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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Mon. 1 st	Short Mat Bowling, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (<i>and every Monday</i>)
Mon. 1 st	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (<i>and every Monday</i>)
Mon. 1 st	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (<i>and every Monday</i>)
Mon. 1 st	Book Reading Group, tel. 372888
Tue. 2 nd	Central Yarnton Bridge Club, Village Hall 9.50 a.m. (<i>and every Tuesday</i>)
Wed. 3 rd	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (<i>and every Wednesday</i>)
Wed. 3 rd	'Little Sheep' (<i>and every Wednesday in term-time</i>), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 3 rd	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (<i>and every Wednesday</i>)
Wed. 3 rd	Beavers, Scout Hut, 5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. (<i>and every Wednesday</i>)
Thur. 4 th	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers, (<i>and every Thursday in term time</i>), Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Fri. 5 th	Copy date for June issue of Yarnton Village News
Fri. 5 th	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (<i>and every Friday</i>)
Wed. 10 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 11 th	Senior Club Village Hall, 2p.m.
Thur. 11 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 13 th	Plant Sale, Village Hall, 11 a.m.
Sun. 14 th	Gardening Club all-day trip to RHS Wisley, 9.15 a.m.
Thur. 18 th	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 25 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.

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Material for inclusion in the June Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 5th May.

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

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Copy date for the July issue is Friday 9th June.

Yarnton Spring Clean 2017

What a great effort by all those who took part, including Yarnton WI, Yarnton Gardening Club, Yarnton Scouts, Yarnton FC, William Fletcher School (Staff and pupils) and Yarnton Playing Field MC. The weather was kind to us during the clean up period 3rd - 20th March and it was good to see community groups getting together for a common cause. Yarnton PC is extremely grateful to all who participated.

Yarnton Parish Council

Book Reading Group

Have you thought about joining your local book group? The books chosen by the members are varied, and the discussion relaxed and informal.

So, if you are interested, please phone us and perhaps consider coming for a 'taster' meeting (Caroline or Jim Briden, tel. 01865 372888)

Our next meeting is on Monday 1st May when we are discussing 'The War of the Worlds' by H G Wells. For our June book we have chosen 'Earthly Joys' by Philippa Gregory.



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5.00PM	RAFFLE
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Fly-Tipping continues to plague the area, with some offenders leaving inappropriate items at the two village bottle banks and also in Green Lane (beside The Turnpike PH). Monitoring of these areas will take place and identified offenders will be reported.

THE POLICE NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER IS 101

Fred Jones, NHW Coordinator, tel. 373871

Oxfordshire Artweeks in Yarnton 13th – 21st May

Oxfordshire Artweeks, the open-studio event for artists and craftsmen, runs from Saturday 6th May until Sunday 29th May, with Yarnton being a part of the North Oxfordshire grouping and studios here being open from Friday 13th May to Sunday 21st May.

As usual, the Yarnton Pottery in Cassington Road is open, with Andrew Hazelden exhibiting his fine painted tin-glazed and lustre wares, ranging from mugs and bowls to substantial jugs and large commemorative pieces; and hobby potter David Brown will be making slipware and stoneware items, and maybe a few flower pots, in his garage in Little Blenheim.

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News from William Fletcher School

Before the Easter holidays our children in Year 4 visited **Hooke Court** in Dorset for a three day residential trip. They took part in a wide range of activities, including den building, a night time walk in the woods, learning about Viking life and making Viking long boats which they sailed on the Hooke Court Moat. On this trip the children really developed their independence skills. Our staff gave their time generously in supervising the children on the trip.

During March all the children took part in **Science week** at school. The older children had to solve a crime using forensic science, whilst the younger children explored and 'dug' for fossils (see photos). Throughout the week we carried out science investigations where younger and older children have worked together. Their investigations ranged from exploring how physical activities change their pulse rate to exploring colour. We have had parents working with groups of children; this has included learning about muscles and bones, the chemical elements and the periodic table. Our final workshop involved children learning how science can help diagnose illnesses. We have also worked this week with a scientist from Earth Watch, investigating and finding out about earthworms and their importance in our ecosystem. Many thanks to everybody who has supported our school Science Week.



Our teachers in Robins and Wrens class were delighted to welcome parents, grandparents and carers to their class for a morning to share books with the children. (see photo).



During the Spring term our children took part in a **Partnership Science Competition** to design a marble maze. Many of our children's designs impressed the judges and these children were invited to Woodstock to take part in a science workshop. Congratulations to three of our children in year 5, who were overall winners from the partnership.

Thank you to everyone who supported **Red Nose Day** on 23rd March. It was great to see so many of the children dressed in red, and many with their red noses. In total we raised £230 for Comic Relief.

Our children in years 5 and 6 took part in the **Partnership Rugby Tournament** held at The Marlborough Secondary School. This year such was the enthusiasm for rugby that we were able to send three teams to compete. All 3 teams played well, one of the teams coming 3rd in the competition.

Thanks so much to our staff for the excellent Literacy evening that they provided for parents, carers and children during March.

Every week in our Monday morning assembly we celebrate the class whose attendance the previous week was the highest in the school. The class is awarded the **Attendance Teddy Bear** which they look after for the week. Good attendance at school is vital for all of our children, and we would like to thank our parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring that our children have good attendance.

The **Sainsbury's Active Kids voucher scheme** is currently in progress. We are collecting the vouchers which we use to purchase equipment for the school. When you have any of these vouchers please hand them into the school office or to a school parent or carer.

Best Wishes and Happy May Day from the William Fletcher team, staff, PTA and governors.

William Fletcher Governors Parents & Community Group

Are you interested in joining our Parents & Community Committee? We try to help to forge closer links between our local communities and the school. If you live in Yarnton or Begbroke and are interested, please contact the school office who will let the chair of the committee know.

Yarnton Amateur Players present

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Yarnton W.I.

In March several members helped with the Village Tidy, covering Rutten Lane. We were very pleased to note that this year there were only one or two bags of dog poo left in the bushes, whereas last year we found a lot, especially in the area near the Sandy Lane roundabout. We went back to Ann's for coffee and cakes afterwards, which were most welcome.

Also in March, we enjoyed a skittles evening with husbands and friends at the Masonic Hall, Woodstock. Many thanks to Rosemary for organising this. The cup was won by Gwyneth Stone and the prize for the highest scoring non-member was won by Roger Blagrove. The booby prize for the lowest score went to Hannah Melhuish.

This month we will be discussing and voting on the Resolutions for the National Federation AGM in June. The results of our votes will be passed on by our delegate at the AGM. We shall follow the discussions with a talk by Virginia Lawrence, the OFWI Denman representative, on the on-going maintenance costs of the College and fundraising efforts to ensure its future. We shall have our usual book stall and there will also be a raffle. Tea hostesses are Janet Ward, Jennifer Watts and Jean Amor. We are always pleased to welcome visitors and prospective new members at our meetings.

We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 11th May at 7.30 p.m.

We are also still looking for a new Secretary, to shadow Carol this year with a view to taking over in 2018. Please consider if you could take this on – without a Secretary the W.I. cannot continue.

The coffee morning this month will be on Wednesday 24th in Oxford at a venue to be decided. Do come along from 10.30 a.m. and join us for a social gathering.

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Macular Society Kidlington

We normally meet on the last Tuesday of the month, in Frank Cook Court, School Road, Kidlington at 10.15 a.m. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 30th May and our speaker will be Hayley Mannal, Community Support Officer. She will be advising us on 'how to beat the scammers', which should be very informative. Anyone interested in further information, please contact Tom on 01865 37648 or Marita on 01865 373104.
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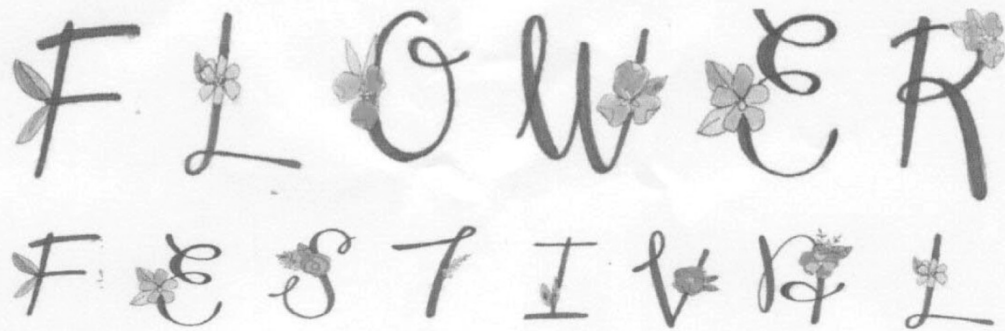
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Budding florists representing the village organizations are most welcome to come and join us to help decorate the Church. Your own group could take this opportunity to hold a similar competition amongst your members.

A display in memory of loved ones will be made and donations are most welcome towards this.

For further information please contact Mrs. Linda Kimber 01865 841104 or The Reverend Nathan Jarvis, tel.01865 849352 – fr.nathan@yahoo.com

Yarnton Parish Council

Clerk: Lynne Whitley

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The Parish Office is open **Mondays and Thursdays**

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. If the Clerk is not available when you call, please leave a message on the answerphone and a response will be made as soon as possible. If the main door of the Village Hall is locked, please ring the door bell by the post box at the left end of the Village Hall.

Future Meeting dates: Wednesday 10th May and 14th June 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

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

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County Council Elections: The election for a County Councillor will take place on Thursday 4th May with the following people having been nominated for election: Cath Arekelian (Labour), Maurice Billington (Conservative), Samuel Hubbard (Liberal Democrat), Fiona Mawson (Green Party).

Yarnton Village Website/Noticeboards: The Parish Council notice boards 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 notices as well as publicising items of importance, so we would actively encourage you to regularly check the notice boards and the website. When possible items of importance will also be posted on Spotted Kidlington/Yarnton and Yarnton Community pages of Facebook. Yarnton Community page has been set up on Facebook to publicise local news and let village organisations publicise events and news.

County Councillor:

Maurice Billington. Tel: 842235

Yarnton Village Hall: Bookings: Tel: 07948 722633 or email yarntonvillagehall@gmail.com

Planning Applications:

17/00292/F. Fraser Budgens, single-storey side extension.

16/02486/F. Part land 2935 North and to rear of

Turnpike, perimeter fence.

17/00563/F. 46 The Garth, side and rear extension.

17/00509/F. 2 Follets Close, demolish existing garage in rear garden, erect new two-storey side extension and replace existing front roof canopy with porch.

Planning Decisions:

17/00032/F. 'Argoed' 164 Woodstock Road, change of use from a residential care home (Class C2) to 1 three bedroom house (Class C3). Granted 6.3.17.

17/00003/F. 42 Great Close Road, erect lean-to conservatory porch with veranda at the rear of property. Granted 22.3.17.

16/02455/F. 7 Oxford Industrial Park, Mead Road, provision of new offices at ground and first floors including a new fire egress door to the front elevation. Granted 27.3.17.

17/00192/F. 11a The Paddocks, two-storey side/rear extension. Granted 29.3.17.

17/00298/F. 7 Fletcher Close, single-storey front extension. Granted 6.4.17.

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.

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.



Yarnton Gardening Club

Many thanks to those who helped with the Village Tidy in March, covering Gravel Pits Lane through to Sandy Lane. It is always good for village organisations to take part in community work like this.

This month we have our annual Plant Sale on Saturday 13th May in the Village Hall at 11 a.m. (see advert elsewhere in this issue). This is our only fund-raising event of the year, so please come along and support us and stock up your garden for the summer with bargain plants. There will also be a cake stall, raffle and refreshments. Plants for sale can be brought to the hall (at the back door) from 10.30 a.m.

There may still be room on the coach for our all-day visit to RHS Wisley on Sunday 14th May, leaving Yarnton at 9.15 a.m. The cost for this is £15. Please contact Cath Newman on 01865 849275 for more information.

We have a change to our advertised speaker this month. Terry Baker, who was going to talk to us about growing foxgloves, is unable to come. Instead, we have Victoria Logue from Whitehall Plants who will be talking about and demonstrating 'Practical Propagation: cuttings, seeds and beyond.' She comes highly recommended by another local gardening club, and will be bringing plants for sale. The meeting is on Thursday 18th May in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. and visitors are very welcome.

A reminder to those who have booked to go to Thenford Arboretum and Garden that this trip is on **Friday 9th June** travelling by cars to arrive by 2 p.m.

Our next outing after this is on Wednesday 5th July to Haseley Court, again travelling by cars. We aim to be there by 2.30 p.m. The cost will be £6 to include tea and biscuits. Please contact Serena on 01865 378817 to put your name down.

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Come and join in the fun with Gladys, Mr. Fairbrother, Ted, Spike, Peggy and company. A typical holiday camp supper and a drink will be included in your ticket price. Don't forget to come in your summer holiday clothes!

Friday 9th June/Saturday 10th June at 7.30 p.m. in Yarnton Village Hall. Tickets are £14 each, and include a 2-course supper and a glass of wine/beer to be served at your table. Tickets can only be booked in advance of the show, so please ring the box office now.

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Yarnton Netball Club

The Summer League beckons, and we are pleased to announce that following good numbers coming to training we will have two teams in the league. Coaching will continue on Club Night (Tuesdays) at Rutten Lane court from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m.; it is fun, welcoming and what better way is there to spend a Tuesday evening? Please do come along and see if you might like to join in.

Players need to be 15+ and turn up in easy clothing and trainers, and with a bottle of water! But please check updated information with our club secretary Laura, tel. 07740 467107 yarntonnetballclub@outlook.com before turning up for training. Further information on netball within Oxfordshire is at

<https://www.oxfordshirenethball.co.uk/>.

The top level competition in England and Wales is organised on a franchise basis, and Oxfordshire is pleased to announce that it is linking with WASPS – based in Coventry, as a pathway for trials for the county's young elite players. The Vitality Netball Superleague is now in full swing, and I am pleased to confirm that our very own **RED LION** pub will show the matches live (normally Monday evenings) on their **SKY SPORT MIX** channel. WASPS have two matches being televised this season – on Mondays 8th and 22nd May. Do join us there if you can. Further information about England Netball Superleague: <https://www.englandnetball.co.uk/competitions/>

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Kidlington & District Historical Society

The next Meeting of the Kidlington & District Historical Society is on Tuesday 30th May, when John Paine will return with a talk entitled 'The Magic of Egypt - Cairo, Luxor, Aswan, the gold of Tutankhamun, ancient Nile temples and more'.

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We arranged an Easter Tea in April and a Bring and Buy Sale for 11th May. There will be an outing on 15th June; details to be finalised after Easter.

Two members celebrated their birthdays: Hilary and Marjorie; we sang Happy Birthday and each received a card and a small present.

We are still waiting to welcome new members, as we have lost so many during the last couple of years. Future events will include an afternoon tea out, a fish 'n' chip lunch, and of course our Christmas Lunch will be in the Village Hall.

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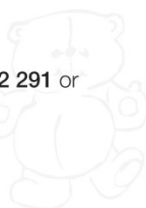
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Sunday 30th April at 2 o'clock

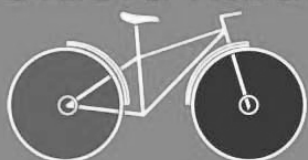
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The Merry Month of May

May is traditionally a month of celebration. You may know that William Fletcher School in Yarnton makes quite a deal of it and have Maypole dancing and all sorts of activities to celebrate the month. It is a great reason for a party and to have some fun, and we can do this in many ways.

When I was an undergraduate 23 years ago we would gather on Magdalen Bridge as the choir sang Madrigals from the top of the tower. Then, the most hardy of students would throw themselves off the bridge into the cold water beneath. This practice has now been stopped and the river is fenced off to curtail over enthusiastic revellers. I was never one of them, preferring to retire to a nice café for breakfast instead.

In ancient times May was a month in which to celebrate nature. It was a festival called Floralia, a celebration of flora and fauna. The festival, along with many others, was later Christianised and made into a celebration of Our Lady, hence the tradition of crowning a May Queen, who would dress in white and have a crown placed on her head. We have occasionally celebrated this tradition in Yarnton as we will do this year (with a modern twist).

May is a time of abundance and great colour. At the time of writing, the garden is just getting going again, with camellias, magnolias, cherry blossom and all manner of bulbs in full flower. It is a wonderful time of year. It is as if nature is spilling over, producing so much beauty, fragrance and food (particularly for birds and insects) in celebration of warmer weather.

May is a time of giving thanks and of getting down to work. Lent and Easter give way to a long round of sunshine (we hope), days of gardening and starting projects outside. It is also a time for us to crack on with projects at work and at church. This year will see the start of our renovation of the chancel in Yarnton and the beginning of the process of providing toilets and running water at Begbroke. It is a time to press on and achieve.

These months ahead are, for me, ones of simple pleasures. Just being able to sit in the garden to drink a coffee, or have friends here for a BBQ is such a joy. Being able to harvest home grown veg and see the borders blooming is a real treat. This time of year is a time to feel truly grateful for all we have, for good neighbours, for our safe and secure homes, for our communities in which we live. I hope and pray that we can all stop to appreciate the great and the simple things that make living in our villages such a joy and a pleasure.

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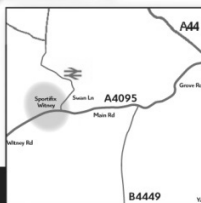
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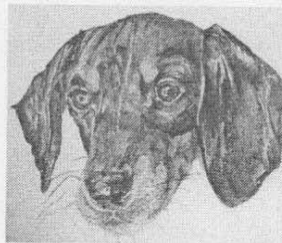
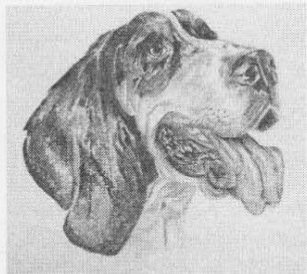
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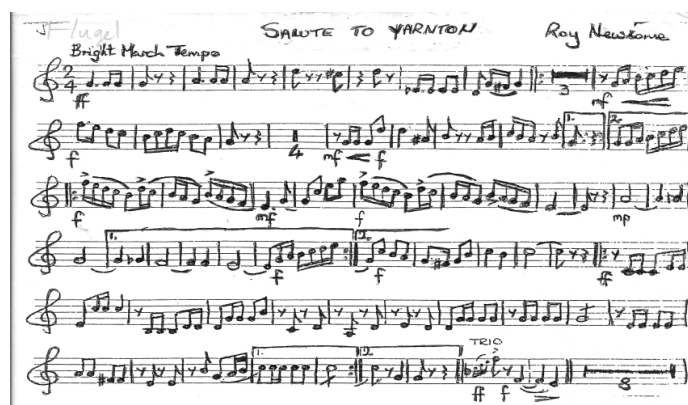
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Salute to Yarnton



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Another local composer Jim Alder wrote several pieces for brass bands including ours in Yarnton, and three of his titles in our library are *Joyous Youth*, *Thames Valley* and *Autumn Leaves* (not the song we all know!). Jim also wrote music with the titles *Anzio*, *The Tasmanian* and *Julius Caesar*. During the Second World War Jim served with a radar unit in North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He was often in dangerous situations, but was also able to experience Italian opera in Naples, Florence and Gradisca. Jim worked until his retirement in the Morris Motors trim shop department. From Australia Audrey Willett writes: 'Jim loved to take the baton at a practice and I remember speaking to him when the numbers in our band were low. He said he would do a hymn tune for us. He also had a daughter who played with the Ivy Benson All Girls' Band.'

My thanks to Nigel Hall and Lynne Whitley for providing some of the information. Peter Hewis

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

Services in May

Woodstock

7 th	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Alison Mares (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
14 th	10.30 a.m.	Matt Stammers
21 st	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Wellings
28 th	10.30 a.m.	Local arrangement

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

7 th	10 a.m.	David Harper
14 th	10 a.m.	Rev. Alison Mares (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
21 st	10 a.m.	Café Church
28 th	10 a.m.	Rev. Philip Beuzeval

The Kidlington church also runs a Junior Church and crèche on Sunday mornings. The next Messy Church at Kidlington will be on Saturday 13th May 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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I look forward to seeing you all.

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We are hopeful of having welcomed new members to our Taster Session at the end of April and look forward to our first month of games, with home fixtures interspersed with away matches. Practice night on Fridays will continue throughout May – and this is also a time for new players to join in – so please come along then if you would like to know more about the game, especially if you missed the Taster. After our training/roll-up on Fridays most members meet in the club room for a well-earned social drink.

May matches		
Wednesday 3 rd 6.15 p.m.	HOME	Woodstock
Saturday 6 th 3 p.m.	AWAY	Blackbird Leys
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Interesting walls extended

On Sunday 19th March a group of us assembled in the car park of Kidlington Football Club to record the walls discovered when the club excavated the 'ditch' next to the old Wharf. The plan was to photograph and draw a scale drawing so that this wall, built by the canal builders, could be added to the Grade Two Listed bridge 228. Needless to say, although some of us wore wellies, waders would have been of more use as the amount of water in the ditch was more than anticipated. It was also slippery and the sides steep; we also did not have a grid needed for drawing to scale. We were not able to draw, but we did dig and extend the wall. It is now about 5 metres long and at least 3 layers deep. At least one level of stone was below the water, so not visible or able to be recorded. We will have to go back - this time with a grid and hopefully when the water level has gone down.

We apologised to the rather large frog who was rudely awoken by our digging. We recorded and measured where we could. We wondered if there had ever been a well, or water tap on the wharf. We did look but were beaten back by the brambles.

Do let us know if you have memories of the Kidlington Wharf as it was built by the canal builders and in use up until the 1950s.

Please email Chris at cherwellarchaeox@gmail.com if you have any info.

MONTHLY QUIZ

'devised by Sir Percy'

In this month's issue you will find the second in a series of short monthly quizzes. Each quiz has twelve questions; some you will know off the top of your head, many you will have to look up. Once you have answered them, study them to discover the link. Each month has a different link, and **only naming the link** will afford you a shot at victory! (You may not need all the answers to find the link).

The link information can be found from part of each answer, the whole answer, or a phonetic part of the answer (e.g. hare might mean hair, doe might mean dough).

This month, the lucky winner will receive a bottle of Prosecco and a box of luxury biscuits courtesy of Budgen's. Winners drawn on the last day of every month. In December, there will be a final quiz with its own link, then a chance to win a bumper prize if you can find the link between all the quizzes (more info on this in December!).

Remember, you've got until the end of the month to get them all answered. Post your answers in the designated Yarnton Village News box located in Budgens - by the bananas.

Many thanks to Hollywood Bowl for having donated such a generous prize.

Good luck!!

MAY QUIZ

1. Who is Goldie Hawn's actress daughter?
2. On 21st June 1964, one black and two white civil rights activists disappeared near Philadelphia, MS. The FBI codenamed the case MIBURN; what was MIBURN short for?
3. Which band wrote the song 'Oh Yeah', made famous in the red Ferrari scene in Ferris Bueller's Day Off?
4. Who wrote 'The Raven'?
5. What is the capital of Queensland?
6. Which Miguel de Cervantes novel tells the tale of a man from La Mancha who loses his mind and sets out to revive chivalry?
7. Who played Lorraine Baines McFly in the *Back To The Future* trilogy?
8. What was Sananda Maitreya's former stage name?
9. According to the advert, where is Um Bongo drunk?
10. Who won the first Celebrity Big Brother?
11. Who famously said, "There's nothing wrong with the car except that it's on fire"?
12. With which song did Enya reach number 1 in 1988?

Fill out and return this form to the designated Yarnton Village News box at Budgen's (by the bananas). The winner will be drawn on the last day of the month. Remember to keep your answers safe in order to solve the December link!

The May link is _____

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Bagging it up for Charity

We've been crunching the numbers and are pleased to say that in the first three months of this year we have managed to raise £437.85 through the sale of plastic bags. The money donated goes to Sobell House, our chosen charity. Thank you to all who have purchased their bags to help raise these much needed funds.



Bank Holidays

May is funny month; generally the weather is getting warmer, but obviously in this country nothing is guaranteed. What you can rely on however is two long weekend sandwiching the rest of May. First is the May Day bank holiday on 1st and right the at the end (29th) is the Spring bank holiday. What a treat! Whatever you are doing we'll have a few things in store for you to enjoy, come rain or shine, so you know you don't have to go far to pick up those necessities!

Sobell House 40 Club .

As you'll know we have been working with Sobell House for the last few years as our chosen charity. During this time we have raised many thousands of pounds for this important charity. Finally we've decided to put our money where our mouth is and join the 40 Club. Essentially meaning that over the next 4 years we will **commit to raising £10,000** for the hospice. More to follow.....

To BBQ or to not BBQ?

BBQ season is upon us. With two bank holidays on the horizon and already a glorious weekend's practising in April, we think the time is right to get those aprons out and get grilling for real. As always we have great selection in store, and some of the best burgers, sausages and BBQ meat in Oxfordshire from our local butcher, **the Meat Joint!**



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