Dates for your diary – February

1,8,15,22  Book Break               Stonesfield Library  12.30–2pm
5,19,26  Monday Coffee             St James’ Centre  8.45–10am
5,12,19,26  SJJCuppa                St James’ Centre  10–11.30am
7  Lunch Club coffee               St James’ Centre  11am
8  Over 60s Darby & Joan          Village Hall  2pm
8  Parish Council meeting          Village Hall  7.30pm
7,14,21,28  Folk Dancing           Village Hall  8–10pm
12  Gardening Club                St James’ Centre  7.30pm
16  Treasure Box                   St James’ Centre  10.30–12noon
17  Ladies’ Night                  Sports & Social Club  7.30pm
24  Players Quiz Night             St James’ Centre  7.30pm
24  Football Club Race Night      Sports & Social Club  8pm
25  Sports & Social Club AGM       Sports & Social Club  8pm

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A scene from Ecce iucunda
Nativitas, given by the Pastime Ensemble & Players at St James’s church on 30 December, in aid of Bridewell Gardens
A heartfelt thank you!
Stonesfield Preschool staff and committee would like to say a huge thank you to Stonesfield Gardening club for their generous and unexpected donation to the preschool. We are so grateful, and this donation has allowed us to buy the children each a present from Father Christmas to have at their Christmas party. Thank you on behalf of all the preschool children!

Stonesfield Preschool

...and another!
Many thanks to all those who helped with and attended the wonderful concert given by the Pastime Ensemble and Players at St James’s Church on 30 December. We raised £421 for Bridewell Gardens.

Becki Sherlaw-Johnson

Good Gourmet and The Back-Up Trust
A Happy New Year to all of our loyal customers. Thanks for making 2017 a great success and for your continued support. We would especially like to thank all those who donated generously during our Christmas Bistro period. We were able to donate £250 to the Back-Up Trust, a charity we were inspired to support after having seen Samuel and Ali Appleton make a moving and positive presentation on BBC’s Children in Need. The Back-Up Trust make such a difference to so many people affected by spinal cord injury and their families. Here’s to a gourmet 2018.

Jaimie and Jacqui Lyel

Stonesfield Beer Festival 2018
As many of you know, the Stonesfield Beer Festival, Septemberfeast, is a great occasion, when the community comes together to listen to great music and sample the many craft beers and ciders on offer. Just as importantly, the festival raises money for charity. A range of charities have benefited and the 2016 festival raised over £15,000, which went to Back-Up, who support people after spinal cord injury and the John Radcliffe children’s physiotherapy ward amongst others.

The organising committee is very much hoping to stage the event again this September, when the two main charities will be Dogs for Good, who provide assistance dogs to people with physical disabilities and children with autism, and Alzheimers Research UK.

Many people give their time and effort to support Septemberfeast, but in order to put it on we have to raise funds via sponsorship in the region of £10,000 to cover the larger necessary expenses such as the marquees, lighting and staging. We would love to hear from any local businesses or individuals who feel that they may be able to make a sponsorship donation. If you are interested please contact Andy Davis on 07814 695175 or at davis1798@hotmail.co.uk, or Sarah Plumridge on 01993 891163 or at sarahbolivern@hotmail.co.uk

Treasure Box
The Half-term Treasure Box will open on Friday 16 February from 10.30am to 12noon in the St James’ Centre. All children are welcome (adults too). Under 5s must be accompanied by an adult.
There will be games, songs and lots of things to make, inspired by the book Eric Says Please.
Details from Muriel Barrett (891479).

Talented performers wanted!
The Stonesfield Players present an April Review on Saturday 21 April, 7pm.
Saints, Dragons, Whispering Knights and Treacle Wells
To celebrate St George’s Day and with a nod to Shakespeare’s birthday, the Stonesfield Players are looking to our wonderfully talented villagers to perform something Shakespearean.
So we are looking for musicians, story tellers, actors, singers, poets and dancers to perform something of their own choosing to fill an evening of entertainment. The evening will be set to candlelight with a hot meal provided to all that attend. We are aiming to create a warm and inviting atmosphere, to give all of our performers the best experience.
Open to everyone! Please contact Dave Rudge on davidrudge2002@yahoo.co.uk or 07814 142658 for more details and to register your interest/performance. There will be a very informal audition and then a rehearsal nearer the time to compile the show. I look forward to hearing from you. Deadline for performers is 28 February.

Dave, Players secretary

Get active in the New Year – Volunteer with the Wychwood Project
In 2017 volunteers helped us to plant over 1,500 trees, coppice woodland, lay hedges, repair dry stone walls, and monitor Barn Owls and flora to improve West Oxfordshire’s habitats and landscape.

Wychwood Project volunteering is on offer every month. Why not come and join us to get some exercise and fresh air, meet some friendly fellow volunteers – and help the Wychwood Project.

Here’s what’s on in early 2018:
Saturday 3 and Thursday 15 February: Coppicing at Bevis Farm, Charlbury
Thursday 1 March: Hedge planting near Ascott-under-Wychwood
Saturday 3 March: Hedgelaying at the Saltway, Charlbury.
Thursday 15 March: Woodstock water meadows. Logs for Labour – tree work and possibly a bonfire, meet at the garages at the foot of Brook Hill (by the A44).
Drystone walling happens every Monday and Tuesday (weather permitting). You are welcome to join any day and stay as long as you wish. Or join our Bird Aid, Flora or Barn Owl Groups, who meet regularly to protect species across West Oxfordshire.

No experience is necessary for any of the tasks (full instruction is part of the day) but you should wear appropriate clothing for outdoor work, including stout boots and gloves. Activities run from 9.30am to 3pm unless otherwise stated.

For more information and to get involved with the Wychwood Project visit: www.wychwoodproject.org or www.facebook.com/WychwoodProject; phone: 07584 262437 (Mon. Wed. Thur.); email: info@wychwoodproject.org.uk

**Stonesfield Lunch Club**

Do come and join us at the Stonesfield Lunch Club for a cup of coffee or tea and a chat at 11am on Wednesday 7 February at the St James’ Centre.

**Village Hall News**

A fun and relaxed Ladies’ Volleyball Group meet at Stonesfield Village Hall on Thursdays 7–8pm and would love new members age 16+ to swell their numbers. The more the merrier! Please contact Penny Barrett for more information on 01993 898172

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**Politics & local affairs**

**Combe Road Sewage Pumping Station**

For some time we have had various problems with the Combe Road Sewage Pumping Station. These have resulted in overflowing sewage and emergency call-outs for the station to be pumped out and in very unpleasant and unacceptable conditions for neighbouring residents.

I have been asked by Stonesfield Parish Council to take these matters up with Thames Water but need more information, i.e. dates and times of overflow problems, dates the emergency tanker has had to be called out, dates of attendance of engineers on emergency call-outs etc. Supporting photographs would be a great help.

If anyone has such information I would be grateful if they could contact me and I will take the matter forward and present a formal complaint to Thames Water.

*Councillor David Brown, Threeeways, Woodstock Road (01993 898193; david.brown339@btinternet.com)*

**Sustainable Stonesfield**

More than 80 people came to our public meeting on 15 January to get an update on Sustainable Stonesfield’s activities during 2017.

We reported on the steps we had taken to challenge the three major development applications: CALA Homes and Pye Phase 2 on the Woodstock Road and North Farm on Farley Lane. We re-stated our belief that there were no ‘exceptional circumstances’ that would justify putting any developments of more than 10 houses in the AONB. We described how we had made representations at the Inspector’s hearings regarding the new Local Plan, and that this had caused him to require WODC to show cause as to why any such developments could be allowed. We are now waiting for the Inspector to report on the Local Plan and for WODC’s decisions on the three applications.

We raised the topic of unsustainability due to inadequate infrastructure. The parlous state of our sewerage system was much discussed. The Parish Council is already taking this up: please respond to David Brown’s request (on this page, above) for people to send him details and photographs of sewerage incidents so that he can make a case to Thames Water.

We also discussed the current congestion on our roads, which will only get worse. The junction with the A44 at Judd’s garage is increasingly hazardous. We urge you to write to Oxfordshire County Council voicing your concerns, so that they take the matter seriously: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/contact-highways

Finally, please consider joining Sustainable Stonesfield to get emails and information. No fee, no hassle. There are already 170 members who have joined because they want to hear the latest news
Parish Council
Mobile Phone Mast
Work on installing the mast was due to take place on 15 January. Unfortunately, there has been an indefinite delay as Telefonica have been told that they are not in a position to proceed at the moment. This is very disappointing for the village and we hope to be able to keep you informed on any progress being made.

Severe Weather
SPC has a surplus supply of salt/ grit stored by Roger Evins at Charity Farm. He has kindly offered to drop some of this off to householders if they contact him. This is not for personal use but can be spread on roads and pavements near your homes. The roadside salt bins should be replenished by OCC.

Sewage Overflow at Christmas
Following reports of tankers at the pumping station in Combe Road, SPS contacted Thames Water, who explained that a failed pump was responsible and had to be replaced. A similar occurrence had happened in July. There will be wet well cleansing soon to help with the unpleasant odours relating to this problem.

Thames Water request that users remember the 3Ps that should be flushed into the system. Anything else such as fat, oil, wet wipes, baby wipes, tissues etc. will cause blockages leading to pump failures.

The controversial chicane on Woodstock Road is going to be re-assessed by Highways.

Allotments
A full allotment and a half allotment are still available. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

The Common
We have a grant from the new PYE development for arts projects in the village. This money is being held by WODC at present. We will work with them to put it to beneficial use. One of the projects is to design and erect pictorial information boards on the Common explaining the flora and fauna found on this special SSSI site. If anyone is interested in joining the working group, please contact the Clerk.

The next Parish Council Meeting is on Thursday 8 February, 7.30 pm, Village Hall. All residents are invited to attend.

Gill Hill, Parish Clerk (stonesfieldpc@gmail.com)

West Oxon District Council
District Update
On the planning front, a very recent development is detailed in the Sustainable Stonesfield article above. The Inspector says that the allocation for our part of the District has been fulfilled and there is no need for further large developments in the AONB. My thanks and congratulations go to all in the village who have put pressure on the Inspector. Incidentally, WODC had already taken the decision before Christmas to recommend that the Cala proposal be refused.

I suspect that the proposal for 34 new homes at North Farm will appear on the agenda for February. I know that there is considerable opposition to this for several reasons, but the prospect of truly affordable units may have weight in the collective minds of the planning committee. Blenheim and WODC have agreed to work in tandem to offer houses with a discount on the market valuation, which would make the cost approximately 40% cheaper than the usual 20% which the Government applies to ‘affordable units’ in the accepted scheme of such things. This partnership proposal will also be applied to the phase 2 of the Charity Farm development.

The large-scale developments in Long Hanborough are proceeding and will result in vastly increased traffic, especially at peak times on the A4095.

Richard Bishop ((891 4 14; richard.bishop@westoxon.gov.uk))

Missed bin collections
Residents can now report a missed bin collection direct to the depot via our new online form: www.westoxon.gov.uk/missedbin

Sara Long, Communications Officer, WODC

Hanborough station
West Oxfordshire District Council have this week approved plans to improve Hanborough railway station. £10,000 will be put towards the installation of a modular station building, which will contain a new ticket office, waiting room and toilet. Operator Great Western Railway is also looking to house a small retail outlet in the building.

In the last 10 years, passenger numbers at Hanborough have more than trebled and there is a clear need to improve facilities at the station to meet that demand. I look forward to seeing this progress!

Robert Courts, MP (robert@robertcourts.co.uk)
Education & culture

Stonesfield Library
Telephone: 01993 898187

Opening Hours:
Monday 2.30–7pm
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 10am–12noon
Thursday 2.30–5pm
Friday Closed
Saturday 10am–12noon

Stonesfield School News
As part of letting you know what is happening with school governance, we shall be bringing you a termly update. Last term, as you can imagine, much of our focus was on Ofsted and on starting the Headteacher recruitment process.

School finance is an ongoing area which takes much of our attention. As you may have seen in the press, the amount of money we are given to run the school continues to reduce. School funding is currently based on how many children we have on the school roll; fewer children means less money. Although there is a new ‘funding formula’ coming, we do not yet know whether this will be happening with school governance, we shall be bringing you a termly update.

We are delighted and proud that the report reflects our lovely, hard-working, well-mannered children and our successful, warm and nurturing school that staff and governors work so hard to maintain.

Here are some highlights from the report. ‘Stonesfield is a happy and welcoming school . . . Teachers have established good and warm relationships with their pupils . . . Staff value pupils and listen to them . . . Pupils are confident that teachers care for them . . . Teaching is lively and enthusiastic and engages pupils well . . . Teachers have high expectations of pupils’ behaviour and the quality of their work . . . Teaching assistants are skilled and well trained . . . Pupils enjoy the broad curriculum which is enhanced by a wide range of trips, clubs and other events . . . Pupils feel safe and secure at school . . . Pupils know that their teachers listen to them and care about them, they feel valued . . . The behaviour of pupils is good . . . They are polite and courteous and show consideration for one another . . . The headteacher, senior leaders and governors are ambitious for the school . . . Governors offer strong support to the school and are passionate about their roles.’

Gillian Clarke and Sandy Hayes, Co-chairs, Stonesfield School Governors

ChOC Film
On Sunday 11 February at 7pm the opening entry in ChOC’s new ‘Classic Cinema’ strand is the black-and-white masterpiece Brief Encounter (1945).

One of the great classics, with Celia Johnson and Trevor Howard. Memorial Hall, Charbury. Doors and bar from 6.15pm. Admission: £5 / U15s £3.

Clubs & societies

Stonesfield Players Quiz Night
Where? St James’ Centre
When? Saturday 24 Feb, 7.30pm
What? A general knowledge quiz celebrating the world of quiz shows
Who? You & your friends
Format? Teams of up to 6 players
How much? £3 per head, nibbles included plus cash bar
Contact? Andrew Tacon (andrew.tacon@outlook.com) for any further detail

We very much look forward to seeing you on 24 February

Women’s Institute
It is with much regret that I have to report the cessation of the Stonesfield Women’s Institute. After surviving for ninety-five years, it was not possible to find members willing to take on the essential officer posts. After a ballot by members it was decided that the institute could not continue.

We hope that in the near future it will be possible to re-open. However, in the meantime I would like to thank the many villagers who have given their support to an organisation which has offered friendship and the pursuit of a myriad activities to so many over the last ninety-five years.

Anne Bishop

Over 60s Darby & Joan Club
Although it was last year, I must mention our Christmas Lunch. I know we all agreed that changing from an evening meal to a lunchtime was worth a try, and I think we now all agree it was a good move. We had a wonderful time, the meal was delicious and we are grateful to David Woodfine – a good friend to the club, together with his friend and ours, Steve, for looking after us so well.

We would like to say thank you for the two generous donations given to the club, we are most grateful.

January saw us back again for our regular meeting. It was good to greet one another and to join in with a fun game, easy to play, and all you needed to do really was
decide which colour kiss you would like. As usual we had some enjoyable refreshments and a raffle.

We will meet again on 8 Feb. at 2pm and I will let you know if we are able to have our Annual Fish & Chip Lunch in March.

Look forward to seeing you.
Best wishes, Avis (898134)

Stonesfield Sports & Social Club
Ladies, come and celebrate Valentine’s at 7.30pm on 17 February with a glass (or two!!) of wine. Small bottles (including Prosecco) £2, large bottles £8.

AGM
The Club’s AGM is on Sunday 25 February starting at 8pm. Everyone is welcome. Nominations for committee members and/or Officers to Brian Clarke by 15 February, please.

Sky Sports and BT sports are now fully operational, so why not pop along and enjoy a drink while supporting your favourite team?

Stonesfield Gardening Club
Due to the snow, we cancelled our Christmas quiz at the last minute and did not meet in January, so we are looking forward to our first meeting of the year on Monday 12 February at 7.30pm in the St James’ Centre (weather permitting!). Our speaker will be Rob Jacobs from Waterperry Gardens.

Membership renewals are now due at £8 per person or £15 per couple – please come along with the correct money in an envelope with your name, telephone number and email address, or a cheque payable to ‘Stonesfield Gardening Club’ with your name, telephone number and email address on the reverse. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please contact our membership secretary; Jill Rowlinson (01993 891346).

Our topics for 2018 include: *Colour in a small garden; Iris or Clematis – to be voted on by our members; Late summer perennials; Garden design techniques; organised trips to Spetchley and some of the ‘hidden gardens’ of Burford.*

Sybil Barton
(891590; sybil.a.barton@gmail.com)

Stonesfield Folk Dance Club
invites any readers who would like to learn and participate in traditional English Folk Dancing to join us at the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings from 8pm.

We are very lucky at Stonesfield in having two Resident Bands, and on Wednesday 7 February it will be the six musicians of the Donkey House band led by Frances White with Diana Triplow calling the dances. All our dances are walked through several times before being danced to music. Here’s hoping to see you!

Stewart Nicholls
(www.stonesfieldfolkdance.danceorg.uk)

Witney Music Society
Witney Music Society’s next concert will be given by oboist James Turnbull and pianist Libby Burgess. The concert is entitled *An Oboe’s Journey – travelling across Europe through oboe repertoire* and will take place at High Street Methodist Church, Witney at 7.30pm on Friday 9 February. Tickets (full price £12, senior concessions £11, under 18 £1) will be available at the door from 7pm.

More information, on 01993 702296 or visit www.witneymusicsociety.org.uk

Charlbury Refugee Action Group
Sun 4 Feb: Sunday Tea Concert: *Kismet*
Charlbury welcomes the much-loved, Oxford-based contemporary folk band Kismet to the Memorial Hall at 3pm. Tickets £10 (under 15s, £5) include free tea and cake! To reserve tickets, email charlburyrefugee@gmail.com, arrive by 2.45pm and pay on the door. Or call 01608 811378. All proceeds to Charlbury Refugee Action.

Saturday 10 Feb: Bring and Buy
All proceeds to Charlbury Refugee Action. Friends Meeting House, Market Street, 10–1pm. Teas, coffee, cakes. To donate items in advance, call 01608 811402.

Stonesfield Football Club
The Football Club will be holding a Race Night on Saturday 24 February. First race starts at 8pm. All Welcome.

Brian Clarke (891770)

Stonesfield Cricket Club
Newly elected captains for this season are Jamie Burns (1st XI) and Dan Taylor (2nd XI). After a season of solid consolidation in 2017 both teams are looking to win things this summer . . .

Our 2018 campaign commences with winter indoor net practice. We have an hour session starting at 4pm on Sunday 18 February – using the splendid new sports hall facilities at Charlbury Community Centre, running each week until matches start in mid-April. All players old and new who want to play for Stonesfield are welcome (and any Aussies who’ve just moved into the village who can bowl at 90mph or hit centuries

would be nice); it’s just £2 a week for those wanting to give it a go – everyone gets a turn in bat and everyone bowls! We welcome young players, who need to be at least 12 years old on 31 Aug 2017 (last year) to be eligible for adult cricket this season as an under 13 category player.

The Club is looking for a new kit sponsor for 2018. This will enable us to invest in some smart modern playing shirts – featuring the name of your company or organisation on the front! The club plays around 40 matches each summer all around Oxfordshire, so it’s quite good exposure. In fact, some players are still wearing shirts funded by kit sponsors from a decade ago – so they’ve had pretty good value for money. The shirt sponsorship will likely cost around £600 to kit out the whole senior squad – please contact me ASAP for details if you’re interested.

Stewart Moss (07866 278685)
From your Parish Priest
Well here we are in Epiphany. It doesn't seem a minute since we were making our plans for Christmas. Epiphany, of course, is a Greek word meaning to reveal, show forth or to appear as a manifestation. The baby Jesus was revealed to the Wise Men or Kings as we sometimes call them. For me it’s an important statement from God that the Immanuel, The Saviour, was to appear to every nation, not just the Jews.

It is traditional to think of the three kings representing the different categories of the gentile nations around the then known world; indicating that it was always God’s intention that the whole world would know and benefit from Jesus being their Saviour too.

It really does represent good news and of course it is all recorded in the Gospels; the word gospel meaning ‘good news’.

The arrival of the baby Jesus also ushered in a new way of relating to God. Instead of being under the Law which was contained in the Jewish writings and our Old Testament, we were now to consider ourselves to be under ‘Grace’.

The difference was that under the Law of the Jews we were all condemned because none of us could keep it, we had all fallen short of its demands, even the Jews, even if you considered that you came under the rules as gentiles in the first place.

However, under the new system of ‘Grace’, that Jesus represented, not only was it extended to the Jews but to all humankind. So what is Grace, what does it mean?

Well under the Law of the Jews if you failed to keep it there were consequences. Some of those consequences included execution by stoning. Under Grace the consequences of those failings by us were taken by Jesus on the cross. The way to gain from this Grace was to accept the judgement of the consequences of our failure and then confess them to receive the pardon that Jesus paid for on the cross. In other words: the Son of God paid the price and took the consequences so that we could be set free.

I think I have made a good decision not to forget what Epiphany means to me because it ushers in Grace and pardon not only for me but for us all.

I do hope I wasn’t too wordy this time but if you have any questions or observations get in touch, you know where.

Oh and by the way, talking of Grace, if you have been following our family news concerning our youngest daughter’s impending child’s birth we had the arrival of our latest granddaughter on the 27 December. She weighed in at eight pounds thirteen and half ounces and after a lot of deliberation became ‘Dulcie Grace’. Grace of course meaning favour, gift and kindness amongst other things. She certainly is a real gift of new life and is a wonderful new addition to the growing tally of grandchildren. That’s five now ... oh goodness.

See you soon and as always D.F.T.W

Rev Roy

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Sunday 4 February [Second Sunday before Lent]
8am Stonesfield Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am Combe Longa All Age Worship
11am Stonesfield All Age Worship

Sunday 11 February [Sunday next before Lent]
8am Stonesfield Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am Combe Longa Matins [BCP/sung]
11am Stonesfield Parish Communion [CW/sung]

Ash Wednesday [14 February]
7.30pm Stonesfield Benefice Holy Communion [CW/sung]

Sunday 18 February [Lent 1]
8am Stonesfield Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am Combe Longa Parish Communion [CW/sung]
11am Stonesfield Communion Service for all ages

Sunday 25 February [Lent 2]
8am Stonesfield Holy Communion [BCP/said]
9.30am Combe Longa Parish Communion [CW/sung]
11am Stonesfield Parish Communion [CW/sung]
Stonesfield Slate

Mid-week Communion Service [said]
Wednesdays 9.30am at Stonesfield. Everyone is most welcome

Stonesfield Methodist Church

SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

Sun 4 11am The Reverend Rose Westwood
Sun 4 11am Revd Rose Westwood
Sun 11 11am Andrew Maisey
Sun 18 11am Ian Prince
Sun 25 11am Jude Levermore

A Service for all People
On Friday 2 March at 2pm, the Women’s World Day of Prayer Service will be celebrated here at the Methodist Church.

The Service has been prepared by Christian women of Suriname in South America. Its focus this year is upon the enormous responsibilities we all have to look after and preserve our planet for future generations.

Do come and be part of this beautifully planned and thought-provoking Service, its title is All God’s Creation is Very Good!

Ladies, gentlemen, young people . . . all are very welcome indeed!

As always, readers are needed. Please get in touch soon if you would like to help or if you need transport on the day.

Kathleen (891733)

Roman Catholic Worship

St Teresa’s Church

Patience

We are told that ‘patience is a virtue’ but one with which many of us struggle.

In the Book of Exodus we are told that when Moses descended from Mount Sinai, God revealed Himself, declaring ‘I am the Lord God, I am merciful and very patient with my people.’ (Exodus 34:6) In this passage, we are reminded that God is infinitely forgiving and understanding of our human failings.

St Paul further says that the first attribute of love is patience: ‘Love is patient’ (1 Corinthians 13:4), (Ref: Walk with Me, December 2017/January 2018.) In other words, if we truly want to demonstrate our love for each other, we have to be able to show also that capacity for forgiveness, to be willing to see the other’s viewpoint and restrain our own quick judgements.

In Jesus Christ we have the perfect model of patience with His endless willingness to gently show His followers what He wanted them to do and in His perseverance through trial and suffering to death. Developing patience is an ideal New Year’s resolution and one that is never too late to start practising.

STONESFIELD VOLUNTARY TRANSPORT SCHEME

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If you need a lift for a medical visit in FEBRUARY please ring Peter Clifton (891956) or Jenny Haviland (891614).

Every effort will be made to find a volunteer driver for you, but please give as much notice as you can. This is a free service, but donations to costs are welcomed.

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FoSL: Friends of Stonesfield Library

Open to anyone who wants to help keep our village library open.

We are now providing voluntary cover for half of the existing library hours (about 6 hours a week), since the library service is now cut back. For further details, or to join us, please contact Tony Scott on 01993 891380, tonyandrachel.scott@virgin.net
We’re looking for a family helper, on Saturdays (can negotiate how many per month) and in school holidays. We need a reliable person with a good sense of humour to help us and our disabled children, aged 13 and 10; we’ll be going out for the day, going swimming, or spending time at home.

You need to be 18 years old or over, and will be paid through the Council, who will also organise your DBS check. Pay will be negotiable.

If you think this might be for you, please contact Georgie on 898889/georgie@thesteeles.org.

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by 15th of the month or dropped in to
Jenny Haviland, Peakes House, Peaks Lane,
Stonesfield, OX29 8PY (tel. 01993 891614).

Childcare/Babysitter. My name is Clara Holloway and I am 14 years old and I am currently in year 10. I am happy to babysit or take care of children. I have younger siblings and am very competent at looking after children of any age. I have also passed a babysitting course at school. Please contact me on 07943 847622.

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