Happy New Year

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By now, the last of the mince pies will have been eaten, and the only reminder in your sitting room that Christmas has come and gone might be the odd pine needle clinging on to your carpet after the tree has been disposed of. I hope the season was one of good cheer, happy times, and celebration for all of you.

The run up to the 'big day' seems to get larger and louder each year. The demands on our time and our pockets also increase. For some people, it is a stressful time, especially if you have children wanting the latest technological fad and toy. When I was about 9, all I wanted was a Spectrum ZX computer. Do you remember those? It had rubber keys and you had to load the game by an attached cassette player which took ages to work, and needed to be repeated several times on occasions. The game was something like tennis or packman. The graphics were basic, but we thought it was the best thing ever. Unfortunately, I didn't get one as it was too expensive and deemed a waste of money, so I got a bike instead. The disappointment was evident on Christmas Day, and I sulked, but soon couldn't remember what all the fuss was about. I ended up loving that bike. Looking back, I wanted the latest gadget, just like kids today. Nothing much has changed, apart from the price and the sheer quantity of things available. The next thing my God-daughter wants is a mobile phone. She is not an international banker, or a busy professional, she is 7.

After the excitement of December, January can seem gloomy, and even the new things we were desperate for a few weeks ago may have lost some of their shine. January seems to be a fallow time, an in-between time of waiting. But just as a field needs to be left fallow for a while to re-charge and rest, so we need this time to prepare for what this next year has in store for us. For me, I am hoping for a year of good health. I am hoping for a year of growth, as a person, and as your Vicar. I hope to get to know more of you and to share a smile, conversation, or even a prayer. I hope to be more able to walk beside you when things are hard, when you are bereaved or when celebrating a happy time, perhaps a wedding or baptism. These are all the 'perks of the job' which I enjoy year in, year out.

This year is going to be an interesting one for our village. Things are changing, nothing stays the same. There are worries about the sale of the Manor, about further housing developments in the village; these things have an effect on us all. Change can be difficult, but managed properly, perhaps can be good for us as a community. How will we meet these challenges in 2014?

As the memories of Christmas linger, and perhaps the few pounds we may have put on prove hard to shift, we give thanks for all that has been and ask God to be with us in all that is to come. May 2014 be a year of happiness and growth for us all.

Nathan

CHURCH DIARY

(see also regular service times below)



Sun. 6th New Year Family Service, 11 a.m.
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REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

(every week unless otherwise stated)



St. Bartholomew's Church, Church Lane, Yarnton.

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Sundays

8 a.m. Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer, at St. Bartholomew's
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Weekday Service

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

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Exhibitions

Until 5th January. 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.

8th February – 27th April. Unearthed – Riches of the Romans and Anglo Saxons. This archaeology exhibition will feature some brilliant Anglo-Saxon and Roman objects, along with some exciting new technology to display and interpret some of the star items. It's an opportunity for us to showcase a lot of the work we have been doing with different community groups over the past year as part of our ASPIRE funded project, *History in the Making*.

Children's activities

Tuesday 18th February. Tom Tots, 10.30 a.m. – 11 a.m. Stories, Songs and Craft for the under 5's. £1 per family group.

Tuesday 18th February. Family Learning Drop in 'Figure it out!' Using air hardening clay, make a small figurine, inspired by objects on display in the 'Unearthed Exhibition.' Decorate a casket with Anglo-Saxon designs to keep your sculpture in. 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., £1.50 per child.

Wednesday 19th February. Family/Group Activity, 10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m., £5 per group (Booking required Tel: 01865 300639). Come to the museum and visit the 'Unearthed' Exhibition. Be inspired by the objects on display, discover craft techniques and then create a unique wall hanging to take home.

Thursday 20th February. Family Learning Drop in 'Pedal Power'. Learn about the early days of cycling. What would you wear to enjoy a bicycle ride in Victorian times? Create a Victorian Cycling scene and visit our Victorian Oxfordshire Gallery. 2 p.m., - 4 p.m., £1.50 per child.

Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum lectures.

Lectures are free for Friends, visitors £2. No booking required 7.30 p.m. at the museum.

8th January. Michael Welch – Senior Valuer, Bonhams Antiques: What separates the ordinary from the extraordinary.

8th February. Liz Woolley: The parish of St. Thomas the Martyr, West Oxford.

5th March. Professor Ashley Jackson: the British Empire and the 1914/18 war.

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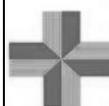


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Halfway through the season our A team is 2nd in Division One, with the B and C teams achieving some very creditable wins and half-way down their tables. U16, U14, U12 and Highfive sessions are supported, with six teams playing in the Oxfordshire Junior Winter League on Sunday mornings, and training continues throughout the year. Please contact Tess tessa.horn@gmail.com for further information on our junior sessions. Whatever your age, if you are thinking that netball could be a fun and fitness activity which you might like to participate in, do consider coming along to our club. For updated information please contact: Club Secretary - Laura - kidlington.netball@hotmail.co.uk.

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Wed. 8th January, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Horley nr. Banbury.
Hawthorn scrub – primarily nature conservation work
Sat. 11th January, 12.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Rollrights nr. Chipping Norton. Hardwood thinning, 4 to 12 inch diameter
Sat. 18th January, 11 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. West Oxford. Large willow branches up to 10 inch diameter
Sat. 25th January, 11 a.m. – 1.30 p.m. East Oxford. Oak thinnings, 4 to 12 inch diameter
Sat. 1st February, 12.30 p.m. – 3.30 p.m. Rollrights nr. Chipping Norton. Hardwood thinning, 4 to 12 inch diameter
Find out more on www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour.

Please **buy your firewood from a local supplier** to minimise 'fuel miles' and support local businesses. When you buy firewood ask: 1. what the moisture content of the wood is (it should be 25% or less), 2. what volume of wood you are getting (you should know what weight or volume you are getting, not just 'a load'), 3. whether it is soft or hardwood (a hardwood log has more energy than a softwood log of the same size), and 4. how long the logs are. Alternatively buy OxLogs: see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/oxlogs.

The woodfuel programme now has funding to **advise community groups of all kinds on installing biomass boilers** in their buildings. Please contact manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk for more information; also if your community building is heated by biomass and you would be willing to share lessons from that with others.

Riki Therivel, Wood Fuel Programme Manager, TOE2, 28A North Hinksey Lane, Oxford OX2 0LX, tel. 01865 243488



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).
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Link your gardens together

Just a brief wildlife gardening article this month, but one with a clear message.

Last week I was working in a garden when I saw over in the neighbouring garden the homeowner was digging up his entire 100-foot mixed native hedge. You can imagine my horror to see him doing this in autumn with all the berries and hibernation areas.

Over a period of time, the garden in question has been cleared of all life and all that remains of a once abundant habitat is a lush lawn (void of weeds) surrounded by close board fencing. I leant over the fence and advised that autumn wasn't probably the most advisable season to do this, with wildlife in mind, and asked did he really need to clear the entire hedge line, as diversity is the name of the game. The response was 'Oh, I can't be bothered with gardening. I'm going to dig the lawn up too and put an artificial one down. Anyway the wildlife will look after itself, there are plenty of other gardens around'.

Now, my take on this is that wildlife shouldn't have to adapt just because we decide to leave carnage in our garden. Many people are doing the same in their gardens, so where has the wildlife got left to go? Also what this gardener failed to realise was this was the last mixed hedge in his area, so he was totally removing the last resting place for wildlife that only uses native hedges. Remember I said many insects are host specific. Just because they are in one type of hedge, doesn't mean they can quickly adapt to another type. Lastly, wildlife uses hedges linking many gardens as navigation highways, linking communities together.

When removing a hedge or a stand of trees, stand back and see if you are creating a void in these highways that intersect your area. You could be isolating a population of insects, as they can't navigate around, which ultimately can cause local extinction if the clearance is on a large scale.

Next time you are gardening, tidying or clearing, look at the bigger picture and observe what it is you are actually doing. Happy gardening.

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Woodstock U3A - The University of the Third Age

Below is Woodstock U3A's speaker programme for January to April 2014.

7th January: Crime Writing: Peter Tickler

4th February: Oliver Cromwell and his family: John Hunt

4th March: Living in Turkey: Allen Ledger

1st April: AGM and entertainment

Part of a nationwide organisation, Woodstock U3A meets monthly at the Marlborough School, Woodstock, generally every 1st Tuesday at 2 p.m. Meetings usually last about 2 hours and include a speaker.

A major strength of Woodstock U3A is its 18 special interest groups, which meet regularly and cover a wealth of different interests. Ranging from Battles and Battlefields, through Books, Bridge for Beginners, Classical Music, Discussion, Lunch Group, Historical Buildings and Sites, Madrigal Singing, Needle Craft and Lace Making, Living History, Art, Play Reading (2 groups), Poetry for Pleasure, Recorders, Science Discussion to Scrabble and Walking, there really is something for everyone.

This is a perfect opportunity to meet new friends, socialise, pick up a new hobby or interest or just meet friends once a month; new members are always welcome, and Chairman Mary Hawken will be delighted to hear from any prospective members.

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Yarnton Fireworks and Bonfire 2013

Yarnton Playing Fields would like to thank everyone who attended the village Firework Display this year – I'm sure you'll admit the show was well worth turning out for. Yarnton Playing Fields also thank the many organisations and people involved in putting together an excellent event once again. In no particular order: St. John Ambulance; Yarnton Farm Shop; Yarnton Post Office; David Side Amusements; Kidlington Netball Club; Yarnton Guides; Yarnton Football Club; Yarnton Blues Football Club; Yarnton Playing Fields Committee; Friends of YPF - Dave Callicott, Richard and Hester Byrne, Ellen and Abbie Gardner, Christine and Steve Taylor.

And of course - Skyline Promotions.

An added item to this year's event was the official opening of the new Littlemarsh Pavillion by Peter Luke – Thank you Peter.

Next year's event is expected to be on Saturday 15th November – the car park will be completed and hopefully the highways will have repaired Green Lane, so it will be better than ever.

See you there!

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