Yarnton Village

News

We would like to wish you all a HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

JANUARY 2016

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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Mon. 4 th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)	
Mon. 4 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)	
Mon. 4 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656	
Mon. 4 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)	
Tue. 5 th	Central Yarnton Bridge Club, Village Hall 9.50 a.m. (and every Tuesday)	
Wed. 6 th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)	
Wed. 6 th	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's	
Wed. 6 th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)	
Wed. 6 th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. (and every Wednesday)	
Thur. 7 th	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time),	
	Village Hall, 10 a.m.	
Fri. 8 th	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)	
Fri. 8 th	Copy date for February issue of Yarnton Village News	
Wed. 13 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.	
Thur. 14 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.	
Thur. 14 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.	
Wed. 20 th	Parish Council Budget Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.	
Thur. 21 st	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.	
Thur. 26 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.	
Sat. 30 th	YMCK Film Night, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.	
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Copy Deadline for February Issue

Material for inclusion in the February Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 8th January. Copy should be e-mailed to: <u>ruth@astall.com</u> **and** <u>maryclarke2305@googlemail.com</u>

or delivered to Mrs. Ruth Astall, 19 The Spears, tel. 372637.

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Farewell and Welcome

After many years of sterling service on the Village News committee, Helen Anderson has decided it is time to call it a day. We are very sorry to see her go and would like to thank her for all her work over the years since she joined us in November 2001.

We are very pleased to welcome Mary Clarke onto the committee, and we look forward to having her help and fresh ideas to keep the newsletter up-to-date and interesting.

Please note that from now on, items for inclusion should be sent to both <u>ruth@astall.com</u> and <u>maryclarke2305@googlemail.com</u>



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Yarnton Senior Folk's Club 1966 – 2016 CELEBRATING FIFTY YEARS



On 16th February 2016 we shall be celebrating our 50th anniversary.

For anyone who does not know about us, we are a club for anyone aged fifty-five or over; we meet in the Village Hall on Thursday once every two weeks, where we have a chat with tea and cakes. We also play games: bingo, card games, dominos, mah-jong and Scrabble.

During the year we organise trips to the seaside or to places of interest, and we invite non-members to join us on these.

On 11th February we shall have a tea party where we invite nonmembers who have accompanied us on our trips in the past; on this occasion we shall be celebrating our anniversary.

In the Autumn we have a fish and chip tea, followed by tea and cake, and in either November or December we shall have a Christmas dinner, where usually children from William Fletcher School come and sing for us.

If anyone is interested in joining us, or would just like to pop in to see us, please contact our club chairperson: Mrs. Josephine Green, telephone number 01865 375644.



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Come 'Down Under' for YMCK's next charity event!

In the run up to Christmas, people's thoughts turn to charities closer to home, to present shopping and to all the other calls on our time and money that the holiday season brings. And so it was truly lovely to see so many of you at our race night (27th November). It was an extremely enjoyable evening with a great atmosphere and we raised another £500 for the Nasio Trust so, once again, a huge thank you to everyone for your generous support. For our next event, we've got the perfect antidote to those winter blues – the feel good film musical 'Priscilla Queen of the Desert'! So please dust off your feather boas and come along and join us at Yarnton Village Hall on Saturday 30th January. Doors open at 7.30 p.m., film begins at 8 p.m. Tickets, £10 each, are available from Maya (07896 977070) or any of the YMCK crew (email Tickets@YMCK.rocks).

Thank you, and a Happy New Year to you all! Maya, Emma, Jo, Krystina, Liz, Sarah and Trish YMCK - Yarnton Mums Climb Kilimanjaro



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Yarnton Netball Club (formerly KNC) entered two teams into the current winter season, the A team playing on Mondays and the B on Wednesdays at the Marston Arena. As we near the half-way point of the season both teams have achieved some successes and we are hoping to finish mid-way in the divisions of ten teams.

Club coaching is offered on Tuesday evenings – moving into Gosford Leisure centre for the more severe winter months (8.30 p.m. – 10.00 p.m). The sessions are always open to new players at any time of the season, welcoming also Back-to-Netball and Beginner players (16+) and will usually have our Level 2 qualified coach delivering the session.

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 friendly club.

For updated information please contact: Club Secretary - Laura – <u>yarntonnetballclub@outlook.com</u> or Sue Blackshaw, tel. 01865 377220

Neighbourhood Watch

Vehicle break-ins have been prevalent throughout the Kidlington area in recent weeks. Some included vehicles where possessions had been left in view of opportunist thieves. Unsecured vehicles left on driveways can always be spotted and are vulnerable.

Fraudulent Websites offering electrical goods for sale have been identified by Action Fraud. Fraudsters are using the recognized Trusted Shop Trademark, but have not been certified to do so. Hence their transactions are not protected. Trusted Shops, contactable on 0203 364 5906 or email; <u>service@trustedshops.co.uk</u> can authenticate registration by websites.

Speedwatch Volunteers. Any residents in Yarnton who would be interested in forming a volunteer group for the village are invited to contact Thames Valley Police via email to: <u>KidlingtonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk</u>

Police non-emergency number is 101

Fred Jones, Yarnton NHW, tel. 373871

A favourite winter poem from the Revd. Nathan Jarvis, our Vicar

The winter comes; I walk alone, I want no bird to sing; To those who keep their hearts their own, the winter is the spring. No flowers to please - no bees to hum - The coming spring's already come. I never want the Christmas rose to come before its time; The seasons, each as God bestows, are simple and sublime. I love to see the snowstorm hing; 'tis but the winter garb of spring. I never want the grass to bloom: The snowstorm's best in white. I love to see the tempest come and love its piercing light. The dazzled eyes that love to cling o'er snow-white meadows sees the spring. I love the snow, the crumpling snow that hangs on everything. It covers everything below like white dove's brooding wing, A landscape to the aching sight, a vast expanse of dazzling light. It is the foliage of the woods that winters bring - the dress. White Easter of the year in bud, that makes the winter Spring. The frost and snow his posies bring, Nature's white spurts of the spring. John Clare, 1793-1864

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We are celebrating 50 years at the Club, and we are having a party on 11^{th} February. Can we please ask if there is anyone – male or female – who would be willing to help us with the washing up, etc. on this occasion; we would be most grateful.

Our last special occasion in 2015 was our Christmas Lunch – more about this in next month's Village News. We are still waiting to welcome anyone who may be interested in becoming a member; 2016 may be just the right time if you want to try something new. *Jose Green, tel.* 375644

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Book Reading

For January we have chosen 'Mort' by Terry Pratchett. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. The book for February is 'Dissolution' by C.J. Sansom. New members always welcome. Contact number: 371656. *Helen Anderson*

Yarnton Walkers - Update

It has been some time since we last updated the villagers regarding our application to Oxfordshire County Council regarding the closure of the footpaths at the back of the Manor.

The whole footpath issue in this country is complex and recently we have been made aware that the Government are planning more changes. The result of these proposals will be to try and make it a lot easier to bring the issue to the County Council and more importantly to speed up the process from taking years to taking months for the County Council to make a decision on the issue. In view of this we are currently seeking legal advice to ensure that our application has all its ducks in a row. As we are sure a lot of you have noticed, it was disappointing to see that the farmer who leases the fields at the back of the Red

As we are sure a lot of you have noticed, it was disappointing to see that the farmer who leases the helds at the back of the Red Lion and the Manor, not only decided to plough up our former footpaths around the edges, but also to plough up the Public Footpaths crossing the fields. We did query this with Oxfordshire County Council and were advised that the ploughing of public rights of way is allowed where it is not convenient to leave the footpaths unploughed. However this is provided that the said footpaths are made good after the ploughing. We are examining whether this has been done.

Please keep a look out for notification of our next public meeting which we expect to call in January.

In the meantime a very Happy New Year to our 150 supporters in the village.

Let us keep working together to prevent the decline of available footpaths in Yarnton. Thank you for all your support! *Richard Jurd*



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.



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

Yarnton Bandits

We visited Drayton Park Golf Club on Sunday 29th November, with 11 members battling gale force winds. The golf trolleys took off on their own, the balls in flight appeared to have brakes, and it was hard to stand still. Needless to say scoring was an all time low. 8 of us managed to get round 18 holes, and somehow Mark Davies succeeded nearest the pin on the 2nd and Sam Radley nearest the pin in 2 on the 16th. Overall Carolyn Sampson came out the winner with 23 points on countback from Sam Radley, with Mike Walton third with 21 points. With little movement in the order of merit it's going to the last game of the year at North Oxford on 28th December. Happy golfing and Happy New Year! *Sue White*

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You may be interested to know the full extent of the investment you've made by purchasing your home. With the average UK property rising 537% in value in the last 30 years according to the Nationwide House Price Index, it's likely your home has become a savings pot you didn't know you had.

Taking your equity back out

Big innovations in the world of equity release have seen a huge surge in the popularity of Lifetime Mortgages, a financial tool designed specifically for UK home owners aged 55+ who would like to access their property wealth but without having to move, sell up or compromise any homeownership.

Why Equity Release

Despite being asset-rich, many home owners approaching or in retirement find themselves cash poor. While their property may have increased in value over the years, if traditional routes are followed then the only beneficiaries of this investment will be the recipients of their estate, when in fact the money might be more useful to them now.

What is it used for?

Equity release is most commonly used to pay off an existing mortgage to free up some income each month. Other reasons include to gift an early inheritance, to purchase a luxury item, to go on holiday, or to make some home improvements.

The recent pension reforms have drawn the homeowner's attention to the size of their pension pot which averages at $£30,000^{i}$. This fixed source of income has to last over an entire retirement which can be twenty years or more as life expectancy increases in the UK. For this reason, homeowners are looking to their greatest asset, their home, to top-up their retirement income using equity release.



What are the facts?

Naturally, taking money out of the property now will leave less for later as this reduces the value of the estate. Also, having more money in the bank can affect any entitlement to means-tested state benefits. However, with specialist advice compulsory before taking out a plan, this is something that will be discussed clearly and openly before any decision is made. This is a Lifetime Mortgage, to understand the features and risks, ask for a Personalised Illustration. This service is provided by Responsible Equity Release, a trading style of Responsible Life Limited. Only if your case completes will Responsible Life charge a fee for advice, currently not exceeding £1,295.

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Yarnton Band

Yarnton Band played on Remembrance Sunday at Woodstock, then at Yarnton, where The Last Post was played superbly by one of the members, Fiona Methley. Following the event, the Woodstock British Legion has written to congratulate Fiona on her playing. For the march in both places the conductor Guy James had made an arrangement of British Grenadiers. All sections of the band played in our November concert. and the main band solos were played by five young players: Fiona Methley (Flugel Horn) who played Zelda; Joe Wright (Cornet) playing Hallelujah; Ciaran Bird (Trombone) playing Berceuse de Jocelyn; Jacob Mills playing *The Hippopotamus Song* (made famous by Flanders and Swann); and Charlotte Wilkes (Baritone Horn) playing Blaydon Races. Another young band member, Philip Methley, had made a fine arrangement of Moment for Morricone. In recognition of their services to the band a CD *Sounds of a Century* recorded by the Wingates Band from Lancashire was presented to Guy James, the Musical Director, Mark Sherratt and Mary Methley, all of whom spend many hours in teaching young people to play; in addition each of them had a hamper from the Band Committee.

The cups awarded were:

Most improved player in the Training band – Tara Wilson Most improved player in the Main band – Angus Irving

During December the band played for the village Sewing Club and the village Garden Club, outside Tesco in Kidlington, at Cherwell Court in Kidlington, Yarnton Care Home, for the Carterton Mayor's Carol Service, and finally for Yarnton Church Carols and for the Yarnton Church Crib service on the 24th. On Christmas Day the members had a rest!

Peter Hewis



Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

Winners of the draw on 26th November were:

134	Ann Terry	124	Mrs. J. Mitchell
36	Mr. L. Scarrott	137	Mr. D. Poulton



For enquiries about baptisms, weddings or pastoral issues please contact Revd. Nathan Jarvis on <u>fr.nathan@yahoo.com</u> or 01865 849352

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I can't quite believe it's over. All the preparation, all the planning, all the waiting and the worrying. A big thank-you to everyone who made Advent and Christmas so memorable at St. Bartholomew's. We had a wonderful time and are glad that you could be with us.

Now another year starts. It all happens again, and we have a chance to get it right, to do it better, to improve on 2015. That's how the newspapers and magazine articles see New Year. Don't worry about last year, this year we will achieve!

I want to tell you about something that is happening to your church. You might think that it doesn't affect you, as you may not be a regular member of our congregation. Please keep reading, you may change your mind. In 2015, changes in the way our church buildings are financed, and our clergy paid for, came into effect, leaving us in a precarious position. To cut a very long story short, we are simply not bringing in enough money to pay our way. Our outgoings and costs are much more than our income.

I want to dispel some common myths I often hear when talking about church finances.:

1. 'The Church', whatever we mean by this, is not rich. Whilst the national church has assets and owns land, the local church survives on contributions from its parishioners. In other words, we are largely financed by the money that goes into the plate. You should see our bank balance. It's not pretty.

2. We receive no money whatsoever from the government. Even though we are the national church, no income comes to us from taxes or other revenue.

3. Many in our community simply presume that St. Bartholomew's will be there forever; baptising, celebrating, remembering and saying goodbye on behalf of our loved ones. Unless we act very soon, YOUR village church will not be. We will be closed.



At the moment, we are engaging in a new Mission Action Planning initiative with the Diocese of Oxford. We have ambitious plans to save our church, and to expand our reach. We want to adapt our buildings in the long term, so we can make it 'fit for purpose'. We are a Grade 1 listed building. Our stained glass is renowned and beautiful. The writer Simon Jenkins raves about it; four pages in his book on Oxfordshire Churches are dedicated to our St. Bartholomew's. We have a great asset. Our walls need re-pointing. The chapel roof needs renewing. The plaster needs replacing. Did you know that we don't even have running water?

We need to really focus on two things: growing our congregation and increasing our income. This is no mean feat when incomes are stretched and money is scarce.

I would like you all to start thinking about what the church means to you. Perhaps you have relatives buried in the churchyard. Perhaps you were baptised here, or used to sing in the famous choir of the 1970s, or went to Sunday School in the Parish Room (owned by the Manor for many years).

Would it matter to you if it closed?

Would you simply go elsewhere for worship, weddings, baptisms, funerals, Remembrance Sunday, etc? Would it have any effect on village life and Church Lane?

Now, I wish as much as anyone that a simple solution would simply fall into place, but I don't think it's going to. Unless a very wealthy benefactor turns up, we are ALL going to have to pull together to secure a future for OUR wonderful church. Over the coming weeks and months, you will hear more of our plans, and you will no doubt hear me talking about it at every opportunity. I love our church, a church that is growing numerically, spiritually and confidently. This can be encouraged to flourish and grow, safeguarding our congregation AND our building.

2016 will indeed be a year of opportunity and excitement. Happy New Year, and may God bless us all.

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

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

(every week unless otherwise stated)

Sundays

8 a.m.Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer, traditional service with no Hymns11 a.m.Holy Communion, Common Worship, with hymns

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choose an activity you enjoy, such as a brisk walk, a yoga class or swimming. Please do seek advice from the nursing team if you have a chronic condition such as diabetes, heart disease or high blood pressure before you start. It is important to pace yourself carefully.

The Key Medical Practice – Did you know? 248 patients did not attend their appointment at The Key Medical Practice during the month of November - this represents just over **41 Hours** of GP time. 61 of these 'no shows' were at Yarnton Surgery. If you can't make your appointment, please do call reception to cancel.

If you need an urgent, same day appointment, you may be offered an appointment with a Hub doctor, who will see you that day at either The Key Medical Practice in Kidlington or Gosford Medical Centre. Please see the merger new leaflet for more information about the hub We are delighted to that a new nurse has joined our team – **Anna.** Prior to joining the practice, Anna worked in a hospital setting. She is looking forward to developing her experience in the general practice setting.

HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE KEY MEDICAL PRACTICE

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Yarnton W.I.

Our speaker this month is Chrissie Harper who will be bringing some of her owls and talking about 'Owls, their history and rescue work.' This should be a fascinating evening and the owls are lovely to see.

We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th at 7.30 p.m. Visitors and prospective new members are always welcome. We shall have our usual book stall, and tea hostesses are Ruby Haynes, Mavis King and Susan Knox. A reminder that in January subscriptions will be due for 2016. The cost is **£37.50** (*not £37 as stated last month*) 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. *Ruth Astall*

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Yarnton Gardening Club

This month we are welcoming Colin Wilkinson who will be talking to us about Garden Birds. The meeting is on Thursday 21^{st} January in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Subscriptions of £7 for 2016 are due at this meeting, and new programme cards will be available with details of speakers, events and outings for the coming year. Visitors and new members are always welcome. Tea/coffee helpers are Gill Rowbotham and Carol Cleaver. *Ruth Astall*



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881782. Our monthly meetings are at the Enterprise Centre, Marlborough School, Woodstock, generally every 1st Tuesday at 2 p.m. We currently have over 100 members, and welcome visitors to all meetings. Our talks for the first half of 2016 are: 5th January: 'Antiques' - Michael Bull 2nd February: 'RSPB' - Barry Oxley 2nd March: 'Charles Dickens, Conjurer' - Ian Keable 12th April: 'History of the Women's Institute' - Jane Robinson

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Sunday	11 a.m.			
Weekdays				
Monday	9.30 a.m.			
Tuesday	7 p.m.			
Thursday	9.30 a.m.			
Friday	12 noon			
St. Hugh of Lincoln				
Sunday	9.30 a.m.			
Wednesday	12 noon			
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Kidlington, Saturdays				
5 p.m 5.30 p.m., or any time at call.				
Baptism and Marriage by appointment.				

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.

Yarnton Fireworks Show

Thank you to everyone who turned out to support this year's fireworks; although it rained for most of the day it did stop for a while so that we could all watch another excellent display from Skyline Promotions.

A special thank you to the many people that were involved, contributed, helped, etc. to ensure everything happened as planned:

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Unfortunately, due to declining numbers and several long standing members leaving the group shortly, our next production is likely to be our last.

It would be a great shame for the group to disappear from the village forever. If you know of anyone who would like to take over the running of this group, please contact me urgently.

In the meantime, do buy a ticket to 'Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates' – see our advert in this newsletter. *Belinda Davies, tel. 372917*

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 January

Woodstock

3^{rd}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(United Covenant Service)
10^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Ian Leck
17^{th}	10.30 a.m.	John Lenton
24^{th}	8.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(Holy Communion)
	10.30 a.m.	Simeon Mitchell
31^{st}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(Café Church with youth band
		Rockfish)

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

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

Kidlington

3^{rd}	10 a.m.	Paul Rosentall
9^{th}	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church (a time of games,
		crafts and informal worship)
10^{th}	10 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd
		(Covenant Service)
17^{th}	10 a.m.	David Matthews
24^{th}	10 a.m.	Jennifer Thompson
31 st	10 a.m.	Mike Trinder

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Goodbye

Happy New Year to everyone.

It is exciting to make a new start and the new year is a good time to do this. My husband and I are making a new start in the middle of January; we are moving from Yarnton to live in Charlton on Otmoor - the village I grew up in, so I feel like I'm going home. It's a big deal as we have been in Yarnton for 37 years - firstly in The Paddocks and then Aysgarth Road. It's been a great village to live in and to bring up our family, and of course to have made so many good friends. I will miss everyone, but will try to keep in contact with as many as possible.

So sadly this will be my last article for YPN - thank-you for letting me share bits of my life and nature with you and for putting up with my ramblings. I hope you will enjoy finding new things in nature and make time for country walks and bike rides. Keep your eyes open - the snowdrops and aconites will soon be out.

I will leave you with a poem written by Joyce Winstone who lived in The Garth but is sadly no longer with us - many of you will remember her.

GOOD MORNING.

Good Morning don't take long to say, and helps the lonely on their way.

A cheery smile with it as well, and lonely hearts begin to swell.

On your way you quickly go and you may never know What joy you gave to some today with those two words you stopped to say.

I hope that if we all remember the words of this poem and put them into practice then Yarnton will stay the happy and friendly place that it always has been. *Ellen Cocking*

The Editorial Committee would like to wish Ellen and Steve all the very best in their new home, and to thank Ellen for her lovely contributions to the Village News – we shall miss them each month.

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Future Meeting dates: Wednesday 13th January, 20th January (budget meeting) and 10th February 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

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Maurice Billington. Tel: 842235

Yarnton Village Hall: Bookings: Tel: 07948 722633

email: <u>varntonvillagehall@gmail.com</u>

Planning Applications:

15/01941/LB. Paternoster Farm, Cassington Road, construction of single-storey glazed extension and first floor side extension to existing farmhouse, removal of previous additions and other alterations.

15/01964/F. 5 Oxford Industrial Park, Mead Road, new additional 82 sq.m. hard landscaping extension to the granted 115m. external plant area; addition under soffit extract vent for kitchenette: additional hot water flue at roof level. Re-submission of 14/02046/F.

15/02013/F. 7 Stocks Tree Close, single-storey front extension.

Planning Decisions:

15/01630/F. 33 The Paddocks, demolition of existing side boundary wall and erection of a new boundary wall closer to boundary. Granted 3.11.2015.

156/01694/OUT. 198-200 Woodstock Road, outline, residential development for five new dwellings. Refused 9.11.2015.

15/01840/F. 105 Rutten Lane, single-storey front extension in place of garage protrusion. Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of replacement singlestorey rear extension. Granted 2.12.2015.

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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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 <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 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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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.





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We have Saturday workshops on:

Saturday 30th January:

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Saturday 5th March:

Introduction to Roman Blind or Curtain Making: 9.30 a.m. – 4.30 p.m., £40; Traditional Upholstery 2 (takes place on 14th May as a 2- day course) 9.30 a.m. – 5 p.m., £90; Badminton and Table Tennis: 10 a.m. – 11 a.m., £6; Spanish Conversation: 10 a.m. – 12 noon, £25; Introduction to Reflexology: 10 a.m. - 12.45 p.m., £18; iPad/iPhone for Beginners: 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m., £20; Yoga for Healthy Hips and Knees: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., £18; Bicycle Maintenance 10 a.m. - 2.30 p.m., £27; Painting Using Special Effects: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., £34; Improving Your Blog: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., £34; Chocolate Workshop – Cake Decorating: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., £42; Stained Glass: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., £40; Anyone Can Sing Workshop: 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m., £18; Archery: 11.05 a.m. -12.05 p.m., £6; iPad/iPhone for Improvers: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., £20; So Now You Can Sing Workshop: 2 p.m. – 4.30 p.m., £18. Early booking is recommended.

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Kidlington & District Historical Society

The next Meeting of the Kidlington & District Historical Society will be held on Tuesday 26th January, when Kidlington resident, John Lowe, will give a talk entitled 'Where are the boys of the village tonight?'. John has researched the background of the names of the fallen on the Kidlington War Memorial, and is putting this history into a book.

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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Lunch Club

At the time of writing, it's busy, busy preparing for Christmas. No lunch out at a restaurant this year, but a Buffet Lunch in the Village Hall.

On a more serious note, we are looking for more cooks, helpers and drivers, so please could you make this your New Year's resolution?

'I am going to offer my assistance to the Yarnton Lunch Club'. You will be welcomed with open arms. On behalf of all involved with the Lunch Club you are wished a Happy and Peaceful New Year. *Brenda Louch, tel. 374126*



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We have a variety of speakers who offer advice and information relevant to our society. In January, we have Mr. Guy Lawfull and his subject is 'How does a blind man see? Do members of the Macular Society have tips to pass on to others?'

If anyone is interested in coming along, please contact Tom on 01865 376482, or Marita on 01865 373104. Transport can be arranged if necessary.

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A very happy new year to all our customers; we hope you all had a lovely Christmas and look forward to another year here in Yarnton! As you'll have noticed, 2015 was a year of change – with a new store manager, some great new suppliers and some more than changeable weather! 2016 is set to be another busy year, with the Rio Olympics and Euro 16 just a couple of the events to look forward to!



Being January we all have best intentions – so let us help you get started on the right foot. Whether you have joined the gym, are doing dry January or have turned over a new leaf, we know how hard it is to keep those new year's resolutions. We have a selection of offers and products to get you in that healthy state of mind – come and make the most of them in the store during the month!

You will have noticed a few new products in the stores in the last few weeks. Namely our new Happy Shopper and Euro shopper brands. These are the new value extension to the range we have at the store, and you may be quite surprised how good they really are – perfect to help save those pennies after the festivities!





Remember, you can join our exclusive Platinum Club online at <u>www.frasersbudgens.co.uk</u>. You'll get 2p off a litre of petrol every Sunday, Half Price Platinum Car Washes Mon-Fri, 20% off hot drinks, a free product each month and money off vouchers too... phew!