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

Wednesday 1st Little Sheep, St. Bartholomew's, 10.30 a.m.
 (*and every Wednesday in term time*)

Wednesday 1st All Souls Eucharist, St. Bartholomew's, 6.30 p.m.
Thursday 2nd Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall, 6.30 p.m.
 Yarnton Band Learners and Training Band, 6.45 p.m. - 7.25 p.m.

Monday 6th Senior Band, 7.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. (*and every Thursday*)
 Community Drop In, Village Hall, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
 (*and every Monday*)

Monday 6th Yarnton Band, 7.30 p.m. - 8.45 p.m. (*and every Monday, except Bank Holidays*)
Wednesday 8th Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m.
Thursday 9th W.I. Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.

Friday 10th Copy date November Village News
Saturday 11th Yarnton Fireworks, Little Marsh Playing Fields, 6 p.m. for 7 p.m. firing
Sunday 12th Remembrance Day Act of Remembrance, Village War Memorial, 10.50 a.m.
Thursday 16th Gardening Club, Village Hall, 7.30 p.m.
Wednesday 22nd Lunch Club, Village Hall, 1 p.m.
Saturday 25th Yarnton Band Annual Concert, Village Hall, 6.30 p.m.

St. Bartholomew's Church

Regular services

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

Mondays - Thursdays 9 a.m. Morning Prayer

Mondays - Thursdays 5 p.m. Evening Prayer, St. Michael's Begbroke

Wednesdays 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion

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Material for inclusion in the December Newsletter should be received by midday on **Friday 10th November**.

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Copy date for the January 2024 issue is **Friday 8th December**.

Donation envelopes

You will find with this issue an envelope asking if you would be prepared to make a donation towards the running costs of the Village News.

Some of you will remember that we used to have an appeal every year, but the last time was in 2011. Since then we have managed to fund the magazine from advertising revenue, but in the last few years our printing costs have increased considerably and we have had a substantial deficit, despite putting up our advertising charges, and this has seriously depleted our funds.

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Village News Committee

Yarnton Village Website

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All of these services provide plenty of time for shopping, meeting friends or just having a nice cup of coffee in Kidlington. By taking the first bus and coming back on the first bus you can have an hour in Sainsbury's, or two hours if you take the second bus back. And don't worry about having to walk far to the bus - you are dropped off right outside the main entrances to both Sainsbury's and Tesco, and the bus driver will help you with any heavy shopping bags.

The bus is run by OurBus Bartons by volunteers based in Middle Barton, and is funded through fares, grants and donations. Yarnton Parish Council has provided sponsorship for a number of years. Those of you who have used it before will know that it is a very friendly service, and all the drivers are pleased to provide any help needed in boarding the bus, and if possible on the return trip, try to drop you off as close to your home as possible,

All senior citizen bus passes are accepted, and for those of you without a pass, single fares are just £3.40 or a return is £5.50. Multi-journey tickets are also available at £20 for 10 journeys, or £34 for 20 journeys.

The detailed timetable will be posted on the bus stops in Rutten Lane, and copies are available on the bus. You can also see the timetable at www.ourbusbartons.org.uk. Please note that the buses are white at the moment, but from around November, we will be running two new electric buses funded by the National Lottery Community Fund, and they will then be in green with gold livery. The ride should be both quieter and more comfortable! The times for the Yarnton sections are shown below.

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Yarnton The Garth	-	11:18			-	
Yarnton Aysgarth Road	10:32	11:20			10:57	
Yarnton William Fletcher School	10:32	11:20			10:57	
Yarnton The Paddocks	10:33	11:21			10:58	
Yarnton Great Close Road	10:34	11:22			10:59	
Kidlington Sainsbury's	10:40	11:28			11:05	
Kidlington Exeter Hall	10:45	11:33			11:11	
Kidlington Tesco	10:52	11:36	11:36	12:35	11:14	12:58
Kidlington Sainsbury's	10:58	11:46	11:47	12:49		13:06
Yarnton Great Close Road			11:52	12:55		13:12
Yarnton The Paddocks			11:53	12:56		13:13
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The Stop Botley West Campaign is delighted to have learnt that Merton College has pulled out of the Botley West proposal, withdrawing their land for deployment of solar arrays.

Instead, Hall Farm, which forms part of the Merton College land holdings, will be managed to encourage biodiversity and soil carbon storage. Stop Botley West applauds this decision, and whilst Merton reserves the right to develop renewable energy schemes in the future, this appears to be a positive decision for the landscape around the villages of Yarnton, Bladon, Begbroke and Cassington. Although the reasons for this change of heart are unclear at present, Stop Botley West thanks all those who have assisted in the campaign, as well as written to Merton College and its Fellows.

It's been very much a consistent, widely supported effort to encourage Merton to see sense and to take charge of its own renewable future rather than hand the power over to international and feudal greed.

We remain conscious that this is only 5% of the Botley West scheme, and much is left to do to fight this proposal. We are still awaiting dates for the public consultation for the proposal and will keep you informed on all new developments. Merton College's statement can be found at <https://merton.ox.ac.uk/news/plans-to-improve-sustainability-and-biodiversity-on-the-College-Estate-reviewed-Merton-College-Oxford>

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HAS					THERE
FIRST					TAG

Fill in the four-letter word in the middle column to create another word/phrase with the words from either side. For example, if the clue were **WIND.....POND**, the answer would be **MILL**. (Windmill, mill pond). When you have finished, unscramble the shaded letters to reveal the name of a popular theme park.

Answers on page 12.


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Remembrance Sunday - 12th November

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.*

This year the principal Act of Remembrance will once again be at the Village War Memorial at 10.50 a.m., as has become a village tradition in recent years. The Act of Remembrance will be accompanied by Yarnton Band, and representatives of village organisations and members of the young people's uniformed organisations will be in attendance. Our Parish Communion Service for Remembrance Sunday in St. Bartholomew's will be at the earlier time of 9.30 a.m. and will finish in time for anyone attending to walk to Rutten Lane by 10.45 a.m.

- 8 a.m. **Holy Communion** (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30 a.m. **Parish Communion** *NB. Earlier time, no 11 a.m. Parish Communion*
- 10.50 a.m. **Act of Remembrance** (Village War Memorial on Rutten Lane)
- *NB. There will be no afternoon service this year*

All Souls Day Eucharist with Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Wednesday 1st November 6.30 p.m. - the Eve of All Souls Day

This will be a meditative service remembering those whom we love but see no longer. Please do contact me if you would like a loved one to be remembered by name in prayer.

Study and fellowship group - Exploring the Bible

Tuesdays: 31st October; 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th November; 5th December. 7.30 p.m. - 9 p.m. in the Village Hall back room.

Over 6 sessions we will be looking at the whole of the bible, exploring some of its overarching themes and how different parts relate to the whole. All are welcome, whether new to reading the bible, or familiar with it, and there will be plenty of time for discussions and questions. There will be tea, biscuits and an opportunity for fellowship.

We welcome enquiries for Christenings and Weddings

Regular Services

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 toddlers and parents/grandparents/carers – crafts, songs and a story.

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Changes in personnel – Yarnton Band



View from the Minstrels' gallery when we played at Great Barrington

After having a prolonged rest, it's good to welcome back Mark Sherratt (Bass) and his son George (Euphonium) who make the journey from Bicester twice a week, although Mark's roots are firmly in Yarnton. On a sad note, we said goodbye to solo cornet player Dr. Rachel Moore, who is moving away, and to Lizzie Blake who started as a learner and has served the band for around nine years, recently playing the flugel. We also welcome several new members: Clare Horne and Paul Read have joined on trombone, and James Pye has moved up from the training band - he's now our youngest player, aged 9. From the beginners' group, Daniel Pye and Thomas Stroud have moved up to the training band.

This means that we now have a main band with full sections, apart from a few vacancies in the cornet section and one in the bass section, so if any reader wants to learn or to return to the band please come along.

On 8th October we took part in an Entertainment Contest at Wood Green School in Witney. Each band must play a twenty-minute varied programme, and our programme consisted of *The Muppet Show*, *Watching the Wheat* (Euphonium Solo), *Crazy little thing called Love*, *The Addams Family* and *Everybody needs somebody*. There's more good news as the mother of Ciaran Bird (Dr. Kate Bird) has taken on the training band from her son and is doing a great job.

Do come along to our Annual Concert in the Village Hall on Saturday 25th November from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Admission is free, but donations are welcome and there will be a raffle, so bring some money! Your presence will encourage our youngsters in the Training Band.

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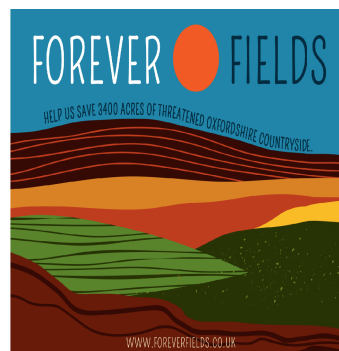
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Sunday 26th November, 10.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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The Forever Fields Project Team is very excited to announce the Open Art Exhibition. Showcasing people's creative response to our countryside, we are celebrating the beauty, productivity and bio-diversity of the fields and settlements that will be lost for 42 years under solar panels if Botley West Solar Power Station is built. We are delighted that many people are interested in taking part and can't wait to see what they make.

We know that our communities are full of ideas, and we want to show them off! This exhibition is an opportunity for you to share your creative skills. Taking the fields of the Botley West patch as your inspiration, what work will you, or have you, created that conveys the sights, sounds, feelings, knowledge you have about this landscape? Forever Fields plans to create an Archive of all the work exhibited, which will stand as a record for future generations of the nature of the landscape and how people responded and celebrated it today. Our countryside is valuable to us in myriad ways and we want this to be known and not forgotten.

The exhibition is free to enter, open to anyone, adult, child or young person. Your work does not need to have been specifically created for this exhibition, but it must fulfill the theme of 'Forever Fields'. Your work will be included in a stunning and eclectic exhibition at beautiful Worton Hall which is located centrally, facing on to the area affected by Botley West. Worton Park is an estate committed to true sustainability, balancing renewable energy, recycling and organic food and flower production as well as protecting wildlife. The cafe at Worton Kitchen Garden will be open throughout the exhibition. Worton Park has kindly donated the hosting of the exhibition within Worton Hall. It's the perfect location!

So whether you are taking part by contributing your creative work, or by visiting the exhibition, we look forward to seeing you there.



Yarnton W.I.

The Autumn season has arrived, but as I write this the sun is shining so we are encouraged to be outdoors. Enjoy these special days before darkness descends!

I am very pleased to report that we have two new members - both from outside of Yarnton. One is from Woodstock and the other is our seventh member from Kidlington. We will ensure that they feel welcomed into our friendly group and look forward to getting to know them better. Like Louise and Pat, I am sure that you will want to join us straight away if you attend one of our monthly meetings.

We very much enjoyed our September meeting when we welcomed two members of the charity *Dogs for Good* with their lovely dog in training. How well behaved he was! We learned of the good work the charity carries out and how they improve the lives of so many people. We are happy to support their excellent work.

We have many exciting events ahead this Autumn. The October meeting is our annual Harvest Supper when we express our gratitude for the nourishment food provides and for our wonderful friends and the kindness they bring. We will be celebrating our 85th anniversary. I'm sure it will be a special evening.

You are most welcome to join us on 9th November (7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall) for our meeting, when we will host Karen and Bret Wiles who will tell us about 'WWII rationing and cooking for victory: a fair share for all'. There will be cookery demonstrations and tasting samples. Definitely worth joining us for this inspirational evening of nostalgia!

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Yarnton Gardening Club

We have a change to the speaker on your programme card this month, following the sad death earlier this year of Peter Richardson from Preston Bissett Nurseries. We've been fortunate to secure a visit from Dr. Keith Kirby who will speak on 'Woodland flowers'. We are very grateful to him for agreeing to come at fairly short notice and hope members will be keen to hear his talk.

The meeting is on Thursday 16th in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m., and we are always pleased to welcome visitors. The list for attendance and food for the A.G.M. and Christmas Social in December will be available at the meeting. If you won't be at this month's meeting, but would like to come in December, please contact Jill on 01865 377623 as soon as possible, so that we can plan the catering. The A.G.M. is for members only, and will be on Thursday 21st December, starting at the earlier time of 7 p.m.

Ann is standing down as our Secretary at the A.G.M. after many years of excellent service, so we are looking for a replacement. Could this be you? The role mainly involves taking minutes at our committee meetings and a relatively small amount of other secretarial duties. If you think you might be interested, or if you would just like to join the committee in another capacity, then please contact a committee member (names and phone numbers are on the programme card).

Our programme of speakers and outings for 2024 is well on the way to completion, and details will be revealed at the A.G.M.

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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 November

'Local Arrangement' invariably means instead of a 'live' preacher you can watch a pre-recorded service on screen at church. These services can also be viewed on computer at home if people are still wary, because of the pandemic, about going to church.

Services can be found each week at <https://bit.ly/OxMeth>

Woodstock

5 th	10.30 a.m.	David Harper
12 th	10.30 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday – <i>Local Church Group</i>
19 th	10.30 a.m.	Church Anniversary Rev. Katie Tupling and Rev. Paul Carter (<i>Holy Communion</i>)
26 th	10.30 a.m.	Michael Trinder

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

5 th	10 a.m.	Rev. Michael Sawyer
12 th	10 a.m.	Simon Blainey
19 th	10 a.m.	Sue Barratt
26 th	10 a.m.	Rev. Paul Carter (<i>Holy Communion</i>)

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.

Mary Clarke, a Shared Lives Carer for Oxfordshire County Council, shares her inspirational journey of providing care from the comfort of her own home

Mary Clarke from Yarnton offers care and crucial short breaks for those who need support living independently in Oxfordshire. Her story is a testament to the positive impact of the exceptional people who become Shared Lives Carers for Oxfordshire County Council, and join the scheme, designed to provide care in a natural and familiar setting of a carer's home.

Mary's journey into the world of Shared Lives began after her retirement from the NHS, where she had a successful career as a dementia care nurse. Looking to continue using her nursing skills and engage in caring work, Mary was introduced to the Shared Lives scheme by a colleague. The structure and support offered by Shared Lives were exactly what she needed to continue making a difference in people's lives.

'I wanted to be able to work from home and care for people in the natural and familiar setting of my home. I wanted it to be flexible and to fit in with my own life, and so providing short breaks (what some may know as respite) seemed ideal', Mary shared.

Mary has been a dedicated Shared Lives Carer for six years, during which she has witnessed the scheme's transformative power first-hand. When asked about the best thing about being a Shared Lives Carer, Mary emphasised: 'It allows me to help others and feel useful and earn money without having to "go out to work" to do it. The support and training I get is fantastic, and all the Shared Lives Social Workers are understanding and professional and never put any pressure on me.'

Mary also highlighted the importance of carefully matching individuals with Shared Lives Carers and the swift response to any problems that arise. She expressed her joy in meeting interesting people and having fun, while making a real difference in their lives. Mary also pointed out that prior experience in caring work is not necessary, as Shared Lives is about sharing life experiences and making a meaningful impact on someone else's life.

To anyone considering joining the scheme, Mary offered this advice: 'If you are at all interested, find out more. You will never be pressured into taking on more than you are able to and will be supported well. You will be providing the best possible care for someone in the best possible setting - your own home. You will be making a real difference to people's lives and enriching your own.'

Mary's journey as a Shared Lives Carer for Oxfordshire County Council serves as an inspiring example of how individuals can make a meaningful impact on the lives of others while enriching their own. We hope her story encourages more people to explore the opportunities provided by Shared Lives.

For more information about the Shared Lives scheme, please visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sharedlives



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Bygone Yarnton



'Bygone Yarnton' is the title of a small booklet produced by the late Joan Roe, a resident of the village for many years, in 1979. The Editorial Committee thought today's villagers would be interested to read about Yarnton in times gone by (and many will remember some of the details - and will also remember Joan), and so we plan to include short extracts each month (space permitting). We would be interested to hear comments from people who remember some of the things Joan talks about.

The first school of any size was built by the Church Authorities in 1875, and was maintained with the help of voluntary subscriptions from the Parish. In 1910 a wing was added through the generosity of Mrs. Franklin of the Manor House. It is interesting to note that there were 43 children in 1875 and by 1955 there were 130.

Some people still remember the little ceremony which took place on Empire Day - 24th May, when they were school children. They would march from the School to the Manor waving Union Jacks. On arrival they would stand outside the entrance and sing. Mrs. Franklin came out and gave each child a new penny from a basket on her arm. Then the butler joined her with another basket full of new buns and these would be distributed.

The children were especially fond of the Vicar at this time, the Rev. Parsons, and his wife. On fine moonlit winter evenings when the flooded fields were frozen, they would take parties of children across Paternoster field, over Jacob's ladder, to a field where the ice was particularly good. Then with the help of some old stools, they would pull the delighted children across the ice.

There was a time when there was no water at all in the school, so buckets were filled every day, from the Clerk's House. On the way home from school, the children would often call on Mrs. Lambourne in Little Blenheim as she put a bucket of water and a basket of apples outside her door, for the children to help themselves.

Some remember Miss Howse who lived at Exeter Farm (purchased by Exeter College in 1789) - once called Southbys Farm. The story is told of how Mr. Lay, who delivered bread in the village, spent many hours doing his courting there. His poor assistant had to stay with the horse and van outside on cold winters' nights. There was a happy ending as the couple married, and Mr. Lay, who is remembered as a very fine horseman, lived at Exeter Farm for many years alone, after the death of his wife.

Stephen Howse, who lived at Paternoster Farm, is remembered particularly for driving a cart round the village, with joints of meat for sale when he killed a sheep or pig.

Mr. and Mrs. George Charlett looked after the Post Office in one room of the Clerk's House. I remember it was possible to buy post cards of village views and I am very glad that I did so, as I still have quite a number.

The village shop was run by Hubert Davis for many years. He seemed to be able to produce everything required from his tiny premises. The previous occupant was the carpenter and undertaker named Dickie Hill, who also supplied bees wax and turpentine to the housewives for polishing their floors and furniture; alongside stood the smithy - part of it is still visible. The Blacksmith came twice a week from Kidlington to operate the forge, much to the interest of the children on their way to school.

Here are some Yarnton customs:

Mole trapping was once a village sport. The skins were stretched, dried, and sold. Miss Clara Rogerson, who lived at the Mead for some years, collected enough of these skins to have a beautiful coat made.

Hedgehogs were killed, skinned and hung on chains in front of the fire. As they cooked, oil was collected in tins beneath them - this was the finest thing out for earache, so I'm told.

Sparrows were caught in nets, killed, plucked and made into sparrow pie.

At lambing time, the little creatures' tails were cut, or sometimes bitten off. They were buried in the earth, where they remained until the skins could easily be removed. These were now ready to be made into lambs tail pie.

From lambs tails to my tale which is almost told. It is of a Yarnton which some of us knew and most of us loved. Many of the times were good, but some very hard.

It is very pleasant indeed to see the interest which has been aroused in the history of the Village, and it is to be hoped that present day Yarnton will be regarded with as much affection as was the old one.

Author: Joan Roe, 1st edition January 1979, 2nd edition April 1989. Cover by R. Cardy (this includes the drawing at the head of the article.)

Parish Council Information – November 2023

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Planning Applications:

23/01701/F. Crossing House, Green Lane, ground floor infill extension and first floor extension.

23/02404/ADV. Begbroke Science Park, five temporary, moveable installations that provide canvasses for artistic and cultural works. Consent is sought for a maximum of 5 years.

23//02598/F. 27 Great Close Road, installation of Daikin EDLA04E2V3 air source heat pump at ground level at the rear of the house to replace gas boiler.

Planning Decisions:

23/01908/LB. Hill Farm, 202 Cassington Road, replacement of existing central heating boiler with a new gas fired boiler along with a new horizontal flue to outlet on the west wall. Granted 14.9.23.

23/02119/F. Yarnton Manor, siting of a prefabricated electrical sub-station within the corner of a car park at Yarnton Manor. Granted 26.9.23.

23/01752/F. 6 Dashwood Avenue, conversion from 5-bedroom house (Class C3) to 8-bedroom HMO (Sui Generis). Refused 18.9.23.

23/01167/F. 52 Merton Way, erection of a three-bedroom dwelling house on land to the side of 52 Merton Way, with associated parking and garden. Withdrawn 8.9.23.

Audit: The external report for April 2022 - March 2023 was returned signed by Moore on 6th September with no issues raised.

Grants: Applications from village organisations for a grant from the Parish Council must be received in writing to the Clerk by 31st December 2023, and cannot be considered after that date. Applicants must explain why they are making the request, specify the sum they are applying for, enclose their latest statement of accounts including information on fundraising by themselves during this year, and also confirm that any grant awarded last year was used in the manner applied for. Successful applicants will receive the grant in April 2024.

Future meetings: The next monthly Parish Council meetings will be held on Thursdays 2nd November and 7th December at Yarnton Village Hall at 6.30 p.m. Members of the public are welcome to attend all Parish Council meetings for all or part of the meeting. There will be an item on the agenda allowing a maximum of 3 members of the public to address the meeting for a maximum of 5 minutes each, subject to having submitted the reasons in writing to the Clerk 7 days prior to the meeting. Only in exceptional circumstances will less time be acceptable (at the sole discretion of the person chairing the meeting). Following the Public Participation agenda item members of the public will not be able to speak on any other matter or be involved in councillors' general discussion unless they raise their hand and are invited, by the Chairman, to speak.

Hedges/Trees: The Parish Council frequently receives complaints of hedges, trees, brambles, etc. from properties encroaching across the pathway, making it difficult and sometimes impossible for people to walk past on the path, particularly people with pushchairs, wheelchairs, mobility scooters, etc. Please be mindful of this as all residents are responsible for keeping outside the boundary of their property clear.

Oxford University Development marks delivery milestone at Begbroke



Oxford University Development (OUD), the joint venture partnership between Oxford University and Legal & General, has 'topped out' two new buildings at Begbroke Science Park. The moment was marked with a ceremony and the planting of a new tree in the grounds. The Nyssa Sylvatica tree was planted by OUD's CEO Anna Strongman, alongside Professor Irene Tracey, Vice Chancellor of Oxford University, Sir Nigel Wilson, Group Chief Executive of Legal & General, and Rob Lemming, Director of Life Sciences and Pharmaceuticals Construction at Mace Group.

The two new buildings will deliver circa 135,000 sq.ft. of space for commercial research companies to grow alongside facilities for innovative university research. One of the buildings will provide circa 54,000 sq.ft. of academic facilities, while the second building will provide 81,000 sq.ft. of commercial space.

Anna Strongman said: 'The two new science buildings at Begbroke form an important part of our mission to deliver world-class research facilities and incubator space. By purposefully curating academic facilities alongside commercial space, we can nurture the ever-growing number of spinouts emerging from the university, which are delivering new scientific discoveries that will change the world.'

According to research from Oxford University Innovation, Oxford University has created 300 new companies since 1988, with over a third of these created in the past three years. In 2021-2022, the spin-outs employed over 6,100 people, earning over £600m. in revenues and attracting more than £1.2bn. in investment to the UK economy.

Professor Irene Tracey, Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University added: 'Begbroke Science Park is a vital part of the University's research and innovation infrastructure. It's also a key enabler of our future development, as we seek to build on its unique strengths in bringing together science and industry to harness our researchers' world-leading expertise and tackle an ever-wider range of real-world challenges. These two new buildings will provide a fantastic new setting for science, collaboration and knowledge-sharing, creating new jobs and supporting the growth of Oxford's flourishing innovation economy.'

OUD brings together the land and opportunities of Oxford University with the investment and development management skills of Legal & General. Backed by £4bn. of investment capital from Legal & General, OUD was established in order to provide thousands of homes for staff and students, incubator space and academic facilities. It will help retain talent in the city, whilst providing the facilities for world-leading research and innovation, as well as much needed housing.

The two new buildings are not part of the recent Begbroke Innovation District planning application. However, if the application is approved, they will form part of the wider 170-hectare estate once it is completed.

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'Yarnton Netball Club'

The Oxfordshire Netball winter league has begun and sees the fifty-plus adult club teams playing at St. Helen & St. Katherine's, Abingdon, pending the awaited re-opening of the netball courts at Marston after resurfacing at the netball centre this Autumn. Yarnton has made the leap to a three-team entry and we wish everyone a very successful season.

Training for Yarnton will continue throughout the winter on Tuesdays at Rutten Lane, with Seniors in two sections from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., preceded by Youth from 6.10 p.m. – 7 p.m. The club is keen to grow the Years 7-8 numbers and would particular like to hear from girls in this age group. Please enquire through the above links.

Walking Netball is played in the indoor sports hall at Kidlington & Gosford Leisure Centre on Monday evenings. Walking Netball is a slowdown version of the game for those of more maturing years and others. The main difference in play is that at least one foot has to be grounded at all times, with 4 seconds holding of the ball. Kidlington Katz looks forward to participating in the Oxfordshire Walking Netball Festival on 18th November in Abingdon. Please contact by email for updated information. kidlingtonwalkingnetball@gmail.com Then, nationally, South Africa visit our shores in December to play against the Vitality Roses, with three test matches on 5th, 9th, 10th to be held in Manchester and Nottingham. Tickets available through the England Netball website, and coverage on SKY and Youtube.

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In addition to the permanent exhibits in the museum, we often have visiting groups who bring their own historic vehicles. On 1st October the Hants and Berks Motor club visited us as part of their 2023 Classic Autumn Tour, bringing 19 classic cars. The group set off from Woodley near Reading and stopped at Millett's Garden Centre on the way to the museum. The club is based in the Thames Valley and has 180 members. It arranges two outings a year as well as regular social events. The photograph shows part of the line up in our car park.



Details of these events are normally posted on our website www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk, but we do not always have much notice from the organisers, and never know in advance how many vehicles will arrive on the day. If you are a car enthusiast, keep an eye on the website.

We have never mentioned the motorcycles displayed in the museum. However, the Raleigh motorcycle, NX 4488, is 100 years old in 2023. It has a 2¾ horse-power engine and a full Carbide lighting set. The Raleigh Bicycle Company is based in Nottingham and was founded in 1885. By 1913, it was the largest bicycle manufacturing company in the world. From 1921 to 1935 Raleigh also produced motorcycles and three-wheel cars, leading to the formation of Reliant Motors. Raleigh bicycle is now a division of the Dutch corporation Accell.



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Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

Into Battle: The Art of British War Comics is open to visitors at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock until 30th April 2024. The county's military history museum is collaborating with Oxford-based Rebellion Publishing on the new exhibition, which will offer visitors a chance to explore the history of British war comics through the archives of classic comic titles such as *War Picture Library* and *Battle Action*.

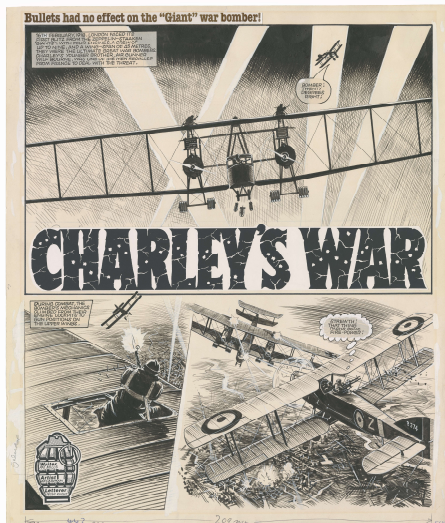
Hugely popular today, Britain has been publishing comics continuously for over 130 years. During that time, conflict has remained a staple of comic book storytelling, and by the 1960s and 1970s war stories were the most popular genre.

The exhibition, featuring original comic artwork on public display for the first time, tells the story of war comics decade by decade, from satirical comic strips and patriotic illustrated story papers of the 19th and early 20th century to the revolutionary comics of the 1970s, which presented much more gritty, authentic and emotionally-charged stories.

Long-time readers of comics will be given a nostalgic look back at some of their favourites, while younger and more recent fans will gain an insight into how their favourite medium has developed over the years.

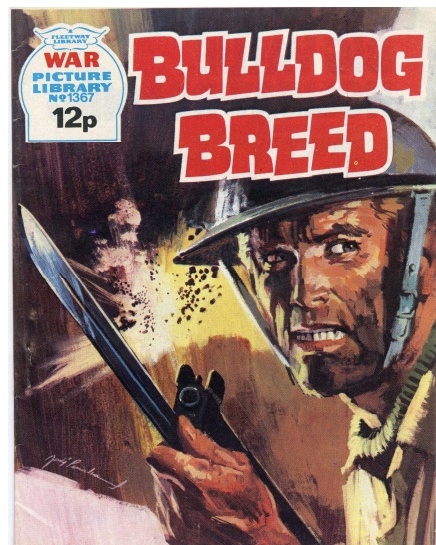
Drawing on Rebellion's extensive archives, the exhibition features artwork from the very best of British comics - taking in spectacular covers and action-packed panels from the *War Picture Library*, *Battle Picture Weekly* and *Battle Action*.

Battle Action, which Rebellion have recently revived with the work of renowned comic writers and artists such as Garth Ennis (*Preacher*, *The Boys*), Keith Burns (Commando Comics, *Johnny Red*) and Dab Abnett (Warhammer 40k, Marvel Comics), features heavily throughout.



The comic, which was known as *Battle Picture Weekly* before merging with *Action* comics in 1977, notably featured the series *Charley's War* by Pat Mills and Jo Colquhoun - regarded as one of the greatest war comics of all time. Following its working-class hero from underage recruit in 1914 through almost every major event of the war, the strip sees Charley lose friends in battle, portraying the human cost of war through the eyes of an ordinary soldier.

The incredible artwork on display will include original 1983 *Charley's War* panels by Mill and Colquhoun, alongside full colour original artwork from Jordi Penalva (*Bulldog Breed*, 1965), Giorgio de Gaspari (*Spy 13*, 1959) and Graham Cotton (*Gun Duel*, 1967).



Alongside much to capture the interest and imagination of adults, the exhibition will offer younger visitors the chance to discover how comics are made and have a go at creating comics themselves.

Into Battle: The Art of British War Comics has been proudly sponsored by Ridge, multidisciplinary property and construction consultants. Partner Mark Richards said of the exhibition: 'Ridge is delighted to support the local community near its Oxford office with a new exhibition showcasing the best British war comics. Supporting this exhibition on British war comics celebrates the rich history and honours the bravery and sacrifices of soldiers while promoting cultural engagement and education in our community. This exhibition will showcase the best of British war comics, providing a platform to appreciate the storytelling, artwork, and historical significance they offer, which Ridge is proud to be a part of.'

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