

THE OXHILL NEWS

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Three generations of Wixey women. Photo by Jackie Hatton

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**If you would like to list your club or group in the Oxhill News
please send details to oxhill.news.editor@gmail.com**

THANK YOU TO THE OXHILL NEWS COURIERS



One of our long serving Oxhill News couriers, Pat Crowther, is retiring. Pat has been delivering the Oxhill News longer than I have been editing the magazine, over 10 years. Thank you Pat, your help has been greatly appreciated all these years.

Almost all of the Oxhill News couriers have been delivering the magazine for longer than I have been editing. So a big thank you to all of the hard working, pavement pounding couriers for your years of service.

ed.

MADE IN OXHILL

ARTS ❄️

CRAFTS

Pop Up SHOP

**THE OLD CHAPEL
OXHILL**

**FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
6PM - 8PM**

MINCE PIES AND MULLED WINE

**SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
11AM - 4PM**

TEA, COFFEE & CAKES

**GIFTS
CARDS
BAGS
CUSHIONS
ARTWORK
KNITTED GOODS
HOMEMADE
JAMS & HONEY
ALPACA GOODS
AND MORE!**

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH FOR NOVEMBER

November, a Season of Remembering

In November we remember those dear to us – those that we knew personally and have lost, possibly many years ago; those great saints of the church who are part of our greater community, and to whom we owe an enormous debt of thanks; and those who died and suffered for us as a nation and as communities, and to whom, of course, we also offer an enormous debt of thanks.



We remember with love and with sorrow, giving thanks for their lives and their sacrifices, and praying for them and their families. And in our minds this year, as well as past conflicts, will also be the current conflicts in our world, particularly those in Israel and Gaza, and those in Ukraine. As we pray for all those who suffer, we pray too for peace, and an end to suffering; and for wisdom and courage for all the world leaders involved.

Let us go from this place
with minds that never forget:
those whom we have loved,
those whom we remember,
those who gave, and give, themselves for us;
with hearts that grow in hope,
with lives that shine Christ's light.

Let us go to serve,
to reconcile,
to bring peace
and to stand united
as children of the light.

And may the blessing of God,
creator, Peacemaker, Peace-bringer,
go with us all
this day and every day.

Roddy Hamilton, Spill the Beans, Winter

Church Services in St Lawrence' Church in November

Thursday, 2nd November All Souls' Day

11.00 am **Special Service of Remembering in St George's, Brailes.**

If you would like the name of your loved one to be read out, could you please add it to the list in the back of Church.

Sunday, 5th November All Saints' Day

9.30 am Holy Communion, George Heighton

2.00 pm Baptism of Rupert Havers Jill Tucker

Sunday, 12th November Remembrance Sunday

3.30 pm Service of Remembrance George Heighton

Sunday, 19th November Second Sunday before Advent

9.30 am Morning Worship Jennie Rake

Sunday, 26th November Christ the King

6.30 pm Evening Worship Jill Tucker

Jill Tucker

MADE IN OXHILL POP-UP ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP

This year, we are trialling new opening hours for our Made in Oxhill Pop-Up Arts and Crafts Shop. Join us at the Old Chapel for a browse and Mulled Wine and Mince Pies from 6pm to 8pm on Friday 24th November or for tea, coffee and cakes from 11am to 4pm on Saturday 25th November, or visit on both days! There will be many stalls selling gifts, bags, artwork, cards, knitted goods, cushions, home produce, cakes, and more, all produced locally. Please come along and have a look around. You might be able to do all your Christmas shopping without leaving Oxhill and support local entrepreneurs at the same time!

Could you spare an hour or two to help serve refreshments or run a stall? Please contact me if you can help in this way.

If you are able to donate items for the home produce stall or can bake a cake for the refreshments, you can deliver them to me beforehand or to the Chapel from 4pm on Friday 24th November and during the event. All donations would be most welcome!

Ruth Mercer

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CHURCH FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

QUIZ NIGHT

While many were watching some Rugby match or other, over 70 willing participants gathered in the Old Chapel to pit their wits against the Church Fundraising Quiz Writer. We were extremely fortunate to have retained the services of an extremely professional Quizmaster who certainly made the evening very entertaining. The supper during the break was plentiful and well received and the bar was practically drunk dry. There were probably a few sore heads the next morning! As the scores were collected from the final rounds, three teams were battling for first position, but the last table to announce their scores pipped them to the post by 2 points. Congratulations to Team Rowdy Rouse who were Karen, Stuart, Ian, Caroline and Belinda. Belinda was also in last year's winning team. I imagine that teams are already trying to book her for next year...

Thank you to everyone who supported the event.



Quiz Night winners the Rowdy Rouse

These events take a lot of hard work from a dedicated, industrious team and I want to thank Carol, Gaida, Jerry, Lis, Linda, Alice and Jon for all their help in planning, setting up the tables and chairs, preparing the food, washing and clearing up; James and Linda for bar duties; Carol, Carol, Lis, Gaida, Linda, Sue, Lucy, Alice and Ali for providing all the delicious home-baked cakes; Alice for poster design. There would be no events like the quiz without this hardworking team. Thank you for all you do through the year as well. Lastly, a massive thank you to Iain Macpherson for being an excellent Quizmaster, giving up his Saturday evening and bringing his own PA equipment too. We are so fortunate that he is happy to return as Quizmaster every year as he is an absolute star, keeping everyone entertained all evening. Thank you again, Iain. It just wouldn't be the same without you.

Ruth Mercer



Here are some of the scary Halloween decorations in the village.





We are proud we have a positive and healthy junior membership at the Tennis Club, and our August junior coaching sessions proved very popular again. Our summer camps were fully subscribed and three coaches were kept busy running these sessions.

In addition, the free taster sessions were designed for local children of junior school age-again all were well attended through August and hopefully inspired some youngsters to pick up a racket on an ongoing basis.

In addition we opened the club on the day of the Flower Show and invited juniors to be challenged by the “ball machine” being fed by club members . Some great hitting was demonstrated by budding players, and it is very encouraging to see so many future tennis players enjoying the club facilities.

For adult members, the season ended with the annual club tournament - a very active afternoons tennis culminating with the final four players meeting in a close final. Congratulations to our eventual winners, Liz Finlyson and Julie Smart.

We are entered into various “winter leagues “ this coming season, with womens and mixed doubles teams - reports to come in due course.

Social Tennis takes place every Sunday morning and Tuesday evenings - all welcome if interested in joining the club!

Club Secretary: Carol Spencer email: carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk



The final four in the tournament!

THE BEGINNING OF THE LOCKMASTER CANAL MAPS

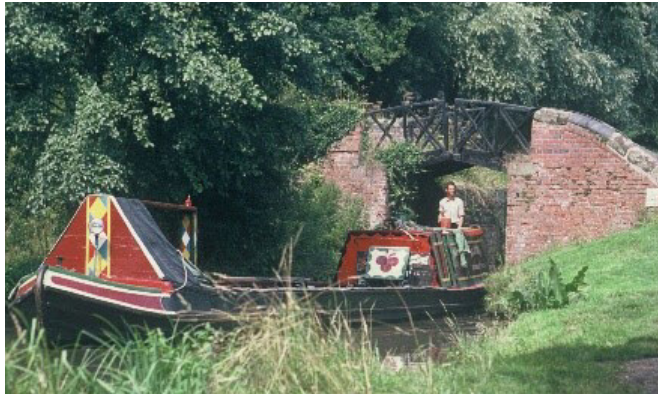
by Jane Smith

In 1972 Doug Smith and I moved into a semi derelict, barrel roofed lock cottage on the Stratford canal in Rowington. Mains water was installed while we were on our honeymoon which saved us from having a waterfall in the hall every time we filled the water tank in the

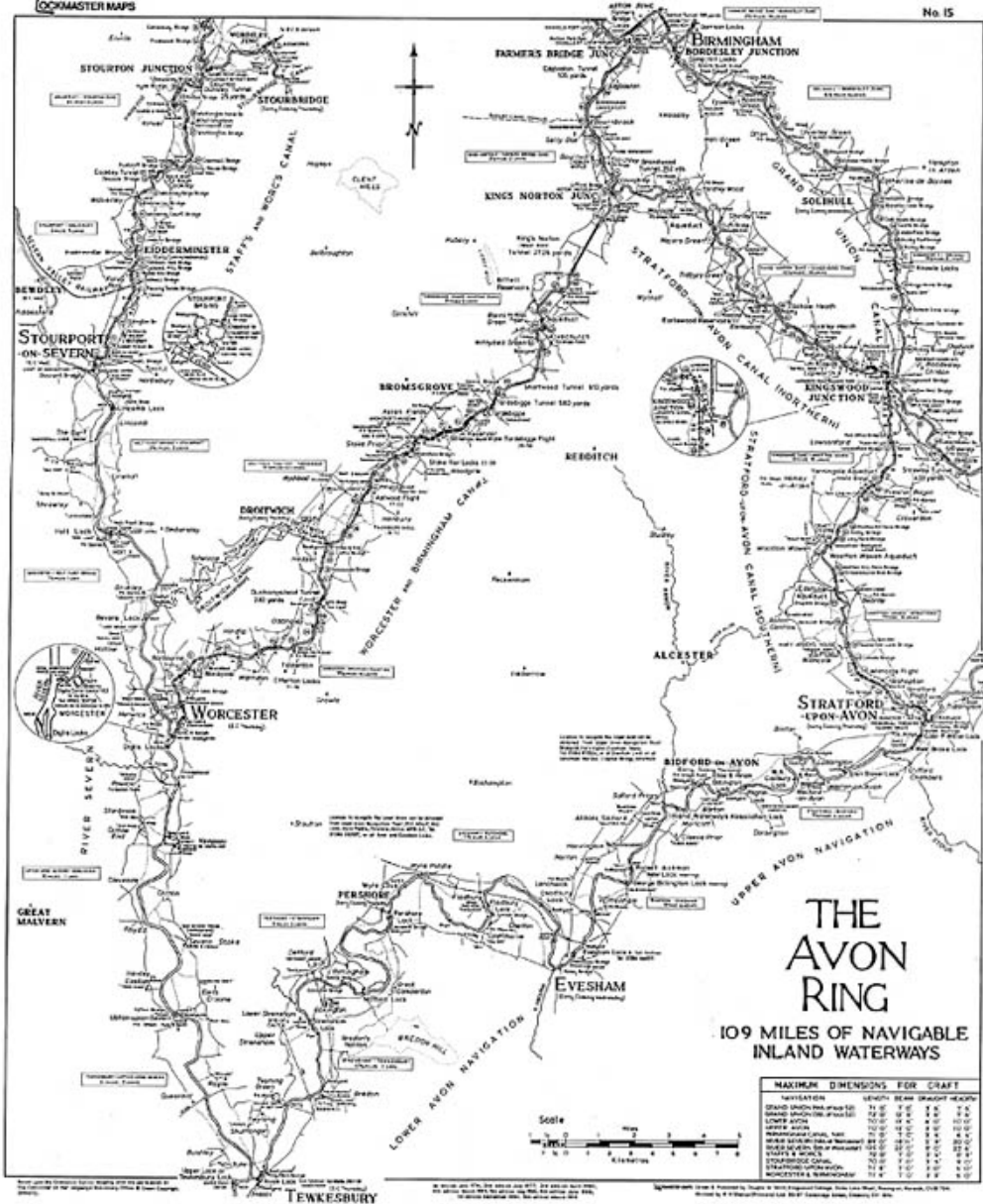
loft. This came from the stream which ran through the garden and the overflow pipe was a smaller diameter than the input!



Doug was a self-employed land surveyor and within weeks had a job for the M40 in the field opposite – not picked up on the searches when we bought the cottage!!! Then in 1974, just after the birth of our daughter Jackie – all of his work dried up with the onset of the oil crisis which brought motorway building to a halt. In an effort to keep hold of the cottage which we loved, we started to sell anything possible to the passing canal traffic. If we sold 120 bread rolls a day (Doug would get up at 6.00 am to get the first batch started) we covered the mortgage, then sales of cakes and home grown veg added to the coffers. Doug knew the canals inside out so added canal books to our sales. I taught myself to paint the traditional roses and castles then anything that passed under our noses got decorated and the empty Heinz baby food tins became miniature painted Bucky cans !!!



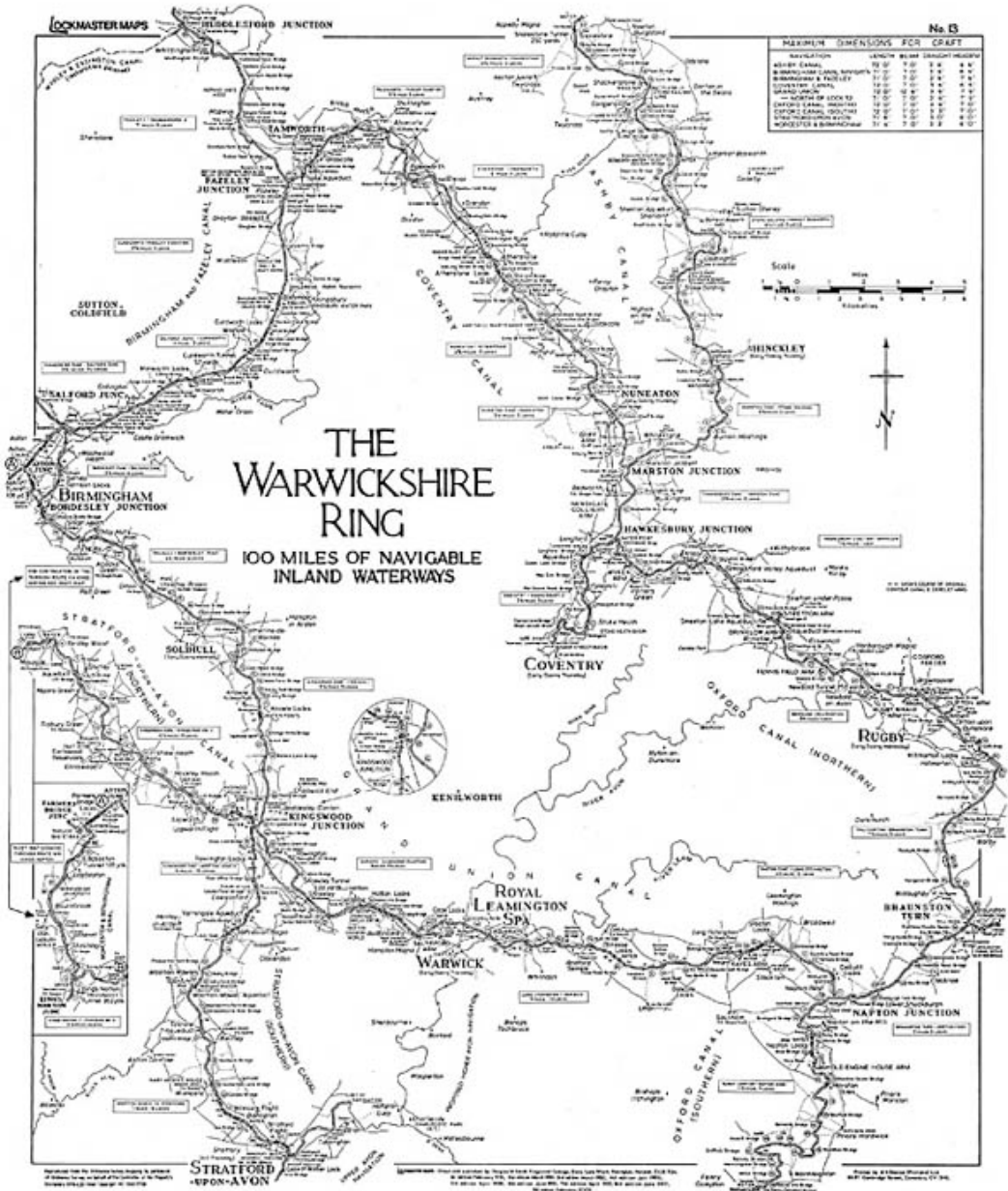
As the southern Stratford canal had only recently been restored for navigation, I suggested Doug drew a map of it. That sparked his imagination and Lockmaster Maps was founded. The first map – The Avon



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Ring – was drawn at 1" to the mile but we soon found that it was too large for practical use so the following maps were drawn at that scale but reduced to half the scale for sale. Each map was put into a plastic sleeve (an incredibly tedious job for which we eventually employed several of our friend's children) and sold flat. It was very exciting every time he returned home with news of the day's sales as boatyards reacted very favourably to them.

Doug took on a surveying job for the local council to keep us afloat but as he increased the number of maps and sales grew, he needed to devote more time to them. However, giving up



the council job was scary as there was a financial shortfall. To cover this we started up a private hire taxi service. Oh boy!!! We had two children by now and were still running the shop from the cottage selling more and more canal inspired goodies. I was painting a lot of different things, lanterns, wooden stalls, cans etc. and we had added postcards, tea towels, pottery, playing cards, coasters etc with our own designs most of which Doug also wholesaled. If he was out selling and we got a call for the cab, I would shut the shop putting a 'Back Later' sign up, fit the children into the taxi and go and do the run. Doug's father

loaned us the money to buy a black cab and Doug fitted a seat for the children in the front luggage hold (I can't think that would pass safety rules now). The cottage loft no longer became large enough to store everything so we bought two obsolete British Rail carriages as warehouses. One of these had been a gunpowder wagon so as Doug renovated it little rivers of flame would go ahead of the blow torch!!! The passenger wagon had to be lined out for insulation and eventually I moved into a part of this to do the painted ware.

Doug went on to survey the whole of the UK's inland waterways system on his bicycle, taking notes of locks, bridges, amenities, shops and public houses along the way. On his return to Kingswood Cottage he would meticulously draw each map by hand using Rotring pens to define the routes he'd travelled, hand drawing every detail and hand writing every place name using his calligraphy skills.

We divorced in 1991 but he stayed in the cottage and ran the business as long as he was able. It was then sold to other canal wholesalers.

In 2019, our son Rob was offered the chance to take back the map business and he has started to revise them digitally. It is lovely that it has returned to the family and that he has the skills and desire to carry it on.

And the fun continues!!! Last year Rob was approached by a Birmingham based distillers to see if they could use the Black Country canal map on their new bottles – originally B RUM but as the range of drinks has expanded so the name has been changed to WMD (West Midlands Distillers). The bottle for the black spiced rum is dramatic.

Further information can be found at www.lockmastermaps.co.uk



Pantomime time is nearly here - oh no it isn't!

One of the highlights of the winter is a trip from Oxhill to the last night of the pantomime at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry. The panto is written and directed by Oxhill resident Iain Macpherson (also known as Iain Lauchlan), who stars as the pantomime dame!

Ian has reserved 100 tickets for the performance of **Cinderella at 7pm on Saturday 13th January, 2024**. As in previous years, I have organised a coach to leave the village about 5.30pm and arrive in time for a drink at the theatre before the performance. We will get back to Oxhill around 10.30/10.45pm. The cost of the panto tickets will be £35.50 for adults and £30.50 for children.

The cost of the coach is not yet known - it depends on how many people sign up for the coach (last year the coach was £7.50 a seat & £4 for children) Payment for tickets will be needed before the end of November.

Please contact Ali Sayer on 07970 922352 or ali.sayer@btinternet.com if you would like tickets for the panto and if you would use the coach.



CURRY NIGHT

Saturday 18th November at 7:30pm



Only £20
for 3 courses,
including your choice(s)
from a superb
selection of
homemade Indian
dishes

Tickets from
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Oxhill Village Hall

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

by Ali Sayer

We had a record number taking part in this year's Progressive Supper - 68 people in total, including a few newcomers to the village. A big thank you to all the hosts who provided a Mediterranean-themed starter, main course or dessert, and to everyone who helped with setting up and clearing up. The feedback has been brilliant and we couldn't have done it without your help.

If you'd like to know what happens on the night, here's **Karen MacRae's** experience:

I'd listened in committee meetings and even put together the ads, but as someone who hadn't actually attended a Progressive Supper before, I wasn't at all sure what it would be like.

It all started in The Old Chapel with drinks, a chatter of expectation and a few nerves. Who would we be dining with? What if we didn't like the food? What if we didn't know anyone? How on earth did this all work? At 7.45pm, envelopes were handed out containing the names of our starter hosts. And off Steve and I popped next door but one, to Jane and Gren's beautiful home. The next hour flew by as they expertly and graciously hosted and fed their six guests with a fabulous selection of tapas featuring tuna and the biggest butterbeans I've ever seen (I want that recipe, Gren!). With Ruth and Liz both hosting main courses, there were only two new envelopes to be opened: one for Jane and Gren, and one for us. And we were late!

Thankfully, Steve and I had the car outside because our next stop was Oxhill Manor. As we flew down the lane, we noticed a car ahead bouncing along just as fast - it was Debbie and Alastair. I'm not sure how they managed to be so unflustered when their guests arrived, but what charming hosts they were! And what a generous main course they managed to serve with no time at all. All, of course, enjoyed with a glass or two of excellent wine in that beautifully restored dining room - what a treat!

A bit like Cinderella, I spotted the time and regretfully had to do a runner: we were due back at the Chapel and I was supposed to be manning the bar. I needn't have worried. Everyone was having far too much fun to fret about schedules and guests didn't start to trickle in until 10.15pm for dessert, and a little more booze and conversation to round off the evening. I was much too full for dessert, but the number of empty bowls was

testament to the success of the trifle, sorbet, tarts and cakes. I know that Steve made a fair dent in them all by himself!

What a wonderful event. Thank you, Ali. Please sign us up for 2024!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Curry Night, Saturday 18th November at 7:30pm, The Old Chapel
- Seniors' Christmas Lunch, Monday 11th December, Venue TBC
- Beer & Bubbles, Friday 22nd December at 7:30pm, Venue TBC



Oxhill Village Hall progress photos for November.

It's nearly that
Beer & Bubbles
time of the year!



Friday
22nd December
7:30pm

alisayer@btinternet.com

OXHILL CHRISTMAS ADVENT WINDOWS

1ST - 24TH DECEMBER

More windows needed!

If you would like to take part, please contact:
Adrian Stuart (community face book)
Lis Stuart 07538865789 or Lis.stuart@outlook.com.
Thank you



NEW NOTICE BOARD

As you will hopefully have noticed we have a new notice board on the corner by the village hall. Thanks go to Iain for doing such a superb job of making it. Thanks also go to Councillor Mills who awarded the project a grant requiring only a small contribution from the Parish Council to make up the total cost.

The board is divided into 3 sections.



One for the Parish Council that is locked as the Parish Council is required legally to display information for specific time spans and this is difficult on an open noticeboard when things get covered up or removed.

The middle section is for the Village Hall and any public notices which can be dropped off at the key holders marked 'for the notice board'.

The final section is for local events, again items can be dropped off at the keyholders to be displayed.

The key holders for the Village Hall/ Notices are:

Jo Collings, Church View, Green Lane.

Ali Sayer, Briargate, Main Street.

For Events:

Ruth Mercer, Struan, Whatcote Road.

Lis Stuart, Oak View, Green Lane.

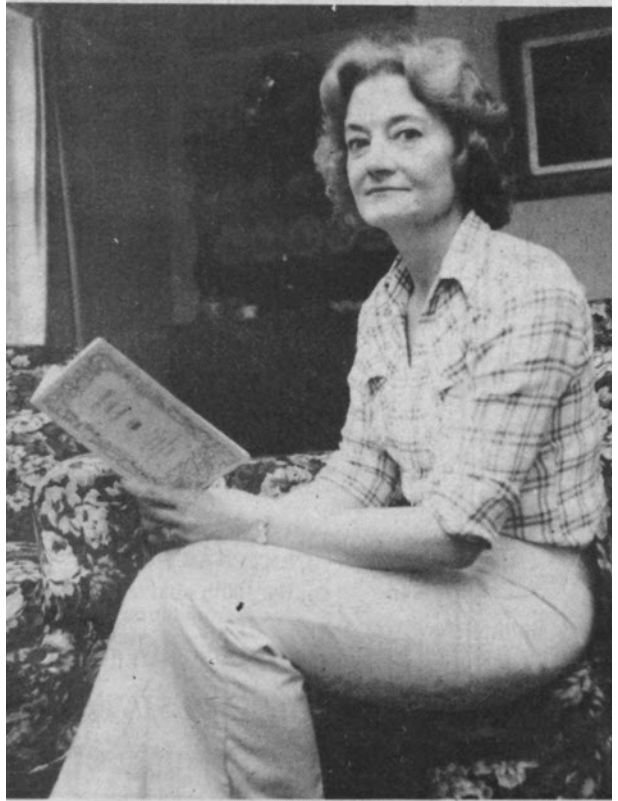
The notice board by the pub will remain open and can be accessed at any time for anyone wanting to put something up directly on the noticeboard or to duplicate something.

50 YEARS

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE OXHILL NEWS

Betty Smith, co-founder and first editor of the Oxhill News, requested 'Letters to the Editor' in early 1974. We are republishing her requests, as well as, the first (and probably most interesting) letter she received.

ed.



March 1974 Oxhill News

A REMINDER. The Oxhill News would be delighted to hear from you. Anything. You can remain anonymous if you like, so long as I know who you are. Copy by 26th of each month please.

July 1974 Oxhill News

NB. The Editor (Poor Soul) would like to start a letters to the Editor column. This has, in fact, been requested, but unfortunately she never gets any. How can she start such a column without help. Would you care to write a 'Letter to the Editor' - even a rude one?.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR. (Yes - I actually had one).

From Nom de Guerre, of Warwick Road, Stratford upon Avon.

Dear Editor - Your invitation for correspondents is irresistible, particularly since you set no parochial limits. As one who passes through your village regularly and can claim some local knowledge, I wonder what sort of people you really are in Oxhill. On the first page of the July issue is a long moan from the Parish Council about little bins, substandard water supply and incompletd bridge works, followed by a plea on behalf of the Village Hall, whose committee are apparently trying, against odds, to make the place habitable.

Then on page two we read the underlying reproach to the majority of your parishioners who ignore their lovely old Church and the energies of the few who maintain it.

On page three the militants really get going with more noise about rate injustices than is heard from many a large community.

Then to crown it all, on page four is the scrap of complacent nonsense trying to show a completely different picture. Either there are two factions in Oxhill, neither knowing how the other half lives, or somebody is getting at you for your smug self satisfaction.

Dear Nom de Guerre. - I am delighted to receive your letter. It is the first I have ever had in this capacity! I must answer your points in order. Firstly, a factual report of a Parish Council meeting does not, in my opinion, constitute a 'moan'. The Council is a responsible and conscientious body doing its best to attend to legitimate complaints from residents. That is what it exists for. The Village Hall Committee are working exceedingly hard to IMPROVE the village hall. It is already habitable and wonderfully clean, but we all know that some improvement work is vital. However, I have no doubt at all that this will be achieved. The same applies to your comments about our Church, and with regard to the 'Rates moan', well this was more or less a national one, and apparently did not fall entirely on stony ground, according to the mini-budget of last week.

'Smug' according to my dictionary means 'studiously neat and self satisfied'. Are we that? I don't really think so - well, perhaps just a little. After all, it is not fashionable to be content with ones lot, is it? But, after this, I'll only be smug in alternate issues, and if I am tempted to be 'happy' when I look out over our fertile valley on a bright sunny morning, then I'll draw the curtains again and going inside, I'll dwell on the hell of having to live in a back to back terrace house in the east end of one of our major industrial cities - I promise.

Incidentally, the piece to which you refer was written by our well known local contributor - A.Non. Ed.

More letters please on any subject under the sun! From anybody.

WOT2 GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD



APPLE DAY – 14 October

Apple Day was originally initiated nationwide in 1990 by Common Ground.

“The aspiration was to create a calendar custom, an autumn holiday. From the start, Apple Day was intended to be both a celebration and a demonstration of the variety we are in danger of losing, not simply in apples, but in the richness and diversity of landscape, ecology and culture too. It has also played a part in raising awareness in the provenance and traceability of food.”

www.commonground.org.uk/apple-day



We have continued this tradition at the community orchard, and on a sunny, but chilly, Saturday there was much chopping (mainly adults) and pressing (adults and children) of lots of apples – both from the orchard and those that people brought along from their own gardens. Everyone also enjoyed yummy homemade cakes along with cups of tea or freshly pressed apple juice.

Membership is open to all for a small fee. This entitles you to lots of lovely organic fruit throughout the growing season and an opportunity to contribute to the continued benefits of this wonderful resource.



See www.commonground.org.uk/community-orchards

The orchard is next to the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe. To find out more please use contacts below or message us via the website: www.wot2grow.co.uk

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)

Allison Aves



SHIPSTON HOME NURSING

Shipston Home Nursing Christmas Gift Fair
Tuesday 14th (4pm – 7.30pm) & Wednesday 15th November
(9.30am – 3pm)
Ettington Community Centre

Our annual gift fair is back, at Ettington Community Centre! We have a fabulous range of stalls this year with stall holders including Rebecca Tracey, Cotton and Gems, The Cotswold Shed, Spirit of Ilmington, Paddox Flowers and many more. There's something for everyone, from stylish clothes and homeware to jewellery and Christmas cakes. We'll also have a food hall, and be serving soup on the Wednesday lunchtime. For further information, visit www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk



Strictly Come Caroling
Saturday 2nd December, 7.30pm
Holy Trinity Church
Stratford upon Avon

We're delighted to be hosting a charity carol concert at Holy Trinity Church in Stratford upon Avon, with all proceeds raised coming to Shipston Home Nursing and The Royal Orthopaedic Charity. Join us for a night of fun, joyful cheer and audience participation with musical director Julian Harris at the helm. We will be joined by actor Anton Lesser, soprano Mollie Smith and organist Adrian Moore as we welcome the festive season with well-loved carols and readings.

For further information and to book tickets, visit www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk

Shipston Home Nursing Christmas Craft Fair
Friday 8th December (10.30am – 5pm)
Brailes Village Hall

A new event for Shipston Home Nursing, our Christmas Craft Fair showcases the talents of local artisan businesses. We'll have a wide range of stalls selling wonderful gifts for Christmas, alongside mulled wine, tea, coffee, mince pies and cake throughout the day! For further information, visit www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk



*Strictly
Come
Carolling*

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE CAROL TO BE SUNG

Charity carol concert in aid of Shipston Home Nursing
and Royal Orthopaedic Charity.

Join us for a night of fun and joyful cheer with audience participation


SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH
STRATFORD UPON AVON
7.30PM

Soprano **Conductor** **Reader** **Organist**
Mollie Smith **Julian Harris** **Anton Lesser** **Adrian Moore**

ADULTS £20 | UNDER 16's £5 | CHOIR £10
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk

If you are unable to book online please contact
fundraising@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk
who will be able to assist you.

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SHIPSTON FLOWER CLUB

PRESENTS

Made for Christmas

*a demonstration by
the renowned*

Lee Berrill



on

Tuesday, 14th November, 2023,

7.00 for 7.30 pm

at

Shipston on Stour Primary School,
Station Road, CV36 4BT

Visitor Entry £6

Refreshments will be available as well as a raffle (of demonstrated flower arrangements) and a 'win a prize every time' Pretty Parcels

Tombola

WARWICKSHIRE MOBILE LIBRARY

NEW VEHICLES COMING SOON!

Two brand new mobile library vehicles - fuelled entirely by electricity - will be arriving in early 2024. They will be a similar size to the current vehicles and offer the same reliable service, whilst being fitted with a lift each to provide improved accessibility for customers.

In preparation for the new electric vehicles, we will be making some changes to the existing mobile library timetables.

We're giving homes a HUG

Fully funded energy efficiency improvements are available in your area - now!

Turn over to see how you could benefit from this government grant funding.



The Home Upgrade Grant is ready!



Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Act on Energy are working together to help you reduce your energy bills and make your home warmer and more energy efficient.

You may be eligible if you meet all the following criteria:

- ▶ you own the home you live in
- ▶ your property is not connected to the mains gas network for heating
- ▶ your home has an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) of rating D, E, F or G. You can check yours online at www.epcregister.com. We can provide you with a free EPC assessment if you haven't got a valid one
- ▶ your combined annual household income is under £31,000 (gross)

The District Council has received government funding to pay for energy efficiency measures for eligible households.

Depending on the type of fuel you use to heat your home and your property type, you could have energy efficiency and/or clean heat measures installed.

All grants are subject to eligibility criteria, funding availability and technical survey.

Get in touch now!

0800 988 2881

advice@actonenergy.org.uk

www.actonenergy.org.uk





Answers on back page. Good luck!!

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| 1. Body snatchers Burke and Hare roamed the streets of which city? | |
| 2. Whose ghost is said to walk around the Tower of London's White Tower with her head under her arm? | |
| 3. Which region of central Romania do we normally associate with Dracula? | |
| 4. Mildred Hubble is a protagonist in which book series by Jill Murphy? | |
| 5. Is a pumpkin a fruit or vegetable? | |
| 6. Which seventeenth-century merchant ship is said to haunt the high seas? | |
| 7. Which vegetable drink is a favourite of the students of Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry? | |
| 8. What is a lycanthrope better known as? | |
| 9. Which well-known Victorian author, who helped to popularize the mystery of the <i>Mary Celeste</i> , had a longstanding interest in paranormal phenomena? | |
| 10. Which continent are vampire bats found on: Africa, Asia, or South America? | |
| 11. Which 16th Century witch was born in a cave in Knaresborough, Yorkshire? | |
| 12. The white mask worn by Michael Myers in the <i>Halloween</i> series of films, was actually a white painted mask of which fictional 1960s TV character? | |
| 13. Fruit bats are commonly known by what other name? | |
| 14. The term 'zombie' comes from the folklore of which country? | |
| 15. Which actress played the character Laurie Strode in the film <i>Halloween</i> ? | |

16. 'Double, double toil and trouble; Fire burn and cauldron bubble' are lines from which Shakespeare play?	
17. How many ghosts visited Ebenezer Scrooge in the novela 'A Christmas Carol'?	
18. They are first mentioned in <i>One Thousand and One Nights</i> and the name comes from the Arabic and Persian 'to seize'. What are they?	
19. What's the name of the series of four vampire-themed fantasy romance novels by American writer Stephenie Meyer?	
20. What do vampire bats actually solely feed on: (a) insects, (b) fruit, or (c) blood?	
21. Ghost Town spent three weeks at number one in 1981. It was released by which band?	
22. The story of Dracula is said to have been inspired by which 15th-century Wallachian Prince?	
23. The Salem witch trials took place in which American colonial province in the 1690s?	
24. Which popular trick-or-treating candy gets its name from a sports game?	
25. What was the first name of the scientist Frankenstein in Mary Shelley's book?	
26. Traditionally what sort of bullet is supposed to kill a werewolf?	
27. The Grim Reaper is normally depicted carrying a what?	
28. Which book by Ira Levin was the bestselling horror novel of the 1960s?	
29. Who is the female presenter of the <i>Most Haunted</i> British TV series?	
30. In 2022, which British politician offered a formal apology to people accused of witchcraft?	
31. Which beast mentioned in the bible in the Book of Job, has come to be used for an extremely large or powerful entity?	



WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

NOVEMBER

Wed 1st	14:30-14:50	Mobile Library, outside Village Hall
Tues 14th	19:00	Shipston Flower Club, Lee Berrill demonstration
Tues 14th	16:00-19:30	Christmas Gift Fair, Ettington Community Centre
Wed 15th	9:30-15:00	Christmas Gift Fair, Ettington Community Centre
Sat 18th	19:30	Curry Night, The Old Chapel
Fri 24th	18:00-20:00	Made in Oxhill Pop Up Shop, The Old Chapel
Sat 25th	11:00-16:00	Made in Oxhill Pop Up Shop, The Old Chapel
Wed 29th	14:30-14:50	Mobile Library, outside Village Hall
Every Thursday	11:45	Coffee Morning, Peacock Pub

PC MEETINGS

The date of the next PC Meeting is **Tuesday, 14 November, 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.



1.	Edinburgh	17.	Four
2.	Anne Boleyn	18.	Ghous
3.	Transylvania	19.	Twilight
4.	Worst Witch	20.	Blood
5.	Fruit	21.	The Specials
6.	The Flying Dutchman	22.	Vlad the Impaler
7.	Pumpkin juice	23.	Massachusetts
8.	A werewolf	24.	Skittles
9.	Arthur Conan Doyle	25.	Victor
10.	South America	26.	A silver bullet
11.	Mother Shipton	27.	Scythe
12.	Captain James T. Kirk	28.	Rosemary's Baby
13.	Flying Foxes	29.	Yvette Fielding
14.	Haiti	30.	Nicola Sturgeon
15.	Jamie Lee-Curtis	31.	Behemoth
16.	Macbeth		



BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR

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

- General refuse
- Garden waste
- Food waste
- Recycling