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2025**

## VILLAGE

## NEWS

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### CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH

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Wednesdays	Brownies aged 7–10, 6.30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</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. ( <i>and every Thursday</i> )
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Copy date August Village News
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Indoor Bowls Club, Village Hall, 10 a.m. ( <i>and every Monday</i> )
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Community Drop In, Village Hall, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. ( <i>and every Monday, except 28<sup>th</sup> July</i> )
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yarnton Band, 7.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. ( <i>and every Monday, except Bank Holidays</i> )
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club visit to Kiftsgate Court Gardens, Chipping Campden, 2.30 p.m.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m.
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.30 p.m.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	W.I., Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m.

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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
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Copy date for the September issue is **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August.**

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Please note we shall be taking a break for the summer and there will be no Drop In from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September inclusive. We start again on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

### Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – where have the years gone?

November this year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the first issue of Yarnton Village News. It has grown from an initial 12 pages to between 20 and 28 pages in 2025.

We'd like to make the issue special and would appreciate articles about your memories of the last 30 years in the village, and how things have changed over that time – for better or worse.

You can write as much or as little as you like, and include photographs or drawings. Copy date for November is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October, but you can send copy whenever you like before that date, so don't leave it until the last minute! We look forward to hearing from lots of you.

*The Editorial Committee*

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## Yarnton Gardening Club

Our speaker this month is Mandy Bradshaw (The Chatty Gardener) whose talk is entitled 'Finding the angle at Chelsea – a journalist's view of the world famous flower show'. I'm writing this article as this year's show has just finished, so it will be fascinating to hear what Mandy has to say.

Our Plant Sale at the end of May was very successful. The sun shone and we had lots of good quality plants. We raised over £500 for our funds, which is a great result. Many thanks to everyone who supplied plants and cakes, helped on the day, and came along to buy. Your support is much appreciated.

### Dates for your diaries:

Following the talk by Vanessa Berridge at our May meeting, we have arranged a visit to Kiftsgate Gardens, near Chipping Campden, on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, by cars to arrive by 2.30 p.m. The cost for this will be £11.50. If you would like to go on this, please contact Serena on 378817 urgently to see if there is still space.

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September we have an afternoon visit by cars to Bourton Huse Garden, Bourton-on-the-Hill, to arrive by 2 p.m. There will be a list at this month's meeting for you to put your names down.

*Ruth Astall*

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## Yarnton W.I.

Isn't everything much better now that the days are longer and the weather is better? It's great to be busy outdoors. As I write this, we are looking forward to celebrating the summer with our W.I. garden party. It will be a wonderful opportunity to socialise and share food and drink. We will be presenting our annual penguin trophy in memory of our late member Janet Ward. We will be bringing a plate of cookies that we baked and the winner will be judged by members of the Yarnton Band who rehearse at the Village Hall while we are holding our monthly meeting. Once again, I'm sure it will be a memorable evening.

We enjoyed our May meeting with our speaker Lucy Gasson. We learned a great deal whilst enjoying a talk entitled Saints, Sinners, Marmalade and Medicine. We were mystified by the intriguing title, but understood about famous women through the history of Oxford. We were familiar with many of the names but were not aware of their great achievements and their impact. The talk was presented in a lively way so it was easy to understand the significance of these notable women. A wonderful evening was had by all.

Once again, we have the honour to be asked to judge the cake stall at the fete at William Fletcher School. I am sure it will be a tasty afternoon treat.

This month at our meeting we welcome Jackie Allen, whose talk is entitled 'Packing the capsule suitcase and styling your clothes'. Jackie will be bringing items for sale.

We are looking forward to attending the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the W.I. at our Headquarters in Tackley on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September.

We are also looking forward to visiting Aston Pottery for our Summer outing and enjoying their beautiful gardens, visiting their tempting shop and of course, enjoying a delicious afternoon tea.

I was delighted to represent 4 local W.I. groups at the online National W.I. Annual Meeting. We unanimously passed our resolution for this year 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers'. To enforce our commitment to this cause, we are renewing our CPR training and using the defibrillator at our June meeting. We also were pleased to host both Emma Bridgewater and Angel Strawbridge and listen to their talk. I felt privileged to attend this special event.

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*Judy Blake, President*

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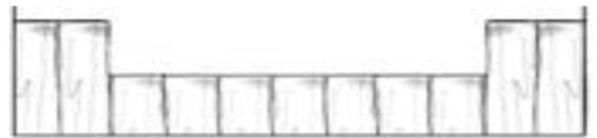
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New members welcome - why not come along and give it a try (no obligation to join).

### Cassington Road closure

Ian Middleton, one of our Parish Councillors, posted the following on the Yarnton Village Community Group Facebook Page early in June.

'People will have noticed that the Cassington Road section towards the A44 is now closed. This is due to additional problems with the partially collapsed sewer in that area that has necessitated the almost permanent siting of a sewage tanker at the Turnpike pub. The situation recently suddenly worsened with some further subsidence in the road near the pipe, which meant it needed to be closed for safety reasons.

It's now been announced that the road will be closed until 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025 while they hopefully deal with this problem once and for all, although we can hope that it will be completed before then.

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## St. Bartholomew's July update

### **Village Prayers**

On 8<sup>th</sup> June, the festival of Pentecost, we followed up our morning worship with a 'Village Prayers' gathering. This was followed by tea and cake in the churchyard, with children's activities and a churchyard wildlife trail. We invited friends from other churches to gather and pray for our village. The day of Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles marked the 'birth' of the church and expressed a remarkable moment of unity. It is a traditional day for those from different churches and denominations to come together in prayer and fellowship. The various churches represented were keen to meet again in similar fashion. The hope would be to invite all churches represented in Yarnton to meet perhaps once or twice a year, and we look forward to deepening friendships.

### **Building update**

In July we trust that scaffolding will go up on the north and south sides of St. Bartholomew's. This has been awaited since February, and will enable minor repairs to the Spencer Chapel roof and masonry to be carried out. The completion of the minor repairs will be a prelude to the next stage of work to the Spencer Chapel roof. Further fundraising will be needed, and we will report on this after the minor repairs.

### **Vocations**

As this issue of Village News is delivered, three people who have spent time on placement at St. Bartholomew's will be beginning ordained ministry in the Church of England. We have greatly enjoyed welcoming Peter Balchin and Sam Haiser on placements from Wycliffe Hall this academic year, and both are being ordained as deacons on 29<sup>th</sup> June. Peter is being ordained in Southwell Minster to serve in the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham. Sam is being ordained at Holy Trinity, Brussels and will serve in the Anglican Church in Austria within the Church of England's Diocese in Europe. Oliver Wright, who was on placement in 2020 as we emerged from the first lockdown, is being ordained in Christchurch Cathedral on 5<sup>th</sup> July to serve as a curate at St. Clement's, Oxford.

We have been thankful for the gifts of these three ordinands, and we are cheering them on as they begin a new adventure. They are charged to begin a life of service, looking to the example of Jesus Christ. In the ordination service the bishop states: *'Deacons are ordained so that the people of God may be better equipped to make Christ known. Theirs is a life of visible self-giving. Christ is the pattern of their calling and their commission; as he washed the feet of his disciples, so they must wash the feet of others.'*

Alongside this, the Church is a community which understands that all are called by God, and given gifts for service. The ordination service also states: *'The Church is the Body of Christ, the people of God and the dwelling-place of the Holy Spirit. In baptism the whole Church is summoned to witness to God's love and to work for the coming of his kingdom.'*

St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 12, expresses the conviction that each person has gifts, and all are significant within the Church community, which is called to strive for unity. I am ever thankful to our community for their care for one another and for our common life. St. Paul also writes of a well lived Christian life revealing the Spirit of God at work: *'By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.'* (Galatians 5.22). I am thankful indeed for these gifts which many reveal, often quietly and in hidden ways, to support our communities and build up the common good.

We wish all in our village a peaceful and restful summer.

### **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.

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.

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**Yarnton Netball Club**

As we celebrate twenty years of netball at Rutten Lane, Yarnton Netball Club invites any past members to their commemorative tournament to be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July at Bicester Hotel and Spa – a two court venue not far away. We will be delighted to see you, but please let us know you will be coming along if you possibly can. Such is the progress of the club that it struggles to contain itself in a single court facility – so fingers crossed that within future development plans in our area, there could be further hard-court playing surface at Rutten Lane. We are delighted that the club is able to support three senior teams in this year's Oxfordshire Summer League at Marston. Younger players have this term off competitive netball, and whilst the children immerse themselves in other activities this summer, we look forward to their forthcoming winter season. To see these players develop further and be in a strong position to take our superb game of netball forward as their adult game of choice is a very special goal.

Club training and play continue at Rutten Lane, Yarnton on Tuesday evenings throughout the summer months. Two senior sessions are offered at 7.15 p.m. – 8.15 p.m. and also 8.15 p.m. – 9.15 p.m., preceded by the U17s girls (years 10 and 11) from 6.15 p.m. – 7.15 p.m. The primary-school age groups are at Rutten Lane on Wednesdays during school term time, with U11s mixed (years 5 and 6) from 3.30 p.m. – 4.30 p.m. followed by U15s mixed (years 7, 8, 9) at 4.40 p.m. – 5.40 p.m.

The club always welcomes interest from potential new players; whether it's those wishing to enjoy recreational weekly sessions in Yarnton or those thinking of being considered for Oxfordshire league play. 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.

The Netball Superleague has worked its way out to the grand finals on 6<sup>th</sup> July at the O2-Arena, London – tickets vanishing fast. Ensure you get a taster before this culmination of the season, with BBC iplayer showing one of the four matches per weekend live – or SKY/Youtube for the others – a real treat I promise.

*Sue Blackshaw, Yarnton Netball Club*

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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 July**

*'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**

6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Alistair Jackson
13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Local Church Group
20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Michael Sawyer
27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 a.m.	Rev. Miriam Moul <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**

6 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Anna Herriman
13 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Rev. Paul Carter <i>Holy Communion</i>
20 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Simon Blainey
27 <sup>th</sup>	10 a.m.	Local Church Group

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 PARISH COUNCIL

Email: [clerk@yarnton-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@yarnton-pc.gov.uk), Telephone: 01865 378476, Website: [www.yarnton-pc.gov.uk](http://www.yarnton-pc.gov.uk)

All correspondence sent by letter or email to the Parish Council must include the sender's name and address. The Parish Council is unable to discuss correspondence received without these details. Please note that the Parish Council office is open to residents by appointment only as the office is not staffed full-time.

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## Planning:

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<https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/>

## Planning applications:

25/01101/F RETROSPECTIVE. Single-storey rear extension and box dormer to roof, 17 Aysgarth Road, Yarnton, OX5 1ND.

MW.0048/25. 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 at Cassington Anaerobic Digestion Facility, Worton Farm, Worton, Witney, Yarnton, OX29 4FL.

## 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:

The next monthly Parish Council meeting is on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 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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Saturday	2	BURFORD	Home
Saturday	9	FILKINS	Home *
Tuesday	19	MIDDLE BARTON	Away
Saturday	23	OXFORD CITY & COUNTY	Home
Saturday	30	BLACKBIRD LEYS	Home

Every Friday evening at 6 p.m. there is a friendly '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! The club is a friendly group of people who are keen to attract new talent to play bowls. During the season the Social Club is open for drinks every Friday evening from 6 p.m. onwards and also during home matches. Please check out the bowls website for further information: <http://begbrokebowlsclub.co.uk>

## The right beat at the Red Lion – Yarnton Band



*Our percussionist Oscar Norman and, hidden behind the basses, Mark Sherratt and James Pye. Photo taken by Richard Jurd*

You can hear the Band on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July at Kidlington Church fete from 12.30 p.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July in Great Barrington at the Windrush Valley Flower Show and Fete from 1 p.m. onwards.

For the first time in many years, we are short of a few cornet players. If you have ever played, then do return and you will be made welcome. Over ten years ago the writer of this article had rarely played in a large group since his Army days more than 50 years ago, so you have no excuse! If you want to get your lip in trim, then come along to the training band at 6.45 p.m. on Thursdays.

In a recent BBC article Helen Minshull wrote: 'You walk into a brass band rehearsal and you see a head teacher sitting next to someone who works in Tesco, sitting next to an undertaker, sitting next to a solicitor, sitting next to a schoolboy, and it teaches them to relate to people from all walks of life. Once they walk into the band room, they're all equal.'

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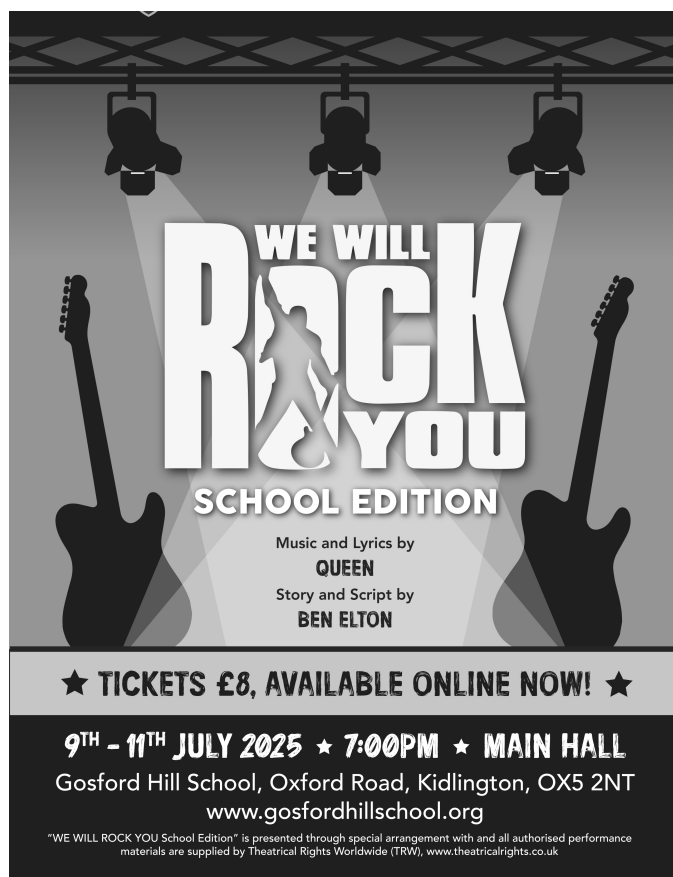
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Heading into the hottest months of the year, we need to be looking out for our local wildlife that could be harmed by the heat. Fortunately, there are lots of easy ways to lend a helping hand.

Even the most heat-loving species can suffer without enough to drink, so consider providing a shallow bath of water in your garden. Add some stones around the dish so that bees and butterflies can climb out if they fall in.

It's also important to provide some shade in your garden. A small pile of logs can be a great hiding place from the sun for insects.

Make sure you're also helping your grass and flowers survive the heat, as grass can reduce surface temperatures by 10°C compared to concrete, and flowers are a vital wildlife food source in the hot weather.

## Happy Swift Awareness Week!

**About swifts.** To celebrate swift awareness week, here's some interesting facts about swifts.

These birds are the TopGun 'Mavericks' of the bird world, as they can do almost everything in the air! Swifts' feet and legs aren't designed for sitting on the floor or a perch. They can perch vertically but they can't sit like a robin or pigeon for example, as their wings are far too long. They are perfectly designed for flight, and this means they do everything whilst flying - drinking, eating and even mating! True acrobatic flyers.

Swifts have one of the longest migration journeys in the world! Our swifts migrate approximately 14,000 miles to return to our swift boxes in Oxfordshire every year! What a journey - really makes us think of 'home sweet home'.



The swifts we see in our towns and villages have overwintered in Africa and come back each summer to nest and raise their chicks. Once the chick(s) leave the nest, they're off - they will never return to the family nest again.

Sadly swifts are endangered and need swift boxes on buildings to nest. Find out more about how you can help them on the Cherwell swift project website <http://www.cherwell-swifts.org/>

## World Conservation Day – 28<sup>th</sup> July

Annual World Conservation Day is a great reason to join your local nature group and see how you could help create space for nature in your area. Check out our map to find the group closest to you.

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Thank you so much for all you have done for nature's recovery in the last year. Together we have brought people together, created more space for nature, and inspired more people to act for nature. Many people contribute to Wild Oxfordshire, and this support enables us to create a more natural, resilient, and biodiverse Oxfordshire for the benefit of all. If you would like to join in and are able to, we would greatly appreciate a contribution towards our work, either through a one-off contribution, or a monthly contribution. Check out our website to find out more about the many ways you can support us and our recent achievements.

Rhiannon Young – Wild Oxfordshire Nature Recovery Engagement Officer, <https://www.wildoxfordshire.org.uk/>

## The Great Garden Weather Wars!

Once upon a time, in a peaceful little garden, a tiny robin named Rusty ruled the land. He chirped his royal orders, kept watch over the wiggly worms, and greeted the local bees with a polite nod. Life was good.

But one fateful week, the clouds had a big disagreement with the sun. Heavy rain swept through, turning the garden into a giant puddle! Worms wriggled in delight, popping out of the soggy soil like spaghetti. Rusty was thrilled - he was having a feast! Snails, meanwhile, held a victory parade, slowly gliding over the drenched paths. But the bees? Disaster! Their fluffy little feet got all soggy, and finding nectar turned into an extreme sport.

Then - just as quickly as the rain had arrived - it vanished. The sun, eager to reclaim control, turned the garden into a dry, crispy desert. The worms retreated underground, leaving Rusty stomping his tiny feet in frustration. The snails sulked under leaves, while the bees cheered! No more soggy wings - nectar-hunting resumed with gusto! And so, the battle continued. Rain and sun took turns, shaking up the garden gang's daily routines. The worms rejoiced, then disappeared. The snails paraded, then pouted. The bees groaned, then danced. Rusty? He learned to roll with it - because whether drenched or dusty, the garden always found a way to carry on.

And the moral of the story? If you're a garden creature, a traditional gardener, or a wildlife gardener, weather is your boss! So next time it rains, just remember - you might be grumpy, but the snails are throwing a party. And when it's dry, you may suffer, but the bees are buzzing with joy. Such is the way of the Great Garden Weather Wars!

Happy Gardening.

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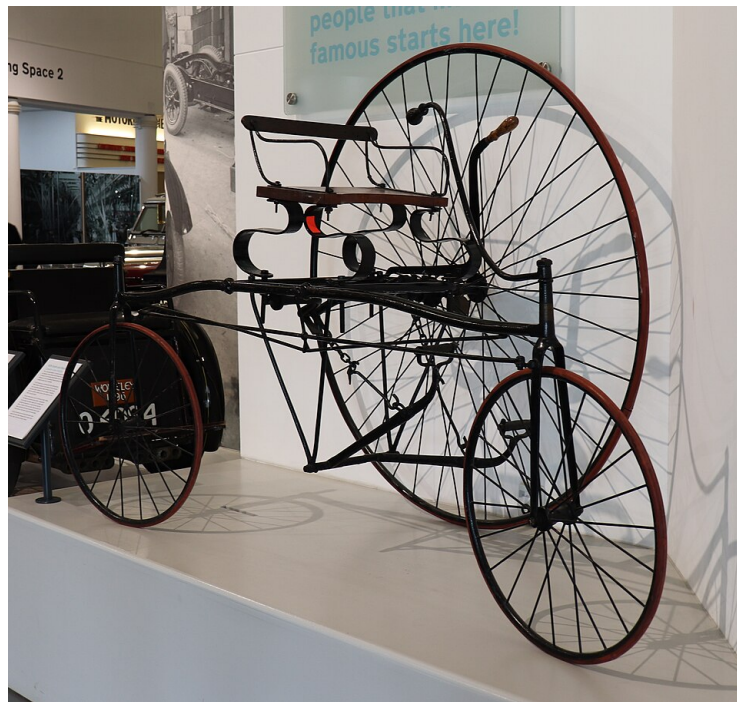
There will be a display of aircraft relics from the Battle of Britain, a collection of airships from the 1900s, which includes pictures, relics and memorabilia from Zeppelins and the R101. There will also be a cockpit instrument display from WW2 fighter aircraft. The Home Guard will be demonstrating army drills and will show and talk about Home Guard activities during World War II.

For the children, and possibly adults, there will be paper aeroplane making, and then flying them to land on a simulated aircraft carrier.

150 years ago this year the Penny Farthing was at its most popular, but not everyone fancied riding one! Inventors had already designed several tricycles, but none had become popular enough to put into production.

In 1876 J.K. Starley of Haynes and Jefferis in Coventry invented a 'modern' tricycle which was the first to be put into mass production. It was patented the following year. Tricycles today have developed to have three wheels of equal size. They did not start like that. The pictured Coventry Lever Tricycle had one large 50inch (1.27 metre) driving wheel in the middle of one side and two smaller wheels fore and aft, both of which were steerable via a tiller. The rider propelled the machine forwards using levers.

Later the levers were replaced by rotary cranks, and the tiller was succeeded by rack and pinion steering. It became known as the Coventry Rotary and later the Rudge Rotary.



In 1877 Starley added a second large wheel at the side and, with a second seat and set of pedals, created the Coventry Sociable; the first sociable tricycle for two riders. One of these is on display in the museum. It employed two driving wheels, with each rider driving one wheel. If one rider pedalled faster than the other, it became unstable. This led Starley to design and add a balance gear or differential, which allowed the two wheels to revolve at different speeds when cornering. Modern cars have differential based on the same concept!

We shall be running heritage bus rides on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> July.

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## Thank you for Summer Holidays!

Here we are, the summer Holidays! Most schools break up around the 22<sup>nd</sup> July. If you need that little something for the teacher, then pop in as we have a good range of cards and gifts to say thank you.

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## Woman's Euros 2<sup>nd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> July

What an event this is going to be! C'mon the Lionesses!!

However you're watching, we have everything you'll need to make the most of it. Happy viewing, and fingers crossed!



### Store Times

Monday – Saturday 6am – 11pm

Sunday - 6.30am – 10.30pm

### Post Office Times

Monday – Friday 9am – 5.30pm

Saturday 9am – 2pm

Sunday CLOSED



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