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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

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Wed. 2 nd	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 2 nd	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 2 nd	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 2 nd	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Thur. 3 rd	Senior Club Fish 'n' Chips, Village Hall, 1. p.m.
Fri. 4 th	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time),
	Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Fri. 4 th	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
Mon. 7 th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 7 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 7 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 7 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)
Wed. 9 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 10 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 17 th	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 17 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.
Thur. 24 th	Senior Club Outing to Southampton, 9 a.m.
Fri. 25 th	World's Biggest Coffee Morning, in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support, Village Hall 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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Copy Deadline for October Issue

Material for inclusion in the October Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 4th September. Copy should be e-mailed to: ruth@astall.com and helen.anderson4@ntlworld.com or delivered to Mrs. Ruth Astall, 19 The Spears, tel. 372637.

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 November issue is Friday 9th October.

Yarnton Medical Practice - WE ARE MERGING!

We are pleased to announce that we will be merging with Exeter Surgery on 1st October 2015.

The partners from both practices feel that pooling their expertise and resources is the best way of ensuring we can continue to offer our patients excellent care. It will also allow us to explore the possibilities of providing additional services. Your access to appointments and services will remain the same during the merging process. Further information about the reasons for the merge and what you can expect in the future will be available very soon. **Dr. Pandher**

Dr. Pandher will be working on a part-time basis from the Autumn in our Kidlington branch only. Dr. Pandher's Yarnton patients will be transferred to our new Partner, Dr. Simon Tucker.

Dr. Tucker joins us from a Practice in Weston-Super-Mare, where he has worked as a partner for many years. He brings with him a wealth of experience, and we are delighted he will be joining our team. We are sure all of the residents of Yarnton will give him a warm welcome.

Senior Club

In July Mavis and Helen celebrated their birthdays; there was only one in August, which was Chris's. Best wishes were sent and Happy Birthday was sung.

Our second outing on 30th July started with a coffee stop in Clevedon; this proved to be a good choice and somewhere we had not been to before. It is noted for its Victorian Pier. In glorious sunshine we travelled on to Burnham-on-Sea; here there are lots of little shops close to the sea, so walking was at a minimum. We had our raffle here, hoping to travel home non-stop, but again we were slowed down by three incidents, one being a caravan in a crumpled heap. We decided to stop at the new Services on the M5, which sell organic meat, cheese, cakes, etc. all produced locally. We rejoined the coach for a pleasant journey home, and everyone enjoyed the day.

On 3rd September Mark is coming again to cook us a Fish 'n' Chip lunch, and our outing is on 27th September, this time to Southampton. Our first pick-up is 8.40 a.m., second 8.50 a.m., and last at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome - you do not have to be a member of the Club. Jose Green, tel. 375644

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Supporting the Youth Bus

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Local Supplier Tasting Day

Come and join us for our local supplier tasting day during September. Date to be confirmed, so keep an eye out in store, on the website or on our Facebook page. As always this is a great day where you'll get to try some proper local products



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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 9th September and 14th October 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>

Parish Council - contact numbers

Parish Council Chairman: Fred Jones. Tel: 373871

Parish Council Vice-Chairman: Graham Thompson. Tel: 461479

Parish Council Members:

John Burford. Tel: 849750

Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435 Robin Hearn. Tel: 374613

Anna Isles. Tel: 372895

Keith Johnston. Tel: 372266

The above-named were declared elected as Parish Councillors without a contest as from May 2015 for a fouryear period. Michael Gibbard was declared elected as District Councillor as from May 2015 for a four-year period.

Co-opted Parish Councillors: 8th July 2015: Fiona Mawson. Tel: 840819 Gregg Morris. Tel: 371291

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer:

Lynne Whitley. Tel: 378476 District Councillors: Michael Gibbard. Tel: 849435 Trevor Stevens. Tel: 451800 County Councillor: Maurice Billington. Tel: 842235

Yarnton Village Hall

Bookings: Tel: 07948 722633 email: <u>varntonvillagehall@gmail.com</u> **Planning Applications:**

15/01120/F. College Farm House, 128 Woodstock Road, formation of hardstanding to upgrade an existing agricultural track to a semi-permeable permanent surface. 15/00980/F. 35 The Garth, construction of Porch to front door.

15/01131/F. 54 Meadow Way, demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of two-storey side extension. 15/01181/F. 12 Stanley Close, demolition of existing conservatory to rear and erection of new single-storey rear extension. Replacement of existing front window and garage doors.

15/01092/F. Land parcel 9827 South-east of Yarnton and North of Woodstock Road, siting of a standard 20ft ancillary storage container on an existing solar PV farm to be used for storage.

Planning Decisions:

15/00427/F. Knightsbridge Farm, Woodstock Road, installation and operation of concrete batching plant. Granted 13.7.15.

15/00717/F. 25 Broad Field Road, demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single-storey rear extension. Granted 16.6.15.

15/00856/OUT. 15 Oxford Industrial Park, Mead Road, removal of condition 5 of 98/01392/OUT, time restriction on unit 15. Granted 8.7.15.

15/00980/F. 35 The Garth, construction of porch to front door. Granted 24.7.15.

15/00939/LB. Paternoster Farm, replacement windows and removal of stud wall between bedroom and bathroom. Granted 5.8.15.

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 <u>www.cherwell.gov.uk</u>.

Parish Councillors: Six people applied to fill the two vacancies on the Council following the May election. At the monthly meeting on Wednesday 8th July a vote was taken by the Councillors present which resulted in Fiona Mawson and Gregg Morris being co-opted onto the Council. We welcome Fiona and Gregg to the Council and thank the other candidates for their interest. **Yarnton Manor Premises Licence Application:** Following over 250 objections to this application Cherwell District Council held a hearing at Exeter Hall, Kidlington on Tuesday 28th July which was attended by about 100 people. Following the hearing CDC licensing sub-committee considered the evidence submitted by the applicant and all other parties and what was said by all those who spoke at the hearing. Taking everything into account, the Panel considered it was 'appropriate for the promotion of the licensing objectives to refuse the application'. The applicant can still hold 12 events in total this year using 'Temporary Event Notices' (some of which have already taken place) and 15 events next year. The applicant could appeal to the Magistrates' Court within 21 days of notification of this decision (29th July). At the time of writing this article it was unknown whether they intended to appeal or not. The Council's full letter of refusal can be viewed on the village website <u>www.yarnton-village.org.uk</u>

Mobile Library: A new schedule of stops for the mobile library started on 6th July. The two stops in Yarnton are now The Garth each Monday from 5.15 p.m. – 6 p.m. and Sanctuary Nursing Home on alternate Mondays from 4.50 p.m. - 5.10 p.m. Please see www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/mobile-libraries for more information.

Yarnton Village Website/Noticeboards: The Parish Council noticeboards and village website <u>www.yarnton-village.org.uk</u> are where the Parish Council gives up-to-date information on things which are notified at short notice, as well as publicising items of importance, so we would actively encourage you to regularly check the noticeboards and the website.

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: Fred Jones, tel. 373871; Secretary: Bernie Connors, tel. 372944, Treasurer: John Appleton, tel. 460496. Members: Jacqueline Carpenter, Brenda Louch, Graham Thompson, Mick Teeling.

Services available:

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Shopping Bus: A fortnightly minibus to Kidlington on a Tuesday morning 9.45 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. Door-to-door service with help to carry the shopping. Donation by each passenger of £1 per round trip. Contact Fred Jones, tel. 373871.

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).

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.

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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.

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Îns. Jenny Bodinham, Coordinator, Marlborough C of E School, Community Education, tel. 01993 813592

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Action Fraud website has flagged up a number of current scams for the public to be aware of including Rental Fraud in Student Accommodation, Advance Fee Fraud-Business Loan Scanner, Online Loans, Wine Investment and DC Martin Benton of New Scotland Yard Fraud

Department (who doesn't actually exist). Information about these and other such incidents can be found at www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Insecure side/rear entrance to dwellings. Across the area there have been reports of offenders gaining access to properties via insecure side and rear gates. It makes sense that when not being used the gates should be locked/ bolted shut.

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I can't believe it's already September. The children will now be back at school. Hopefully they will be looking for conkers - one of my grandsons, Arthur, thinks you can find conkers all the year round, and often says 'can we go and get conkers'; it's hard to explain seasons to little ones.

During our holiday in Norfolk we visited the RSPB Reserve at Titchwell. When we arrived we were met by a sign that warned you to 'mind your step, the frogs are moving!' We saw a few and were amazed at how tiny they were, not even the size of a pea, but they had such determination. They had developed into frogs in a stream, then they climbed up a 4-foot bank, over the path that we were on, so trying to avoid big feet, and then down the other side to another stream.

I don't know why they do this and where they go to, but it is a yearly event. I couldn't believe something so small could do that, and it taught me a lesson that even when life is difficult and hard we have to keep going and hopefully make it.

We were also lucky enough to see about 40 seals on the marshes and were able to get really close to them. They slid down the muddy banks and got into the water and were really inquisitive of us - they looked as if they wanted us to join them in the creek to play with them; sadly I wasn't that brave.

As I write these notes in early August, I am checking the plum trees on my bike route - the plums seem to be ripening really early, so I will soon be able to try some.

I shall be going down to our field soon to pick blackberries - I hope you can find some to eat, or make into a pie or crumble. This year, with the grandchildren, we are going to use the juice to try dyeing cloth. It will be interesting to see what colour they turn out to be.

Enjoy this harvest time, and I hope you can do some harvesting of your own - finding fruit and nuts to enjoy - food for free! *Ellen Cocking*





Yarnton Bandits

It was Captain Sam White's choice to hold his Captain's Day at Tadmarton Heath Golf Club near Banbury on Tuesday 28th July, and what a wonderful day we all had. The course is a classic heathland layout, with gorse and broom in abundance, so if you missed the fairways you were in trouble. The small, testing, greens challenged us all on a dry but windy day. A stiff test of golf, as nearest the pin saw no-one hit the 7th green, nor the 10th, but third time lucky on the 16th Alan Bunning succeeded. Nearest the pin in two on the 15th went down to the last group, with Mike Walton being the only player to contend. 15 members and a guest played in four fourballs, with a team event consisting of the best 2 scores on each hole. Clear winners with 78 points were Michael White, Di Jones, Alan Bunning and Graham Woods. Individual prizes were: 5th Tony Bartlett 24 points, 4th Pete Wakefield 25 points, 3rd Graham Woods 29 points, 2nd (on countback) Alan Bunning 32 points and 1st Mike Walton 32 points. The day concluded with a superb two-course meal, presentation of the prizes, and of course a few beers for those not driving! Happy golfing!

Sue White



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 If golf is your game then why not come along as a guest?

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Yarnton W.I.

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We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th September at 7.30 p.m. We shall have our usual book stall, and tea hostesses are Jenny Austen, Sue Brewerton and Elizabeth Burden.

Ruth Astall

Blocked drain

We would like to draw attention to a blocked drain in Rutten Lane just outside the Medical Centre going north. This drain has been silted up for well over a year, and many a road sweeper has passed over without any effect. The drain is now overgrown with weeds (see photo). It is a vital part of the drain system that takes surface water from Rutten Lane and the run-off from the fields to the west.

Isn't it about time these gullies are emptied out before the wetter seasons come?



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Kidlington (and Yarnton) Netball Club

The Netball Club continues to run at Rutten Lane throughout the summer with sessions on a Tuesday evening from 7.30 – 9.00 aimed at maintaining fitness with a good slice of fun, ready for the Winter League season ahead.

We entered two teams into the Oxfordshire Summer League at the Marston Arena; the A team finished 8th in Division One and the B team finished 10thin Division Three. The club would like to enter a third team into the Winter League and is particularly keen to have new people come along to see if there will be enough players.

The Club AGM will be held at Rutten Lane on Tuesday 8th September from 7.15 p.m. – do get there earlier if you can. Training will be held that evening as soon as the meeting finishes.

For further information about the club, please contact Club Secretary Laura <u>kidlington.netball@hotmail.co.uk</u> or phone Sue Blackshaw on 01865 377220, or just turn up any Tuesday evening – sessions are rarely cancelled.

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Most people will be aware by now that Cherwell District Council refused the Licence Application by Yarnton Manor, mainly due to concerns over noise and traffic (see also under the Parish Council entry). The Council's full letter of refusal can be viewed on our website <u>www.yarntonvillage.org.uk</u>

Don't forget our 20th Anniversary! Please let us have your comments or memories

The November 2015 issue will mark the 20th anniversary of the first edition of Yarnton Village News. We hope to make this a special edition, with extracts from the first issue, and comments from villagers. We would be glad to hear from any of you who can remember when we first started, and who have any comments (good or bad) to make on the past 20 years of the Village News. Items can be emailed to the usual email addresses, or written copy can be sent to any committee member before the beginning of October.

Please contribute to help make this a really bumper issue.

Village News Committee

Thames Water pump hunt for sewage station owners

Thames Water is appealing to customers to help identify privately owned sewage pumping stations.

The utility, which serves 15 million customers across London and the Thames Valley, will take responsibility for around 4,000 pumping stations in October 2016, but needs to track down 1,800 currently off its radar. New legislation means sewage pumping stations, which power wastewater away from properties and out into the public sewer pipe network, currently owned and maintained by customers, will become legally owned and operated by the local water company.

The pumping stations are found in all shapes and sizes, and can be in places where there are a number of properties needing to connect to the public sewer network. Customers will know they have one as they'll be paying to maintain and power them.

Jerry White, of Thames Water, said: "This is really good news for customers. We'd urge anyone who thinks they may have one to get in touch so we can check they are eligible for the transfer of ownership. In some cases, as well as electricity savings, maintaining and replacing pumps can cost thousands of pounds so it's an excellent deal for them. We believe we know where approximately half of the stations we need to take over are, but really need help to find the other 1,800. Please get in touch if you think this applies to you and we can take on the responsibility forever."

Anyone with a private pumping station can make Thames Water aware at <u>thameswater.co.uk/pumphunt</u>

A sewer pumping station is likely to be 'adopted' by Thames Water if it:

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Sports for streets initiative is coming back to Yarnton

Yarnton Parish Council is pleased announce that, having obtained sufficient funding, this highly successful young people's project will be returning at the end of September. Watch out for further information on the village website, noticeboards and Yarnton Village News. *Yarnton Parish Council*

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Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

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A group of chaps, all aged 40, discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because the waitresses wore mini-skirts.

Ten years later, at age 50, the friends once again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because the food and service was good and the beer was excellent.

Ten years later, at age 60, the friends again discussed where they should meet for lunch. Finally it was agreed that they would meet at Wetherspoons in Uxbridge because they could dine in peace and quiet and it was good value for money.

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Yarnton Gardening Club

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At our meeting in September Alison Foster will be talking about 'Plants and Science'. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 17th September at 7.30 p.m. and visitors are alwavs welcome.

Please note that unfortunately the planned outing to Batsford Aboretum in October has had to be postponed until autumn 2016.

Ruth Astall

Woodstock Methodist Church, Oxford Street, Woodstock Kidlington Methodist Church, Oxford Road, Kidlington

Minister: The Revd. Jonathan Todd, tel. 01865 842214, Email: jonathan.todd@oxfordmethodists.org.uk Lay Worker: Malcolm Bromhall, tel. 01865 373958, Email: malcolm.bromhall@oxfordmethodists.org.uk 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 September

Woodstock

6^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Philip Beuzeval (Holy Communion)
13^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rob Thompson
20^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(Café Church with teenage worship
		band 'Rockfish')
27^{th}	8.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(Holy Communion)
	10.30 a.m.	David Harper

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



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

Kidlington

6 th	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
0	10 a.m.	Malcolli Di ollinali
13^{th}	10 a.m.	John Lenton
20^{th}	10 a.m.	Rev. Martin Wellings
		(Holy Communion)
27^{th}	10 a.m.	Paul Spray



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Young children go into the parish hall for part of the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass to celebrate their own liturgy. Coffee is served after the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Hugh and after the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More. St. Thomas More Primary School is next to the Catholic Church in Kidlington. If you would like your child to attend this school, please contact Fr. Prem on 377093, or the Headteacher on 373674. A mini-bus collects from surrounding villages.



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All day refreshments will be served.

If you have anything you would like to be included in the sale please email judithdtbowden@tiscali.co.uk

Kidlington & District Historical Society

The next Meeting of the Kidlington & District Historical Society will be held on Tuesday 29th September. The Speaker will be Tessa Boase with a talk entitled 'A Housekeepers Tale - The women who really ran the English Country House'.

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Cherwell Archaeology

Lucky for some at second Test Pit

Cherwell Archaeology's second dig at the Highwayman was a little different from the first. This time WE chose the place to dig, rather than the 'need' to see what was under the ground before a new building development was to be undertaken (Nick Duval was aiming for a new reception area at the front of the building) now nearly? complete.

Saturday morning (25th July) was sunny and dry. Eventually the team assembled, minus Mandy (on holiday) and Linda (off sick). However our numbers were swelled by the arrival of Dan, a first year archaeology student (York) staying in Kidlington and desperate for a chance to dig. We selected the site for the test pit because it was near to a wall that looked contemporary with the date of the Highwayman (probably then called 'the Anchor' in the 18th Century).

As before, we removed the turf to a tarp (context 000) – we found oyster shells and ring pulls in equal number. The next layer was silt, or dirt to the uninitiated. Not much was found during this first clearing of context 001. This may change after the cleaning of finds during the next month.

Clearing down through much coal, we then came to a very hard layer (002), similar to the surface of a footpath made up of shingle and sand compressed to form a hard surface, like the new path from Begbroke to Kidlington. We dug through this and found a few signs of habitation and even more coal, pottery, bone, a very pretty piece of aqua and white glass, and more shell. The coal we expected, the pottery looks like 18th Century and we do know that there was a piggery near to the wharf, so definitely not 'human' remains; the glass may make it to the Ashmolean in August. The amount of oyster shell is a bit of a puzzle, and I would guess that these came from the river Cherwell north of the site. We had also noticed that there seemed to be a 'standing stone' in the western corner; this would be investigated later. After clearing this layer, we could clearly see that a corner of the trench looked 'clean' compared to the rest of the trench – it was decided to dig this area next (003). We again found some more coal, oyster shell, pottery - the brown and white stoneware type, not ginger beer but maybe Doulton ware. Once we had cleared up the loose from this level it was time to pack up for the day. Sunday – It rained.

Monday, however, dawned fine and dry, so Mandy, Cid and I rolled up at about 10.15 a.m. to continue the excavation. We cleared and photographed the excavation again. We decided to dig a section near to the standing stone – just to investigate what this could indicate. When on the Bartlemas Chapel dig (2012) a standing stone such as this could indicate a grave cut, so it was worth digging down carefully just in case....... After much hard digging the stone came away to indicate... nothing. This day (Monday) we were joined by another new team member, Lucky, the chicken. She is called Lucky because all the other chickens were whisked away a couple of weekends ago (possibly by a fox) – she came home two days later shocked (or shaken) but unfazed. Mandy and Chris took a back seat while Lucky dug her own trench in our spoil heap, and retrieved her own finds (worms). We archaeologists continued for several hours – finding not much, well hardly anything. David joined us mid-afternoon and gave us the impetus to continue for a while longer. We were just about ready to back fill when along came Lucky. She dived down into the trench just in time to catch the best find of the day – a big fat juicy worm. Having feasted she then hopped out just as I took her photo.

We decided that we had come down to the 'natural' and it was time to back fill and replace the turf. We finished at 4.30 p.m. On this occasion Lucky was probably more lucky than us. *Christine Turley*







In celebration of the new club house at Begbroke this season, we are holding a **Club Fun Day** on **Sunday 6th September** from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Everyone is invited to come along and see a demonstration of games and also have a go.

As we draw towards the end of our playing season, match results show several wins and some close matches. A hearty win over Headington (95 to 53) on 19th July was particularly encouraging, as we challenge for the annual Peggy Moulder cup - we await the return home match to see who will be the overall winners this year. Our ladies entered into a challenge league – their first match against Abingdon Ladies saw a narrow loss by only 4 points – with some keen lady players in the club we hope to encourage more to join and further strengthen the side for next year. We are still looking to expand the total number of players we can call on for each match, so do please consider taking up Bowls for next season. Having such a beautiful local amenity with keen and committed green keepers is to be valued, and what nicer way to spend an English summer afternoon. We will continue to meet most Friday nights at 6.30 p.m. and play Bowls whilst light permits, and this is a great time for newcomers to try their hand at a game of Bowls with guidance from club members. Our final match of the season is at home against Adderbury on Thursday 17th September at 6 p.m.

Further information from Club Secretary, Joan Woodmore on 01235 528568 or Malcolm Blackshaw on 01865 377220.

Autumn talks at The Woodstock Bookshop

We have a poetry festival and several speakers this Autumn – do make a note of the dates.

Friday 26th September, 6 p.m. Patrick Gale will be discussing his recent novel, A Place Called Winter, loosely based on a real family mystery. Forced to abandon his wife and child, Harry emigrates to the newly colonised Canadian prairies where, on a homestead in a place called Winter, he discovers an inner strength and capacity for love. This talk is part of the Blenheim Palace Literary festival – tickets (£12; £10.80 for holders of the annual Blenheim pass) available through their website or directly from The Woodstock Bookshop. The talk will be held in St. Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock. Monday 18th October, 7 p.m. Margaret Macmillan, the Warden of St. Anthony's College and Professor of International History at Oxford, looks at leaders throughout history - rulers, generals, writers, explorers, thinkers – and explores how they challenged and changed their times. £5, tickets from The Woodstock Bookshop. 13th - 15th November, Woodstock Poetry Festival. Full details are on the website – this year we have a great programme of poets reading: Tony Harrison, Don Paterson, Kei Miller, Sarah Howe, Choman Hardi, Liz Berry, Katrina Porteous, Kathleen Jamie, Elaine Feinstein, Jonathan Edwards, Patrick McGuinness, Helen Mort, Alan Buckley, Bernard O'Donoghue, Tom Paulin - a book launch, and an evening of traditional Irish singing and guitar music to finish with. For more information please see our website

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Whilst on patrol, officers have been noticing that people are leaving house windows open due to the warm weather. Please be aware this is an open invitation to potential burglars. Sheds and garages have also been the target of thefts recently, so we would advise that if you need any of your property marking or would like crime prevention security advice, then please call 101.

There are often some concerns regarding the welfare of the elderly. If you have an elderly neighbour, it might be worth a check on them to see that they are all right. Please report any concerns on the 101 non emergency number.

Oxford slip road, Kidlington - Enforcement will be in place shortly, so be aware of road markings and street signs. The double yellow lines in the village centre outside the Co-op are actively being enforced. Officers will be ticketing any vehicles disregarding the lines.

Vehicle crime - There seems to be an increase in the number of incidents involving theft from a vehicle. A large number of these have been highlighted as being insecure. Please lock your vehicle when you leave it and take appropriate measures to protect any items within the vehicle. Please remove any valuables. If you see any suspicious activity in your street, please call 101 or 999 if a crime is being committed.