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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Fri. 1 st	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (<i>and every Friday</i>)
Sun. 3 rd	Community All-Age Service, St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m.
Mon. 4 th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (<i>and every Monday</i>)
Mon. 4 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (<i>and every Monday</i>)
Mon. 4 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 4 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (<i>and every Monday</i>)
Wed. 6 th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (<i>and every Wednesday</i>)
Wed. 6 th	'Little Sheep' (<i>and every Wednesday in term-time</i>), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 6 th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (<i>and every Wednesday</i>)
Wed. 6 th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (<i>and every Wednesday</i>)
Thur. 7 th	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (<i>and every Thursday in term time</i>), Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Wed. 13 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 14 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 14 th	W.I. Treasure Hunt, 6.30 p.m.
Mon. 18 th to	Yarnton and Begbroke History Exhibition
Sun. 24 th	St. Bartholomew's
Thur. 21 st	Senior Club outing to Brighton, 8.45 a.m.
Thur. 21 st	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 23 rd	Pimms Party in the Vicarage Garden, 2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Sat. 23 rd	Gardening Club all-day visit to Spetchley Park
Sun. 24 th	Service of Thanksgiving, 6 p.m., St. Bartholomew's
Thur. 28 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.

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Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

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Yarnton Bandits Golf Society report:

Our annual Captain's Day was held on 28th June at North Oxford Golf Club. The course is in fantastic condition and the weather was kind to us. 20 members tee'd off at 1 p.m. in fourballs, and in addition to the usual prizes a team event was held, with one player's score being counted on each hole. The team event was won by Gary Langford, Mark Davies, Di Jones and Michael White. Individually, first place went to Sue White (on her home course!) with 33 points, second place Richard Byrne with 31 points, 3rd place Mark Davies with 30 points, and fourth place Lee Parsons with 29 points on countback. Two nearest the pins were claimed by Sam Radley (11th) and Paul Kilcoyne (16th), and the longest drive was Lee Parsons on the 18th. The day was completed with a superb dinner at The Turnpike, where we were joined by members guests, wives and partners. Following the meal Captain Pete Wakefield made the presentation of trophies and medals, with a new Captain's Day trophy purchased for the event, to be awarded on an annual basis. He even presented himself with a Bandit trophy for taking last place! A great day. *Sue White*

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Yarnton W.I.

We do not have a meeting in August, but on Thursday 14th we are having a Treasure Hunt round the village. We shall start at 6.30 p.m. from Sheila Westall's home at 1 Stocks Tree Close and return there for refreshments at the end. Members and friends are all welcome – please bring a small plate of finger food to share; drinks will be provided. This should be a fun evening, so do come along. Please let Ruth Astall know on 372637 if you plan to come and haven't put your name down, so that we can get an idea of numbers.

In September we return to the Village Hall where our speaker on Thursday 11th will be Gillian Cane, who will be talking about the Mitford sisters. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings.

We are also planning a visit to the OUP museum on 23rd September, starting at 2 p.m. More details to follow.
Ruth Astall

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As I write, I am recovering from a wonderful Sunday morning service with two baptisms and the second of our Fairtrade and craft stalls. It was a great day filled with singing, laughing, talking and children generally making noise and bringing the church to life. We learnt about the baptism of Jesus, and did an experiment with a stick of celery and some food dye, which didn't work. You had to be there. Anyway, it was pretty full on, and we all had a good time.

I got to thinking about how church was when I was little. I went to a very strict church where the sermons went on for what seemed like hours, and we had to sit very still. If we started to fidget on the very hard and uncomfortable pews, we were told off. I didn't enjoy church really, and couldn't tell you one word of a sermon in all those years. Did it have a positive outcome? Did it achieve anything? One thing it did achieve was that it completely put me off God and Religion. If church was like this, I wanted no part of it. Luckily, I came back to it many years later, and perhaps those foundations have had a positive effect after all?

Church is different now. I was hearing a couple of ladies talking about how they used to love coming to a quiet Book of Common Prayer service, and how they missed the old days. We still have a BCP service each Sunday morning, and neither of these ladies actually come, but I resisted the temptation to point this out! I also wanted to point out that the church has had to change and adapt, sometimes for the better, and sometimes for the worse, depending on your opinion. The Church has finally risen to the challenge and has tried to change in order to maintain some relevance in society, sometimes very successfully. Church is much more lively now, and requires a bit more from its congregation. Gone are the days where you could sit quietly for an hour without responding, and without really engaging. Religion is now not 'done to you', but 'made by you'. I think this is a good thing.

Children are now very much part of what we do, especially at Yarnton Church. Children are seen AND heard. They are also part of our church NOW, not, as that terrible phrase suggests, 'the church of the future'.

As a church, we are preparing for a church audit, a good way of looking at how we welcome children and young families. It will be interesting to see the results. We pray that you might want to come someday and find out for yourself, perhaps as we celebrate S. Bartholomew's Day together, or on one of our monthly All-Age Events.

CHURCH DIARY



August

Sunday 3rd 'Community' All-Age Service
St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m.
 with Colin Fletcher OBE, followed by our Fairtrade and Produce Stall
St. Bartholomew's Day celebrations:
 Monday 18th Yarnton and Begbroke History
 to Sunday 24th Exhibition
 Saturday 23rd Pimms Party in the Vicarage Garden,
 2.30 p.m. – 4 p.m.
 Sunday 24th A Service of Thanksgiving, 6 p.m.
 followed by refreshments

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

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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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On Saturday 23rd August we have an all day visit by coach to Spetchley Park near Worcester. If you would like to come and haven't put your name down yet, then please contact John Cherry on 373083.

Ruth Astall

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Our speaker for June was Marguerite Osborn, who came to tell us about her life backstage at the theatre, which included the opera, numerous plays, amateur drama productions, and which involved frequent costume changes and many hours of ironing. We enjoyed her entertaining and dry sense of humour approach to relating her experiences to us.

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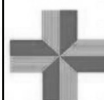


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We have many volunteers for laying tables, serving the meals and washing up, but where are the people willing to cook? Years ago when Yarnton was a small village, we had plenty of volunteer cooks, people to prepare main meals, vegetables and puddings. Now with an increased population, why are they so hard to find?

You could answer that question by volunteering as a cook. This would involve you in cooking a main meal once every four weeks; a ready-made dessert could be purchased. You may be nervous to start with, as I was years ago, but I assure you with time you become more confident and adventurous.

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Other events at Cogges

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We will be running **drop in activities for kids** on **Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays**, by donation. Sessions will focus on a time-travelling activity from the Romans, Anglo Saxons, Tudors, Victorians and WWI and II, and activities across the 6 weeks such as puppet theatre, weaving, mosaics, planting, cooking, baking and pizza making, hat and lantern making and more; try something new each week. (Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.)

Active Adventure

Book a place now for Active Adventure outdoor summer kids club, run by the Institute of Outdoor Learning at Cogges. £35 a day or £150 a week for 6-17 year olds, 9a.m. – 5 p.m.

Volunteer Drop-in, 19th/29th August, 11 a.m. – 12 noon.

Drop in and find out how to get involved at Cogges, from welcome desk, talking to the public, stewarding, arts admin, marketing and events, looking after animals, gardening, cooking demonstrations, taking history tours in the house, running crafty sessions, or doing outdoor jobs like painting, mowing the grass, clearing woodland, fencing, etc.

Workshops

Sunday 3rd August, 10.30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Nature Photography workshop, led by Aimee Kirkham

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Saturday 30th August, 9.30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Summer Wisteria Pruning Workshop. Spend some time in the beautiful grounds at Cogges and learn how to prune your wisteria and encourage more flowers, with Edd Samuel, a young professional kitchen gardener and regular volunteer at Cogges. Booking essential - £10. Level: Beginners and improvers, 16 and over. Bring secateurs, gloves, notepad and pen and enthusiasm

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Tel. 378476. e-mail: clerk@phoncoop.coop

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Future Meeting dates: 13th August and 10th September 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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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:

14/00819/F. 16 Stoutsfield Close, variation of condition 1 of 97/00030/REM to enable the erection of a pair of purpose-built wooden gates to plot 4 only.

14/00750/F. Garage block to the rear of 63-65 Spencer Avenue, demolish garages and erect two maisonettes and five garages.

Planning Decisions:

14/00523/F. 5 Oxford Industrial Park, Mead Road, new first floor window. Granted 9.6.14.

14/00555/F. 58 Great Close Road, erection of one new house. Granted 12.6.14.

14/00613/F & 14/00614/LB. Rose Cottage, 14-16 Woodstock Road, remove existing/replace new rear single storey extension, etc. Granted 19.6.14.

Planning Applications/Comments:

Members of the public can view and comment on all planning applications via Cherwell District Council's website at www.cherwell.gov.uk.

Village Hall bookings: Please note that there is now an email address yarntonvillagehall@gmail.com as well as a phone number for booking enquiries for the Village Hall.

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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.



We did it! On July 12th Fraser's Budgens completed the Moonlight Stroll; a nine mile walk through the streets of Oxford through the night-time. At the time of writing we had raised over £500 for Sobell House Hospice, our chosen charity.

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On the subject of giving – Fraser's Budgens is now one of the top 20 collectors for Sobell House Hospice. Each pound you donate really does help those terminally ill in the hospice. Thank you.



On Friday 27th June Frasers Budgens took part in the annual School Fete, selling Strawberry and Marshmallow kebabs in aid of William Fletcher School. Braving the rain storms, the village came out and enjoyed a great time at the school. We're already looking forward to next year!

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A new family

I hope all you readers are having a good summer and enjoying some lovely sunshine. We have been spoilt with sunny weather on our holiday this year – we had a few days in Norfolk, and I loved swimming in the sea on an isolated beach with only a seal for company, with terns diving in really close to me catching sand eels.

Also, while away, the cuckoo was singing loads and I was fascinated to hear him change his tune. So, by the time you read this, the cuckoos will have left Britain and started their journey back to Africa.

On a sunny weekend in our field, we were thrilled to see a barn owl glide over and perch in our oak tree at dusk. We had not seen one in the field before. Also, we were very shocked to see a long grass snake slither right passed me – very unexpected – again, always something new and exciting to see in nature.

Our family has increased again, but this time it is caterpillars. As you know, I love showing my grand-children things. I found a wonderful moth – scarlet tiger – and put it in a pot to show to them the next morning. Overnight the moth laid loads of eggs and a few days later I was amazed to see miniscule little caterpillars had emerged. We are now trying to be good parents and duly feeding them on fresh nettles. I will let you know what happens to our new little ones!

So, look out - especially if you are on holiday and staying in a different place - for new things to see.

Happy summer!

Ellen Cocking

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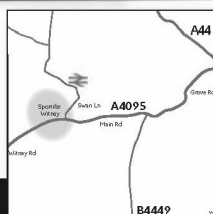
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More about edible flowers

Thanks to another reader, we have the subject to the next in these wildlife gardening articles. Well, sort of!

This time I write about what plants are edible in a garden that we may ordinarily walk past. I wrote about this a number of years ago, but as it's a subject that fits in with the theme of these wildlife related articles, which hopefully get you to look at gardening with a new slant, I think its inclusion is valid.

Carnations can be used as cake decoration. The surprisingly sweet petals, cut away from the bitter white base of the flower can be used in desserts.

Day lilies are slightly sweet with a mild vegetable flavour, similar to asparagus and zucchini. The large petals can be used in a salad. Many lilies contain alkaloids and are NOT edible, so care must be taken.

Fuchsia flowers have a slightly acidic flavour. The berries are also edible.

All parts of alliums or 'flowering onions' are edible, and ideal for salads.

So you see, there's no need to go hungry; food is all around you, even in a basic garden.

Happy Gardening.

Stuart Mabbutt, Wildlife Gardening Specialist



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In praise of our hospitals and medical practice

I am sure we are all concerned, saddened, and cross, when so often we read about poor hospital care, patients being ignored or abused, etc. Having experienced a hospital stay twice this year in our 'local' hospitals, I cannot speak too highly of the skill, expertise, and kindness I received there. Likewise, our own Medical Practice here in the village gives us such excellent care in a friendly way, and, thank goodness, has not changed its system to the new way of booking appointments! We have friends who have to wait for a month to see their doctor or else be satisfied with just a phone call with their doctor. We have much to be thankful for in this village.

Enid Anderson

Book Reading Group

In August the Book Reading Group is discussing 'The hundred year old man who climbed out of the window and disappeared' by Jonas Jonasson. September's book is Maya Angelou's 'I know why the Caged Bird Sings'. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. and new members are welcome. Contact number: 371656.

Helen Anderson

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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 August

Woodstock

3 rd	10.30 a.m.	Jan Grimwood
10 th	10.30 a.m.	Julie Todd
17 th	10.30 a.m.	Andrew Maisey
24 th	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Bob Whorton <i>(Holy Communion)</i>
31 st	10.30 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall

We also have a Junior Church which meets every week at 10.30 a.m. and ranges in age from two to early teens. The first part of the morning is shared with the adults in church before we then go round to the church hall to share in our own activities. We are always delighted to see new members, whether with or without their parents!

Every Friday we meet at 9.30 a.m. for a short informal time of prayer followed by coffee. On the third Friday of the month, this incorporates a celebration of communion. All welcome!

Kidlington

3 rd	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
10 th	10 a.m.	Rev. Judy Turner-Smith
17 th	10 a.m.	Local Church Group <i>(Café Church)</i>
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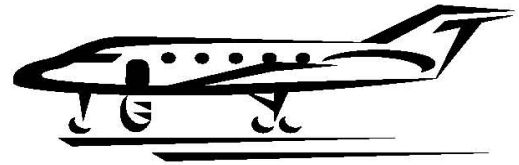
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I wish to thank several residents of Dashwood Avenue for the help and support they gave to my wife and daughter earlier this summer. Unfortunately we do not know their names, but they will know who they are when they read this.

Whilst out walking our dogs on Wedn4th June at about 6.30 p.m., I collapsed in the street and was unconscious. Whilst we waited for the ambulance, several residents came out and supported my wife and daughter through what was a very difficult time.

I am now on the road to recovery, but I was heart warmed by this show of support and wanted to place on record our thanks.

It seems that the great Yarnton village spirit is alive and well in 2014.

Name and contact details supplied

Thames Valley Police Kidlington update

The month of June was a mixed time for the Kidlington Neighbourhood Team. PCSO Adam Whiting settled into the team and PC Ledger, who had been working with the team for several years, officially joined the team.

The good news is that almost all crime numbers have reduced dramatically across the area, except for one or two bicycle thefts. Please be aware of basic security with your bikes:

- Get a good bike lock; look for the Sold Secure logo on approved locks
- Always lock your bike at home, even when it is in your garage.
- When out and about, lock your bike up in a secure location at a bike rack or lamp post.
- Always lock your bike, even if you're only leaving it for a couple of minutes.
- Make the locked bike difficult to manoeuvre; keep any gaps between the lock and bike frame small.
- If you have quick release wheels, lock them up too.
- Remove lights from the bike and take them with you.
- Take a few photographs of the bike, especially of anything that makes it different from other bikes, e.g. damage or markings.
- Always record the frame number of the bike.
- Register your bike details for free on www.bikeregister.com
- Ask one of the Team's PCSO's to security mark your bike for you.

The photographs and frame number are the two main things that will help us identify your bike. Thames Valley Police do recover hundreds of bikes each year but because we cannot identify most of them we cannot return them to their rightful owners.

As the holiday season approaches, burglaries tend to increase. We ask you all to take extra precautions and report anything suspicious.

- If you are going away, get a neighbour, friend or relative to pop in every couple of days to pick up your post and keep an eye on your house.
- Moving curtains from one day to the next makes it look as though someone is in.
- You could also leave a radio on a timer switch to come on and off during the day and night. This works best if you tune to a 'talk' station such as BBC Radio 4 or Talk Sport.
- And don't leave valuables or keys in sight of doors or window.

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Senior Club

Because of holidays coinciding with the deadline for the Village News, I cannot report on our trip to Eastbourne, which was on 26th June, but up till now seats were being filled quickly.

Our birthdays for June were Heidi, Pat, Julie and Ken; we gave our best wishes to each of them and sang Happy Birthday. It was very sad to hear on Friday 20th June that Fred (Phillips), a member of our club for many years, passed away suddenly. He and his wife Eileen were both with us the day before and were looking forward to coming to Eastbourne. Although they lived in Witney, they hardly missed a club meeting. Our sympathy was sent to Eileen.

Our outing this month is on 21st August when we go to Brighton; last pick-up in Yarnton at 8.45 a.m.

Jose Green, tel. 375644



Established in 2005, our golf society has a current membership of 27. We usually play on Sundays once a month on courses locally, and occasionally within an hour's radius. August 2014 sees our annual golfing weekend away to the Old Thorns where our Claret Jug is contested. An Order of Merit is awarded annually to our most successful golfer.

We meet at the Red Lion

on the first Monday of each month at 8 p.m.

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