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	Wed. 1st	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)
	Wed. 1st	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
	Wed. 1st	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
	Wed. 1st	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
	Thur. 2 nd	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.
	Fri. 3 rd	Liturgy of Good Friday, St. Bartholomew's, 2 p.m.
	Fri.3 rd	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time),
		Village Hall, 10 a.m.
	Fri.3 rd	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
	Sun. 5 th	Dawn Eucharist, 6 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
		Holy Communion for Easter Day, St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m.
	Mon. 6 th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)
	Mon. 6 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)
	Mon. 6 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
	Mon. 6 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)
	Wed. 8th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
	Thur. 9 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
	Thur. 16th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.
	Thur. 16th	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
	Fri. 17 th	Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
	Wed. 22nd	Gardening Club visit to Kingston Bagpuize House Gardens, 2 p.m.
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Spring is really here!

I am writing these notes late, but the good thing about that is breaking news – a day after the notes should have been in, the frogs came back to the pond and laid spawn! I even went out when it was dark and heard them croaking, what a great sound. Last year they returned on 1st March and this year on 7th March. I was over the moon to think they were back. Nature gives such an amazing feeling of assurance when things happen year after year. The reason for my lateness in getting these notes done was that one of our daughters was moving house and we

decorating. It was great to pick up the children from school on the day of the move and see their happiness in being able to walk home. (It was a car journey before the move.) Best of all was seeing and hearing their delight as they saw their new garden with snowdrops in it. They picked me a few and ran in to see their new home, which was quite exciting too. Soon after they said 'let's go on an adventure

were busy helping out either grandparenting or

Isaac especially wanted to see what birds he could see – a red kite flew over and two wood pigeons sat in the tree right outside the house, and didn't seemed bothered by all the noise and excitement we made. They have been named 'Dusty' and 'Rosie'. It was wonderful to see that the children were as excited about the things in the garden as in the new house.

It is great to see loads of colourful flowers in the garden at this time of year; I love just walking around the village and looking at other people's gardens. Hope you enjoy them too.

Ellen Cocking

and see what's around'.



Pancake Party

St. Bartholomew's Church is delighted to announce that the Pancake Party raised £392.50 for Helen and Douglas House. Wonderful! Thank you to all who came, worked so hard and gave so generously to make this another happy and successful evening. *Gill Rowbotham*



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My friends and I would like to congratulate Yarnton Amateur Players for their excellent Pantomime, 'The Emperor's New Clothes'.

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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.

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Easter children's activities

Tuesday 31^{st} March: Family fun drop-in – Buttons and Bows. Make a springtime decoration using embellishments to decorate. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., £2 per child. Thursday 2^{nd} April: Family fun drop-in – Count your chickens. Make a chick-themed money box. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., £2 per child.

Tuesday 7th April: Family fun drop-in – Fasten up! Explore different ways of fastening clothes; what will you use?

2 -p.m. - 4 p.m., £2 per child.

Thursday 9th April: Family fun drop-in – Rub-a-dub! How were clothes washed before washing machines? Make a washday model and learn about laundry day. 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., £2 per child.

Forthcoming exhibitions and events

2nd May – 5th July: Forged in Fire – Oxfordshire metals through time. An exciting exhibition, bringing together many unique and unusual objects, and telling of Oxfordshire's metalworking past. From a rare medieval bell to the spikes on the infamous 'Cutteslowe Wall', learn what the artefacts tell about the people who made them and their worlds. Discover the myths and legends of the blacksmith's forge, exploring the sights, sounds and smells of the smithy. Something for the whole family. 13th May: Museums at Night. Heavy Metal – Museum Style! Sparks fly as you forge into the evening with this special out-of-hours event. As the hammers clang and the heat rises, ignite your imagination and senses in the virtual forge! Explore the 'Forged in Fire' exhibition – our experts will be on hand to shed light on fascinating objects such as the Iron-Age Didcot Mirror, early medieval Bruern Bell, the infamous 'Cutteslowe Spikes' and a fabulous little red car! Doors open at 7.15 p.m. Free event.

 27^{th} and 28^{th} May: Multi-arts workshops. Creative writing, story-telling and art for 7-12 year olds Please see our website for details.

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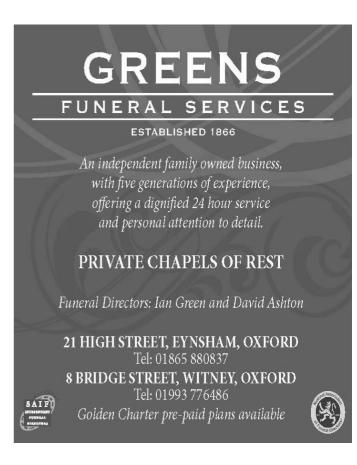
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Senior Club

We had a party on 19th February, to which we invited many friends who, although non-members, have travelled with us on our coach trips. It was lovely to see so many able to come. We had excellent entertainment by Roger, who got everyone singing, clapping and waving, etc. to his songs. This was followed by ham salad, plus all the trimmings, a glass of wine or fruit juice, and cakes, finishing with tea or coffee. We then had a very good raffle before everyone went home. I have received many thanks from those who came.

We only had one birthday in February and that was Beryl. We sang Happy Birthday and everyone sent best wishes. The Club has donated £30 towards the Defibrillator Fund. We have now started the Club's new year, a good time to welcome new members, especially anyone who would be willing to help the present committee.

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A Welcome to Spring

How I wish that spring was here With trees so fresh and green, Narcissi and daffodils In gardens to be seen.

Dark winter days of snow and sleet, Of winds and fog and rain, All fade away as we enjoy Spring sunshine back again.

Birds nesting in the trees once more, Their singing a delight. Lambs frolicking in lush green fields -A truly peaceful sight!

So let's enjoy the springtime Again when it is here. Forget about the winter -Until it comes next year. Joan Miles

Glyme Valley Probus Club for Ladies

'The magic of the Cinema' was the treat for our February meeting, and what a treat it was. John Richards came and told us about the very early days of movies, when the Edwardians had many devices that enabled them to create moving pictures. Thomas Edison, who was a skilled engineer, is credited with inventing the cinema, although this fact is debatable. We saw early examples of the genius of Charlie Chaplin in 'The Gold Rush', a film that took 3 years to make, and then we went on to the 'The Jazz Singer', which was the first sound picture with the very talented Al Jolson. On then to the escapism of Buzby Berkley with glorious dance routines and costumes, and 'The Wizard of Oz' starring the wonderful Judy Garland, who was not actually meant to be in this film.

We were given a taste of Westerns, which, sadly for some, are no longer made, and we saw snippets of John Wayne in 'Stagecoach' – a film, we were told that contained every character imaginable. Then on to the legendary 'Brief Encounter' with Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard, and then, of course, clips from the low budget and yet greatest film of all time, 'Casablanca', where some of the lines have even become part of our language. There were also scenes from other iconic films we all know: 'Gone with the Wind', 'Singing in the Rain', 'The Godfather', 'The Lady Killers' with its superb cast, and also the low budget and panned by the critics 'The Full Monty', which is also now a very successful stage production.

In the early 70s movie making reached an all time low, because television was taking over, but with the making of some wonderful English classics like 'Four Weddings and a Funeral' that all changed, and I left thinking 'they don't make them like that anymore' – but then they don't need to, they have already been made. Pure magic. Sandy Rasch





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Yarnton W.I.

Following our Annual Meeting last month, we are very pleased to welcome Gaynor White as our new President, and we hope she will enjoy her time in office. The Secretary and Treasurer remain the same: Carol Cleaver and Mary Chamberlain respectively, and the rest of the committee is made up of Ruth Astall, Rosemary Barker, Liz Trevett and Melanie Wakefield.

Our speaker this month is Eileen Race who will be talking about 'Finances in Later Life', which should be useful to us all as time goes on.

We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 8th April at **7.30 p.m. Please note our new regular start time**. Tea hostesses are Hannah Melhuish, Ann Moss and Sarah Phibbs.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors and prospective new members at our meetings. Do come along and give us a try!

We entered two teams in the Village Quiz organised in March by the Parish Council for the Defibrillator Fund. The 'Wildly Inaccurate' and 'Woefully Ignorant' teams finished $5^{\rm th}$ and $6^{\rm th}$ respectively out of a total of 13 teams, so not a bad effort. It was the musical round which let us down!

On Friday 17th April the WI Centenary Baton will go on a journey visiting every WI in our group. Janet Nattrass of Cassington WI has kindly arranged for the owner of a Frazer Nash vintage car to be chauffeur that day. The car will stop at each WI for a photo and change of baton holder. The stop in Yarnton should be around 1.55 p.m. at the Village Hall. Please note the stop will be 5 minutes only. We have booked the hall from 1 p.m. until 2.30 p.m., and members are invited to come along and bring a picnic lunch and see the changeover. Please contact Carol nearer the time on 377911 to confirm these arrangements. *Ruth Astall*



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How Hope Springs

Spring has sprung in the very week that I write. The sun is shining brighter as nature plays its part. Spring means Easter, too, as the two are linked historically. The Early Church adopted extant springtime celebrations and gave them new meaning. Easter is the oldest and most important of Christian holidays, around which others are even 'moveable' feasts. But what of this unfortunate resurrection business, some may ask? That's a lot to believe. Can we not please just eat our chocolate eggs and roast lamb (yes, in that order) and forget about that?

'We must not' is the answer. The Easter story of Jesus' life beyond death, and his promise of the same for all who trust him, is at the heart of our faith. We may well need to rethink resurrection, however, so that it makes sense. Three simple points can help us.

First are the facts. You are already made from recycled materials, and you're going to be recycled again whether you believe in God or not. No one has heard me preach often without hearing a favourite bit of science here and there, like the fact that a lot of our mass is 'dust' from the 13 billion year old ejecta of exploding stars still within each of us. When we die we shall all go back into a great recycling process, existing on in an elemental form. Something, and likely someone else, will be made from bits of us eventually. Look it up. As one physicist says, 'We are the cosmos made conscious.' That's a true natural miracle story worthy of astonishment. While it is conceivable that we're a big meaningless cosmic accident, that conclusion seems terribly unintelligent.

The notion of resurrection restated can be that the God behind the great cosmic life drama that produced you can surely give you life again. Giving life again, for any 'God' behind this great universe with you in it, would seem the easy part.

Next, if you still cannot quite digest resurrection with your chocolate, remember that Jesus' resurrection story is also about life now. Go on then, forget death and rising again (momentarily). Sufficient for the day is the evil thereof. People with faith are well aware that they need God for today's issues. If Jesus is still alive as the Church claims, and is present with us by God's Spirit as he promised, then he will have overcome the worst enemy of life already - death. He must have power over every other thing that we could ever face in this life. If true, Jesus exercises a present and powerful authority in the community of believers wherever they are found. Join us, and partake of it.

Finally, if that all helps but you're still having difficulty, think of Jesus' resurrection promise as being a lot like a sacrament. A sacrament is something that God makes happen. You don't, nor must you, understand it to make it work. Where did we ever get the idea that we have to understand fully every faith matter before beginning to make use of it? The next time you come home on a dark night, tell yourself you won't turn on the lights until you can explain every aspect of electricity, and the associated engineering in your home, before hitting that switch. Or just exercise faith in the engineer behind the switch and hit it. Then, yes, work toward understanding it by all means, if that interests you.

Faith matters, including the resurrection, are like that light switch: they are about trusting in the God behind them, who is love and who loves you. Trust God at Easter because he loves you. Believe the Church who tells you this. And let God worry about your resurrection. Rejoice in it! Hope can then spring eternal. Have a Happy Easter! *Dr. Shaun Henson, Associate Vicar*





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Footpaths

I too have been concerned by the new 'Private Property' signs in the fields behind Yarnton Manor, and I am also unimpressed with the letter from Oxford Royale Academy published in last month's newsletter. It is extremely disappointing that Oxford Royale Academy, which 'aims to be involved in and support village life in the community of Yarnton', has not consulted the village residents or Parish Council before moving to close the long-used footpaths. Their letter did not explain why no prior warning was given to residents, when the footpaths have been used by parishioners without restriction for decades. This includes, as some will know, those who used the Yarnton train station until its closure in 1962. The paths to and from the train station ran alongside, and through, Yarnton Manor's land – which serves to point out that the land has been accessible to and used by parishioners for many years. Nowadays the footpaths are a popular and well used route for dog walkers and families – and the closure of these footpaths would be a real loss to the community.

As another letter mentioned in March's newsletter, clause 31 of the Highways Act 1980 states that land used by the public without challenge for a period of at least 20 years or more, may give rise to the presumption that the land was intended to be dedicated as a public right of way by the owner of the land. The opening of the clause reads:

'Where a way over any land, other than a way of such a character that use of it by the public could not give rise at common law to any presumption of dedication, has been actually enjoyed by the public as of right and without interruption for a full period of 20 years, the way is to be deemed to have been dedicated as a highway unless there is sufficient evidence that there was no intention during that period to dedicate it.'

Oxford Royale Academy has said that they are offering a 'family-friendly event' at the Manor at Easter. I hope they will be taking this public opportunity to clarify their position, and ideally to open a dialogue with the parish in a way that might resolve this issue to all parties' satisfaction.

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Our speaker this month is Robert Longstaff, who will be talking about 'Vegetables in Containers'. This talk was postponed from last year when Robert was unable to come as planned.

We have our first outing of the year this month, on Wednesday 22^{nd} , when we have an afternoon visit by cars to Kingston Bagpuize House Gardens, starting at 2 p.m. The cost for this is £9.50 to include refreshments. Please contact Gill Rowbotham on 377623 if you would like to put your name down for this.

On 9^{th} May we have an all-day visit by coach to the Malvern Spring Show. The cost for this is £25, and the contact is Cath Newman on 849275.

Plant Sale. Don't forget to start planning for our annual Plant Sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th May at 11 a.m., so make a note of the date in your diaries. 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. We shall also be selling homemade cakes and biscuits and other garden produce, so would welcome donations of these as well please. We shall not be selling garden sundries this year, as we were left with quite a lot unsold after last year's sale. Ruth Astall



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The Oxfordshire Affordable Warmth Network is a longstanding service working to reduce the number of people in fuel poverty, and so improve health and wellbeing. It is coordinated by the National Energy Foundation (registered charity number: 298591), but involves many other organisations across Oxfordshire, with a cross-referral mechanism in place to maximise the benefit to residents of each organisation's field of expertise. There are no eligibility criteria for residents to access this service, although it is targeted towards vulnerable residents. It encourages residents to look out for their neighbours, and those more vulnerable than themselves, particularly when the temperature drops, and risk of adverse health effects are increased.

'Our Affordable Warmth Service reunites one individual with £3,000'.

Through our recent work, we've discovered that unsurprisingly - there's a lot of misunderstanding and mistrust by residents with regard to energy suppliers. Many horror stories are heard in the media about switching energy supplier. Realistically, the savings generally outweigh the risks. The average savings from switching supplier is around £150 per year – and very frequently more. Not coincidentally, those who are least likely to be 'switchers' are those most likely to make the largest savings. Our Affordable Warmth team is knowledgeable and experienced in helping residents switch and understand their bills, and can provide assistance every step of the way. We do this every day speaking with residents from all walks of life and facilitating opportunities for them to save money. Here's an amazing example. Recently, our Affordable Warmth Team was hosting a drop-in session where residents could come to get advice on how to understand their energy bills, or get help with switching their energy supplier. One gentleman who attended was paying over £400 per month for his gas and electricity. Concerned about the amount he was paying and suspecting it was too much, he sought our help. Our team was also quite alarmed by the amount being paid. After looking into the gentleman's tariff, it was discovered that he was overpaying by approximately £250 per month! Our team rang the company and attempted to sort out what was going on. It turned out the gentleman was in credit by £3.000! He must have been overpaying for about 12 months to rack up £3,000 in credit. The story does have a happy ending, though. Our Affordable Warmth Team was able to cut his monthly bills, and he now has £3,000 on its way to his bank account.

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NETBALL

Kidlington (*Yarnton & Begbroke*) Netball Club has club night on **Tuesdays**, and has now returned to Yarnton Recreation Ground at Rutten Lane for the lighter evenings and better weather. The session is 7.30 p.m. till 9 p.m. and is suitable for beginner/returner players as well as regular club members, offering 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.

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 on

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It was lovely to see so many children at the show, especially the latest member of the Groves family who, at only a few months old, is clearly following in the family tradition!

It would be nice to think that the group will still be entertaining children (and adults) for many years to come, but sadly without more people coming forward to join the group – front or back of stage - this may not be possible. The last curtain call may be sooner than you think.

Our next production will not be until January 2016, when we hope to bring you another family pantomime. If you would like to come and join us, please look out for further postings later in the summer.

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Village residents: £10 Non Village Residents: £12 **Kitchen:** £8 per session

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Yarnton Bandits

Witney Lakes was the venue for our second fixture of the year on 15th February. The weather was kind to us and 10 members and a guest turned out for a hearty breakfast and 18 holes. An enjoyable round of golf was had by all, with some good scores achieved. Best of the day, taking first place, was Andy White with 38 points, second was Ben Davies with 36 points, third was our Captain Sam White with 30 points on countback from Graham Woods, who took fourth. Nearest the pin on 6th and nearest the pin in two on 10th were both taken by Sam White. Happy golfing!

Sue White

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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 **8**th **April** in the Village Hall at 6.15 p.m., then every second Wednesday in the month. Members of the public are welcome to attend. **Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of all Parish Council Meetings are available on the village website once they are approved, www.yarnton-village.org.uk

Parish Council - contact numbers

Parish Council Chairman
Fred Jones. Tel: 373871
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 parised

Co-opted Parish Councillor: 10th August 2011:

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Co-opted Parish Councillor: 15th May 2013

Keith Johnston: Tel: 372266

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Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435 Trevor Stevens. Tel: 451800

County Councillors:

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Planning Applications:

15/00044/F. Little Acres, Woodstock Road, change of use of land for use as a gypsy and traveller site, etc. (continued use under 11/01356/F).

15/00217/F. 20B Merton Way, erection of 2-storey dwelling adjacent existing dwelling and formation of new access for existing dwelling.

14/02046/F. 5 Oxford Industrial Park, Mead Road, new sliding doors, etc (additional information).

15/00274/PAMF. Knightsbridge Farm, Woodstock Road, change of use of an agricultural building and land, etc. 15/00171/F. 33 The Spears, garage conversion, raising of ridge of garage, construction of front dormer to garage roof and rear roof extension.

Planning Decisions:

14/01917/F. Ley Community, construction of a single storey 5-bed moving-on housing to the rear of 164 Woodstock Road, extending the current use. Granted 11.2.15.

14/02033/F. Unit 5 Oxford Industrial Park, Mead Road, extension of operating hours (variation of condition 6 of 97/02117/OUT relating to unit 5). Granted 3.2.15. 14/02047/ADV. 5 Oxford Industrial Park, Mead Road, 2 New illuminated fascia signs. Granted 11.2.15. 14/02096/F. 8 Pixey Close, loft conversion. Granted 11.2.15.

14/02162/F. 133 Woodstock Road, two-storey side and single storey rear extension. Granted 23.2.15.

Application Withdrawn:

14/01868/F. Charlett Tyres 81-89 Cassington Road, demolition of existing buildings and the erection of 2 new light industrial units. Withdrawn 24.2.15.

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 on 7th May 2015. If you would like a nomination paper to stand for election please contact the Parish Clerk or Cherwell District Council. The deadline for returning nomination papers to Cherwell District Council is 4pm Thursday 9th April. Please see more details on the village noticeboards and the village website.

Public access Defibrillators: At the 6^{th} March 2015 we had received money totalling £3745, with a further £150 pledged, from village organisations and local residents, which has enabled us to purchase two defibrillators to date, which have now been 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 $\underline{\text{clerk@phonecoop.coop}}$. 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.

Annual Parish Meeting: This will be held on Friday 17th April in the Village Hall starting at 7.30 p.m. The speaker this year will be Wendy Dawson, chief executive of Ley Community.

Dogs: Recently dog fouling seems to have got worse again in many areas of the village, which is both unsightly and potentially harmful to human beings. Dog bags are available free of charge from the Parish Council office – if you require some and can't get to the office during opening times, please email or phone and they can be delivered to you. PLEASE pick up after your dogs and place in one of the 11 dog bins in the village.

A particular area of concern is the path leading to the burial ground, where dog mess is often found on the ground, making it extremely unsightly for people visiting the burial ground for funerals or to tend graves. Please use the bin provided at the end of the path, don't just put it in a green bag and tie to the fence, which is equally as offensive. Dogs should also be kept on leads until after the burial ground.

Network Rail: Yarnton Parish Council has been notified by Network Rail that as part of their programme to electrify key rail routes across the Great Western Mainline the section of railway track between Scours Lane (East of Tilehurst station – approximate OS Ref: 468821.0035 174382.5658 OSGB36) and Milton Sidings (West of Didcot Parkway station – approximate OS Ref: 449298.3400 191512.2800 OSGB36) is currently under construction for the installation of the Overhead Line Equipment. Should you have any general enquiries regarding electrification, please contact Network Rail's 24 hour National Helpline on 08457 114141.

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.

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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Lunch Club: Every Wednesday in the Village Hall 12.30 p.m. – 2.30 p.m. A two-course meal with tea or coffee for just £3. Free transport available for people with limited mobility. A companionable meal in friendly atmosphere. Contact Brenda Louch, tel. 374126 (currently full).











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The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum will be unveiling a new exhibition this coming August that celebrates the longstanding links between Oxfordshire and military aviation. 'Above The Dreaming Spires - Oxfordshire's Great War Aviation Story' will chronicle the impact of the first air war on individuals and families across the county. The exhibition will highlight the important role of training in making air power a reality and how this transformed the landscape, while bringing economic and social change. Airfields and depots sprang up at Bicester, Milton, Port Meadow, Upper Heyford, Weston-on-the- Green and Witney. Ground training was undertaken at Henley, as well as at Christchurch and Merton Colleges. Oxfordshire's Home Front played an important part in sustaining the air war on the Western Front and in the creation of the Royal Air Force. A pattern that would be repeated on an even larger scale during the Second World War. The Museum would very much like to hear from members

of the public/any readers who have a personal or family connection with early military aviation, or who have stories, documents and photographs about military aviation in Oxfordshire that they would be willing to share. They are asked to contact Ursula Corcoran at the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum by phone on

01993 810212 or by email on airpowerteam@sofo.org.uk. Sir Peter Jackson, the Hollywood film director, has already agreed to support the exhibition by providing his short film 'Crossing the Line' as part of the accompanying education programme.

Begbroke Bowls Club



The *Beginning of Season Open Taster Session* is on *Friday 1st May* – do come along at 6 p.m. for a friendly introduction to the game. Bowls can be provided, but flat shoes are needed, or these sessions can be played in thick socks. The Bowls Green is adjacent to the Village Hall, and after Friday Club sessions throughout the season members meet to enjoy a drink at the bar. The first match of the season is a friendly at home against **Woodstock** on **Wednesday 29th April** commencing 6.15 p.m. Spectators welcome.

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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

Woo	dstock		Every Friday we meet at 9.30 a.m. for a short informal		
3^{rd}	10.45 a.m.	Walk of Witness, beginning at	time of prayer followed by coffee. On the third Friday of		
		St. Hugh's, Hensington Road	the n	nonth, this inco	orporates a celebration of communion.
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		Blenheim Lake	Kidlington		
	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd	3^{rd}	9.45 a.m.	Walk of Witness, beginning at
		(All-age Communion)			St. John's, Broadway
12^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Simeon Mitchell		7 p.m.	Tenebrae Service
19^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Matt Stammers	5^{th}	8 a.m.	Easter Breakfast Communion
26^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd		10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
		(Café Church)	11 th	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church (a time of games,
					crafts and informal worship)
We also have a Junior Church which meets every week at				10 a.m.	David Mathews
		es in age from two to early teens. The	19th	10 a.m.	Hannah Stammers
first part of the morning is shared with the adults in				10 a.m.	Julie Todd

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!



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As long as it's a few degrees above freezing, there's always a chance to catch a glimpse of the first bumblebee of the year and even a few butterflies on the wing, but now that it's really warming up that's a daily occurrence, or should be! When reliable warmth does occur, nature often explodes rather than stirs.

This coming year, try buying in less food for the birds and start 'growing' your own. Try sowing a 'cornfield mix' this year and see if the birds respond. It should provide you with a blaze of colour if the seed mix includes field poppy, cornflower, corn marigold and corncockle, and cereal seeds too - wheat, barley, you know the sort of thing. Don't be fooled, it won't be a wildflower meadow, which ALWAYS includes grasses and mainly perennial flowers growing on poor soil. A cornfield mix is what many of our arable fields would have looked like in the old days, prior to herbicides designed to strip out most of the annual flowers.

Have a go - if your ground is fertile you should be onto a winner. Share your photos of your successes and failures; we can all learn from each other on this.

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Bartholomew Players

Bartholomew Players present 'Night Must Fall'," a psychological thriller by Emlyn Williams.

The rubbish pit at the bottom of Mrs Bramson's Essex cottage garden yields a grisly find - the headless corpse of a glamorous woman. Tensions rise in the house as the finger of guilt points towards Dan, the good-looking, if somewhat insolent, low class, 'cheeky chappie' who has charmed his way into the hearts of the women in the Bramson household. But this is no stereotypical 'whodunit'. 'Night Must Fall' is full of psychological intrigue, mind-games, sexual attraction, menace and threat of violence, which places it firmly in the genre of psychological thriller. It examines the inner workings of a murderer's mind and explores the fascination that murder holds for the remainder of ordinary humanity. This play was first produced in 1937, was adapted for film starring Albert Finney in 1964, and had a run on Broadway starring Matthew Broderick in 1999. In this, Bartholomew Players' 40th year, we have also assembled an extremely talented cast to play these tension-ridden roles, which will send shivers down your spine as the creepy perpetrator of this hideous murder is revealed and then brought to justice. We do hope you come along and support Bartholomew Players in this production as we celebrate 40 years of bringing high quality theatre to our local community.

Venue: Eynsham Village Hall, Back Lane, Eynsham, OX29 40W

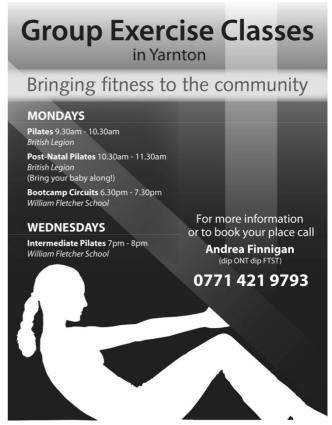
Dates: Wed. 13th, Thurs. 14th, Fri. 15th and Sat. 16th May. As in previous productions, the play alone will be staged on the Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday. **On Friday** 15th there will be a fundraising/charity 2-course supper and theatre show.

Tickets – for Wed., Thurs. and Sat. Nights: Price: £8 (concessions £7). Doors open 7.15 p.m., Performance 7.45 p.m. Available in advance from Denise Santilli, Publicity Officer, 07721 744020,

bart.players@gmail.com, **AND NOW ONLINE** from http://www.bartholomewplayers.ticketsource.co.uk/ from Evenlode DIY in Evnsham, or on the door.

Tickets for FRIDAY 15th May must be purchased in advance by 8th May. Advance Tickets only: £16.00 Doors open 6.15 p.m., Food served 6.45 p.m. – 7.45 p.m. Performance: 7.45 p.m. Available from Denise Santilli, Publicity Officer, 07721 744020, bart.players@gmail.com (not available online)

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Our summer term will begin on Tuesday 14th April. On **Saturday 16th May** we are offering the following workshops:

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Photoshop for Beginners. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. £27.50. Yoga to cleanse and detox. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. £18. Sugarcraft - covering a sponge cake. 11 a.m. -12.30 p.m. £15, or £30 if attend both sessions. Sugarcraft decorations for Summer. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. £21 + materials.

Stained Glass 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. FULL.

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