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Myrtle at the Village Christmas Lunch 2015.

MYRTLE KNIGHT

MYRTLE'S FUNERAL AT ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, 12 APRIL, 12:00 NOON

It was with great sadness that we received the news that Myrtle died very peacefully surrounded by her children on Mothering Sunday. She was such a huge part of village life until she moved to be nearer to her family a year ago, and we all remember her with great affection, and occasional amusement! She will be coming home to Oxhill for the funeral, which will be at St Lawrence Church on Friday, April 12th at 12.00 noon. At Myrtle's request, please wear bright colours.

Myrtle moved to Oxhill in 1985 and it is fair to say that she threw herself into village life. She told me in later years that, as a single middle-aged lady, life wasn't going to come looking for her so she had to go out and grasp life with both hands. There was rarely a social event in the village that Myrtle didn't attend and she was always prepared to stand up and recite a poem or read some suitable prose. When there was a Toddler Group in the village, she would often come and have a cup of tea with us and was always keen to help with Toddlers Sports Day. She started a Mobile Library Coffee Morning with occasional plant sale which only came to an end when the Mobile Library changed its time. Up until the first pandemic lockdown, Myrtle had a social life the envy of most people half her age. It was quite common for her to have three social engagements in one day. She was a member of St. Lawrence's

Church, Tysoe WI, one of Oxhill's book clubs, played Bridge, and started Oxhill's Gardening Club because there wasn't one. She was a very knowledgeable gardener which showed in her garden that was always beautiful, a typical cottage garden and she loved it.

In later years, Myrtle was deeply frustrated by her diminishing sight and hearing. The sight loss robbed her of her independence and also her ability to read all the books and magazines she loved so much. She refused to be defeated and was still walking around the village almost daily until she moved. She was still keen not to miss out on any social events, even coming in to the Old Chapel while a meeting was taking place, just in case she was missing out on tea and cake!

I visited Myrtle weekly in the last few years of her life in Oxhill. Although life was getting more challenging for her, we always ended up having a good laugh. She had a wonderful sense of humour and infectious laugh. She will be very fondly remembered.



Ruth Mercer



Myrtle playing Boules in July 2014.

The Oxhill News was pleased to tell Myrtle's story over 3 issues in 2022 (September, October & November). Below is an edited extract from the November 2022 issue. If you wish to read more, all Oxhill News issues are available on our village website: OxhillCommunity.co.uk

“Everybody between the age of about 21 and 30 had been in the war. Very rarely you'd come across somebody who hadn't. When I first went to school the headmistress stood on stage and said, “Now, girls, when you go home on the train, you are not to speak to anybody unless they're in uniform.” But everyone was in uniform, the world was in uniform.

I was 21 when I left college and started working as an occupational therapist at Rooksdown, a plastic surgery unit in Basingstoke. I was still a child. It had a very, very great impression on me to see the bravery of these men, because of what had happened to them in war.

Sir Harold Gillies was the plastic surgeon at Rooksdown. He was a pioneer in the field. He started plastic surgery at a hospital in Sidcup during WW1, which is where my father was the chaplain. My father had very good memories of Harold and was amazed when I went to work with him in the next war.

I called the plastic surgeons in the second world war, magicians. We saw the sort of things at Rooksdown that nobody nowadays ever sees, the most terrible sights. Soldiers who had been injured in the war. If there had been an explosion and they had been in a boiler room of a ship or a cockpit of a plane, or any enclosed space, they frequently lost their eyebrows and most of their hair or much worse.

Rooksdown was definitely a community where everybody there did their bit in quite uneventful ways, like the girls who answered the telephone, would go shopping and bring things back for the men. There was a wonderful sense of community. Everybody pulled together. It was the most remarkable time of my life.”



Myrtle, front left, in the Christmas Choir 2015

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

We come now into what is described as The Easter Season. Thank you to everyone involved in making the church so beautiful for Easter. These weeks after Easter are a time of reflection about the new reality – Jesus had died, but now he was with them in new ways. What does the death and resurrection of Jesus mean to me? How might the new life that he promises impact my life? What difference might his continued presence make to me?



Resucito!

He is risen

and he makes his home
in me.

I do not have to invite him,
implore him,
or beg him to enter.

He is
already there.

Within my vulnerable, wounded
self
the Christ has made his home.
Infinitely closer is he
than I could ever
imagine.

He is alive.
I am alive;
no longer I
but Christ in me.

*From Resucito, Pat Marsh, The
gift of a cross.*

CHURCH SERVICES IN APRIL

in Oxhill unless otherwise stated

Sunday 7th April 11.00 am South Feldon Group Family Service at Tysoe, Heather Parbury

Sunday 14th April 9.30 am Morning Worship George Heighton

Sunday 21st April 9.30 am

Holy Communion George Heighton

Sunday 28th April 6.30 pm

Shortened Evensong followed by APCM, George Heighton

Blessings, Jill Tucker



Our beautiful St Lawrence Church in snow.

Reminder:

The 2024 Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) is scheduled to take place at St Lawrence's on Sunday 28th April after a brief 6.30pm Evening Service. All parishioners are invited to this meeting which is followed by refreshments.

The draft 2024 Electoral Roll is displayed on the Church notice board in the porch. The deadline for new / additional entries is 13th April. The necessary (short!) enrolment forms are at the back of the Church. Please consider being included in the 2024 roll's final version.

Douglas Nethercleft
(Electoral Roll Officer)



**Oxhill
Village Hall**

Not been to a Village
Hall event before?
Why not try it out?
Not only is the food
plentiful, it's fun!

£18



PIES & PUDS

**Saturday 27th April
Bar opens 7:00pm**

**Tickets from
ali.sayer@btinternet.com, 07970 922352**

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

PIES & PUDS

The food was so good last year, we decided to do it again. 😊

This year, £18 gets you your choice of meat, chicken, fish and veggie pies, plus peas, potatoes, salad and bread followed by your choice of hot or cold pudding. As always, there are seconds until it's all gone!

The venue is the Village Hall and the bar will be open from 7pm with food served around 7:30pm. So come mingle and pick your table at leisure before tucking in and enjoying what is always a great evening.



Shipston Flower Club presents **‘These are a few of my favourite things’**
demonstrated by Fiona Franklin
Tuesday 9th April 2024
7:00 for 7:30
At Shipston on Stour Primary School.
Visitor Entry £6





THE BIG 50 FOR KAREN

I'm ecstatically proud of our team!

All the training and the hard work paid off!

All, but one (sadly, Dave Nash hit a pothole and broke his collarbone, we all wish you a speedy recovery Dave) completed the 50 mile challenge in memory of Karen. It was windy but dry and we all set off just after 8 am on the 9th of March. Paul Sayer had planned a lovely route through some stunning countryside. All of the support crew did a brilliant job in looking after us, giving us plenty of encouragement, and provided us with lovely soup, sausage rolls and jelly babies for energy.

We were given a wonderful, but very emotional reception when we arrived back at the Peacock after completing the 50 miles!

I would like to thank everyone for sponsoring us, but most of all I would like to thank our brilliant team of cyclists and the support crew, without you, this would never have been such a success in raising money for Ovarian Cancer Action, a charity that funds research and raises awareness of ovarian cancer.

We have definitely made a difference with an article in the Stratford Herald and an interview which was broadcast on CWR (Coventry and Warwickshire Radio) and we now have a grand total of over £10,000 plus over £2155 of gift aid.

Thank you once again.

Lots of love and BIG HUGS Elaine XXXX







Afternoon Tea & Bubbles at the Old Chapel

Saturday
4th May
3pm

*Scrumptious
sandwiches
and delectable
home baked
cakes*

£12 Adults
£5 Children
£30 Family Ticket

To book, contact
Ruth Mercer: 07400 615 999

St Lawrence's Church, Oxhill Fundraising Committee



CHURCH FUNDRAISING TEAM FORTHCOMING EVENTS

AFTERNOON TEA WITH BUBBLES

Saturday 4th May, 3pm

I am sure that you will be pleased to discover that this popular event is returning to Oxhill's social calendar once more. Tickets sell fast for our Afternoon Teas in the Old Chapel, especially as it has been two years since the last one so please call or email me to reserve your places as soon as possible! There will be plenty of freshly prepared sandwiches and savouries, homemade scones and cakes, all for the most reasonable price of £12 per adult ticket to include a glass of sparkling wine, £5 for school age children and free for under 5s. We are also offering a £30 family ticket to include 2 parents and all their children under 12.

If you are able to help on the day with setting up, serving tea or clearing up, please contact me.

Ruth Mercer

07400 615999 or email ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com

D-DAY 80 BEACON SUPPER

Thursday 6th June

National plans are well under way to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D Day in June this year. In Oxhill, we are planning to serve a two course Beacon Supper in The Old Chapel from 6.30pm on Thursday 6th June. There will be plenty of French and English dishes to eat plus a donations bar. Tickets are £12.50 for adults and £7 for children of school age. Beacons across the country will be lit at 9.15pm so we intend to walk to the beacon from 8.45pm.

Ticket numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Ruth Mercer

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AUTUMN QUIZ: SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

MADE IN OXHILL: FRIDAY 29TH AND SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER



by Ruth Mercer

As it's Eastertime and early rhubarb should be available very soon, I thought I'd give you some cheesecake variations this month. I'm starting off with what might be seen as a more conventional cheesecake and following with an alternative Easter-themed serving suggestion. I use a basic cheesecake recipe and add whatever flavour that I fancy, or have to hand. The basic recipe calls for mascarpone, not a low fat one.

CHEESECAKES

Ingredients

Base:

200g gingernut biscuits, crushed (or whatever biscuits you prefer but gingernuts work really well)

50g butter

2 tbsp golden syrup

Basic topping:

250g mascarpone

120ml double cream

40g icing sugar

You will need a 22-25 cm round flan tin, preferably non stick with a loose bottom

1. Preheat the oven to 180C / 160C fan.
2. Melt the butter and syrup together, then add the crushed biscuits and stir until thoroughly mixed. Tip into the flan tin and press evenly up the sides and over the base using the back of a spoon (or your knuckles).
3. Place in oven and bake for 5 minutes.
4. Beat all the topping ingredients together until very stiff. You are now ready to add some flavour....

Lime filling: add the finely grated zest and juice of 2-3 limes

Mango filling: stir in 150ml mango purée (available in tins in Sainsbury's and other places. If you aren't going to use all the purée after opening the tin, freeze it in small polythene bag portions). Swirl a little extra through the mixture when it is in the biscuit case for show!

Lime and mango filling: both of the above although reduce the lime juice and mango purée slightly so it isn't too runny

Lemon: as lime but with 2 lemons

Rhubarb, orange and ginger (my favourite): cut 400 g rhubarb into 3 cm lengths, place in an ovenproof dish with the zest of 1-2 oranges and 100g caster sugar and cook at 180C/160C fan for 25-30 minutes. Allow to cool and stir into cheesecake topping with 1-2 tbsps of stem ginger syrup, if you have some. A few drops of pink food colouring will enhance the dessert, especially if the rhubarb is more green in colour! This version will fill a 25cm round flan tin.

5. Once the biscuit base is cool, spoon the cheesecake filling in and level. Chill in the fridge for an hour or two.

EASTER CHEESECAKE

I like to present an Easter egg-themed dessert on Easter Sunday. Past productions have included Crème egg ice cream bombes and chocolate rabbit pudding. Last year was much simpler – I made mango cheesecake and lime cheesecake mixes and placed it in halves of small Cadbury Easter Egg shells. Cutting the eggs in half requires a little patience and a warm knife helps. I then put a small amount of biscuit base in the bottom of the egg, pressed it down gently, then filled with cheesecake mix (I shouldn't have filled them as full as I did because they were rather filling) and decorated appropriately for the season. I used sugar coated grapes and mini-eggs. To sugar coat grapes, dip the grapes in water, then roll them in caster sugar. Put on a plate in the fridge for at least 30 minutes before using.

Happy Easter!





OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

SPRING PLANT SALE

**Village Hall
Tuesday 14th May
6.00 - 8.00 pm**

Please put the date in your diary

The sale is a 'bring and buy' event, so please start to think about any plants you can raise from seed or dig up and divide to bring along. All contributions welcome.

All proceeds will go to the Village Hall

Kate Nash





Tysoe Tennis Club
www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

The new season beckons!

As we move into Spring, the new season looms large on the horizon!! Our top two British players, Cameron Norrie and Katie Boulter are rising up the world rankings, and before you know it, Wimbledon will be here!!

Why not come along and give tennis a go for the first time or look out your rusty racket?! We are a very friendly club welcoming beginners and established players alike.

You don't have to be a member to try. Visit us a couple of times to make up your mind. Have a look at our website for details of club sessions, and give us a ring.

A club player will happily meet you for a knock on the courts or you can come along to one of our “mix ins.”

Committee matters

Your tennis club committee consists of members who volunteer their time to try and ensure the smooth running of the Club.

The committee is led by our Chairman Colin Locke, who guides us with a good control of the tiller, and other roles include Treasurer, Club Captains, Welfare Officer and PR. All of these roles exist to ensure we run the club in the best way, meeting our financial, compliance and safeguarding obligations.

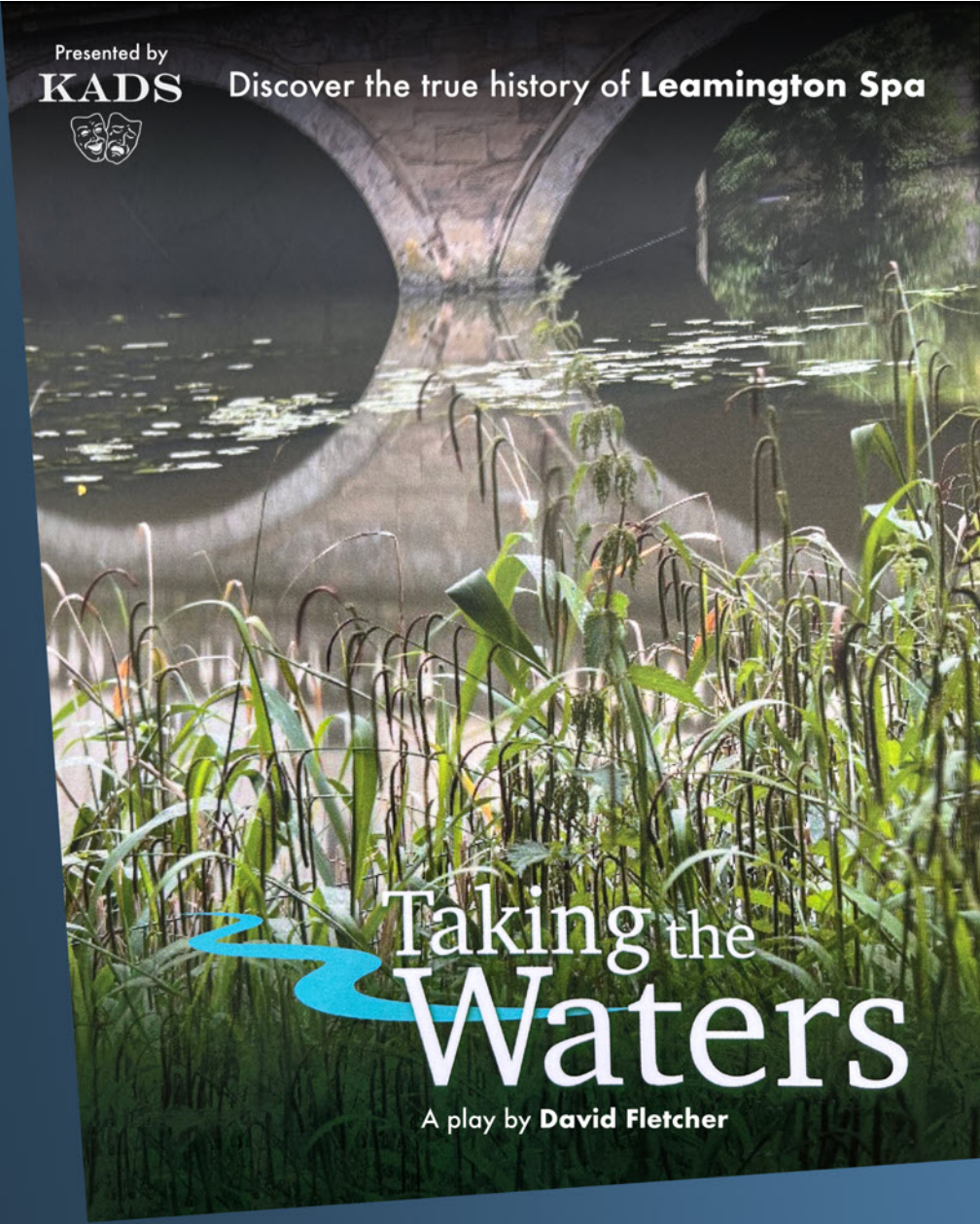
We have our annual AGM in the next few days where we will look to confirm new volunteers to take over the roles of Welfare officer, Treasurer and Club Captains to replace Liz Finlyson, Jane Smith, Sylvia Wilcox and Julian Gardner who have put so much work into creating the club as we see it today.

Many thanks to them all.

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

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Taking the
Waters

A play by **David Fletcher**

8pm April 24-27th 2024

Kineton Village Hall

With kind permission from
Loft theatre
company

Tickets £8 at kads.org.uk or **01295 680487**

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Kineton Amateur Dramatic Society
Patron: Anton Lesser

TAKING THE WATERS

A new play by David Fletcher with kind permission of the Loft Theatre

WEDNESDAY 24TH APRIL - SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2024

KINETON VILLAGE HALL 8PM

This play is a deeply human story, told through the eyes of two generations of remarkable women. The central theme of the play is water - both as a life-giving force, and also as a source of danger.

Act One shows the transition of the sleepy village of Leamington Priors into the thriving town of Leamington Spa. There is a change of mood in Act Two which focuses on the medical and political conflicts surrounding the cholera epidemic, and disputes about what preventative measures should, or should not, be taken.

The play was written during the pandemic, so these modern resonances are somewhat inevitable.

All tickets £8.00
(there is no additional fee for using credit cards)

For tickets or enquiries please go to our website **kads.org.uk**



WARWICKSHIRE
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Gaydon Fire Station
Lighthorne Heath,
Warwick,
CV35 0BD

Dear Householder,

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ARE AT RISK WITHOUT A WORKING SMOKE DETECTOR.

As part of the Fire Service strategy to reduce death and injury due to fire in the home, we are carrying out Home Fire Safety visits in your area.

We can visit your property and carry out a **FREE** Home Fire Safety visit.

Our Home Fire Safety visits include valuable fire safety information to help keep you and your family safe. If you have smoke alarms, we will check they are working and sited correctly. If not, we will fit smoke detectors where required **FREE OF CHARGE**.

We have already fitted free smoke detectors and given advice to many people in your area. If you or someone you know would like a free Home Fire Safety visit, please call W.C.C. customer service on: -

01926 466282 or 01926 413478

Headquarters Leamington spa

Gaydon Fire Station

We will then arrange a suitable time to visit you. And remember: **ALL OFFICERS WILL ATTEND IN UNIFORM, IN A FIRE APPLIANCE AND ALWAYS CARRY ID. PLEASE DO NOT BE AFRAID TO ASK TO SEE THIS ID!**

We look forward to seeing you soon.
Kind regards,

Gaydon Fire Station

NOT A DOG POOP BIN IN LEYS FIELD

I live in Leys Field and have a request for the dog owning residents of the village.

The bin located in the children's play area at Leys Field is not there for poo bags to be Deposited, can all dog owners please use alternative bins please.

I have just undertaken the unenviable task of emptying a good few months worth of waste from the bin as the council do not collect from this location.

It was not a pleasant task and not something that should be easily accessible to young children in a play area!

Thank you

*James Essex
No. 4 Leys Field*





Brunch at The Peacock in Oxhill



The Peacock will kindly donate £5 to Shipston Home Nursing for each adult breakfast purchased

Saturday 1st June
9am - 11am



Registered Charity Number 1162586



WOT2 GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

News from March

Our trees produced a huge crop last year but unfortunately a number split under the weight of the fruit. We decided to get an expert to help us work out how to prune them so Chris Lanczak from Waterperry joined us on Saturday 2nd at the orchard. Twelve members turned out on a bitterly cold (but not raining) day, armed to the teeth with saws and secateurs! We spent four hours tackling each of the tree types and we all enjoyed some wonderful rock cakes and a hot drink halfway through. The session was captured on video as a record for training purposes and will be on the website in due course.

Whilst we were there a number of villagers walked through the orchard with their dogs; just showing what a wonderful community space the orchard is.

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

Miranda Forrester (680265), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)





Full Line up

Joe Richards

The Hummingbirds

Barney Porter

Luke Keane

Hokum & Hooch

Afterknights

James Pullen

Frazer Lepford

Aeneas

Amber Liadan

MadThingz



10 | **AUGUST** | **OXHILL**
2024 | **MANOR**

12 NOON - 10.30 PM

August 10, 2024

MUSIC AT THE MANOR

 Oxhill Manor CV350QE

www.nicodemuscharity.org.uk/music-at-the-manor

TICKETS £15 PER PERSON, £10 UNDER 14 YEARS, UNDER 5YRS GO FREE

Amazing local Bands, Musicians and Singers

Tasty Food and Beverage Services

Childrens Activity Tent

Family & Friends, Laughter and Dancing

All raising money to support Nicodemus



A fundraising event to support

NICODEMUS

TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

APRIL

Tues 9th	19:00	Shipston Flower Club, Shipston on Stour Primary School
Wed 17th	13:00	Village Lunch Peacock Pub
Wed 24th-27th	20:00	'Taking the Waters', KADS, Kinton Village Hall
Sat 27th	19:00	Pies & Puds, Village Hall
Every Thursday	11:45	Coffee Morning, Peacock Pub

MAY

Sat 4th	15:00	Afternoon Tea & Bubbles, the Old Chapel
Tues 14th	18:00-20:00	Spring Plant Sale, Village Hall

PC MEETINGS

The date of the next PC Meeting is **Tuesday, 14th May 2024 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) at least 10 days prior to the meeting to ensure that it is included on the publicly visible Agenda.



BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR

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

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Food waste Recycling

General refuse Garden waste