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#### CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

<u> </u>	
9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)	
'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's	
Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)	
Beavers, Scout Hut, 5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. (and every Wednesday)	
ur. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time),	
Village Hall, 10 a.m.	
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Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)	
Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)	
Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)	
Book Reading Group, tel. 371656	
Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)	
Central Yarnton Bridge Club, Village Hall 9.50 a.m. (and every Tuesday)	
Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.	
Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.	
W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.	
Marlborough School Carol Service, St. Bartholomew's, 7 p.m.	
Gardening Club AGM and Christmas Social, Village Hall, 7 p.m.	
Yarnton Band Carol Service, St. Bartholomew's, 3 p.m.	
Christmas Eve. Crib Service, St. Bartholomew's, 4 p.m.	
Midnight Mass, St. Bartholomew's, 11.30 p.m.	
Christmas Day. Communion, 8 a.m.	

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Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.

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#### **Anniversary issue**

Thank you to everyone who congratulated us on the Anniversary issue last month. We're glad so many people enjoyed reading it. Editorial Commiteee

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In October we had several birthdays: Richard, Margaret, Laurence, Kath (Whitcombe), Eileen and Brian. We all sang Happy Birthday and gave our good wishes.

On 22nd October we had our last outing of the year; the weather was perfect and the trees were a delight to see – reds, golds and all the usual Autumn colours. We travelled non-motorway, first to Leamington Spa. Here we had a choice of Jephson Park, the Pump Room Museum, or shops. It was such a lovely day that we had our raffle just outside the Park. Keith our driver then took us to Coventry where he drove round, giving us a tour, before dropping us near the Cathedral. Again we had a choice of either old and new cathedrals, the Transport Museum, or shops. Each of the museums is well worth a visit, with a commemoration of the bombing in Coventry WW11. We then travelled via country roads home. Many thanks were given to Keith, who replaced Mick, our driver on past trips, who was in hospital (nothing too serious we were told.)

We are looking forward to February next year when it will be the Club's  $50^{th}$  Anniversary. We are organising a party for  $11^{th}$  February.

We wish everyone a Happy Christmas, especially the Editorial Team. *Jose Green, tel. 375644* 





# Central Yarnton Bridge Club NEW FRIENDLY BRIDGE GAME

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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 December**

Woodstock				
6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Paul Spray		
$13^{th}$	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Dr. Martin Wellings		
		(Holy Communion)		
$20^{\text{th}}$	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church Christmas		
		Presentation		
	6 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight		
$24^{th}$	11.15 p.m.	Midnight Communion		
		(preceded by mince pies		
		from 10.45 p.m.)		
25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd		
		(All-age Christmas worship)		
$27^{th}$	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!

We have a Christmas Fun Day on Saturday 19th December from 12 noon until 4 p.m. for school age children. For further details, please contact Jonathan.

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		
4 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 p.m.	Christingle Service
6 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
$12^{th}$	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church (a time of games,
		crafts and informal worship)
$13^{th}$	10 a.m.	Matt Stammers
$20^{\text{th}}$	10 a.m.	Rev. David Bull
		(Holy Communion)
	6 p.m.	Carol Service
$24^{th}$	3.30 p.m.	Crib Service
$25^{th}$	9.30 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
		(All-age Christmas worship)
$27^{th}$	10 a.m.	Joanna Tulloch

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In January our speaker will be Colin Wilkinson who will be talking about Garden Birds. This will be on Thursday  $21^{\rm st}$  at the usual time of 7.30 p.m. Subscriptions of £7 for 2016 will be due at that meeting.

We would like to wish all members and friends a very Happy Christmas and New Year. *Ruth Astall* 



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#### **Yarnton Scout Group**

Since our summer BBQ, where over 200 badges were handed out, including the highest awards available, we have continued with a very busy summer and start to the winter term.

**Beavers** (aged 6-8) attended a crystal maze inspired camp with 33<sup>rd</sup> Kidlington Beavers, where they solved puzzles, tested their map reading skills, went on a treasure hunt, cooked on a campfire and earned their teamwork challenge badge. They are participating in the national 'A Million Hands' program by looking at living with a disability. As part of this they made sandwiches one handed, and blind folded, and thought about how they could use their feet!! More recently they participated with the rest of the Group in Yarnton's Remembrance Parade. Please note the weekly meeting times have changed – see the calendar for details.

With 2016 being the year of their 30<sup>th</sup> birthday they have also been swapping postcards with colonies around the country. During the first half of term they wrote and posted their 30 cards to various colonies, and are now seeing new postcards arriving from around the country each week. They also have Fun Days and parties to celebrate with next year.

<u>Cubs</u> (aged 8-10) participated in the District Swimming Gala against other packs throughout Oxford, and came fourth! After summer camp, where they earned their naturalist badge, they have continued with the natural world theme, looking at the stars, spotting the international space station and then carrying out some experiments and making hot air balloons towards their scientist badge. They also attended the County Fun Day near Banbury where they participated in archery, climbing, rifle shooting, laser tag and various other activities including rope making and welly wanging!

Cubs are also celebrating a birthday in 2016 – 100 years! To celebrate they are starting the new year with the Kub Kar Championship, then have a treasure hunt and County  $100^{th}$  birthday camp, where hundreds of Cubs from across Oxfordshire will be descending on Cornbury Park in June for an adventurous weekend.

Yarnton Scout Group are looking to hold celebrations for both sections next year – look out for more details on how you could be involved!

<u>Scouts</u> (aged 10-14), meanwhile, have been on survival camp, where they found themselves stranded on an 'island' and had to build shelters in the woods and cook all meals on open fires to survive. They also took part in District Midnight Exercise, where they competed against other Troops across Oxford in scouting activities and came second! They have been working towards their global issues badge, part of which has seen them looking at how natural disasters affect people, looking at human rights, designing their own code for Scout meetings, and going on a Commonwealth Games camp!

Explorers (aged14-18) saw the return of two members from the World Scout Jamboree in Japan; they had lots of stories to tell about their time in Japan on camp and spending time with a local family afterwards. Network also saw four going on their Duke of Edinburgh Gold expedition, which took them canoeing along the River Wye; this completed the award for two of them. The sections have also participated in survival camp and a global issues camp, which saw them sleeping in cardboard shelters to experience life as homeless people.

Please note the provider of the textile bin outside the hut has stopped working in the area and the bin has been removed. We are looking for a replacement provider and a bin should be back shortly... THANK YOU for everyone's support and we hope to restore collections soon!



Wendy Tatham Cub Scout Leader wendyltatham@gmail.com



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I am more aware at this time of year of how fortunate I am and how much I have. There is something about having children that makes you count your blessings in a simpler more profound way. It hit home last year when the boys had arrived, just how much 'stuff' they were given. They, of course, loved it! I remember something similar from when I was their age. It would take all morning by the time we had opened and played with our various toys, and then swapped and played again. I am from a family that love to buy and give presents. It is something that my mother would put a lot of thought into, especially as money was not in great supply. My brother and I would spend ages looking on top of wardrobes and under beds to try to find out what we were getting. Somehow, we never did find them.

What presents will I be giving this year? Without spoiling any surprises, one of the boys wants a huge double-decker London bus after seeing one in a toy shop. He will probably get it as it does not contain batteries, and doesn't make a dreadful noise. I know that this will make his day and possibly his year!

With all this thinking about presents, it strikes me that Christmas is a time of great contradictions. It can be a wonderful time filled with family meals, fun games and falling asleep in front of the TV. It can also be terribly lonely for many, including the clergy. Spare a thought for your humble minister of whatever church you attend. After countless services, carol concerts and then several Christmas Day services, he or she has to try to find some time for themselves and their family. This is not always easy. I used to collapse into a chair and have beans on toast. They are my favourite, after all.

A few years ago, I spent some time at a homeless hostel at Christmas, helping out with making meals and cleaning tables. After all the more traditional pursuits at this time of year, it made a welcome change. It made me realise that a great many people had very very little. Again, a little bit like seeing Christmas from a child's point of view, they valued the simple things. A cooked meal and a chance to do their laundry and catch up with friends was a real treat. That's all they wanted for Christmas. In this country we have so much to be grateful for. Most of us in Yarnton are warm and housed and have food in the fridge. It is not so for many.

What Christmas gifts will you be giving this year? I heard a friend of mine saying that he wanted to give more presence, rather than more presents. This strikes me as a good plan, to pay more attention to those we love, and the things we love doing. For me, I am hoping for full churches, wonderful singing, smiling faces and a spirit of joy. This we always get in abundance here in Yarnton. We have lots on, so do have a look and decide what you would like to come to. A great tradition which has grown over the last few years is that of attending Midnight Mass. It is my favourite celebration of the whole season, and the church gets very full. Do come along and join in the festivities, we would love to see you in your village church. May I on behalf of the wardens and all our congregation wish you a very happy, safe and blessed Christmas. *Nathan* 

#### REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

(every week unless otherwise stated)

St. Bartholomew's Church, Church Lane, Yarnton. The Church is open every day from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.



#### **Sundays**

8 a.m. Holy Communion, Book of Common

Prayer, traditional service with no

Hymns

11 a.m. Holy Communion, Common Worship,

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#### **Weekday Eucharist Service**

Wednesday 9.30 a.m.

#### CHURCH DIARY

#### December at St. Bartholomew's

Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. Marlborough School Carol Service Sun. 20<sup>th</sup> 3 p.m. Yarnton Band Carol Service

Thur. 24<sup>th</sup> 4 p.m. Crib Service

Christmas Eve 11.30 p.m. Midnight Mass

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#### Poplar Avenue

Following the necessary removal of the old and failing Poplar trees that formed the avenue to the rear of the Manor House, we hope to begin actioning a plan of replanting and restoration next year. We are currently formulating a restoration plan and are consulting with the Cherwell District Council Conservation Office. However, to assist us, we would also very much like to know if anyone from the village has any memories of the trees and the avenue before 1960 and would be willing to talk to us about their memories.

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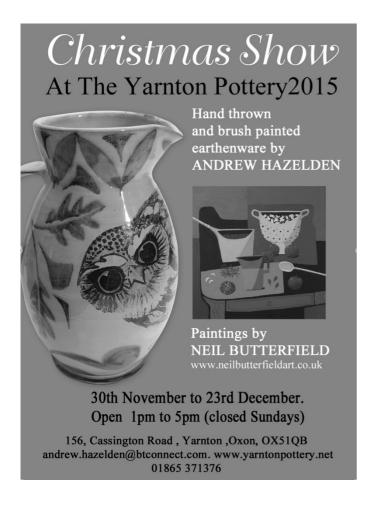
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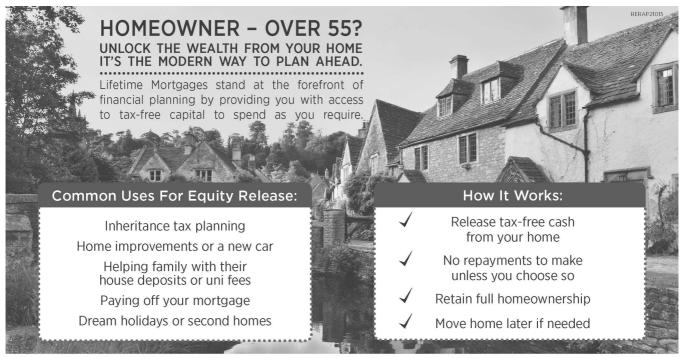
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#### **Yarnton Parish Council**

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 December and 13th January 2016 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 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:

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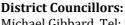
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email: yarntonvillagehall@gmail.com

#### Planning Applications:

15/01840/F. 105 Rutten Lane, single storey front extension in place of garage protrusion. Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of replacement single storev rear extension.

#### **Planning Decisions:**

15/01466/F. Appleloft, Yarnton Manor, change of use of existing ancillary class B1(a) offices to a mixed class C2/C3 residential use and class B1(a) office use. Granted 2.11.15. 15/01631/TPO. 6 Bartholomew Avenue, T1 Lime, raise to 4m all round. Reduce overhang over next door parking, pruning the bulging area over the parking area back into the crown, removing no more than 1.5m in that area -Subject to TPO 6/2002. Granted 22.10.15.

15/01647/F. 32 The Paddocks, two storey side extension. Demolition of existing conservatory, single storey rear extension, new porch to front elevation. Granted 30.10.15. 15/01511/F. White Cottage, Little Blenheim, demolish single storey extension/erect two storey extension. Withdrawn 7.10.15.

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 Office:** The Parish Council office will be closed on Thursday 17th and Monday 28th December.

**Primary School Place:** If your child was born on or between 1st September 2011 and 31st August 2012, you need to apply for a primary school place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. Deadline for application is 15th January 2016. You can apply online at: <a href="www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions">www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions</a>. For help and information: <a href="www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions">www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions</a>. Telephone: 01865 815175.

**Grants:** Applications from village organisations for a grant from the Parish Council must be received in writing to the Clerk by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2015, and cannot be considered after that date. Applicants must explain why they are making the request, specify the sum they are applying for, enclose their latest statement of accounts, including information on fundraising by themselves during this year, and also confirm that any grant awarded last year was used in the manner applied for. Successful applicants will receive the grant in April 2016.

**Notices around the village:** Whilst we know that displaying posters advertising events on lamp posts, bus shelters, etc. is a good way of publicising future events to residents, it would be appreciated if these posters could be taken down within a few days following the event please. Recently there have been a large number of posters left around the village for weeks making the village look unsightly. Strictly it is *illegal* to put posters up on trees and lamp posts.

**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 <a href="www.yarnton-village.org.uk">www.yarnton-village.org.uk</a> 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:

**Surgery or hospital appointments:** Transport is available for appointments where no other is available. A small charge is made for hospital visits. Contact Mick Teeling, tel. 376801. If you cannot get a reply on this number please call John Appleton on 460496.

**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).

**Fixmystreet website:** www.fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk is an easy to use website designed to help Oxfordshire residents to report, view, or discuss local highway faults directly and quickly to Oxfordshire County Council by simply locating them on a map. You can report faults linked to amenities or problems that are broken or dirty, damaged or dumped, or need fixing, cleaning or clearing such as: abandoned vehicles, dog fouling, flyposting or graffiti, flytipping or litter, unlit lampposts and potholes. Please make use of this website if you think anything in the village needs reporting, as by using the website you can see if it has already been reported and any update applicable.

**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.





#### **Volunteer Connect**

Volunteer Connect, which is supported by Cherwell District Council, runs a volunteer transport scheme that helps people with problems accessing public transport and who cannot get to important appointments.

If you need help getting to the doctor, hospitals, dentist, other medical appointments, etc. we will endeavour to find a local, vetted volunteer driver to get you there and back. The price is 45p per mile to cover the cost of petrol.

Please call 0300 3030 125 if you need help with a journey, or to just register.

We also need more drivers! If you live within the Cherwell area, have a car and some free time, please call 0300 3030125, or pop into Banbury Citizens Advice to discuss this with Volunteer Connect. This is not an onerous volunteering opportunity as we will call you on an as-and-when basis, and you can always say no!

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#### **The Key Medical Practice**

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- Keep warm wrap up with plenty of layers, whether at home or outdoors.
- Eat and drink well drink plenty of warm drinks and remember to eat at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day even in these chilly months. Consider steaming rather than boiling your vegetables to maintain nutrients.
- Get your flu vaccination if you're entitled to a free flu vaccination, ring the surgery to book your appointment, tel. 01865 379345.

#### The Key Medical Practice - did you know?

- You can book a routine appointment in either our Kidlington or our Yarnton practice.
- You are welcome to see any doctor that you wish; however for continuity of care it is often better to see your usual GP.
- You can order repeat prescriptions, book appointments and view your medical records online. Ask Reception for an application form.

#### **Baby Flu Vaccinations**

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#### **CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS**

Christmas Eve – 8.30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Christmas Day – CLOSED Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December – CLOSED Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> December – 8.30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December 8.30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December 8.30 a.m. – 6 p.m. NEW YEAR'S DAY - CLOSED

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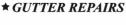
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#### **Lucy Lamb**

Whilst having a bit of a sort out recently, I came across a piece of knitting I had been doing ages ago. The wool looked a bit rough, but that would be right as it came from our own sheep. When our children were young my Dad, who worked on a nature reserve, gave us an orphaned lamb to look after here in Yarnton.

What fun Lucy the Lamb gave us – our girls loved giving her a bottle of milk. She used to follow me to school to meet the children and walked on a dog lead! Any of you reading this who were at school or Brownies in the late 80s may remember Lucy, as lots of the local children visited our garden to see her.

As Lucy grew she went to live in the country with other sheep, and when she was shorn we had the wool. I managed after much hard work to spin a small amount of wool and knitted it. I had a spinning wheel, which has now gone all the way to Tajikistan to be used by local people who produce craft goods to sell. I have seen a picture of the wheel being used.

Thinking of sheep, it made me remember the Christmas story – the shepherds were the first visitors to the stable to see baby Jesus – hopefully you will remember what Christmas is really all about, and maybe go to a church service or read the Christmas story this festive time.

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#### **Chilled-out Gardening in Winter**

If you are new to wildlife gardening and just dipping your toe, you may wonder where you should start. I always advise just to start somewhere, doesn't matter where, just start. That first step is always the hardest.

Look and see what wildlife is living around you already in the garden you have. Watch and learn, allowing yourself space to just enjoy your garden and build up an understanding about what is already using your garden as a home, and its preferences; this may lead you to feeling less inclined to 'tidy' all the time.

We live such fast and frenetic lives, hardly giving ourselves time to just 'be', or time to just enjoy our gardens. Giving ourselves space is often overlooked in the pursuit of getting on and doing stuff.

If you want to plant something straight away to help wildlife, before you crack on with this watching and learning exercise, take the chance this month to plant a tree. If you only have a small garden, a small tree is fine. It will give you height, but also an entire new habitat in many instances. A Crab Apple or Rowan are good easy choices. You'll be stunned how quickly the birds will begin to use new trees and perches.

If things like 'weeds' come a-calling, don't stress, remember you are building food chains in wildlife gardening or 'food webs' which is the latest buzz term. Many of what we call weeds are good food sources for birds if we let them seed in Autumn. After a while a natural balance takes over in the garden, and these weeds are just as important to your enjoyment and to that of insects, birds and mammals. Don't get me wrong, wildlife gardening doesn't have to be untidy as such. What I do know is that gardening isn't stressful in itself, so if you are rushing around trying to keep up with the gardening, and getting yourself stressed, you must be doing something wrong.

Challenge yourself to garden in a more relaxed way, feel the acidity levels decrease in your body and watch your wellbeing improve. Good luck. Happy Gardening. Stuart Mabbutt, Wildlife Gardening Specialist, tel. 01865 747243

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#### Yarnton W.I.

For our Christmas meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December we are welcoming Anne Sharman who will be telling us 'The Story of Christmas'. We will have mulled wine and mince pies, and a seasonal raffle, so do come along and share the evening with us. We meet in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. and visitors are always welcome.

A reminder that in January subscriptions will be due for 2016. The cost is £37 and existing members should have received an envelope from Mary with their December News and Views. Please let Mary have the money by the January meeting. If for any reason you do not plan to rejoin for 2016, then please let Mary know so that she doesn't keep chasing you.

Our coffee morning this month is on Monday  $14^{th}$  at Yarnton Nurseries at 10.30 a.m.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.

Ruth Astall



#### **Eynsham Choral Society**

Would you like to sing Bach's magnificent St. John Passion with Eynsham Choral Society? The first rehearsal is Tuesday 5th January 2016 at Eynsham Primary School concert 14th May 2016 at St. Leonard's Church, Eynsham. All ages and voices welcome for this friendly, no-audition choir. For more information about the choir, contact Olaf Rock ocr@cloverplace.co.uk, tel. 01865 430118.

#### **Kidlington & District Historical Society**

The next Meeting of the Kidlington & District Historical Society will be our Christmas Meeting. There will be wine and cheese followed by a talk by former BOAC Cabin Steward, Alan Brewer, entitled 'Up in the Clouds'. The meeting is on Tuesday 8th December. Visitors are welcome and the charge is £3.50 with under 26s 50 pence. We meet at St John's Ambulance Hall, High Street, (Opp. Tesco's) OX5 2DW. This Meeting starts at 7.30 p.m.



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



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**Internet security** is a concern for all users, never more so than in recent weeks. There is plenty of advice around as to how we can improve our computer security and this **DOES NOT INCLUDE** paying attention to uninvited telephone calls offering help. Simply changing all your passwords provides another immediate barrier to infiltration and it costs you nothing.

**Numerous scams** have recently come to light, including pension investment, community taxation and emails purporting to come from the Lancashire Constabulary. We all need to be very wary of these communications and ensure we authenticate the caller's claim to legitimacy.

Non - emergency police number is 101 On behalf of Thames Valley Police, Yarnton PC and myself, thank you to all the NHW Street Coordinators for your efforts on behalf of the village. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year. Fred Jones, NHW Coordinator, tel. 373871



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#### **Yarnton Bandits**

Our annual visit to Cherwell Edge Golf Club in Banbury on 25<sup>th</sup> October began with an appetising full English breakfast - the ideal start to a round of golf! On a glorious sunny autumn day 13 members contested at one of our favourite courses, with nearest the pin won by Sam Radley and nearest the pin in two won by Ben Davies. Overall fourth place with 30 points came Pete Wakefield, third place with 33 points Ben Davies, second place Carolyn Sampson with 35 points, and winning for the third time this year Andy White with 38 points. With just 2 games to go the Order of Merit is looking like a two-horse race between mother and son, Sue and Andy, Andy leading by a point! Happy golfing! *Sue White* 



#### Cherwell Archaeology - our first year

We have had an amazing year 2015 so far. In January we found many people with a thirst and desire for practical archaeology. In February our numbers had doubled and we had gained some books and aerial photographs of Kidlington and Yarnton to aid our researches. By March we were planning our first test pit at the Highwayman, and in April we dug our first test pit. In May, we assessed, sorted, weighed and photographed the finds and started planning test pit two. The report was started and completed in June. We have now dug two test pits at the Highwayman, which has stimulated a desire for more knowledge of this area. We are keen to find out more about the canal: when it was built and who built it, where the canal builders lived whilst building it in the 1780s, and looking at what life may have consisted of during the 18<sup>th</sup> century. We have walked around and through the field next to the allotments and found to our amazement Roman pottery from the 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> century. We have visited the County Museum in Woodstock to look at the Roman pottery on show there.





Our latest task is to record the many items found on the local allotments opposite the Highwayman, to establish if this was where the canal builders camped whilst building the canal. We also hope to examine Kidlington Wharf, which is near to the Yarnton Road bridge and has been largely ignored for the past 70 years, and the drain and retaining wall built in the 1780s when the bridge (228) was built. This bridge over the canal into Yarnton Road is grade two listed. Future plans are being made to look at the finds found in a garden in Yarnton. We also plan to dig one or two test pits in the allotments opposite the Highwayman and to continue to look at the field near to the allotments to establish if a Roman settlement may have been near here. We will also continue our investigation of the industrial heritage of the Oxford Canal as it comes through Kidlington. We are also planning a new 'exhibition' of items found in 2015 for the library in the new year.

On 4th November Alison Pegrum and I visited the Ashmolean Museum to check what had been found in the allotment field during our recent walk. Vic's bag produced the following:



Left to right: Grey Ware pot base 3/4th century Roman - Flint Flake possibly Bronze age - glass fragment 17th century

Happy Christmas and much digging in 2016. Christine Turley, November 2015

#### Logs for Labour is on again!

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#### **Glyme Valley Probus Club for Ladies**

Ladies' Probus continues to bring in speakers who are well travelled, have fascinating careers, or who have interests they can share with us and we can enjoy learning about. In October our speaker, Jill Rogers, told us about the pleasure she finds in lace making. There are numerous types of beautiful hand-made lace, and we were shown examples of her skill and the variety of items Jill has made that are both decorative and useful. In September we visited the National Memorial Arboretum in Staffordshire, and this was an excellent trip. A small train took us around the woodland area to see closely the large number of memorials that are dedicated to the servicemen who have given their lives during conflict. It was a bright and sunny day and a very worthwhile experience.

We have a trip to the Pantomime near Christmas, and then our Winter break will take us to the South Coast in January. *Sandy Rasch* 

#### Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

Winners of the draw on 29th October were:

47 Mrs. M. Clark68 Mrs. V. Wraight113 Mr. A. Dear

