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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

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Thur. 1st	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.
Fri. 2 nd	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time),
	Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Fri. 2 nd	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
Sun. 4 th	Harvest Festival Service, St. Bartholomew's Church, 11 a.m.
Mon. 5 th	William Fletcher School Harvest Festival, St. Bartholomew's, 9.30 a.m.
Mon. 5 th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 5 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 5 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 5 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)
Wed. 7th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 7th	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 7th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 7th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Thur. 8th	W.I. Harvest Supper, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Fri. 9 th	Copy date for November issue of Yarnton Village News
Sun. 11 th	Family Cinema, Village Hall, 3 p.m.
Wed. 14th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 15 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.
Thur. 15 th	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 22nd	Senior Club Outing to Leamington/Coventry, 9 a.m.
Thur. 29th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.
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Copy Deadline for November Issue

Material for inclusion in the November Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 9th October. 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 December issue is Friday 6th November.

Time is running out!

Have you been thinking that you would write a comment or article for our 20th Anniversary issue next month? If so, we need it by the copy date of 9th October - preferably before then.

We really want this to be a special issue and would appreciate your feedback on the Village News over the last 20 years. Do you enjoy it and read it from cover to cover every month? Or do you throw it straight in the bin - and if so, why? What can we do to improve it and make it more interesting? Do let us know what you think.

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More Merging News

The news that we are merging with Exeter Surgery on 1^{st} October 2015 has been greeted with great interest. There is now much more information available about this merger on our website:

<u>www.kidlingtonandyarntonsurgery.co.uk</u>. If you have further questions or any concerns, please contact Reception.

Thank You For Your Patience

There may be some minor disruptions to the normal smooth-running of our Practices during the run up to the merger and shortly thereafter. We are sure you can appreciate that there are many changes afoot, mostly behind the scenes. So we thank you very much for your patience during this time of transition.

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It was pleasing to see England retain their rankings by beating Jamaica 66 goals to 44 for the Bronze medal at the recent Netball World Cup in Sydney. In a thrilling final, Australia just beat New Zealand 58 goals to 55 to retain the top spot.

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 - kidlington.netball@hotmail.co.uk. or Sue Blackshaw 01865 377220.

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Our August guest speaker was delightful; she was Valerie Threlfall, who came to tell us all about the changing scene and fashion in women's underwear throughout the 20th century. Valerie began by telling us about the secrets of the honeymoon suitcase dating from the early 1900s. We saw a very beautiful peignoir embroidered with French lace, a chemise, some quite large knickers and a Victorian high necked nightgown. There was an interesting example of a brassiere - which was made in only one size then, was quite small and designed for the flat chested, which was the fashion all those years ago. We went on to see silk stockings and corsets, which all seemed rather tiny compared to today's underwear. But in those days we were eating more healthily and without snacking, and were generally more physically active, and as we have become larger so has the stuff we wear underneath our clothes, although not necessarily the knickers. In the 1950s nylon was invented, and despite being rather hot to wear there were some very pretty examples of petticoats, along with nylon bedding which was pretty but not lovely to sleep on. With the advent of the contraceptive pill in the 1960s we girls got our freedom and so micro skirts, along with tights became the norm, and we no longer needed underwear to fend the husbands off. But sadly, perhaps the glamour and romance of beautiful lingerie has also gone. A lovely, fun talk. Sandy Rasch

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Yarnton Pre-school

New Building for the Pre-school

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Exciting change lies ahead for Yarnton Pre-school. After more than 20 years on our current site, we are planning to move to a new, purpose-built, building on the existing school playground (on the corner adjacent to Rutten Lane and Stoutsfield Close). Our old building and outdoor play area will then be taken over by the school.

Moving to a larger building will allow us to meet the demand of families with young children moving to Yarnton. Oxfordshire County Council has identified a need to provide more funded spaces for two and three year olds in Yarnton, as well as from neighbouring villages. The new pre-school will have a larger indoor play area including wet play and quiet areas, in addition to modern kitchen, toilet and office facilities. Outside, there will be a spacious waiting area for parents, with access from Rutten Lane, in addition to a playground with up-to-date

Planning permission has been sought, with a decision expected by early October. Building work should begin in January 2016, with a view to completion by September 2016. The bulk of funding has been secured from OCC, and we are undertaking further fundraising initiatives. For comments, more information, or to see a copy of the plans, please email: ypscommittee@outlook.com



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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 14th October and 18th November *(please note new date)* 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: 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 four-year 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

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Planning Applications:

15/01359/OUT. Land to rear of 21 to 23 Park Close and adjacent to Church Lane – Outline, erection of 2 Bed House with Garage.

15/01351/F. William Fletcher School (for Pre-school), proposed single storey building for re-location of existing pre-school.

15/01369/F. 128 Rutten Lane, single-storey rear ext'n. **Planning Decisions:**

15/00537/F. Charlett Tyres, demolition of existing buildings and the erection of 2 new light industrial units. Resubmission of 14/01868/F. Granted 3.7.15.

15/00645/F. Yarnton Nurseries, extension of existing poly tunnels to cover open sales space and storage area, together with the replacement of an existing substandard poly tunnel. Granted 7.8.15.

15/00973/F. Barn, Knightsbridge Farm, Woodstock Road, change of use of part of existing building from agricultural use to flexible B1/B8 use. Granted 13.8.15.

15/00887/F & 15/00932/LB. Yarnton Manor, works to replace the existing heating system in the main house including associated builders' works. Underfloor insulation proposed to ground and attic suspended timber floors. Granted 27.8.15.

15/01120/F. College Farm House, 128 Woodstock Road, formation of hardstanding to upgrade an existing agricultural track to a semi-permeable permanent surface. Granted 18.8.15

15/01181/F. 12 Stanley Close, demolition of existing conservatory to rear and erection of new single storey rear extension. Replace existing front window and garage doors. Granted 20.8.15.

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. Granted 17.8.15.

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 www.cherwell.gov.uk.



November meeting: Please note that the November meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Wednesday 18th November instead of the usual date of 11th November.

Grass Cutting: Please see separate article within this Village News.

Cemetery: Although the burial ground is a lawn cemetery (with flowers only to be placed on headstones), in recent years it has become increasingly common for flowers and plants to be placed elsewhere on graves. Whilst we don't wish to stop this practice, neither Yarnton Parish Council nor the grass cutting contractor can accept any liability for damage caused to plants, containers, ornaments, etc. placed on the graves anywhere other than on headstones.

Yarnton Village Website/Noticeboards: The Parish Council notice boards and village website www.yarnton-village.org.uk 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 notice boards and the website.

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.

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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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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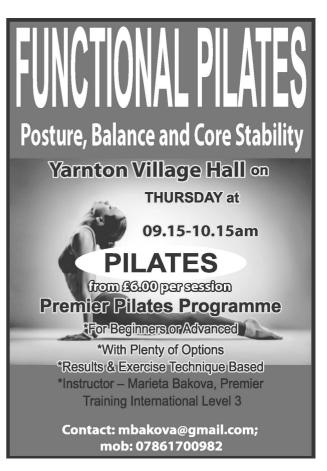
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Yarnton Parish Council

Sports Activators

This facility is provided free of charge by Cherwell District Council for children during the School Summer Holidays and has been hailed as a great success. With numbers averaging 15 over the 6 weeks of Friday visits and a Yarnton child winning the Cherwell-wide 'Beat the Activator' scheme, things couldn't have gone much better. A total of 30 different children attended the sessions. Congratulations to all who attended, including Mums and Dads, but particularly the children who took part. As a result of this success and the good behaviour of Yarnton children, **SPORTS ACTIVATORS** will return during the October **HALF TERM**. Look out for more information on the village website and the notice boards. *Yarnton Parish Council*

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For further information telephone 01993 811456 or visit our website:

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The Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock, OX20 1SN

Woodstock and District University of the Third Age

Woodstock and District U3A has been running for almost ten years, and we are looking forward to meeting new members. Each month we hold a 'speaker meeting' for the whole group, as well as a variety of sub groups ranging from Art to Living History to Walking. Full details of the 19 current interest groups are on our website. We offer a warm welcome, and hope you will come along to explore a new hobby or interest, whilst making new friends. We hold monthly meetings at the Enterprise Centre, Marlborough School, Woodstock, generally every first Tuesday at 2 p.m. Our next talks are:

 6^{th} October: 'Undercover Drugs Officer' - Cameron Addicott 3^{rd} November: 'Witney Blankets' - Keith Crawford 1^{st} December: 'Under the Influence' (music and song) - Andy Smith

For further information, telephone 01993 881782, or visit our website: www.u3asites.org.uk/Woodstock **Coffee Morning.** Please and come and meet us at our Coffee Morning at 'Ryegrass', Flemings Road, Woodstock, OX20 1NB, on Wednesday 21st October from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.



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Neighbourhood Watch

School Crossing Signs: it's good to see the Parish Council has funded the installation of fully automated warning lights with a 20mph speed restriction whilst activated. It is to be hoped that all motorists will take notice when approaching the crossing at William Fletcher School.

Rutten Lane has a 30mph speed restriction, which is frequently being exceeded by vehicles. Thames Valley Police will be operating 'Speed Watch' in this and other areas in the village in the coming weeks.

Scrap Metal Collectors are operating across the area, some legally and some not. Thames Valley Police are asking residents to report incidents of this nature, giving vehicle registration details and descriptions.

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Kidlington & District Historical Society

The next Meeting of the Kidlington & District Historical Society will be held on Tuesday $27^{\rm th}$ October. The speaker will be Alistair Lack, who formerly worked for the BBC World Service, with a talk entitled 'Travels with Auntie'. We meet at the St. John Ambulance Hall, High Street (opp. Tesco) and the Meetings begin at 7.50 p.m. Visitors £3.50 and under 26s 50 pence.

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Somewhere Different

We have just returned from a week's holiday in Porthtowan, Cornwall with our daughter's family with 3 grandchildren. I had forgotten what it was like to enjoy a seaside holiday in a childlike way. The children were so excited seeing the sea and couldn't wait to get in it. Alright for them getting changed on the beach, not so good for old Gran trying to look cool as I put my costume on the wrong way round - what a laugh(!), but after all we did have a great time swimming in the sea.

We spent hours collecting rocks, making sandcastles, searching rockpools and chasing waves. The height and ruggedness of the cliffs amazed me, and watching fulmars flying around, coming into land, then aborting it and trying again to land on the smallest of ledges so high up. It is great to holiday in somewhere which is so different from where you live. Yarnton is so far from the sea – it was interesting travelling back to see the contrast in the different counties - Cornwall rough, wild and rugged; Devon much more gentle; the open Somerset levels; Wiltshire and then Oxfordshire, feeling much more crowded, busy and flatter.

I love listening to distant sounds, especially ones that remind me of my childhood, so was thrilled recently to hear both cows and sheep calling early in the morning. I was surprised at 6 a.m. one morning to see a forlorn ragged fox limping down the road - has anyone else seen it?

Keep your eyes open this month for fieldfares and redwings arriving back from Northern Europe; they will be feeding up on the berry bushes after their long journey. *Ellen Cocking*

Thank you to our Volunteers

A volunteer is someone who gives their spare time for the village for no financial reward. Without them we would not be reading this and it would not be delivered through your door. Congratulations to your team!

On the front cover of the **Yarnton Village News** is a calendar which shows all the clubs and activities that are mainly run by volunteers.

Where would we be without them? We have a wonderful **Village Hall,** and the team of **volunteers** who manage it. Without it we would not have the Lunch Club, Senior Club, Gardening Club, etc. The Scouts, Cubs and Beavers have their own hut. The young people enjoy their activities. The Parish Council, who are also unpaid **volunteers,** make sure there are other activities for them, and also endeavour to keep the village looking tidy, and safe, and tend to any problems that crop up. The Care Committee has **volunteers**, and the shopping bus for people who are not able to get around: all **volunteers** - I'm sorry if I've missed anyone out.

Thank you from a village resident.









Harvest at Frasers Budgens

Like last year we will be getting involved in Harvest. Traditionally the harvest festival is all about fresh food; therefore we will be collecting money for our local food bank. By having the collection in store we are helping to raise awareness of our local food bank, which is always looking for donations to feed hungry families in the community. Keep an eye out in store for more details

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Senior Club

On 27th August, after rain on the four previous days, we had our trip, first to Ringwood, where on arrival it was a bit grey, but then it became brighter and we all enjoyed the break for elevenses, etc. We then rejoined the coach and travelled on to Christchurch. The afternoon became quite warm, as the sun by now had put in an appearance. We had time for lunch, shops and a walk to the harbour, with plenty of swans and boats – we couldn't believe how lucky we were. We stopped at Services on the way home to draw the raffle, and many thanks were given to our driver Mick who has taken us on all our outings so far this year. Our last trip is to Leamington Spa and Coventry, closer to home as the evenings are drawing in. The date is 22nd October, just before we alter the clocks for winter. We leave Yarnton at 9 a.m.

We have welcomed many new faces and have thanked them as they help to fill the coach; we also have those that come on many trips and we are grateful to everyone. We still have spaces at the Club, so anyone wishing to join can just come along to any meeting and you will be made most welcome.

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Yarnton Bandits

August began with our annual weekend away, this year a 2- night, 3 rounds of golf break to Telford Hotel and Gold Resort, a fabulous venue, and spectacular championship course. Advice from the pro was to keep your approach shot short of the pin, otherwise you had a tricky downhill putt! 22 members, including 4 newbies, contested the Claret Jug over the Saturday and Sunday. Good weather prevailed and it was a close contest with 3 of the new members in the running, but it was Stuart Wells who took the honours by just a point with a score of 66. Saturday's prize winners were 1: Colin 36 points, 2: Sue 34 points, 3: Stuart 34 points, 4: Ros 34 points, 5: Andy 30 points, nearest the pin on 3rd Adam, nearest the pin in 2 on 15th Lee. Sunday's prize winners were 1: Lorraine 35 points, 2: Stuart 32 points, 3: Carolyn 31 points, 4: Adam 30 points, 5: Sue 30 points, nearest the pin on 7th Sue, nearest the pin in 2 on 18th Adam. Monday was a fun team event, Texas Scramble, unfortunately cut short by a heavy shower, so won over 9 holes by Sian, Andy, Pete and Graham with a score of 26.

August 30^{th} saw 10 members and a guest visit Carswell, an enjoyable day's golf and some good scores. Incredibly 1^{st} and 2^{nd} place and 3^{rd} and 4^{th} place had identical cards, so the last 6 holes were the deciding factor. In 4^{th} place was Robert with 34 points on countback from 3^{rd} place Mike; 2^{nd} was Mark 38 points on countback, and the winner Paul - that birdie 2 on the par 3 13^{th} the icing on the cake!! Happy golfing. Sue White

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Dear friends

Over the last few weeks I've been having a lot of conversations about the awful situation of those seeking refuge and asylum. I know how many in these communities feel moved by the pictures we see on TV screens, and see in our newspapers. Autumnal Oxfordshire is light years away from the crimes of the traffickers and the plight of the homeless. But, as human beings, made in the image of God, our sense of compassion kicks in. Deep down there is a sharing in the agony we sense going on in the lives of fellow human beings thousands of miles away.

We want to do something, and feel helpless. We share the perplexity that political leaders have clearly demonstrated as they struggle to respond in the right way. What can we do? Well, we can give generously to charity; and all of us can pray – and if the words are hard to find, the Church of England website can help you if you go to http://churchofengland.org/prayer-worship.

But there are things we can do to make the world a more peaceful place - simple things. They won't directly affect the situation of our brothers and sisters on the boats, and the trains – but they will have a direct effect on the life we share here. We can choose to be kind. We can choose to avoid being nasty, bitchy, spiteful. We can avoid judging others. We can seek to recognise the image of God in our friends, and neighbours – even our enemies.

And we can seek to find peace in our own hearts. William Hazlitt (1778-1830) famously remarked 'Those who are at war with others are not at peace with themselves.' He was spot on.

So let us be those who strive for peace. The old song sums it up perfectly:

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with ME.

Adrian Daffern, Team Rector of the Benefice of Blenheim

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> 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? If you enjoy yourself you are welcome to join us as a member. Either contact Sue or come along to our meeting.



Chairman: Steve Lenhardt, 07941 063021 Treasurer/Fixtures Sec.: Sue White, 07786 150112



Yarnton Gardening Club

Our talk this month has the intriguing title of 'Death in the Garden' and our speaker is Mike Brown. Do come along and hear exactly what he means!

We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 15th October at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome to come along and hear our talks.

Ruth Astall

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Family Cinema Afternoon at Yarnton Village Hall

On Sunday 11th October, we will be hosting a Family Cinema afternoon at Yarnton Village Hall in aid of the Nasio Trust – a charity helping orphaned children in Kenya.

As we write, the film has yet to be confirmed, but we promise it will be a recently released film that appeals to both boys and girls (no Frozen sing-a-longs!), and that you will be treated to a cinema experience in your own village hall! There will be a selection of snacks available, as well as a licensed bar for the grown ups (please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult).

Tickets are £4 each and can be bought on the door. Doors open at 3 p.m. You are welcome to bring cushions or blankets to sit on. Tables and chairs will be available towards the back of the hall.

We look forward to seeing lots of you there! Maya, Emma, Jo, Krystina, Liz, Sarah and Trish YMCK (Yarnton Mums Climb Kilimanjaro)



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Tapping Into Our Senses Out In The Wildlife Garden

You may be aware that life has been challenging for me over the last few years, with debilitating rheumatoid arthritis, which at times has incapacitated me.

Traditional and alternative medications have been sourced, but a suitable treatment programme was a struggle to find. In 2014, amidst intense pain, I discovered nature sensory connections really began to help get on top of my pain management. Agreed, my mobility is still dire, but we're getting there, and I thought I'd write briefly about it this month. That way, you can explore, think about, and maybe get even more benefit from your wildlife gardens.

Let me start by saying I visualise my pain as a white pulsing orb. The pulses are the pain. I've been trying to think past pain for a while now, trying to extend the gaps between those pulses of pain. I meditate and I've used hypnotherapy to turn down pain in my head. When I discovered nature sensory engagement, I really started to master this pain thing.

I've been a wildlife watcher for most of my life, and last year started using those skills in a new way to try and manage my pain. From our five main senses of sight, sound, touch, taste and smell, let's look at sight first.

Nip outside and have a look at your wildlife garden. Don't look intently, rest your eyes on the landscape and use your peripheral vision. Slowly begin to notice how many more shades of green you can see, and the little subtle movements that you miss if you look too intently at a spot. This is what a good birdwatcher does, resting their eyes on a space where they know there's a bird but can't locate it; by using their peripheral vision they can quickly locate what they are looking for. Now do the same with your ears. Notice in a jungle soundscape how all the creatures inhabit a differing sound frequency, some over lapping but all audible. We humans talk over one another, and our message can be lost in the hubbub. Out in your garden, rest your ears on the soundscape around you, by listening to less, note how you hear more. If there is an annoying sound in that soundscape, try and filter that out. Equate that annoyance as how I see my pain, something that we just let do its thing but just filter out. Notice how the soundscape around you has differing frequencies, ebbing and flowing. Even if you are in a busy city, try and conduct that sound like an orchestra. Notice how the cacophony is made up of differing sounds, ebbing and flowing and overlapping. Try and break the soundscape down. Maybe try drawing what the differing sounds may look like, draw how they make you feel.

Continue this exercise with your senses of taste, touch and smell. This can be done anywhere, and notice how the mind is distracted away from the stress, pain or challenges it may be dealing with. What I do is try to fill those gaps between the pulses of pain with nature and my sensory connection to it.

Have a go, maybe adapt my theory to tap into your own wellbeing, but if nothing else, use this idea to get even more pleasure from your own wildlife garden, beginning to maybe sense things you have been walking past on a daily basis and taking for granted. Happy Gardening.

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Grass Cutting in Yarnton

We hear much about the Government's austerity programme, particularly its impact on social welfare and community related spending at local government level. One area targeted for savings was highlighted in local media earlier this year: grass cutting. It was reported that Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) would approximately halve its budget, which was widely interpreted to mean that funded grass cutting would be reduced from 5 to 2 cuts per year.

For many years Yarnton has benefitted from OCC funding, but has further funded from within its budget to ensure 8 cuts per year, and more recently some areas to be cut 16 times per year. In light of radically reduced funding it has been necessary for Yarnton Parish Council (YPC) to discuss what it plans for the next two-year contract that will run from 2016 through to the end of 2017.

It was unanimously agreed that burial ground maintenance would carry on as at present.

For grass cutting within the village, three options were considered:

- 1. Receive no OCC funding and hand the responsibility for grass maintenance back to the County Council.
- Reduce the number of cuts to be consistent with OCC funding.
- 3. Use budget reserves to maintain the contract as at present.

Councillors and the contractor are sensitive to the balance between appearance and the need to provide habitat and care to flora and fauna. Yarnton is not alone in receiving complaints that the appearance of amenity areas are untidy and demonstrate absence of civic pride, alongside complaints that spring flowers and wildlife habitat have been massacred. That said, and although there is always room for improvement, YPC has opted for Option 3, i.e. to maintain present arrangements using budget reserves. In order to be consistent throughout the village, it also was agreed that the very small number of verges fronting properties that have been cut by the contractor will no longer be included. It is hoped that as part of the 'Big Society' promoted by the Prime Minister, neighbours will help those who are unable to maintain these small patches. If you have comments or observations regarding the above plan, or indeed other aspects of village grass cutting, please write to the Parish Clerk. The letter may be posted into the box at the village hall or emailed to: clerk@phonecoop.coop.

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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 October

Woodstock

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 4th Malcolm Bromhall 10 a.m. (Harvest Festival) 10^{th} 4.30 p.m. Messy Church (a time of games, *crafts and informal worship)* Ioanna Tulloch 11th 10 a.m. 18th 10 a.m. Rev. Philip Beuzeval (Church Anniversary and Holy Communion) Rev. Judy Turner-Smith 25th10 a.m.

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Yarnton W.I.

October sees our annual Harvest Supper, always an enjoyable occasion, where we have a chance to enjoy a delicious meal in good company with plenty of opportunity to chat. This will be on Thursday 8th October in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Friends and relations are welcome. If you haven't put your name down and would like to come, please contact Mary on 371721 as soon as possible. The cost will be £8. There will be a raffle and the competition is for a Table Decoration. Tea hostesses are Dorothy Cherry, Jacqueline Cook and Shirley Costar. Our monthly coffee mornings are proving popular. The October one will be on Thursday 29th at Milletts Farm, near Abingdon, and in November we shall meet at Aston Pottery (where their Christmas decorations and gifts are sure to be on sale) on Friday 27th. In December we plant to go to Yarnton Nurseries on Monday 14th. We usually arrive around 10.30 a.m. Ruth Astall

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