

# The Oxhill News



November 2004

## **November 1**

Is the National Day of Algeria and the Feast day of All Saints plus Saints Benignus of Dijon, Caesarius and Julian, Austremonius (or Stremoine), Cadfan, Mary Martyr, Vigor, Marcellus of Paris, and Mathurin (or Maturinus). If it is the Feast Day for All Saints, why do some specific ones get to claim it too?

Historically it seems to have risen to prominence only recently, but in 1755 an earthquake reduced two-thirds of Lisbon to rubble and resulted, according to accounts, in the death of 60,000 people. Then in 1848 the first W H Smith railway bookstall opened, at Euston Station, London, and in 1911 Woman's Weekly was first published. In 1940 a prehistoric painting was discovered in a cave in Lascaux in the Dordogne, France, and in 1950 two Puerto Rican nationalists attempted to assassinate US President Truman. The first stretch of the M1 motorway linking London with the North of England was opened in 1959 and in 1993 the Maastricht Treaty (the Treaty on European Union) came into force; and the European Community became the European Union (EU).

Benvenuto Cellini was born in 1500, Antonio Canova in 1757 and L S Lowry in 1887, so it has been a reasonably artistic day. On the other hand Ezra Pound died on this day in 1972, as did Phil Silvers in 1985. Also listed as dying on November 1st are George Gordon, King Vidor, Louis Johnson, Severo Ochoa and Pauline Clothilde Henriques. I regret I have never heard of any of them. Do you feel that the News should continue to be edited by such an ignorant man?

Editor

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## **December issue**

Please could I have all copy for the December issue by Midnight on Thursday, 25th November? If you normally prepare your material using a computer, it would make my life easier if you could submit your offering in electronic form, though paper is, of course, fine. If you do use electronic form, the best would be a Word file with the page size set to A5 and margins of 1.5 cm all round. The font size should in general be 10 point.

My 'official' e-mail address is [news-editor@oxhill.org.uk](mailto:news-editor@oxhill.org.uk) if you wish to send me stuff that way.

George Adams, 680286

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## **Cover Picture**

Continuing the bridges theme from last month, here's the Humber bridge in all its glory.

## **Newsletters Tell You Things You Didn't Know Before**

Recently a twelve-page newsletter arrived in my mail and certainly taught me a few new things. Not only was it considerably better designed and presented than the Oxhill News (Sue Price's Whatcote Village News manages that too) but it showed me very clearly that this newsletter doesn't always get across the information that it ought to get across.

The new News came from Registered Charity 1061405, or Shipston Home Nursing as most of us will know it better. Now Gwyn and I have both read everything that has been published in the Oxhill News about Shipston Home Nursing since it started, and both of us had completely the wrong idea about it! Both of us thought it was something to do with the Ellen Badger (an admirable institution in its own right – please support it in any way you can), and that it was some sort of volunteer extension to the District Nurse system.

Just how wrong can two people be? The giveaway starts on the front cover of Shipston Home Nursing News, in the bottom right corner: "Hospice care at home". The entire organisation, set up in 1996, is devoted to providing specialist nursing care at home for terminally ill cancer sufferers. Free. To people living in Shipston, Wellesbourne and villages in the area. That naturally includes Oxhill, Whatcote and Tysoe.

Someone, somewhere, has to pay for this. The NHS provides grants of less than £10,000, which does not go very far towards the projected 2005 expenditure of £105,000. Most of the rest has to come from the fundraising events that are organised for them, so please take note of the events that are publicised in the News and, now that you know all about them, give them all the support you can. November events include:

Friday 5 & Sat 6	Designer Clothes Sale at Moda Rosa, Darlingscott
Friday 12	Quiz Night at Tysoe Village Hall
	Book with Jane Ridgeway on 01295 680262
Thursday 18	Gift Fayre, 10 till 7, at the Townsend Hall, Shipston

If you would like to read SHN News call on me at Karibu, or contact Rebecca Mawle on 01608 674929. Alternatively you could write to her at Lower Farm Barn, Great Wolford, Shipston on Stour, CV36 5NQ. It would be nice if you could enclose a large (A4) SAE, so they don't have to pay the postage.

George Adams

## **Church Services in November**

### **Church of St. Lawrence, Oxhill**

#### **Sunday Services**

Sunday November 7th	Trinity XXII	9.30	Holy Communion
Sunday November 14th	Remembrance	9.30	Holy Communion with Oxhill Choir
Sunday November 21st	Sunday next before Advent (Stir Up Sunday)	6.30	Evensong
Sunday November 28th	Advent	10.30	Advent Carol Service in <b>TYSOE.</b> No service in Oxhill.

#### **Midweek Services**

Short (less than 30 minutes) informal services

Thursday November 4th	7.30	Holy Communion
Thursday November 11th	7.30	Compline (Candlelit)
Thursday November 18th	7.30	Celtic Worship (Candlelit)
Thursday November 25th	7.30	Holy Communion

During December we will be holding an Advent Course as the Thursday evening worship, during which we shall be looking at the 'Promises of God'. This can best be described as 'worship-plus', will last from 7.30 until about 8.30 p.m., and we will be serving coffee. Everyone is very welcome. The themes for the 3 weeks are:

Thursday December 2nd	7.30	Faith
Thursday December 9th	7.30	Joy
Thursday December 16th	7.30	Love

There will be no worship on either Thursday 23rd or Thursday 30th December: the informal worship will resume in its normal format on Thursday January 6th.

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#### **Coffee Morning**

Dear all, I've been asked to pass on news of a Coffee Morning in aid of the Gurkha Welfare Trust. It will be on Thursday, 4th November between 10 – 12 at 'Wusi', Armscote Road, Tredington.

When approaching Tredington from the Shipston direction, Armscote Road is on the left after the pub and 'Wusi' is a modern, detached house about 250 yards up on the right.

Best wishes, David Knight



## Road Closures

Some of the roads in the village are due for resurfacing and the County Solicitor has announced road closures to allow this to be carried out.

All the closures will be for a period of five days sometime between 31st October and 28th February. Apparently the Solicitor cannot be more precise than this, but when did you ever know any solicitor tie himself down to an exactitude?

The roads involved are:

The D6469 Nolands Road from the farm entrance northwards for about 260 m.

The D6471 Green Lane along its entire length.

The C53 Whatcote Road from "The Little Windmill" to "The Orchards" in Whatcote.

Access to properties on the closed sections will be maintained, but the rest of us will just have to go the long way round for once.

Editor

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## OXHILL FESTIVAL CHOIR

Our next outing is **Remembrance Sunday**, which is Sunday, November 14th, at 9.30 a.m. in St. Lawrence Church. Practices for that will be:

Friday, October 29th, 7.30 p.m., at The Old House

Friday, November 5th, 7.30 p.m., at The Old House

Friday, November 12th, at 7.00 p.m. in Church.

*This will be a short practice, starting at 7.00 p.m., to allow people to get to 'Fanny Craddock' in the Village Hall at 8.00 p.m. if they so wish.*

**Carols by Candlelight** will take place on Wednesday, December 22nd, at 7.30 p.m. in Church. Practices for that will be:

Friday, November 26th, 7.30 p.m., at The Old House

Friday, December 3rd, 7.30 p.m., at The Old House

Friday, December 10th, 7.30 p.m., at The Old House

Friday, December 17th, 7.30 p.m., in Church.

Finally, you may know that there is always a Midnight Mass at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve in St. Mary's, Tysoe, at which the Tysoe Choir will be singing. A warm invitation is extended to any members of Oxhill Choir who would like to join them this year; if you would like to do so, please let me know.

Jill Tucker, 680663

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH WHATCOTE FUNDRAISING - CHRISTMAS 2004



Dear Friend:

You enjoyed it last year and you enjoyed it the year before and here it is again, the Ultimate Plum Pudding.

For our new customers here is your chance to taste these virtually hand made puddings, made by a very small craft manufacturer in Cumbria. The Ultimate Plum Pudding is endorsed by the BBC Food and Chef magazines as well as recently receiving the GreatTaste Award.

All the vine fruits are soaked in plenty of brandy and dry sherry. Fresh breadcrumbs and freshly grated carrot help give the pudding a distinctly northern style being lighter, less bitter, and having a wider variety of luxury ingredients than many other puddings. Most people have no idea that Christmas pudding can be this good.

A 1lb pudding (serves 4) costs £5.00 and a 2lb pudding (serves 8) costs £8.50

It's a great pudding. Makes excellent Christmas gifts for family and friends. Order from us simply by filling in the order form below and sending it back now. Last date for orders is **3<sup>rd</sup> December** and the puddings can be collected from:- **June Wreford, Church Cottage, Whatcote. Telephone 01295 680294**

Ingredients: vine fruits (raisins, sultanas, currants), fresh breadcrumbs, free range eggs, dark sugar, grated carrot, apple, flour, mixed peel, chopped dates, whole cherries, stem ginger, brandy, sherry, vegetable suet, all vegetable margarine, flaked almonds, nibbed walnuts, apricots, golden syrup, spices, salt. (Please note puddings contain nuts).



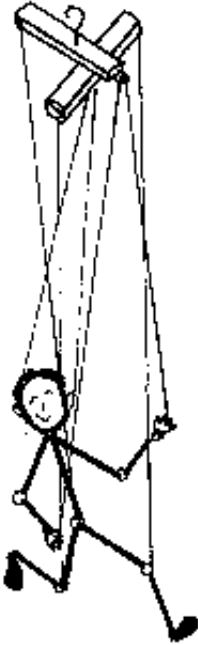
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## **TYSOE MARIONETTE GROUP**



The sound track for our new play “Love of Seven Dolls”, dramatised from Paul Gallico, calls for Breton folk tunes, songs from Edith Piaf’s Paris of the mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century, theatre audience noises, fair ground music and acrobatic act accompaniments, the selection of which is keeping us very busy. Derek Rush is to be our resident guitarist, as most of the music is to be live, rather than from recordings. Final casting for the 14 speaking/singing parts needed is almost complete and dry runs have started.

On the technical side, wooden bodies are being made at the rate of one a week, (our fastest yet!), papier-mâché heads painted and puppet booth logistics worked out. The search is on for diagrams depicting the uniform of a French-Senegalese line regiment, the tattered remnants of which are to be worn by our tallest marionette yet, a full 18 inch high Senegalese, who plays the on-stage 9 inch guitar! Let us hope he can keep the same time as Derek.

Our Junior Team, preparing “The Surprising Story of Alfred, Warder of the Tower” comprises Verity, Hannah-Marie, Marifa and Lauren who are now getting into the finer mechanics of marionette operation, including how to make a character shiver in pure fright as a dismembered head just casually floats by!

Anybody interested in participating in either of these productions is invited to contact Jon and Ann Beeny on Tysoe 680431, or

Email: [JonandAnn@annbeeny.f9.co.uk](mailto:JonandAnn@annbeeny.f9.co.uk)

## NATURE NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

November, in Anglo-Saxon Blotmonath - the month of blood, in Welsh Tachwedd, the month of slaughtering, which refers to slaughtering of livestock traditionally begun on November 11, Martinmas, the festival of winter's beginning. With grazing becoming scanty, Martinmas was the time to slaughter all cattle, sheep and pigs that could not be maintained through the winter. It was therefore an unusual and welcome opportunity for feasting on fresh meat, remaining cuts being either salted or hung in chimneys to dry cure, the innards and offal were made into puddings and sausages, providing a winter's meat supply. When we moved to our cottage twenty-five years ago the inglenook fireplace was open to the sky and about six feet up inside a piece of oak branch, about 3 inches across was set into both the back and front of the stonework. Bark was still on the two ends, but the middle section was worn smooth and grooved (by rope or hooks?) obviously from joints being hung up in the smoke. The wood itself was pickled black and sticky from who knows how many years of wood smoke.

While walking along Church meadow a few days ago I disturbed a buzzard which had been sitting in one of the big ash trees. He casually dropped from his perch, very close to me, and with no great haste gave a few wing beats to cross the meadow. From nowhere almost instantly a carrion crow dived out of what was a clear empty sky and with its feet hit the buzzard on the back making quite a loud thump. The buzzard was unperturbed, but in a couple more wing beats was attacked again and hit. The buzzard then put in a feint as if to attack the crow but then flew on with the crow still pursuing, but from a distance, until they both went out of sight. I don't know why, but the crow family and especially the carrion crow have an inbuilt dislike for all birds of prey and owls. Other birds will quite often gang up to "see off" an intruding bird, but none with the persistence of the crow.

Another instance of this that I saw several weeks ago was a kestrel sitting on a branch at the top of the dead ash tree behind the pub. In minutes a gang of six or seven crows alighted on branches around the kestrel and every few seconds one would move forward to peck at it. Each time the kestrel would "swear" at the crow and drop down to a lower branch or move in closer to the trunk. As no time did it seem to make any effort to fly away. This went on for several minutes. Quite suddenly on seeing a hole in the trunk the kestrel did what I can only describe as a "nose dive" into the hole and seemed to vanish completely out of sight. (I am fairly certain that this is not a nesting or roosting site for a kestrel). One crow approached and kept trying to peer down into the hole, but to no avail. The other crows flew off leaving the solitary crow on guard. He hopped about and kept trying to peer down the hole for about five minutes until he obviously got bored and flew off. I waited for another ten minutes or so, but the kestrel did not re-emerge.

The kestrel is a falcon and is easily recognised by its beautiful red-brown back and grey head. The sparrowhawk is a bird of woods, hedges and now gardens, but the kestrel prefers open land and these days also road verges and roundabouts. The kestrel's most distinctive behaviour is its superbly controlled fluttering hover (colloquial names include windhover, hover hawk and wind fanner) from which, even in strong winds, it maintains a steady focus on the ground beneath. Its main diet is mice and voles. A BBC Living World scientist recorded how he fixed his theodolite on the beak of a hovering kestrel and observed that the head stayed in the same position varying only within 1 cm for twenty-eight seconds, even though the body, wings and tail moved in various directions compensating for the wind.

As we go into winter, watch out for colds. Sneezing to the left hand is held to be unlucky, but sneezing to the right is prosperous. "We have a custom, yet in mode, that when one sneezes everyone pulls off his hat, and bows, and cries 'God bless ye Sir'" – John Aubrey: *Remanis of Gentilism* 1688.

Grenville Moore

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## **More about the Harvest Festival**

Last month we reported that the produce sale after the Harvest Festival raised the magnificent sum of £194, to be forwarded to Farm Africa.

This was indeed the proceeds from the sale, but the sum that will actually be sent to Farm Africa is considerably greater. The collection taken at the service, amounting to £78, will be added, so that a total of £272 will be forwarded as the Oxhill Church contribution. We are pleased to be able to say that this is the largest sum sent to Farm Africa. So far, at any rate. Next year, who knows?

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## **Oxhill Roman Villa**

I would like to thank those villagers who, at the last minute, rallied together at the Villa site to speak to the Herald press. English Heritage have now contacted us stating that they consider the site 'nationally important' and have recommended that it be included on the 'schedule of ancient monuments'.

Robin, Sue and Luke Hutsby

## **Village History**

### **Sparrowhawks**

Following up the sparrowhawk theme of recent editions of the Oxhill News, an historical reference from way back shows that they were once a particularly prized asset in the village. In 1240 there was a dispute between John de Wauton, and Master Simon de Wauton over some lands that included the mill in Oxhill.

John de Wauton duly established his right to the tenancy of the mill for which he was to pay Simon a yearly rent of a pound of pepper at Michaelmas. The bargain was sealed by the down payment of a “sore sparrow hawk”. (I was puzzled by the word “sore” in this context, but the dictionary tells me that it can mean the reddish-brown plumage of a hawk in its first year, which seems to fit. Same root as the word “sorrel”.)

This hawk was presumably to be trained for use in crop protection or for sport. Sparrowhawks can fly freer now!

### **The Mill**

So where was this mill anyway! The Domesday Book lists a mill valued at 16d, so it had an ancient origin. It was still around to be argued over in 1240, but how long it survived in working order I do not yet know. By the time the open fields were enclosed in 1798, it appears no longer to have been in use. The Enclosure Award refers to “the Old Inclosure known as the Millyard”, and this was divided up, the larger portion going to the Rector, and a small corner of it to another landowner.

The map accompanying the Enclosure Award places the Millyard at the junction of the Oxhill Brook and the other stream that joins it from Tysoe in land that is now owned by Phil and Heather Brennan at Bilton Cottage. Certainly the brook runs considerably faster at this point, but it is still difficult to imagine quite how enough head of water was generated to power a waterwheel. Maybe there was a weir – who knows!

The documentary evidence was supported by a discussion with Bill Heritage, Tom’s elder brother, who remembers from his boyhood in the late 1920s, early 1930s, when there was a long meadow on the right hand side over the bridge in Manor Lane (now divided in ownership between Colin and Jill Tucker and the Brennans). At the end of this, at the place where the brooks converge, there was a small orchard where old indentations were still visible that the old folk of his youth told him were the remains of the mill race and sluice. When I was shown round by Heather Brennan there is indeed the area that there are still a few ancient damson trees, and overgrown depressions in the soil which Heather tells me fill with water in the winter. (This is a distinct area from the more recent excavations where a new pond was created

sometime in the sixties by the Firmans, which lies further back from the stream. In any case, Bill Heritage's memories predate these alterations.)

Field and lane names also help. Mr Charles Ivins, who did extensive work on old Oxhill deeds, told me that the long meadow (Tuckers and Brennans) was known as Millyard Close, the neighbouring field Millyard Leys, and that the footpath, (now routed through the field by the church) which originally went across the front of Sanroy Cottage was called Millyard Way.

So rests the research to date. Any further information or memories gratefully received.

Ann Hale

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### **Harvest Supper**

A very enjoyable evening was had by all who attended the Supper, with good food and entertainment.

Many thanks to all the cooks and for all the help getting the hall ready; it did look lovely. Thanks to Heather for the sunflowers and to John for running the bar. A very big thank-you to Joshua for organising the entertainment; the lads all worked very hard - Blackadder will never be the same again. Thanks to Joshua, Marcus, Sam, David, George and Alex. It made a great end to the evening.

A profit of £246 was made for Church funds. Thanks again,

Lilian

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### **Paté and Puds**

Paté and Puds will be held on Saturday 27th November. Make a note in your diary.

Tickets will be available soon – contact Lilian on 10295 680468.

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### **Christmas Wreaths**

Door and grave wreaths made to order.

If you want a wreath please let me know on 01295 680468. If I am not at home please leave a message.

Lilian

## **Village Hall News**

We would like to thank all of you who made the quiz night and progressive dinner a huge success. Thanks to everyone who participated in cooking and entertaining our paying guests, who we hoped enjoyed themselves.

We will return in the Spring.

### **Next event:**

Live & Local – Fanny Cradock on Friday 12th November at 8 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Please support this event, otherwise we will have to make the balance up out of our funds.

### **Call now to book your place**

**01295 680850 and speak to Linda or Ray or**

**01295 680654 and speak to Keith or Julie**

**Bingo night** returns on Friday 19th November at 8 p.m. – unfortunately we had to cancel the last event due to lack of attendance. Please come and support us.

On Saturday 4th December we will be holding a ‘Charity’ Casino night at the Village Hall. Black Jack and Roulette can be played to win prizes depending on the amount of chips you win. Food and drinks will be available.

More details to follow.

Linda



## **Oxhill Garden Club**

The talk this month was 'A Hedgerow Christmas' by Mrs. G. Burrell. This was an interesting insight into what you can do with almost any twigs (reasonable length ones) of all descriptions collected from your local hedges. Mrs. Burrell demonstrated how to make a door wreath, which she then decorated with glycerined leaves, sprayed acorns and ribbon. The willow she used will gradually change colour as it ages. She also made a smaller table decoration out of lighter twigs. Both were very pleasing. These were then raffled, the lucky winners being Doreen Neal and Dot Richards.

Myrtle Knight was presented with her prize for winning the best pot competition.

The Christmas meal, with skittles after, has been postponed until January. It will now be at the Lygon Arms in Chipping Camden. The committee apologises for this, but the New Inn at Clifford Chambers, where we have been for the last two years, no longer does skittles.

"What shall we do at our December meeting?" That is now the big question. It will be discussed at the next committee meeting, so watch this space!

The flower of the month competition was well supported and was won by Heather Brennan with a lovely passion flower.

Our next meeting is on 18th November at 7.30. Mr. P. Aubrey will be talking to us about House and Conservatory Plants.

Dot Richards

## **25 Years Ago**

The Parish Council had discussed the dangerous state of the footpaths in the village, and the Harvest Festival and Harvest Supper were both reported on. The former included the plaintive cry that only nine people (including the Rural Dean) had attended the evensong thanksgiving. By contrast the Family Service earlier in the day had been well attended.

Church Christmas cards were on offer at 7 p each, and Ann Hale was seeking the owner of a yellow and brown striped tea towel.

Bill and Frances Rouse thanked everyone for their patronage over many years, and welcomed Mr & Mrs Day as the new owners of the Post Office.

Una Hill thanked people for their support in raising funds for the children's Christmas party and Angela Emmerson was selling cards and calendars for the Playgroup.

The village hall had held a successful Old Time Evening and announced a forthcoming Folk Evening. It also wanted volunteers for a cleaning rota.

The Peacock announced its customary children's bonfire party, at £2 per family and David Hill reported that the Oxhill Open Golf Championship had been held at Whitnash. The inaugural Champion was Ken Booth. Plans to make this an annual event seem to have fallen by the wayside somewhat.

Editor

# **WI REPORT**

## **29 September 2004**

This was our Annual Group Meeting, when Kinton, The Pillertons, Ratley and ourselves all met at the Village Hall.

After singing Jerusalem, our guests and visitors were welcomed. The Annual Reports from the different groups were read, then the entertainment, The Oxford Classic Jazz, gave us over an hour of good music from the 1920s and 1930s. There was much toe-tapping and clapping going on, and it was obvious that everyone was enjoying themselves. One of the Jazz Group played a steel guitar which I found had a lovely haunting sound. Nick Gill, the leader, played the piano with zest.

After the Jazz Group was finished to rousing applause and shouts of encore, Ratley gave a vote of thanks and then refreshments were served. A decorated headband from the 1920s-30s was the competition this year, and Nick Gill was the Judge. Jackie Batchelor won the Rosemary Cup with a headband sporting ostrich feathers, and Mrs Kath Silman won the prize for being in character, wearing a stunning 1920s style Charleston dress.

The Pillertons group drew the raffle, and after Kinton had given a vote of thanks to Tysoe, our President closed the meeting with the singing of God Save the Queen. A very enjoyable evening.

## **October 6th**

After the business of the meeting was finished, Mr R Gray from Compton Verney gave an interesting and informative slide show and talk about the house and gardens. Apparently, Adam drew the plans for the house, although he did not actually build it. This was left to a local builder.

I should think that most people know that the gardens were laid out by "Capability" Brown and they are a classic example of his work, with dreamy landscapes and stunning views.

After the War, when the house was left in a very dilapidated state, the house and grounds were bought by the present owner, who set about a restoration project to house his collection of art and artefacts. This he has achieved with great success.

Mr Gray obviously loved his job as he spoke with enthusiasm about the different projects that were under way and how the house and grounds were being used to draw in both childrens groups and adults.

Jackie Batchelor gave the vote of thanks, then refreshments were served, provided by Mrs S Bains and R Brown. The meeting was closed at 9.30 p.m.

J Batchelor

Don't forget Keep Fit on Thursday mornings at 10.30 a.m. in Tysoe Village Hall. All Welcome.

# **What's On in Oxhill**

## **November**

Wednesday 3rd	7.30	Tysoe Village Hall - WI - AGM Night
Thursday 4th	10.00	Wusi, Tredington - Coffee Morning
Friday 5th & Saturday 6th		Moda Rosa, Darlingscott - Shipston Home Nursing, Designer Sale
Friday 12th	8.00	Village Hall - "Fanny Craddock"
Thursday 18th	10.00	Townsend Hall, Shipston - Shipston Home Nursing, Gift Fayre
	7.30	Village Hall - Garden Club
Friday 19th	8.00	Village Hall - Bingo Night
Sunday 21st	5.00	Peacock Inn – Countryside Gifts
Thursday 25th	23.59	Deadline for material for the News
Saturday 27th	7.30	Paté and Puds

## **December**

Wednesday 1st	7.30	Tysoe Village Hall - WI - Christmas Entertainment
Saturday 4th	8.00	Village Hall - Casino Night
Monday 13th	1.00	Village Hall - Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 22nd	7.30	Oxhill Church - Carol Service

## **No!**

No sun - no moon!  
No morn - no noon!  
No dawn - no dusk - no proper time of day -  
No sky - no earthly view -  
No distance looking blue -  
No road - no street - no "t'other side this way" -  
No end to any Row -  
No indications where the Crescents go -  
No top to any steeple -  
No recognitions of familiar people -  
No courtesies for showing 'em -  
No knowing 'em!  
No traveling at all - no locomotion -  
No inkling of the way - no notion -  
"No go" by land or ocean -  
No mail - no post -  
No news from any foreign coast -  
No Park, no Ring, no afternoon gentility -  
No company - no nobility -  
No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,  
No comfortable feel in any member -  
No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,  
No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds -  
November!

Thomas Hood (Cheerful soul, wasn't he?)



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Sunday 21st November  
5.00 pm until 9.00 pm