

# THE OXHILL NEWS

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Oxhill's New Policeman, see more on page 3.

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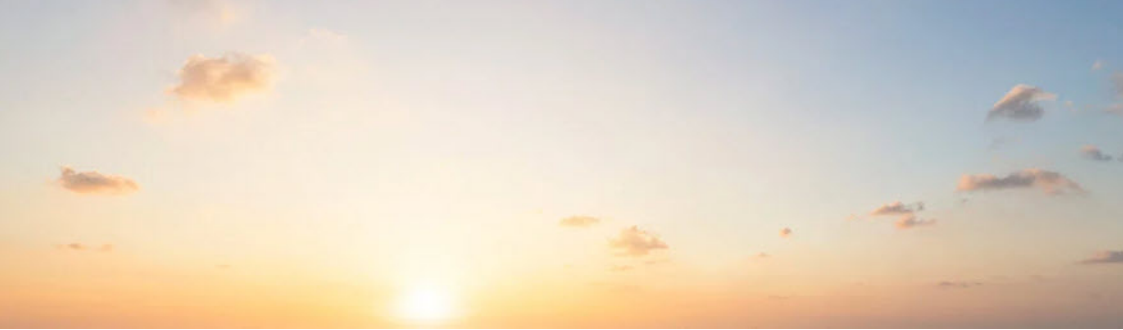
## OXHILL'S NEW POLICEMAN - PC SPEEDGUN

Speeding drivers through our village will now occasionally notice this cameraman which has been acquired by the Parish Council. He may pop up any location in our village and can be loaned to any villager who is concerned about speeding past their house..

Just contact Peter Rivers Fletcher (01295 680396) for further information.







## ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

He is Risen!

In April we celebrate Easter – the highlight of the Church’s year. We will mark the dark days of Holy Week, witnessing first-hand the depth of God’s love for us as Jesus dies on the Cross, and then celebrating the realisation that Jesus now lives. That life means forgiveness, new life and hope: if death is defeated, there is nothing more that can defeat us. And Jesus walks with us. So we celebrate!

Services happen all over the South Feldon Group of Churches during Holy Week, not all of them in Oxhill. It would be lovely to see you at any of them.

- Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> **Palm Sunday**  
9.30 am Holy Communion George Heighton **Oxhill**
- Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> **Monday of Holy Week**  
9.00 pm Compline, **Oxhill**
- Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> **Tuesday of Holy Week**  
2.30 pm Deanery Eucharist of Holy Week, **Whatcote**
- Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> **Maundy Thursday**  
7.00 pm Holy Communion and Vigil, **Tysoe**
- Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup> **Good Friday**  
2.00 pm Last Hour by the Cross, **Brailes**  
7.30 pm Tenebrae, **Tysoe**
- Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> **Easter Day**  
9:30 Holy Communion of Easter Day, George Heighton **Oxhill**
- Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Morning Worship, Jill Tucker **Oxhill**
- Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> 6.30 pm Evening Worship, Jill Tucker, **Oxhill**
- Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 11.00 am United group Service, Heather Parbury, **Whatcote.**

## Easter Day

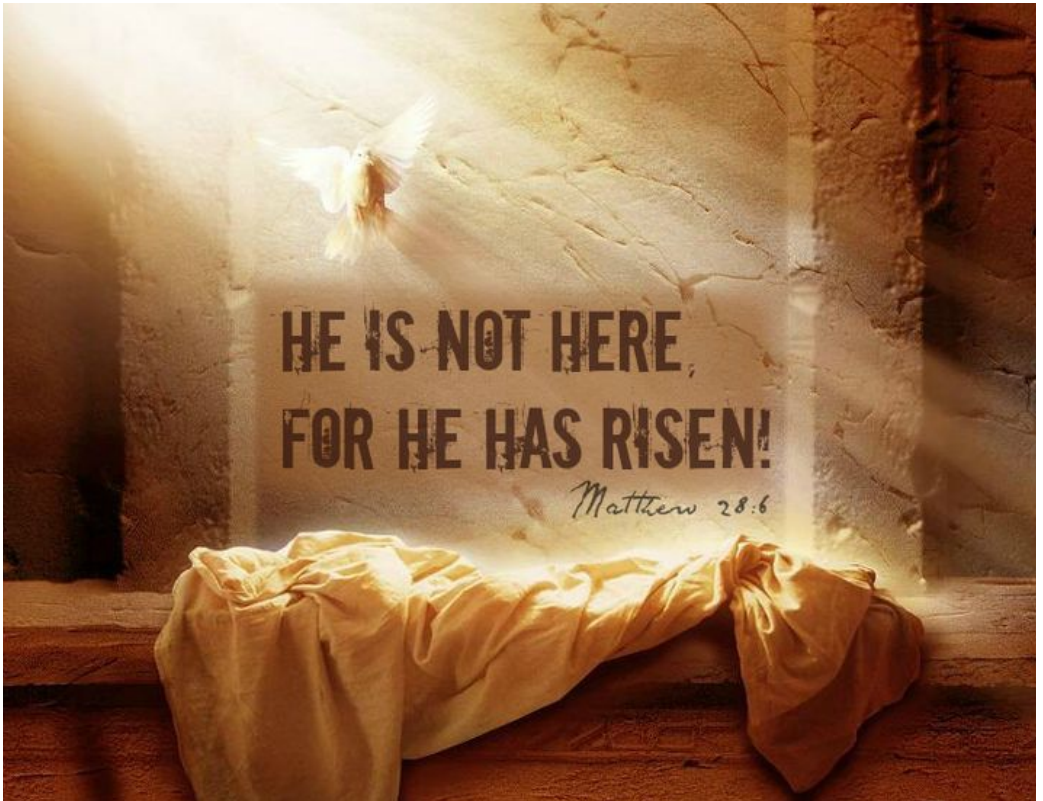
On this morning

let us see you  
in every stranger;

let us hear you  
in the whispered  
hopes of hungry children;

let us welcome you  
into our empty hearts. *Thom M Shuman, Lead me into life with you.*

*Jill Tucker,*  
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# *Hacked Off*

In modern parlance a ‘hack’ is an easy way to solve a problem - like disposing of your fast food and drink containers by throwing them out of your car window whilst on the move or whilst parked in a layby. Much easier than taking stuff home and having the bother of putting it in a bin.

The same people who casually dispose of their bottles, cans, and Costa Coffee cartons in this way have no hesitation in also throwing out their sweet papers, empty cigarette packets, and fish and chip wrappings.

I am an inveterate litter picker and in the past have kept the roads around Oxhill relatively clear of jettisoned items to the extent of a large carrier bag full of rubbish each month. This problem has grown to a bag of human detritus collected each week. Other roads, too, suffer this blight and nowadays one rarely sees Local Council employees undertaking the task of removing litter from our roadside verges.

Albeit I’ve never caught one at it, I believe that it is no coincidence that this almost now normalised habit of despoiling our green and pleasant land coincides with the increase in the number of courier and delivery vans seen on our roads today. It might well be that shopping online carries a hidden cost. We don’t have much in the way of ‘through’ traffic and surely our local populace doesn’t despoil its own backyard?

Posted on the Whatcote village notice board is the following:

‘**Mr Somebody** saw some rubbish on a roadside in Whatcote parish. He thought **Mr Anybody** will pick that up and dispose of it safely. But he didn't pick it up either and left it for **Mr Nobody** to do it. In the end it was **Mr Someone** who did the right thing and kept our village neat and tidy.’

Perhaps the time has come to have another village ‘ social litter pick ‘ the PC organised the last one and it was an enjoyable morning.

*GM and DN*





## LONDON MARATHON 2023 AND PARKINSON'S UK

On 23rd April I will be on the start line with many thousands of runners for this year's London Marathon.

I am hoping to raise funds for Parkinson's UK and I would welcome your support.

If you can help in any way, please visit [www.justgiving.com/tony-wilde](http://www.justgiving.com/tony-wilde)

Thank you in advance.

*Tony Wilde*



### OXHILL GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

This year our annual plant sale, will be on **Friday 19th May starting at 6.30pm** outside the Old Chapel. Hopefully this gives you all time to raise a few plants or think about digging up something you might wish to donate. It is a 'bring and buy' sale and all funds raised will be given to village projects.

Please make a note in your diary

*Peter Rivers Fletcher*







# OXHILL VILLAGE HALL



*Work on the Village Hall continues at pace.*





# OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

In celebration of St George's Day,  
join us to enjoy some favourite English  
**PIES and PUDS!**



Saturday 22nd April  
The Old Chapel  
7:30pm



Tickets £20 per person,  
to include your choice(s!) from an array of homemade pies and  
puddings such as chicken pie, steak & ale pie, fish pie,  
treacle tart, and apple crumble.

*Vegetarian and gluten free options available.*



Tickets from Ali Sayer on 07970 922352, [ali.sayer@btinternet.com](mailto:ali.sayer@btinternet.com), or  
Jo Collings on 07860 418811, [itsjocollings@gmail.com](mailto:itsjocollings@gmail.com).



*by Ruth Mercer*

With Easter fast approaching, and having given you recipes for Hot Cross Buns and Easter nest cakes in previous years, a recipe for Simnel cake seems appropriate this year. Although it is seen as an Easter tradition nowadays, it was eaten on Mothering Sunday in years gone by. With food stocks getting low, a high calorie Simnel cake provided useful nutrition.

Simnel cake is a light fruit cake distinguished by a layer of marzipan in the middle of the cake and another one on top. Traditionally it is decorated with 11 marzipan balls to represent Jesus' 12 apostles minus Judas who betrayed him, although for symmetry and to help with slicing, you can add a twelfth ball to represent Jesus, or replace the marzipan balls with Mini Eggs. One important detail to note is that shop-bought marzipan is too firm for this recipe, although you could make half the quantity of almond paste for the centre and use shop-bought for the top, especially if you have concerns about eating uncooked egg.

## SIMNEL CAKE

### *Ingredients*

For the almond paste:

250 g (8 oz) ground almonds

250 g (8 oz) caster sugar

1 egg, beaten

2 drops of almond essence

For the cake:

150 g (5 oz) butter at room temperature

150 g (5 oz) soft brown sugar

2 eggs at room temperature

150 g (5 oz) plain flour

½ tsp baking powder

1 tsp ground mixed spice

125 g (4oz) sultanas )

175 g (6 oz) currants )

50 g (2 oz) mixed peel )

Juice of 1 orange

Or 350 g (12 oz) mixed fruit



To finish:

50 g (2 oz) Apricot jam, warmed and sieved (as if I ever sieve it!)

A little beaten egg

If you have time and remember, soak the fruit in the orange juice in the fridge the night before you make the cake.

1. Line a 7" round deep cake tin with baking parchment, or other suitable non-stick paper. Set the oven to 180C.
2. Start by making the almond paste. Mix the ground almonds and sugar together in a bowl, add the egg and almond essence and mix to form a stiff paste. Put to one side while you make the cake.
3. Beat the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy, then gradually add the eggs one by one, beating well between each addition.
4. Sift the flour, baking powder and spice together and fold lightly into the mixture. Add the dried fruit and orange juice and fold in gently until evenly distributed.
5. Weigh 500g (1 lb) of the mixture and place into the prepared tin. Smooth the surface.
6. Take half of the almond paste and roll into a circle to fit the tin. Place it on top of the cake mixture in the tin. Cover the marzipan with the remaining cake mixture and smooth the surface.
7. Bake in the preheated oven for 1 hour 20 minutes or until a skewer inserted into the cake centre comes out clean. Leave in the tin to cool.
8. When cool, turn the cake out of tin and brush the top of the cake with the warm jam. Halve the remaining almond paste and roll one half to make a thin disc to cover the cake, then use the remaining to make 11 balls. Place the disc over the jam and stick the balls on with a little of the jam.
9. Turn your grill on to its highest setting. Brush the almond paste with the beaten egg and grill until the top is slightly brown.





## OXHILL CELEBRATES.....THE KING'S CORONATION STILL TIME TO DIG OUT YOUR BUNTING!

Thank you to those that have expressed an interest in celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III with an **Oxhill Coronation Big Lunch on Sunday 7th May**. As the ethos of the Big Lunch movement is about creating friendships, reducing loneliness and boosting community spirit, Jill and Colin Tucker will be hosting a table for those who might otherwise be on their own or who don't yet know anyone in the village. Additionally, it would be great for the village to come together and share part of their meal, so please organise your table's starters and mains, then bring a dessert / cheeseboard to add to a sharing dessert table.

This event is very much a DIY event – we'll provide the timing and the venue, you provide everything else you need, chairs, tables, crockery, gazebos, food, drink etc. The lunch will start around 1pm and it is expected that everyone will take all their rubbish home with them at the end.

I have already received an offer of some afternoon entertainment which will need a PA system. Maybe others will offer to organise some children's games, water volleyball, rounders? Back in 2016 when Oxhill held a similar event for the Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday, we had a "Royal" procession around the village to the lunch (see photos). It would be lovely to have a Coronation procession this year, meet at the church at midday? There



were also competitions for best dressed table and best homemade crown. If anyone feels inclined to organise some of these things, please contact me.

It would be a great help if you could let me know whether you intend to join in with the Oxhill Coronation Big Lunch Picnic. I will then reserve a space for your table. All offers of help and extra long gazebos will be gratefully accepted!

Ruth Mercer  
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*Photos of the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations in July 2016. See more photos of the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations under the Oxhill News tab on the village website:  
**[OxhillCommunity.co.uk](http://OxhillCommunity.co.uk)***



## 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OXHILL NEWS

50 YEARS

*In this month's snapshot of 50 years of the Oxhill News, we are republishing an article from November 2015, when an electrical pole on Main Street caught fire*

*Villager Lisa Connolly who lived beside the faulty pole wrote a wonderful article about the event.*

*~ ed.*

### November 2015 Oxhill News





## BONFIRE NIGHT CAME EARLY TO OXHILL THIS YEAR!



We thought we'd moved to a sleepy little village, when boom at 3am there's loud cracks, bangs and flashes of light outside. Literally the whole room would light up for a split second then we'd be plunged back into darkness, with the sound of deafening bangs. I thought the whole of the front of the house was on fire!

Wasn't sure whether to look out or not. We gingerly opened the curtains to see the pole a flame with what looked like a giant firework exploding at the top! We called the fire brigade, think most of the village did, thank goodness.

We were worried that the wires might burn through and drop onto our neighbours house. We couldn't walk round the front due to all the sparks so then we thought maybe we should hop over the 4 fences at the back to see if they wanted to come to ours, luckily the fire brigade arrived at that point so we didn't have to face the obstacle course of barbed wire. We've now swapped numbers just in case we have any more exciting end of the world events! Like us they'd never seen anything like this, however, we've subsequently heard it's quite a regular occurrence in Oxhill.

So watch out for those old pylons, you never know when they might go boom! Like our neighbours we were all kitted ready to escape out the back if need be. My hubby went outside sporting quite a combo of sunnies and dressing gown to check if it was a distraction tactic to steal anyone's oil, pretty extravagant tactics I thought! While I went to check on our bear of a dog Diesel who reassuringly wasn't bothered at all by the noise but was more upset about not being allowed out to meet everyone gathering out the front. It really was quite a show, should have sold tickets!

*Lisa Connolly*



## SHIPSTON BEEKEEPERS

Shipston Beekeepers are hosting an **Introduction to Beekeeping Course** over the weekend of **22nd & 23rd April** at Brailes Village Hall and Plum Tree Farm apiary.

Visit [www.sbka.org.uk](http://www.sbka.org.uk) to find out more and to book a place.

*Douglas Nethercleft*  
*secretary.shipston@wbka.org.uk*

### **Booking for our 2023 Introduction to Beekeeping course is now open**

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A 2 day Practical course led by a Master Beekeeper as a first step into the world of the apiarist, including the chance to inspect a colony of honey bees.  
Beesuits & equipment provided

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**Learn the basics in our 2 day course**





## *In the Wilds*

*Photos by Steve MacRae  
Wordsmith Karen MacRae*

On a recent trip to London, I saw a theatre poster advertising a production of Harper Lee's 'To Kill a Mockingbird'. It brought to mind seeing these wonderful birds on holiday some years ago. It also got me thinking that despite the fact that many, many people here will have read this wonderful book, few would know much about these birds - let alone what they look like - as they are not native to the UK

Mockingbirds are about the size of a thrush and there are about 17 species. They are only found in the Americas although there have been a few sightings in the UK, the most recent two years ago in Devon. They are well known for being great mimics, particularly of other birds but also of insects. It's believed this is how they earned their name.

The photograph is of a Northern Mockingbird and was taken in Cuba in 2012.



*While trawling through Ann Hales's notes, I found the attached which I thought made quite interesting reading. I assume Ann must have transcribed it from the original in the Record Office in Warwick. It would have been written by the Oxhill School headmistress, Dorothy Unett; in a separate note Ann's written:*

***"Jan 29th 1942 I Dorothy C.E. Unett have today resigned my post as Head Mistress of this school."***

*(This after many entries of complaint about unemptied lavatories about which she was tired of writing to the Managers: about pipes continually bursting; about repairs and maintenance left undone; also succession of petty pilferings from locked cupboards in the school).*

*Carol Clark*

## **EXTRACTS FROM OXHILL SCHOOL LOG 1939-1942**

### **1939**

- Apr 21      Received instructions from the Director about the evacuation of children from danger areas in the event of war.
- Sep 4        Opened school premises each day this week but no formal lessons or registration owing to the outbreak of war. No official evacuee children have been sent to this school yet.
- Sep 11      Reopened school this morning. 14 children present including 4 new children - 1 evacuee and three children from Tysoe who wish to attend a nearer school because of war. All 14 children brought their gas masks. Gave instructions re Air Raid warnings as no proper Air Raid shelter has been made in the village yet.
- Sep 12      Admitted three more new children evacuated from Stanmore, Middlesex. 50 cwt of coal delivered today.
- Nurse called to see if all gas masks fit properly. 4 of the children had left theirs at home. Of the other 13 some needed adjustment.
- Oct 2        The three evacuees from Middlesex were fetched back by their parents today. The children had been quite happy but the mothers were miserable without them.
- Oct 19      Dentist examined all 12 children but one baby who was asleep.



*Evacuee children in gas masks in Montgomeryshire, 1939*

## 1940

- Jan 19      Very bitter weather. Have been obliged to have 2 fires in the room all day and even then, water froze in a standing bucket in the room.
- May 15      S.A.O. (School Attendance Officer) called to see all children had their gas masks.
- May 17      School Nurse called and kindly adjusted strap of one of the gas masks.
- May 23      One room was used this afternoon for the distributing of Babies' gas masks for this district. Nurse Hodges superintended and an A.R.P [Air Raid Protection] warden was present.
- May 30      Have begun daily A.R.P practice at school.
- Jun 20      Have asked the caretaker to keep the screen back during these days of air raids as there is so much glass in it.



***Whatcote Church Bomb  
Damage:***

*The remains of the stained glass in a window in the chancel of Whatcote Church, which was damaged by bombing in the Second World War.*

- Jun 21      Have stopped blowing the whistle and ringing the school bell for Assembly but the result has been several children late each session.
- Jul 1        Admitted three more voluntary evacuees. Number on roll is now 18.
- Jul 10      On instruction from the Director I turned out all old registers and unimportant records (over 3 years old) and send them to be re-pulped for paper-making. Some of the records dated back to 1874. Have kept a few for historical reference.
- Jul 12      The usual summer holidays are to be cancelled. The Managers have decided to close the School from Friday, August 2 to Monday August 19th for a rest period only.
- Jul 23      Among the old papers sent for re-pulping we are asked from the Director not to destroy important records (including Form 9E of past years). Have taken care to obey these instructions.



- Jul 31 Under instruction from the Director included in a circular to Head Teachers and Managers, I have asked the Managers to have the school windows protected against flying glass in case of unexpected air-raids.
- Aug 27 Have bought splinter-net to protect the entire window of the small cloakroom so that we can have an emergency shelter in case of a sudden raid. Have put it up myself pending the arrival of the builders and the regulation linen tape.
- Sep 9 Admitted 2 more voluntary evacuees. Number on the roll is now 23.
- Sep 14 Received two rolls of linen tape from the County Office for protection of school windows. Sent the same to Mr. Groves who is superintendent of the work.
- Sep 19 Mr Quinton's men came to fix linen tape on school windows as a protection against air raids.
- Nov 4 Opened school with roll of 23. An assistant teacher started work to help. Have put the big glass screen across to divide the school into 2 rooms. Have asked Mr. Groves to have this screen fitted with adhesive tape like the windows have been in case of air raids.
- Nov 11 The adhesive tape has been fitted to the screen. Six more children admitted. The number on the roll is now 29.
- Nov 21 The Air Raid Wardens have grumbled about the caretaker using a light here in the early mornings, so we are to alter the time of morning Assembly to 9.30 from next Monday, November 25th.
- Dec 2 A group of evacuee boys from Coventry (Broad St. School) arrived unexpectedly tonight with a male teacher, Mr. Williams.
- Dec 3 Just for the time being have borrowed forms and whist drive tables for the evacuees. Mrs. Valender has offered the use of the Wesleyan schoolroom as we are overcrowded.
- Dec 12 3 bombs were dropped in a field about 50 yds from the school. Several sheep were killed, and windows and roofs of houses shattered. The school windows were slightly cracked and some plaster fell. Whatcote church was destroyed and there were 10 other bombs dropped in the district with no loss of life.
- Dec 17 Have had to move the evacuees to Wesleyan chapel as no desks arrived and they cannot manage indefinitely on forms. Also the lavatory accommodation here is inadequate for nearly 50 children.



*Photograph of children evacuating London that appeared in  
The Daily Herald 28th September 1938*

The Coventry boys are well behaved during lesson time with Mr. Williams but very troublesome in the cloakroom and the playground. I have had to complain about scribbling on classroom walls, throwing broken glass about in the playground, and general rowdyism. However when the usual routine of lessons is resumed they will probably settle down. During these 2 weeks, Mr Williams has only taken Arithmetic and English with them, with no P.T. or organised games to use up animal spirits.

Dec 18      Parents Day This afternoon about 50 parents and friends came to share in a short entertainment given by the children. Songs, poems, a sketch and carols were given by Oxhill children, and popular song-choruses by the Coventry boys. Everyone seemed to enjoy it and the Vicar gave a vote of thanks.

Dec 20      Closed school for Christmas holidays. The Oxhill children are to have a fortnight and the evacuees a week. During the 2nd week Mr. Williams and myself will share duties in having the Coventry boys at school for reading and games to relieve the foster mothers of extra strain.

## 1941

- Jan 20 Only eleven present because of deep snow. We kept the school open but did not mark the registers. Have removed the evacuee boys back to these premises as our numbers are now smaller.
- Jan 29 Four senior dual desks were sent today for use of evacuees.
- Feb 7 Am hoping to start the children with morning fresh milk as soon as Mr. Walter Clifton can supply it. Am using dried milk at present.
- Mar 3 The evacuee boys have started to work on a piece of allotment land on Mr. Heritage's farm up the Tysoe Road. They are going to grow vegetables.
- Mar 26 Have excluded Arthur Varney (evacuee boy from Coventry) from school today for Ringworm.
- Apr 15 Have heard from the Director that Mr. Williams has been recalled to Coventry. Have not yet heard what is to be done with the evacuee boys.
- Apr 21 Number on registers is 27 Oxhill children and 6 evacuees.
- Apr 28 Mr. Williams has left the village. Have not heard what is to be done with the boys yet.
- Mr. Ash called to discuss the idea of having a War Weapons Week here. A meeting is to be held in Shipston-on-Stour on May 1st. Unfortunately there is no bus or means of transport from Oxhill to Shipston.
- May 1st Had a lift to Shipston-on-Stour and attended the meeting re War Weapons Week. It was unanimously decided to raise £40,000 in the Shipston area.
- May 7 There are 28 children of all ages here from 3 to 14, plus 6 evacuee boys so it is very difficult to manipulate the lessons.
- May 23 The Senior Children gave a good concert in aid of War Weapons Week and realized £1.14s.0d.
- Jun 16 Three senior evacuee boys have gone to Tysoe Church of England Schools today. Two other boys should have gone, but the foster parents objected because of distance so they are staying here temporarily until some kind of transport can be arranged.
- Sep 2 Mr Quinton has replaced two panes of glass in school windows that were shattered by a bomb last winter.
- Oct 10 Have obtained a Milk Permit under the Milk in Schools Scheme for 6 gallons 2 pints of milk daily from Mr. W. Clifton, Greenhill Farm, Oxhill



Dec 11 Received 40 extra clothing coupons for Albert Harper who is 5' 10" (13 years old) and Arnold Vale (12 years old) who is 5' 3".

## 1942

Mar Warships Week The school is being used every evening this week for events during Warships Week. The desks and apparatus have all to be carried out every afternoon into the yard and brought back again. The W.I. Committee are responsible for the Warships Week and for the coal used.

Apr 13 Coupons 24 coupons must be sent in from this school (for materials used in needlework etc). Have sent in 14 coupons. The remainder must be sent in May.

Jun 3 The four desks which were sent for the use of the Coventry boys were collected today.



*Oxhill School 1930s. The teacher (centre back) is Miss French.*

## **Maintenance**

Maintenance never stops and in the hall trustees committee meeting this month we reviewed the long list of items that need to be done to keep the hall in good order for the benefit of the local community. This is an expensive number of items, including: replacement gas heater; stage curtain system; re-decoration; kitchen boiler; chairs and tables; several areas requiring refurbishment; and roof repairs (not including the main hall flat roof – currently ok, but a very worrying prospect when it needs replacing). And, like us all, we’re looking at a shocking renewal for the electricity contract.

Thank you for your continued support – there’s a common misconception that we’re the “Town Hall” and therefore a council building that our council tax bills fund – this isn’t the case, although we’re very grateful when we receive a council grant for one of the many items requiring attention. We’re very dependent on hiring fees, donations, and proceeds from the Traditional Jazz events we put on. On that front, it was very encouraging to see a sell-out for our event in February. As reported before, the proceeds from these are currently focused on one of our projects, providing “access for all” to the stage with a stage lift, and it’s great to report that we’re getting close to achieving the funding required. With prices increasing, we’re in negotiation to get the best deal possible and hope to report soon that this has got the go-ahead.

On the jazz front, at the time of writing, tickets for Tom “Spats” Langhams’s Hot Fingers are selling very well and we’re anticipating another sell-out, which is great news. Next up, we have the fabulous King Pleasure and the Biscuit Boys on Friday 21st April. Tickets are £15, available from [www.ticketsource.co.uk/townsend-hall](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/townsend-hall), where you can bag your own table and seating, or for general availability seating from Clarke Electrical Services in town.

There’s loads more going on: take a look at our website, [www.townsendhall.co.uk](http://www.townsendhall.co.uk), and follow us on FaceBook and Twitter for more.



**Tysoe Tennis Club**  
www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

Berkswell and Balsall Common A visited Tysoe to play the Ladies A team but Julie Smart & Lou Kramer were the only members available to play. They managed to win one rubber which they took on a championship tiebreak resulting in a 1 – 3 loss. The Ladies B travelled to Pershore and came back with a draw. Nicki Campbell and Elaine Thorne played brilliantly to win both of their rubbers. The next week the girls all played magnificently to win 4 – 0 against Kenilworth Jude Canning & Emily Dawber were a very strong combination absolutely annihilating their opposition.

Both mixed teams have recorded losses despite some strong play. The Mixed A lost to Warwick A and the Mixed B lost to Priors Marston A.

Website: <http://www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk/>

Email: [Carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:Carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk)

## **Babysitter Available!**

**I am available evenings and  
weekends.**

**I live in Oxhill so I am local, please  
email me if you're interested!**

**[freyaod5@gmail.com](mailto:freyaod5@gmail.com)**

**Freya O'Donnell**



## WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

So Spring is here after another cold spell which certainly pauses the breaking of the blossom! The Apricots are always the first trees to show their blossom and that happened right at the beginning of March. The damsons and plums are not far behind but the apple and pear buds are being a little reticent.

The weeding and caring for the soft fruit continue and the blueberries have been given a light prune. Amazingly the summer raspberries are struggling along and although there won't be the original bumper harvests like 10 years ago, we will enjoy some good fruit from early July onwards.

The bees have been attacked by wasps and we will have to restock if we want the usual good amount of honey which is appreciated by the members!

The wildlife population continues to increase and the number of birds and different species is very promising - so things are obviously working for all at the orchard.

If you would like to help out, perhaps learn new skills or help with events and get some great organic fruit why not contact us!

Find out more – contacts below or message us via the web site.

The Orchard is behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe.

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)  
website [www.wot2grow.co.uk](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk)





# WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

## APRIL

Thurs 6th	14:00-14:30	Mobile Library, outside Village Hall
Sat 22nd	19:30	Pies and Puds, The Old Chapel
Thurs 27th	14:00-14:30	Mobile Library, outside Village Hall
Thurs	11:45-12:00ish	Awesome Coffee Van, outside Peacock Pub

## PC MEETINGS

The date of the next PC Meeting is **Tuesday, 23 May, 2023 at 7.30pm**. This meeting will be held in the Old Chapel. The Agenda for the meeting will be shown on the PC Website or a physical copy will be displayed on the village Notice Board, on the wall of the Peacock, a few days before the meeting.

If you want any request to be included for consideration at the above meeting please send details to the Clerk ([oxhillpc@btinternet.com](mailto:oxhillpc@btinternet.com)) at least 10 days prior to the meeting to ensure that it is included on the publicly visible Agenda.

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



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## BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR

Check the date on the calendar to identify which bins go out for collection.

-  Food waste
-  Recycling
-  General refuse
-  Garden waste

April 2023						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	 7	8
9	10	11	12	13	 14	15
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