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CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Tue. 1 st	Central Yarnton Bridge Club, Village Hall 9.50 a.m. (<i>and every Tuesday</i>)
Wed. 2 nd	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's (<i>and every Wednesday</i>)
Wed. 2 nd	'Little Sheep' (<i>and every Wednesday in term time</i>), 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Thur. 3 rd	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers (<i>and every Thursday in term time</i>), Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Wed. 2 nd	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. (<i>and every Wednesday</i>)
Wed. 2 nd	Beavers, Scout Hut, 5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. (<i>and every Wednesday</i>)
Thur. 3 rd	Cherwell District Council Elections
Fri. 4 th	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. (<i>and every Friday</i>)
Fri. 4 th	Copy date for June issue of Yarnton Village News
Mon. 7 th	Book Reading Group, tel. 372888
Mon. 7 th	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. (<i>and every Monday</i>)
Mon. 7 th	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. (<i>and every Monday</i>)
Wed. 9 th	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 10 th	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 13 th	Gardening Club coach trip to Malvern Spring Show
Thur. 17 th	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 17 th	Gardening Club Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 26 th	Plant Sale, Village Hall, 11 a.m.
Thur. 31 st	Senior Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

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Copy date for the July issue is Friday 8th June.



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We think being a Rights Respecting school is brilliant because it means that we know lots about what's going on in the world and in our own community. We know how to make a difference and make the world a better place because we know what rights children have and how they should be respected. Being in The Article 12 Committee is also really fun because you get to organise a lot of events and have interesting talks with people who care about the same things you do. Because we live in a village, it's important for us to talk about the rights of children so we can spread the word and make sure that everyone is aware of the rights of children. Even though it sometimes feels hard to change the world, we are all very proud of be part of the committee because we are spending our time doing things that will help to make people's lives better and that's a really wonderful feeling. Working with UNICEF is very interesting and the school has many opportunities to be involved with different issues and events.

If you would like to learn more about our work or if you have some interesting experiences related to the rights of children or helping to solve issues in the world we would love to hear from you! Please email the school (office.office.2354@william-fletcher.oxon.sch.uk) or visit the UNICEF Rights Respecting School Award website for more information.

Written by pupils aged 5-10 from The Article 12 Committee at William Fletcher Primary School.



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Summer on its way. Don't forget to security code your new lawn mowers and other expensive gardening equipment and make sure that they are not left unattended in the front garden where they could be mistaken for scrap metal put out for collection.

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Fred Jones, NHW Coordinator, tel. 01865 373871

Book Reading Group

We are meeting on 7th May to discuss 'Sweet Caress' by William Boyd, and then in June we are reading 'Snow' by Orhan Pamuk.

As several of our members have moved away from the area recently, we would warmly welcome new members. Please contact us if you would like to come along to see if you are interested in joining the group. Phone Caroline or Jim on 01865 372888.



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Senior Club

We are having to miss a meeting on 3rd May because of voting. We had our AGM on 8th March, and as we had no new volunteers the Committee all agreed to stand for another year. We welcomed one new member, Tony (Croxford), but had no birthdays to celebrate.

On a pouring wet afternoon on 29th March we all met at the Red Lion in Yarnton for our Easter Tea, greeted by a lovely fire and a large buffet with more than we could eat, and of course hot cross buns, with tea and coffee. We all enjoyed a leisurely afternoon chatting, and thanked Kerry for having us.

We hope to arrange future special events for the year, with maybe an outing or two, and if so we welcome anyone wishing to join us.

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What a great turn out for the event during the period 5th - 18th March. Great to see so many village organisations getting involved to enhance the appearance of our village. Yarnton Parish Council would like to thank William Fletcher School pupils, Yarnton Blues FC, Yarnton WI, Yarnton Gardening Club, Yarnton Men's FC, Yarnton Scouts and Yarnton Playing Field Committee for their commitment during the unpleasant weather throughout the event period. *Yarnton PC*

Macular Society Kidlington

We meet on the last Tuesday of each month in Frank Cook Court, School Road, Kidlington at 10.15 a.m. Our speaker for Tuesday 29th May will be Sally Collett, Technical Officer for food hygiene.

Anyone interested in joining our group or who would like further information, please contact either Tom on 01865 376482 or Marita on 01865 373104. Transport can be arranged if required.



For enquiries about baptisms, weddings or pastoral issues please contact Revd. Jim Turner on jim.font1934@gmail.com, tel. 01865 375562 or John Appleton
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By the time the May edition of Yarnton Village News is printed and distributed, we should have advertised for the new Rector, with a closing date late in May. Interviews are scheduled to take place in mid-June. Please pray for all those involved in the selection process, not just from Yarnton but from the parishes of Begbroke and Shipton-on-Cherwell with whom this post will be shared, and also those in the diocese who share in the process and support us through it.

At the end of April, we held our annual meeting to review the life of the church during 2017 and to elect new representatives to the Church Council. Our thanks go to all those who have taken an active part in the life of the church. A particular thanks should go to John Appleton who is stepping down as Churchwarden (not his first stint, either!). We welcome those who have joined the Church Council at the Annual Meeting and those continuing in this ministry. We also are grateful for those who keep the church running in a number of ways that are not so visible, especially during the vacancy.

Ascension and Pentecost

May sees both Ascension Day (Thursday 10th) and the Day of Pentecost (Sunday 20th). Since the late fourth century, on the fortieth day of Easter the Church celebrates Christ's ascension to heaven. This marks the end of his earthly ministry and the Feast of the Ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission.

The season of Easter is celebrated for fifty days, culminating in the Day of Pentecost. Matthew's Gospel ends with Jesus's final words to his disciples, that they should go to all nations and make disciples, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28.19-20). In John's Gospel, Jesus instructed his followers to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit (John 14.15-17). The feast of Pentecost celebrates the account of the Holy Spirit coming on the disciples empowering them for mission (Acts 2.1-47). Ascension and Pentecost are closely linked. The Church is now to be the new body of Christ, filled with his life through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

You are welcome to the services on these days, or to our regular Sunday and Wednesday services.

Regular Service Times (every week unless otherwise stated)

Sundays

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

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Yarnton W.I.

In March members, husbands and friends enjoyed our annual Skittles evening at the Masonic Hall, Woodstock. The trophy and prize for the winning W.I. member was won by Pamela Tingay. The booby prize for the lowest score went to Jacqueline Cooke. Many thanks to Rosemary for organising the evening.

This month we shall be discussing the resolution for the National Federation AGM in June. This year's resolution is about 'Mental Health Matters', a very important topic which has had considerable publicity recently in the press and on television. Following the discussion and the voting for or against the resolution, so that Gaynor can vote on our behalf at the National AGM, there will be a talk on 'Tax, Care and Toy Boys' – dealing with finances in later life. This is something which is relevant to us all at some point, and we look forward to the talk. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 10th May at 7.30 p.m. and visitors are always welcome. Tea hostesses are Janet Ward, Jennifer Watts and Sheila Westall, and there will be a raffle and our usual book stall.

The coffee morning this month will be on Friday 25th at The Pie Shop at Witney Blankets at 10.30 a.m. Do come and join us.

Following the postponement of our March Group Meeting due to the snow, this will now be held on Wednesday 30th May at Exeter Hall, Kidlington at 7.30 p.m. Our speaker, Lesley Smith, will be talking about 'Sex and the Tudors' which promises to be as good, if not better, than her appearance at a previous Group Meeting as Nell Gwynne. Those who had tickets for the March meeting will be able to use their existing tickets, and refunds will be given to those unable to attend.

We have decided on the projector and the gazebo which we are purchasing with the £1000 we received from the Tesco Bags of Help Grant scheme, and these will be with us shortly. Many thanks to Suzanne White for researching this for us.

Advance Notice: As this is our 80th year, we are planning an anniversary meal for members only at Sturdy's Castle on Thursday 9th August at 7 p.m. This will be a two-course meal at a cost of £22 per head. This includes a tip but not any drinks. Rosemary has the menu, so please contact her on 730188 if you haven't put your name down yet and won't be at the meeting. Money will be required in advance of the event.

The bowls which we are having made by Andrew Hazleden for every member to celebrate our 80th birthday are nearly finished now, and we are looking forward to welcoming Andrew to our September meeting to tell us about the process of producing them. The bowls will be presented to members at the October Harvest Supper.

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March Quiz - Answers

Here are the answers to the March Quiz:

March link: BRITISH PRIME MINISTERS

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4. Harold Francis **Calla(g)han**; 5. The Great **Pit(t)** of
Carkoon; 6. Tom **Petty**; 7. **Lawn** Tennis Association; 8. The
Darling Buds Of **May**; 9. The Garden of **Eden**; 10. **Grey**
The March winner is Mrs. Miggins who wins a £30 voucher
for the Oxford Water Park.

Message from Sir Percy:

Just to say, I'm afraid there was a mistake in this quiz! The last question was supposed to say which squirrel is NOT native to the UK, therefore the answer would be GREY (not red!). So a massive apology from Sir Percy. (most people got it right despite this, just two wrong).

The Reverend Eric Craig

The Reverend Eric Craig, former Rector of Yarnton, Begbroke and Shipton on Cherwell 1987 - 2004, passed away on 28th January this year and a service of thanksgiving for his life was held at Holy Trinity Church, Witney on 23rd February. His ashes are now interred in Yarnton Burial Ground.

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Jane Carlo (Tower Captain, Yarnton Ringers)

Artweeks in Yarnton

This year Artweeks in Yarnton runs from Saturday 5th May until Sunday 13th May, with two exhibitors: master potter Andrew Hazelden who makes brightly painted tin-glazed earthenware and lustre ware at the Yarnton Pottery in Cassington Road, and hobby potter David Brown who makes stoneware pots and earthenware flower pots and garden wares in his home pottery in Little Blenheim. Andrew specializes in inscribed commemorative pots and has recently been making bowls to celebrate the eightieth birthday of the Yarnton W.I. later this year.

Artweeks lasts three weeks and extends throughout Oxfordshire with exhibitors in the North and West in the first week, 5th May to 13th May; Oxford City in the second week, 12th May to 20th May; and South Oxfordshire in the third week, 19th May to 27th May. Printed catalogues are available from exhibitors and at numerous pick-up points, and fuller information is available online at www.artweeks.org/festival.

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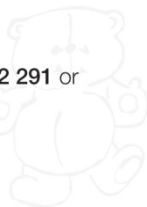
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Future Meeting dates: Wednesday 9th May and 13th June, in the Village Hall at 6.15 p.m., then every second Wednesday in the month. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings.

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:

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The above-named were declared elected as Parish Councillors without a contest as from May 2015 for a four-year period.

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Planning Applications:

18/00239/F. 23 Great Close Road, single-storey side extension.

18/00368/F Charnwood, 178 Woodstock Road – Alterations to form accommodation at first floor level, new bay windows at the front (Re-submission of 17/02199/F) 18/00442/F. North Oxford Garage Ltd, Woodstock Road (Green Lane), application to allow for pre-delivery inspection, new security gates and fence at site frontage, wash bay and plant room.

Planning Decisions:

18/00175/F. 65 Meadow Way, first floor pitched roof side extension to form wet room and sitting room. Granted 3.4.18.

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.

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.

Cemetery: From 1st April 2018 all new burials and interment of cremated remains take place in the cemetery extension. Due to current regulations regarding water table level, full graves in the extension will be restricted to single burials. Plots will be able to be reserved next to close family members (e.g. parent, spouse, child etc). From this date plots in the existing cemetery will be kept for people specifically requesting burials in consecrated ground and/or for people requesting double graves.

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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.

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.

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 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:

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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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A fly-tipper has paid a £150 fine after dumping household waste next to a recycling point in Yarnton.

After a local resident reported the fly-tip at the Cassington Road recycling point to Cherwell District Council, environmental enforcement officers discovered items identifying the address where the waste had come from, and the householder accepted the fine.

Ed Potter, Cherwell's Assistant Director for Environmental Services, said: 'If a recycling bank is full, it is very important that people take waste home or to the tip. Even if you have good intentions and leave recycling bagged up nicely next to the correct bin, it acts as a signal to others that waste can be left there. In this case the waste was a mixture of materials and very little of it could have been recycled in the banks it was left next to.'

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MONTHLY QUIZ

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In this month's issue you will find the fifth 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 March quiz are on page 8.*

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 wine, courtesy of Budgen's. Many thanks to them for their donation. 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 20th 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!!

MAY QUIZ

1. How is Kedou, a variety of Chinese Seal Script, also known?
2. In the musical *Cabaret*, where does Sally Bowles work?
3. Who was Andre Previn's third wife?
4. Marcella, Kate and Emma are the members of which close harmony vocal group?
5. What is the title of the animated short released with Pixar's *'Inside Out'*?
6. What word do we give to domesticated birds that are kept for their eggs, feathers or meat?
7. Who did Sandy Toksvig replace as presenter of QI?
8. With which film star does Eva Mendez have two children?
9. Who is the MP for Tottenham?
10. What was Henry McCarty's alias?

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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

6 th	10.30 a.m.	Jan Grimwood
13 th	10.30 a.m.	Local Arrangement
20 th	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Philip Beuzeval (Holy Communion)
27 th	10.30 a.m.	Paul Rosentall

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

6 th	10 a.m.	Rev. Judy Turner-Smith (Holy Communion)
13 th	10 a.m.	Rev. David Bull
20 th	10 a.m.	United Service at St. Mary's
27 th	10 a.m.	Rev. Adam Stevenson

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

Yarnton Band 2018



Front L to R: Isobel Shone, John Carr, Charlotte Wilkes, Ian Methley, Guy James, Helen James, George, Emma and Mark Sherratt
 Centre L to R: Janet Frost, Ciaran Bird, Freya Slater, Fiona Methley, Anna Hipkiss, Peter Hewis, Scarlett McCarthy, Kate Bird, Amelia Sherratt
 Rear L to R: Eliza Rayner, Daniel Taylor, Polly Hipkiss, Tanya Smith, Mary Methley, Sophie Hambridge, Tara Wilson, Sam Kirkham

Unable to be present: Lizzie Blake, Dawn Mills, Alice Hipkiss

Photo taken at the Woodstock Contest in February. Courtesy of R&P Photographic Service www.rapps.photos

Taking photographs of more than twenty bands would normally be like herding cats, but the photographer for R&P based in Taunton sorted the bands out in about 5 minutes each and you can see our band above.

We have been rehearsing three new pieces, *Irish Blessing*, *All you need is Love* (remember the Beatles?) and *British, TV@War!* The last item includes themes from *Dad's Army*, *It ain't 'alf hot Mum* and *'Allo, 'Allo*; our conductor, Guy, had to explain to the younger members what the war themed music was all about!

Other items in rehearsal are a selection from *The Sound of Music*, *David of the White Rock* (*Dafydd y Garreg Wen* for our Welsh readers!) and *Show me the way to Amarillio*. Due to bad weather our concert at Shipston-on-Stour had to be postponed but will be rearranged soon, and we are negotiating a date for a concert at William Fletcher School, possibly in May. On Sunday 20th May we will be playing in Kidlington village centre at 2 p.m. for the Kidlington Churches Together Fun Day. *Peter Hewis*

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Is it hiding in plain sight?

Ever wondered where colour goes in winter or where it comes from in spring? Is it hiding away or staring at us in plain sight? Maybe it actually does disappear at some times of the year?

A philosophical start to another article, but something I've been thinking about recently as we emerge from the long, cold, dark days of winter to the long, warm, bright days of spring.

The colour palette may seem less varied, obvious or in your face in winter, but there is still plenty out there. On a windy winter day, the bramble patch varies from shades of green to bronze as the breeze passes through. The underside of the leaves flashes silver if you care to look and see.

Now the colour is appearing in the spring distance like an old friend getting off a steam train and walking towards us in the mist on the railway platform.

Stop for a moment and question. Where has the colour been for so long? What is colour? What processes are in place to make the colours we actually see? Do we all see colour in the same way at the same time?

These reflections have led me to realise that no matter how familiar we get with our own wildlife gardens, some mysteries and surprises always remain. Like during a walk in the woods or an African safari, we have no idea what wonders Mother Nature will present to us around the next corner or on our own doorstep.

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This month we welcome Sue Bedwell, who has spoken to us many times in the past. This talk is entitled 'Bulbs Throughout the Year' and is sure to be as entertaining and informative as all her others. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 17th May at 7.30 p.m. and are always pleased to welcome visitors (Cost £2).

Don't forget that our annual Plant Sale is on Saturday 26th May at 11 a.m. in the Village Hall. Plants can be brought to the hall from 10 a.m. – please bring them to the back door – or delivered by arrangement to a committee member in advance. We always have a wide range of plants at very good prices, as well as cakes and produce, and a raffle. Refreshments will also be available. . We hope you've all been growing seeds, plug plants, etc., and potting up cuttings from your gardens. Do tell your friends about the sale and come along to help make it a great success as usual.

Malvern Spring Show. There may still be spaces on the coach for our visit on Sunday 13th May. The cost for coach only is £12 and you will be responsible for buying your own ticket, as we have already booked and paid for tickets for those who booked earlier. The coach will leave Yarnton at 9 a.m. Contact Cath on 849275 for further information.

Future outings. On Tuesday 26th June we have an evening visit by cars to Rofford Manor Gardens at Little Milton, to arrive by 7 p.m. The cost for the visit is £5 per head plus £5 for refreshments.

On Tuesday 24th July there is an opportunity for a guided tour of Worcester College gardens, followed by tea and cake. This is an afternoon visit starting at 2 p.m. and the cost will be £12 per head to include the refreshments. Please contact Serena on 378817 to book either of these visits. *Ruth Astall*

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Tuesday 1st May will see the Branch's Annual General Meeting at 2 p.m. at the Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock; guests welcome, as always. After the, generally brief, formal business, members of the Branch's study groups will be strutting their stuff, giving newcomers an opportunity to see the range of activities on offer. Invidious to highlight any one group, perhaps, but the practitioners of the plastic and performing arts – art, needlework, recorder playing – seem likely to catch the eye (or ear).

After that, the Branch has two further lecture sessions to put into diaries: 5th June will feature Mary Spicer telling us about the History of Astronomy, while 3rd July offers an intriguing finish to the year's programme, with Stefan White on 'Skulduggery in the Shrubbery': sounds like the title of the sort of paperback you might take on your hols? The Branch's programme and membership details are at: www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock.



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EXHIBITIONS

Until 27th May: Bonnets & Bloomers, Bowlers & Braces

An exhibition inspired by the archives of Henry Allen (1878-1912), a draper from Charlbury, Oxfordshire, discovered in an old tin trunk and gifted to Charlbury Museum. Bills, ledgers, catalogues and mannequins sit alongside period clothes and accessories to tell the story of the Edwardian drapery trade.



5th May – 3rd June: Oxford Textile Artists 25th Anniversary Exhibition - Journeys

This exhibition will take you through a wonderful range of colour, texture and stitch, using traditional and contemporary styles of textile art.



TALKS

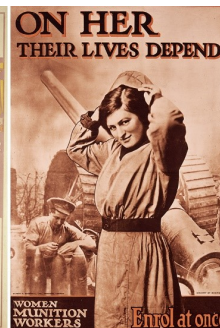
2nd May, 7.30 p.m. Waddesdon Manor by Carol Harvey

The Rothschild women. Friends of the museum free, visitors £4. www.Friendsoftom.co.uk



26th May, 2 p.m. Fighting on Different Fronts by Peter Vass

Discover how propaganda images of women in the First World War marked a change in their role in society. Tickets £8, booking line: 01993 814106.



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

Sacrament of Reconciliation, Kidlington, Saturdays

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.



Yarnton Bandits Golf Society

We are an established golfing society with a present membership of 31; we play at least once a month and each year plan a long golfing weekend away (also abroad).

We meet at The Red Lion on the first Monday of each month at 8 o'clock

New members will be very welcome

If golf is your game, then why not come along and join us as a guest; if you enjoy yourself you may then consider becoming a member.



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The Oxfordshire Performers Club

A Performers Club has recently been set up for adult amateur musicians who are seeking opportunities to perform in a friendly and supportive environment. The Oxfordshire Performers Club, which meets at the Eynsham Music Room every 6 weeks or so, is for players and singers, at any level and with any instrument, who just want to gain experience and confidence at performing, without the pressures of a formal concert. Players perform to each other, friends and family, and can perform all or just part of a piece.

The Club welcomes learners (particularly nervous ones) who can try out their pieces at the Club before their examination. We also welcome experienced players who simply lack sufficient opportunities to perform. Some very experienced players try out pieces at the Club first, before performing them at a formal concert.

Our next concert dates are at 3 p.m. on 3rd June and 15th July. More information can be found on the website and the Facebook page.

Website: www.oxfordshireperformersclub.co.uk

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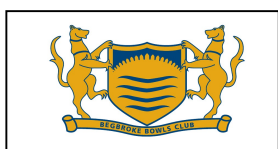





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Begbroke Bowls Club



There is still time to try out your local Bowls Club for the coming season. You can be assured of a warm welcome amongst friendly local folk who want to share with you their involvement in an outdoor sport.

Fixtures this year are already in place with home matches in next two months:

Sunday 20 th May:	Charlbury, 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 24 th May:	Adderbury, 6.30 p.m.
Sunday 27 th May:	Witney Mills, 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 30 th May:	Oxford Fire and Rescue, 6.30 p.m.
Saturday 9 th June:	Chipping Norton, 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 14 th June:	Wychwood, 6.30 p.m.
Saturday 23 rd June:	Middle Barton, 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 27 th June:	Abingdon Ladies, 6.30 p.m.

Further information from Club Secretary: Joan Woodmore, tel. 01235 528568, or Malcolm Blackshaw, tel. 01865 377220. <http://begbrokebowlsclub.co.uk/>



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