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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.

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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 1<sup>st</sup>                      Indoor Bowls Club, Village Hall, 10 a.m. (*and every Monday*)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>                      Community Drop In, Village Hall, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.  
                                    (*and every Monday*)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>                      Yarnton Band, 7.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. (*and every Monday, except Bank Holidays*)

Thursday 4<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 5<sup>th</sup>                      Copy date January 2026 Village News

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>              Lunch Club Christmas Meal, Village Hall, 1 p.m.

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>              Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.30 p.m.

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>                      W.I. Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>                      Gardening Club A.G.M. and Christmas Social, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. Members only

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#### **Regular services**

Sundays                      8 a.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)  
                                    11 a.m. Parish Communion, with Junior Church, followed by coffee  
                                    *N.B. Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, Parish Communion will be at 10 a.m.*

Wednesdays                9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

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Copy date for the February 2026 issue is **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026.**

## Care Committee

After 19 years Fred Jones has recently resigned from the Care Committee. We would like to thank Fred for the sterling work that he's done for residents during those years, including as a volunteer driver for hospital visits, lunch club helper, driver and co-ordinator of the fortnightly shopping bus. Before leaving the committee Fred made sure that his roles were covered by securing replacements. Keith Johnston will take over on the committee as Shopping Bus co-ordinator, and Mick Hall now joins the small group of volunteers who drive the shopping bus.

*Lynne Whitley, Secretary*

## New bus service to Kidlington

From 30<sup>th</sup> November the Stagecoach 800 bus service, which previously operated from Horspath Road Industrial Estate to Oxford City, has been extended to provide a link to Kidlington, via Begbroke and Oxford Airport, and Oxford Parkway Rail Station. This hourly, 7 days a week, service will be welcome news for residents of Yarnton and Begbroke with Kidlington.

Timetables can be found on the Stagecoach website at <https://www.stagecoachbus.com › about › oxfordshire>.

## How is climate change affecting the flowers in your garden? A village survey.

As our winters are getting milder and wetter, we thought it might be an interesting idea to ask residents of the village to survey their gardens on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 (or the nearest convenient day) and make a list of plants, shrubs and trees which are in flower – even if it's only one lone bloom. We plan to do the same thing each year on 1<sup>st</sup> January so that we can see how things are changing – or not changing! You can email your list to Ruth or Mary, or drop it in to either of us (details on front page). We look forward to receiving lots of interesting lists.

*Editorial Committee*

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Please complete our Community Play Park Surveys online at:

- Teens/adults survey:  
<https://tinyurl.com/parksurveyTA-VN>
- Children's survey (under 12s):  
<https://tinyurl.com/parksurveyVN>

Paper copies are available on request – contact us using the details below.

Surveys must be returned by Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

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Thank you for helping shape Yarnton's new play park.

*Created by a sub-group of the Yarnton Playing Field Committee (Charity 294537)*

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### Discarded Dog Faeces

Dear Residents and Dog Owners,  
It has come to the Parish Council's attention that the number of incidents of discarded dog faeces is on the increase, especially within the orchard area of the village. Please could all owners ensure that if your dog poos, it is picked up and disposed of in the dog bins provided around the village or your own waste bin at home.  
You are probably aware that it is an offence not to pick up your dogs faeces; also not carrying a dog bag or means to pick up after your dog, can result in a fixed penalty fine of up to £100. If taken to court the owner can incur a fine of up to £1000. It is not pleasant for anyone cutting the grass, is a health hazard to young children playing in the area and vulnerable adults to be covered in dog faeces. We are aware that most dog owners do behave responsibly and it is just the few that spoil it by being so thoughtless to other residents.

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Mike Groves, Chairman, Yarnton Parish Council

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Our u3a branch is centred in Woodstock and welcomes members from the surrounding area including Yarnton. Are you recently retired and looking for local social activity around an interest that you already have, or seeking something new. Interest groups develop when someone is willing to run them – maybe you have something you can offer. Our newest groups of Table Tennis and Photography have very successfully established themselves this year. Singing for joy – how does that sound? Our group meets at the Scout and Guide Hut in Union Street on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 2 p.m. – relaxed singing, purely for fun. Or Historic Churches with planned visits/tours to the many and varied beautiful churches in our area – meeting once a month on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday. Our website offers up to date information and contact points [www.woodstocku3a.uk](http://www.woodstocku3a.uk) - do take a look.

Monthly members' speaker meetings are held at St. Hugh's Centre, Hensington Road, Woodstock OX20 1JL (easy to reach on the S3 bus or parking available). The November speaker, Jessica Bouwer from Wild Oxfordshire, deepened our knowledge and appreciation of hedgerows and their 'ideal' care and benefits to the countryside, to gardens and importantly, ourselves.

Our next speaker meeting is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December at St. Hugh's, 1.45 p.m. for 2 p.m., when we return to history with author and historian, Anna Beer, talking on 'Bess – The Life of Lady Raleigh – Wife to Sir Walter'. The talk is a whistle-stop tour of the remarkable and long life of Bess Throckmorton. As we focus on figures like Bess we can gain fresh insight into the past. For example, the court of Queen Elizabeth I begins to be seen as a very special political economy in which women mattered, and widowhood became a time of opportunity as much as desolation.

All welcome - visitors £3 to include tea and biscuits.

*Sue Blackshaw, Chair*

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## Merry Christmas from all at St Bartholomew's Yarnton!

We warmly welcome you to all our Advent  
and Christmas events. May the Joy and  
Peace of the Christ child be with you and  
your loved ones.

## Regular Services and Events

### Sundays:

8.00am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

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

11.00am Parish Sung Communion with Junior Church, followed by coffee

5.00pm Yarnton Evening Worship (once a month, will continue 11th Jan 2026)

### Wednesdays:

9.30am Holy Communion

10.30am Little Sheep (term time)

for under 5s and their parents/grandparents/carers

- crafts, songs and a story -



"But the angel said to them,  
"Do not be afraid. I bring you  
good news that will cause  
great joy for all the people.  
Today in the town of David a  
Saviour has been born to you;  
his is the Messiah, the Lord."  
(Luke 2.10-11)

## Christmas Event Registration

If, your child would like to attend one of the following  
events, we would be grateful if you could register your  
interest by scanning the QR code below and completing  
the form.

This helps us make sure we have enough resources for  
these sessions!

- Children's Advent Craft & Story Morning
  - Little Sheep Christingle
  - Christingle Service
- Crib Service - (if children want a speaking part only)



Many thanks!

## Christmas Services

### Midnight Mass

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December

At 11pm

### Christmas Day

Communion Service

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December

At 11am



**JOY**



Join us for an

## Advent Carol Service

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November  
At 5pm



Join us for our

## Advent Activity & Story Morning

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
At 10.30am-12

For children and  
their families

*Christmas Crafts  
Storytelling  
Prayer Activities*

*Come and explore the Joy of Christmas!*

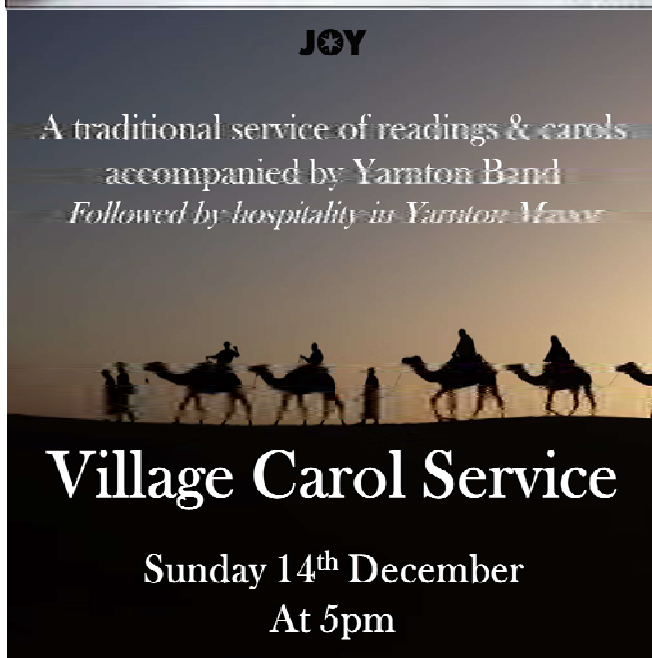


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## Village Carol Service

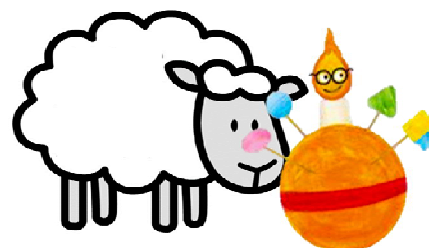
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
At 5pm



Join us for our

## Little Sheep Christingle

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
At 10.30am



A festive edition of our usual Little Sheep group,  
for under 5s and their families

*Christingle craft - sing carols - mini nativity*



Join us for a

## Christingle Service

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
At 3pm



For school children and their families

*Make your own Christingle & sing some  
favourite carols!*



Join us....

And celebrate the joy of the Jesus' birth!

## Crib Service

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>  
December  
At 3pm

*Accompanied by  
Yarnton Band*



Our annual Crib Service is for all ages!

Children who would like to take a speaking part in the story are invited  
to the 'rehearsal' on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

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### Gone with the Wind: Autumn and Winter's Blustery Garden Shenanigans

As the leaves turn golden and the air gets that suspicious chill, Autumn and Winter winds begin their annual rampage through gardens across the land. These gusty hooligans don't knock politely - they barge in like they own the place, rearranging your flower beds, flinging your garden gnome into the neighbour's pond, and turning your compost bin into a confetti cannon.

Where do these winds come from? Meteorologists will say things like 'pressure systems' and 'Arctic fronts', but we all know the truth: they're summoned by ancient forces who hate patio furniture. One minute your garden is a tranquil haven, the next it's a scene from *Twister*, starring your wheelbarrow in a dramatic airborne role.

Autumn winds are the pranksters of the bunch. They sneak in with a sly rustle, pretending to be gentle breezes, then BAM - your rake is halfway up a tree and your scarecrow's hat is in orbit. They specialise in leaf redistribution, which is a polite way of saying they dump every leaf in the county onto your freshly swept path. It's like nature's version of glitter: impossible to clean and somehow always multiplying.

Winter winds, on the other hand, are less mischievous and more malevolent. They arrive with icy breath and a vendetta against anything vertical. They don't just knock over your potted plants - they interrogate them first. 'You think you're hardy? Let's see how you handle minus five and sideways snow!' They howl through fences, rattle windows, and occasionally carry off small pets. If your garden shed isn't bolted down, congratulations - it's now a mobile unit.

And where do these winds go? Nobody knows. Some say they retreat to the North Pole to plot next year's chaos. Others believe they slip into the jet stream and hitch a ride to torment gardens in Australia. What's certain is they leave behind a trail of overturned pots, traumatised tulips, and one very confused squirrel.

So next time you hear that ominous whistle through the trees, brace yourself. Tie down your topiary, hug your hosepipe, and say a prayer for your pergola. Because Autumn and Winter winds are coming -and they've got unfinished business with your begonias.

Happy Gardening.

Stuart Mabbutt, Wildlife Gardening Specialist,  
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## More Questions than Answers in 2025

I would love to head this piece as a fantastic or amazing year 2025. In the new parlance though this year has been 'challenging' (the new watch word for difficult). In 2024 we unearthed an amazing artefact now called The Kirkham Cross – found on land belonging to the Kirkham family. Our members have contacted many professional historians and archaeologists to confirm or deny our thought that the date of this object was from the Anglo Saxon (800 -1200 BCE) period of history, all to no avail. We are still in the dark as to its age or use. One would think that living 5 miles from the most learned University of Oxford would mean identification of this small cross would be done with the ease of a visit to a world famous museum, the Ashmolean. After one attempt taking in the cross failed, due to staff holidays, and despite emails and pictures there was no response. We tried through a different route (via a friendly archaeologist) but still no answers. So this project will be going forward into 2026.

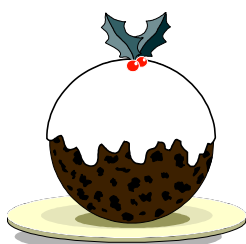


*Photo by Tony Clithero*

Finding the Kirkham Cross last year has overshadowed our plans for this year, as we had hoped to spread Archaeology in Action to a neighbouring location. In May we had another go in the field where the cross was found - the ground was very dry and hard to work. During this dig a friend of the group volunteered to do a Geophysical survey over the land we were working on, and a piece of land adjacent. The results seem to show interesting features in the field and we are currently exploring these. Hopefully more news on our findings next year, when we have assessed the finds (washed and sorted and dated). Even if nothing else is found - that is also a positive, we have searched and found nothing to enhance our knowledge of the past.

So onto our plan for 2026! We would like to move Archaeology in Action to another location, perhaps Begbroke, Thrupp or Yarnton. More next year.

*Christine Turley, Cherwell Community Archaeology*



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## Fun and sheer joy - Yarnton Band



*Not 76 Trombones but three of them, see below!*

Although we were not prize winners at the Oxfordshire & District Entertainment contest, we did have success with our Eb Bass player James Pye being awarded the best soloist cup in our section and Guy James being named as best conductor; he also conducted Witney Band.

Here are some comments from the adjudicator Leigh Baker on the contest.

Overall. 'I was particularly taken by the quality of young performers in the morning session. This included an incredible 11-year-old tubist playing *Bass in the Ballroom* and some excellent trombone playing from three very good teenage (just!) soloists. This was alongside bands featuring very young players in their ranks alongside supportive adult musicians. Bravo! And bravo to the bands encouraging this flourishing of young talent and the Association for championing it!'

In his comments on our performance he wrote of *Seventy-six trombones*: 'trombones work well as a team – well led by a great section leader'.

*Bass in the Ballroom*: 'Fabulous style from the soloist James Pye, Wow, band swaying too, cadenza is spot on.'

*Yes, we have no bananas*: 'It's great fun....well done lads, Thomas Stroud and William Pye.'

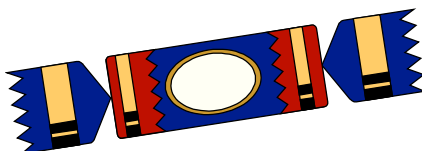
*Close every door*: 'Nice sustained sounds by all, it flows well. Lovely shapes.'

*Baggy Trousers*: 'Lots to impress and you clearly enjoy this. So much energy and enthusiasm, thank you.'

Finally, Leigh wrote of the band: 'What banding is all about – fun and sheer joy'.

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December we hope to be putting on a concert in Witney; please see the band's website <https://yarnton-band.org.uk/engagements/> for final details. You can hear us at the Yarnton Carol Service in St. Bartholomew's on 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m., and also at 3 p.m. for the Yarnton Crib service with the Training Band plus some adults.

*Peter Hewis*



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### The 7-Year Rule: why you can't just give it all away

Ah, the 7-year rule. Sounds like something out of a relationship advice column, doesn't it? 'Give your cash away, survive seven years, and you're golden!' But no, this one's far less romantic. It's about money, taxes, and the government's relentless quest to snatch a chunk of your hard-earned cash.

You probably thought you'd just gift everything to your kids, nieces, or your favourite cat rescue centre and avoid paying inheritance tax altogether. Genius, right? Just give it all away and avoid the taxman completely. Well, slow down, Robin Hood. There's a little thing called the 7-year rule that's going to make sure that doesn't work quite as smoothly as you'd hoped. Here's the basic idea: you can give away as much as you like in your lifetime, and if you survive for another 7 years after handing over that cash, congrats! No inheritance tax. Your kids get to keep it all, and the taxman gets nothing. Sounds perfect, doesn't it? But - and this is a massive but - if you pop off before the 7 years are up, HMRC is coming for their share. And they're coming fast.

Now, don't think for a second that the government would make this simple. Of course not. It's Britain. We love a good bit of paperwork and a confusing set of rules. So, here's how it works: if you die within 3 years of making that gift, it's treated just like any other part of your estate - bang, full inheritance tax at 40%. Yes, 40% - nearly half of what you thought you'd generously passed on is now lining the government's pockets.

If you manage to last a bit longer, say between 3 and 7 years, you get what's called 'taper relief', which sounds nice, but is really just a way of making you feel better about still having to pay tax. The rate reduces a bit, year by year, until you finally hit 7 years and your gift becomes tax-free. The closer you get to that magic 7-year mark, the less your heirs will have to fork out, but until then, it's a game of financial Russian roulette. But here's the kicker: this taper only applies to a gift that becomes taxable. It's a taper on the tax itself, not on the gift. So unless you're planning to hand over vast sums of money - enough to actually breach the inheritance tax threshold - you're not going to see a penny of benefit. In other words, for most people, taper relief is about as useful as a chocolate teapot.

Now, before you start thinking about gifting everything to everyone you know and hoping for the best, let's be clear: you can't just give away your house, your savings, or your priceless collection of antique toasters and still live comfortably, expecting to skate through inheritance tax duty. Oh no. The taxman has thought of that, too. In addition to the 7-year rule, there's something called a 'gift with reservation of benefit', which, in plain English, means if you're still using or benefiting from what you've given away - like gifting your house to your kids but continuing to live in it rent-free - it still counts as part of your estate. So much for outsmarting the system.

But wait, there's more! You've probably heard that you can give small gifts each year without them being hit by inheritance tax. That's true. You can give away £3,000 a year tax-free, and that's on top of the 7-year rule. You can also give away £250 to as many different people as you like each year, which might cover a couple of nice dinners, but it's hardly going to fund anyone's mortgage.

And if you're really feeling generous, you can even give away up to £5,000 to your child and £2,500 to your grandchild as a wedding gift without worrying about inheritance tax. Because nothing says 'congratulations on your marriage' like a tax loophole.

The 7-year rule is a clever way to reduce your inheritance tax bill, but it's not the silver bullet people think it is. You've got to plan it out properly, make sure you actually live those 7 years, and most importantly, not fall into the trap of thinking you can dodge the taxman just by handing over your assets.

So, the moral of the story? Start early. Plan properly. Speak to a solicitor. And for the love of all things sensible, don't saunter into the world of inheritance tax with a last-minute plan that involves gifting your way out like you're the David Blaine of finances. Because HMRC has seen it all - and they won't fall for it.

*Anna Boucher, Solicitor at The Burnside Partnership, tel. 01865 987781*





## Yarnton W.I.

Hello neighbours. I hope you're feeling upbeat about the upcoming festive season.

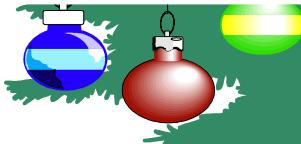
Gaynor, our Vice President, was honoured to lay our wreath at the village memorial this Remembrance Day. The original knitted one is on display at the church. I am sure many of you will have been there.

We are looking forward to our annual seasonal craft event and party at or December meeting. We have excellent creative ideas this year, thanks to Lou. We will enjoy seasonal food and drink to a background of celebration music.

Our new post box topper is in progress and will be quite special. Look out for it in December.

We have a great deal to look forward to as the year ends and into the new year. We hope you will pay us a visit in 2026. You will find it worthwhile!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. *Judy Blake, President*



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## Having the Builders in Part 1. How to find a reliable builder

So you have obtained the relevant planning permission, had the construction drawings done and a schedule of works prepared that specifies materials, finishes, and performance requirements and obtained a Building Regulations Conditional Approval for the construction drawings, and it's now time to get quotes for the building work and appoint a builder. At the design stage of the job, I always recommend getting a budget cost estimate prepared before submitting the planning application. This will give you a benchmark against which to compare the tender prices and haggle with the builder. Start by creating a shortlist of potential builders through recommendations from friends, family and neighbours who have had similar work done. Look for contractors who are experienced in similar projects, such as extensions and alterations, and are familiar with UK Building Regulations. Verify recommendations using trusted sources such as the Federation of Master Builders (FMB) and the NHBC and also Companies House to check that the business is officially registered and active, is in good financial health and has a solid trading history. Sites like Checkatrade, Rated People, MyBuilder and others can be useful starting points, but they should be treated with caution and used as part of a wider vetting process. Their background checks tend to be minimal and they don't assess financial health nor technical quality. I have always had doubts about the reliability of reviews. While many reviews are genuine, some can be fake or selectively filtered. Search online reviews using their name plus terms like 'complaints', 'court case', or 'scam'.

Aim to invite at least five or six contractors to tender - typically only about half will submit a quote. The tender documents should include the Conditionally Approved construction drawings, the Schedule of Works and a covering letter. Supply identical copies to ensure like-for-like pricing. In the covering letter ask for a fixed-price quote as well as details of relevant trade association memberships, valid Public Liability and Employers' Liability Insurance and Health and Safety policies. Set a clear deadline for the return of tenders, allowing a period of 4 to 6 weeks. Ensure builders can access the site, and when they visit make a note of who came and when.

Once the tenders come in, assess them critically. Don't just focus on price - consider construction duration and availability too. Disregard any tenders from contractors who didn't visit the site. It is likely that you will end up with a shortlist of two or three builders, so ask questions of each of them to do with things like their approach to site management, waste disposal, and neighbour considerations. Conduct financial checks on the contractors to ensure they are solvent and capable of completing the project, and ask for copies of certificates and check expiry dates for their Public Liability and Employers' Liability Insurance and Contractor's All-Risk Insurance. Clarify the payment schedule and terms and ask for details of their experience on similar projects and request references. If possible, visit previous projects they have completed and speak to the clients about workmanship, communication, punctuality, and problem-solving.

When you have settled on a contractor for the job, you should give some consideration to a contract and agreement. In my experience most people are happy to go with the tender drawings and the schedule of works as the basis of the agreement plus anything that they have agreed with the contractor in terms of contract duration and payment schedules. However, you can also use a formal building contract, such as the JCT Homeowner Contract or one from the Federation of Master Builders. With the contract in place and the builder appointed you are good to go. In my next article I will discuss how to handle having the builders on site.

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## Yarnton Gardening Club

This month we are holding our A.G.M. and Christmas Social on 18<sup>th</sup> December at **7 p.m.** If you haven't put your name down to attend and let us know what food you will be bringing, then please contact Jill Rowbotham as soon as possible on 377623. The A.G.M is for members only.

Many thanks to those of you who were at the October and November meetings and completed the form offering help with setting up and clearing away both at the Christmas and other meetings. When the work is spread among more people then it doesn't become a chore for the committee. If you weren't at the meetings and can offer help, then please let Jill or any other committee member know.

For those of you who offered to come early to the December meeting to help set up, we shall be at the Village Hall from 5.50 p.m. and look forward to seeing you. If you offered to remain afterwards to help clear up, that will also be much appreciated. Our committee currently consists of only seven people, and several of those who have served for a good many years only continue because they don't want to let the club down. We would welcome new committee members for their fresh ideas and to allow others to take a well-earned rest. Do please consider joining the committee if you can. Many thanks.

The speaker at our January meeting will be Chris Day from Buckingham Nurseries whose appropriate talk for the beginning of the year is entitled 'Twelve Months of Colour'. Subscriptions will be due at the meeting so please remember to bring your money with you. If you'd prefer to pay by bacs then the bank details are on your programme card.

*Ruth Astall*





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### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Afternoon Tea for local elderly residents, 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

We're delighted to once again host our Festive Afternoon Tea for elderly residents in our local community on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Guests can enjoy tea, coffee, and a delicious selection of cakes and sandwiches, along with a fun game of bingo and a festive quiz! If you know someone who would enjoy joining us for this special occasion, please contact Mr. Bateman via the school office email by Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December: [office@gosfordhillschool.org](mailto:office@gosfordhillschool.org).

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Fair, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us for our traditional Christmas Fair, a joyful afternoon filled with festive fun for all ages! Enjoy a wonderful variety of stalls, games, live music, and seasonal treats to get you into the holiday spirit. We'd love to see you there as we come together to celebrate this special time of year! Once again, we're inviting local small craft businesses to host a stall at the fair. Stalls cost £10 each, with all proceeds going to support the school. If you – or someone you know – would like to take part, please contact the school office for more details.

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Carol Concert – 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

You're warmly invited to join us for our annual Christmas Carol Concert at St. Mary's Church, Kidlington. Enjoy a delightful evening filled with festive performances from our talented students, featuring a mix of timeless classics and modern favourites. Admission is free – come share in the joy and spirit of the season with us! We can't wait to celebrate with you.



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### YFDG: Multi-Agency Meeting Report

On 23<sup>rd</sup> October the Yarnton Flood Defence (YFD) held a multi-agency meeting with representatives from Yarnton Parish Council, Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council, The Environment Agency, Thames Water and local land-owners including Sanctuary, Yarnton Manor and Worton Park. Merton College and Taylor Wimpey were invited but sadly didn't respond. Members of Oxfordshire County Council will attempt to re-engage the new bursar at Merton College, as their co-operation is crucial on several key matters surrounding their land, and the planned PR9 housing development on Spring Hill. It was recognised that several groups have followed through on previously discussed actions. Specifically, thanks go to Sanctuary for removing obstructions, clearing, and improving a connected series of Main River culverts (upstream Phase 1) for the first time in many years, and having recently gained approval for Phase 2, this work is planned to continue to downstream Main River areas. In addition, we appreciate the considerable amount of work that Thames Water have put in, at considerable cost, to repairing and replacing crushed and blocked pitch-fibre foul sewer pipes on Cassington Road and the A44, and improvements to the sewage pumping stations. We've asked both companies to publish details of all recent and planned work undertaken in the village to keep residents properly informed.

The considerable list of village-wide actions discussed at the meeting continued to focus on easing the flow of water to, through and out of the village. The discovery (and removal!) of a football 'perfectly' blocking a pipe which was responsible for the passage of surface water out of the village encapsulates how seemingly small things can have a significant impact.

Key areas that we continue to focus on include:

- A major piece of Main River infrastructure work to modify the junction of two watercourses adjacent to the A44 which we hope will reduce flooding further upstream in Aysgarth Road.
- Moving pipes that have wrongly been installed across ditches that can trap debris. Many of these pipes are decades old so tracking down what's in them and who is responsible takes significant time and effort.
- Tracing the waterways that lead out of the village towards the Thames. Some initial work has revealed opportunities to improve waterflow here.
- Preventing foul sewage egress entering the Main River watercourses, causing downstream environmental pollution.
- Continuing to chase land-owners to undertake necessary maintenance and clear ditches, culverts and SUDS ponds, as well as unblock pipes which we've identified as having a significant build-up of silt. Oxfordshire County Council Highways have committed to jetting/camera inspecting some of these which fall under their remit.

Where residents can help is by ensuring any ditches and culverts on their land are regularly cleared of debris and plant growth, and by not filling in any existing water courses or SUDS ponds, which we have observed on occasion recently. Please continue to send photos/videos of flooding issues in Yarnton to us at [yarntonflooddefence@gmail.com](mailto:yarntonflooddefence@gmail.com) and report issues concerning foul sewage to Thames Water and any problems to do with street/road drainage to FixMyStreet.com as these reports go directly to the correct Oxford County, or Cherwell District Council department to resolve the issue. Documenting evidence is also crucial to build a case for change with the many different organisations. And finally, for those who have been adversely impacted or want to know what to do to prepare for flooding then we'd recommend reviewing the [oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com](http://oxfordshirefloodtoolkit.com) website.

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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 December

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

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#### Woodstock

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| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30 a.m. | Rev. Michael Sawyer<br><i>Holy Communion</i>    |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 a.m. | Junior Church Nativity<br>'The Grumpy Owl'      |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | 10.30 a.m. | Simeon Mitchell<br><i>All-Age Carol Service</i> |
| 24 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 a.m. | Rev. Paul Carter<br><i>Holy Communion</i>       |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 a.m. | Christmas Day Worship<br>Rev. Paul Carter       |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | 11 a.m.    | United Service at Kidlington                    |

We also have a Junior Church which meets every week at 10.30 a.m. and ranges in age from two to early teens. The first part of the morning is shared with adults in church before we then go round to the church hall to share in our own activities. We are always delighted to see new members, whether with or without their parents!

#### Kidlington

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| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 10 a.m. | David Harper                              |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10 a.m. | Alistair Jackson                          |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | 10 a.m. | Rev. Paul Carter<br><i>Holy Communion</i> |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | 10 a.m. | Christmas Day Worship<br>Rev. Paul Carter |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | 11 a.m. | Anne Bedford<br>(united with Woodstock)   |

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!

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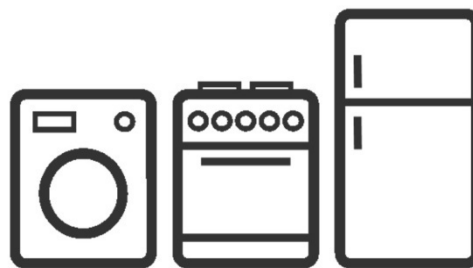
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## Oxford Bus & Morris Motors Museum

### Museum newly accredited and a Christmas Jumper Competition



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The assessor stated in his report that 'key strengths highlighted in the assessment included the staff, cleanliness, and the attraction itself. The carefully curated displays offer a fascinating insight into Oxfordshire's transport heritage, bringing the past vividly to life. What makes the experience even more special is the team of staff and volunteers, who are friendly, knowledgeable, and clearly passionate about what they do, creating a warm and engaging atmosphere throughout the visit.'

The assessor identified that we have some work to do on the toilets and catering facilities. The trustees have formed a sub-committee to review these and other suggestions in the report, which would improve our visitor offering. A different mystery shopper will visit during 2026 when the museum will be reassessed.

Locally other attractions with the award include Blenheim, Oxford Castle and Prison, The Ashmolean, The Sheldonian, Bodleian Libraries, Didcot Railway Centre and Waterperry Gardens.

Father Christmas will be visiting the museum and seeing children in his 'Bus Grotto' on Sundays 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> December between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. There is a small extra charge for every child who sees Santa but each child will receive a present. On both days The Oxford & District Model Railway Club will be bringing their model railway layouts for visitors to see. Older children and adults may be allowed to operate some trains.

On New Year's Day we shall have heritage bus rides from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. when we shall have a free to enter competition for 'The Best Christmas Jumper'. If you are feeling a bit frail after the previous night's celebrations, come along in your best or worst jumper and enjoy the museum and wallow in nostalgia.

May I wish all readers a Very Happy Christmas.

*Frank Collingwood*

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**Planning:** Any members of the public who wish to comment on or object to any of the following planning applications can either contact Yarnton Parish Council via the Clerk's office or Cherwell District Council via the planning portal here: <https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/>.

**Planning applications:**

25/02396/LB. Replacement of a rotten window in the bathroom on like-for-like basis, Hill Farm, 202 Cassington Road, Yarnton, OX5 1QD.

MW.0104/25. Proposed Hazardous Substances Consent under the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990 for the storage of Biogas up to a maximum quantity of 17 tonnes at Severn Trent Green Power Cassington AD Facility, Worton Farm, Worton, OX29 4FL.

25/02838/F. Extension of garage premises to provide enhanced car valeting facilities, EV charging and associated works, 93 Woodstock Road, Yarnton, Oxfordshire, OX5 1PT.

**Parish Councillors:** There are currently vacancies for two Parish Councillors. If you are interested in becoming a Councillor, please either contact the Parish Clerk for details or attend the next Parish Council meeting.

**Future meetings:** The next ordinary Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30 p.m. at Yarnton Village Hall. 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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## December News – The Importance of Soil

### Seasonal Spotlight

Winter can be quite a harsh time of year for much of our wildlife, but for some species it can offer a bit of respite from the harsher, colder climates further north. Winter is a fantastic time to see many bird species that we won't see in summer, such as redwings and fieldfares. Birds such as starlings start to flock, forming impressive murmurations in the sky. Why not visit your local nature reserve on a winter's day and see what new species you can find?

### The Yellow Wagtail Partnership

We wanted to bring a bit of colour to this winter's month by mentioning that one of our main projects is the Yellow Wagtail Partnership. The yellow wagtail is not a species one would think about at this time of year, as by now they will be back in the wintering grounds in sunny West Africa. Wild Oxfordshire have partnered with Earth Trust and Church Farm Partnership and Lower Farm to collectively manage four miles of wet grassland along the River Thames from Clifton Hampden to Shillingford. The aim of the project is to sustainably manage these grasslands for the benefit of wildlife including the yellow wagtail, but also in a way that is economically beneficial for the partnering businesses. However, this project is not just about the yellow wagtail, we want to increase the plant and insect diversity and abundance as well. This in turn will increase the amount of food available for many species of bird including house martins, swifts, snipe and lapwings. Check out our website for more information. <https://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/action/yellow-wagtail>

### Tips for looking after wildlife this winter:

- Always move your burn piles before you light them! The best habitat piles are usually created on nature reserves and to the untrained eye, these look a lot like burn piles. The wildlife thinks so too and so many creatures use burn piles to sleep in, including hedgehogs, frogs, voles, and lizards. To avoid burning hibernating wildlife, you must move burn piles before lighting them.



- Crack ice on your bird baths, water dishes and ponds so that our winter wildlife can still drink. Who knows which birds you might see enjoying a sip.
- Leave area(s) of your garden undisturbed to allow hibernating wildlife to sleep in peace and unharmed. Some invertebrates hibernate in hollow stems of grassland and scrub species such as cow parsley and other umbellifers. Avoid cutting these as they might be home to sleeping beetles, bees, spiders or even ladybirds.
- Log piles are well sought over for both people and wildlife at this time of year. If you can, try to leave a pile outside untouched to allow hedgehogs and other hibernating wildlife to sleep in it over winter.
- If you find a sick or injured hedgehog or other wild animal, please call Tiggywinkles Wildlife Hospital on 01844 292292

To find out more about wildlife friendly gardening - head over to the Wild Oxfordshire website at [www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk) and have a look in guidance.

### World Soil Day

The 5<sup>th</sup> December is World Soil Day, held annually to highlight the importance of healthy soil and its sustainable management. Soil is vital for plant growth and therefore food production. Healthy soils filter and store water, reducing the risk of flooding. Soil can even help mitigate against climate change by storing carbon from the atmosphere. In addition, soil provides a habitat for many different species including bacteria, fungi, worms, invertebrates. It is estimated that a single teaspoon of healthy soil can contain more living organisms than there are people on Earth - that's over 7 billion microbes! We can all do our bit to support healthy soils. This can be in your garden through reducing the amount of chemicals you apply, composting and mulching, or turning your lawn into a meadow. We can also do our bit by supporting farmers who are working to improve their soil quality through sustainable farming practices – when you can, buy organic or directly from the farmer.

*Sophie Cunnington, Wild Oxfordshire Yellow Wagtail Partnership Officer, <https://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/>*



## Yarnton Netball Club

As the first half of the winter season concludes, our two senior teams have been playing Oxfordshire League on Wednesday evenings. Emeralds were promoted to Division One and are having an excellent season, currently placed 6<sup>th</sup> out of 12 teams. Diamonds in Division Three are yet to find their feet but enthusiasm runs high. Our Inters (U19s) play on Monday; their games have been competitive as they work together and hope to make inroads into the well-established oppositions which dominate their division.

The Sunday junior league has seen U15s, U13s and U11s begin the season with keenness and talent giving them all several wins against other very experienced clubs.

The seniors now train in one session on Tuesdays at Rutten Lane, Yarnton 7.30 p.m. until 9 p.m. with school years 10-13 preceding them at 6.15 p.m. - 7.15 p.m. The younger age groups meet on Wednesday evenings – school years 4-6 are at 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m., and school years 7-9 are at 4.40 p.m. - 5.40 p.m. For further information please make contact by email:

[yarntonnetballclub@outlook.com](mailto:yarntonnetballclub@outlook.com) or [yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com](mailto:yarntonyouthnetball@gmail.com) or via Facebook.

Nationally, England will have played New Zealand in London in November and will then play Jamaica on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December in Kingston, and 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> here at the London Copper Box. For further information and tickets please visit the England Netball website.

### Back the Bid: It's Netball's time

The Olympic Games in 2032 will be held in Brisbane. Australia are leading a bid to include netball. On a recent visit I saw 24 floodlit netball courts on one site in Adelaide – all being used every evening of the week for all age groups. The game is massive there, and continues to grow here, but if it is to be included in the Olympics, support for the bid is needed. The link is <https://netball.sport/back-the-bid/> - please do add your pledge if you would like to see netball included.

Sue Blackshaw

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#### **The Riverside Tea Room is still open.**

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## December

From all the staff and residents of Yarnton Manor - Merry Christmas to our village friends and neighbours! We look forward to seeing some of you at the St Bartholemew Carol Service on Dec 14<sup>th</sup> and welcoming you to the Manor for refreshments afterwards.



Christmas comes early here at the Manor as our American colleagues deck the halls in early November and our Oxford students finish term and head home to celebrate at the start of this month. Few things look more festive than the Manor lit up with trees and lights, and the many gatherings of people sharing joy and delight that we welcome. But the splendour is also a reminder to us that while we put on our finest show in honour of the birth of Jesus, he himself only required a place to be born and people to love him. That's a challenge to us - to keep remembering what truly matters in the midst of a busy commercial season and to go on simply looking for ways to welcome and to love those around us in this year and well into 2026.

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