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## CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 a.m. service at St. Bartholomew's <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Wed. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Beavers, Scout Hut, 5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Fri. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Copy date for February issue of Yarnton Village News
Fri. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Scouts, Scout Hut, 7 p.m. – 8.30 p.m. <i>(and every Friday)</i>
Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Book Reading Group, tel. 372888
Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yarnton Band learners and Training Band, 6.45 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
	Senior Band, 7.30 p.m. – 8.45 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Cubs, Scout Hut, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Mon. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Explorers, Scout Hut, 8.15 p.m. – 9.30 p.m. <i>(and every Monday)</i>
Tue. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Central Yarnton Bridge Club, Village Hall 9.50 a.m. <i>(and every Tuesday)</i>
Wed. 9 <sup>th</sup>	'Little Sheep' <i>(and every Wednesday in term time)</i> , 10.15 a.m., St. Bartholomew's
Wed. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m. <i>(and every Wednesday)</i>
Thur. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Sing-along music group for babies and pre-schoolers <i>(and every Thursday in term time)</i> , Village Hall, 10 a.m.
Wed. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Thur. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Yarnton Band learners and Training Band, 6.45 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. <i>(and every Thursday)</i>
	Senior Band, 7.30 p.m. – 8.45 p.m. <i>(and every Thursday)</i>
Thur. 10 <sup>th</sup>	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Wed. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Budget Meeting, Village Hall, 6.15 p.m.
Thur. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Tue. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	'Back to Netball' night, Rutten Lane, Yarnton, 7.30 p.m.
Thur. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Club, Village Hall, 2 p.m.
Fri. 25 <sup>th</sup>	YAPS Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 26 <sup>th</sup>	YAPS Pantomime – Sleeping Beauty, Village Hall, 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.
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or delivered to Mrs. Ruth Astall, 19 The Spears, tel. 372637.

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Copy date for the March issue is **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

### Yarnton Village Hall 200 Club

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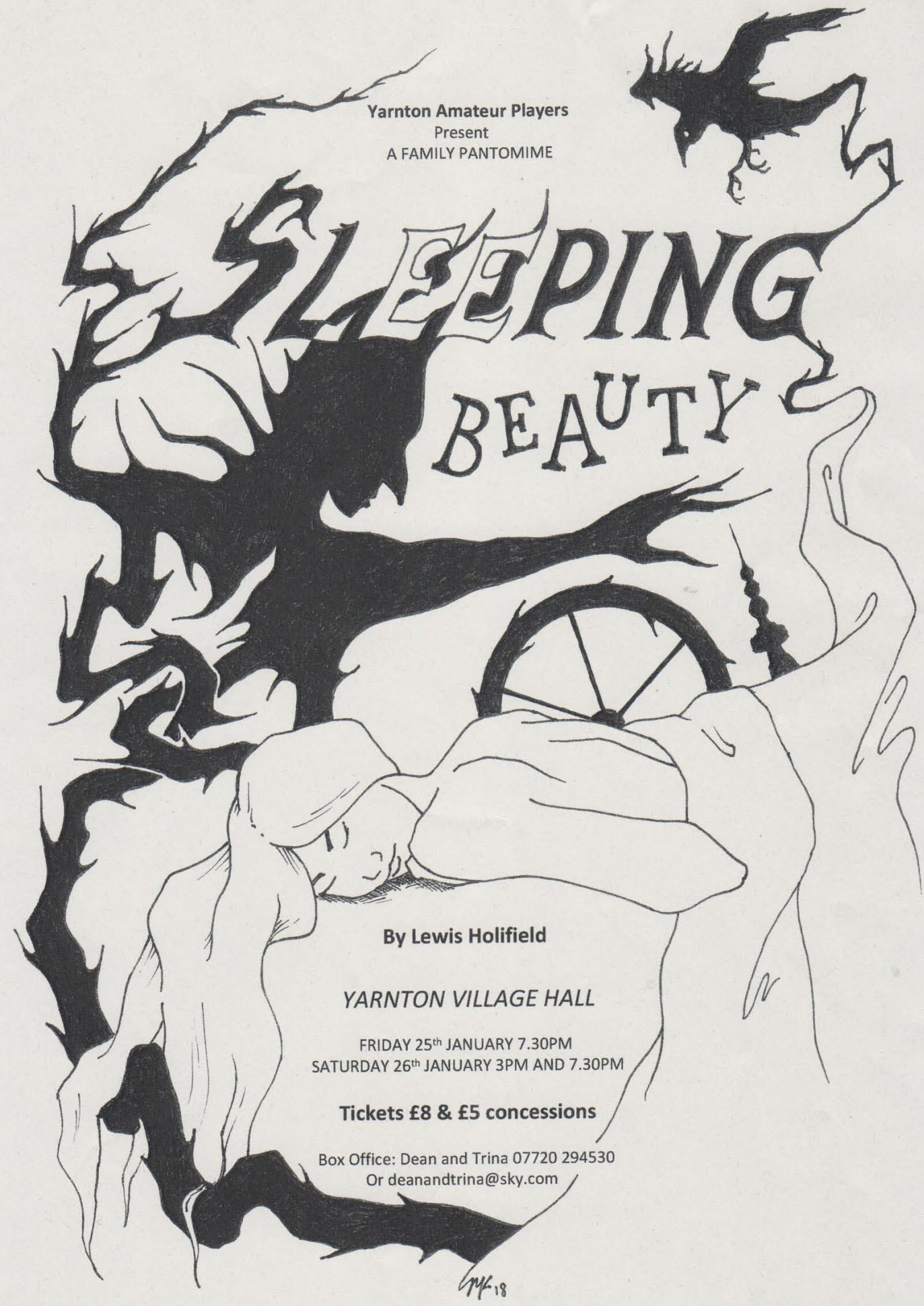
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The Branch saw out 2018 in colourful and educational style in December, when Tim Walker, from Oxford's Botanic Gardens, showed us how varied and rewarding winter horticulture can be. There are, he argued, no end of ways in which we can make gardens look cheerful and bright even in midwinter. Illustrated by a breath-taking sequence of slides, Tim's commentary was authoritative, witty, and packed with scientific, historical - occasionally scatological - facts: did we know, for example, that the world holds more than 3,500 named cultivated varieties of snowdrop? And that snowdrops produce a chemical used to treat Alzheimer's disease? The lecture concluded with a topical reference to global warming - bound, Tim emphasises, to affect horticulture in many and varied ways - but not all necessarily negative.

Our first two meetings of 2019 illustrate the breadth of U3A's programme. On 8<sup>th</sup> January, Mark Walsh will talk on 'Entertainment and Radio', and on 5<sup>th</sup> February the life of Admiral Lord Nelson will be dissected by Captain W Wells: both meetings 2 p.m., Community Centre, New Road, Woodstock - guests always welcome.

Our interest groups flourish. Leadership of the 40-strong 'Historical Buildings and Sites' Group recently changed, but its popular regime of talks and visits to places of historic interest continues through 2019/20. Less peripatetic, but every bit as keen, our Bridge-players meet weekly to play in what their leader assures me is a 'nice relaxed' style. For further information please phone 01865 580688, or visit [www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock)

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## Community Apple Orchard

On 1<sup>st</sup> December many villagers helped to plant 35 heritage apple trees for the Yarnton Community Orchard.

Each tree has been generously sponsored by a member of the village to mark a local family connection, commemorate a lost loved one or to just be part of something historic in the village.

It was a cold, rainy morning but volunteers soon got quite warm digging, planting and knocking in stakes. It took about 5 hours of solid work but it was fun and we achieved a lot. Some local children also got involved along with older residents who couldn't physically dig but supervised some of the planting and had a lovely morning chatting.



It's been a year long journey to get the orchard project completed, fully supported by the Parish Council along the way. The chosen area had to be assessed for any services pipework or cabling that may run under the land. We then got in touch with Andy Howard, an Oxfordshire apple tree expert, who surveyed and mapped the area and put together a collection of suitable heritage tree varieties.

Yarnton has traditionally been known for its apple trees so we wanted to have a variety of local species that could be juiced, cooked, stored and eaten! Some of the trees are quite rare and slowly making a comeback, helped by projects like this.

In our orchard we have varieties such as Autumn Pearmain, Reinette Rouge Etoile and Monarch to name just a few. Village residents old and new were invited to sponsor a tree on a first come first served basis, and organisers were overwhelmed with offers.

It's hoped the orchard will be enjoyed by all generations to come. It should become a place for family picnics or simply walking through to enjoy a few moments peace amongst the trees. We also hope to add some benches in the future, along with bat boxes.

We also want to bring the village together for Apple Day which is held in October <https://www.commonground.org.uk/apple-day>. The apples are there for all the village to enjoy and eat, surplus will be collected for groups such as the school, the weekly lunch club and any other groups who come forward. If we're lucky the WI might provide us with some unusual apple recipes!

Orchards are also vital for wildlife as they provide pollen for the bees and insects which attract birds and bats. Any windfall apples will be eaten by hedgehogs, worms and ground insects as well as helping to nourish the soil around each tree.

Native wildlife in the UK is in serious decline due to loss of habitat so we hope this area will eventually provide a refuge for these vital insects and mammals but also for us when we walk through and linger to enjoy the blossom on a sunny day.

This day was a great team effort and a VERY BIG THANK YOU to all who helped and got mucky. You made this a very special and memorable event.

We hope to have an official opening early next year and if you wish to be a member of the Yarnton Orchard Committee please contact Fiona on 07779 268836.

Thank you to all individuals and organisations that sponsored trees in the orchard including:

Graham and Yvonne Thompson, Eve and Fred Jones, Kim Overbeck, Shirley and Eddie Christiansen, David and Fiona Brimson, Janine and Carl Williams, Mary Clarke, The Isles family, Whitley family, Family Johnston, Kim Williams, Renee Charlett, The Wickham-Jones family, Emily, Georgia and Owen Shewry, Ann Wyatt, Jackie Carpenter, Julie and Graham Hillsdon, Robin Hearn, Colin Clark and Hilary Palmer, George and Susan Doucas, Thorpe family, My Bathrooms, Village News Committee, British Legion, Sanctuary Nursing Home, Parable Garden, Yarnton Women's Institute, Yarnton Gardening Club, Yarnton Playing Fields.

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## Senior Club

We will have had our Christmas Lunch by the time this is printed; more news about that next month. We didn't have any birthdays in November, and so we have just had our ordinary meetings. These have been well attended although there have been many colds going around. Laurence, our Secretary, has been to and fro to the doctor and the hospital for several months now, so we hope he has better health in 2019. We wish him 'Get well soon'. *Jose Green, tel. 375644*

## November Quiz - Answers

### November link: Inventors

The November winner is M. Grain, who has won a £20 from Oxford Garden and Shopping Village. Many thanks to them.

1. **Barnstaple** (**Barnes Wallis**); 2. **Inspector Morse** (**Samuel Morse**); 3. **Ian Fleming** (**Alexander Fleming**); 4. **Bells** (**Alexander Graham Bell**); 5. **The Da Vinci Code** (**Leonardo da Vinci**); 6. **A Wattle** (**James Watt**); 7. **Whitney Houston** (**Eli Whitney**); 8. **Davy** (**Crockett** (**Humphrey Davy**); 9. **Harrison Ford** (**John Harrison**); 10. **Anderson Shelter** (**Mary Anderson**).

*Please note that there is no quiz this month, as Sir Percy has had a very hectic time lately. We hope to have one for the February issue.*



Happy New Year!

My name is Kate Bye. I have three little boys and live in Yarnton. My boys are confident, happy and incredibly mischievous! Last year I became chairwoman of Begbroke Playgroup - have you heard of it?

They are a hidden gem tucked away in a beautiful rural location next to Begbroke Village Hall. The staff are caring, the children are spirited and the atmosphere warm and welcoming. They have managed to create an environment that is so safe and secure, it encourages your children to learn and develop through play.

Personally that's the bit I love about the playgroup - their focus on education through play. Well, that and the fact they have been fantastically flexible with the boys' hours - this has allowed me to step back into work at my own pace.

As part of their charity status, the playgroup is required to have a committee made up of parents, community members and staff. The playgroup is a registered charity and we rely on fundraising, sponsorship and donations to provide the childcare and facilities for the children - many of whom live in Yarnton and Begbroke.

The committee is always busy organising events and activities to help raise money - last year saw a flurry of activity with the usual Easter Egg hunt, sports day and the Christmas party. The nearly new sale allowed us to create a new reading corner, make a 'wish-list' tree and pushed forward the development of the new play area at the back of the building. Plus, you can't miss all the brightly coloured painting and renovations that have taken place - the fences, playhouses and sheds. We must thank everyone involved - it would not have been possible without the generous contribution of your time.

This year we have a lot planned - don't tell the committee..... I don't want them to panic but Karen the Manager and I have dusted off plans for a new outdoor educational classroom so our fundraising will have a real focus for 2019. The committee may have rejected my plans for Yarnton's first silent disco but surely they won't dismiss the vintage handbag sale, the mud run or the line dancing evening .....watch this space!

If you are a parent or a grandparent of the playgroup or a member of the local community looking to get involved in a worthwhile cause for the future of Yarnton and Begbroke, we would love to see you.

**For more information or to book a time to look round for your little one** - call Karen on 07594 652 291 or email us at [karen@begbrokeplaygroup.org.uk](mailto:karen@begbrokeplaygroup.org.uk)



## Yarnton W.I.

Annual subscriptions are due this month, so please bring your money to the meeting or, if you won't be there, then let Pamela have it at 8 Gravel Pit Lane. This year's subscription is £42 and dual membership is £20.50. If you're not planning to re-join this year, please let Pamela know on 07941 937021 so that she doesn't keep chasing you.

This month our speaker is Lindsay White who will be telling us about the work of the Blue Cross animal charity. We shall have our usual book stall, and tea hostesses are Mavis King, Susan Knox and Gill Long. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. Visitors are always welcome.

It's only two months now until our Annual Meeting when we elect the committee and officers for the coming year. We are looking for new committee members as two of our long-standing committee are not continuing, so do consider if you could join us. You will feel much more involved in the things we do if you have had a part in organising them, or if you have suggestions to make. If you would like further information then please ask a committee member.

Our January coffee morning is on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> at Oxford Garden and Shopping Village in Sandy Lane at the usual time of 10.30 a.m.

The February coffee morning will be on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> at Moorside Place in Kidlington. *Ruth Astall*

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*Karl Bushell*



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Call the Oxfordshire Shared Lives Scheme on **01865 897971** or visit our website

[www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives).

*Mary Clarke, the Secretary of 'Yarnton Village News,' is a Shared Lives carer living in Yarnton. She is very happy to chat with anyone in the village who would like to find out more about life as a Shared Lives carer. Tel 07947 659788.*





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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 January

#### Woodstock

6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Alistair Jackson
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Paul Carter (Covenant Service)
20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Sue Barratt
27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Ian Leck

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

#### Kidlington

6 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Rev. Michael Sawyer
13 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Rev. Philip Beuzeval
20 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Rev. Paul Carter (Covenant Service)
27 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Alan Turner-Smith

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



## Book Reading Group

We are meeting twice in January; Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January to discuss 'Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine' by Gail Honeyman, and then on **THURSDAY 31<sup>st</sup> January** we are going to talk about Melvyn Bragg's book 'Grace and Mary'. We are not meeting in February. Please phone us if you would like to find out more about the group (Caroline or Jim Briden 01865 372888).

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### Times of Mass

#### St. Thomas More

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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.

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As a new year begins, this month we offer an update on three projects beginning in January: two new projects starting at St. Bartholomew's, and the 2019 Oxford Winter Night Shelter.

### Exploring our history and heritage

This month we are beginning a new project exploring the history and heritage of St. Bartholomew's. We are seeking to draw together the historical knowledge and documents that exist with information about St. Bartholomew's, and seeking to explore how we can best communicate this to our many visitors, young and old. If you would be interested in being involved in the project, I'd be delighted to hear from you.

### Exploring Christian faith

'Being Christian'. This month we begin a weekly series of evenings looking at some of the most important parts of Christian faith and life. As part of these discussions, we shall be looking at extracts from a book entitled '*Being Christian*' by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. This will be suitable for those seeking to explore Christian faith, and those wishing to refresh and deepen their understanding. The series begins on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January from 7.30 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. at the Vicarage, 26 Church Lane, OX5 1PY. All are very welcome.

### Oxford Winter Night Shelter

An initiative of Churches Together in Oxford culminated in the opening in January 2018 of the 'Oxford Winter Night Shelter'. The shelter provided 10 beds each night to those who were homeless and at risk of rough sleeping, running from 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March. The shelters rotated around 7 churches in Oxford, offering a bed, a hot drink and snack on arrival, and breakfast in the morning, as well as a warm welcome and care from the team of around 150 volunteers. The project was led by the Rev'd. Mary Gurr, Chaplain to the Homeless in Oxford, and worked closely with local services for the homeless. There were a total of 33 guests over the winter, of whom 4 found permanent accommodation by the end, and the guests were able to engage helpfully with St. Mungo's outreach team, and found dignity and respect through many positive relationships established. From the start of 2019 OWNS is expanding to offer 20 beds each night from January to March, and has been seeking 300 volunteers. Many churches across the city and wider area, including the churches of our Benefice, have been seeking to support this initiative, by means of volunteering, and material and financial donations. More information can be found at <https://www.ownsoxford.org.uk/>

With prayers and best wishes for 2019 from Oliver and all at St. Bartholomew's, Yarnton.

### Regular Service Times (every week unless otherwise stated)

**Sundays:** 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer), 30 minutes. A traditional service with no hymns.  
11a.m. Parish Sung Eucharist (with hymns, modern language, 1 hour, *followed by coffee*)  
**Wednesdays:** 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (modern language)  
**Tuesday-Friday:** 8.30 a.m. Morning Prayer (modern language, 20 minutes)

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## Yarnton Gardening Club

This month we welcome the return of Ben Jones whose talk is entitled 'Celebrating the Flora of Japan' which should cheer us up during the cold winter weather. We meet in the Village Hall on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 p.m. and visitors and prospective new members are very welcome.

Subscriptions of £10 are due this month, so please remember to bring the money to the meeting.

**Date for your diary:** Those of you who came to Sir Michael and Lady Anne Hestletine's garden and arboretum in 2017 will remember what a lovely place it is. We are planning another visit on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April at 2 p.m., travelling by cars. The cost is £15 and, as with last time, we have to pay up front when we book the tickets, and there are no refunds. The Open Days get booked up very quickly, and so we have a closing date of this month's meeting. If you won't be at the meeting but would like to go, then please give me a ring on 372637. ***You will need to have put your name down and paid by then to be on the list; I shall send off the booking form on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January.***

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Even if you don't want to venture out into your garden or local area in the Winter cold, just sit in your window with a warm drink and take the time to notice the colour that's still visible in the natural world. It can take a few minutes to focus the mind to start to notice these subtleties, but it's time well spent. Happy Gardening  
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**6<sup>th</sup> February** - Wyvern Railway Ancestry Research Advice by Judy Rose. Ticket to ride: the perils and pleasures of early Victorian rail travel.

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*Kidlington Churches Together 2018. Guy James has conducted the band for 21 years, but note the assistant behind him!*

Our annual concert was slightly later in the year than usual and so Guy James chose a mainly Christmas theme. The march *Christmas Joy* by Erik Leidzen gave a resounding, foot tapping start with its intermingling of several Christmas tunes. The ever-popular theme from *The Snowman* only lacked the voice of Aled Jones, and that was followed by *Do they know it's Christmas?*

Intersecting our Christmas theme came a Lloyd-Webber piece, *I don't know how to love him*, featuring cornet player Lizzie Blake, playing a solo for the first time. Then *British TV @ War* contained themes from three TV shows, *Dads' Army*, *It ain't 'alf hot mum* and *'Allo, 'allo*. Trombone player Ciaran Bird played a solo, *The Acrobat*, and the audience realised how versatile a trombone can be. The first half ended with *Hot Stuff* and at least one couple were humming along!

Starting the second half the Training Band, helped by a few older members, played a selection of tunes, and the concert ended with the band playing *Merry Christmas Everybody*, *Winter Wonderland* and *Jingle Bells*.

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**Future Meeting dates:** Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> January, Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January (Budget) and 13<sup>th</sup> February in the Village Hall at 6.15 p.m., then every second Wednesday in the month. Members of the public are welcome to attend all meetings.

**Meeting Minutes:** The minutes of all Parish Council Meetings are available on the village website once they are approved, [www.yarnton-village.org.uk](http://www.yarnton-village.org.uk)

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**Planning Applications:**

18/01514/F 15. The Garth, part single-storey rear extension, demolition of existing single-storey side extension and erection of a double-storey side and part double-storey rear extension.

18/01953/F. 1 Aysgarth Road, single-storey extension and first floor extension.

18/02034/F. 198 & 200 Woodstock Road (Resubmission of planning permission 18/00125/F), demolition of existing pair of semi-detached dwellings and outbuildings. Erection of 2 no. detached replacement dwellings with detached garaging and detailed landscaping proposals plus non-material amendments to the approved elevations.

**Planning Decisions:**

18/01772/TPO. Church Lane House, Church Lane, Walnut (T2) Crown reduction by 20%, Sycamore (T3) Removal of branches within 2m of Church Lane House, Sycamore (T4) Fell due to significant rotting and potential risk of falling – Subject to TPO 26/96. Granted 28.11.18.

18/01709/F. 54 Meadow Way, erection of detached two-storey three-bedroom dwelling with parking and amenity space (amendment to planning permission 16/00352/F). Withdrawn 26.11.18.

**Correspondence:** All correspondence by letter or email to the Parish Council must include the sender's name and address. The Parish Council will not be able to discuss anonymous correspondence received without these details.

**Parish Councillors:** An election will take place in May 2019 for 10 Parish Council seats, one more than currently, due to the growth of the village since 1987 when the last increase was made. All existing Parish Councillors have to be re-elected if they wish to continue and probably won't all wish to, so please don't be complacent and think 'There are enough people already, I won't bother'! We anticipate forms for people to nominate themselves will be available in March with the closing date for applications being 3<sup>rd</sup> April. If you think that you might be interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please feel free to contact us on the details above or come to one of our monthly meetings to find out what's involved. If you want to ensure you don't miss out on receiving a nomination form, please let the Parish Clerk know that you're interested and we will make sure you receive a form.

**Primary School Place:** If your child was born on or between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015, you need to apply for a primary school place now. You must still apply even if your child already attends a nursery attached to the school. Deadline for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Apply online at: [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/admissions). For help and information email: [admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.schools@oxfordshire.gov.uk), or telephone: 0345 2412487.

**Community Orchard:** Thank you to all local organisations and individuals who sponsored apple trees for the community orchard (please see separate article).

**Cherwell Local Plan Partial Review:** At the time of writing this article we were still awaiting the dates for the inspector's hearing, which is anticipated to take 8 days. When we have more details they will be posted on 'Yarnton Community' page of Facebook and the 4 noticeboards in the village.

**OurBusBartons bus:** Please note that passengers using this bus, which operates on Tuesdays, can use local authority concessionary passes. The bus stops in Yarnton and Kidlington twice on Tuesday.

**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. A litter bin has now been placed near the bottle banks for normal rubbish (carrier bags, etc.).

**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 is 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.

**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: Carol McNamara, tel. 432798, 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 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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## Cat Mess

From time to time we publish articles asking people to clean up after their dogs, and I have received several emails at different times concerning cat mess. The following is the latest:

'I see that there are frequent messages in the newsletter regarding the responsibility of owners to clean up after their dogs. I have real problems with cats using my garden as a toilet. The RSPCA recommends asking owners of cats to provide somewhere suitable for their cats to use as a toilet.

<https://www.rspca.org.uk/adviceandwelfare/pets/cats/environment/gardens>

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*Name and email address supplied*

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## **Kidlington & District Historical Society**

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Our matches finished a couple of weeks before Christmas and start again at the beginning of January. Layers were needed towards the end for our training sessions and the matches, but we got through it! There were a tough few matches for both teams this season and everyone played really well.

We are a friendly club and always welcome new members at any time of the year, but we have a specific night coming up for anyone wanting to try out netball. Our 'back to netball' night is on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January; this is a training session taking you back to the basics of netball and refreshing your netball knowledge. There is no charge for this evening so come along and give us a try!

We train every week on a Tuesday evening at Rutten Lane Court, Yarnton from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. with a qualified coach leading the session. We train outside so you will need to bring a water bottle and suitable clothes. You get three sessions free before you need to confirm to us if you would like to join the club. If you do decide to join there is an annual fee of £110 from September to August; this can be altered depending on when you join the club.

If you have any questions or would like more information about the club please contact us at

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

Happy New Year from everyone at Yarnton Netball Club.

## Yarnton Village Hall

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

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