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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

	Mon. 2 nd	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)
	Mon. 2 nd	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)
	Mon. 2 nd	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
	Mon. 2 nd	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)
	Wed. 4th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)
	Wed. 4th	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
	Wed. 4th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
	Wed. 4th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m 5.30 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
	Thur. 5 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.
	Fri. 6 th	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
Fri. 6th Sing-along music group for babies and pre-s		Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time),
		Village Hall, 10 a.m.
	Wed. 11 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
	Thur. 12 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.45 p.m.
	Sun. 15 th	Mothering Sunday service, St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m.
	Thur. 19 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.
	Thur. 19 th	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
	Sun. 29th	Palm Sunday Service and procession from William Fletcher School, 10.30 a.m.

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Copy date for the May issue is Friday 3rd April.

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Lunch Club

During the last two years the number of diners has increased, and for the time being, we are unable to cater for any more people. I presently have two people on a waiting list.

What we need now are some more helpers, male or female, people who would come for 2½ hours once a month to help lay the tables, serve the meals and help with the washing up, etc. You would be well received, and I am sure you would enjoy the experience, as do the present teams of helpers.

If you do have the time, and are willing to help, please contact me. You will be made very welcome. *Brenda Louch, tel. 374126*

Yarnton Medical Practice

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It is important for us all to think about our health, to really take charge of ourselves and be as well as we can possibly be. One of our most important roles as a General Practice is to help our patients achieve this.

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The Friends and Family Test was introduced on 1st December 2014 to collect your feedback about the care you receive every time you visit your GP or have contact with the Practice. There are feedback forms in all our consulting rooms, so please take one every time you come to the Practice and post it in the collection box at Reception. Your responses are frequently reviewed and will help shape our services. They will also be passed on to NHS England.

Yarnton Medical Practice has an active PPG who meet at

Patient Participation Group

regular intervals to discuss Practice issues with Annie Owen, the Practice Manager. We consider changes that are proposed by the Practice, and work through problems and ideas to help improve the experience of all patients. To ensure we represent the opinions of as many of our patients as possible, we now have a Virtual Patient Participation Group too. This is a group of patients who respond to short email surveys sent by the PPG about Practice matters. The email addresses are held securely by the Practice Manager and are not used for any other purpose than these surveys. If you would like to have your say about the Practice, please do ask reception for a form.

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Closures of footpaths - letters from villagers

Having read the news about the Yarnton Manor submitted by the Oxford Royale Academy in the December Issue of Yarnton News, I feel I must respond, having spoken to villagers regarding the article and subsequent events.

'We are very pleased at the opportunities that ownership of the Manor gives to us to become involved in the life and community of Yarnton'-

Yarnton Village News, January 2015.

Fine words, and I am sure the people of Yarnton also welcomed the new owners at the gathering they held before the Carol Service. This was a good idea to introduce themselves to the villagers and to help fulfil their above wish.

Our illusion of this Company has soon changed. Suddenly, and without prior notice, several placards have appeared reminding the public that they have no right of way to many paths in the field at the back of the Manor and beside the edge of the cemetery.

I am sure that the company know their legal rights through discussion with their lawyers - but to suddenly erect signs, without any prior warning or even consultation, along paths that the villagers have used for many, many years seems in the least to be heavy handed and not the sort of action expected from our new neighbours.

Further discussion with our Parish Council and Oxfordshire Council reveals that they are well within their rights to do what they want with their land.

A very sad time for the people of Yarnton - we truly have our new 'Lord of the Manor'.

Richard Jurd and other villagers, Little Blenheim

I am sure I am not the first resident who has observed, with considerable concern, the recent 'private property' signs that seem to have sprung up on the fields behind Yarnton Manor.

We, as many others do, have walked our dogs over these fields for many many years, and we are concerned that the rumours, etc. that are circulating could see this popular area 'cordoned' off by the Manor for nefarious reasons and thus deny this village an invaluable community asset.

If there other residents who are also concerned, I feel the Manor has a 'community duty' to call a meeting to explain these signs and their future plans for these fields. As the Village News is widely read, I am hoping this email either kick starts this debate, or at least becomes another dissenting voice amongst others.

Name and contact details supplied

Since moving to Yarnton 14 years ago we have been able to walk down Church Lane, continue on the main track towards the railway line, and no one has ever stopped us. During the time that the Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies occupied the Manor the gate was always open; we often visited some of the academics living beyond the gate, and when some footpaths were muddy we also used the lane as part of a circular walk. Now signs from Oxford Royale have gone up all over the place stating that there is no public right of way, that access is blocked to the lane, and the same applies to other footpaths that have been used by the public for many years. The signs are also accompanied by a legal

I understand that if paths have been used for more than twenty years, then a right of way can be established, so what will our County and District Councillors do about the matter? Please don't fob us off with the excuse that an alternative footpath is available. Are there people in the village who can testify that they have used the track for 20 years or more?

notice stating child protection law.

A passage from the House of Commons Library notes the following:

'There is a long established principle that long use by the public without challenge can constitute evidence that the landowner intended to dedicate the used route as a public right of way. Presumed dedication can take place by common law or statute law. Statute law requires a period of use of 20 years from the point the use of the path is brought into question. Common law dedication may require less time.'

I would think that in the case of Yarnton common law dedication would be possible if our County and District Councillors have the will.

Peter Hewis, (Reverend) 1 Little Blenheim, Yarnton, tel. 01865 372265. email: peter.hewis@hmc.ox.ac.uk

I have lived in the village for almost 30 years and have always enjoyed walking through the fields and around the woods at the back of Yarnton Manor. Imagine my recent surprise then, to discover a number of printed signs which suddenly sprang up overnight restricting my access to many of the footpaths by the graveyard, particularly the lovely avenue between the old trees heading towards the railway line.

Some research revealed that the new owners of the Manor were responsible for these 'No right of way' posters, and they seem to have taken this action without any prior warning or consultation.

Are these the same people who offered a warm welcome to villagers in December? If so, the Christmas spirit did not last long.

Perhaps they would like to explain their draconian action, or even better, give us our footpaths back before they alienate themselves from the entire village, particularly the army of dog walkers who have used the area for the last 50 years.

Name and address supplied

Response from the Manor

Dear Editor,

If you were not already aware, having purchased the Estate in September 2014, we at Yarnton Manor are in the process of setting up an International Study Centre which will be based both at the Manor and at Manor Farm. Our students, many of whom will be under 18, will be occupying the surrounding buildings on the Estate. As such we have to comply with child protection policies and regulations issued by the Department for Education.

I am afraid that we cannot permit members of the public to walk through the Manor Farm complex at the end of Church Lane. In due course, prior to the arrival of our students, we will be altering the gates into Manor Farm at both entrances to restrict access into the complex.

We politely request that walkers respect the fact that our students must have a secure, safe environment in which to live and study.

The only public rights of way across Estate property are (1) public bridleway 420/21 down to and then under the railway line and (2) public footpath 420/5 from off the bridleway down to and then over the railway line.

We have provided, and will continue to provide, various signs to indicate the routes of the public footpath and the public bridleway across Estate land, and also to remind walkers that the land outside these public ways is private land.

Unfortunately some of these signs, and the posts to which they were affixed, have been taken down and removed. Walkers will however, we trust, bear in mind that (save for along the 2 public ways) the Estate land is privately-owned property, that they need to keep to the 2 public ways across it, and that removal or destruction of signposts on private land may constitute unlawful damage.

If you would like a map showing bridleways and footpaths then please email estate@yarntonmanor.com and we will be happy to send you a copy. We will be displaying a copy of this plan at the entrance to Manor Farm at the end of Church Lane, and elsewhere, for the information and assistance of walkers, many of whom come from outside the district.

We do appreciate that the restriction of walkers to the 2 public ways may disappoint some, but that is the legal position, and we trust that our actions (including the protection and safety of students in our care) will be understood.

To assist in public awareness, we are in communication with the Parish Council, and would encourage anyone who would like to be more fully informed to contact the Parish Council in the first instance.

Since we took over the Estate, we have aimed, and continue to aim, to be involved in and support village life in the community of Yarnton. Plans are already afoot to host a family-friendly event at the Manor at Easter time. We hope to release details shortly.

Kind regards, Yarnton Manor, Estate Office



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Cycle Coding. This was held on Saturday 17^{th} January and had minimal attendance, but thanks to the generosity of those who did turn up raised £12.50 for the village defibrillator fund.

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Criminal Damage that may be considered to be of a minor nature has occurred at a small number of locations in the village (including the park). If these incidents are reported they will be followed up by the police. Fortunately incidents of this nature are rare in the village.

NHW Street Coordinators are still required for Cassington Road and Gravel Pits Lane areas. POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER IS 101

Fred Jones, NHW Coordinator, tel. 373871



Yarnton Gardening Club

us about the fauna and flora of Wytham Woods. This promises to be a fascinating talk about one of our local landmarks. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 19th March at 7.30 p.m. and visitors are always welcome. We shall start to advertise some of our forthcoming visits, so bring your diaries and put your names down. Now that the weather is starting to warm up (hopefully) and we can get out in our gardens, don't forget our annual Plant Sale on 16th May. If you are splitting perennials, or finding seedlings that you don't need, pot them up ready for sale. Or if you are planting seeds, plant a few extra ones. The Plant Sale is our major fund-raising event of the year, and the more plants we have, the better. *Ruth Astall*

Our speaker this month is Keith Kirby who will be telling



National Gardens Scheme – could you open your garden?

If you have a pretty garden and live in Yarnton, perhaps you would consider opening it under the NGS next summer. The Oxfordshire NGS is a very good cause and annually raises significant funds. If you are interested in opening your garden in 2016, please email Sarah Eaton (Byways) on eatonsarah@hotmail.com.

The Yellow Book is published annually, and the inclusion of our village gardens would need to be in by September of this year. Sales of tea as well as any produce or craft items that you may have - honey, fruits, plants and eggs - will also go to this worthwhile cause.

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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 March

Woodstock					
1^{st}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd			
8 th	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Peter Hancock			
		(Holy Communion)			
15^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Marion Hingley-Hickson			
22^{nd}	10.30 a.m.	Ian Leck			
29^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Alan Turner-Smith			

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!

Malaalm Dramball

Kidlington

$\mathbf{I}^{\mathfrak{st}}$	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromnall
8 th	10 a.m.	Leslie Marsh
14^{th}	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church (a time of games,
		crafts and informal worship)
15 th	10 a.m.	Rachel Blainey
22^{nd}	10 a.m.	Rev. Bob Whorton
		(Holy Communion)
29th	10 a.m.	Sue Barratt

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New classes at Yarnton Village Hall on Wednesdays 10:00 - 10:45: Walkers to 4 years 10:55 - 11:30: Babies and crawlers

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Senior Club

Our January meetings were well attended, as the weather was very good. We had our usual games and a chorus of Happy Birthday to three members, Jose, Kath (Whitcombe) and Muriel. A card and a small present were given to each, and we always have tea/coffee and cakes, after which we have a raffle to end the afternoon. The Club's new year has just begun in February, so now is a good time to join. We always welcome new members. *Jose Green, tel. 375644*



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Christian Aid Week May 10th to 16th 2015

Every May during Christian Aid Week a group of us take part by taking a house-to-house collection in the village. Christian Aid works to bring an end to poverty around the world, tackling its root causes as well as its effects. It is amazing how, with just a few hours of time and effort, we can make a huge difference to the lives of some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people. Christian Aid Week raises over £12m, most of which comes from house-to-house collections. Last year the collection in Yarnton raised £2092.60.

Although this seems an early notice, time soon goes by. We are very grateful to all our regular collectors, but we do really need more volunteers, **and**, **if possible**, **someone to take on the organisation**.

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Over the past year we have been collecting unwanted beads and buttons, which have been sent out to a little project in Zimbabwe where a group of women have been using them to create new and beautiful jewellery. From the unwanted and seemingly useless old bits and bobs that we were able to give, new things have been created and lives have been changed. Most of us don't live under any illusions that we can change the world, but although we can't do everything, we can do something. This morning I spoke to an elderly lady who lives on her own who was delighted that her neighbours had taken time out of their Christmas Day to pay her a visit. Each week I take my son to Cubs where volunteers give up their time to teach him about knots (they really do learn this!) and the value of caring for others. Our churches look so beautiful because people quietly, without fuss, come along to polish, dust, tend to the flowers and mow the churchyard.

We are so busy now though, and money for many of us is tight. But there is value in giving what little we can, be it time, or money, or by sharing a skill. I always find that when we do this, we receive so much in return. There is a lovely bible story in Mark's gospel where the rich were throwing money into the temple collection plate when a widow put in two small coins, worth nothing. And she was commended by Jesus for her generosity because she gave all she had. Each little act of generosity, love and care makes a difference to someone.

At this time we enter into Lent and then will celebrate Easter, and as we do we remember that we have a saviour who gave up everything for us, who died on the cross to set us free from all that separates us from God's love. And as we give thanks for his sacrifice we also think about how our small sacrifices can help others to flourish.

Even the tiniest discarded bead can used to make up the most beautiful necklace. Revd. Clare Hayns, Curate, Benefice of Blenheim





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Weekday Eucharist Service

Wednesday 9.30 a.m.

CHURCH DIARY

March

Sun. 1^{st} 11 a.m. Family Communion and Baptism, and

Fairtrade stall

Sun. 8th 11 a.m. Holy Communion, followed by Annual

Parochial Church Meeting

Sun. 15^{th} 11 a.m. Holy Communion with Mothering

Sunday celebration and Baptism

Sun. 29th 10.30 a.m. Palm Sunday Service and

Procession. Meet at William Fletcher School

for a procession to St. Bartholomew's

April

Fri. 3rd Good Friday, 10 a.m.

Stations of the Cross' at

St. Michael's, Begbroke Family friendly.

2 p.m. Liturgy of Good Friday

Sun. 5th Easter Sunday, 6 a.m.

Dawn Eucharist at St. Bartholomew's. 11 a.m. Holy Communion for Easter Day.

Lent Course

Do come along to our Lent Course, where we will be thinking out the persecuted church around the world. We will meet on Monday evenings from 23^{rd} February (and it's fine to join a week late!) from 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. at the home of Wendy and Tom Wale, 1, Exeter Farm Barns, Cassington Road. For more details contact Andrew Hazledon on andrew.hazelden@btconnect.com or call Wendy on 07976 686382.

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comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk.

It is possible to join some of our weekly classes throughout the term - if there is still availability – please ring to check. For up-to-date and comprehensive information about availability on courses, please see the school website (as above). As courses become full they are listed for your information.

Some of our courses can be joined late (you pay pro-rata); the following still have availability:

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Archery and Badminton (Mon. 8 p.m.)
Pilates (Mon. 11 a.m., Thurs. 11.15 a.m.)
So Now You Can Sing (Tues. 8.15 p.m.)
Tai Chi (Tues. 7.30 p.m.)
Yoga (Mon. 9.40 a.m., Tues. 4.30 p.m., Wed. 7 p.m.)
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Yoga for neck and shoulder pain, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. £18. Sugarcraft for Mother's Day and Easter, 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. £21 + materials.

For more information about any of our courses or to book a space please contact me.

Mrs Jenny Bodinham, Coordinator, Marlborough C of E School, Community Education. Tel. 01993 813592



NETBALL

Kidlington (Yarnton & Begbroke) Netball Club has club night on Tuesdays and has moved training indoors to Gosford Leisure Centre at 8.30 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. for the winter months, returning when the weather improves to Yarnton Recreation Ground. These sessions are suitable for beginner/returner players as well as 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.

We were able to enter two senior teams into the current Winter League and play our league matches on Monday (Premier Division) and Wednesday evenings (Division 2) outdoors at the Arena, Marston. New members are particularly welcome now as we begin to prepare for our commitment to the Summer league – it is always encouraging if we can manage three teams during the better weather months.

Junior Netball for U16, U14, U12 and Highfive (primary level) is provided by a sister club which operates out of Gosford Leisure Centre. **Kidlington Kites** can be contacted via Tessa Horn. tessa.horn@gmail.com
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, email kidlington.netball@hotmail.co.uk. or Sue Blackshaw, tel. 377220.

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Backtracking a bit – when we had the snow in February, I ventured out on the bike. I had a wonderful time hearing the snow crunching under my tyres and following the straight line of another bike track. On the way back, for fun, I zig-zagged over the bike tracks – making a great pattern. Guess anyone seeing it would think I had been drinking!

I love looking for animal tracks in the snow, and was thrilled to see lots. Thinking I had seen a special track, I was keen to look in my book to find out what amazing creature it was – well, it turned out to be a cat – oh dear!!! I think the word is getting out in the bird world about welcoming poorly birds into our garden. We now have a chaffinch with diseased feet and a blackbird with a deformed foot. I'm pleased if we are helping them to survive.

Hope you enjoy getting out and having a walk or ride in the month of March.

Ellen Cocking

Yarnton Parish Council

Clerk: Lynne Whitley

Office: Village Hall, The Paddocks, Yarnton, OX5 1TE.

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

The Parish Office is open Mondays and Thursdays

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

Future Meeting dates: Wednesday 18th 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

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

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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Bookings: Tel: 07948 722633 email: yarntonvillagehall@gmail.com

Planning Applications:

14/02096/F. 8 Pixey Close, loft conversion.

15/00004/NMA. Land Parcel 9827 south-east of Yarnton,

non-material amendments to 14/00786/F.

14/02163/F. 204 Woodstock Road, single-storey carport extension.

14/02162/F. 133 Woodstock Road, two-storey side and single-storey rear extension.

15/00029/F. 75 Great Close Road, single-storey front extension.

15/00077/F. 148 Cassington Road, addition of first floor to existing bungalow.

Planning Decisions:

MW.0137/14. Worton Farms Ltd, Cassington, planning permission for section 73 application for noncompliance with conditions 1 and 8 of permission no MW.002/14 for infilling of derelict water lagoon with inert waste materials, etc. Granted 26.1.15. 14/01928/F. Knightsbridge Farm, Woodstock Road, extension of existing workshop and office buildings. Granted 13.1.15.

14/01779/TPO. 3 Ryder Close, various tree work. Granted 13.1.15.

Planning Applications/Comments: Lists of planning applications received by the parish council are published on the four Parish Council notice boards in the village within a few days of receipt. Members of the public can also view and comment on all planning applications via Cherwell District Council's website at www.cherwell.gov.uk.

Parish Council Elections: An election for all 9 Parish Council seats in Yarnton will take place in May 2015. It is anticipated that nomination papers for residents to nominate people to stand for election will be available in February/March 2015. As soon as details are available the information will be put on the village noticeboards, the village website and in the village news.

Public access Defibrillators: At the 6th February 2015 we had received money totalling £3320, with a further £350 pledged from village organisations and local residents, which has enabled us to purchase two defibrillators to date, which will be located outside the Village Hall and outside Westlake Pharmacy. An awareness session will be arranged in the near future for residents, which will be advertised on notice boards and the village website. We would still appreciate contributions from residents and village organisations towards the cost of a third defibrillator. Donations, or pledges, can be made either personally at the Parish Council office or by email clerk@phonecoop.coop. If any individual or group of individuals would like to organise a fundraising event, we will do all we can to help with advertising, etc. The Parish Council is organising a quiz on Friday 6th March in the Village Hall and an Easter Bingo in the British Legion hall on Friday 20th March. For more details of both events, please see separate adverts in this Village News. Donations for the raffle to be held at the Easter Bingo would be appreciated and can be left at the Parish Office.

Parish Precepts 2015: The budget meeting was held on 21^{st} January, when decisions were made on the expenditure and grants for the forthcoming financial year commencing 1^{st} April 2015. The budget total for the precept was £63,205, which resulted in a sum of £59.93 for a Band D property, which is an increase of £2.14 from the previous year. Grants to local organisations were agreed, and the following were successful:

Playing Fields: £13500 towards running costs at Littlemarsh and Yarnton Park

Village Hall: £500 towards purchase of seats for the garden

Church Council: £750 towards replacement of carpet in the Vestry and other repairs

Care Committee: £200 towards running costs of Lunch Club and shopping bus

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 problems 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.

Winter Weather: The Parish Council would like to remind residents that it is their responsibility to purchase sandbags and salt for their property. 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. We have a supply of a book produced by Thames Valley Local Resilience Forum entitled 'Are you ready?' The aim of this book is to provide clear practical advice to help you prepare for and respond to an emergency, including fire, flooding, severe weather, snow, etc. Copies are available for collection from the Parish Office.

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 <u>www.yarnton-village.org.uk</u> and is available from the Parish Council Office at opening times, and also from the Post Office at Budgens Shop.

Yarnton Care Committee: The Care Committee was set up in 1974 to give help where needed to residents of Yarnton. Services provided focus predominantly on older residents and/or those less mobile.

Chairman: Peter Luke, tel. 372932; Secretary: Bernie Connors, tel. 372944, Treasurer: John Appleton, tel. 460496.

Members: Jacqueline Carpenter, Brenda Louch, Graham Thompson, Fred Jones, Mick Teeling.

Services available:

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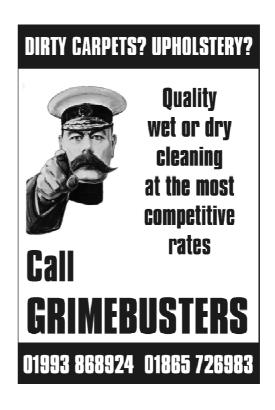
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Spohr's *The Last Judgement* will be performed at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 21st March in Oxford Town Hall.

Tickets are £15 – £17 (concessions available) from Oxford Playhouse (01865 305305, www.ticketsoxford.com), and on the door from 7 p.m.

For general information about the choir and its work, contact Alice Luck, Publicity

(publicity@oxfordharmonicchoir.org) or Lindsey Charles, Chairperson (01865 510376).

Visit <u>www.oxfordharmonicchoir.org</u> for more information about the choir and its performances.



Glyme Valley Probus Club for Ladies

At our first meeting for the New Year we listened to Amanda Wood telling us about the earthquake that devastated Christchurch, New Zealand in June 2011. We learned that New Zealand is also known as the Shaking Islands, and this is due to their geographical position, which is situated directly above a moving plate. The North Island is constantly moving, and intriguingly moves around 1 inch northwards each year. During this earthquake the rivers widened and the hills increased their height. We also saw the before and after photographs of Christchurch Cathedral, which was built in the 1860s and was devastated by this earthquake, but which has now been rebuilt and is a new, shiny and very modern cathedral and something this city can be very proud of.

This was fascinating information and we listened with much interest to this tour of a faraway land. For further information about Ladies Probus please contact 01993 812025. Sandy Rasch



Established in 2005, our golf society has a current membership of 30. We usually play on Sundays once a month on courses locally, and occasionally within an hour's radius. August 2015 sees our annual golfing weekend away to Telford 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. New members will be very welcome

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Woodstock and District U3A

Forthcoming Meetings: Marlborough School, Woodstock, 2 p.m.

3rd March: 'Folklore, Customs and Traditions': Dr. Colin

14th April: 'Fracking - Friend or Foe?': John Summers 29th April: Coffee Morning at 'Ryegrass', Flemings Road, Woodstock, 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

For further information, please contact Ann Applegate, tel. 01993 881782.

Yarnton Bandits

A cold but sunny winter's day welcomed us on our annual visit to Kirtlington on 18th January. With the field reduced to just 12 through one reason or another it was inevitably the local members who excelled. A massive 38 points gave Alan Bunning the win, followed closely by Stuart Wells in second place with 37 points. Andy White came third with 32 points and Captain Sam White fourth with 31 points. Mike Walton took the honours with nearest the pin on the 16th and nearest the pin in two on the 7th. Congratulations Alan for winning two on the trot - we can't recall this happening previously, so it shows our handicap system works well!

Happy golfing! Sue White

Kidlington & District Historical Society

The next Meeting of the Kidlington & District Historical Society will be held on Tuesday 24th February. The talk this time is entitled 'A light hearted look at the history of Oxford University' and is being given by Alastair Lack. We meet at the St. John Ambulance Hall, High Street (opp. Tesco) and the Meetings begin at 7.50 p.m. Visitors £3.50 and under 26s 50 pence.

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This month we have our Annual Meeting, when we elect the committee and officers for the coming year. Two of our long-standing committee members are standing down, so we are looking to recruit at least two replacements. Please consider whether you feel you could offer your services to help in the running of the W.I. Our committee meetings are always enjoyable, and the work really isn't onerous! All of us who are currently on the committee agree that we get so much more out of the W.I. because we are involved. If you think you could help, please contact a committee member. Following the business, we shall have a talk by Jane Probitts about the history of Denman College, which should be very interesting. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th March, and are always pleased to welcome visitors. This month we shall have a raffle and our usual book stall. Coffee hostesses are Mavis King, Susan Knox and Gill Long. **Date for your diaries.** Rosemary has arranged a skittles evening at the Masonic Hall in Woodstock on Saturday 14th March, starting at 7 p.m. As in previous years, the choice of food will be a large Yorkshire pudding with sausages, mashed potato and gravy, or jacket potato with cheese. The cost will be £11.50. Please contact Rosemary on 730188 if you would like to put your name down. Friends and family are most welcome. Ruth Astall

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Thames Valley Police update

Crime information. I have been the Neighbourhood Sergeant now for 5 years, and am possibly one of the longest serving 'Sheriffs' on the patch. We have seen some changes over the years and dealt with many incidents in the community, and the challenges for policing are forever changing. I have personally seen a dramatic drop in both burglaries and thefts of motor vehicles, which is mainly due to better technology, but also better crime prevention tools and good old fashioned vigilance. This alone has been responsible for catching some of our villains, resulting in prison time for them and security for our residents. We are still experiencing pockets of non-dwelling burglaries, in particular from sheds and garages, but not to the extent that we have had in the past. In the Rurals we have seen some thefts from motor vehicles, with mainly tools being stolen. Again our provision of quality crime prevention advice is seeing crimes of this nature reduce, which is a good thing.

The role of the Neighbourhood officer is changing. We are now concentrating our efforts on safeguarding vulnerable people and dealing with long term problem-solving issues, such as disputes and ASB. My PEGASUS programme has also moved on leaps and bounds in dealing with vulnerable people and giving them support in the community.

Anti-social behaviour (ASB). I can report that ASB is at an all time low. We are helped by our partner agencies, in particular our schools, who have been quick to intervene at an early stage and manage potential problems. Youth workers have also been critical in diverting youngsters away from trouble. However, ASB comes in different forms. Noisy rowdy parties are also a nuisance, but ASB patrols involving officers from Cherwell District Council, together with police, have had many successful outcomes. Cannabis seems to be a particularly worrying problem from my point of view, and no matter where you go the smell is evident. I have often stopped people in the street openly smoking it. I can't stress enough that cannabis is illegal! If you get caught you will be dealt with. Don't do it. *Sqt. Colin Travi*



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How to make use of the lengthening days

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No worries about what to write about in this wildlife gardening article this time - plenty of ideas flowing.

Creativity flows, especially as the days get longer as we advance through the early months of the year.

People new to wildlife gardening often ask me, in the middle of all that new found vigour, 'What actually is wildlife gardening?' Well, put simply, in its rawest form, it's an altered mind-set. It's as much about psychology or social conditioning as it is about gardening and the 'necessities' within its practices. Our obsession with controlling our gardens is a reflection of our obsession with controlling the world around us. To change the world around us requires effort to change something within ourselves first.

Question why you are cutting your grass once a week, and why you cut your privet hedge within an inch of its life, 8 times a year. Does it need doing? Is it really 'untidy', or is that just our perspective after generations of conditioning? That said, wildlife gardeners and the gardens they are the custodians of don't have to look much different from a conventional manicured garden. It doesn't have to be untidy. Note the word there, custodian? Wildlife gardeners often see the bigger picture and see themselves as custodians as a result. Mind you, if one person sees something as untidy, and another doesn't, does untidiness actually exist? Or is it just perspective again? OK, an article there with which to challenge yourselves. The aim: to get you questioning why you garden and why you do it the way you do. It might be different for all of us! Happy Gardening.

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