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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Thur. 1 st	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, <i>(and every Thursday in term time)</i> ,
Thur. 1 st	Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Fri. 2 nd	Senior Club Christmas Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30 p.m.
Fri. 2 nd	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
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Mon. 5 th	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 5 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 5 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 372888
Mon. 5 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)
Tue. 6 th	Central Yarnton Bridge Club, Village Hall 9.50 a.m. (and every Tuesday)
Wed. 7 th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 7 th	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 7 th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 7 th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 14 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 8 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 8 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 10 th	Christmas Craft Fayre, Yarnton Playgroup, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Thur. 15 th	Gardening Club A.G.M. and Christmas Social (members only), Village Hall, 7 p.m.
Sun. 18 th	Yarnton Band Carol Service, St. Bartholomew's, 3 p.m.
Thur. 22 nd	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Sat. 24 th	Crib Service, St. Bartholomew's, 4 p.m.
	Carols and Prayers, St. Bartholomew's, 6 p.m.
	Midnight Mass, 11 p.m.
Sun. 25 th	Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer, St. Bartholomew's 8 a.m.
	Christmas Day Service, St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m.
Thur. 5 th January	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.

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Material for inclusion in the January 2017 Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 2nd December. Copy should be e-mailed to: <u>ruth@astall.com</u> **and** <u>maryclarke2305@googlemail.com</u>

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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 February 2017 issue is Friday 6th January 2017.

Dr. Iwan Hughes

Many people will have been saddened to hear of the death of Dr. Hughes in October, at the age of 88. He was a GP in Yarnton for many years and, as his son said to the Oxford Times, always endeavoured to put his patients' welfare at the heart of his practice. While serving as a GP he attended an aircraft crash at Kidlington Airport in 1968, helping to rescue the pilot from the wreckage.

Following his retirement Dr. Hughes moved to Cassington, but officially opened the new surgery in Yarnton in 2005. He will be gratefully remembered by many in the village.

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Sports ground maintenance person required

Yarnton Playing Field Management Committee is looking to recruit the services of a suitably qualified person to manage and prepare cricket wickets at Little Marsh Sportsfield, Yarnton. Candidates would need to be experienced in maintaining the square to Oxford Cricket Association or equivalent standard. The work will relate to the cricket square only, commencing pre-season 2017 and hopefully for the long term. The role may well suit a retired grounds person with appropriate experience. Hours and remuneration by arrangement. If interested please make an initial enquiry via e-mail: <u>varntonparishcouncil@gmail.com</u>



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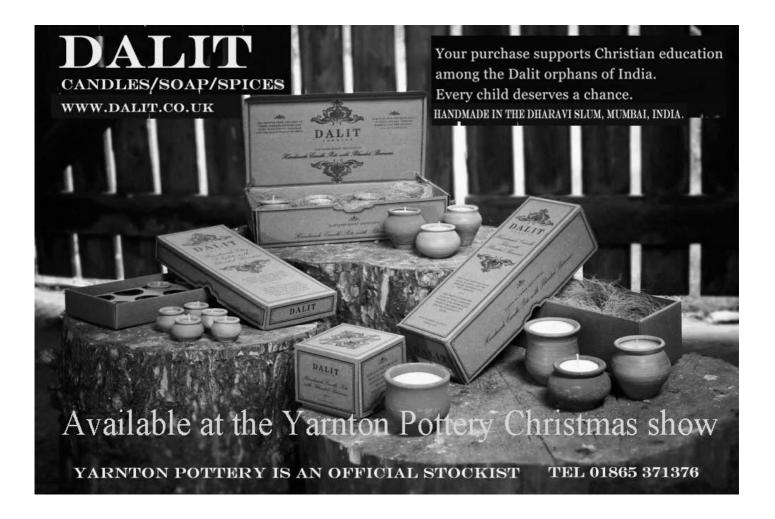
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Yarnton Lunch Club needs some help

The Lunch Club is looking for some volunteers to help just once every four weeks on a Wednesday 12 noon – 2.30 p.m. at Yarnton Village Hall. The help required includes laying up dining tables, serving food to the tables and washing up. The Lunch Club is a long-standing feature of the village for our older residents and without volunteer help will struggle to fulfil its purpose. If you could spare us just 2 ½ hours once a month, it would be greatly appreciated. Our diners are a really friendly and cheerful group who thoroughly enjoy not only the meal but also the social interaction.

Please consider if you could spare the time and give us a ring on 01865 373871; we would be very pleased to hear from you.

Fred Jones



Book Reading Group

On Monday 5th December we are discussing 'Olive Kitteridge' by Elizabeth Stroud. We have chosen to read'"Of mice and men' by John Steinbeck in January. Do contact Caroline or Jim Briden if you are interested in finding out more about the group on 01865 372888.



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Senior Club

On our last outing in October we went first to Stratfordupon-Avon and then on to Hatton Shopping Village. We had a few spots of rain, but mainly dry, so were able to walk around the Garden Centre as well as the shops. We had our raffle at Hatton, then Milan our driver gave us a scenic ride coming home via Evesham and Stow-on-the-Wold. We arrived home before dark, and many thanks were given to Milan.

We had several birthdays in October, starting with Richard, Laurence, Brian and Eileen, whose birthday was special. Apologies were given to Kath (Whitcombe) as her birthday was overlooked. We made it up with a belated good wishes at our next meeting, and our best wishes were given to all with a chorus of 'Happy Birthday'.

We are looking forward to our Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall at 12.30 p.m. on 1st December. We have two more meetings in December, on 8th and 22nd, and our first one in 2017 is on 5th January.

Happy Christmas to you all and best wishes for 2017. *Jose Green, tel. 375644*





For enquiries about baptisms, weddings or pastoral issues please contact Revd. Nathan Jarvis on fr.nathan@vahoo.com or 01865 849352 Team Vicar: The Reverend Nathan Jarvis, tel. 01865 849352, 26 Church Lane, Yarnton

Churchwardens: Ian Gill, email iangill98@vahoo.com

John Appleton, tel. 01865 460496 email john appleton@ntlworld.com

As I write, the evenings are drawing in, since the clock change, and all is still, calm and very very cold on Church Lane. I am out with the dogs in the fields and can see the effect of the recent frosts on the hedgerows, and all seems to be dying back. It is only when I kick over some leaves that I see a very brave cyclamen poking its head above ground. Even when things seem cold and frozen, new life is getting ready to spring forth.

At the moment, I have two friends who are not looking forward to Christmas. They both have parents who are very ill. I myself am wondering what Christmas will hold, with my mother now in a nursing home suffering from dementia. It will be the first Christmas that we have not all been together. This feels strange and sad, and yet, kick over the leaves as it were, of our emotions and new life is there, even though it is well hidden. One of my friends has managed to kindle a better relationship with her mother, even in these last days. She has had golden moments of tenderness and joy, something she had given up on years ago. Maybe there is light as well as darkness.

Christmas is a time when we look back, usually at the year that has just passed, and begin to look forward to the next. 2016 has been a year of growth and renewal, and also a year of saying goodbye as several of our congregation have passed away. Again both light and dark. We have started our new Sunday School, we have welcomed a new member to our team and we have been able to face the challenges that any church has to face in these times of financial difficulty and cutbacks. As a nation, we have braved Brexit and we have yet to find out (at the time of writing this) who the next President of the United States will be. We hold our breath in anticipation. We have also seen in a new Prime Minister and leader of the opposition. What a year!

As we rush around preparing for Christmas, buying presents and food, dusting off recipe books and hunting for that table cloth that only gets used once a year, let's just pause a minute. There is much to give thanks for even in the dark times, and much to celebrate in the times of joy and light. I pray that this season of joy and light will be a blessing to us all, and wish us all the very best for 2017. Fr. Nathan

Please note, this year we are having TWO Crib services due to the numbers attending last year. The first one at 4 p.m. will be the loud, fun, action-packed one with dressing up and Yarnton Band, and the 6 p.m. will be for older children and adults who prefer a more sedate service with carols and prayers. You are, of course, welcome to both!

On 9th December we are holding the Church Urban Fund Advent Sleep Out Challenge at Begbroke Church in aid of Rough Sleepers. We have Yarnton Scouts coming, parishioners and members of our congregation. If you would like to know more and to sponsor us, please donate at https://adventsleepout2016.everydayhero.com/uk/nathan



We have now started our new Children's Church, Little Shepherds. We meet each Sunday during the service at 11 a.m. apart from the first Sunday in the month which is an All-Age Service. Come and join in the fun!

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. 11 a.m.

Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer, traditional service with no Hymns 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.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Sunday 18th Yarnton Band Carol Service, 3 p.m. **Christmas Eve:** Crib Service, 4 p.m. Carols and Prayers, 6 p.m. Midnight Mass, 11 p.m.

Christmas Dav Holy Communion, BCP, 8 a.m. Christmas Day Service, 11 a.m.

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Anita is also a member of the IYA (Iyengar Yoga Association) and has been studying Iyengar Yoga since 1997 and has been teaching since 2006. Individual and small group classes available at 98 Rutten Lane. Please call for details of Yoga classes.

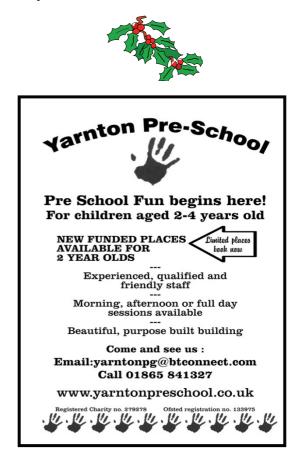
Community Education at the Marlborough School, Woodstock

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If you would like a free printed copy of our brochure or to book a place please telephone **01993 813592 or email** <u>comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk</u>. All our courses are competitively priced to give our students great value for money.

For up to date and comprehensive information about availability on courses please see the school website (as above). As courses become full they are listed for your information.

Our next Saturday workshops are on **Saturday 28th January 2017,** with the following subjects on offer: Badminton 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. £10; EFT/Tapping Introduction 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. £20; Back, Neck and Shoulder Massage 10 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. £20; Restorative Yoga 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. £20; Applemac for Beginners 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. £31; Drawing with Confidence 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. £35; Italian Cookery 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. £39; Stained Glass 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. £41 +materials; Archery 11.05 a.m. – 12.05 p.m. £10; Home Herbal: Making Herbal Teas, Tinctures 1.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. £20. *Mrs Jenny Bodinham, Coordinator, Marlborough C of E School, Community Education. Tel. 01993 813592*



News from William Fletcher School

Our staff and children have been working hard as we approach the festive season. The pupils and staff have been spending a lot of time practising for the **Christmas Plays** which we're looking forward to enjoying soon.

The children and teachers who ran the **half marathons** (including the Oxford Schools' half marathon), during October raised over £500 to support the work of the NSPCC.

Before half term a group of our boys and girls took part in a **mixed football tournament** at Carterton School. The children played really well and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of taking part in the tournament. Over 40 of our children in Key Stage 2 also took part in a huge, County **cross country tournament** at Carterton. Everyone performed well and proudly represented the school. Two of our girls finished in 1st and 8th places in a race of 150 competitors.

We've had lots of exciting **school trips** recently: years 3 and 4 have been learning about the Wind in the Willows on a wonderful trip to the River and Rowing museum in Henley. Year 6 have been on their amazing residential trip to Glasbury, and years 5 and 6 have had a trip to Blenheim Palace.



Our years 1 and 2 children have had a wonderful **story-telling workshop** led by staff of Oxford's Story Museum. They have learned the African folktale of Anansi the Spider as part of this term's Africa topic.

Towards the end of October our children in years 5 and 6 took part in the opening of the **Lieder festival** at the Sheldonian Theatre. The children worked with professional songwriters, a composer, a pianist and a singer to compose and sing their own song. The concert was extremely special and will live in the memories of staff, pupils and their families for a long time.



We've recently had a very popular evening **Maths Fair** for parents/carers and children. We had a very informative time finding out how the children are taught maths and how to support them at home. Huge thanks to the staff who worked many extra hours to provide this valuable and extremely well run event.

Best Wishes and Seasons Greetings from the William Fletcher team, staff, PTA and governors.

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Neighbourhood Watch

Christmas presents are meant for your family and friends. Make sure you do not leave them on view at ground floor level for the opportunist thief. Burglaries generally will increase either side of the festive season. Think about post coding laptops, cycles, etc. **Online and telephone scams** will increase in the run up to Christmas; unbelievable offers should always be treated with caution.

Personal attack alarms are very reassuring for young people travelling on their own, particularly during the hours of darkness. I have a limited number available 'free of charge' for school/college age young people. The alarms can also be purchased relatively cheaply £5-£6 each from <u>www.redlinesecurity.co.uk</u>. For the owners of smart phones there is now a free app available via; <u>www.straight-pr.co.uk</u> which is linked to The Hollie Gazzard Trust.

On behalf of Thames Valley Police I would like to express our sincere thanks to Yarnton Village Neighbourhood Watch Street Coordinators and wish you all a very Happy Christmas and safe New Year.

Fred Jones, NHW Coordinator, tel. 373871





The clothing bin is back in situ outside the Scout Hut and we are collecting the following items: Adult and children's clothing Shoes and trainers

Handbags and belts

Sheets, linen, curtains and towels

All items must be clean, dry, wearable clothing and shoes must be paired... please help us to raise some funds by filling the bin!



Back at the hut the Beavers are working towards their communicator, emergency aid and air activities badges. The Cubs have been on an international journey through cooking and looking at Scouting around the world plus they are looking at how they can help those with Dementia with a visit from Dementia Friends. And the Scouts are back from PGL camp, improving their map reading on a weekend We have also been helping some other charities over the past few months by participating in a shoe box appeal for children overseas and helping at the Oxford Half Marathon where we manned the drinks station at mile 9!



expedition, working on their community impact badge and looking at how they can improve their fitness. Lastly the Explorers have been out on their DofE Bronze expedition, and are looking to help the younger sections over the coming months.



Wendy Tatham Cub Scout Leader wendyltatham@gmail.com

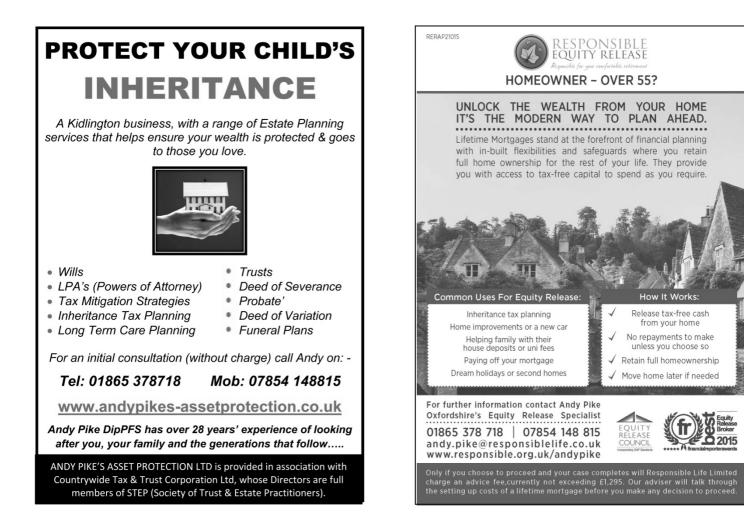
What's Christmas without Yarnton Band?



Members of Heage Band, Derbyshire founded 1916

Some years ago a Lancashire folk group, the Houghton Weavers, combined with a choir and Wingates Band to make a recording, 'What's Christmas without a Brass Band?' They were reminiscing about the past in many towns and villages, but if they came to Yarnton they would realise that our band still plays carols. This year we will be playing in nursing homes, sheltered housing, village clubs, Tesco in Kidlington and at Yarnton Church for both the Carol service on 18th December and also for the Crib service on Christmas Eve.

At a recent entertainment contest in Woodstock we came 8th out of 14 bands for Entertainment and Presentation, ahead of bands including Chichester City, Witney, Wantage Academy and Downton. We won the section for unregistered bands in both the Music and Entertainment Section, and a cup for the band with the most under 19 years of age players. Our flugel player Fiona Methley had a cup for the Section's best instrumentalist. The adjudicators commented on the band overall: '*Bravo, band, soloist and conductor. Commitment – a Big Yes! Good to see the players enjoying making music.*' Peter Hewis











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Christmas Tastings at Yarnton

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We have teamed up with Local Butcher Meat Joint to bring you your perfect Christmas Lunch! You can order your turkeys with all the trimmings here in store to be collected any time from 22nd December. On top of the traditional free range Turkey, you can order all sorts from your local trusted butcher, here in store. Poultry orders must be in by 14th December to avoid disappointment.

Merry Christmas from the Staff and Owners of us here at Fraser's Budgens, your **family owned independent** Convenience Store/Forecourt/Subway!

A huge **thank you** to all our customers for your continued support during 2016, and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year! You'll see some changes and improvements to the store next year, so keep any eye out in the next Village news for more details!

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24th December 6am – 10pm

- **25th December** 10am 2pm
- 26th December 8am 8pm
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Yarnton Parish Council

Clerk: Lynne Whitley

Office: Village Hall, The Paddocks, Yarnton, OX5 1TE. Tel. 378476. e-mail: <u>yarntonparishcouncil@gmail.com</u> The Parish Office is open **Mondays and Thursdays 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.** If the Clerk is not available when you call, please leave a message on the answerphone and a response will be made as soon as possible. If the main door of the Village Hall is locked, please ring the door bell by the post box at the left end of the Village Hall.

Future Meeting dates: Wednesday 14th December and 11th January 2017 in the Village Hall at 6.15 p.m., then every second Wednesday in the month. 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, <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.

Co-opted Parish Councillors: 8th July 2015:

Fiona Mawson. Tel: 847949,

Gregg Morris. Tel: 371291

Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer:

Lynne Whitley. Tel: 378476

District Councillors:

Alan Mackenzie-Wintle, Tel: 376614 Sandra Rhodes, Tel: 848861 Nigel Simpson, Tel: 372951

County Councillor:

Maurice Billington. Tel: 842235

Yarnton Village Hall: Bookings: Tel: 07948 722633 or email <u>varntonvillagehall@gmail.com</u>

Planning Applications:

16/02029/F. Agilent Technologies, 10 Oxford Industrial Park, Mead Road, creation of an additional 104 sq.m. of firs- floor office space.

16/01947/F 7-8. Oxford Industrial Park, alterations to the elevations to units, including curtain walling, loading bay doors and windows.

16/02037/F 47. Aysgarth Road, two-storey extension above garage for additional first floor bedroom at front of property. Ground floor extension to side and rear of property to create additional downstairs bedroom and open plan kitchen area.

16/02091/F. 21 Aysgarth Road, single-storey building to form elderly parent accommodation, ancillary to the main dwelling.

Planning Decisions:

16/01483/F. Pre-school, new accessible external ramp to pre-school building. Granted 7.10.16.

16/01614/F. Agilent Technologies, 10 Oxford Industrial Park, Mead Road, installation of mezzanine floor at first floor level. Granted 12.10.16.

16/01561/F. 47 Aysgarth Road, extension above garage to create two additional first floor bedrooms. Ground floor extension at rear of property to create open plan kitchen/dining area. Refused 28.9.16.

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 <u>www.cherwell.gov.uk</u>.

Correspondence: All correspondence by letter or email to the Parish Council must include the sender's name and address. The Parish Council will not be able to discuss anonymous correspondence received without these details.

Grants: Applications from village organisations for a grant from the Parish Council must be received in writing to the Clerk by 31st December 2016, and cannot be considered after that date. Applicants must explain why they are making the request, specify the sum they are applying for, enclose their latest statement of accounts including information on fundraising by themselves during this year, and also confirm that any grant awarded last year was used in the manner applied for. Successful applicants will receive the grant in April 2017.

Parish Council Office: The office will be closed on Monday 26th December but will be open on Thursday 29th December. **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) and Rutten Lane Park (front of pavilion).

New Dog Bin: There is a new dog bin at the entrance of Begbroke Science Park on Sandy Lane. It has been very kindly donated by the University for the benefit of the many dog walkers who exercise their dogs around the fields and also down the cycle path.

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 £4. Free transport available for people with limited mobility. A companionable meal in friendly atmosphere. Contact Fred Jones, tel. 373871 (vacancies).



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Yarnton Walkers Group

I am pleased to advise everyone concerned in the village that the Application, together with supporting evidence from 140 villagers, has now been delivered to Oxfordshire County Council, Countryside Services in Eynsham. This is only the start of the process to have several of the old local footpaths behind the Red Lion and at the back of the Manor designated as Public Rights of Way. Many villagers already believed that this was the case. We had hoped that the land owners would have been able to compromise and allow us to continue to walk the paths that have been used by many local generations. Unfortunately a compromise has not been possible, and it is with some sadness that we have to revert to the formal process and submit an Application Form for a Modification of the Definitive Map and Statement.

This formal process can take several years to resolve. We will keep everyone advised of the progress.

Thank you to all those villagers who have supported our case. *Richard Jurd, Secretary, Yarnton Walkers Group*





Woodstock Methodist Church, Oxford Street, Woodstock Kidlington Methodist Church, Oxford Road, Kidlington

Minister: The Revd. Alison Mares, tel. 01865 373958, Email: <u>alison.mares@oxfordmethodists.org.uk</u>. Lay Worker: Malcolm Bromhall, tel. 07887 947569, Email: malcolm.bromhall@oxfordmethodists.org.uk Web: <u>www.woodstockmethodists.org.uk</u>, <u>www.kidlingtonmethodistchurch.co.uk</u> There are no Methodist churches in Yarnton, but you will find one in both Woodstock and Kidlington. Details of our forthcoming services are below, but there are also various midweek activities, details of which can be found on the appropriate website. Everyone is welcome to come and join us at any time.

Services in December

Woodstock

4^{th}	10.30 a.m.	David Mathews	
11^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Peter Hancock	
		(Holy Communion)	
18^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Family Nativity Service	
		(Rev. Alison Mares)	
	6 p.m.	Carol Service	
		(Rev. Alison Mares)	
24^{th}	11.15 p.m.	Christmas Eve Communion	
		(Rev. Alison Mares)	
25^{th}	10.45 a.m.	Rev. Alison Mares	
		(All age worship)	

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 Thursday we meet at 9:30am for a short informal time of prayer followed by coffee. On the third Thursday of the month, this incorporates a celebration of communion. All welcome!



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2^{nd}	6 p.m.	Christingle Service
4^{th}	10 a.m.	Rev. Alison Mares
		(Holy Communion)
11^{th}	10 a.m.	Heidi Cottrell
18^{th}	10 a.m.	Ian Leck
	6 p.m.	Carol Service
		(Malcolm Bromhall)
24^{th}	3.30 p.m.	Crib Service
25^{th}	9.30 a.m.	Rev. Alison Mares

The Kidlington church also runs a Junior Church and crèche on Sunday mornings.

The next Messy Church at Kidlington will be on Saturday 10th December at 4.30 p.m. Messy Church is a time for families to share in stories, activities and food together. All are welcome.

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Yarnton Gardening Club

The list is out now for our A.G.M. and Christmas Social in December, which is for members only. As usual we are asking members to bring a contribution to the food, and it would be useful to know if you are coming and what food you can bring, so please sign up. This will be on 15th December in the Village Hall, **starting at the earlier time of 7 p.m.** Please contact Jill Rowbotham on 377623 for further information.

As mentioned in last month's issue, Jan and Bruce Taylor have decided to stand down from the committee, and so we are very much in need of volunteers to join us. If we have enough people on the committee, then the work isn't onerous, and meetings are enjoyable as well as productive. If you feel you would like to join the committee, please contact an existing member. We are also always grateful for offers from members who may not be able to be on the committee but are happy to help at special events. Please give it some thought, as the club cannot continue without enough people to organise it.

Thank you to all who took the time to fill in our questionnaire which was issued in October and November. We are collating the results and will let members have the feedback in December. *Ruth Astall*

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Our thanks also go out to Rev. Nathan Jarvis for conducting a wonderful service, and to Kerry and all her staff at The Red Lion. It was lovely to see so many friends and family throughout the whole day.

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How does the Autumn and Winter Wildlife Garden make me feel, and why?

The world seems to be closing in a little since the clocks went back an hour in October; the nights are drawing in, we are consolidating, and stocking up for Christmas and the New Year. What is actually going on though? In general I think we are cosying up, or as the Danes would say 'We are experiencing the Hygge effect'. What is Hygge? Well, it's more of an experience and a feeling of cosyness and togetherness with those around us and the environment we are in.

The Autumn colours of reds and yellows are warming colours like a woollen blanket or a log fire. We are hunter gatherers genetically, so we naturally stock up and hunker down for the coming Winter. The wildlife in your garden is doing a lot of the same thing.

Newts are hiding away under the leaf litter now, and actually there is a whole world of life going on under the leaves in Autumn and Winter, as it can be a couple of degrees warmer under them. So don't rake up every leaf you see as that is sheltering wildlife trying to enjoy the Hygge effect too.

Butterflies like to stock up too, so a sweet boost will help them no end, and some need the energy to see them into hibernation too. A squashed banana and apples ferment and ooze in the sunshine; Red Admiral, Painted Lady and Comma butterflies should find it. When they do, they're likely to stay for hours and then return day after day, so again don't tidy all the rotting fruit away.

Enjoy the last few milder days out in the garden, but also give yourself chance to enjoy snuggling up indoors and recharging your batteries. It's not by accident that we feel like hibernating to at this time of year. Go with it and enjoy it. It's all part of the natural cycle of wildlife gardeners everywhere.

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Players need to be 15+ and turn up in easy clothing and trainers, and with a bottle of water! We usually have our own Level 2 coach in attendance as skills practices are delivered with a short training match at the end of the evening. Division Two matches are on Wednesday evenings at the Marston centre – spectators are welcome – further information at http://www.oxfordshirenetball.co.uk/

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For our Christmas meeting we shall be having a beading workshop, with an opportunity to make a snowflake decoration or a bracelet or necklace. There will be a small charge for materials, so remember to bring some money with you. We shall have mulled wine and mince pies and stollen to add to the festive spirit. There will also be a seasonal raffle. Tea hostesses will be Anne George, Ruby Haynes and Elizabeth Burden. We are delighted that Pamela Tingay has agreed to be our new Treasurer, following Mary's move to Bristol. She has been co-opted onto the committee and will be working with Ruth for a month or so before taking over. We are sure she will be a valued addition to our committee.

The December coffee morning will be on Wednesday 14th at the 1738 Coffee Shop in Boswells, Broad Street, Oxford, from 10.30 a.m. We thought this would give members the chance to do some Christmas shopping as well as enjoying a drink and perhaps a mince pie or cake. **Subscriptions.** A reminder that annual subscriptions of £39 are due in January. Existing members will have received an envelope with their News and Views last month, so please let Ruth have the money promptly. If for any reason you do not plan to rejoin in 2017, it would be a great help if you could let Ruth know, to save her chasing you for money. *Ruth Astall*

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