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MARCH 2016

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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Tue. 1 st	Central Yarnton Bridge Club, Village Hall 9.50 a.m. <i>(and every Tuesday)</i>
Wed. 2 nd	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 2 nd	'Little Sheep' <i>(and every Wednesday in term-time)</i> , 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 2 nd	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 2 nd	Beavers, Scout Hut, 5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Thur. 3 rd	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, <i>(and every Thursday in term time)</i> , Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Fri. 4 th	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. <i>(and every Friday)</i>
Fri. 4 th	Copy date for April issue of Yarnton Village News
Mon. 7 th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 7 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 7 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 371656
Mon. 7 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Wed. 9 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 10 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 10 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 17 th	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Sun. 20 th	Palm Sunday service, starting from the school, procession with donkey, 11 a.m.
Thur. 24 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 24 th	Maundy Thursday service, St. Bartholomew's, 7 p.m.
Fri. 25 th	Good Friday service, St. Bartholomew's, 2 p.m.
Sun. 27 th	Easter Day service, St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m.

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Material for inclusion in the April Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 4th March.
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The Editorial Committee reserves the right to cut, edit, or omit articles, or refuse advertisements for reasons of space limitation, suitability, etc. Their decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into.

Copy date for the May issue is Friday 8th April.

Advertising in Yarnton Village News

Regular readers will have noticed that some months the issue seems overloaded with adverts, in comparison with articles. While we obviously rely on advertising revenue to be able to produce the Village News, the committee has reluctantly decided that for the time being we will not be accepting any more regular monthly adverts of any size. Michael Westall will keep a list of people wishing to have regular adverts, and if others drop out, then he will contact them.

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Would you like to open your garden on 4th June to help raise funds for St. Bartholomew's?

We are hoping as many keen gardeners as possible will want to take part in this event, as we know there are many lovely gardens, large and small, in Yarnton. There will be a Flower Festival in Yarnton Church, and the Vicarage will open its garden.

The current plans are as follows:

Visitors will pay for a properly produced programme (to include full details of all the Open Gardens) and this will act as a ticket to allow access to all Yarnton gardens participating.

Full Afternoon Tea and other refreshments will be available in a marquee in the garden at Byways (to be paid for) and will therefore encourage this to become a family, as well as villagers' event.

There will also be a Cakes and Bakes Stall and other attractions including a Grand Raffle.

All garden owners are encouraged to sell produce, flowers, plants, honey, etc in order to raise more funds.

Further details will be announced in the Village News.

Those who sadly cannot open their gardens this time are warmly invited to contribute plants, cakes, jams, etc. to sell.

If anyone would like to register to open their garden, please telephone Sarah Eaton on 01865 372229, or email eatonsarah@hotmail.com with a short description of its age, size and its main points of interest.

A plea from a villager

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YARNTON SCOUT GROUP

After a very busy Autumn term, the group held a fund-raising quiz afternoon, which was well attended. As we look forward to the rest of 2016, there is so much happening, including a Family Christmas (*Yes, I said Christmas!!*) Camp in May and the Yarnton Scout Group Fun Day in July, which commemorates 30 years of Beaver Scouts and 100 years of Cub Scouts.

This term the Beaver colony will be working towards their Disability Awareness badge, and in conjunction with this they will be holding a sponsored silence with proceeds going to the Blesma charity (for limbless veterans). The Cub pack made Kub Kars for the championships in February, whilst the Scouts are equally busy cooking up delights in order to achieve their Chef's badges. The Explorers have done incredibly well, with two members of the unit achieving a bronze and a gold award for Duke of Edinburgh. In addition, two members of the Unit have received approval for their Queen's Scout Awards, and are awaiting their invitations to go and collect these prestigious awards.

Date for the diary: Yarnton Scout Group, Fun Day, Saturday 16th July, Rutten Lane Playing Field

Michelle Holfield on behalf of Yarnton Scout Group Executive Committee



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If you choose to own a dog or walk a dog for someone else, please take bags with you and pick up the mess wherever the dog goes, whether it be on path or grass areas. Most owners seem to be responsible, but unfortunately there are some that aren't. If you're a parent who lets a child walk a dog, please only let the child go out alone with the dog if they're prepared to pick up the mess.

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If we had more adult volunteers to come along to weekly meetings we could take more girls and reduce the waiting lists. This could be as an occasional helper coming to events; Unit Helper - non-uniformed helper; Assistant leader - uniform and modules to work on; or as the Unit Leader - running weekly meetings, using GO database, doing unit accounts all with the support of your team. Did you know there are over 80,000 volunteers in Girlguiding - we'd love more to join us!



Yarnton W.I.

This month we hold our Annual Meeting, where we look back at the last year's events and activities and look forward to the coming year. This is also when we elect the committee and officers. We are always looking for new committee members to bring fresh ideas, so if you think you would like to join us, then please let an existing committee member know. The work isn't onerous and committee meetings are relaxed and enjoyable. So do give it some thought.

Following the business, we shall be joined by Mary Gregory who will tell us about ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) and their work.

Coffee hostesses are Sarah Phibbs, Maureen Rhymes and Sandra Russell, and we shall have our book stall and a raffle.

We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th March at 7.30 p.m.

Skittles: Don't forget our annual Skittles evening on Saturday 19th March at the Masonic Hall, Woodstock. For more information, or to put your name down, please contact Rosemary on 01865 730188 or Carol on 01865 377911 as soon as possible. Family and friends are very welcome to join us for this relaxing and social evening. If you don't want to bowl, you can still come along to enjoy the evening.

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Table Tennis

Yarnton, and in particular Stocks Tree Close, can rightly claim to be the centre of Oxfordshire Table Tennis. Karl Bushell, who moved to Yarnton 30 years ago, has dominated local table tennis, is still ranked number one in the County and is the most successful player in the County's history. Karl has won numerous trophies and has led both County teams and Oxford City to many honours. Karl has competed around the world in various international events including World Championships in China, Sweden and the Czech Republic.

He and Chris Smith, also of Stocks Tree Close, are the current Inter Town County champions and are teammates for Kidlington Table Tennis Club in the Oxford and District League.

Karl is also a leading national coach and is often at Stoke Mandeville supporting players of all ages with disabilities, including several Paralympians. Karl also supports the PE teams at both Marlborough School and Gosford Hill with table tennis sessions, in addition to the junior players at Kidlington.

Kidlington Table Tennis Club is open five evenings a week and Sunday mornings. Junior coaching sessions are on Tuesdays. Beginner sessions are at 6.30 p.m.

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Jerry Hiron

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Wendy, Karen and Diane

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At the time of writing, we have just celebrated Candlemass. This might be a festival you remember from years ago, when congregations of a Catholic persuasion would process in the streets carrying candles, usually followed by a parish buffet as way of celebration. This festival recalls the presentation of Christ to Simeon in the temple, and uses a well known part of scripture. It is where we get the wonderful words that we still use at Evensong throughout the country each and every day in our cathedrals and churches: 'Lord, let your servant depart in peace'. All Simeon wanted was to live long enough to see the Christ. He had been expecting this amazing event all his life, which he spent in the service of God and others. Worship was his world. It was in his blood.

When thinking about Candlemass, I started thinking about all the things I want to do in my life, all the things I would like to achieve. When I was younger, I guess I was more focused on what we might call ambition. I had a career before ordination and was quite quickly offered promotion. This is of course flattering and affirming and helps to boost one's feelings of self worth and value. I felt as if I was 'on my way'. Now things are rather different. If you want to be a 'high flyer', then getting ordained and working as a Parish Priest is not really going to get you very far. For me, priorities had changed. Forever. Whilst my friends and colleagues have gone on to do great things in their chosen careers, some of them at director level, I have chosen a different path, a different way.

The whole of Simeon's life was about God. He devoted every waking moment to Him. I wish I could do the same. I wish I had the discipline and the strength to be as faithful, as committed. The thing is, life gets in the way. We all have busy lives, whether we are working, retired, single or part of a large family. We are all rushing around to get things done. This is the modern way, it seems.

Whilst we can't necessarily devote our whole life to one particular cause, I wonder whether we can re-prioritise? January was a month full of promises and resolutions. Did anyone give up drinking, or perhaps stop eating meat, two campaigns that I was very much aware of? Did we manage to stick to it in February? Sometimes I think it's good to simply let go of all the trying, all the resolutions, all the planning and promising, and simply see what might happen next. It's not easy to let go of systems that shape and dominate our lives. What about simply being open to what might happen next?

Simeon had no idea when he was going to meet Jesus. He had no rota, no timetable, no way of knowing. He simply got on with life, safe in the knowledge that God was with him and all would be well. I wish I could be more like that.

Candlemass is over. Lent and then Easter are stretching out ahead of us. We have a busy and rather wonderful time coming up. We all know that something good is worth waiting for, and it is like this with Easter. We must go on a journey before the celebrations. Try to resist the hot cross buns in the shops, the shelves in the supermarkets heaving with chocolate. We watch and wait, like old Simeon, for the time of celebration and new life.

EASTER SERVICES

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

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| 8 a.m. | Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer, traditional service with no Hymns |
| 11 a.m. | Holy Communion, Common Worship, with hymns |

Coffee after the service. The first Sunday of the month is an informal Family Service, and after the service there is a Fairtrade and local produce stall.

Weekday Eucharist Service: Wednesday, 9.30 a.m.



Sundays in Lent

Our usual Sunday services with a Lenten theme:

Sundays at 9.30 a.m. at Begbroke on 14th, 21st, 28th February, 6th, 13th March
Sundays at 11 a.m. at Yarnton (as above)

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| 20th March | Palm Sunday, 9.30 a.m. at Begbroke, 11 a.m. at Yarnton, starting from the school, procession with donkey |
| 24th March | Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m. joint service at Yarnton |
| 25th March | Good Friday, Begbroke at 10.00 a.m. Yarnton at 2 p.m. |
| 27th March | Easter Day, 6 a.m. Dawn service, 9.30 a.m. Begbroke, 11 a.m. Yarnton |

Yarnton Parish Council

Clerk: Lynne Whitley

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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 March and 13th April 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

County Councillor:

Maurice Billington. Tel: 842235

Yarnton Village Hall: Bookings: Tel: 07948 722633

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Planning Applications:

15/02346/F. 10 Stanley Close, alterations and extensions.

16/00068/F. 22 Merton Way, demolition of existing rear extension and erection of a new single-storey rear extension.

16/00072/F. White Cottage, Little Blenheim, demolition of single-storey extension and erection of two-storey extension. Re-submission of 15/01511/F.

16/00064/F. Knightsbridge Farm, extension of existing workshop and office buildings. Re-submission of 14/01928/F.

Planning Decisions:

15/02013/F. 7 Stocks Tree Close, single-storey front extension. Granted 8.1.16.

15/02055/F. Milverton, 158 Woodstock Road, single-storey rear extension. Granted 6.1.16.

15/02168/TPO. 5 Fletcher Close, multi-stemmed mature ash (x 4 stems)/thin-stemmed mature ash - various work reducing branches, removing dead wood - subject to TPO 12/2010. Granted 25.1.16.

15/02092/F. 54 Meadow Way, attach three-bedroom house to the existing two-storey house and separate the property into two family homes. Granted 29.1.16.

Planning Application Withdrawn:

15/02191/F. 32 Merton Way, conversion of existing dwelling to form 2 no. Two-bedroom dwellings including a single-storey extension and internal alterations. Withdrawn 20.1.16.

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.



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

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Dog Fouling: If you allow a dog in your charge to foul any area to which the public has access you are committing an offence. Town and Parish Councils provide bins in parks and other public areas for the use of dog owners. Cherwell District Council is responsible for monitoring dog fouling, the issue of fixed penalty notices and for initiating court proceedings against offenders. By law dog owners must pick up any mess made by their dogs. If owners do not clear up behind their dog and evidence is available, CDC will investigate and prosecute them. The penalty for not clearing up behind your dog is up to £1,000 if taken to court, but there is also provision for a fixed penalty scheme with a fine of £50 in England. Dog mess is a nuisance and is associated with various diseases, including 'toxocarasis'. You can report dog fouling that isn't cleaned up to Cherwell District Council www.cherwell.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=2206. To find out more about the law please see http://findlaw.co.uk/law/government/local_government/40006.html

Annual Parish Meeting: This will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 22nd April at 7 p.m. Further details will be published when finalised.

Yarnton Care Committee: The Care Committee was set up in 1974 to give help where needed to residents of Yarnton. Services provided focus predominantly on older residents and/or those less mobile.

Chairman: Fred Jones, tel. 373871; Secretary: Bernie Connors, tel. 372944, Treasurer: John Appleton, tel. 460496.

Members: Jacqueline Carpenter, Brenda Louch, Graham Thompson, Mick Teeling.

Services available:

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Shopping Bus: A fortnightly minibus to Kidlington on a Tuesday morning 9.45 a.m. – 12.15 p.m. Door-to-door service with help to carry the shopping. Following discussions with the existing passengers, the Yarnton Care Committee and the Parish Council, the return fare was increased to £2 per person from 5th January 2016. The charge of £1 had been in existence for over 15 years, and despite increases in the bus hire charges the fare had never been increased. Contact Fred Jones, tel. 373871.

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We welcomed back a member who had left for a few years, Peter, which was good news, but it was sad to hear Vera is still away and Margaret is in hospital.

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Our first outing of the year will be on Saturday 30th April, when we shall be making an afternoon visit by cars to Chivel Farm, Heythrop, to arrive at 2.30 p.m. The cost of £7.50 will include tea and biscuits. We visited this garden some years ago, and understand that there have been some changes since our last visit. For further information, or to put your name down, please contact Jill Rowbotham on 377623.

The Committee has agreed to have a stand at the Village Day on 16th July (see notices elsewhere in this issue), and would welcome help on the day, and also any suggestions for activities we might offer. Please contact Pauline Brown on 01865 460641 if you have any ideas.

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Motor cycle thefts

A number of off-road motor cycle thefts have been reported recently. Can we remind all owners to 'Lock it/ Mark it/ Photograph it' to ensure your vehicle is not targeted. By photographing the cycle it makes it easier for us to return it to its rightful owner if found.

A new member of the team

PCSO Hayley Mannall joined the Kidlington Neighbourhood team in December, having completed eight weeks of training at Sulhamstead.

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15th – 31st May

This might seem a little premature, but time slips by very quickly. We are really looking for someone who would be prepared to organise the house-to-house collections. Every May during Christian Aid week we take a house-to-house collection in the village. Christian Aid works to bring an end to poverty around the world, tackling its root causes as well as its effects. Last year the collection raised in excess of £2000.

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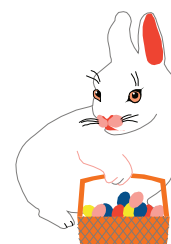
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Yarnton Band has a new President

The position of Yarnton Band President has been vacant since the death of the band's founder, George Tutte in 2013. Recently the committee approached the Reverend Peter Hewis and the band is delighted that he has agreed to take on this role.



Peter's roots are in Horwich, Lancashire. He trained as a Unitarian Minister in Manchester, and after working in Bethnal Green and Hinckley in Leicestershire he became Chaplain, Bursar and Tutor in Ministerial Training at Harris Manchester College in Oxford. The work in Oxford also included being Minister to the Unitarian congregation that meets in the College every Sunday, and on his retirement the College made him an Emeritus Chaplain and Fellow.

Peter learnt to play the cornet as a teenager and his first band was Blackrod Band, followed by the Bolton Artillery (TA) Band. On National Service he joined the Band of the 2nd Bn. Parachute Regiment and switched from cornet to French horn, also being the Band Secretary for two years. In 1961 he left the army and bought a secondhand French horn for £40, which he played for his own pleasure for a time.

A few years ago, a love of brass bands led him to invite Yarnton Band to play carols outside his house for his neighbours in Little Blenheim, and they now raise around £100 each year. That carolling visit led to him joining us as the oldest member of the band, after hardly touching an instrument for 53 years!

Helen James

Recently the band gave a concert at Christ Church, Long Hanborough in aid of children affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster in the Velka area of Belarus. On 5th March a joint concert is being given with Stour Concert Brass at the Long Hanborough Pavilion, as Yarnton doesn't have a large enough venue. The concert is in aid of The Nasio Trust. (See article 'An Evening of Brass' elsewhere in this issue for more details.)

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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 March

Woodstock

6 th	10.30 a.m.	Julie Todd
13 th	10.30 a.m.	Matt Stammers
20 th	10.30 a.m.	Sue Barratt
25 th	10.45 a.m.	Walk of Witness, starting at St. Mary Magdalene's
27 th	6.30 a.m.	Sunrise Communion by Blenheim Lake
	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd (All-age Easter Communion)

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

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

Kidlington

6 th	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall
12 th	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church (<i>a time of games, crafts and informal worship</i>)
13 th	10 a.m.	Simon Pillinger
20 th	10 a.m.	Simeon Mitchell
25 th	10 a.m.	Walk of Witness starting at St. John's, Broadway
27 th	8 a.m.	Easter Breakfast Communion
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Why is Nature good for us?

These articles and my wider work these days are about developing new ways for people to enjoy their gardens, see them in a new light, and enjoy the wildlife therein. Bringing to people's attention through their senses and experiencing more fully what is really in front of them, in that moment, is a real de-stressing skill and perfect for keeping balance in all our lives.

The emphasis is so much on the thoughts being the thing to address in finding balance, but what is really happening physically in the human body and mind when we enjoy the nature around us? We know getting out and connecting with nature is good for us, but what is going on?

We recognize that tingly feeling when we are out in the thick of Mother Nature, but what is really happening, what is it that causes that tingly feeling? I am hoping to run a series of nature sensory workshops with Oxford University students, and also help develop a full study within the University itself to try and collect data exploring what physically happens to our bodies when out in nature.

I suspect a lot of what's going on is the electrical impulses given and received by the brain during our countryside wanderers. Is it all to do with the nervous system though? Is it that we breathe more deeply when out in nature, meaning we have more oxygen in our system so our bodies can actually function properly?

Is what's going on in our bodies different at differing stages in life, say, toddler, teenager, adult, and pensioner? If we understand what's going on when we are out in nature, are we able to sustain that process when we return to the hustle and bustle that can be life?

Next time you are out in the wildlife garden, observe yourself. What's happening in your mind and in your body too? It's something we take for granted but is worth exploring, I think.

I talk about not just looking, but seeing. Not just touching, but feeling. Not just listening but hearing too. That's not enough though, I'm coming to realise. To get the whole experience from a wildlife garden, we need to understand too. Happy Gardening.

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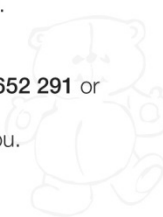
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Exhibitions

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Until 13th 13 March. *The Stuff Collective – Metamorphosi.* Following their popular exhibition in 2013 seven artists return with work exploring change and transformation.

19th March – 17th April. *Oxford Art Society – Celebrating 125 Years.* This exhibition will show and sell work by artists living and working in and around Oxfordshire, to include painters, sculptors and print makers.

Saturday Lecture organised by The Friends of The Oxfordshire Museum

5th March: A Garden Closed – sacred and secular love in medieval gardens by Michael Brown. 2.30 p.m. in the Coach House. Tickets £7, available from reception, tel. 01993 814106. For more information, see website: FriendsOfTom.co.uk

Evening Lecture

2nd March: Beer, Sausages and Marmalades - Oxfordshire food and drink in the 19th century by Liz Woolley. 7.30 p.m.

Friends of the Oxfordshire Museum free, visitors £2. For more information, see website: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/museums

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Thefts of and from motor vehicles have been reported across the Kidlington area. Some vehicles had been left insecure.

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Fred Jones, Yarnton NHW, tel. 373871

Book Reading

The book we have chosen for March is 'Frankie and Stankie' by Barbara Trapido. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. New members always welcome. Contact number: 371656.

Helen Anderson

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Anyone interested in further details should ring Tom on 01865 376482 or Marita on 01865 373103. We would love to see you.

Marita Ferrett

An Evening of Brass

Yarnton Band will be performing in concert with the Stour Concert Brass Band from Shipston on Saturday 5th March at 7 p.m. at the Hanborough Pavilion, Roosevelt Road, Long Hanborough, OX29 8JG. Parking available. Stour Concert Brass are a community band. They are similar to Yarnton Band in that they have a mix of adults and youngsters. Tickets (on the door): Adults £5, Children free.

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S3 Bus Service

These are the final comments which we will be publishing on this topic. If there are any developments concerning the various routes and timetables, we will let you know.

I read with interest the letters printed in last month's edition concerning the S3 Bus Service.

One lady mentioned Green Lane as an example of a lack of alternative connections within our village and surrounding area. Much of Yarnton's day-to-day business is served by Kidlington's amenities, but apart from driving the one and a half miles it is frustrating that no other practical, safe or reliable means to get there exists. From Yarnton centre and south the most direct route to Kidlington is indeed through Green Lane (to the right of The Turnpike), but most will know that crossing the A44 by foot or bike at this point is terrifically dangerous. It seems that the 'solution' to keeping us safe at this dangerous crossing is to allow Green Lane to become overgrown and impassable, thereby discouraging most pedestrians or cyclists from ever considering the route. Transport policy should prioritise pedestrians, then cyclists, then public transport and then private vehicles. Making a safe and convenient crossing of the A44 at The Turnpike and reclaiming the Green Lane for pedestrians and cyclists should be a priority whether or not this impacts traffic flow on the A44.

Access to the new railway station from Yarnton is a similar story. Frieze Way is a dual carriageway with no provision made for pedestrians or cyclists; how can that be? There is plenty of room to accommodate a segregated footpath/cycle lane and this would make the route to Oxford Parkway more accessible without a car.

Our roads won't cope with the growing number of vehicles population growth will bring. Spending comparatively small sums to link up alternative connections like those above will give us options and help unburden the load from the busy roads.

Name and email address supplied

Editor's comment. I see from the Parish Council's December Minutes (available on the village website) that they may look into trying to obtain funding to improve Green Lane and make a route accessible to Kidlington.

Just to add to the discussion on Bus timetables we who live on the old bus route are the ones who now have to trek to Rutten Lane to get a bus into town. This was not so bad when we were young, but now there are some of us who find it too far to walk The Garth. With the new houses on the other side of the main road I am sure that there are others who would welcome a bus that travelled along the A44. I haven't been into Oxford for a few years. My only option is to park off road in the Paddocks??? Perhaps once an hour between 10 o'clock and 3 o'clock. Some might even leave their cars at home and use the bus. Please give it a thought.

Sheila Cooper, 1 The Garth

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