YARNTON VILLAGE NEWS

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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Mon. 2nd Book Reading Group, tel. 372888
Tue. 3rd Central Yarnton Bridge Club, Village Hall 9.50 a.m. (and every Tuesday)
Wed. 4th 9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew’s (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 4th Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 4th Beavers, Scout Hut, 5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Thur. 5th Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (and every Thursday in term time), Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Thur. 5th Senior Club Village Hall, 2p.m.
Fri. 6th Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
Fri. 6th Copy date for January 2017 issue of Yarnton Village News
Mon. 9th Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 9th Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 9th Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)
Wed. 11th ‘Little Sheep’ (and every Wednesday in term-time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew’s
Wed. 11th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 12th W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 19th Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 19th Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Fri. 27th/ Yarnton Amateur Players present ’Hansel and Gretal’, Village Hall, Friday 7.30 p.m., Saturday 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

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Yarnton Amateur Players present
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Our A.G.M. and Christmas Social was well attended and very enjoyable as usual. Jan Taylor stepped down as Chairman and from the committee after many years of service, and grateful thanks were given to her and also to Bruce Taylor who has also resigned from the committee. Both will be very much missed but we look forward to seeing them in a more relaxed mode at future meetings. We were pleased to welcome Gwyneth Stone to the committee and look forward to her help and ideas. The rest of the committee remains as before: Secretary: Ann Moss, Treasurer: Ruth Astall, members: Pauline Brown, Serena Marner, Cath Newman, David Poulton, Jill Rowbotham and Gwyneth Stone. As there was no-one who felt able to take on the responsibility of Chairman, some committee members have agreed that they will take it in turns to chair the monthly meetings, and we hope this will work well. Ideally, we will be looking for someone to take on the position at the 2017 A.G.M.

N.B. This article was written before the A.G.M., and so there may be further changes following the meeting, which will be notified in the February issue.

Our speaker this month is Tony Clear who will be talking about ‘Brook Cottage Garden through the years’. The club has visited and enjoyed this lovely garden at Alkerton more than once, so we shall look forward to hearing Tony’s talk. We meet at the Village Hall on Thursday 19th at 7.30 p.m. and visitors are always welcome. Please note that subscriptions are due this month; the price was increased to £9 per person at the A.G.M., which still represents excellent value, as not only does it include the monthly meetings but offers members a 10% discount at various local garden centres, including Yarnton Nurseries.

Date for your diary. We are arranging an afternoon visit by cars to Thenford Arboretum, the home of Lord and Lady Hestletine near Brackley, on Saturday 10th June to start at 2 p.m. This is one of a small number of Open Days they hold each year. Tickets cost £12 and are limited and issued by Thenford on a first come/first served basis and have to be paid for when the booking is made. The list will be out at the January meeting and, depending on numbers, we will apply straight after the meeting to try and avoid disappointment. Payment will be required at the meeting (or very soon after) and if you are subsequently unable to come, then it will be up to you to find someone to take your place, as no refunds can be given. We may put the list out again at the February meeting and can apply for more tickets, but the later we leave it, the less chance there is of success. There has been quite a bit of publicity about the garden recently and so their Open Days are likely to prove popular, which is why we are advertising so early.

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Glyme Valley Probus Club for Ladies

Dismal chapels, dusty libraries and greasy halls: this, according to Jane Austen, is the description; but John Wesley put that right when he said ‘I came to love the very sight of Oxford’. Not ‘in the light of a Spring-coloured afternoon’ but in November, Brian Lowe came to talk to us about the lovely city of Oxford. We saw photographs of stunning architecture, perfectly kept gardens, rivers and people enjoying these delights and all just a short bus ride away from here. The history of this City, its appeal and draw, is immense, and it goes back to the 1200s with the University Church built in 1280 and the Divinity School in the 1400s. History continues to be made here, with the undergraduates through to the Fellows and the buildings that sometimes change and evolve. Our speaker used many superlatives in his descriptions and they were all justified. For further information about Ladies Probus, please telephone 01993 812025. Sandy Rasch
At this time of year there is something very special about the light, particularly the morning light. In our village, despite our closeness to major road networks and the City of Oxford, we seem to get a clarity not seen in other areas of Oxfordshire. Early morning, as I walk the dogs or go out to defrost the car, things feel different. There is a sort of cleansing quality in winter light which somehow helps when preparing for the day ahead.

When I lived on the north-east coast of England, the light was extraordinary. Very often I would walk down to the beach before most people were up and about, and enjoy the quality of light. The freshness and newness would always surprise me. The environment’s ability to somehow wipe the slate clean as the sun rises was something that still fills me with wonder.

The beginning of a new year is like this first light. We celebrate it as we sing songs and toast the New Year. We make promises to ourselves and to others about the sort of year this will be. We vow to go to the gym, to eat more healthily, to achieve more, to be kinder, nicer, slimmer, more patient. For a short time everything is up for grabs; we are optimistic, dead set on reaching our goal. We are full of newness. We are full of new light.

Despite what often happens a few days in when we abandon our New Year’s Resolutions, we can for a moment enjoy this feeling of freshness, lightness, as we face the future and decide to do things differently. It is a moment of clarity and clearness of vision and should be celebrated, not mourned when we go wrong.

By this point, Christmas may seem like a distant memory as the day-to-day routine begins again, as work makes its usual demands and as life continues in its normal vein. Has anything changed? Has anything shifted?

My New Year’s Resolutions are simple, but quite challenging (for me):

1. Eat less chocolate.
2. Ride my bike more.
3. Be more patient.
4. Try not to get frustrated.

I know for a fact that by the end of January, most of these will have been broken or altered to accommodate my failings (especially when it comes to the chocolate bit!) but I will try again and keep on trying.

As a Vicar, when all the wonderful Christmas celebrations are over, it can feel a bit flat. As well as all the services and parties, we have had some great events - the Advent Sleep-out in church for those sleeping rough, and the LVS School Christingle service being two particular highlights. But it is as we look to the future that the excitement begins all over again. We have much to look forward to and much to feel optimistic about as 1217 begins.

Fr. Nathan.
What’s going on under all that Winter snow?

Garden wildlife often hibernates, as food is rare and it gets cold, making life difficult in Winter. Many creatures hide away in log and leaf piles, nestle into tree bark, disappear into compost heaps or mud. Some species, such as birds and squirrels, don’t hibernate, but struggle - using up fat reserves. One of the more important things you may have done this year is plant some bushes that produce flames of berries, ideal to feed the Winter birds. Be sure that if you have, the birds will gorge themselves on them.

Seeds for the birds don’t have to come in a plastic bag from the supermarket either! Leave some shrubs unpruned, as those old flower heads will provide a nutritious food source and shelter too.

Having some ‘untidy’ vegetation - dead though it may be - also makes gardens more appealing than seeing just snow everywhere on flat surfaces. Yes snow, it’s that time of year again. What a pleasure it can give as it hangs off the flower stems of your uncut perennial and shrubby plants. If the snow gets too deep, the novelty soon wears off, but we can rest in the knowledge those unpruned plants are providing some shelter under all that snow. Once it melts you can get back out and ‘tidy up’ in Spring.

If it does snow this Winter, give a thought for the wildlife covered in the white stuff. Think about the shelter you can provide under the layers of snow as it falls. If we are successful, much of the wildlife will then return to shower us in much joy as it all starts to reappear when the warmer days arrive. The older I get the shorter the seasons seem to be - how about you?

Happy Gardening.

Stuart Mabbutt, Wildlife Gardening Specialist, 01865 747243, www.wildmaninspires.co.uk
From ‘Humanitad’ by Oscar Wilde

It is full winter now: the trees are bare,
Save where the cattle huddle from the cold
Beneath the pine, for it doth never wear
The autumn’s gaudy livery whose gold
Her jealous brother pilfers, but is true
To the green doublet; bitter is the wind, as though it blew

From Saturn’s cave; a few thin wisps of hay
Lie on the sharp black hedges, where the wain
Dragged the sweet pillage of a summer’s day
From the low meadows up the narrow lane;
Upon the half-thawed snow the bleating sheep
Press close against the hurdles, and the shivering house-dogs creep

From the shut stable to the frozen stream
And back again disconsolate, and miss
The bawling shepherds and the noisy team;
And overhead in circling listlessness
The cawing rooks whirl round the frosted stack,
Or crowd the dripping boughs; and in the fen the ice-pools crack

Where the gaunt bittern stalks among the reeds
And flaps his wings, and stretches back his neck,
And hoots to see the moon; across the meads
Limps the poor frightened hare, a little speck;
And a stray seamew with its fretful cry
Flits like a sudden drift of snow against the dull grey sky.

Macular Society Kidlington

Well, the start of another year and we send New Year’s greetings to all our members.
We meet on the last Tuesday of each month at 10.15 a.m.
at Frank Cook Court, School Road, Kidlington.
Our speaker for Tuesday 31st January is Ken Bridge –
‘Introduction to accessible Smart phones and tablets’.
Transport can be arranged for anyone wishing to come along.

Anyone interested in further information, please contact Tom on 01865 37648 or Marita on 01865 373104.
Marita Ferrett

Book Reading Group

Our next meeting is on Monday 2nd January when we will be talking about ‘Of Mice and Men’ by John Steinbeck. Our book to read for our February meeting is ‘A Father’s Betrayal’ by Gabriella Gillespie. Please phone Caroline or Jim Briden on 372888 if you would like to find out more about the group.

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A very Happy New Year to you all! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and enjoyed the festivities and celebrations.

Firstly a huge thank you all of our customers for supporting us through the past year and we look forward to welcoming you into the store during the coming year. 2017 will be a busy year for us as there will be some improvements to the store. More detail to follow but for the time being come in store and see what we have to offer for 2017!

So, what does 2017 have in store for you? Everybody has good intentions going into the New Year, mainly down to the excesses of the festive period! Whether you have decided to get back in the gym, quit smoking or just cut back on a few things we hope that here at the store we can help. Whether it be with some proper offers on healthy snacks, or a top quality smoking alternative, we have a great selection for a great new you!

To get you started this month our giveaway with the Platinum Club is a scrumptious pack of Chilli Crackers from Tooty Fruity. Just print off your voucher to make the most of this great freebie! If you haven’t joined yet you’re missing out. See below for more details.....

Remember, you can join our exclusive Platinum Club online at www.frasersbudgens.co.uk. You’ll get 2p off a litre every Sunday, Half Price Platinum Car Washes Mon-Fri, 20% off hot drinks, a free product each month and money off vouchers too... phew!
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Co-opted Governors are community members who have an interest in the role of schools in society and wish to make a positive contribution to their communities. The main task for governing bodies is to promote high standards of educational achievement. There are three key roles and responsibilities that governors fulfil in order to achieve that goal:

• to be involved in strategic planning – identifying where the school needs to improve and agreeing priorities for improvement
• to challenge the school to do better and support it in those efforts
• to hold the head teacher to account for school performance and to provide an account to parents and the wider community

If you would like to know more about the role of a Co-opted Governor and, most importantly, if you would be interested in joining our Governing Body, please do contact me at the school.

Trish Amesbury, Chair of Governors, William Fletcher School

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Yarnton Parish Council

Clerk: Lynne Whitley
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Tel. 378476, e-mail: yarntonparishcouncil@gmail.com
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 11th January and 8th February in the Village Hall at 6.15 p.m., then every second Wednesday in the month. Members of the public are welcome to attend 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](http://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.
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 yarntonvillagehall@gmail.com

**Planning Applications:**
16/02131/F. 18 Aysgarth Road, extensions and alterations to first floor to provide one further bedroom. Extension to existing bedroom and new bathroom/ensuite facilities.
16/02244/F. 46 The Garth, extensions to side and rear and erection of canopy to front.
16/02251/F. Land adjacent to cemetery, change of use of land to form an extension to the existing parish cemetery for burial of human remains.

**Planning Decisions:**
16/01868/F. 14 Aysgarth Road, single-storey extensions to side, front and rear. Granted 9.11.16.
16/01708/F. Part land 2935 North and to rear of The Turnpike, Woodstock Road, upgrading the existing cladding and roof, installing a new vehicle door, flashings and gutter linings. Low level flat roof to be upgraded. Granted 9.11.16.
16/01947/F. 7-8 Oxford Industrial Park, alterations to the elevations to units including curtain walling, loading bay doors and windows. Granted 21.11.16.
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. Granted 28.11.16.
16/01844/F. Blenheim Service station, first floor extension to service station to provide improved office and staff accommodation and other minor alterations. Refused 7.11.16.
16/01466/F. Yarnton Manor, erection of free standing building in Manor gardens (Retrospective). Refused 9.11.16.
16/01467/LB. Yarnton Manor, installation of drainage pipework beneath garden wall. Refused 9.11.16.

**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](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk).

**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.

Parish Council Office: The office will be closed on Monday 2nd January.

**Proposed alterations to service road outside Budgens:** We have now received a response from Oxfordshire County Council and the matter will be discussed further at the next Parish Council meeting (after this newsletter’s copy date). More information will be available to residents in the New Year.
Keys Found: Two sets of keys were found on 13/14th November in Spencer Avenue and The Garth. If you think they might belong to you please contact the Parish Clerk giving a brief description.

Primary School Place: If your child was born on or between 1st September 2012 and 31st August 2013, you need to apply for a primary school place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. Deadline for application is 15th January 2017. Apply online at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. For help and information: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions. Email: admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk Telephone: 01865 815175.

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).

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

Compostable Caddy Bin Liners: Caddy bin liners can still be purchased from the Parish Council Office in the Village Hall on Mondays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., or will be delivered by arrangement if more convenient and not possible to collect. The price is £3 (three pounds) per roll of 40 liners. Telephone 378476. 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: Ann Warne.

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, £2 per person. 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 £4. Free transport available for people with limited mobility. A companionable meal in friendly atmosphere. Contact David Poulton, tel. 374158.
Minister: The Revd. Alison Mares, tel. 01865 373958, Email: alison.mares@oxfordmethodists.org.uk
Lay Worker: Malcolm Bromhall, tel. 07887 947569, Email: malcolm.bromhall@oxfordmethodists.org.uk
Web: www.woodstockmethodists.org.uk, www.kidlingtonmethodistchurch.co.uk

There are no Methodist churches in Yarnton, but you will find one in both Woodstock and Kidlington. Details of our forthcoming services are below, but there are also various midweek activities, details of which can be found on the appropriate website. Everyone is welcome to come and join us at any time.

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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!

**Kidlington**

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The Kidlington church also runs a Junior Church and crèche on Sunday mornings. The next Messy Church at Kidlington will be on Saturday 14th January at 4.30 p.m. Messy Church is a time for families to share in stories, activities and food together. All are welcome.
Community Education at the Marlborough School, Woodstock

A full weekly programme of courses will begin again in January 2017. We will be offering the following courses:

Legs, Bums and Tums, Tuesday 7.30 p.m.
Backs and Abdominals Stretch Class, Wednesday 5 p.m.
Pilates (Monday or Thursday 11.15 a.m.)
Yoga (spaces every day we run except both Monday classes)
Tai Chi, Tuesday 6.15 p.m.
Badminton for All, Monday 8.05 p.m. - 9.05 p.m. (earlier class full)
Psychology 2, Wednesday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Guitar (Acoustic) Next Steps (2), Wednesday 7.45 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Guitar (Acoustic) Improvers, Wednesday 6.45 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
Singing for the Terrified, Tuesday 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
SongThreads Beginners Choir, Tuesday 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
SongThreads Improvers Choir, Tuesday 8 p.m. - 9.15 p.m.
French Next Steps January/More Steps May, Wednesday 7 - 8.30 p.m.
Italian Next Steps January/More Steps May, Tuesday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Italian Improvers, Tuesday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Spanish Beginners, Thursday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Spanish Improvers, Monday 5 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.
Watercolour Painting for Beginners, Thursday 1.15 p.m. - 2.45 p.m.
Watercolour Painting for Improvers, Thursday 3 p.m. - 4.30 p.m.
Life Drawing, Wednesday 7.15 p.m. - 9.15 p.m.
Drawing and Painting for Beginners, Tuesday 6.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.
Cooking Through the Seasons: the Wonders of Winter, Wednesday 6.50 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Body Love – Learn to Love Your Body, starts in February, Monday 6.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Saturday workshops - check our website for up-to-date availability.**

**28th January:**
Badminton 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. £10.
EFT/Tapping Introductory Workshop 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: Tuna Pate with Homemade Mayonnaise and Chocolate and Walnut Cake 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. £39 + ingredients.
Learn to Love Your Sewing Machine 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. £41 + materials.
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.

**4th March:**
Patchwork (by Machine) for Beginners 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. £41 + materials.
Badminton 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. £10.
iPad/iPhone for Beginners 9.30 a.m. - 12.30 p.m. £20.
Punch Board Crafts 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. £20 + materials.
Yoga: Exploring Yin and Yang 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. £20.
Sugarcraft Cupcake Decorating – Pretty Cupcake Toppers 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. £26 + materials.
Traditional Upholstery Workshop 10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m. £50 + materials.
Painting Using Special Effects 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. £35.
Italian Cookery: Risotto and Lemon Scaloppine 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. £39 + ingredients.
Stained Glass 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. £41 + materials.
Singing for the Terrified 10.30 a.m. - 1 p.m. £20 (or £30 if attend both singing workshops on same day).
Archery 11.05 a.m. - 12.05 p.m. £10.
iPad/iPhone for Improvers 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. £20.
Pilates with Balls and Bands 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. £13.50.
SongThreads Choir Workshop 2 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. £20 (or £30 if attend both singing workshops on same day).

For up to date and comprehensive information about availability on courses please see the school website [www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/commed](http://www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/commed). As courses become full they are listed for your information. To book a place please telephone **01993 813592** or email [comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk).

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Christmas festivities kicked off early with the Yarnton Pre-school Christmas Fun Day on the afternoon of Saturday 26th November. The Pre-school children did a fantastic job of opening the proceedings with a brilliant rendition of festive songs and Santa made an early appearance, before taking up residence in his grotto ready for the children to visit and let him know what they would like for Christmas. The afternoon was full of fun with creative activities for the children, stalls with Christmas goodies to purchase, adult and children’s tombolas, a raffle with the chance to win some excellent prizes, guess the weight of the Christmas cake, a draw to win not one but two amazing hampers and plenty of refreshments and cakes! Attendance was fantastic, with what felt like record numbers joining us, and we’d like to thank everyone who came along to support one of our major fundraising events of the year. We raised well over £1000 which will be used to purchase resources for the Pre-school and help the children enjoy their time with us even more! We would also like to thank the parents and families of the Pre-school children, committee members, staff and friends of the Pre-school who kindly donated tombola prizes, cakes and biscuits, and their invaluable time, both in preparation for and on the afternoon of the Fun Day.


Thank you on behalf of the committee, staff and children of Yarnton Pre-school.
Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

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114 Mrs. V. Brogden    79 Mr. P. Talboys

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Kidlington & District Historical Society

The next Meeting of the Kidlington & District Historical Society is on 31st January, when there will be a talk by Deborah Hayter entitled 'Lost Villages of Oxfordshire'. The Meeting starts at 7.50 p.m. and will be at The Willow Tree Restaurant, Moorside, The Moors, Kidlington, OX5 2UZ. Visitors £3.50, under 26s 50 pence.
As we get to the end of the first half of the Winter season the team has been working hard and has now achieved three wins and currently stands 7th in Division 2, with one match in hand. We would like to field two teams in the league this year – please do think if you would like to join our very friendly set of ladies for regular fun and fitness. We welcome anyone interested in playing to come along on Tuesdays to the Rutten Lane floodlit court 7.30 p.m. – 9 p.m., but please do check before turning up. 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 (Kate), as skills practices are delivered with a short training match at the end of the evening. Division 2 league matches are on Wednesday evenings at the Marston centre – spectators are welcome – further information at http://www.oxfordshirenetball.co.uk/.
The Vitality Netball Superleague commences in February with regular SKY TV coverage – our most closely linked Superleague team is TEAMBATH who play their first game on 18th February away against Celtic Dragons. For updated information on club training please contact Club Secretary – Laura, tel. 07740-467107. yarntonnetballclub@outlook.com.

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Have you made a New Year’s resolution? Did you include a healthy lifestyle?

Our nurses are here to help – please make an appointment with our nurses to discuss:

- Losing weight
- Quitting smoking
- Reducing your alcohol intake

January is an excellent time to take up a new exercise or start a new fitness regime. Here are some reasons to get up and get moving:

- It can help with weight loss
- It can help lower blood pressure and improve your physical health
- It can improve your mood in a sustainable way

Aim for 20 minutes a day, and of course it makes sense to choose an activity you enjoy, such as a brisk walk, a yoga class or swimming. Please do seek advice from the nursing team before you start if you have a chronic condition such as diabetes, heart disease or high blood pressure. It is important to pace yourself carefully.

HAPPY NEW YEAR
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This month we are pleased to welcome Keith Jansz whose talk is entitled 'My life as a Mouth Painter'. This should be a very interesting evening and those who have seen the work of the MFPA will know what lovely pictures they produce. The meeting is in the Village Hall on Thursday 12th at 7.30 p.m. Subscriptions of £39 are due this month. Existing members will have received an envelope with their News and Views in November, so please let Ruth or Pamela 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 one of them know, to save chasing you for money. The January coffee morning will be on Thursday 19th at Yarnton Nurseries at 10.30 a.m. All are welcome.

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Our monthly meetings are at the Enterprise Centre, Marlborough School, Woodstock, generally every 1st Tuesday at 2 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For more information, please telephone 01865 580688. Speakers for the next few months are:

10th January: Andrew Moss - 'History of the Radcliffe Infirmary'.

7th February: Tim Walker – 'The Healing Power of Plants'.

7th March: Bob MacFarlane – 'Small Wonder VW'.

Yarnton Fireworks Show 2016

Thank you to everyone who turned out to support this year's fireworks, yet another excellent show from Skyline Promotions. Also a special thank you to the many people who were involved, contributed, helped in any way to ensure everything happened as planned: Post Office and YBFC for ticket sales; David Side Amusements; St. John Ambulance; Linda from Yarnton Guides and Carys, Becca, Sarah, Kate from Yarnton Netball Club for the refreshments; Paul, Mark and Michael from YFC for gate sales; Ellen and Steve for managing everyone into the event; Caroline, Don and Brian from YBFC, along with Fred from YPC, for overseeing the A44 crossing; Christine and Jen for the Tombola; the Yarnton Playing Fields Committee. I'm sure 2017 will be just as successful.

A date for your diary - Saturday 11th November 2017.

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We hope you had a fantastic Christmas. Our Christmas Plays which we watched towards the end of term were absolutely wonderful; thanks to all the staff for all their hard work, the PTA for providing refreshments and the raffle, and parents and carers for their efforts with costumes.
Thanks so much to the PTA for running our brilliant pupils’ Christmas shopping event, which is excellent and always very popular. The children bring in small gifts in exchange for non-uniform days during late November and December, and then are able to go Christmas shopping with small amounts of money to buy and wrap gifts for their parents and carers. The PTA also ran a successful Christmas shopping evening for parents/adults in mid-November.
Our children came in to school dressed in spots on BBC Children in Need day during November and raised £197 for the charity. Our children in year 6 have had their annual visit from Oxford IMPS, which is the award-winning Injury Minimization Programme for Schools. They taught the children basic first aid skills and skills aimed at reducing the risk of accidents.
http://www.impsweb.co.uk/
At our year 6 residential trip to Glasbury, children were able to have a go at canoeing, climbing, caving, and hill walking, amongst other activities. Our residential trips are an important part of school life. enabling pupils to try new activities, take on leadership roles and develop their independence skills. Our year 6 children also took part in the Oxfordshire Music Service’s Christmas Big Sing at Oxford Town Hall. The children performed an African Christmas song and then with pupils from other schools performed as part of a 200 strong choir. This concert raises money for the charity Christian Aid. It was a lovely evening and an excellent start to the Christmas season.
Our year 1 children had a super time at a Dance Workshop at the Marlborough School during November. They had the opportunity to meet other year 1 children from our school partnership. Some of our children in years 4 and 6 took part in the annual Schools’ Maths Challenge at St. Edward’s School and Summerhill School. The children worked together to answer as many questions as possible in the allotted time. A small group of our years 1 and 3 children represented school at the Oxfordshire Book Awards, where they enjoyed meeting authors and illustrators.
Our children in year 5 took part in a schools’ partnership years 5 and 6 Hockey Tournament in Witney. They all played fantastically and finished 6th overall - well done to all the players!
The Building Learning Power (BLP) team of pupils provided a brilliant (interactive) presentation and tour to our governors’ meeting during November: We learned about the BLP superheroes Resourceful Rosie, Reciprocal Robbie, Reflective Raj and Resilient Ruby, and how the children and staff use building learning power to help support learning.
During January we’ll be having a ‘Help your child with Literacy’ evening at school, which we hope will be as successful as our amazing Maths Fair. Thanks in advance to our amazing staff who work so hard to create these valuable and informative events. Happy New Year from the William Fletcher team: staff, PTA and governors.
Yarnton Amateur Players
Family Pantomime 27th and 28th January 2017
at the Village Hall

YAPs are back! We bring you a lovely pantomime that the whole family can enjoy – the traditional tale of Hansel and Gretel.

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In the meantime, Hansel and Gretal are kidnapped and a search begins in the spooky wood. Lots of laughs and sing-a-long songs – this is a show not to be missed!

Friday 27th January at 7.30 p.m., Saturday 28th January at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Tickets - £8 adult/£5 concession.

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Yarnton Band, Remembrance Sunday and American tribute

On Remembrance Sunday we led the parades at Woodstock in the morning and Yarnton in the afternoon, Fiona Methley played the Last Post and Reveille at Woodstock and Joe Wright played the pieces at Yarnton. The Village Hall was packed for our annual concert and included people from Boston, USA and Lampeter in West Wales. An American visitor wrote after the event, ‘I thought that the younger players had a balanced programme including a German song that I used to sing in the beer hall in Frankfurt while I was in the American forces - years ago. The cornetists were excellent and it was good to let the trombones cut loose. But the tune that came close to bringing tears to my eyes was ‘Yesterday’ with a wonderful solo but also very rich harmonic chords in the arrangements that gave real colour to the whole band. We will come back again.’ We also saw our youngest conductor in action: as part of her Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme, Charlotte Wilkes is helping with our training band and conducted them for several pieces. In addition Charlotte is a fine Euphonium player with the main band and a great example of the young talent that we have in the band. The cup for the most improved player in the Training Band went to Lizzie Blake and in the main Band it went to Sophie Hambridge. Our soloists, mother and daughter, Mary and Fiona Methley, played a duet, *Trumpeters’ Lullaby* by Leroy Anderson and Tenor Horn player Anna Hipkiss played a Beatles favourite, *Yesterday*. Several new pieces were played, *The Nut Rocker* (loosely based on Tchaikovsky’s ballet, *The Great Escape* from the film of the same name and *Beauty and the Beast* from a Disney film. The finale saw the band wearing pirate hats (see above) but the audience wanted more so we had *The Muppets* as an encore. Peter Hewis
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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.