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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Fri. 1 st	Copy date for December issue of Yarnton Village News
Fri. 1 st	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (and every Friday)
Mon. 4 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 4 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (and every Monday)
Mon. 4 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 372888
Tue. 5 th	Central Yarnton Bridge Club, Village Hall 9.50 a.m. (and every Tuesday)
Wed. 6 th	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 6 th	'Little Sheep' (and every Wednesday in term time), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 6 th	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Wed. 6 th	Beavers, Scout Hut, 5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. (and every Wednesday)
Thur. 7 th	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers (and every Thursday in term time)
	Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Thur. 7 th	Senior Club Village Hall, 2p.m.
Sun. 10 th	Carol Service with Yarnton Band, St. Bartholomew's, 3 p.m.
Wed. 13 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 14 th	Senior Club Christmas Lunch, Village Hall, 12.30 p.m.
Thur. 14 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 21 st	Gardening Club AGM and Christmas Social, Village Hall, 7 p.m. (members only)
Sun. 24 th	Christmas Eve Crib Service, St. Bartholomew's, 4 p.m.
	Midnight Mass, St. Bartholomew's, 11.30 p.m.
Mon. 25 th	Holy Communion, St. Bartholomew's, 8 a.m.
	Sung Eucharist, St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m.

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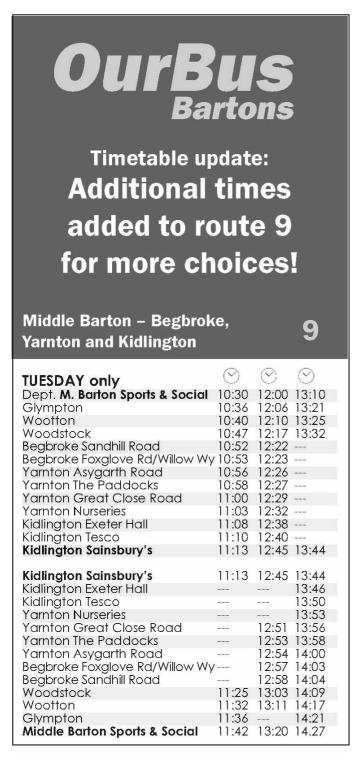
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Brian Newell

It was with great sadness we learned of the passing of our friend and former Chairman of Yarnton Parish Council Brian. For many years as a Parish Councillor and member of the Village Hall Committee he worked tirelessly for the benefit of Yarnton village and its residents. Often accompanied by his canine pal 'George', Brian would relate his walks across 'Spring Hill' and 'Frog Well Down'. There cannot have been many steps untrodden by Brian around our village where he was warmly welcomed by those he met. In recent months having lost his trusty 'George' Brian became unwell. Numerous enquiries as to his whereabouts reflected the warmth and affection in which he was held by so many. Brian gave a great deal of himself to Yarnton for which we should all be very grateful. *Yarnton Parish Council*



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Yarnton W.I.

Our December meeting will be a Christmas Crafts evening, when we will be making various Christmas decorations. This promises to be a relaxed and fun evening, so do come along. There will be mulled wine and Christmas nibbles. We meet on Thursday 14th December in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome. There will be a Christmas raffle, and tea hostesses are Elizabeth Holdak, Jane Holt and Mavis King.

The December coffee morning will be on Friday 8th at Aston Pottery from 10.30 a.m. All are welcome.

Advance Notice. Yarnton will be hosting the Spring Group Meeting on Thursday 1st March 2018 at Exeter Hall, Kidlington. Those of you who heard Lesley Smith as Nell Gwynne at the Wolvercote Group Meeting will know how brilliantly entertaining she was. We have booked her to come in March when she will be talking about 'Sex and the Tudors'. Tickets will be £5 and will be on sale this month.

Important notice for all members

As Gaynor has said at several meetings, Carol Cleaver will be giving up being our Secretary at the Annual Meeting in March next year. She has done a superb job for a good many years and thinks it is time for a welldeserved rest. So far, despite Gaynor's pleas, no-one has come forward to take on the job. The rules of W.I. state that unless we have a President, a Treasurer and a Secretary, we cannot operate, so if a replacement is not found then the W.I. will close, which would be a great loss to the village and to all of us who are members. Next October will be our 80th birthday, and I am sure we would all like to be around to reach that milestone. So please do give it urgent thought - plenty of help and backup will be available from Carol and the rest of the committee, so you won't be dropped in at the deep end. If you think you might be interested, then why not come along to one of our committee meetings and see what is involved? We'd love to see you. And if you are new to the W.I. please don't think that you don't know enough to be able to take it on it's a great way to make friends and get to know people. Ruth Astall



Oxfordshire Craft Guild

The Oxfordshire Craft Guild is staging its centre-piece exhibition at The Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock until 30th December. With over 30 craftspeople showing their work, visitors can be assured of finding a range of quality handcrafted items to enjoy, and those looking to find unique gifts for Christmas will find a wealth of beautiful objects from which to choose. This is an established fixture on the County Arts calendar and a 'must see' event. In addition, the Guild will be exhibiting at the Arts and Crafts Market in Broad Street, Oxford.

Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock Until 30th December.

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Senior Club

In October we had our Fish 'n' Chip lunch, again cooked by Mark, and as usual enjoyed by us all. This was followed by tea and cakes, or usual games and a raffle. There were four members with birthdays: Laurence, Kath, Brian and Eileen. We sang Happy Birthday as usual and gave them our best wishes.

Our Christmas Lunch is again in the Village Hall on 14th December at 12.30 p.m. (not before).

Happy Christmas to our members and all Yarnton Village News readers. *Jose Green*



Book Reading Group

The next meeting is on Monday 4th ecember, when we are discussing 'Moon Tiger' by Penelope Lively. For January we are reading 'Orlando.' by Virginia Wolf. Have you thought about joining your local book group? The books chosen by the members are varied and the discussion relaxed and informal. If you are interested please phone us and perhaps consider coming for a 'taster' meeting. Caroline or Jim Briden 01865 372888.



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As most will know Fr. Nathan left us for a new ministry in Wales at the end of November. Our regular pattern of services will be maintained and at Christmas there will also be the following:

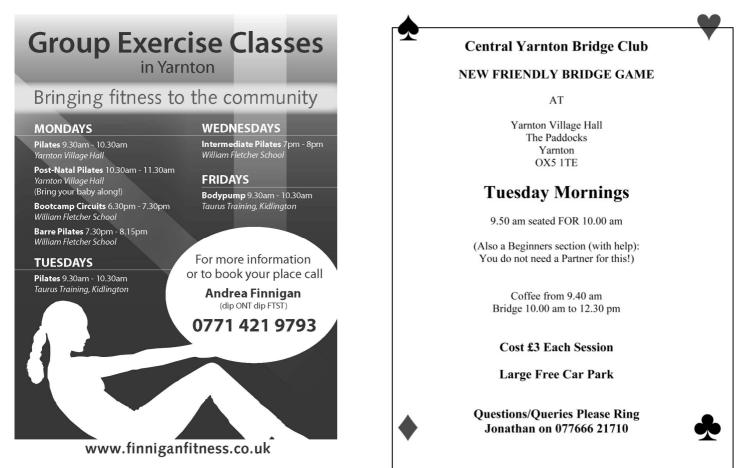
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	Midnight Mass, 11.30 p.m.
Christmas Day	Holy Communion, 8 a.m.
-	Sung Eucharist, 11 a.m.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to seeing you in church over the festive period.

REGULAR SERVICE TIMES (every week unless otherwise stated)

Sundays 8 a.m. Holy Communion, Book of Common Prayer, traditional service with no Hymns 11 a.m. Holy Communion, Common Worship, with hymns. Coffee after the service. The first Sunday of the month is an informal Family Service, and after the service there is a Fairtrade and local produce stall.

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Performances will be on Friday 19th January at 7.30 p.m. and on Saturday 20th January at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Tickets are available now at £8 and £5 (concessions). Box Office: Dean and Trina, tel. 07764 615930 *Belinda Davies, tel. 372917*

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The hall comprises a large Main Hall, Back Room and Committee Room. The hall is fully accessible - facilities include stage, kitchen, toilets with disabled facilities and car park. The hall is available for hire for meetings, training events, shows, lunches, clubs, sales, parties, etc. The charges for hiring the **Main Hall** or **Back Room** are per hour unless stated. Village residents: £10 Non Village Residents: £12 **Kitchen:** £8 per session A deposit of £100 is required when booking the hall. For further information or to book the hall please contact Booking Secretary on **07948 722633** or **email varntonvillagehall@gmail.com**



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MONTHLY QUIZ

'devised by Sir Percy'

In this month's issue you will find the ninth (and last) 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 answers to the October quiz are on page 14.* 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 box of chocolates. There is also the chance to win a bumper prize if you can find the link between all the quizzes (see opposite page). **Please note that the closing date is 20**th **of each month, so please get your entries in promptly.** Post your answers in the designated Yarnton Village News box located in Budgens - by the bananas. Good luck!!

DECEMBER QUIZ

- 1. Which hair-care range has a German name that translates as 'Black Head'?
- 2. Which renowned newspaper was founded by Stilson Hutchins?
- 3. Which Swazi-English actor played Withnail in the film 'Withnail and I'?
- 4. With which Jimmy Webb composition did Richard Harris make his chart debut?
- 5. Who was the 'nightmare' for those sleeping in Elm Street?
- 6. Which characters from the 1960s show 'Rocky and Bullwinkle' had their own movie in 2014, travelling in the WABAC machine?
- 7. Who did Anthea Turner leave in order to be with Grant Bovey?
- 8. How were Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Michael and Marlon collectively known?
- 9. Who received an Oscar nomination for his leading role in 'Silver Linings Playbook'?
- 10. On account of their birthplace, Alexander Graham Bell, John Logie Baird and Alexander Fleming are all what?
- 11. Who was arrested for the assassination of President John F. Kennedy?
- 12. Which American comedian voiced the character 'Ratatouille' in the film of the same name?

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 20th day of the month, with the prize being delivered before Christmas Day.

The December link is:		
The overall link is:		
Name:	Phone:	
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So, now that we are in December you can have a crack at the final link. You will recall that each month you've been told to hang on to your answers and this is why: **the overall link is found in the answers to question 9 from each month**. It is not as straight forward as the previous links. In case some of you have lost/blatantly thrown away the questions, a re-cap is below, starting in order from April.

In Jeff Wayne's musical 'War of the Worlds', which character was originally voiced by Phil Lynott *Nathanial*

According to the advert, where is Um Bungo drunk? *Congo* Of what is paraskevidekatriaphobia the fear? *Friday 13th*

What name is given to the group that arose from within the Church of England in the 16th century, (of which Oliver Cromwell was one), who demanded greater strictness in religious discipline, and who later became a powerful political party? **Puritans**

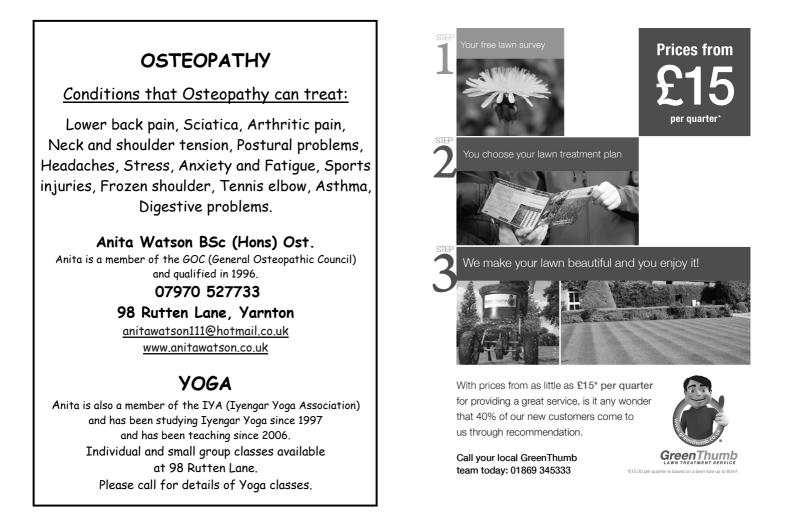
Who was Herge's merchant marine captain? Captain Haddock

What nickname was given to Arthur Wellesley? Iron Duke

What school of thought claims that the pursuit of pleasure is the highest good? *Hedonism* What are you doing if you execute a tendu, a pas de deux and a Grande Jete? *Ballet*

Solve question 9 from this month's quiz and you'll have all the answers you need to find the overall link. *A tough one for the big prize....you'll have to pick apart the answers to find the link!* The winner will receive a hamper, delivered on 21st December. **The hamper has been very generously donated by Fraser's Budgens and we are extremely grateful to them for all their support.**

The Village News committee would like to thank 'Sir Percy' for compiling the quizzes over the last months, which have really added to the content of the Village News. We hope to have further quizzes next year.



Neighbourhood Watch

Dwelling Burglaries have increased significantly right across the Kidlington area in recent weeks, with offenders gaining access via insecure doors and windows or breaking windows. Properties most vulnerable are those with side and/or rear open access. As Christmas approaches and gifts are bought it is essential to store these items out of view at ground floor level. It never does any harm to review where we keep valuable items and the least obvious are generally the most secure. Experienced burglars know the obvious places to look i.e. underwear drawers and top shelf of the wardrobe. Sightings of a vehicle of interest to the police, a SILVER VAUXHALL SIGNUM partial index BP03, should be reported immediately to the police.

Garden Sheds will no doubt be where parents store children's new bikes. Two precautions: have the bikes post-coded and put a substantial lock on the shed.

'Nottingham Knockers' are active at this time of year across the Cherwell area. Only if they are in possession of a licence issued by Thames Valley Police are they permitted to sell items at your door. Perhaps they are just there to size up your property for a future burglary. NEVER let them in.

Thefts from person have been recorded in Kidlington recently. When and wherever shopping, ensure you keep wallets and purses on your person securely. Busy markets and shops are the ideal place for offenders to operate.

Thinking of going away over Christmas/New Year? Offenders don't take holidays, just opportunities. Don't make it easy for them.

Many thanks to all the Yarnton Village Neighbourhood Watch Street Coordinators for continuing to provide help and support throughout our community. I wish you all a Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

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Training is at Rutten Lane on Tuesday evenings 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. New adult members (16+) are welcome throughout the year, with an initial couple of sessions free of charge. If you have an idea that this could be your new fun and fitness activity, do come along in easy clothing and bring a bottle of water; we would love to see you. Please contact our club secretary at

<u>yarntonnetballclub@outlook.com</u> or check our Facebook. A great opportunity to meet people and make new friends locally.

November will have seen the International Series against Malawi on 24th, 26th and 29th, with Commonwealth Games in April being the next opportunity to see England Netball on SKY SPORT, if a trip to Australia is out of the question!





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- 1st January 7am 10pm



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If you are already thinking ahead to next summer's holiday, then brush up on your Italian or Spanish with our beginner or improver courses. If you intend 2018 to be your year to relax or get fit, try Pilates, Yoga, Tai Chi, Zumba Gold, or Badminton. Our two Tuesday evening singing groups, Anyone Can Sing (beginners) and So Now You Can Sing (improvers), always welcome new members too.

Information about courses and availability can be found on our school website.

Our next two Saturday workshop days are 3rd February and 10th March. The stand-alone classes we run on these days make great experience presents for friends or family, or why not book two places and come together? Saturday workshops are popular and fill up very quickly, so please book early. Check our website for availability on the following classes or ring us on 01993 813592:

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October Quiz - Answers

Here are the answers to the October Quiz:
The link was BODY PARTS
1. Boney M; 2. The Louisville Lip; 3. Ankylosaurus;
4.Tony Hart (*that's three!!*); 5. Cheeky Girls; 6. Chewing Gum; 7. Louis Armstrong; 8. Blood Brothers;
9. Hedonism; 10. Semi colon; 11. Jaws; 12. Nine Inch

Nails The winner was Jenny Collins who correctly guessed the link 'Body Parts'. She has won a beauty voucher.



Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

Winners of the draw on 26th October were:136Mr. A. Brown65Mrs. B. Davies11Mr. P. Mumford101Mrs. R. GriffithsHave you considered joining the Village Hall 200 Club? £12annual subscription, and be in with a chance of winning£25 every week, with bonuses paid of £50 in June and£100 in December. Please contact Lynne Newin forfurther details, tel. 07948 722633 or emailyarntonvillagehall@gmail.com



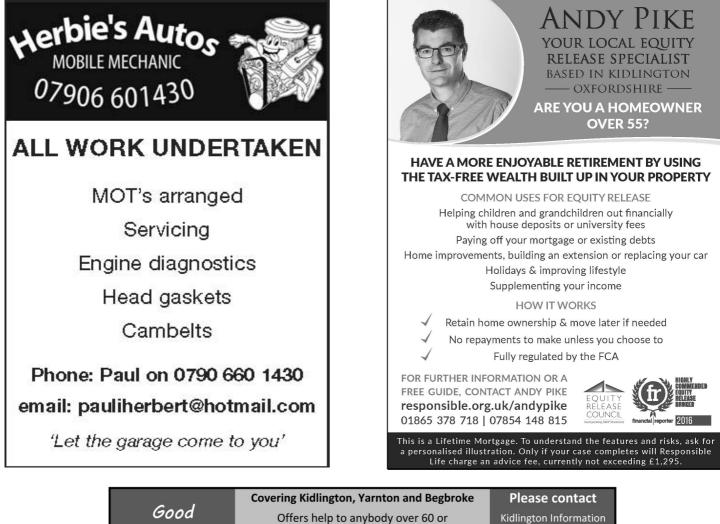
'Great - Yarnton Band looked good and players looked happy!'



Characters from Hawaii 5-0

Those were the words of an adjudicator at the Entertainments Contest held in Woodstock during October. Competing against bands from Sections 1 to 4 we came 10th out of 17 for the Presentation/Entertainment results. Considering that we are an Unregistered Band that was a fine result, and we came ahead of more experienced bands such as Jubilee Brass, Witney Town, Cold Ash Brass and City of Coventry. Our twenty-minute programme consisted of the first movement of Malcolm Arnold's *Little Suite for Brass, Grandfather's Clock*, Gershwin's *Summer Time* and *Hawaii 5-0*.

The band was well received on Remembrance Sunday in Woodstock then in Yarnton. On the march we played 'British Grenadiers' and seated we played appropriate hymns plus 'Jupiter' from the Planets Suite. This year the Last Post was played by Fiona Methley at Woodstock and by one of our youngest players, Daniel Taylor, at Yarnton. *Peter Hewis*



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Macular Society Kidlington

Last month we had a very interesting visit from the Woodstock Museum. They brought along some fascinating everyday items from long ago, which brought back nostalgic memories, especially the brick for warming our beds, a long way from the electric blankets of today. We have no meeting in December, although we have our lovely Christmas lunch at the Foresters to look forward to. Therefore we would like to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and look forward to further interesting events in the New Year. Anyone interested in coming along would be very welcome. Transport can be arranged if required.

For further information please contact Tom on 01865 376482 or me on 01865 373104 *Marita Ferrett*

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For more information: <u>www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock</u> or tel. 01865 580688.

Speakers for the next few months are:

12th December *A Journey by Stagecoach,* Hugh Granger 2018

9th JanuaryJazz, Peter Crumpton6th FebruaryStained Glass in Oxford, Brian Lowe

Woodstock Music Society Winter Concert Friday 8th and Saturday 9th December at 7.30 p.m. St. Mary Magdalene Church, Woodstock.

Benjamin Britten:Saint NicolasGeoffrey Bush:A Christmas CantataMassenet and Rébikov:Music for ChristmasTickets:£13 (concessions £12)from The Woodstock Bookshop (01993 812760)or email:concerts@woodstockmusic.info.£14 (concessions £13) at the door, full time students £5,accompanied children under 16 free.







Richard Byrne

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Thank you

On 11th September our very much loved cat, Heidi, who always liked to sleep outdoors, did not return home as she usually did in the morning and was missing all day. She was a rescued kitten who spent her first few months living under a garden hedge at a house somewhere in Bicester, and in the ten years we had her she never really got out of the habit of al fresco sleeping.

Sadly we received a telephone call from Medivet in Woodstock to say she had been found and had passed away. Heidi has been laid to rest in her favourite sleeping place, a flowerpot by our front door.

We would like to say thank you to the person who found her and kindly took her to Medivet. *D. Child and J. Hagan*

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 13th December and 10th January 2018 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. **Maating Minutes:** The minutes of all Parish Council

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 fourvear period.

Co-opted Parish Councillors: 8th July 2015: Fiona Mawson. Tel: 847949,

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:

17/02048/F. Budgens, 93 Woodstock Road, single-storey side extension to service station and other minor alterations (change to previous approved application 17/00292/F).

MW.0090/17. M & M Skip Hire Ltd, Worton Farm, Worton, use of land for storage of empty skips.

MW.0091/17. M & M Skip Hire Ltd, Worton Farm, Worton, section 73 Application for non-compliance with conditions 1 and 4 of permission no 09/00585/CM (MW.0108/9) for waste recycling and transfer facility, to allow re-shaping of site bunding to enable additional car parking provision. **Planning Decisions**:

17/01666/F. Jonquils, 186 Woodstock Road, erection of single-storey extension to rear of dwelling. Granted 5.10.17.

17/01768/F. 44 The Garth, change of use from C4 'Houses in multiple occupation' to Sui Generis 'Larger houses in multiple occupation'. Withdrawn 17.10.17.

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.

Damaged Bins: Cherwell District will repair damaged bins free of charge. If a bin cannot be repaired they will replace it for free. Bins or caddies that are lost or stolen will be replaced free of charge. Call 01295 227003 to report damaged or missing bins.

Grants: Applications from village organisations for a grant from the Parish Council must be received in writing to the Clerk by 31st December 2017, 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 2018.

Public Access Defibrillators: Defibrillators in the village 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), Yarnton Garden Centre, Sandy Lane, OX5 1PA (on right hand side of driveway into garden centre), 1 Park Close (in porch), and Rutten Lane Park (front of pavilion). If you find someone that you think may have had a cardiac arrest phone 999 as usual. The operator will tell you the location of the nearest defibrillator and will stay on the phone to help you if needed whilst paramedics are on their way to you. The defibrillator is useable by any member of the public and gives clear instructions to you.

Bottle Banks: The bottle banks are located in the layby in Cassington Road (opposite Cresswell Road). If the banks are full please take your bottles home, don't leave them or any other rubbish at the sides of the bin – this constitutes fly-tipping. **Yarnton Village Website/Noticeboards:** The Parish Council notice boards and village website <u>www.yarnton-village.org.uk</u> 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.

Dog Fouling: It is an offence not to pick up after your dog, but it is also very offensive to members of the public to see dog bags dumped in hedges. PLEASE PICK UP DOG MESS IN A BAG AND DEPOSIT IN AN APPROPRIATE PLACE, preferably in one of the 12 dog bins located around the village, but they can also be put into your household green bin if that's preferable to you.

Fixmystreet website: <u>www.fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk</u> 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.







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

Minister: The Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Wellings, tel. 01865 559026, Email: <u>martin.wellings@oxfordmethodists.org.uk</u> Local Contact Woodstock: Mrs Sue Beuzeval, tel. 01865 849696, Email: <u>sue.beuzeval@woodstockmethodists.org.uk</u> Local Contact Kidlington: Mrs Janet Makepeace, tel. 01865 376667, Email: <u>janet.makepeace@kidlingtonmethodists.org.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

3^{rd}	10.30 a.m.	Alan Turner-Smith
10^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Wellings
		(Holy Communion)
17^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Junior Church Nativity Service
17^{th}	6.30 p.m.	Carols by Candlelight
24^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Ian Leck
25^{th}	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Wellings
31 st	10 a.m.	United Service at Kidlington

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 adults in church before we then go round to the church hall to share in our own activities. We are always delighted to see new members, whether with or without their parents!

Every Friday we meet at 10.00a.m. for a short informal time of prayer followed by coffee. On the third Friday of the month, this incorporates a celebration of communion. All Welcome!

Kidlington

3^{rd}	10 a.m.	Rev. Judy Turner-Smith
10^{th}	10 a.m.	Jennifer Thompson
17^{th}	10 a.m.	Rev. Judy Turner-Smith
24^{th}	3.30 p.m.	Rev. Judy Turner-Smith
		(Nativity Service)
25^{th}	9.30 a.m.	Rev. Judy Turner-Smith
31 st	10 a.m.	Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Wellings
		(United with Woodstock)

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



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Yarnton Gardening Club

This month we have our Annual General Meeting and Christmas Social, which is for members only. This will take place on Thursday 21st December in the Village Hall, starting at **7 p.m.** Gill Rowbotham is still taking names and offers of food, so please contact her on 377623, if possible by Sunday 10th December, to let her know what you can bring. We always have a delicious variety of food provided by members, and a bumper Christmas raffle. Yarnton Band will be coming along to play for us to sing carols, so it should be a very enjoyable evening.

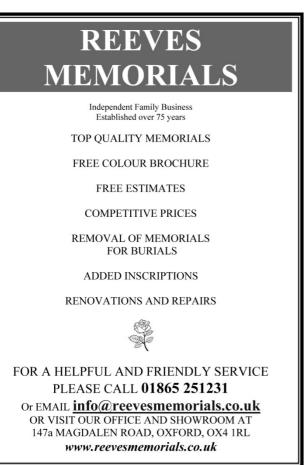
This is also the time when we elect the committee for the forthcoming year. All the existing members are happy to stay on for another year, but we would also be pleased to have some new faces and ideas, so do think if you could join us. Committee meetings are relaxed and enjoyable, and the work isn't onerous. so do consider it. Gill Long, who has run the raffle for several years, has decided it is time to give this up. We would like to thank Gill very much for her work and the lovely prizes she has chosen. So we are looking for someone who would be prepared to take this on from January. It involves buying the prizes and selling tickets at the meeting. The cost of the prizes is taken from the receipts for the sale of tickets. It's not a very onerous job – and it's always fun spending other people's money! If you think you could help, please contact a committee member.

Planning of next year's speakers and outings is well under way, and there will be details at the A.G.M. *Ruth Astall*



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Times of Mass

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Monday	9.30 a.m.	
Tuesday	7 p.m.	
Thursday	9.30 a.m.	
Friday	12 noon	
St. Hugh of Lincoln		
Sunday	9.30 a.m.	
Wednesday	12 noon	
Sacrament of Reconciliation, Kidlington, Saturdays		
5 p.m 5.30 p.m., or any time at call.		
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Young children go into the parish hall for part of the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass to celebrate their own liturgy. Coffee is served after the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Hugh and after the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More. St. Thomas More Primary School is next to the Catholic Church in Kidlington. If you would like your child to attend this school, please contact Fr. Prem on 377093, or the Headteacher on 373674. A mini-bus collects from surrounding villages.



Yarnton Manor

I would like to thank the gardeners at Yarnton Manor for doing a great job. Thanks to one gardener in particular the long avenue behind the Manor looks lovely. It makes a change to see the countryside being restored and not built on. Like generations before, I walk this often and have seen the changes; it is now a pleasure to walk down there with the new trees which have just been planted.

But:

In the Manor's last letter in the November Village News they say it is for future generations.

Does this mean they will be reinstating the gates at the bottom and top of the avenue to let people walk along the avenue like generations before?

When they say a new hedge will be planted along the boundary fence, which fence do they mean? The new fencing they put along the avenue is not their boundary. According to the Land Registry, the avenue is a right of way and the Manor doesn't own it.

But I'm sure the Parish Council knows this and will keep a keen eye on it.

But I don't hold my breath over that! Richard Byrne





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Talks

6th December: Times of contrast - a geological perspective of Oxfordshire in Jurassic and Quaternary by Lesley Dunlop, The Oxford Geology Trust. 7.30 p.m. Friends free. Visitors welcome, tickets £4 on the door. 10th January 2018: Trees and the making of our woodland by John Banbury. 7.30 p.m. Friends free. Visitors welcome, tickets £4 on the door.

Christmas and New Year opening times:

Normal opening except the following: Closed: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day Closed: 31st December and 1st January

For more information on exhibitions, events and activities please tel. 01993 814103 or visit: <u>www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/museums</u>

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Lost

Has anyone found a crystal stone bracelet? It was lost between The Garth and Poppy Close late in the evening of 21^{st} October.

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The not-so-hidden value of Nature around us

Last night I went to see Ray Mears at The Victoria Theatre in Halifax, West Yorkshire. He was talking very emotionally about how we should appreciate and value the environment around us, not so that we can save the planet, but so we can make the planet liveable and sustainable for ourselves.

I've also seen Brian Cox in Stoke-on-Trent plus Brian May and Kerry Ellis at The Lowry in Salford. I was quite taken by how eloquently they expressed my own thoughts about the natural world around us, Brian May of course being a campaigner and a voice for our badgers.

We look back at our ancestors, right back through the Stone Age and on back to the Neanderthals, and we always put our current selves on pedestals, better, as a result of progress.

Progress! If you say so! Our ancestors were very clever. Scientists even. Although lacking the white coats of their modern day counterparts, they were scientists all the same - no doubt. They strove, invented, discovered. They understood.

Do we? Do we really? It isn't the job of our elders to share their learning with us. It's up to us to ask them, tap into them. Not box them up and shut them away in old people's homes.

Are we reinventing the wheel by letting go of our links to our ancestors, both recent and those from many 1000s of years ago?

All things I think about when out in a wildlife garden. What do you think about when you are out tending your garden? It amazes me what is on people's minds, or isn't as the case may be!

Happy Gardening

Stuart Mabbutt, <u>www.wildmaninspires.co.uk</u>, tel.01865 747243



