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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Fri. 1st	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)	
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. 6th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)	
Wed. 6th	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's	
Wed. 6th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)	
Wed. 6th	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	Copy date for May issue of Yarnton Village News	
Wed. 13th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.	
Thur. 7 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2. p.m.	
Thur. 14th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.	
Wed. 20th	Coffee Morning, Erdington House, 10.30 a.m. for Parkinson's Awareness Week	
Thur. 21st	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.	
Thur. 21st	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.	
Sat. 30 th	Gardening Club visit to Chivel Farm, Heythrop, 2.30 p.m.	

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Material for inclusion in the April Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 8th April. Copy should be e-mailed to: ruth@astall.com and maryclarke2305@googlemail.com or delivered to Mrs. Ruth Astall, 19 The Spears, tel. 372637.

The Editorial Committee reserves the right to cut, edit, or omit articles, or refuse advertisements for reasons of space limitation, suitability, etc. Their decision is final and no correspondence can be entered into.

Copy date for the June issue is Friday 6th May.

A reminder from the editor

If you are submitting articles, etc. for inclusion in the Village News, **please send them to both Ruth Astall and Mary Clarke – see above for email addresses.**

This is in case of computer failure or sudden illness or other incapacity or emergency.

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Mark Simms, tel. 07798824828.

Notice

Managers and Players wanted for a range of age groups. For more information please contact the club via the website. www.yarntonblues.co.uk/contact

Yarnton Amateur Players

In a world of catch-up TV, I-pods, I-pads and I- phones, it was gratifying to welcome over 300 people into the Village Hall in February to enjoy 3 live performances of 'Robinson Crusoe and the Pirates'. Pantomime has the rare advantage of appealing to just about every age, and indeed we were enthusiastically cheered and clapped by an audience that spanned more than 80 years. It would be a great shame if this kind of entertainment were to disappear from the village entirely, but it is in danger of doing just that if we can't encourage more people to join our group.

We are a very friendly, very laid back group of people who meet on a Wednesday evening from 8 p.m. - 10 p.m. in the Village Hall to rehearse. You don't have to audition, and you don't need any singing or acting skills to enjoy being part of our group. We hope to perform another pantomime in January 2017, so we'll be reminding you all again in the summer as we will start rehearsals in September. Our little group would be very pleased to see you to join in the fun.

Belinda Davies, tel. 372917

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St. Thomas More Catholic Church, Kidlington St. Hugh of Lincoln Catholic Church, Woodstock Parish Priest: Fr Prem Fernando

Times of Mass St. Thomas More

Saturday Vigil 6 p.m. 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

9.30 a.m. Sunday 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.

Paternoster Farm - see 'Old News' in February

Following the article in the February issue concerning the 1900 murder at Paternoster Farm, Robin Hearn has kindly sent us the following excerpt from one of his history booklets of the village.

'In November 1900 a particularly grisly murder took place at Paternoster Farm, Cassington Road, when the tenant an elderly gentleman called William Savage - was shot in the back by his adopted son, Richard Hopcroft, after a heated argument. This took place around 4 p.m. in the afternoon. Afterwards Hopcroft walked down to the Grapes Inn (now The Turnpike) and ordered a drink, the gun still in his possession. He later walked to Summertown, then to Oxford where he turned himself over to the authorities. It was a well known fact in the village that there was bad blood between the two men. Hopcroft was a heavy drinker and prone to violence. Some time earlier in his life he had joined the army, but was constantly in trouble. William Savage eventually bought him out. He then returned to Yarnton to work at the farm. At an inquest held at Paternoster Farm S. Howse (later tenant at the farm), H. Despear (Blacksmith), J. Hastings (Hill Farm), G. Neville (Six Bells) and T.J. Cox (Village Shop) made up part of the jury. Richard Hopcroft was sentenced to twenty-three years imprisonment. It would seem that there must have been some mitigating circumstances; otherwise Hopcroft would have received the death penalty.' Many thanks to Robin for this further information.



Quiz Night

Friday 13 May, 8:00pm **Royal British Legion, Rutten Lane**

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Teams of up to 6 people, £3 per person. Everyone welcome!

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Glyme Valley Ladies' Probus

In January Ian Scott-Hunter came to tell about his life when he was working very closely with the Royal Family. The work came about by a single telephone call to the Palace following a move to London, which was due to the serious illness of his younger daughter and the need to be near to the hospital at Great Ormond Street.

Our speaker was offered a job as footman, together with an apartment at the back of Buckingham Palace.

We listened to lots of lovely stories of State banquets and the detail and time that is involved, about his work as a footman and the travels and memories with the Queen and Prince Philip. We saw some beautiful photographs of the Palace, of Windsor Castle, Balmoral Castle and Sandringham House. It was a delightful and informative talk, which we all enjoyed.

Our February speaker was Susan Shaylor, who is a volunteer worker for Helen and Douglas House. This hospice for children is probably world famous and was the very first to be custom built especially for children with life shortening illnesses and their families who are in need of respite care. The House was the idea of Sister Frances Dominica, who at the age of 24 began this quite outstanding concept when she recognised that there was a need in the community, and especially when some local parents who were friends needed help with their very sick daughter, Helen.

There are now around 40 hospices for children around the UK and the concept is also spreading worldwide. Helen and Douglas House costs around £5million a year to run and is government funded to £750,000, with the remainder raised from charitable donations. The shops are very successful and have a good marketing policy with a very frequent turnover of stock. There is of course professional care at all levels and also many hundreds of volunteers.

Sandy Rasch



Come and Learn Italian!

The Old School House in Begbroke is busy with classes again!

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Fred Jones Receives High Sheriff Award

On 29th February, Fred Jones, accompanied by his wife Evelyn, attended Christ Church College, Oxford to receive an award 'for outstanding contribution to the communities in which they live and work'. This year the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, Tom Birch Reynardson was particularly recognising individuals with a background in law enforcement, prison service and young people, who have initiated projects which contribute to the wider community. Fred's citation included his long career in the prison service, and further described his post-retirement work as a civilian officer with Thames Valley Police. The citation continued with his sterling local contributions within Yarnton including serving on the Parish Council (and his current chairmanship), the Lunch Club, seeking and securing funding for the Youth Bus, the shopping bus and as village Co-ordinator for Neighbourhood Watch.

Congratulations Fred. Your contributions have made a difference to many people and the award is well deserved.





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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 13th April in the Village Hall at 6.15 p.m. Annual Parish Meeting on Friday 22nd April at 7 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings.

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

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

email: yarntonvillagehall@gmail.com

Planning Applications:

16/00242/F. 26 The Paddocks, demolition of existing garage and construction of new two-storey side extension and single-storey rear extension.

15/01962/F. Little Acres, Woodstock Road, retention of use of land as a residential caravan site for one extended gypsy family with a total of 6 caravans including no more than 3 static caravans, including erection of 3 amenity buildings and retention of hardstanding.

16/00296/F. 24 Spencer Avenue, demolition of existing garage and conservatory, and erection of single-storey extensions to rear elevation.

Planning Decisions:

15/02267/F. 32 The Paddocks, double-storey side extension, demolition of existing conservatory, singlestorey rear extension, new porch to rear elevation, side extension to be new two-bedroom dwelling house. Granted 8.2.16.

15/02346/F. 10 Stanley Close, alterations and extensions. Granted 17.2.16.

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.

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Annual Parish Meeting: This will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 22nd April at 7 p.m. Our speaker this year will be Harry Waters, Commercial Director of Agrivert Ltd., who will give us an update of how things have developed since the installation of the Digestate Agrivert processing plant.

Public Access Defibrillators: These are located at Yarnton Village Hall, The Paddocks, OX5 1TE (front of building near front door), Westlake Pharmacy, 75 Spencer Avenue, OX5 1NQ (on side wall) and Yarnton Garden Centre, Sandy Lane, OX5 1PA (on right hand side of driveway into garden centre)

High Sheriff Award: The Parish Council would like to congratulate their Chairman Fred Jones on receiving the High Sheriff Award at Christchurch Cathedral on Monday 29th February, which was awarded in recognition of all the voluntary work he does in the village.

Yarnton Village Website/Noticeboards: The Parish Council noticeboards and village website www.yarnton-village.org.uk are where the Parish Council gives up-to-date information on things which are notified at short notice, as well as publicising items of importance, so we would actively encourage you to regularly check the noticeboards and the website. When possible items of importance will also be posted on Spotted Kidlington/Yarnton page of Facebook.

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 'toxocariasis'. 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

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.

Compostable Caddy Bin Liners/Dog Bags: 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 01865 378476. Dog bags are available free of charge at the same times.

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.

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 5^{th} 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. **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).



Richard Byrne

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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



For enquiries about baptisms, weddings or pastoral issues please contact Revd. Nathan Jarvis on $\underline{fr.nathan@vahoo.com}$ or $01865\ 849352$

Team Vicar: The Reverend Nathan Jarvis, tel. 01865 849352, 26 Church Lane, Yarnton Churchwardens: Charlotte Rayner, tel. 01865 849534, email charlotte rayner@hotmail.com John Appleton, tel. 01865 460496 email john appleton@ntlworld.com

Refreshment Sunday. Have you heard of it? More often than not we keep Mothering Sunday instead. By the time you read this, it will be long gone, and we will be well into Eastertide. Refreshment Sunday is a day when we can take breather from our Lenten austerity and kick back and enjoy a treat or two. It is a day for giving thanks and for telling others how much you value them.

We all need refreshment from time to time. How often have you said this year 'I really need a holiday'? If you have young children, then probably quite often. We need special times, holy-days to break the routine of life, to make us stop and take stock of our lives. A time to press the pause button and stand back.

We all do this in different ways. For many, time spent outdoors is a way of getting some quiet time, and for others the concept is completely foreign. I remember when I was a curate in the north east, a neighbouring Vicar was the sort who never stopped. He was always up at 5.30 and was always very proud of never taking his day off. All the other clergy used to think he was some sort of super hero. 'How dedicated he is' and 'How he never stops' were phrases often used. The thing is, about half way through my ministry up north, he died. He simply had a huge stroke and dropped dead. He had just been to church and was in the middle of a fast.

Hard work is essential, and being a Parish Priest is not the leisurely vocation it used to be. Gone are the days of multiple curates and assistants, one small village to minister to, and hours in each day to sit and read or maybe craft a perfect sermon. We are now expected to be managers. We run several churches. In our team we have 5 listed churches, with St. Bartholomew's being the only Grade 1 listed amongst them. We have tens of thousands of pounds to raise and live under the threat (at the moment) of closure. It means that time off, time out is even more essential.

Time to refresh oneself is essential. Without it, things go stale. We may grow tired and weary of our jobs, or even our family and friends. We need to change routine and do things differently, sometimes just for a few days in order to disconnect and relax.

Have you had your Easter holiday yet? Is it packed with so many activities that you need a holiday when you get home to get over it?

After the round of Easter services I will be taking a few days to relax and simply be. I may even pick up a book or start some gardening. Simple things that bring simple pleasure. Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard this Lent and Easter. Those who have helped organise courses, services and events, and those who have kept things going by providing refreshment to others. Now it's your time to relax.

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 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.

Neighbourhood Watch

Vehicle Break-ins are widespread across the Cherwell area, very often taking place during the hours of darkness. Police are advising all motorists to ensure vehicles are left secure at ALL TIMES.

Dog Mess: a considerable amount has been found by volunteers clearing grass areas and litter picking alongside the ditch in Church Lane opposite the Manor gates. These volunteers are residents of Yarnton trying to keep our village looking respectable and don't deserve to have to deal with the laziness of some dog owners. The area Dog Warden has been notified.

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Senior Club

Our 50th birthday party on 11th February went off, as someone said, with a 'bang'. It was lovely o see so many non-members who travel on our trips join us on this special occasion. We had Keith, Moses and Richard come to entertain us, and this they did all afternoon, right up until calling the raffle at the end; they were very good. We had a large iced cake supplied by Helen and a smaller iced fruit cake by Jose. We also organised the tea of cold meats, pies, etc. and salad, plus small cakes.

We had a visit from the Oxford Mail, although some of the facts in their article were a bit distorted. We also sang Happy Birthday to Muriel who recently celebrated her 90th. She has travelled with us for many years, as a nonmember from the year 2000 or before, and then joining the Club approximately 12 years ago. She is one of our members from Woodstock.

We had three ladies who volunteered to wait on tables, and did an excellent job washing up in the kitchen. We gave a vote of thanks to Frances, Lynne and Sue; it was much appreciated. The afternoon ended with a large raffle, and to those who brought prizes and whom I didn't get round to saying thank you to, please accept this as my thank you.

We have now had our AGM and the committee was voted to stay as last year. This was agreed unanimously, so details are: Chairperson Jose Green; Secretary Laurence Stockdale; Treasurer Jackie Carpenter; plus Marjorie Bradley, Chris Green, Robin Merry, Frances Page and Helen Rhymes.

Our first outing will be on 26th May, destination to be decided soon. Please come and join us. *Jose Green, tel. 375644*

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Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

Winners of the draw on 18th February were:

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Mrs. L. Hipkiss
Mrs. B. Louch
Mrs. D. Haggie









A Spring in our step!

Surely the nicest time of the year. Days are longer, temperatures rising, the lambs are out and Spring flowers are covering our verges! As always we have a lovely selection of Spring flowers from our local flower supplier, as well as some fantastic meats from our local butcher. We love local here and Springtime is really when it all comes to life!

Local Tasting Day!

You know we love local, that's why we can't wait to showcase our products in the store. We have fantastic meats from **The Meat Joint**, brilliant flowers from **Cotswold Flower Barn**, proper honey from the **Oxford Honey Company**, soups from **Cotswold Traiteur**, amongst a whole host of other lovely local products. Keep an eye out for the date, either in store or on our Facebook page. See you there!





St Georges Day - 23rd April

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Parkinson's Awareness Week - Coffee morning at **Erdington House**

We will be holding a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 20th April from 10.30 a.m. at Erdington House, Cresswell Close to raise awareness and funds for Parkinson's UK. There will be information about the condition, drinks and cakes, a White Elephant stall and raffle. Everyone welcome, but particularly people living with Parkinson's in Yarnton, Kidlington and surrounding area - perhaps it will be possible to set up an informal local support group/ network if people are interested.

For further information contact Alison Pegrum on 01865 849791.

Kidlington & District Historical Society

The next Meeting of the Kidlington & District Historical Society will be held on Tuesday 26th April, when there will be a talk by Mike Payne entitled 'The History of Pinewood Studios'.

We meet at the St. John Ambulance Hall, High Street, OX5 2DW (opp. Tesco) and the Meetings begin at 7.50 p.m. Visitors £3.50 and under 26s 50 pence.

Dog Mess

Please can I request that the Yarnton residents who walk their dogs down Frogwell Down lane do not allow their dogs to leave their dog mess on the grass verges in our drive way! Only today I saw an old man with a black and white collie allow his dog to dump whilst he just kept walking and ignoring what happened. I can see clearly from my kitchen window, and we tend the grass verges which can sometimes be awful with dog mess!! I've seen lots of dog walkers allowing this to happen and I've had enough!! Because the drive way forms part of the lane they think this is OK!

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Running the London Marathon for The Silver Star Society

For those of you whom I have not yet met, I have been a resident of Yarnton for around 20 years and know many of you personally. My husband is one generation of a family that have also enjoyed living in this supportive community for several decades. You may have recently seen me running or whilst out walking with our beautiful spaniel, Oscar.

In December I was lucky enough to be given a wonderful opportunity and secured a place to run the Virgin London Marathon this coming spring. Since then I have experienced so many emotions; the initial elation was soon coupled with an overwhelming sense of panic when the reality of running 26.2 miles set in! I am told that only 1% of the UK population will run a marathon in their lifetime; surely I must be a little crazy to include myself amongst them? Until last autumn I was happy to run the odd 5k and even managed a couple of 10k events in 2015, but now I am on course to undertake a massive personal challenge whilst raising money for The Silver Star Society at the Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Trust.

The Silver Star Unit in a nutshell, is the pregnant mother's Special Care Unit, where she and her unborn baby get the high level attention that they need. The Unit provides special care to about 500 pregnant mothers and their unborn babies every year, people who have serious and rare difficulties in pregnancy, such as repeated miscarriages, pre-eclampsia, placental bleeding or placental problems. Women with high blood pressure, diabetes, kidney or heart problems, and other medical complications are also offered Silver Star Care. In this ever expanding community of ours, I'm sure some of you will have benefitted from the invaluable support that Silver Star Care offers.

The date of the London Marathon event is 24^{th} April 2016. If you happen to see me pounding the pavement on my way to or returning (possibly looking utterly exhausted!) from one of my training runs, it would be great to say hello and to know that I've shared a small part of my journey with you.

For more about by personal reasons for running for Silver Star or to make a very welcome donation, please visit http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/traceycox. You will see that I am aiming to raise £2000. This money will go towards furnishing the unit with additional beds to allow the partners of expectant mothers to stay with them during their difficult time.

Thank you for taking time to read this article and I hope to share a passing hello with you in the coming weeks leading up to my lifetime challenge. *Tracey Cox, 25 Merton Way*





Yarnton Band and Australia!

What does an area on the borders of Lancashire and Yorkshire, together with a small town north of Adelaide in Australia, have to do with our village? The answer is in the music 'A Saddleworth Festival Overture', a test piece played by Yarnton Band at the recent Oxfordshire District contest in Woodstock. The music includes fragments of tunes played at Whitsuntide in the villages of Saddleworth in the North of England and tunes such as Waltzing Matilda heard in Saddleworth, Australia. In the different sections (a bit like the Football Leagues) a record thirty-three bands competed, starting at 9 a.m. and ending around 10 p.m. Although we were not amongst the winners, we did have two awards: for the band with the most players under 19 and one for the youngest player of the day, Anna Hipkiss. The adjudicator Brett Baker said of the band, 'Tuning good. Lots of potential here'.

Witney Band also owe something to Yarnton as one of the main organisers of the day was Lynne Whitley (yes, our Parish Clerk!), who not only helped to organise the event but also played with Witney Band. Secondly, our conductor Guy James stood in to conduct Witney Band due to their usual conductor being unavailable due to family illness.

There are two engagements open to the public in April. On Sunday 17^{th} April from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. we have a Solo Contest in the Village Hall; admission is free but donations are welcome. Then on Sunday 24^{th} April there is a Brass Festival for all bands at Marlborough School in Woodstock, when we will be entering both soloists and small groups.

For more details see the ODBBA website http://www.odbba.org/

We always welcome new players - in particular we need a Bb Bass player. If you ever played with the band or with any other band then do come and join us. We meet every Monday and Thursday at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall. *Peter Hewis*

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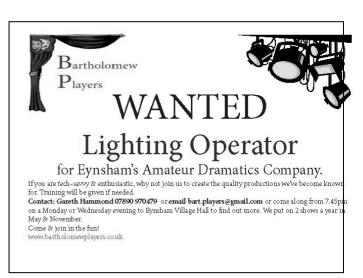
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Book Reading

The book we chose for April is 'The White Mogul' by William Dalrymple. Meetings start at 7.30 p.m. New members always welcome. Contact number: 371656. *Helen Anderson*

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Web: www.woodstockmethodists.org.uk, 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 April

Woodstock

(Café Church and 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

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3^{rd}	10 a.m.	Rev. Jonathan Todd		
		(Holy Communion)		
9 th	4.30 p.m.	Messy Church (a time of games,		
		crafts and informal worship)		
10^{th}	10 a.m.	Malcolm Bromhall		
17^{th}	10 a.m.	Graham Kirby		
24^{th}	10 a.m.	John Lenton		

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Yarnton W.I.

We were all very saddened to hear in March of the death of one of our long serving members, Dorothy Cherry, after a brave battle with cancer. Dorothy was a committee member for many years, and President three times, and will be very much missed by all her friends in the village. Our thoughts are with John and the family at this sad time.

On a cold but sunny Saturday morning seven members helped 'Clean for the Queen', doing litter picking the length of Rutten Lane. Because Yarnton is lucky enough to have a regular village cleaner, there wasn't too much rubbish to pick up, but enough to make us feel it was worthwhile. When we had finished, we were invited for a very welcome cup of coffee at Sheila Westall's.



One thing which disturbed the members covering the end of Rutten Lane nearest the A44 was a large number of bags of dog mess left by the gap in the hedge into the field. There is a bin just before the roundabout, so surely it isn't any great hardship to take your bag there. It was very unpleasant for the litter pickers.

At our Annual Meeting in March, we elected the committee and officers for the coming year. Details are as follows: President: Gaynor White, Secretary: Carol Cleaver, Treasurer: Mary Chamberlain, Commiteee: Ruth Astall, Rosemary Barker, Ann Moss, Liz Trevett, Melanie Wakefield.

This month we begin our new year in a lively fashion with a session of Salsa Dancing demonstrated by David Canning. There will be an opportunity for us to join in if we wish. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 14th April at 7.30 p.m. Visitors and prospective new members are very welcome. Tea hostesses are Rosemary Smith, Gwyneth Stone and Pamela Tingay.

This month's coffee morning will be on Friday 22nd April, hopefully in the 1738 Tea Room in Boswells in Oxford. *Ruth Astall*

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In keeping with previous shows, Bartholomew Players will be partnering with a local group for the Friday night supper show – this time it is the Rotary Club of Eynsham, who will share in the profits from the Friday night show to award to the local cause of their choice, so please do come along and support us.

Venue: Eynsham Village Hall, Back Lane, Eynsham, OX29 4QW

Dates: Wednesday 11th, Thursday 12th, Friday 13th and Saturday 14th May.

Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday nights:

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Price: £9 (concessions £8). Tickets available in advance from Denise Santilli, Publicity Officer, 07721 744020,

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from Evenlode DIY in Eynsham, or on the door.

Tickets for FRIDAY 13^{th} May must be purchased in advance by 9^{th} May.

Doors open: 6 p.m., Food served: 6.30 p.m., Performance: 7.30 p.m.

Tickets: £18.00 available from Denise Santilli, Publicity Officer, 07721 744020, bart.players@gmail.com; (not available online)

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Yarnton Gardening Club

Members of the club were very sorry to hear of the death of Dorothy Cherry, who had been a member of the club since it was first started. She served on the committee and with John helped to organise outings for many years. Our thoughts are with John and the family at this sad time.

At the end of February several members took part in the village tidy up 'Clean for the Queen' by clearing litter from Gravel Pits Lane and Sandy Lane, a very worthwhile exercise.

Our speaker this month is Philip Aubrey, whose talk is entitled 'Successful Fruit Growing'. Even if you only have a small garden, it is still possible to grow some fruit towards your five a day. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 21st April at 7.30 p.m., and are always pleased to welcome visitors.

We have our first outing of the year in April, on Saturday 30th, with an afternoon visit by cars to Chivel Farm, near Heythrop, to arrive at 2.30 p.m. Please contact Jill Rowbotham on 377623 for further information and to put your name down. Our annual Plant Sale is on Saturday 14th May in the Village Hall at 11 a.m. If you haven't already done so, please start sowing seeds and splitting perennials to provide plants for the sale. We shall also be selling home-made cakes and produce. This is





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Begbroke Bowls Club



Our new Fixtures Secretary, George, has done a great job in booking matches for the season ahead, using either Saturdays or Sundays but not every weekend; these dates are interspersed with some weekday matches, and a fair mix of Home and Away.

The Club is holding an **Introduction to Bowls** evening on **Friday 29th April** at 6.15 p.m. when existing members will be on hand to guide new folk. We welcome anyone interested in learning how to play the game - it is essential that the club continues to increase playing members, both men and women – especially local people. There are some competitions which are just men or women, but most of the fixtures are mixed. We are a friendly club whose prime focus is to encourage all to enjoy the great outdoors – and even on bad weather days we have weather-proof clothing and a great deal of fun.

We look forward to seeing you in April with a pair of flat soled-shoes (or thick socks) and easy clothing – spare sets of bowls will be available. Should anyone be interested in assisting with bowls green maintenance then we would also very much like to hear from you.

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

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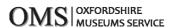


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Macular Society

We meet on the last Tuesday of each month at Frank Cook Court, School Road, Kidlington, at 10.15 a.m. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 26th April, but instead of a normal meeting, we are arranging a trip to the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind in Oxford. These trips are always very helpful as they have an amazing array of equipment to help the visually impaired, as well as some very friendly staff on hand to advise.

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Slabs or stones will act as a suitable wildlife habitat; you'd be amazed what lurks under there. Newts often frequent these dark places.

It's always a good time to build a compost heap or a leaf mould bin, if you do not have these already. Children can be engaged for hours digging away in a compost heap; there's an entire world in miniature in there.

Bee homes are now widely available, so why not invest in one, or take inspiration and build your own with materials hanging around in your garden. Solitary bees use these more successfully than bumblebees, but that's just my observation, it would be interesting to hear about your findings.

Bees often colonise these homes in spring, after hibernating over winter. The boxes can be left out over winter, or taken down and stored in a safe place to avoid bees being eaten by predators. Isn't that part of the joy of wildlife gardening though? Helping build the food chains. Insects are gardeners' friends, as often they are natural pest controllers, helping you keep natural balance in your garden during the coming season.

Try going with the flow this season, working with Mother Nature and not pulling against her, as we all have a tendency to do at times. Happy gardening. *Stuart Mabbutt, Wildlife Gardening Specialist, tel. 01865 747243*

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The club would like to enter a third team into the Summer league at Marston, but will need additional players (16+) if this is to be supported – please do come along if you think netball would be a fun activity, a time to make new friends and get fit at the same time. League matches are played on Mondays and Wednesdays evenings. Youth netball for those under 16 is offered by Kidlington Netball Club.

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

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We are currently investigating if these allotments were where the canal builders camped back in 1780s. It is also possible that the same piece of land was 'camped' on while the railway was being constructed. So, on Saturday 20th February the Cherwell Archaeology group visited the allotments to try and decide which area would be good to excavate two test pits to try and confirm this. We have been in touch with some allotment holders who have put to one side anything found that was 'man made'. The vast majority of items found so far have been blue and white pottery and a large number of clay pipes of all shapes and sizes.

One of our members is going to investigate/research clay pipes, as these are a good indication of the date when the site was used. We hope to go over a couple of allotments with metal detectors, as any metal finds would also provide good 'dating evidence for human occupation'. We would be looking for old knives, spoons, and coins. The test pit allotmens digs are likely to be over the weekend of the Spring Bank Holiday 30th April, 1st & 2nd May. We will be looking for volunteers with equipment, trowels, buckets, shovels, etc. The finds from these digs will be washed, assessed, weighed and measured. These finds will not be kept, but will show what the site was used for and how it was occupied.

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