# YARNTON VILLAGE

## **APRIL 2014**

## Happy Easter

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#### **CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH**

Wed.3rd	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)		
Wed. 3rd	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's		
Wed. 3rd	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)		
Wed. 3rd	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (and every Wednesday)		
Thur. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time), Village Hall, 10 a.m.		
Fri. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)		
Mon.7th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)		
Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)		
Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656		
Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)		
Wed. 9th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.		
Thur. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Club A.G.M., Village Hall, 2 p.m.		
Thur.10 <sup>th</sup>	W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.		
Sat. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Sanctuary House Family Fun Day, Village Hall, 1.30 p.m.		
Sun. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday Procession and Service, William Fletcher School, 10.15 a.m.		
Tue. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society A.G.M., <b>Begbroke</b> Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.		
Thur. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.		
Sun. 20th	Dawn Eucharist, St. Bartholomew's, 6 a.m.		
	Easter Day Service, St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m.		
Thur. 24th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.		
Fri. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall, 7 p.m.		
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup>	'Elvis – Living the Dream', Royal British Legion Club, 8 p.m.		
Thur. 1st May	Senior Club outing to Wye Valley, 9 a.m.		

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#### **Copy Deadline for May Issue**

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Copy date for the June issue is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May.

#### Many thanks from the Editorial Committee

Thanks to all those who heeded our plea last month for more copy for the Village News. We have had several 'extra' articles, and promises of others for future editions, and also a general knowledge crossword. So please keep up the good work; it is much appreciated, and helps to make the Village News more interesting and varied to read.

#### Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

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In conjunction with Cherwell DC, Yarnton Parish Council is organising this year's Village Spring Clean during the period 28<sup>th</sup> March to 28<sup>th</sup> April. Already a number of village organisations have volunteered their participation including the Scouts, WI and Golf Society. It is anticipated other groups will enlist.

High visibility jackets, gloves, bags and pickers will be provided to volunteers via the Parish Council. Designated areas for picking will be allocated and the work can be done at any time during the specified dates.

This is a great opportunity for residents to get together for the benefit of the village we all live in. If the residents in the village were to litter pick their own street and grassed areas what a great effort that would be.

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This year, people are already talking about an 'austerity Easter'. By this, I guess folk mean that we are all going to have to spend less, and be more creative in how we celebrate. We are coming out of recession, and the economy is recovering, or so we are told. Good news for all, apart from the very poorest in our communities who see no difference. For them, Easter is just another day to struggle through. The shops have been full of chocolate eggs, fluffy bunnies, and hot cross buns for months now; have you stocked up when the price was right? If like me, you haven't, it might be a mad dash at the last minute to get your nearest and dearest something for the big day.

If everything was taken away from us, how would we celebrate Easter?

In Lent, I have been trying to think about what it would be like to have nothing, to have to make do with the very basics, and to take stock of all that I do have. It's hard when I feel like I have been given so much. I get to live in this beautiful village, down a lovely lane, with an historic church and wonderful parishioners. Life ain't that bad! Looking back at the church records from the 18<sup>th</sup> century, arguably the heyday of St. Bartholomew's, I see that the Vicar at the time was complaining about the inability of the village to pay its share to the church. At the time, pew rents were paid in order to keep the building open. This, along with something that was really a tax on those who worked, the church and the incumbent kept things going. It wasn't easy though. The Vicar was complaining that all he could afford was potatoes and an occasional bit of meat on a Sunday. He relied on the farmer and the generosity of his congregation for other luxuries. Time has moved on, and things are much better. But it's interesting to see how my predecessors lived.

If all that I had was taken away, what would I be left with?

Luckily, I love Easter, and love coming to church. For me, it would be enough to celebrate the first service of the season, and hopefully enjoy a meal with friends. This is at the core of what Easter is all about. Yes, the chocolate and the feasting and the parties are all good fun, but it's all about family and friends for me. When I am finished with all the services at Yarnton and Begbroke, I will be collapsing in a heap at a friend's house. A glass of something will be put in my hand, and I will share a lovely day with people who are special to me. Perfect.

Jesus was all for this kind of thing. If you are inclined to do such things, go through your New Testament and count how many of the stories and the miracles of Jesus are about simply sitting down with friends for a meal. You will be surprised. So, when all the food is gone, when all the shiny Easter Egg wrappings are in the bin, what are we left with? We are left with a promise of new life. A hope for the future. Jesus died for us, but then, thank God, rose again. No hint of austerity there. I wish you all a wonderful Lent, Passiontide and Easter, and look forward to seeing you in church or at the school on Palm Sunday. *Nathan* 

#### CHURCH DIARY

April

Sun. 13<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday Procession and

Service, William Fletcher Schoo

10.15 a.m.

Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> Dawn Eucharist, St. Bartholomew's,

6 a.m. (followed by bacon sandwiches) Easter Day Service, St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m. (followed by refreshments and an Easter Egg Hunt in the Church garden)

#### REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

(every week unless otherwise stated)

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

The Church is open every day from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sundays

8 a.m. Holy Communion, Book of Common

Prayer, at St. Bartholomew's

11 a.m. Holy Communion, Common Worship,

at St. Bartholomew's *Coffee after the service.* 

#### Weekday Service

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

#### 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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#### Sanctuary Residential and Nursing Home

This Easter we are having a family fun afternoon on Saturday  $12^{th}$  April, doors open 1.30 p.m. for 2 p.m. start. There will be fun and games for all the family to enjoy, a Best of Broadway show in the afternoon at 2 p.m., and tea and cake followed by a raffle. All of this will be held in the local Village Hall.

Tickets can be purchased for the price of £1.50 (which includes a drink). For tickets and more information please see Polly , Activities Lead at Yarnton Residential and Nursing Home, or call 01865 849195 to reserve your seat; children under 12 go free.

Polly Archer, Activities Leader Yarnton

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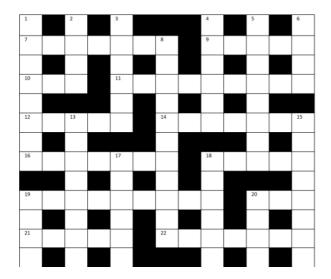
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#### General Knowledge Crossword by Ladyjam

(solution on page 20)



#### Across

- 7. Which Dave wrote 'In Your Own Sweet Time' and 'Take Five'? (7)
- 9. Which Nebraskan city shares its name with one of the five beach landings of D-Day? (5)
- 10. What is caviar? (3)
- 11. Which former city on the Crimean Peninsula gave its name to a form of tightly knitted headwear? (9)
- 12. What is an eagle's nest? (5)
- 14. In the 1992 film, of what was Daniel Day Lewis's character the last remaining? (7)
- 16. What is a subatomic hadron particle, also the surname of a cartoon boy genius named Johnny? (7)
- 18. Which ancient Greek fabulist gave us, amongst others, 'The Tortoise and The Hare'? (5)
- 19. What is a type of unrefined brown sugar with a strong molasses flavour? (9)
- 20. Which word is a long, pointed spike and can be added to brad, stitch and scratch to fill your tool box? (3)
- 21. 'The Hurricanes' are the American football team for which Atlantic coast city? (5)
- 22. Which South American river flowed all the way to the top of the UK charts in 1988? (7)

#### **Down**

- 1. By what name is 'The Granite City' better known? (8)
- Which month sees the celebration of 'Bloomsday' (Ireland), Martyr's Day (Eritrea) and 'Statehood Day' (Slovenia)? (4)
- 3. What is a small stone? (6)
- 4. What is a water-pipe used to smoke flavoured tobacco? (6)
- 5. What is the capital city of Syria? (8)
- 6. What flowing substance do volcanoes expel? (4)
- 8. What is the name of Tanzania's famous mountain? (11)

- 13. Which Henri, a Post-Impressionist, painted 'Tiger In A Tropical Storm'? (8)
- 15. Who crowned himself Emperor of France in 1804? (8)
- 17. What term is given to a person who is new to their chosen sport or profession? (6)
- 18. In Greek mythology, who is the god of beauty and desire? (6)
- 19. In La Boheme, what is the name of the principal female character? (4)
- 20. Which river runs through Bath? (4)

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#### **Glyme Valley Probus Club for Ladies**

Our February meeting gave us a fascinating insight into a part of modern history. Our speaker, Tony Eaton, delivered a very factual talk about Rudolph Hess, who was Hitler's Deputy, and he spoke of a possible cover up concerning the secrecy and controversy about him that continues to this day.

We were told that in the very early days of World War 2 Neville Chamberlain was initially regarded as a hero and that he, along with his entire Cabinet, was in favour of appeasement with Germany. We were also told that although Winston Churchill was popular with the country, he was not considered so with politicians, who wanted negotiations with Hitler.

Rudolph Hess came to England in the early days of the war on an alleged peace mission. He was subsequently captured and imprisoned for the duration of the war, and following the Nuremburg trials he was sent to Spandau Prison for the rest of his days. Hess committed suicide in Spandau in 1987, aged 93 and when he was possibly about to be released. We learnt also that all his personal documents were destroyed within hours of his death. This was a very interesting talk about a man who was very close to Hitler.

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#### **Senior Club**

We only sang Happy Birthday once in February and that was to Beryl (Thomas) who joined the club in 1993; well done Beryl and all our best wishes.

On 27th February we welcomed many friends who have supported our coach outings during the last year; they were greeted with a welcome drink followed by sandwiches, cakes and nibbles. Sylvia decorated the tables with beautiful flower arrangements and also made the tea and coffee. The afternoon ended with a large raffle with many prizes.

We announced that our first outing was to be on 1<sup>st</sup> May to Wye Valley. Our third pick up in Yarnton will be 9 a.m. The other outings planned for the year are as follows:

29th May Pool/Swanage, 8.45 a.m. 26th June Eastbourne, 8.45 a.m. 24th July Somerset Tour, 8.45 a.m.

21st August Brighton, 9 a.m.

18th September Weston-super-Mare, 9 a.m. 16th October Wilton/Winchester, 9 a.m.

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#### **Yarnton Bandits**

23rd February saw an inaugural visit to Heythrop Park - a mainly dry day but a little windy! A good turnout of 12 members, considering buggies weren't allowed. A long but beautiful course with a stunning view of the country house up the 18th fairway. Graham Woods had his 3 wood working to take the honours with 35 points, with Ben Davies 3 behind for second place. Third went to newcomer Andy White on 30 points, with his playing partner Ryan Allen taking fourth on 29 points. Andy also triumphed in winning nearest the pin and Ben Davies was successful with nearest the pin in two. Sue White









#### YARNTON GARDENING CLUB

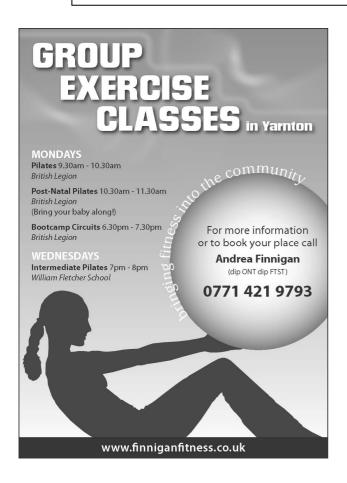
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#### A Sensory Garden for the School

During the February half term break a number of changes took place at William Fletcher School, and though significant they have also been rather subtle. Volunteers decorated classrooms and corridors, contractors set about repairs, and teachers busied themselves taking down old displays and replacing with new ones. Meanwhile, outside in a disused area of the school, nestled between the buildings, a small team set to work to build a sensory garden for the school. The project was dreamt up by the children of the School Council, aided and abetted by Turning Leaf Gardens, and partly funded by donations from the Village Care Home and the PTA. It all began back in May last year and culminated in a week of very hard work with great support from the local community and businesses.

In particular we would like to thank the Ley Community for their hard work and the skills they brought to the project. Without them the garden could not have been built for the funds available and in such a tight timescale. Thank You. Our local businesses have also contributed generously to the project. AWBS Ltd has provided much of the building materials; North Oxfordshire Topsoil excelled in delivering premium grade topsoil at very short notice; Eynsham Park Sawmill created bespoke timberwork for the garden; Babylon Plants provided a range of superb sensory plants, and Yarnton Pet and Aquatics have provided a pond to encourage wildlife into the garden. Thank you all for your support and generosity.

The garden has now been constructed, and we would urge you to seek it out when collecting children from the school. Over the coming seasons it will grow and evolve and provide a resource for the children to learn from and to enjoy. Now all we need is a bit more sunshine and we will all be able to get outdoors and enjoy our gardens. Stephen Hunter - Turning Leaf Gardens, and all the children and staff at William Fletcher Primary School

**Before** 







After















#### Easter Sunday - April 20th

With Easter late this year hopefully we'll be able to make the most of some nice weather over the Easter weekend. Whether you decide to BBQ or make the most of our half price beef roasting joints, you'll be able to stock up here at Fraser's Budgens. With a wide range of Easter eggs, hot cross buns and spring flowers you don't need to go anywhere else this Easter. With so much going on just make sure you don't forget the milk!

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#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

**Speed Watch:** following concerns expressed by a number of residents, three operations took place at three different locations in the village on 12th and 25th February and 3rd March. All three proved to be very successful, with a total of approximately ten vehicles observed to be exceeding the 30mph speed limit. Lots of rear brake lights seemed to be in good working order as drivers noticed the speed indicator! Further operations will take place in the future. **Dwelling Burglaries:** there has been a very recent increase locally in this type of offence. Many effected by open access to the rear of properties and forcing of patio doors. Householders are urged to ensure that side entrances are secure and patio doors are secured and where possible alarmed. Small internal alarms available from DIY stores can be fitted to doors/windows quite cheaply.

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In the interests of public safety it will be necessary for Oxfordshire County Council to close a short section of Cassington Road, Yarnton to facilitate carriageway edge strengthening works. A Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) is being made to implement the temporary closure and "No Waiting" restriction and will operate from 7th April 2014 for up to 17 days. The 'No Waiting' restriction means that vehicles will need to be removed from the highway where there are in place yellow 'No Waiting' cones. (The maximum duration of a TTRO on a road is 18 months and on a footpath is 6 months, or until completion of the works, whichever is the earlier.) Notice of intention to make the Order will be published in the local press.

The area covered by the Order is from the junction of Rutten Lane and Cassington Road to the junction with Burleigh Road on the outskirts of Cassington. Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and also limited overnight access 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. Please note that road closures are generally signed from junction to junction. This is to deter drivers from driving right up to the works site and then having to reverse or make tight turns. We are, though, very aware that drivers often ignore signage, both permanent and temporary, and increasingly they just follow their Satnavs! Further information regarding the works may be obtained by contacting Simon Marsden, OCC Highways & Transport on 0845 3101111.

#### **Yarnton Parish Council**

Clerk: Lynne Whitley

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**Future Meeting dates:** 9th April and 14th May 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

 $approved,\ \underline{www.yarnton\text{-}village.org.uk}$ 

Parish Council - contact numbers

**Parish Council Chairman** Fred Jones. Tel: 373871

Parish Council Vice-Chairman

Brian Newell. Tel: 842253

Parish Council Members:

John Burford. Tel: 849750 Harry Carrier. Tel: 841733 Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435 Carol Green. Tel: 371355 Anna Isles. Tel: 372895

The above-named were declared elected as Parish Councillors without a contest as from  $5^{th}$  May 2011 for a four-year period. Michael Gibbard was declared elected as District Councillor as from  $5^{th}$  May 2011 for a four-year period.



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**Clerk:** Lynne Whitley **Planning Applications:** 

14/00191/OUT. Yarnton Nurseries, alterations to existing garden centre and development of 14 new dwellings including access.

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

14/00155/F. 14 The Spears – Single storey rear and side extensions.

14/00188/F. Littlemarsh Playing Field, variation of condition 10 of 10/01568/F – use to include nursery facility.

#### **Planning Decisions:**

13/01615/F. Paternoster Farm, retrospective, change of use of farmyard building to farm shop, etc. Granted 7.2.14. 13/01919/F. 50 and 52 Church Lane, erection of open car shelter. Refused 14.2.14.

MW.0103/13. Sheehan Haulage and Plant Hire Ltd, erection of waste (OCC) recycling, etc. Refused 13.1.14.

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**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 <a href="www.cherwell.gov.uk">www.cherwell.gov.uk</a>, 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 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 the clerk or leave a message on the answerphone and some will be delivered to you.

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**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.

**Welcome to Yarnton Booklets:** The booklet can be viewed on the web site <a href="www.yarnton-village.org.uk">www.yarnton-village.org.uk</a> and is available from the Parish Council Office at opening times, and also from the Post Office at Budgens Shop.

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This month we begin our new year of speakers with a talk from Mike Payne on the History of Pinewood Studios. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday  $10^{\rm th}$  April at 7.45 p.m. and are always pleased to welcome visitors. Tea hostesses are Mavis King, Susan Knox and Gill Long.

**Please note:** We now have a website, which Sheila has very kindly set up for us, so please have a look at it and let us know what you think. There's lots of news, information and photos on it.

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#### **Spring**

Spring has arrived and Yarnton is blooming. Whenever you see the daffodils blooming in our village does it remind you of Wordsworth's famous poem?

#### The Daffodils

I wander'd lonely as a cloud That floats on high o'er vales and hills, When all at once I saw a crowd, A host of golden daffodils,

Sadly our 'host of golden daffodils' here in Yarnton this Springtime is slightly depleted.

While driving home along the Woodstock Road on a Sunday afternoon recently I saw a couple walking their dog along the verge. I noticed that the lady was carrying a large bunch of daffodils and was horrified when I then saw her bend down to pick some more along the wayside. Please, the daffodils growing along our waysides in Yarnton are there for all to share in their beauty and the promise of a joyful Springtime. Heddwen Hewis, Little Blenheim



#### **Palm Sunday**



Palm Sunday Procession and Service:13<sup>th</sup> April, 10.15 a.m. at William Fletcher School. Come and meet us at school, as we get ready to walk to church for our Palm Sunday Service. Remember, bring a carrot!

#### Yarnton-with-Begbroke History Society

The Society's AGM will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> April in Begbroke. Please note that the venue given in the programme has been changed. The meeting starts at 7.45 p.m. *Helen Anderson* 

#### February 14th 2014: a memorable date

Do you remember the heavy downpour during the late afternoon and early evening? I had to make a judgement call about whether it was safe to drive my car through the new ford near Budgens. Did you have to make the same judgement call? Still, I had other options. I could reverse and then turn on to the A44. One of my friends had much the same decision to make when driving along Rutten Lane. The difference between us that day was that when she got home she had to worry about whether she had enough sandbags to hold back the water creeping up her garden. I didn't need to worry about that.

We're having extreme weather, they say. This is why my friend was worrying about sandbags that day, surely. Seems to happen quite a lot, this extreme weather though, don't you think? Actually, no, I don't think that. What happens quite a lot is that some houses in Yarnton are at risk of flooding if there is heavy rain, not necessarily extreme rain. Yet we have ditches all over the village to take the watery strain and, in older parts of the village, they are tried and tested. The tried-and-tested ditches largely fail when something untoward has happened downstream.

Are you in this position and you never seem to be able to get the problem resolved? And what of the foul-water problems? They seem to have been going on for quite some time. I'm really very keen to understand why these problems cannot be resolved. Can anyone enlighten me, please?

Name and address supplied

#### **NEW TO YARNTON!**

Yarnton Blues Under-5s

I'm going to be starting a football team for the Under 5s at Yarnton Blues.

Ideally the children should be in Foundation Stage at school, although depending on how many children we get this may change a little. I plan to start training on Saturday mornings at the Playing Field from about May time. It will probably start somewhere

between 9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. for 1 hour. Please get in contact if you have a child that's interested, as I will need to know numbers before moving things forward. My number is 07798824828.

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I have been keeping an eye on our pond to see when the frogs come back, and was thrilled one morning to see two really big lumps of frog spawn. I didn't even see the frogs, but am very pleased that each year they come to the pond.

Also, the sparrows have returned to the corner of our roof – so I can lie in bed while they chirp away and prepare their nest to lay eggs and raise a new family. It is always a good feeling to me when, with an ever-changing world, small, simple things stay the same.

When we have our grandchildren we often go out for a walk, always taking a little wicker basket (which used to belong to my girls) to collect any special things - Spring is great for this.

Back in February it was my birthday and my grand-daughter Esme, said she had got me a special present – I couldn't wait! It turned out to be one of my best ever presents – she had been out and picked me a boxful of catkins. I was over the moon, I am trying to preserve them to treasure forever. She knows just what her Gran likes best! *Ellen Cocking* 



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#### **Spring**

Spring, a wonderful time for wildlife gardens; it seems that every day brings new findings, green shoots and buds; the days are getting longer, and it's getting warm. Prepare for endless excitement from now on if you garden using wildlife gardening principles!

A key task as we leave winter and move to spring is to make sure you have cleaned out your bird boxes so that they are good to go for new nesting birds. Often the bedding from the previous season and from roosting birds that also use these boxes over winter is still in there. Nesting birds don't always clear out old bedding, which can be infested with mites that could affect breeding success as they often overwhelm the new hatchlings. So give them a helping hand by clearing out the bedding so they start again.

It happens every year, when one spring morning, suddenly the bees all appear. That is when I'm really sure that spring is finally here. Bees and pollinators will thrive in your wildlife garden if you've planted early nectar-rich plants. Often bees are weak after the long winter, and unless they can re-energize quickly, can sadly die off. So early flowering plants like crocuses are key. As too are late flowering things like ivy, etc., it has to be said.

The first butterflies often appear on the first warm days, often waking in a warm shed thinking it is warm outside too. Often it isn't truly warm enough to sustain them, but keep your eyes peeled: it's all about to happen.

What's happening now in your spring wildlife garden? Why not share your experience? This wildlife gardening lark sustains itself by sharing experiences, and I learn as much from readers' feedback as hopefully you do from my scribblings. Happy Gardening.

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We were very grateful in March to Sue Bedwell who came along at very short notice to talk to us when our planned speaker was unable to attend due to business commitments. We all enjoyed Sue's illustrated talk on the plants of South Africa.

Our speaker this month is Alan Culpit from Tamarisk Nursery whose subject is 'Bromeliads and Airplants'. The competition is for stems of mixed bulbs. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 p.m. and visitors are always welcome.

**Plant Sale.** Our annual Plant Sale will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 11 a.m. There will be plants, produce, garden sundries and home-made cakes, so be sure to come along promptly to get a bargain. And can we remind members that now is the time to sow seeds, split perennials, and pot up spare plants ready for the sale. We have the first of our outings on 17<sup>th</sup> May, an all-day visit by coach to Exbury Gardens in Hampshire. For further details please contact Cath Newman on 849275. *Ruth Astall* 



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#### **Signs of Spring**

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In my garage I found a welcome intruder in the form of a hibernating Small Tortoiseshell butterfly. I hope there are many more in locations such as this up and down the country. Sadly, this insect's bigger cousin the Large Tortoiseshell is now feared extinct in this country owing to the near decimation of our elm tree population. Brighter times are almost upon us; long may they last. *Anthony Roberts, 22 The Spears* 



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Down: 1. Aberdeen; 2. June; 3. Pebble; 4. Hookah; 5. Damascus; 6. Lava; 8. Kilimanjaro; 13. Rousseau; 15. Napoleon; 17. Rookie; 18. Adonis; 19. Mimi; 20. Avon

#### Denis Bookham, died 20th February

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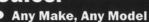
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#### **NETBALL**

Kidlington (Yarnton & Begbroke) Netball Club has club night on Tuesdays at Rutten Lane Recreation Ground, Yarnton from 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m., with new players always welcome. The sessions are suitable for beginner/returner players as well as the regular club members, and offer a relaxed atmosphere to try out the sport, usually with a qualified coach. Players can attend three sessions free of charge, after which membership has to be taken in order to satisfy governing body regulations. As the winter season is coming to an end our A team is looking at promotion to the Premier division – which will be a tremendous achievement, with the B and C teams expecting to retain their divisional placings. Spectators at matches at the Arena, Marston are very welcome. U16, U14, U12 and Highfive sessions are supported, with six teams playing in the Oxfordshire Junior Winter League on Sunday mornings, which ends in April; however 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. or Sue Blackshaw 377220.

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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 April

Woodstock				
6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Alan Turner-Smith		
$13^{th}$	10.30 a.m.	Local Church Group		
	2.30 p.m.	Outdoor Passion Play –		
		Woodstock Town Square		
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.45 a.m.	Walk of Witness beginning at		
		St. Mary Magdalene's		
$20^{th}$	6 a.m.	Sunrise Communion, Blenheim		
		Palace Lake		
	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd		
		(All-age Easter Communion)		
$27^{th}$	10.30 a.m.	Rachel Blainey		

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				
6 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall		
12 <sup>th</sup>	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church (a time of games, crafts and informal worship)		
$13^{\text{th}}$	10 a.m.	Alan Turner-Smith		
$18^{th}$	9.45 a.m.	Walk of Witness beginning at		
		St. John's		
	7 p.m.	Tenebrae Service		
$20^{th}$	8.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd		
		(Breakfast Celebration)		
	10 a.m.	Rev. Leslie Marsh		
		(Easter Communion)		
$27^{th}$	10 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd		

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



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#### **Book Reading Group**

The Book Reading Group's book for discussion in April is 'The Mill on the Floss' by George Eliot. The book for May is 'The Spinning Heart' by Donal Ryan. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. New members most welcome. Contact number: 371656.

Helen Anderson





## Stately Car Boot Sale 11<sup>th</sup> May - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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#### **John Brain Fund**

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Written recommendations about individuals should be sent in confidence for consideration to Peter Luke (Secretary to the John Brain Fund), 121 Rutten Lane, Yarnton, OX5 1LT to arrive not later than 30th April.



## Community Education at the Marlborough School, Woodstock

A full copy of our brochure and current offers is available to download on the Marlborough School website <a href="https://www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/community/index/html">www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/community/index/html</a> If you would like a free printed copy of our brochure or to book a place please telephone **01993 813592 or email comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk**.

On some of our weekly courses it is possible to join late if there is still availability – please ring to check. All our courses are competitively priced to give our students great value for money.

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

We will be running the following classes after Easter:

- Anyone Can Sing Tuesday, 7 p.m. 8 p.m.
- Archery Monday and Thursday, 8 p.m.
- Badminton Monday and Thursday, 7 p.m.
- Dressmaking for Improvers Monday, 7.30 p.m. 9.30 p.m.
- French More Next Steps Monday, 7 p.m. 8.30 p.m.
- Golf for All Saturday, 12 noon
- Italian Conversation Thursday, 7.30 p.m. 8.30 p.m.
- Italian More Next Steps Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. –
   9 p.m.
- Italian Next Steps Tuesday, 7.30 p.m. 9 p.m.
- Next Steps Computing Wednesday, 4 p.m. 6 p.m.
- Pilates Thursday, 11 a.m. 11.55 a.m.
- So Now You Can Sing Tuesday, 8.15 p.m. 9.30 p.m.
- Spanish Intermediate Wednesday, 7.30 p.m. –
   9.30 p.m.
- Spanish More Next Steps Thursday, 7.30 p.m. –
   9.30 p.m.
- Tai Chi Tuesday, 6.15 p.m. 7.15 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. – 8.30 p.m.
- Watercolour Painting Tuesday, 7.15 p.m. 9.15 p.m. and Thursday 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. (5 weeks)
- Yoga Monday, 7 p.m. 8.30 p.m.; Tuesday, 4.30 p.m. 6 p.m.; Thursday 9.40 a.m. 10.55 a.m. VERY LIMITED AVAILABILITY ON THESE CLASSES
- Zumba Gold -Thursday, 5 p.m.
- Zumba Thursday, 6 p.m.

Our fifth Saturday workshop is taking place on  $17^{\text{th}}\,\text{May}.$  Classes running that day are:

Acrylic Painting Techniques; Bicycle Maintenance; Digital Photography; Indian Head Massage (a.m. only); Papercraft for Beginners; Stained Glass - this is now FULL; Yoga Workshop (Balance Yourself)

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