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2018**

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## CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Thur. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers ( <i>and every Thursday in term time</i> ), Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Fri. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. ( <i>and every Friday</i> )
Mon. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. ( <i>and every Monday</i> )
Mon. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. ( <i>and every Monday</i> )
Mon. 5 <sup>h</sup>	Book Reading Group, tel. 372888
Tue. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Central Yarnton Bridge Club, Village Hall 9.50 a.m. ( <i>and every Tuesday</i> )
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's ( <i>and every Wednesday</i> )
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. ( <i>and every Wednesday</i> )
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Beavers, Scout Hut, 5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. ( <i>and every Wednesday</i> )
Wed. 7 <sup>th</sup>	'Little Sheep' ( <i>and every Wednesday in term time</i> ), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Thur. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Club Village Hall, 2p.m.
Thur. 8 <sup>th</sup>	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Fri. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Copy date for April issue of Yarnton Village News
Sun. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday service, St. Bartholomew's, 11 a.m.
Wed. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Senior Club A.G.M., Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Sun. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Palm Sunday Communion Service, 8 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
	Communion Service, 11 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Fri. 30 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday Communion Service, 11 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Day Service of Light, 6 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
	Communion Service, 11 a.m., St. Bartholomew's

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### Copy Deadline for April Issue

Material for inclusion in the April Newsletter should be received by midday on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Copy should be e-mailed to: [ruth@astall.com](mailto:ruth@astall.com) and [maryclarke2305@googlemail.com](mailto:maryclarke2305@googlemail.com)

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

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Copy date for the May issue is Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April.



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## Yarnton Netball Club

As Spring creeps further into our daily lives, are you ready for the year ahead, have you considered your fitness requirements - and could this include netball?

Our local club trains on Tuesdays at the Rutten Lane floodlit court, Yarnton, and we usually have a qualified coach delivering the session. We are always pleased to have potential new players pop along and join in, and will end the evening with a practice game. So if netball is an activity which could draw you - please do come along from 7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Contact via Secretary email:

[yarntonnetballclub@outlook.com](mailto:yarntonnetballclub@outlook.com). or Facebook - Yarnton Netball Club.

The winter season commenced last September and as at late January, our A team, playing on Wednesdays in Division 2 of Oxfordshire League at Marston, is in 4<sup>th</sup> place with 9 wins, 3 losses and 1 draw, and our B team in Division 5 playing on Thursdays has 8 wins, 2 losses and 1 draw, currently giving them 3<sup>rd</sup> place - congratulations to both squads.

The Vitality Superleague commenced in mid-February with our linked franchise Coventry-Wasps having opened the season with the first weekly match against Surrey Storm, which was televised live on SKY SPORT. If we can persuade our local pub *The Red Lion* to accommodate our sport on their SKY channels, it will be good to gather locally to watch our top level game. The Vitality Superleague runs from mid-February to mid-May with a break for the Commonwealth Games in April.

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## Yarnton Parish Council

**Clerk:** Lynne Whitley

**Office:** Village Hall, The Paddocks, Yarnton, OX5 1TE.

Tel. 378476. e-mail: [yarntonparishcouncil@gmail.com](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> March and 11<sup>th</sup> April, 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: 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015:

Fiona Mawson. Tel: 847949

8<sup>th</sup> November 2017: Nathan Shelton

**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](mailto:yarntonvillagehall@gmail.com)

**Planning Applications:**

17/02447/ADV. Oxford Photovoltaics, 7-8 Oxford Industrial Park, Mead Road, external non-illuminated sign  
17/02054/F. The Bungalow, 2 Gravel Pits Lane, demolition of existing bungalow and garage, erection of two 2-bedroom houses and one 3-bedroom house with driveways (Revised elevations and positioning of dwellings).

**Planning Decisions:**

MW.0090/17. M & M Skip Hire Ltd, Worton Farm, use of land for storage of empty skips. Refused 8.1.18.

MW.0091/17. M & M Skip Hire Ltd, Worton Farm, 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 at M & M Skip Hire Ltd. Granted 12.1.18.

17/02256/F. The Rectory, 26 Church Lane, single-storey extension to the west of the property and internal alterations including kitchen extension and new utility. Granted 16.1.18

17/02380/F. Viola, 194 Woodstock Road, erection of single-storey outbuilding forward of the dwelling to form a granny annex (re-submission of 16/02165/F). *Withdrawn 18.1.18.*

**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.

**OurBusBarton bus:** Please note that passengers using this bus, which operates on Tuesdays, can use local authority concessionary passes. The bus now stops in Yarnton and Kidlington twice on Tuesday, offering more flexibility (please see timetable elsewhere in the Village News).

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**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.

**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.



**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.

**Yarnton Village Website/Noticeboards:** The Parish Council notice boards and village website [www.yarnton-village.org.uk](http://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.

**Public Footpaths:** The Parish Council has been approached by the local farming community to request that persons using public footpaths remain only on the designated routes defined by yellow arrows. They welcome walkers to the open countryside but request that dogs be kept under close control or on a lead, and that crops are not walked on. It should be appreciated that the crops being grown are for human consumption, such as wheat for making bread and cooking oils.

**Volunteering in your community:** Several local organisations are in need of additional volunteers to be able to continue into the future. Please see separate article within this issue for contact details for these organisations and consider giving some of your time to help.

**Flytipping:** (*From CDC website*) Flytipping can be dangerous. You can report incidents of fly tipping within Cherwell District online by following the links on their website. Cherwell District Council are responsible for acting on reports of fly tipping to both remove the waste which is on public land and to locate and prosecute the offenders. Where the waste is hazardous the council has a responsibility to ensure public safety until such time as the waste can be removed. It would be helpful with the investigation if the person making the report could leave contact details, so that we are able to confirm location of the fly tip and obtain any further information relating to the incident. Investigations are carried out to obtain any evidence that may help in identifying the offender. Arrangements are then made to clear the waste from public or council land. If the tip is on private land, then the land owner will be responsible for having the waste removed. If a potential fly tip has been found, it would be helpful to report the incident to us as soon as is possible so that any evidence that might still be in place can be obtained.

**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. If you notice a full dog bin please report to Cherwell District Council [www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/193/dogs/396/dog-bins](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/info/193/dogs/396/dog-bins), Phone: 01295 227007 or email [customer.service@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:customer.service@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

**Fixmystreet website:** [www.fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://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/Dog bags:** Caddy bin liners can still be purchased from the Parish Council Office in the Village Hall on Mondays and Thursdays between 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., or will be delivered by arrangement if more convenient and not possible to collect. The price is £3 (three pounds) per roll of 40 liners. Telephone 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.

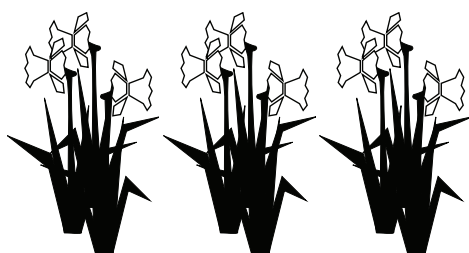
Chairman: Fred Jones, tel. 373871; Secretary: Bernie Connors, tel. 372944, Treasurer: Ann Warne.

#### **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 **Friday (note change of day)** 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.



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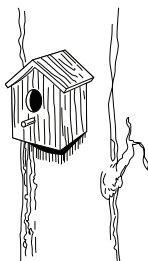
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## Woodstock and District U3A

Having missed out on the promised 'Journey by Stagecoach' presentation because of foul weather in December, the Woodstock and District U3A Branch picked up its accustomed rhythm with a vengeance in January, with a presentation by Peter Crumpton on 'Jazz'. Starting with the genre's origins in the black American musicians of New Orleans, Peter explained how jazz embraced diverse traditions of live music - at funerals, work songs, dance music and the rest. All this illustrated with historic recordings; it might just have brought the house down, had the Branch not had the foresight to make Woodstock's solidly built Community Centre its new regular venue. The Branch's score of individual subject groups are now geared up for another year's activity. The Madrigal group, for example, recently celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary and now boasts around 20 regular singers, while the doughty members of the walking group say they regularly tackle two 5-mile hikes per week, finishing each time with a pub lunch (no surprise there, then). Our monthly meetings are at the Woodstock Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock OX20 1PB. We generally meet every 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday at 2 p.m. Visitors are welcome to our Speaker Meetings which start at 2 p.m. (£2). Speakers for the March are:

6<sup>th</sup> March: *Cole Porter and His Music* - Nick Gill  
27<sup>th</sup> March: *Hurghada The Egyptian Resort* - John Paine

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**Unlicensed Scrap Metal Collectors** using a white Ford Transit pick-up with caged sides have been operating across the Cherwell area. The occupants, two males and one female, wearing Cherwell District Council Hi-Vis jackets are NOT Cherwell employees. Any sightings should be reported immediately to the police using 999.

**An eagle-eyed NHW Coordinator** foiled a male and female removing some property from the front garden of a house in the village. The potential offenders were using a white-sided panel van registration FG53 VPK. Items left in front gardens are easy pickings for the opportunist thief, which is OK if they only take the things you want to get rid of.

**Targetting Burglary.** Following the considerable rise in dwelling burglaries across the Cherwell area, it's good to see that Thames Valley Police have identified this as a priority target. As householders we can all do our bit to prevent or at least lessen the opportunity for this type of offence to take place.

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### Exhibitions

**10<sup>th</sup> March – 29<sup>th</sup> April: British Wildlife Photography.**

This exhibition showcases the winning entries for the 2017 British Wildlife Photography Awards.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/event/british-wildlife-photography>

**21<sup>st</sup> March – 20<sup>th</sup> April: Raising Horizons.** Striking portraits highlighting women in archaeology and geoscience. Bringing to life their often-forgotten stories. Created by Leanora Saunders and TrowelBlazers.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/event/raising-horizons>

### Talks and Lectures

**7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 p.m.** The Medieval parish church in Oxfordshire from Romanesque to Gothic.

Tickets £4. Booking visit: [FriendsofTOM@live.co.uk](mailto:FriendsofTOM@live.co.uk)

**24<sup>th</sup> March, 2 p.m.** May Morris: Art and Life by Rowan Bain. Exploring the life and work of William Morris' younger daughter, a significant artist in the British Arts & Crafts movement.

Tickets £8. Booking line, tel. 01993 814106.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/event/talk-may-morris-art-and-life-rowan-bain>

**14<sup>th</sup> April, 2 p.m.** TrowelBlazers and Raising Horizons. A talk from the creators of this inspiring project.

Tickets £8. Booking line tel. 01993 814106.

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/event/talk-trowelblazers-and-raising-horizons>

### Event

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# MONTHLY QUIZ

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In this month's issue you will find the third in a new series of short monthly quizzes. The quiz has ten 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 January quiz are on page 18.*

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 £30 voucher for the Oxford Water Park. There is also the chance to win a bumper prize if you can find the link between all the quizzes.

**Please note that the closing date is 20<sup>th</sup> 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!!

## MARCH QUIZ

1. Which 1939 comedy, starring Lupino Lane was an adaptation of '*Me and My Girl*'?
2. In Jane Austen's *Persuasion*, who persuaded Anne to reject Wentworth?
3. What name is given to the southern-most point of Dorset?
4. What is Dirty Harry's actual name?
5. In '*Return of the Jedi*', where does Jabba send Luke, Han and Chewie to be executed?
6. '*Southern Accents*', '*Mojo*' and '*Hard Promises*' are all albums by which U.S. singer/songwriter?
7. The L.T.A. is the national governing body of tennis in Great Britain. What does L.T.A. stand for?
8. Which H.E. Bates novel was successfully serialised by ITV Yorkshire from 1991-1993?
9. According the book of Genesis, from where did God evict Adam and Eve?
10. Which is native to Britain; the red squirrel or the grey?

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**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 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month.**

The March link is: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

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For further information about the Choir, visit [www.oxfordharmonicchoir.org](http://www.oxfordharmonicchoir.org).

## Book Reading Group

On Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of March we are discussing 'The Return' by Victoria Hislop.

If you would like to find out more about the group or join us at one of our meetings to see if you would like to become a regular member, please phone Caroline or Jim Briden, telephone 01865 372888.

## Senior Club

We missed a meeting over the Christmas and New Year period, but we didn't forget birthdays. In December we sang to Robin, Mavis and Frank; in January to Jose and Muriel, and early in February it was Beryl's turn, so we were quite busy with all the singing.

We are having our A.G.M on 8<sup>th</sup> March and are arranging an Easter Tea on 29<sup>th</sup> March – this is not a Club day, details to be announced at the next meeting. So far we have not had any volunteers/new members but we are still open to welcome anyone wishing to join us. We have welcomed Tony and we hope to see him again.

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## **Nuisance Neighbours**

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Someone, I know not who, has placed a bag of what should be classed as commercial waste (paint pots and the like) in my green bin prior to bin day. I am reluctant to go knocking on doors as it may very well be none of my near neighbours, yet this isn't the first time this has happened! I, as I am fairly sure would others, wouldn't mind being asked to accommodate others' waste, from time to time, provided it went in the correct colour bin. But in this instance, they are clearly avoiding their obligation, which might well have been funded by their customer in the first place! So two misdemeanours could actually be happening here.

Please print my name and address with this letter, because there is half a chance that the perpetrator will read it and cease this practice, or even feel some remorse. Not a big deal in the scheme of things, but even a camel will eventually struggle if too many straws are placed on him.

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Matt Wheeler from Thames Valley Police came to talk to us in January about every scam you can think of, and of course we have all been bothered by such callers and annoyances. There can be the endless telephone calls we receive, or on the doorstep where these people offer goods or services we really don't want or need. They are known to target older, vulnerable people and they generally work in organised groups, sometimes posing as a legal company, but leave no paperwork or contact details in their pursuit of the vulnerable who will buy from them. They can be very charming and persuasive and so we are told to be especially aware that these ruthless callers will offer a free inspection of your property. They will initially quote a fairly cheap price until the work has been carried out, but this will then lead to a much higher demand for payment for work that possibly didn't need carrying out in the first place.

There are many ways these scammers operate, and the effects of being scammed can be very serious and can lead to lack of confidence, depression and illness.

The golden rules in dealing with such scams are:

Do I really need this? Get 3 quotations and don't be rushed into any deal, and finally say to yourself - if it's out of the blue then it's not for you (me).

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We would like to thank everyone who supported us by coming to the show, buying a raffle ticket or two, or a cup of tea and a cake.

As usual we are particularly grateful to those people who give up their spare time to help each year to serve teas, apply make-up, operate the lights or make cakes for us: in particular - Dan and Sara Clacher, Emily Fitzgerald, Amanda French, Anne Balfour-Smith, Fiona and Colin Black and Michael Green.

Watch this space for news of our next production!

Belinda Davies, tel. 01865 372917

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## Yarnton W.I.

This month is our Annual Meeting when we look back over the past year and elect a committee and officers for the coming one. As reported in last month's issue we now have a Secretary to take over from Carol, but we would still like new committee members, as those of us currently on the committee won't go on forever! We'd like fresh ideas, so do consider if you could join us. Meetings are relaxed and fun and you'd be amazed how much more you get out of your W.I.

Following the business part of the meeting, Sarah Phibbs, who used to be one of our members, will tell us about the micro-bakery she has started and will bring samples of her bread for us to try. We shall have a book stall and a raffle. Tea hostesses are Maureen Simons and Rosemary Smith. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. and are always pleased to welcome visitors. The March coffee morning will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at the restaurant (not the café) at Wyevalle Garden Centre at Bicester Avenue at 10.30 a.m.

**Skittles:** Don't forget the skittles evening at the Masonic Hall in Woodstock on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. If you haven't already put your name down and would like to come, please let Rosemary know as soon as possible on 730188.

**Advance Notice:** As this is our 80<sup>th</sup> year, we are planning an anniversary meal at Sturdy's Castle on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 7 p.m. Further details nearer the time. *Ruth Astall*

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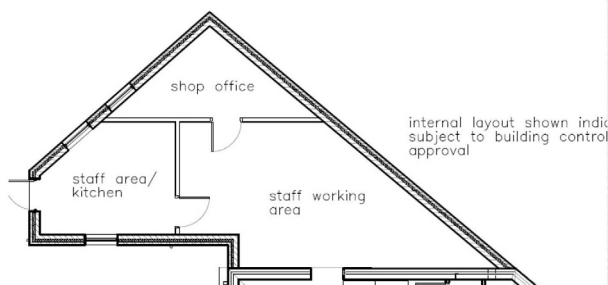


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Yarnton Women's Institute	Ruth Astall	01865 372637
Yarnton Gardening Club	Ruth Astall	01865 372637
Yarnton Care Committee	Bernie Connors	01865 372944

All of these organisations exist for the benefit of Yarnton residents and contribute enormously to the well-being of our more elderly in particular. Some voluntary involvement can be for as little as perhaps one hour per month but is vital to the bigger picture. Time is precious to us all, but spending just a small amount of time for our community cannot be better spent.

Please consider how you could possibly help to maintain these vital services.  
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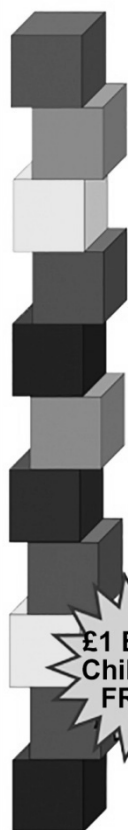
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### Yarnton Gardening Club

Our speaker this month is Terry Baker who will be telling us all about growing foxgloves. Terry is a regular exhibitor at the Chelsea Flower Show and his talk promises to be very interesting. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome (£2). We shall have the board out to take bookings for our coach trip to the Malvern Spring Show on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May. This is always a popular day out to start the season off, so don't forget to put your names down. The cost will be £30 to include the coach and entry to the show.

We are looking for a venue for our Cream Tea this year – could you volunteer? The committee does all the work, you just have to provide the garden!

**Plant Sale.** The Plant Sale this year is slightly later this year, on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Please start thinking about growing plants for the sale so that we have a really good selection.

*Ruth Astall*



### January Quiz - Answers

Here are the answers to the January Quiz:

The link was **SNOOKER**

1. **Q** (cue);
2. **Bayswater** (baize);
3. **Pol Pot**;
4. A **pocket** full;
5. You've Been **Framed**;
6. **Breakfast** at Tiffany's;
7. **Redstart**;
8. **Bridge**;
9. **Chalk**;
10. **147** BC.

The winner was Christine Taylor who has won a £10 garden voucher from Yarnton Nurseries.

### Kidlington & District Historical Society

The next Meeting of the Kidlington & District Historical Society is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, when we shall have a Talk by John Leighfield entitled 'The History of Maps'. The meeting starts at 7.50 p.m. and we will be at The Willows Restaurant, Moorside Place, The Moors, Kidlington, OX5 2UZ. Visitors £3.50, under 26s 50 pence.

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

#### Times of Mass

##### St. Thomas More

Saturday Vigil 6 p.m.  
 Sunday 11 a.m.

##### Weekdays

Monday 9.30 a.m.  
 Tuesday 7 p.m.  
 Thursday 9.30 a.m.  
 Friday 12 noon

##### St. Hugh of Lincoln

Sunday 9.30 a.m.  
 Wednesday 12 noon

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 5 p.m. - 5.30 p.m., or any time at call.

**Baptism and Marriage** by appointment.

Young children go into the parish hall for part of the 11 a.m. Sunday Mass to celebrate their own liturgy. Coffee is served after the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass at St. Hugh and after the 11 a.m. Mass at St. Thomas More. St. Thomas More Primary School is next to the Catholic Church in Kidlington. If you would like your child to attend this school, please contact Fr. Prem on 377093, or the Headteacher on 373674. A mini-bus collects from surrounding villages.

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## Exposure to Nature

Time spent in gardens, parks and countryside and amongst wildlife itself can help most people's mental wellbeing, according to new research. Research carried out by King's College London, J&L Gibbons, who are landscape architects, and art foundation Nomad Projects claims that if we experience an interaction with nature it will improve our mental wellbeing. The research found 'significant immediate' benefits associated with trees, the sky and birdsong. It's claimed the benefits lasted for several hours.

Businesses and companies are starting to improve staff wellbeing via access to outdoor spaces and interactions with nature.

The research maybe suggests that nature could be especially beneficial to those individuals who are at risk of poor mental health. It's a low-cost activity, and if aimed at in urban populations it could make quite some impact, I feel.

This study shows the value of academic and non-academic researchers coming together to make tangible real-world benefits. The paper, entitled *Urban Mind: Using Smartphone Technologies to investigate the impact of Nature on Mental Wellbeing in Real Time* has been published in the journal BioScience.

I'm sure we could have all told them that stepping out into our own gardens or local park has measurable and immeasurable benefits, but at least they are now listening. Don't underestimate the impact on our minds and bodies from time we spend out there in the wildlife garden. Wildlife gardens give us so much in return for our care and time. Happy Gardening.

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**Local Contact Kidlington:** Mrs Janet Makepeace, tel. 01865 376667, Email: [janet.makepeace@kidlingtonmethodists.org.uk](mailto:janet.makepeace@kidlingtonmethodists.org.uk)

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

### Services in March

#### Woodstock

4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Adam Stevenson
11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Michael Sawyer (Holy Communion)
18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Jean King
25 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Rev. Canon Dr. Martin Wellings

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

4 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Sue Barratt
11 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Rev. Judy Turner-Smith (Holy Communion)
18 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Jennifer Thompson
25 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Rev. Rosemary Davies

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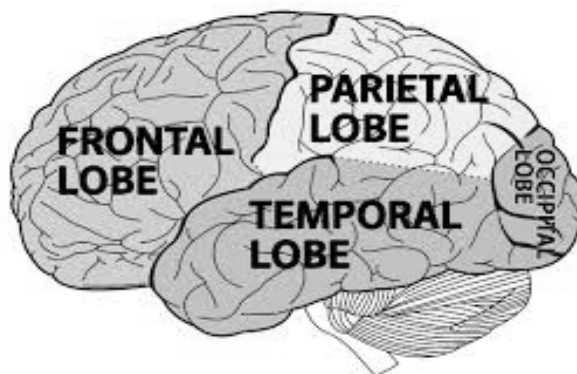
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Recently we have been rehearsing the *Suite in Bb* by Henry Purcell for a contest in Marlborough School, and on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we are giving a joint concert in the Townsend Hall at Shipston-on-Stour with the Stour Concert Brass. One of our young players, Ciaran Bird, will be playing a trombone solo, *The Acrobat* – it's all good for the brain. *Peter Hewis*



For enquiries about baptisms, weddings or pastoral issues please contact Revd. Jim Turner on [jim.font1934@gmail.com](mailto:jim.font1934@gmail.com), tel. 01865 375562 or John Appleton

**Churchwardens:**

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**'Between Vicars'**

We are continuing hold our regular services each Sunday (at 8 a.m. Communion Service -BCP and 11 a.m. Communion Service - Common Prayer and Wednesday (9.30 a.m. Communion Service - Common Prayer) The Church remains open during daylight hours every day from 11 a.m.

Our pattern of services over Easter will be as follows:

11 <sup>th</sup> March	11 a.m. 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Mothering Sunday)
25 <sup>th</sup> March	8 a.m. Palm Sunday Communion Service BCP
	11 a.m. Communion Service
30 <sup>th</sup> March	11 a.m. Good Friday Communion Service
1 <sup>st</sup> April	6 a.m. Service of Light
	11 a.m. Communion Service

We have begun the process of appointing a new Rector, drawing up the description of the communities which he or she will serve in the parishes of Yarnton, Begbroke and Shipton-on-Cherwell. Being the Church of England, this is a slow process and it is unlikely that our new Rector will start in post before the Autumn. That does give us a little time to try and widen the range of people consulted beyond the Church Council to the wider community. To this end we would like to hold an open meeting in the Church after the 11 a.m. service on 4<sup>th</sup> March aiming to start as 12.15 p.m. Tea and coffee will be available. This will help us to draw up our description of the three parishes, the challenges our communities are likely to face over the next decade, and the qualities we think would be needed in our new Rector. If you are unable to attend and would like to contribute to this process, please contact us via the Facebook page or email [yarnton.church@gmail.com](mailto:yarnton.church@gmail.com).

The description, known as a parish profile, will be finalised (probably in mid-March), with an advert going out shortly afterwards. Applications will be shortlisted and invited for interview in early summer. Once the final choice has been made, the individual will have to give three months' notice of their departure from their current parish, and will take up post with a service conducted by the Bishop and Archdeacon.

Finally I would like to express the Church's thanks to our churchwardens, John and Paul for taking on much of the running of the church, and to Rev'd. Jim Turner and other clergy for leading our services during the vacancy.

*Tom Wale, Vice-Chair of Yarnton Parochial Church Council*

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Begbroke Sandhill Road	10:52	12:22	---
Begbroke Foxglove Rd/Willow Wy	10:53	12:23	---
Yarnton Asygarth Road	10:56	12:26	---
Yarnton The Paddocks	10:58	12:27	---
Yarnton Great Close Road	11:00	12:29	---
Yarnton Nurseries	11:03	12:32	---
Kidlington Exeter Hall	11:08	12:38	---
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Kidlington Tesco	---	---	13:50
Yarnton Nurseries	---	---	13:53
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Yarnton The Paddocks	---	12:53	13:58
Yarnton Asygarth Road	---	12:54	14:00
Begbroke Foxglove Rd/Willow Wy	---	12:57	14:03
Begbroke Sandhill Road	---	12:58	14:04
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Wootton	11:32	13:11	14:17
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<b>Middle Barton Sports &amp; Social</b>	11:42	13:20	14:27

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