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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Fri. 1 st	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time), Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Fri. 1 st	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
Mon. 4 th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 4 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 4 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 4 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)
Wed. 6 th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 6 th	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 6 th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 6 th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Thur. 7 th	Senior Club outing to Ledbury/Hereford, 9 a.m.
Sat. 9 th	Gardening Club coach trip to Malvern Spring Show
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., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 16 th	Gardening Club Plant Sale, Village Hall, 11 a.m.
Mon. 18 th	Yarnton Playing Fields AGM, Littlemarsh Pavilion, 8 p.m.
Thur. 21 st	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 28 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.

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The Editorial Committee reserves the right to cut, edit, or omit articles, or refuse advertisements for reasons of space limitation, suitability, etc. Their decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into. Copy date for the July issue is Friday 5th June.



William Fletcher Primary School

The students at William Fletcher have had a number of great experiences and achievements during March which the governors wanted to share with our local community. The netball team won the Partnership Sainsbury's School Games Netball Tournament at the Marlborough School and went on to the West Oxfordshire Tournament, where they came third. Our chess team, which is coached by volunteers, played excellently at their last tournament, and three members are through to the National County Final representing Oxfordshire.

Any of you travelling on Rutten Lane on Friday 13^{th} March will have noticed the students wearing red noses and fancy dress. They put lots of imagination and effort into their costumes and raised £252 for Comic Relief.

We are very grateful to the PTA, who provided every student with glasses for the Eclipse on the 20th March. The clouds cleared and all the children were able to experience the moon passing across the sun.

World Book Day was marked with a number of storybased activities. It also gave the older children an opportunity to share favourite books and stories with the youngest pupils in the Foundation class.

Year 5 and 6 students visited the Oxford Castle. They are studying Crime and Punishment at the moment, and were able to participate in workshops to consider the plight of those who stole a loaf of bread, to visit the cells, and climb the tower.

Children in our year 4 class took part in a 3-day residential visit to Hooke Court in Dorset. The children had a fabulous time taking part in living history activities based on the theme of the Celts, as well as exploring the local countryside.

The Governors would like to thank the staff and all the volunteers who contribute to life at William Fletcher School. We hope you agree that the students they support are an asset to our Community. *William Fletcher School Governors*

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2 p.m.:	PRESENTATION DAY OPENING
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6 p.m. – 9 p.m.:	25 th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENING WITH DISCO & BAR
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ALL PLAYERS WHO	HAVE REPRESENTED YBFC FOR THIS SEASON OR WHO HAVE ATTENDED TRAINING WILL BE AWARDED A CLUB MEDAL
	cial event we would welcome anyone who can help on the day; donate home made cakes, a prizes. If you can help please inform your respective Managers or a member of the Committee.
	YBFC COMMITTEE - March 2015

Yarnton Bandits

Fifteen members battled the conditions with strong winds and showers on our trip to The Springs in Wallingford on 29th March. We were lucky that the wind dried us out after early showers, as umbrellas just couldn't survive the blustery winds. The course held up well and so did the players! Nearest the pin on the 2nd proved elusive, as not one of us managed to hit the green with the weather against us. At least it was dry by the 17th, although Sam White was the only one to reach the green in two and take the honours. Sam was also leading in the clubhouse with 29 points until the final three ball came in. Mark Davies with an excellent round of 32 points secured first place. Second Andy White, also with 29 points but beating Sam into third place on countback. Fourth was Sue White with 27 points. More handicaps to be cut!!!! Happy golfing! Sue White



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We are affiliated to the English Bridge Union and to Oxfordshire Bridge Association, and we have a fledgling website at <u>www.bridgewebs.com/centralyarnton</u>. Beginners will feel comfortable at our morning sessions (for more details contact David Bygott, chairman CYBC, tel. 01865 556256), and we have Thursday evening sessions for those with experience.

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4th June: Weymouth, 8.45 a.m.

2nd July: Worthing, 8.45 a.m.

30th July: Clevedon/Burnham-on-Sea, 9 a.m.

27th August: Ringwood/Christchurch, 9 a.m.

24th September: Southampton, 9 a.m.

22nd October: Leamington Spa/Coventry, 9 a.m. Please note that we have three pick-up points in Rutten Lane, so the first one is twenty minutes before the last one, i.e. 8.40 a.m. 8.50 a.m. and 9 a.m. Our outings are for members, but we welcome anyone who would like to join us for a day out.

5th March was our AGM. The committee remained the same, with the addition of one more member when we welcomed Robin Merry. So we are: Chairman Jose Green; Treasurer Jackie Carpenter; Secretary Laurence Stockdale, plus Marjorie Bradley, Chris Green, Frances Page, Helen Rhymes and Robin Merry.

We had one birthday – Hilary – she received a small present and card and we all sang Happy Birthday. *Jose Green, tel.* 375644

The Early Bird

I just love listening to the dawn chorus – I heard a robin singing at 4 a.m. recently whilst it was still really dark. What I didn't know was that there is an order of who sings first. I read an article that said: 'In April, regardless of where you live, the robin starts proceedings, usually an hour and twenty minutes before sunrise, followed by the blackbird five minutes later and the wren five minutes after that. One hour before sunrise you will hear (in season) the cuckoo, followed by the great tit and chiffchaff. The chaffinch starts around half an hour before sunrise, while the house sparrow begins ten minutes before the first rays of daylight. The starling wraps up the concert with his tune ten minutes after sunrise.'

So, it's worth listening to check if you can hear the order – I have definitely heard it.

A new find I saw was during a bike ride. I have biked up and down the A44 hundreds of times, but was surprised to see a carpet of brown confetti on the ground under a certain tree. What had happened was that overnight all the outside casing of the pussy willow had burst open and dropped to the ground. The next day they had all disappeared – amazing to observe how nature works. Keep your eyes and ears open during this month for new things and enjoy nature all around. I can't wait – as May is the month when the orchids appear in our meadow – you can guess where I shall try to spend all my spare time this month!

Ellen Cocking

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Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

As part of the national Museums at Night scheme the Soldiers of Oxfordshire museum is opening out of hours on Thursday 14th May for a talk by Professor Ashley Jackson entitled 'Churchill: Command and Leadership'. Churchill was a man who inspired controversy, but also fascination, for his leadership and guidance through the war. This talk is part of our Churchill programme commemorating 50 years since the death of Winston Churchill and 70 years since the end of World War 2.

Ashley Jackson is Professor of Imperial and Military History at King's College London, and a Visiting Fellow at Kellogg College, Oxford. Resident in Woodstock since the mid-1990s, Ashley has been involved with SOFO since 2009. He has written nine books on aspects of Britain's imperial and military history, including a biography of Winston Churchill.

The talk runs from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and tickets are available in our online shop <u>www.sofo.org.uk/shop.php</u> and from the museum, or by calling 01993 810213.



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I used to be envious of my sister who had a birthday in May. It always seemed to be the best month for a celebration: with the garden looking beautiful, the weather becoming gorgeous, and the promise of holidays beginning to peek over the horizon. It seemed so much better than November when I have mine. Except for those years when we were taking exams! For May is exam season for many.

I am aware that during this month many households are a hotbed of anxiety and stress. SATs, GCSEs, A levels and degree course finals. A friend with four children, all taking different exams at the same time, tells me that they all react differently: one doesn't sleep at night; one eats constantly; one stresses out the others, and another is totally relaxed. As teachers and parents we try to encourage our children to do their best, without over-stressing them. It's a delicate business.

It doesn't end when we leave school or university. Many of us are examined in some way or other throughout our lives. As part of my curacy I had to submit a huge portfolio of work to show that I am 'competent' by the end of my training. Thankfully this is all finished now, and last week I received the letter confirming I am competent and ready to go. Although I have complained about all the work at times, it has reminded me how good it is to keep on learning throughout our lives. Does this ever need to stop? A great friend of mine, aged 89, undertook a computer course in order to keep up with her great-grandchildren on Facebook!

It is the same for our faith. So many of us stop developing and growing in our faith in our mid 20s, or even earlier. Life gets busy, things get in the way, and we find we haven't read or thought seriously about faith for years. Of course developing our faith is not just about reading and studying, but it is an important element if we want to learn and grow. There are loads of wonderful books in the St. Andrew's Christian Bookshop in Witney which is always worth a browse round. Thankfully, we won't ever be examined on it though, not even at the Pearly Gates!

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Weekday Eucharist Service

9.30 a.m. Wednesday

CHURCH DIARY



IMPORTANT NOTICE Sunday 6th June

Please note that there will be a special service on Sunday 6th June at 11 a.m. to say farewell to Revd. Clare Hayns. This will be at St. Mary Magdalene's, Woodstock. There will be **NO service at 11 a.m.** in Yarnton on that day. You are all very welcome.











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Mary and John Brockington, 113 Rutten Lane

Kidlington & District Historical Society

The next Meeting of the Kidlington & District Historical Society will be held on Tuesday 28th April. The Speaker will be Martin Greenwood with a talk entitled 'Charles's Painted Ladies'.

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The issue of the footpaths at the back of Yarnton Manor led to a group of villagers arranging a meeting at the Red Lion on Thursday 12th March to discuss the situation. Despite a very limited amount of time to organise the meeting, an estimated 50/60 villagers arrived. This in turn led to a large queue for drinks, but in the end the pub staff coped admirably. The group will be called simply 'The Yarnton Walkers'.

It was explained to those attending that various letters and emails had been sent to the Yarnton Manor Estate asking them to reconsider their decision to close the footpaths. Their response had not offered any suggestion of a compromise being possible. They had also sent a Notice of Landowners Deposit to Oxfordshire County Council, and this may enable them to protect themselves against future claims for public rights of way. The problem here is that the paths have been used freely by walkers for decades without restriction, and nobody has ever applied for the paths to be made Rights of Way, simply because until now it has never been necessary

In order to try and correct this position, both for current and future generations, we would need to submit an application to Oxfordshire County Council to change the definitive map which would legally change the footpaths into Rights of Way for Public Use. This application can be submitted by an individual or a Parish Council. The guidelines for this application state that the footpaths need to have been used for a minimum period of twenty years to be considered becoming a Right of Way. The application needs supporting evidence that the paths have been used for a period of 20 years or more. The supporting evidence needs to be in writing and signed by individuals.

There were a large number of people at the meeting who volunteered to give the necessary evidence and were willing to complete the individual forms. Some had been using the paths for fifty years.

Since there was overwhelming support at the meeting to submit the application, notice of our intention has been given to Oxfordshire County Council.

We will arrange a further meeting, hopefully at the Village Hall to complete the application.

Following the meeting another article about the footpaths appeared in the Oxford Mail and Times, and the group gained publicity from BBC Radio Oxford and was fully supported by the Open Spaces Society from Henley. *The Yarnton Walkers*

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Future Meeting dates: Wednesday 13th May in the Village Hall at 6.15 p.m., then every second Wednesday in the month. Members of the public are welcome to attend. **Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of all Parish Council Meetings are available on the village website once they are approved, <u>www.yarnton-village.org.uk</u>

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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.

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15/00284/TPO. 161 Rutten Lane, fell 1 Oak Tree, subject to TPO 15/99.

15/00311/F. 22 Aysgarth Road, proposed front porch, single storey side and rear extensions, removal of existing single garage.

15/00309/OUT. Begbroke Science Park, variation of condition 4 of 01/00662/OUT.

Planning Decisions:

14/02163/F. 204 Woodstock Road, single storey car port extension. Granted 11.3.15.

15/00029/F. 75 Great Close Road, single storey front extension. Granted 5.3.15.

15/00077/F. 148 Cassington Road, addition of first floor to existing bungalow. Granted 3.3.15.

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 .

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Parish Council Elections: At the time of going to press we have just learnt that only 7 people have been nominated for Parish Councillors, which will leave us with 2 vacancies on the Parish Council after 7th May.

Public access Defibrillators: At the 2nd April 2015 we had received money totalling £4390 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 has been arranged for 6th May for residents. We would still appreciate contributions from residents and village organisations towards the cost of a third. Donations, or pledges, can be made either personally at the Parish Council office or by email <u>clerk@phonecoop.coop</u>. 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. **Dogs:** Recently dog fouling around the village 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 tender 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.

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.

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Big Questions

Many people today are asking questions about issues that concern us all at some stage during our lives – issues concerning God, Religion, Science and Suffering. Oxford has often been at the heart of debate surrounding these questions, with much attention having been given in recent years to the aggressive voice of the 'new atheists', particularly Richard Dawkins, who argues that religious faith is not credible, that children with religious parents should be protected from 'indoctrination', and that the world would be better off without religion. These are controversial claims, coming from a respected scientist although one who admits that he has read little theology or philosophy! Fortunately, others have engaged with these areas and have also been active in the world of science. Indeed, Oxford has a long tradition of countering arguments such as those of Dawkins – as early as Roger Bacon in the 13th century, through to the well-known writings of C. S. Lewis in the last century, and ably continued today with world-renowned Oxford University professors from a variety of disciplines including the sciences, philosophy and theology.

There is now an increasing recognition in the Christian church in general that we should speak out more to increase understanding of the relationship between science and faith. Dr. Richard Cheetham, Bishop of Kingston, speaking at the launch of a project during British Science Week 2015 to bring together scientists and theologians and to give new clergy a better understanding of modern science, said 'It is absolutely vital to stimulate good conversation between science and theology. The prevailing idea that the two are in conflict is remarkably persistent despite the vast amount of excellent academic literature giving a very different view. The project aims to get a much deeper understanding of the relationship between science and theology deeply embedded in our churches and in the wider world.'

With a similar aim, we will shortly be having a series of talks in Kidlington from distinguished Oxford University professors of science, philosophy and theology on big questions about God, Religion, Science and Suffering. These will be held on Wednesday evenings in June at Exeter Hall, and will respond to the question: Is it true that... Atheism is more rational than Christianity? (Alister McGrath, Professor of Science and Religion)...Religion is bad for the world? (Keith Ward, Regius Professor of Divinity, Emeritus)...Science has disproved God? (Paul Ewart, Professor of Physics)... Suffering exists, so God doesn't? (John Lennox, Professor of Mathematics). Our speakers have written and debated extensively on their subjects, and are all keen to give opportunity for questions and further discussion. Admission will be free and all are welcome. There may also be opportunity to continue the discussions in the longer term. For further information contact Kidlington Baptist Church by email admin@kidlington-baptist.org.uk or telephone 01865 374983. We hope to see you there!



A dirty weekend at The Highwayman, Kidlington

Damp, wet and a bit dirty - this was after just one day spent uncovering one small (1x1 meter) test pit at the back end of the Highwayman in Kidlington.

We began at 9.30 a.m. on Good Friday as planned, and took off the grass layer. Then we hit the hardcore left by previous landlords when the area was used for loading and unloading vehicles. After some heavy work with spades, we were down to soil - by this time the rest of the team had arrived - small, we were eight in all, but very enthusiastic – as was dig dog Cid, who happily devoured the offered left over sausage from breakfast. Sieves were brought out, along with buckets and shovels, and the spoil from the test pit was sieved onto a spoil heap. No finds.

At 11.30 a.m. we stopped for a very welcome tea break - no sausage this time but plenty of biscuits (for Cid). We were now down 30 cm. and still no finds. Sievers kept everything that looked or felt like it was man-made. As lunch time approached the diggers uncovered a piece of pottery! We could just see the edge, but the excitement mounted as only two people could work in the test pit, the others keeping a watching brief as gradually the pottery started to emerge - measurements were taken before the removal of the pot - very frustrating for some, as this procedure had taken about half hour. Finally our first piece of pot was out and proud!! It looked like a third of a bowl with the bottom covered in a glaze - black or just very dark. This was recorded and put in its own bag. The story of the pot will continue when we have obtained an age for it, and maybe where it came from. After lunch we continued with fresh diggers and swapped around with sieving. We found a few more things - unidentified and many strange shaped black stones!

The rain it rained - even more, but the time went quickly and by 4 p.m. we were all ready to go home to dry out. A new layer was appearing - bright yellow in colour - so once the bottom of the trench was all the same colour, this was recorded and the group helped with the clearing up, finishing at about 4.15 p.m. A very enjoyable, though wet and dirty, day.

Saturday – at least the rain had stopped. We decided to dig a section at the bottom of the trench – this is called a Sondage (some call it a sun dance). We had thought that this might be the natural base, but it was not. The soil was now full of clay and sieving became more difficult - nigh impossible. By now we had found some small pieces of clay pipe, a couple of hand-made nails and some terracotta pot and a fair amount of charcoal. Where were the glass bottles, or window glass, the coins and the animal bones? Certainly not in our test pit. Some of the members had volunteered to wash finds from the day before – more finds were found, but also many 'very pretty' stones and some fossils. Now something else was beginning to show at the bottom of the trench - it seemed to be very dark and big. The call went out to CLEAR UP YOUR LOOSE, the clarion call to archaeologists, for a tea or lunch break.

After lunch it was decided to clear around the black object - much speculation abounded as to what this object could be but – well, we still don't know!

More washing was done on Sunday, sorting will take place in a couple of weeks' time.

Wednesday 8th we will meet at the trench-side and then back fill the trench.

A very interesting couple of days - The team worked well together and the Highwayman staff kept us in coffee and tea - and Cid in biscuits. Thank you.

Next meet at the Highwayman on Saturday $18^{\rm th}$ April, 11.15 a.m.

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If you would like a free printed copy of our brochure or to book a place please telephone **01993 813592 or email comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk**.

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.

On **Saturday 16th May** we are offering the following workshops:

Roman Blind or Curtain Making: an Introduction, with your sewing machine 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. £38.50 + materials.

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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

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Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

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Yarnton Gardening Club

May is a busy month for us: as well as our usual monthly meeting, we have an all-day outing and our annual Plant Sale.

Our first coach outing of the year is to the Malvern Spring Show on Saturday 9th May, leaving the village at

9 a.m. Please contact Cath Newman on 849275 for further information or to see if there is still space on the coach.

The Plant Sale, which is our main fund-raising event, is on Saturday 16th May in the Village Hall, starting at

11 a.m. Make sure you come promptly as there is always a great rush and everything goes very quickly – it's normally all over by noon! If you are bringing plants for sale, these can be brought to the hall from 10.30 a.m. Please come through the back entrance from the carpark. See the poster elsewhere in this edition for further details.

The meeting is on Thursday 21st May and our speaker is Anthony Powell on 'The Scented Garden'. We meet in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. and visitors are always welcome.

Ruth Astall









May Bank Holidays (4th and 25th)

Whatever the weather over the Bank Holidays, remember we have a good selection of goodies for you to enjoy that extra day off! Even if it means barbequing in the rain (we know some of you will!).... Well it is summer (kind of)

Half Price Rump Steak Weekend Deal!

With two Bank Holidays in May we are kicking off with a great offer on wine, steak and sides. Rump Steak, tomatoes, Bistro Salad and Kumala Wines are all half price on the weekend of the 2nd and 3rd of May. Prices live from the Thursday, so get in quickly to make the most of this one-off deal!





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Yarnton W.I.

Members and friends and family enjoyed a very good evening playing skittles at the Masonic Hall in Woodstock in March. The food was excellent as usual and the games hotly contested. The winner of the Grace Wright Cup was Mavis King, and the non-WI winner was Jenny Austen's husband Malcolm.

The coffee morning which Gaynor held in aid of the defibrillator fund raised a magnificent £200 which she has passed on to the Parish Council. A lot of people came and enjoyed coffee and delicious cakes and a natter, so it was a good way to raise money. There were wonderful raffle prizes donated by local businesses and members and friends, and the raffle was carried over to our March meeting to give more people a chance to buy tickets. Thanks to Gaynor for all her hard work.

This month, on Thursday 14th, we will be discussing the Resolutions for the Centenary National Federation AGM in June. This will be followed by Erica Gorick who will give us an update on the school and children's home she supports in India. There will be a raffle and our usual book stall. Tea hostesses are Maureen Rhymes, Sandra Russell and Rosemary Smith. Don't forget that our meetings now start at the earlier time of **7.30 p.m.** in the Village Hall. **Date for your Diary:** To celebrate the Centenary of the WI in Britain, we have arranged a meal at Sturdy's Castle, Tackley, on Thursday 13th August, for members only. Please contact Rosemary on 730188 for further information, or to book your place. *Ruth Astall*

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Services in May

Woodstock

3^{rd}	10.30 a.m.	Jan Grimwood
10^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Martin Wellings
17^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Philip Beuzeval
24^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
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
9^{th}	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church (a time of games,
		crafts and informal worship)
10^{th}	10 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(Holy Communion)
17^{th}	10 a.m.	Local Church Group
		(Café Church)
24^{th}	10 a.m.	United Service at St. Mary's
		Parish Church
31^{st}	10 a.m.	Simon Pillinger



Woodstock and District U3A

We meet at the Marlborough School, Woodstock at 2 p.m. Speakers for the coming months are: 2nd June: 'Tony Blair' – Dr. Martin Holmes 7th July: 'Oxford Windows' - Brian Lowe For more information, contact Ann Applegate, tel. 01993 881782.





Book Reading Group

The Book Reading Group has chosen 'The Children Act' by Ian McEwan for its May book. For June the book will be 'Perfect' by Rachel Joyce. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. New members always welcome. Contact number: 371656. *Helen Anderson*

Anonymous articles

From time to time we receive anonymous items from people for inclusion in the Village News. It is our policy not to include anything unless we have contact details for the sender. If you do not want your name published, we can put 'name and address supplied' but the committee does need to have the information.

Christian Aid Week commencing 10th May

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Benefits come in many forms from spending quality time with nature. Often wildlife gardening is made up of endless little tasks, but the pleasure of having wildlife all around really focuses the mind, be it bird song, or the new smells and textures that are reappearing on what seems a daily basis now. If you are a forager, you may be enjoying the varied tastes of the new green shoots from various ground flora, often just discarded as 'weeds'. Or maybe you are giving your garden a good dose of 'looking at', which is an activity that's very often overlooked.

At this time of year many of us are planning how to make our garden work even harder for wildlife, as well as look good and be a place to retreat to and relax in. Making a garden suitable for wildlife is variation in habitats. Even if we do all this, the simple act of busying ourselves with those not so essential tasks often means we are all walking like zombies and missing much of the pleasure. Take a walk around your garden, and just focus on a single sense. Doesn't matter which one you choose: sight, touch, smell, sound, taste. Just choose one, and see how much more you will notice. Just walking around your garden with a camera will get you 'seeing' much of what we all are in the habit of strolling past on a daily basis. Even in our own gardens. Happy Gardening.

Stuart Mabbutt, Wildlife Gardening Specialist, tel. 01865 747243 www.stuartmabbuttgardeningltd.com



Cherwell Community Bank

Cherwell Community Bank has opened its first service point in Kidlington, in partnership with the Baptist Church and the local food bank. In January the Council, which helped establish the bank in collaboration with Sanctuary Housing, trained up ten volunteers to help run the service point. They will be able to offer advice on all the products and services that the community bank offers, including opening of accounts and giving advice on avoiding debt.

The Kidlington service point will be available between 11 a.m. and 12.30 p.m. every Friday at Kidlington Baptist Church, High Street, OX5 2DS.

Melvina Fawcett from the Baptist Church said: 'The church has modern facilities and a car park and it's already widely used for many activities, including the weekly food bank. So it made sense for the Cherwell Community Bank to use the premises as a natural extension to the activities in the building. We're very pleased to be able to establish this on a weekly basis and provide some of the volunteers to help run it.'

Cherwell's credit union development officer James Richards said: 'We're always looking for volunteers to help develop the community bank, either in Kidlington or in other areas of Cherwell. Anyone who is interested can call 07894 803293 or email james.richards@cherwellandsouthnorthants.gov.uk

Swift Thinking!

The pioneering Build! initiative is set to provide homes for bats and birds as well as people. Cherwell District Council is working with the Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project to install bird and bat boxes on Build! properties.

The scheme will provide bats, which are a protected species, and swifts, whose numbers are in decline, with special housing and nesting facilities without impacting upon the properties' future residents. At each of the sites Cherwell has added bird and/or bat boxes to the outside of the properties close to the roof and guttering, which will allow the animals to enter and create a safe and secure nest. It does not impact on the safety, warmth or quality of the buildings.

Chris Mason, coordinator of the Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project, said: 'The number of swifts in the UK has been declining steadily. One reason is the loss of nest sites. Swifts return year after year to the same nest site, which is typically a small gap or crevice in a building. When buildings are altered or repaired, these nest holes are often sealed. So incorporating purpose-made nest boxes and bricks in the structure of new building is a vital way of helping to ensure that future generations of swifts have somewhere to nest.'

For further queries about Cherwell Swifts Conservation Project email: mason@cando.eclipse.co.uk



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