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2014**

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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Mon. 3 rd	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 3 rd	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 3 rd	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 3 rd	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Wed. 5 th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 5 th	'Little Sheep' <i>(and every Wednesday in term-time)</i> , 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 5 th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 5 th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 5 th	Ash Wednesday Liturgy, St. Bartholomew's, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 6 th	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, <i>(and every Thursday in term time)</i> , Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Fri. 7 th	'Time for a Cuppa', Sanctuary House, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Fri. 7 th	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. <i>(and every Friday)</i>
Sat. 8 th	Taize Service, St. Bartholomew's, 5 p.m.
Wed. 12 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 13 th	Senior Club A.G.M., Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 13 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Tue. 18 th	Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society, Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Thur. 20 th	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 27 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Sun. 30 th	Joint Mothering Sunday Service, St. Bartholomew's, 10.30 a.m.

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Please consider whether you could contribute something – just as a 'one off' or on a regular basis as Ellen Cocking so kindly does. Perhaps you or a member of your family has done something really different that you think others might like to hear about, or achieved something to be proud of. We'd like to hear about it! It can be as long or short as you wish – do think about it!

Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

Winners of the draw on 23rd January were:

111	Mr. P. Russell-Smith	179	Mr. D. Haynes
26	Mrs. J. Carpenter	21	Mr. R. Geary



Yarnton W.I.

This month we have our Annual Meeting, when we look back over the past year and elect our officers and committee for the coming one. Following the business, we will have a talk from Ann Moss, one of our members, on her 'epic' trip to Canada in 2012. This will be accompanied by many of her excellent photographs, which will be well-worth seeing. We shall have a raffle and our usual book stall. Tea hostesses are Jackie Fenton, Wendy Haddleton, Ruby Haynes.

We meet at the Village Hall on 13th March at 7.45 p.m., and visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

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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: 12th March and 9th April 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

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Brian Newell. Tel: 842253

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John Burford. Tel: 849750

Harry Carrier. Tel: 841733

Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435

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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

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District Councillors:

Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435

Trevor Stevens. Tel: 451800

County Councillors:

Maurice Billington. Tel: 842235

Yarnton Village Hall

Bookings: Tel: 07948 722633

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Planning Applications:

MW.0002/14. Worton Farms Ltd, Cassington, for infilling of derelict water lagoon with inert waste materials to reinstate land to agricultural use at Old Lagoon, Cresswell Field, Worton.

13/01919/F. 50 and 52 Church Lane, erection of open car shelter.

14/00038/F. 7 Field Close, demolish side extension and side and rear conservatories. Erect side and rear single side extensions, etc.

Planning Decisions:

13/01778/F. 3 Churchill Place, retrospective, single-storey side extension. Granted 8.1.14.

13/00329/F. 81-89 Cassington Road, redevelopment of commercial premises. Granted 3.2.14.

Appeal:

APP/C3105/A/14/2212002. Land North-west of Windmill Barn, Cassington Road, erection of open car shelter.



Kidlington Information Event

Age UK Oxfordshire is hosting an information event on Wednesday 2nd April at the Baptist Church in Kidlington 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The event is aimed at making people aged 50+ more aware of useful services around the area.

Guest speakers will be attending to do short talks about their services and will be bringing information to take away on the day.

Teas, coffees and lunch will be provided in the afternoon, after which there will be a chance to chat with the speakers and ask any other questions.

This is a free event, so turn up on the day or contact Troy Bryan for more details on 07957 981391, or alternatively on e-mail troybryan@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk

Kidlington Baptist Church, High Street, Kidlington, OX5 2DS

Annual Parish Meeting: This will be held on Friday 25th April in the Village Hall starting at 7 p.m.. The speaker this year will be Caroline Livingstone from Begbroke Science Park.

Fields in Trust: Littlemarsh Field and Yarnton Park, Rutten Lane have now been given 'Queen Elizabeth II Fields' status. Commemorative plaques have been received and will be erected in the near future.

Dog Fouling: Recently the amount of dog fouling around the village has got considerably worse, particularly in The Garth, Rutten Lane, Spencer Avenue, Dashwood Avenue and Merton Way. Incidents of dog fouling can now be reported to Cherwell District Council online by completing a very short form. Go to www.cherwell.gov.uk, click D along the top where it says Services, then scroll down to 'Dog and Animal Fouling'. Click on that, which then gives you a form on the right to click and fill in with details of where, when and owner's details if known. If dog fouling disgusts you as much as it does most people, please spare a minute or two to complete this form. The more people who report it, the more chance we have of eliminating the problem. If you are a dog owner and don't want to buy bags, dog waste bags are available free of charge from the Parish Office. If you want some and can't get to the office during opening hours, please email me or leave a message on the answer-phone and I will deliver some to you.

Fixmystreet website: www.fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk is an easy to use website designed to help Oxfordshire residents to report, view, or discuss local highway faults directly and quickly to Oxfordshire County Council by simply locating them on a map. You can report faults linked to amenities or things that are broken or dirty, damaged or dumped, or need fixing, cleaning or clearing such as: abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, flyposting or graffiti, flytipping or litter, unlit lampposts, and potholes. Please make use of this website if you think anything in the village needs reporting, as by using the website you can see if it has already been reported and any update applicable.

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. Tel. 378476.

Welcome to Yarnton Booklets: The booklet can be viewed on the website 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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Yarnton Amateur Players

'Aladdin and the Wishing Tree' family pantomime

A big thank you to all who supported our pantomime this year, which was very well received by our audiences - young and old. It was especially nice to see more children this year, and a large group of residents from Yarnton Residential Nursing Home. Pantomimes began in London in the 1800s and have continued to offer entertainment which all the family can enjoy together to this day.

Hopefully our little group can continue to prosper and grow, but to do this we need some new faces!

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If you exercise your dog in the park, just spare a thought for other users and show a bit of consideration by going elsewhere. It's not the dogs' fault is it?

Yarnton Playing Field Management Committee



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Yarnton Gardening Club

This month we have a talk from Robert Longstaff on growing Vegetables in Containers, which should be very interesting. We will be distributing courgette seeds to members for them to grow and bring 3 courgettes to the August meeting.

We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 20th March at 7.30 p.m. and are always pleased to welcome visitors.

Dates for your diary:

Our annual Plant Sale will take place on Saturday 10th May. This is always a good opportunity to stock up your garden with reasonably priced plants.

Our first outing of the year will be to Exbury Gardens in Hampshire on Saturday 17th May. This will be an all-day visit by coach and friends and family are very welcome to join us. Please contact John Cherry on 373083 for further details.

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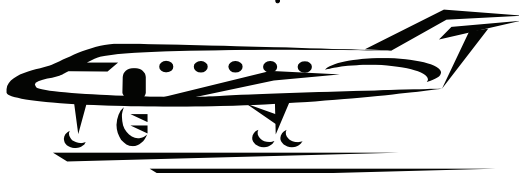


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himself appearing from 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. and from 3 p.m. –
4 p.m. Claire Ward will be here from Guidepost Trust to
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Special Days

I always try to find something to start the day off well.
Recently, I had an early morning bike ride – it rained a lot
and then the sun shone so brightly the whole world
seemed to sparkle. The icing on the cake was the most
amazing rainbow – it was awesome! What a good way to
start the day.

On another bike ride I stopped and watched two Red Kites
flying low over a field, then landing and spending ages on
the ground. I'm guessing they were feeding on worms that
had been washed out with all the rain. They were doing
this for ages, so they must have had a great feast.

I had a really special time with my grandson Isaac the
other day. We had some owls' pellets (these are what owls
cough up after eating) - so we soaked them in water to
soften them up, enabling us to separate out the bits – fur
from bones. We found lots of tiny bones from animals they
had eaten, getting very excited as we found each type of
bone, seeing tiny teeth, discovering 3 skulls - guessing
these were from mice or voles. The leg bones, shoulder
blades, loads of ribs and vertebrae made it such a
fascinating time.

That day I learnt a lot and so did Isaac – I bet he never
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'Living for Others'. This week our reading from Matthew's Gospel was all about 'salt and light', which sounds a rather strange thing to be talking about in church. Jesus was trying to illustrate what kind of people He wants us to be. He starts by saying that when salt loses its flavour, it is worthless and good for nothing. It needs to be thrown out, got rid of. Salt is something that permeates everything it touches. You only have to add too much of it to a meal to know that the whole thing is ruined; you can't take it out again, it has done its job. Again, if we forget to add it, food tastes bland and plain, doing very little for the taste buds. Salt also has wonderful medical properties; think of when we gargle with it when we have a sore throat. It preserves, and without it and without fridges in developing countries, people would go hungry. Jesus is really talking about something else rather than salt. He is talking about the essence of what makes us interesting, lively people. He is talking about the certain something that makes us special, that draws others to ourselves, to good causes, to taking action against injustice, to following Him. He is really talking about the Holy Spirit.

What has that got to do with us?

Well, sometimes, we lose our flavour, our spark, the certain something that makes life interesting. Things become bland and boring in our own lives, humdrum and routine. We need to regularly seek out that certain something that keeps us going. We need to recharge and 'find our mojo'. We can do this in various ways. I always go round to a friend's house when I feel as if I am flagging, when things are getting too much. Time spent with my god-daughters in Islip makes things much cheerier, or a chat over a glass of wine with my brother helps to get things in perspective.

What does it for you?

You would think that with all the technological and leisure activities on offer today, we would have no time to get bored or fed up, but research paints a picture where we are less satisfied and less happy than we were 50 years ago. This might suggest that true fulfilment lies deeper than simply finding things to do. We might need to think about new ways to simply be.

When things become flavourless, where do you go?

Recently, the clergy of the Blenheim Benefice have been away on retreat. We spent time in prayer and meditation. We also spent time chatting and enjoying each other's company. We made plans for the future, shared stories of things that were going well in our parishes and things we need to work on further. It was a time of re-charging batteries, spiritual and physical. It was a time of re-discovering that flavour that drew us all to ministry in the first place, a stopping-off point on our journey together. A quiet day or a retreat can be just the thing when we need to think about changing something in our life, or approaching a new challenge.

That's the salt, what about the light?

Jesus tells us that when we are truly acting as catalysts for each other, sparking ideas, growing communities, being who He wants us to be, then we need to share this with others. We don't hide a light so that nobody can see it, we hold it high and illuminate the path for others. In our communities, we have so many people of light who work really hard for others. They organise coffee mornings, they keep our halls open and active, they plan and cook meals for our older residents, they make sure that the house-bound get what they need during the week. They run activities for our children, they fund-raise in order to help local charities, and the list goes on. This being part of community is all about living for others, and the results are obvious to all.

Age UK tells us that being part of something bigger than ourselves makes us happier and healthier. It 'keeps us going' and keeps us young. This could be going to church and being part of a worshipping community, or going along to a regular social activity at the Village Hall; it all adds to our sense of wellbeing. Community matters.

Light is hard to come by at this time of the year. It is not always easy to find the time to walk the dogs before it gets too dark down the lane. Light might be hard to find in our own lives when things look bleak and difficult. By living for others, somehow we start to live for ourselves again. Light creeps into our darkness and the future looks brighter.

Nathan

CHURCH DIARY

March

Wed. 5th Ash Wednesday Liturgy,
St. Bartholomew's, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 8th Taize Service, St. Bartholomew's, 5 p.m.
Sun. 30th Joint Mothering Sunday Service,
St. Bartholomew's, 10.30 a.m.



REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

(every week unless otherwise stated)

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

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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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Nature's beauty

With all the recent bad weather, nature can still surprise and lift our spirits. Like the very handsome cock Bullfinch who paid my garden a visit last week - what a beautiful creature. Robins are now asserting territorial rights for the coming breeding season, and parties of Long-tailed Tits are very busy and audible as ever.

Memories of last year are of a Small Blue butterfly, now a scarce insect to say the least, and a Small Tortoiseshell displaying on marigolds - this gorgeous butterfly is now not as common as it once was. And finally, a female Holly Blue laying her eggs on the heads of ivy flowers.

Memories to cherish, and one hopes for more memorable days to follow.

Anthony Roberts, The Spears

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Senior Club

In January we sang Happy Birthday to four members: Fred, Muriel and Kath (Wilson), and it was also my own which fell on a club day and coincided with Chris's and my Diamond Wedding Anniversary. We were given a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and chocolates; this was a great surprise and we would like to say thank you to you all, especially Jackie who we believe organised it. We had a lovely afternoon with almost every member present. We also had other good news to announce as we now have a new secretary, Mr. Laurence Stockdale, who with his wife has supported many of our outings. We wish him a long and happy future at the club.

On 13th March we will be having our A.G.M.; this is the start of a new year, so it's a good time for anyone who has been thinking of joining the club to come along – anyone and everyone over 55 years of age will be made very welcome. We should also have our list of outings for the year ready; again we are happy to welcome non-members on these trips.

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We have made some great changes to the platinum club:

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Listed below are some courses that begin in March – ring for more information. Full information about all our courses is available on our website as above. Also information about classes running after Easter.

Be Creative With Your Photos, Tuesday 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. (from 4th March for 5 weeks)

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

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Our fourth Saturday workshop is taking place on **15th March**. Classes running that day are:

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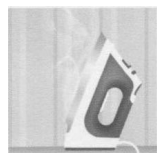
April brings the A.G.M. and a time to consider plans for the next year.

Helen Anderson

Book Reading Group

The Book Reading Group's book for discussion in March is 'Falling' by Elizabeth Jane Howard. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. In April we hope to read 'Mill on the Floss' by George Eliot. New members most welcome. Contact number: 371656.

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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 March

Woodstock

2 nd	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd (<i>Café Church</i>)
9 th	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Bob Whorton (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
16 th	10.30 a.m.	Simeon Mitchell
23 rd	10.30 a.m.	Sue Barratt
30 th	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Dr. Martin Wellings

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

2 nd	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
8 th	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church (<i>a time of games, crafts and informal worship</i>)
9 th	10 a.m.	Rev. Judy Turner-Smith (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
16 th	10 a.m.	David Matthews
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You don't have to grow massive wild flower meadows to be a wildlife gardener – if you only have a balcony or window box wild flowers can be grown in them too.

A wildlife garden may bring visions of a messy, overgrown garden with nettles and native species only. However, if the garden is managed properly and with non-native plants, it will provide a habitat for lots of invertebrates, insects, amphibians, birds and mammals all year round. People always ask for gardens with year round interest, yet overlook wildlife gardening.

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Woodstock Music Society will be performing a programme of music by Mendelssohn and Schubert. Paul Ingram will conduct the choir and orchestra in a performance of Mendelssohn's Hymn of Praise and a selection of choral music from Schubert's incidental music for Rosamunde. Our soloists on this occasion will be Katherine Walker (soprano) and Tristan Stocks (tenor).

Tickets cost £12 (£11 concessions) at the door; £11 (£10 concessions) in advance (£5 for full-time students and free for accompanied children under 16) and are available from The Woodstock Bookshop, 23 Oxford Street, Woodstock OX20 1TH, tel. 01993 812760, or by email from: concerts@woodstockmusic.info

Glyme Valley Probus Club for Ladies

We began our New Year meeting with a speaker from the Citizens' Advice Bureau. This was an interesting and well informed talk about the work carried out for people with needs that mainly include benefit issues, debt, housing and unemployment. There are over 22,000 volunteers and around 6,000 paid employees throughout the UK and the Bureau is funded by local authorities, government grants, donations and charitable fund raising. The Bureau was set up at the beginning of WW2 and will celebrate its 75th anniversary this year.

Over 2 million people were helped last year, and with this help then comes a less anxious and happier lifestyle which in turn takes the strain from other services. The Bureau also contributes to the local economy by debt management and providing information and advice to the individual, all supported and backed by both volunteers and professional advisers.

We have an interesting and varied programme planned for the year, and for any information about Ladies Probus please contact 01993 812025.

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Tickets are £16/£14 (concessions available) from Oxford Playhouse (01865 305305, www.ticketsoxford.com), We Got Tickets (www.wegotickets.com), and on the door. Visit www.oxfordharmonicsoc.org for more information.

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Charlie will be on hand at 10 a.m. on Saturday 15th March to cut the ribbon as **Antiques@TheHolt** expands into a third suite of rooms at The Holt.

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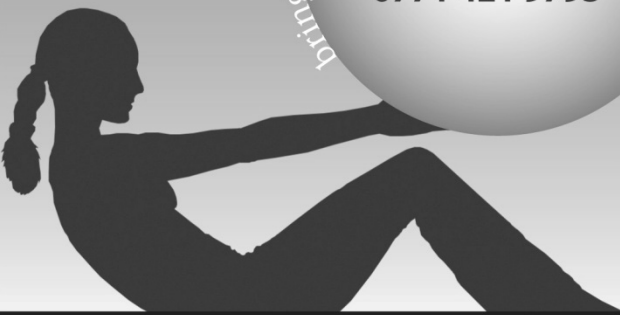
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Times of Mass

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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, Kidlington, 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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