

# YARNTON

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## VILLAGE

## NEWS

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### CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

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                                    Explorers aged 14–18, 8.15 p.m. – 9.15 p.m.  
Wednesdays              Beavers aged 6–8, 5 p.m. – 6.15 p.m.  
Fridays                      Scouts aged 10–14, 7 p.m. – 8.45 p.m.

#### Girl Guiding

Tuesdays                      Guides aged 10–14, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Wednesdays                Brownies aged 7–10, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup>                      Indoor Bowls Club, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (*and every Monday*)  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup>                      Yarnton Band, 7.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. (*and every Monday, except Bank Holidays*)  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>                Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m.  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>                      Yarnton Band Learners and Training Band, 6.45 p.m. - 7.25 p.m.  
                                    Senior Band, 7.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. (*and every Thursday*)  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup>                      Copy date September Village News  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>                      W.I. Afternoon Tea at Aston Pottery  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>                Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m.

#### St. Bartholomew's Church

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Sundays                      8 a.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
                                    11 a.m. Parish Communion, with Junior Church, followed by coffee  
Wednesdays                9.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
Morning Prayer              Monday – Thursday, 8.30 a.m.  
Evening Prayer              Monday – Thursday, 5.30 p.m.  
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Copy should be e-mailed to: [ruth@astall.com](mailto:ruth@astall.com) and [maryclarke2305@gmail.com](mailto:maryclarke2305@gmail.com)  
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Copy date for the October issue is **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September.**



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## Yarnton Netball Club

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In order to support the growth and success of the club we really do need a two-court facility at Rutten Lane – surely this is within the realms of local development plans... or can we wait that long? To see so many women and young players participating in this team sport was just extraordinary – and yes, we do need two floodlit courts for the numbers present on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Incorporated into this wizard of a day, annual awards were presented:

	<i>U11s</i>	<i>U15s</i>	<i>U19s</i>	<i>Seniors</i>
Coaches' Player	Martha	Olivia	Vita	Liz
Most Improved Player	Daisy	Jemima	Sophie	Selena
Passion and Commitment	Tegan	Steph	Ferne	Emily
Players' Player	Hannah	Alice & Iris	Saskia	Liz & Kristy
Rising Star	Eva	Emily	Kate	
Young Player of the Year	Charlotte U15			
Most Impactful Newcomer	Lindsey			
Team of the Year	Yarnton Jades U19			
Here if you Need	Ferne U19s Leah –Seniors			
Hidden Gem	Lindsey			



Congratulations to all our players and those in support roles without whom none of this can happen – an excellent season. Club training and play is at Rutten Lane, Yarnton on Tuesday evenings with younger age groups on Wednesdays. If you are thinking of joining us for the new season to commence in September we would love to hear from you. Please make contact by email: [yarntonnetballclub@outlook.com](mailto:yarntonnetballclub@outlook.com) or [yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com](mailto:yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com) or via Facebook, for further information. And on the national scene - the Netball Superleague has worked its way out to the grand finals in July at the O2-Arena, London, with Loughborough Lightning playing London Pulse; result will not be available prior to press date – but it's been a spectacular season – do give it a watch next year.

Sue Blackshaw, Yarnton Netball Club



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## Why play a hymn tune? – Yarnton Band



Many Brass Bands start their rehearsal with a hymn tune, but why?

1. It warms up the instruments and helps the players to listen to each other
2. The conductor checks if the players are in tune
3. Playing a hymn tune helps to create a good tone and helps with sight reading

Most weeks Guy James chooses a different hymn tune, but recently Mark Sherratt had the band playing *Passion Chorale*, written originally as a love song by Hans L. Hassler and used in a section of Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*. The band parts (not as above) were trickier than many hymn tunes but provided a good exercise. Normally we play the tune for about ten to fifteen minutes before we start our main rehearsal.

Congratulations to Lucy Stroud on passing her Grade 4 cornet exam with distinction and to James Pye who, at our AGM was awarded a cup for the most improved player. (See the photo by Rhiann Pye below.)



You can hear us on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at the Begbroke Picnic, 4 p.m. – 5 p.m. at Begbroke Village Hall.  
*Peter Hewis.*

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Cherwell Collective is proud to announce it will put on its second annual Sustainable Fashion Show on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025. Once again, the show will be the marquee event of Cherwell Collective's role in hosting the Oxford Hub of [UK Sustainable Fashion Week](#). This growing series of events, which directly follows London Fashion Week each autumn, highlights sustainable practices in clothing, accessories, and consumer habits.

The fashion show will be hosted in the elegant [Orangery](#) of the [historic Blenheim Palace](#) – a UNESCO World Heritage site. The space helps illustrate the luxury of considerate and sustainable fashion. Our show features collections where textiles are reimagined alongside innovations with non-textiles, including biodegradable materials, plastic waste, and more.

The show is a part of our [Carbon Cost of Fashion](#) module, developed by Cherwell Collective's [Waste Innovation](#) Station Hubs (WISH) project, which aims to raise awareness around the climate consequences of clothing production and consumption. Early Bird VIP Hospitality Tickets are available now on [Eventbrite](#). These tickets include the best seats on the runway and access to a pre-show drinks reception with live music, networking and nibbles, alongside selected professionals and local celebrities.

The VIP reception will include a professional photoshoot with Blenheim's beauty as the backdrop and a stimulating Nature trail, organised in collaboration with the [Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre \(TVERC\)](#). VIPs are also awarded pre-access to Cherwell Collective's fashion auction, showcasing some of the most innovative pieces donated by designers to run as a post-show event.

For this year's show, BBC Radio Oxford's [Sophie Law](#) returns as Master of Ceremonies. Sophie's captivating running commentary guarantees guests will be well entertained throughout the evening's innovative programme. Over 10 local sustainable designers, including Oxfam, Oxford United Football Club, and The Ballroom Emporium, will show their collections. Reimagined discarded materials will be transformed into one-of-a-kind runway pieces, showcasing fashion that diverts waste and sparks imagination.

Cherwell Collective Founder Dr. Emily Connally described the vision for this year's show:

'Last year's "Re:Fashion" show raised awareness of the Carbon Cost of Fashion and was one of [the cultural highlights in](#) Oxfordshire for 2024. This year, we hope to inspire "Ripples of Change" in our community. Each choice, each act of re-use, each piece of upcycled design is a drop that contributes to a wave. Together, we become the ocean, an unstoppable force of collective change'.

[Visit our website](#) to learn more about our mission

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## **Planning applications:**

Application No.: 25/01403/F. Proposal: RETROSPECTIVE – Single-storey extension to the rear. Location: 139 Woodstock Road, Yarnton, Kidlington, OX5 1PT.

Application No.: 24/00539/F. Proposal: Erection of a stadium (Use Class F2) with flexible commercial and community facilities and uses including for conferences, exhibitions, education, and other events, club shop, public restaurant, bar, health and wellbeing facility/clinic, and gym (Use Class E/Sui Generis), hotel (Use Class C1), external concourse/fan-zone, car and cycle parking, access and highway works, utilities, public realm, landscaping and all associated and ancillary works and structures. Location: Land to the east of Stratfield Brake and west of Oxford Parkway Railway Station, Oxford Road, Kidlington. Details of amendment: Further information has been received in relation to the environmental statement, comprising an updated lighting assessment and ecology statement. Additional information has also been received in relation to financial sustainability - June 2025.

## **Planning decisions:**

25/00417/F. 49 The Garth, Yarnton, Kidlington, OX5 1NA. Application Permitted.

24/02872/F. Oxford South Depot, 1 Woodstock Road, Yarnton, OX5 1NY. Application Permitted.

25/01464/CM. Agrivert Ltd, Cassington AD Plant, Unnamed Single Carriageway 681 1439, Yarnton, Kidlington, OX29 4FL. Planning Application for the proposed erection of lightning protection equipment, including sixteen large modified HVI masts and four telescopic air rods mounted on existing structures, as well as reuse and minor modification to the existing mast at the anaerobic digestion facility - MW.0048/2. No objections.

## **Annual Village litter-pick:**

The Parish Council will be organising a village litter-pick on 20<sup>th</sup> September from 10 a.m. - 12 noon, and 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. – if you run a local club or organisation or are a resident and would like to be involved, please either contact the Clerk, or Cllr. Samuel Smith.

## **Future meetings:**

*Please note that there will be no Parish Council meeting in August.*

Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings for all or part of the meeting. Members of the public who wish to speak need to contact the Clerk 7 days in advance of the meeting giving notice of what they wish to say; any person will be limited to 5 minutes, and the total time for public contributions is limited to 15 minutes. Members of the public wishing to speak on any other matter or to be involved in the Councillors' general discussion may only do so at the discretion of the Chairman.



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On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August we have our Annual Summer Social event – a time to talk with interest group leaders and understand how the association organises itself here. Complimentary tea and cakes are included, with no visitor charge this month. We are a modest sized branch – open to new ideas and keen to see the association develop – do come along around 2 p.m.

*Sue Blackshaw, Chair*



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*Snakes-head fritillary, Sophie Cunningham, Wild Oxfordshire*

### How: using iRecord

A great way of easily logging records is via the iRecord website or app, from which Records Centres like our Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre (TVERC) can extract data. You can also send records direct to TVERC to ensure they get them in a timely fashion – and see below for how you can contribute even if you don't get on with iRecord.

### Other methods of submitting observations:

However, if you do not have the means to use iRecord, then record your observations in a field notebook, then ask someone in your group to upload your data for you. If this is not possible, then you can submit your field notebooks to TVERC. They will need certain key pieces of information: species name, name of observer, location name (provide the name of the site, ideally using one that is recognisable from an OS map; do not enter a postal address as the information you provide will be visible to others), grid reference, and date of observation.

If you have multiple observations to report, then you will need to upload the records as a spreadsheet. In this case, please provide the information either in a spreadsheet format with headings as described above, or otherwise such that we can easily transfer it into a spreadsheet. You can also download TVERC's spreadsheet templates [here](#). You can find more information on how to submit your records, including links to video guides, on the TVERC website.

### How your records are used:

Your records are first validated (checked for location errors) and verified (checked for species identification errors) before they are entered into the TVERC database. This ensures that the data passed on to decision-makers is as accurate and informative as possible. The records are shared with local authorities in Oxfordshire and Berkshire, the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust and the Environment Agency. They are also provided through data searches to local groups, Parish Councils, ecological consultants and researchers. The information is used:

- by planning authorities and developers to make informed decisions on the design and location of sustainable development
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**Fixtures August and September 2025**

<b>August</b>						
Saturday	2	BURFORD	Home	4TMix	Blue	14.30
Saturday	9	FILKINS	Home *	3TMix	Blue	14.30
Tuesday	19	MIDDLE BARTON	Away	4TMix	Blue	18.00
Saturday	23	OXFORD CITY & COUNTY	Home	4TMix	Blue	14.30
Saturday	30	BLACKBIRD LEYS	Home	4TMix	Blue	14.30
<b>September</b>						
Saturday	6	CLUB DAY	Home		Casual	14.00
Saturday	13	HANBOROUGH	Away	4TMix	Blue	14.30
Tuesday	16	MIDDLE BARTON	Home	4TMix	Blue	18.00
Saturday	20	GREEN CLOSING	Home		Casual	14.00

Every Friday evening at 6 p.m. there is our informal 'roll up' where you can come along and try your hand at bowls – a selection of bowls and coaching will also be provided. If you would like to try bowls, maybe for the first time, please come and join us!

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## News from St. Bartholomew's – August

### St. Bartholomew's Day

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August, 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)**

**11 a.m. Patronal Festival Service *followed by a lunch.***

St. Bartholomew's Day falls on 24<sup>th</sup> August in our Church of England calendar and this year it is a Sunday. We will celebrate our Festival day in our morning services and we will follow our main 11 a.m. Holy Communion with a lunch party in the church. Bartholomew is named as one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus of Nazareth in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, and is named in the Acts of the Apostles as a witness of the Ascension of Jesus. Bartholomew is not named in John's gospel, whilst there is a tradition that identifies Bartholomew with Nathaniel, who encounters Jesus whilst sitting under a fig tree (John chapter 1), and who is witness to the Risen Jesus on the Sea of Galilee (John 21). This Nathaniel appears only in John's gospel. Little is recorded of him, whilst we can deduce that he was present at the most extraordinary moments as a witness to Jesus Christ.

As we reflect on the remarkable witness of Bartholomew, we will reflect on how we are called to witness to the love of God in our time and place, and as the Parish Church of St. Bartholomew's. Please do join us for our celebrations of St. Bartholomew's Day.

*Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your word:  
grant that your Church may love that word which he believed and may faithfully preach and receive the same  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen.*

### Autumn Dates and Events

#### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, Open House Weekend *and* Ride and Stride**

St. Bartholomew's will be running a cake and refreshments stall on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September, during Open House weekend. Yarnton Manor is open for Open House Festival Weekend on 13<sup>th</sup> September, and we will be offering refreshments at St. Bartholomew's for those visiting the Manor.

We will run a welcome stall for those participating in the annual 'Ride and Stride' fundraising cycle ride and walking event. It also takes place on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 5<sup>th</sup> October St. Bartholomew's, Vision Sundays**

We shall be reflecting on our calling as a Parish Church within the village of Yarnton on these Sundays. There will be further information in next month's Village News.

#### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, Harvest Festival**

**Confirmation Classes.** We will be holding Confirmation classes in the Autumn. Older Children and Adults are welcome to get in touch if interested.

#### **Regular Services and events**

Sundays: 8 a.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer), 11 a.m. Parish Sung Communion with Junior Church, followed by coffee.

*NB. There will be an All age Communion on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August. Junior Church will resume on 17<sup>th</sup> August.*

9.30 a.m. Benefice Online Service (St. Bartholomew's Facebook page).

Wednesdays: 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

10.30 a.m. Little Sheep (term time) – for under 5s and parents/grandparents/carers – crafts, songs and a story.

We welcome enquiries for Christenings and Weddings.



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## Charity bagging update



As you will be aware we collect for our nominated charity, Sobell House, through the 'plastic bag tax'. We've run the numbers for the last six months and are pleased to say we raised a fantastic **£178** so far in 2025. This is as well as the other ways we are helping to raise funds for this important charity.

## August Bank Holiday – 25<sup>th</sup> August

It seems an age since the last Bank Holiday! So, after a long Summer it seems like a well deserved one. The Bank Holiday usually brings with it some mixed weather but who cares, let's enjoy the final bank holiday before Christmas!



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## Yarnton Gardening Club

A very hot and humid evening in June meant that numbers were down for our social evening, but those who came seemed to enjoy the various quizzes arranged by the committee, and the delicious scones and jam and cream provided. The competition for the best rose, voted on by the members attending, was won by Gaynor White. We had been worried that because of the hot weather everyone's roses would be over, but we had a good number to choose from.

We don't have a meeting in August, so the next gathering in the Village Hall will be on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September when our speaker will be Paul Green of Greens Leaves Nursery, whose talk will be on 'Plants of the Season'. We have an outing planned to Bourton House Garden, Bourton-on-the-Hill, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, travelling by cars to arrive by 2 p.m. Please contact Serena on 378817 for more information or to put your name down.

*Ruth Astall*

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There are no Methodist churches in Yarnton, but you will find one in both Woodstock and Kidlington. Details of 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 August

*'Local Arrangement' invariably means instead of a 'live' preacher you can watch a pre-recorded service on screen at church.*

*Go to [oxfordmethodists.org.uk/worship.html](http://oxfordmethodists.org.uk/worship.html) where details can be found of various recorded services.*

#### Woodstock

3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Paul Spray
10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Local Church Group
17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	David Matthews
24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Paul Rosentall
31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Paul Carter
		<i>Holy Communion</i>

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!

#### Kidlington

3 <sup>rd</sup>	10 a.m.	David Matthews
10 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Rev. Miriam Moul
17 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Rev. Paul Carter
		<i>Holy Communion</i>
24 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Local Church Group
31 <sup>st</sup>	10 a.m.	Margaret Sawyer

Every Thursday we meet at 10.00 a.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!

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



## Yarnton W.I.

Hello Neighbours!

I know we often complain about the weather, but I am sure many of you struggled with the unexpectedly high temperatures at the end of June. For the time being, July seems to be kinder to us.

At our June meeting, we enjoyed a wonderful party for our members with tasty finger food generously provided by our talented ladies. We also held our annual baking competition to be awarded the Janet Ward memorial penguin trophy. This year we baked a variety of cookies competently judged by two members of the Yarnton Band. This year it was awarded to Rosemary Griffiths whose cookies stood out from the rest. Well done!

We enjoyed creating seasonal flower posies and also brought in memorabilia with personal stories that we shared with our friends. These were diverse but all interesting. A good time was had by all.

Representatives from Yarnton W.I. were requested to judge the delicious cakes at the William Fletcher School fete. We were pleased to see that slices were for sale afterwards so others could enjoy them!

As we do not hold a monthly meeting in August, we are looking forward to our annual Summer outing, this year to Aston Pottery. Aside from viewing the scenic garden flowers and the variety of products for sale in their large gift shop, we will enjoy their tasty afternoon tea. I hope that it's sunny this year!

As I write, we are looking forward to our July meeting, when we will host Jackie Allen who will demonstrate the ideal way to pack a capsule holiday wardrobe and show us Summer styling of the clothing and handbags that she has brought along - perfect for this time of year!

And as a complete change of subject, in September we will host Matt Williams, who has been a volunteer for the Samaritans for over fifteen years. He will describe how the Samaritans listen and support people in distress. As this is such a vital organisation, we invite everyone in the village to attend.

Whatever you choose to do, have a great Summer holiday.

*Judy Blake, President*

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