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Emma and Fraser testing out their new litter pickers. So far they've collected three large bags from around the village! ~ *Andrew Stewart*

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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**

MY KAREN



Many of you know, sadly I lost my darling daughter Karen to Ovarian cancer at the age of 31. Karen would be 50 on the 8th of March 2024. To bring awareness and raise funds of the dreadful disease that took my daughter from us. I plan to cycle a BIG 50 the day after Karen's birthday, the 9th of March 2024.

I am hoping to raise as much money as I can for Ovarian Cancer Action, a charity that funds research and raise awareness to transform treatment and survival rates.

I love our village and the people who live here. I asked Paul Sayer if he would help me plot a route for me and told him why I wanted to cycle a BIG 50. Immediately

Paul said he would join me. Since that conversation several other people in the village have said that they would like to take on the challenge with me and to raise awareness of ovarian cancer and raise money for such a good cause. If you would like to join us in this challenge, please let me know.

It often snows on Karen's birthday - at the moment I am hoping to cycle 50 miles, but if the weather conditions aren't favourable, we will be aiming to cycle 50 km.

Lots of love and BIG HUGS,
Elaine XXXX

My just giving page is: www.justgiving.com/page/elaine-morgan-1704653104450

ovarian
canceraction

BEER & BUBBLES EVENING THIS PAST DECEMBER

Photos by David Hawtin



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

We are almost there! At the time of writing we are putting the finishing touches to the hall and completing the necessary health & safety assessments and reports. We'll be open for a special Burn's Night event on 27th January but the formal opening will be a little later in the year.

It's been a long haul which began back in March 2019 when the village survey showed that the residents wanted an enlarged & improved hall. There were quite a few hoops to get through before beginning the fund raising but once we had the National Lottery on board the plans were drawn, submitted & approved and we endeavoured to find a builder to do the job. Unfortunately Covid then got in the way & builders were booked solidly for 18 months ahead.

An old friend with a building company agreed to give us some days here & there between jobs and the rest was done by the volunteers, lead by Richard Collings, plus sub contractors for the concrete, plastering & electrical work.

It's taken longer than we would have liked but the hall has only been closed for 15 months and thanks to Jill Tucker we were able to continue with our events at the Old Chapel during that time.

Fund raising has been a huge task but thanks to numerous grants and the generosity of residents, we have managed to finish the hall and include some of the things which were originally only on our 'wish list'.

We sincerely hope you enjoy using the hall and that it will be the venue for many happy gatherings in the years to come.

Jo Collings Chair of Trustees OVH







Tysoe Tennis Club
www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

THE CHALLENGES OF WINTER TENNIS!!

by Colin Wilson

If the very mention of “tennis” produces images of players in pristine white, enjoying rallies under a cloudless sky, with the clink of glasses as spectators enjoy a Pimms and Lemonade, then think again!!

Our hardy members of Tysoe Tennis Club have embarked upon the winter season with enthusiasm and determination, despite the awful weather, in two separate league campaigns.

The ladies play in the Stratford and District Leagues, with the A team in Division 5 and the B team in Division 7. Arranging matches has been a challenge with fixtures being called off thanks to the efforts of storms Babet and Henk, the latter proving very challenging!

Indeed, one of our opponents, the prestigious Warwick Boat Club is still not back playing after the damage done to their riverside club.

The A team have played just three fixtures to date, winning one and losing two.

The B team are faring better having managed to play 5, winning one, losing one, and drawing three-they currently sit 4th in Division 7.

The mixed doubles teams play in the Banbury Winter League - with the A team in Division 2 and the B team in Division 3.

Again, fulfilling all fixtures has not been easy, but the A team has won one and drawn one to date, whilst the B team picked up their first win of the season in the latest outing against Hook Norton.

So the players have had to contend with very high winds in some matches, which makes throwing the ball up to serve a skill in itself, to the last two weeks where beautiful, cold, crisp, sunny winter days have replaced the gales but brought their own challenge of very low winter sun. If anyone has seen any of the action and thought they saw players swatting imaginary flies, it was attempts to guess where the ball was whilst squinting in the sun!

All told, as always, all matches are played in a very good spirit, and everyone is enjoying the post Christmas cardio !

Our last few matches have also included league match debuts for two of our student members, Max Lloyd Thomas and Joel Wiatt. They both put in very credible performances and hopefully they can make many more future appearances as part of the team.

We have a vibrant junior and student membership, and hopefully more of those members, like Joel and Max can play for the teams going forward.

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

PC SPEEDY FOUND ALIVE

I am happy to report that the recently abducted PC Speedy has been found alive. Thanks to Tom Heritage for finding him in a remote field close to Oxhill.

Despite his ordeal he is in good health and is recuperating before going back on duty in the new year.

Peter Rivers Fletcher



VILLAGE LUNCH

The Oxhill Village Lunch is back! Villagers gather once a month for a delicious meal at the Peacock at a discounted price. The next village lunch is Wednesday 21st February. Come join us!

Photos by Ruth Mercer



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH FOR FEBRUARY

It seems incredible, but we are now looking forward to Easter.

At the very beginning of February (actually celebrated this year at the end of January) we have **Candlemas**, remembering the time when the infant Jesus was presented in the Temple, and the elderly Simeon and Anna, who had been waiting patiently for Many years to see the Messiah when he came, realised that they had had last seen him. And in the infant Jesus, they saw the cross.

So, at the end of the Candlemas Service, we stand near the font, and say:

We stand near the place of new birth.
We turn from the crib to the cross.
We go to carry his light.
Lest us shine with the light of your love.
Thanks be to God.



Luis de Morales, "The Presentation in the Temple," 1562

Just a fortnight later, we mark Shrove Tuesday on February 13th with pancakes, and begin Lent the next day, February 14th which is Ash Wednesday. And so the journey to the cross begins. In no time at all, it seems, having celebrated the births of God's Son, we discover just what that birth really means.

Services in February, in Oxhill unless otherwise stated.

Sunday, February 4 th	9.30 am Holy Communion	George Heighton
Sunday, February 11 th	9.30 am Morning Worship	
Wednesday, February 14 th	Ash Wednesday, Lent begins	
	11.00 am Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes,	Brailes Church
	7.30 pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes,	Tysoe Church
Sunday, February 18 th	9.30 am Holy Communion	George Heighton
Sunday, February 25 th	6.30 pm Evensong	George Heighton

Lent also sees the **Deanery Lent Services**, to which all are invited. This year the series title is 'Perspectives on the Cross' on **Tuesdays at 2.30 pm**.

February 20 th	Tysoe Church, Bishop Ruth Worsley
February 27 th	Tredington Church, Katherine Walakira
March 5 th	Shipston Church, Revd David Runcorn
March 12 th	Ettington Church, Revd Rob Harrison
March 19 th	Long Compton Church, Revd Barry Jackson
March 26 th	Whatcote Church, Holy Week Communion, Revd Sarah Edmonds.



JOB WILKS 1840-1868

by Carol Clark

Back in November last year, Grenville Moore mentioned to me that, while walking around the village, he'd met a gentleman looking for family history in Oxhill. I took up the baton, and contacted said gentleman, Eamonn Moloughney, who explained he was visiting the area from Carrick-on-Suir in County Tipperary, Ireland where, in 1868, a soldier named Job Wilks accidentally drowned in the local river Suir. His gravestone bears the following inscription:

**IN MEMORY OF
JOB WILKS
56TH. REGIMENT
WHO WAS ACCIDENTALLY
DROWNED IN THE SUIR
ON THE 17TH. JULY 1868
AGED 28**

**IN THE MIDST OF LIFE
THERE IS DEATH**

**ERECTED BY HIS OFFICERS
AND COMRADES STATIONED
IN CARRICK**

Eamonn had identified a Job Wilks born in Oxhill in 1840. He was the son of Thomas and Anne Wilk(e)s, and one of ten siblings. Thomas was an agricultural labourer, and Job's eldest brother, William, was also in the army (25th Foot) between about 1846 and 1867. However, Eamon had no proof that Oxhill Job and the soldier were one and the same person.

So, in the absence of any other helpful information online, I started by looking for anyone of the name Job Wilk(e)s born between 1837 and 1843, and found five possible candidates including the Oxhillian. I probably need to do a bit more work on them when I get a chance, but of the four other possibles identified, I have traced three to the 1871 census (meaning they were still alive when soldier Job was drowned). The fourth Job Wilk(e)s I think went to America. There is no trace of the Oxhill Job Wilks after the 1851 UK census.

So, I personally am happy to accept the soldier as an Oxhillian, at least until or unless any other information comes to light.

As to the exact circumstances of his death, this report from the Munster Express dated July 25 1868 has recently been sent to me by Eamonn.

A SOLDIER DROWNED.—On Friday morning, a party of the men belonging to Captain Hill's detachment, now stationed at Carrik-on Suir, proceeded to bathe at a place known as the "Navigation," in the river Suir, a little below the town. The men were all in the water, when a cry was suddenly raised that a man was drowning, and Colour-sergeant Tuck, who was some distance away, swam up to the spot and dived down, bringing up the lifeless body of Private Wilkes, pioneer to the company, which was immediately brought ashore. The deceased was a fine athletic man, about 27 years of age, and was well liked by his comrades. He was unable to swim, and having gone out far, was drawn by the current into a dangerous part of the navigation formed by a hole in the bed of the river. An inquest was held on the body on Saturday by Dr. Gore, coroner, at the barracks, when a verdict was returned of "Death by drowning." The deceased was buried with all military honours



The river Suir

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Here is a flashback to the Christmas lights of Oxhill, beautifully captured by David Hawtin.









by Ruth Mercer

Sally Williams gave me this recipe for a delicious bread that uses nuts and seeds to make a “flour”, making it both gluten-free and low carb. I have made it twice, once to Sally’s recipe and the second time with a few tweaks. I think that I slightly undercooked the first loaf but, although it looked rather unattractive, it tasted good. I cooked the second loaf in our new-fangled combination multi-cooker, using the Steam Bake setting. The loaf came out with a beautiful crust and a better texture but I could only fit a 1lb loaf tin in the multi-cooker. I will continue to experiment with different nut and seed combinations and look forward to hearing if you bake one.



GLUTEN-FREE SUPERFOOD BREAD

Ingredients

Sally’s recipe:

- 90g walnuts
- 90g chia seeds
- 90g sunflower seeds
- 90g pumpkin seeds
- 90g sesame seeds
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 4 eggs
- 100ml water

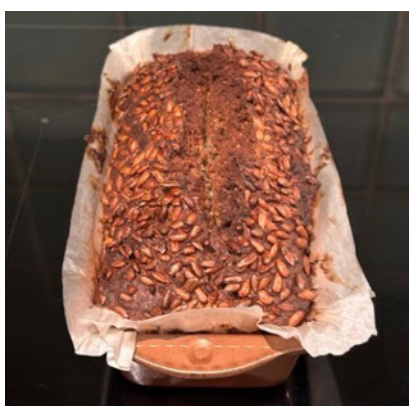


You will need a well-greased 2lb loaf tin

1. Preheat the oven to 180C fan.
2. Place the walnuts and all the seeds in a food processor or liquidiser and blitz them until they form a flour. It will be fairly coarse.
3. Beat the eggs and then add the seed and nut flour, baking powder, salt and water. Mix well to combine all the ingredients until the mixture forms a wet dough. If you like, you could add chili flakes, olives, chives, herbs at this point.
4. Put the dough into the greased tin, packing it down firmly. Sprinkle some extra seeds on the top if you wish.
5. Bake in the preheated oven for 45-50 minutes until the top starts to brown and a cocktail stick inserted into the centre comes out clean.
6. Let the loaf cool completely while still in the tin.

Alternative recipe:

- 75g pecans
- 75g chia seeds
- 75g sunflower seeds
- 75g pumpkin seeds
- 75g sesame seeds
- 50g dates
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 3 eggs
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp water



You will need a well-greased 1lb loaf tin

Follow the instructions as above, adding the dates to the nut and seed processing. If you want to Steam Bake it in a new-tangled multi-cooker, I set mine to Steam Bake, 180C for 25 minutes. The countdown starts after the steam preheat of about 20 minutes. I could have reduced the baking time to around 20 minutes.



Saturday mornings

10.30-12.00

St Edmund's Church, Church Street, Shipston

We are open to anyone.

No referral or voucher needed.

It costs £500 a week to run Shipston Foodbank.

We always need:

- Tins of meat, fish, vegetables and fruit
- Cereals, rice, pasta, crackers and biscuits
- Toiletries, cleaning and laundry supplies
- UHT milk, juice, squash, oil
- Pasta sauce, custard, rice pudding, jelly

Donations of basic items can be left in the church porch **between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Saturday.**

There's also a collection point in both the Co-ops and Tesco.

For information about our current needs please check on our Facebook page or our website:



www.facebook.com/ShipstonFoodBank



www.shipstonfoodbank.org.uk

Oxhill Parish Council

Draft Precis of Parish Council meeting Held on 14th November 2023

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2023

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

To receive a report from the County Councillor

A report was received and circulated from Cllr Chris Mills.

The main items included Cost of Living Challenges support, Wellesbourne Market Illegal Sales, Young People Vaping, Keeping Children Safe, Children Social Care Costs/Capital Financing Costs, Cherry Tree House, New Warwickshire Primary Schools, Keeping Warm in the Winter, Brake Road Safety Week 2023, Warwickshire Safeguarding, Winter Vigilance Campaign, Older Male Domestic Abuse, LGBTQ+ Male Domestic Abuse, Commonwealth Games Inclusive Communities Fund, High Sheriff Tree Planting and High Sheriff Award nominations. The full report will be available to read on the village website.

To receive an update on speeding

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher gave the following update. There is a new Police Road Safety Officer called Gary Strain. The police are only concerned with Community Speedwatch groups. Details have been sent of new rules for police action in speeding situations. The lack of resources means that the situation in Oxhill will not get any police attention despite the checked speeds being in the range for action.

The village of Binton have their own VAS and Cllr Rivers-Fletcher has contacted them. Possible locations were discussed but would need the support of the local people living nearby. The locations for a new VAS would have to be approved and sited by Highways. Cllr C Mills supported the PC and agreed that money could be used from his delegated budget in 2024.

To discuss the defibrillator and training

New pads have been purchased for the defibrillator and the local First Aid Responders have suggested a training course on a weekday evening or Sunday morning and installing a Public Access Bleed Kit. The heating element in the cabinet is working ok now.

Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

- £151.19 to TEEC (website hosting and domain)

To agree adding another signatory to the bank account.

It was agreed to add Cllr Storey to the bank account.

To receive an update on planning

- 23/02858/TREE, *Fell 1 x ash at Fern Cottage, Main Street.* No objections.
- 23/02941/TREE, *Apple x 3 – reduce to old heights removing approx. 4 metres at Fexloe House, Main Street.* No objections.
- 22/0935/FUL, *Construction of anaerobic digestion facility, comprising silage clamps, digester tanks, lagoons, administrative buildings, landscaping and access at land adjacent to Hardwick Gorse, Tysoe Road, Kineton.* It was agreed to submit the comments noted before.
- 23/02508/FUL and 23/02509/LBC, *Proposed single storey rear extension and alterations and refurbishment to main house at Oxhill House, Main Street.* No objection by PC.
- 23/02516/FUL and 23/02517/LBC, *Proposed single storey rear extension to existing barn to form garage, alterations to form new door and window opening along with associated landscaping and new greenhouse and covered seating area at The Barn, Whatcote Road.* No objection by PC.

Determined

- 23/00518/FUL, *Proposed redevelopment of existing pig farm to create 10 new dwellings (resubmission of refused application 21/02589/FUL) at Hogwood Farm, Banbury Road.* Refused by SDC.
- 23/01520/FUL, *Demolition of existing storage building and erection of a replacement storage (B8) building at Windmill Farm, Red Horse Vale Ltd, Banbury Road.* Granted by SDC.

To receive the following correspondence

- Email from villager re footpath to The Sett and response given.
- D-Day 80, 6th June 2024 – WALC. The Parish Clerk to circulate.
- Cllr Littlewood, Home Upgrade Grant Scheme. The detail was put in the newsletter.
- Tysoe CE Primary School, Safety concerns about building.

Councillors Reports

Cllr Connolly spoke about the footpath behind Fithers Field which is in a poor state of repair. A new one could be constructed similar to the work carried out before but it's too wet at the moment. The PC will wait for the better weather.

The Chair and Cllr Robertson are meeting the WRCC Rural Housing Enabler on 21st November to look at potential sites.

The 30mph sign on Tysoe Road is missing.

Action: The Parish Clerk to report.



SHIPSTON FLOWER CLUB

PRESENTS

SUPERMARKET MADNESS

A demonstration by

Elaine Stoner

On Tuesday, 13th February, 2024

7.00 for 7.30 pm

At

Shipston on Stour Primary School,

Station Road, CV36 4BT

Visitor Entry £6





WOT2 GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

by Alison Aves

Despite the winter weather the work at the orchard goes on! There is a new team of volunteers who are responsible for looking after the fruit trees. They have already had some training on pruning and have started thinning out old and dead branches in the apple trees.

One unusual tree fruit in the orchard is medlars. These look a bit like big rosehips, as my dad put it when we saw them at Upton House! This unlikely looking fruit can be turned into a beautiful, burgundy-coloured jelly which goes perfectly with cheeses and cold meats. The medlars do not ripen on the tree so have to be left to 'blet' first - which basically means 'turned soft and almost rotten'. Then they are cooked, and the juice strained out before being boiled with sugar until it sets. *[See photos on opposite page.]*

Membership is open to all for a small fee, and members get fruit every week during the summer and autumn. Some of the apple varieties also keep well over the winter in a cool shed.

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

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

Medlars



Medlars left to 'blet' (turn soft).



Delicious medlar jelly.



MUSIC AT THE MANOR

If you are young, talented, in a band, a musician or a solo artist and fancy getting on stage in front of hundreds of people this summer then this might just be for you...

NICODEMUS

Nicodemus Charity, an organisation who support young people in extreme poverty with mentoring in both the UK and Latin America, are returning once again this summer to hold our amazing festival style event in the grounds of Oxhill Manor

Providing a platform for young talent whilst supporting young people

10.8.2024

For more info please contact:

Contact Joanna 07932636144

Email: matm@nicodemus.org.uk



New for 2024 - Transport for Tysoe Dementia Cafe



We know there are people who are unable to attend simply because they don't have any transport

**People living with dementia who need a carer for support can attend with a family carer or friend -
The mini bus will initially cover Kineton, Oxhill & Tysoe**

**We are offering this once a month, but if we can prove there is a need, then we will make it more frequent
This will be a free service -**

So If this is of interest to you please get in touch

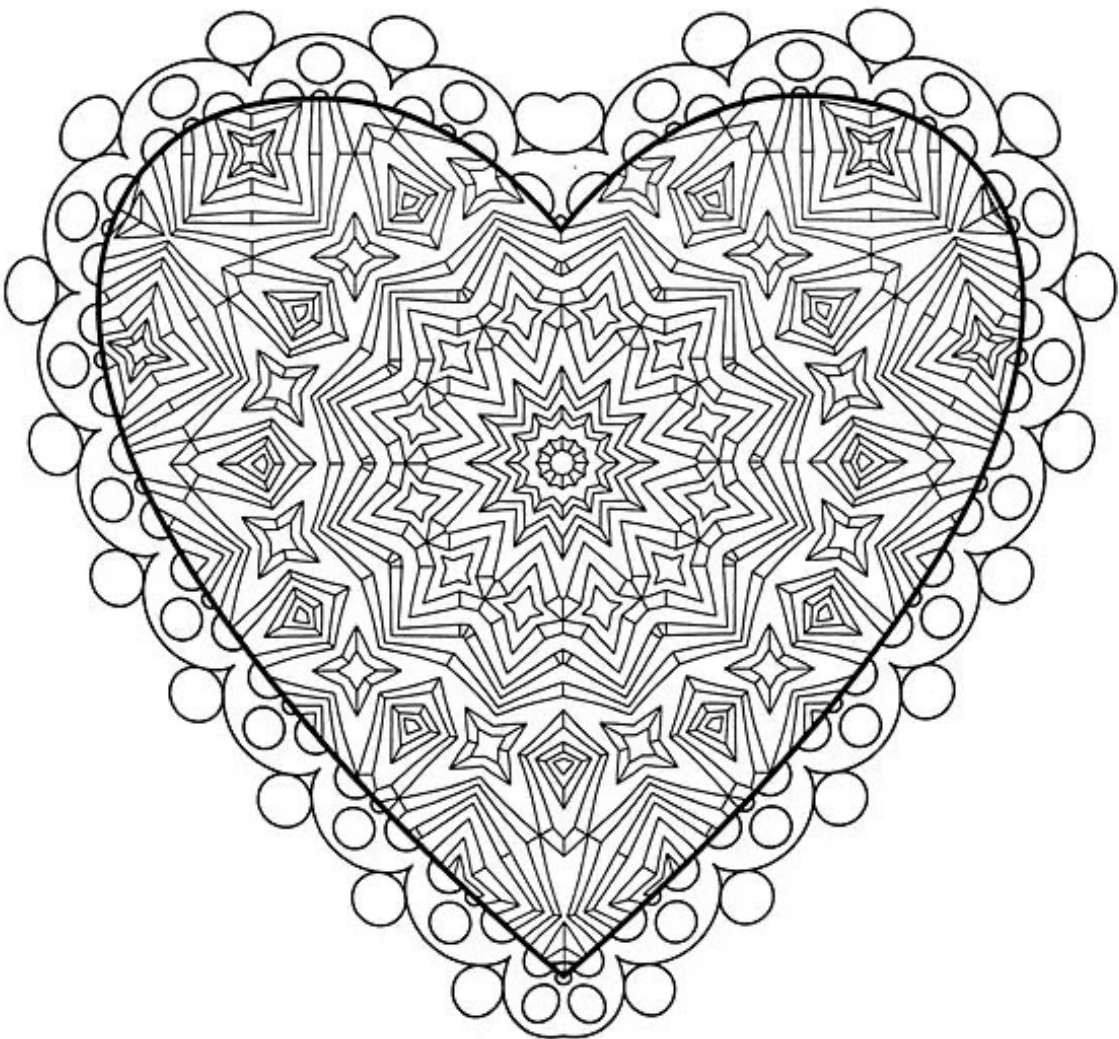
Phone: Heather & Paul on 01295 688376

Email: talkdementia.uk@gmail.com

Visit: talkdementia.uk

Valentines Day Colouring

Colour in the heart to give to your Valentine.



WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

JANUARY

Tuesday 13th	19:00	Supermarket Madness, Shipston Flower Club
Wednesday 21st	13:00	Peacock Village Lunch
Wednesday 28th	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, 12th March 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.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OXHILL NEWS

The editors welcome any pictures, photographs, drawings, poems, puzzles, recipes, announcements or items of local news for possible inclusion in The Oxhill News. Submissions must be received by the 15th of each month for publication in the following month.

BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR

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

FEBRUARY 2024

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		

- Food waste
- Recycling
- General refuse
- Garden waste