

THE OXHILL NEWS



December 2007

'Signs of the Times'

by

'The Oracle'

A regular posting of confusing, misleading and wholly unnecessary signs and instructions.

Number 2

Official Post Office notice displayed in Ettington Stores & PO:

'Customers who need advice should ask a member of staff for help'.

The Oracle is grateful for this searing insight, having so often wondered what the correct procedure would be.



JANUARY ISSUE

Please could I have all copy for the January issue by Midnight on Monday, **24th December**? 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. My 'official' e-mail address is news-editor@oxhill.org.uk if you wish to send me stuff that way.

George Adams, 680286

COVER PICTURE

Members of the Garden Club get down and dirty making the Old Chapel look as pretty on the outside as it is on the inside. Photo courtesy of Myrtle Knight.

POPPY APPEAL

Dear Oxhill,

Once again you have risen to the occasion magnificently. Your support for the Poppy Appeal this year surpassed even last year's wonderful effort. If your efforts are repeated nationally The Legion should have another record year. In my estimation, support such as this is the finest tribute we can give to our brave Servicemen and Servicewomen. Far from home they continue to try to bring about peace in very hostile environments. The intensity of operations has not declined since last year and shows little sign of doing so in the near future.

The Legion's workload will no doubt be intensified for many years to come. As the veterans from the Great War gradually grow fewer, so they are being replaced by young men and women from the so called Playstation Generation. Their actions and tales of derring-do are just as magnificent as those of their grandparents.

Thank you all for your support for the Poppy Appeal this year. If anyone would like to be involved in collecting for next year's Poppy Appeal, please make yourself known either to myself (01295-680234) or Pat Crowther (01295-680705).

Yours sincerely,

David Sewell, Poppy Appeal Organiser

THE OLD CHAPEL GARDEN

Myrtle was asked by Jill Tucker if the Garden Club would be prepared to undertake the preparation and planting of the 29' x 6' flower bed, which runs alongside the left wall of the Chapel, and she in turn invited Reg Gethin to mastermind the project (he certainly did the lion's share of the work).

Reg, Myrtle and Dot Richards met with Jill to discuss suitable shrubs (silver and blue preferred to complement the grey stone wall) for which Jill would provide ample funds. This was followed by an "on site" résumé. Next a party sped off to spend Jill's money (very easily!) returning with Reg's car loaded with goodies. Several more sorties were undertaken to fill the gaps, and then the area was most professionally pegged out with numbered sticks and they were ready for planting.

On a particularly grey, cold, drizzly day Myrtle, Reg and Dot were joined by Sue Duckworth, John McKail and Kate Hardy of the Garden Club to plant up the bed. The rain dripped off their noses, hair became lankier by the minute and mud from their boots crept up their legs, but good humour prevailed and all was finished in record time.

"Fait accompli", as the French have it, and all that was now required was to spread a load of shingle on the surface to prevent weed invasion.

Watch the Space to see it flourish!

Heather Brennan, Garden Club Secretary

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL

SERVICES IN DECEMBER

All are warmly welcome

Sunday 2nd	Advent I	9.30 am	Holy Communion (ML)
Sunday 9th	Advent II	8.30 am	Holy Communion (ML) N.B. No evensong
Sunday 16th	Advent III	9.30 am	Holy Communion (ML)
Wednesday 19th		7.30 pm	The Village Carol Service (NM)
Sunday 23rd	Advent IV	9.30 am	The Blessing of the Crib and Christingle (NM)
Christmas Day		9.30 am	Christmas Communion (ML)

VICARAGE NOTES

Remembrance Sunday

The good congregations at all the parishes in the group reflected the continuing importance of the act of remembering. To step aside from the business of life is not only wise for ourselves in reflecting upon the past and praying for the future, but also a mark of the village acting with united purpose, so important in changing times.

Advent and Christmas

With Advent starts the Church's year, proclaiming that the Lord is near. This short phrase begins the explanation of the Church's Year in an old school textbook – a useful mnemonic! Advent today glows with Christmas activities and preparations and I don't suppose it's possible to turn the clock back to a less commercial time. I simply pray that within the busy days of this month people everywhere will remember that Christmas is the feast of the "Nativity of our Lord" – the birthday of a child who journeyed from crib to cross. Naturally, all are warmly invited to the special services held at St. Lawrence's this year.

A Christmas Verse

Sleep, holy babe! Thine angels watch around,
All bending low with folded wings,
Before the incarnate King of kings,
In reverent awe profound.

(From the carol "Sleep Holy Babe" by James Caswall)

Sirpa and I wish all our readers a happy and peaceful Christmas,

THE LEYS FIELD, OXHILL

Response to last month's article from the field owners

The family's decision to promote its aspirations for The Leys Field through a public meeting was commendable and few would condemn them for seeking to maximise the value of their asset. Likewise, the reaction of those affected in seeking to protect their assets and the local environment was entirely predictable. However, the owners' description of that meeting in November's Oxhill News left many feeling that they had attended a different presentation, and as reported previously the majority of the village residents are opposed to any development of this space and what support exists is for a very modest development only.

The altruistic picture painted of proposed benefit to the community with low cost housing and village hall improvements is at variance with the rejection by the field owners of two small-scale development proposals for the field. The most recent of these was from a local Housing Association, which owns a property on Main Street, and was exploring a small development of rental housing fronting Main Street plus one detached house to help finance the package.

The important principle at stake here is the protection of the open space that makes up the heart of the village. There are other landowners who would be fully justified in seeking to emulate the owners of The Leys Fields in attempting further development. The consequence of such development would be a fundamental change in the character of our village and would affect almost everybody living here.

We will remain vigilant on this situation and are ready to become more active should things develop further.

Alan Bearis, Ted Fila, Reg Gethin, Alan Hedley, Grenville Moore, Malcolm Robertson, Paul Sayer, Peter Taylor (Leys Field Action Group)

OXHILL VILLAGE BENCH

Thanks to funding from the Warwickshire County Council Rural Outreach Programme, there is now a sturdy bench sited outside the Village Hall. Villagers and visitors will be able to make use of this facility when waiting for a bus or as a brief resting place when part way round the village circular walk.

Douglas Nethercleft (VLO, Oxhill)

[I am sure we would all give hearty thanks to Douglas and his labourer Keith for their work installing the bench - Editor.]

NATURE NOTES FOR DECEMBER

December brings the Winter Solstice that traditionally and astronomically takes us into winter. The word winter is of Old English origin and thought to be related to the word 'wet'.

Now wet appropriately brings me to the brook. Every time I walk down Manor Lane I always stop for several minutes and look over each side of the bridge, and a couple of weeks ago I was thrilled to see a shoal of about 20 roach. I say thrilled because one rarely sees anything alive in our brook. The roach is a coarse fish and is common throughout Great Britain. In different environments the roach varies from silver to nearly black and body depth varies from slim to fairly deep. The shoal I saw were youngish fish, slim, about six to seven inches in length, silvery black with the characteristic orange fins. They can grow up to anything between 8 – 14 inches, but a fish weighing over 3 pounds is rare. They are often the main food of pike, perch and zander, and of course the heron, which I regularly see along the brook. I spotted this shoal of fish several times over the course of a week, but they now seem to have vanished.

Also walking down Manor Lane you may have heard or seen the pied wagtails which seem to have done well this year – I recently saw nine all sitting in one of the willow trees. The wagtail is sometimes called the “gypsy bird” because of an old belief, apparently prevalent in Warwickshire, that if you see a wagtail, a gypsy will be somewhere near. The Romany people themselves have a saying that if a wagtail is seen while they are travelling along a road, this is a fortunate sign; if it stays in the road as they approach, they will meet strangers; if it flies away, they will encounter relatives. As well as gypsy bird, it also has many other colloquial names; waggie, piedie, quaketail, dishwasher, washtail, and washerwoman. It is thought that the names referring to washing relate back to washerwomen of old, dressed in their black and white clothes, and the bird's bobbing, jerking actions imitate those of woman scrubbing clothes or washing dishes.

You may recall last month I mentioned crows dropping “something” in Mrs Rodwell's field. Well, I have returned to the spot and found several empty walnut shells. These birds never cease to amaze and indeed amuse me. I have recently been working in Wellesbourne and the room looks out over some pony paddocks. I watched three crows picking up what appeared to be chunks of bread and crusts thrown down for the horses. Most picked away and ate what they picked up, but one was hastily hopping about picking up as many pieces as it could, cramming them into its beak. It flew over the fence to an area where there were a lot of fallen leaves, and it very carefully moved about placing a piece of bread on the ground and then pulling a leaf over it. The bird went on to repeat the action until it had hidden three pieces and then hopped away and settled down to enjoy his remaining piece. However, this had not gone unnoticed and one of the other crows came flying over the fence, went straight to where the bread was hidden, took the leaf off and began tucking in. Our devious crow gave a motion, that had it been human would have been hands on hips, a deep shrug and sigh as if to say “Well!” – it was a treat to see.

Wassailing comes from the Anglo-Saxon toast “waes hael” meaning “to your health!”. It was customary to drink this toast at Christmas or New Year from a bowl of spiced ale or wine, which was passed from person to person and became known as the wassail bowl or wassail cup. People from the poorer classes used to go from house to house with such a bowl, often dressed with ribbons, flowers and evergreen in exchange for money. This wassailing is probably the origin of carol singing.

If you have enjoyed my ramblings over the past year – thank you – and I will raise my wassail cup to you all at Christmas and toast WAES HAEL.

Grenville Moore

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

The November meeting was an excellent example of how much better and more fun it is to see things done live rather than from books or from the television. Lilian Welsby and Anne Nethercleft demonstrated between them the making of Christmas wreaths, garlands and table arrangements. They had obviously done a considerable amount of preparation for the evening and the ‘here’s one I did earlier’ examples were stunning. As experienced practitioners they managed to persuade us that we could also do it and I for one can’t wait to have a go.

It’s been a hands-on month for the club in other ways as well and many thanks go to Reg Gethin, Myrtle Knight and Dot Richards in particular for all their hard work in the planning and preparation of the Old Chapel Garden – see elsewhere in The News.

There is no formal meeting in December; instead we (and guests) meet at Bilton Cottage, Church Lane on Thursday December 13th at 7 p.m. for a Christmas Gathering.

Heather Brennan, Secretary

LOST & FOUND

I found a Renault Laguna 'card key' and a house key attached a few weeks ago. They were lying in the road just leading up to my lane. If anyone has lost these, just contact me on 01926 640309.

Sue Hutsby

A SIMPLE PUZZLE

(with a universal answer)

What do you get if you allow the geese and swans to do what comes naturally?

Or, to put it another way, what is the result of giving all the birds to the assembled Lords and Ladies?

George Nethercleft

NOTES OF A MEETING OF OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2007 AT 8.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Apologies were received from Carol Taylor and Gwyneth Adams.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

Local Emergency Plan

Mike Shepherd gave an update on the response he had received for initiating an emergency plan for Oxhill. Several people had already volunteered but more were needed. A list of those able to help and a list of Village Hall key holders would be provided. Mike will be issuing his own report on this subject [see following - Ed.].

Dog Nuisance

Several complaints have been received about dogs barking, both day and night, in various parts of the village. Could dog owners please try and keep this type of noise nuisance down to a minimum as it does cause stress to some people and we don't want to get the Environmental Health involved if it can be avoided.

Planning

Application for 60m high anemometry mast at Church Farm had been returned with a request for more information and discussion.

Permission had been granted for single storey extension at Appletree Cottage and permission granted to fell one conifer at Binswood Cottage.

Vandalism

One of the Oxhill Village signs had been spray painted as an act of vandalism. This had been cleaned at a cost to the community.

Mobile Library

Many of you already know that this service is undergoing an update with new vans and new timetable. The new service starts in January and will be on a 3-weekly basis. The new timetable will be issued when known.

Current Bus Service Timetable

Oxhill Village Hall – Stratford – Service 270

0750 0925 1245 1520 1820

Oxhill Village Hall – Banbury – Service 270

0640 Not Sat 0935 1305 1700 1840

See Notice Board for detailed timetable

Meeting closed at 8.58 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th January 2008 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

FIRST RESPONSE

Dear Oxhill,

I went to the November 2007 Oxhill Parish Council meeting to discuss the response to last months' letter regarding help for any future emergency in our community and what actions we could take to help, so may I take this opportunity to thank our parish council for their time.

I am Mick Shepard I work voluntarily for West Midlands Ambulance Service as a First Responder. This means that although I have to earn my living like we all do, when I get home I clock on to the Ambulance control system and should you dial 999 with an emergency then it would also be routed to my pager and phone. This is because heart attacks, breathing difficulties and some accidents require immediate medical action, and the response from the Ambulance service cannot hope to match the requirement of the casualty due to the distance and time it takes to get here. I not only cover Oxhill but a further 4 mile radius which takes in even more remote areas than ours. I clock off when I go to bed. However, as I live in the village, if you need to dial 999 for an Ambulance I have no problem with you phoning me on my mobile number 07976298228. It is by my bed and never off. I can still be with you long before the Ambulance arrives saving valuable time. This also could apply to daytimes and week ends as I am sometimes home but not on duty.

I am also willing to give a completely informal chat on any aspect of first aid to any one who asks.

I again thank our Parish Council for their help in this and also thank all the people who responded to me with offers of help should it ever be necessary. Any of you who haven't yet offered but would like to do so will be added to the list because the more people there are to call on the better it is for everyone. No special skills are required just a willingness to help your community.

To clarify: if you live in Oxhill and need to dial 999 for an ambulance at any time you can also ring 07976298228 and if I am able to come I will.

Mick Shepard, 3, The Leys, Oxhill 01295680644 Home 07976298228 Mobile

[As has been pointed out on previous occasions, defibrillators should NOT be used on anyone who is fitted with a heart pacemaker. It would be vital for Mick to be informed of any such fitting. Ed.]

ANY GOOD SAMARITANS OUT THERE?

Does anyone have an exercise bike gathering dust in a corner which they'd be willing to lend to Paul for 6-8 weeks to help him recover from a knee injury?

Linda & Paul Heritage, 01295-688058

CAR PARKING IN BEECH ROAD

The following plea reached me recently:

Over the past few months there has been a dramatic increase in the number of cars being parked in Beech Road between the junction with Main Street opposite the pub and the junction with Back Lane. Although most people are parking in a thoughtful and considerate manner I am afraid that there are one or two people who are not. I am particularly concerned about the cars which are being parked on the pavement directly outside Gateways opposite the pub. The cars are being placed directly on the corner completely blocking the view of anyone attempting to emerge from Beech Road into Main Street. The parked car also completely hides any emerging car from the view of anyone coming along Main Street from the church until you are right into the road. This is a tricky corner at the best of times but having one's view completely obliterated makes it positively dangerous from both angles. I very nearly had a very nasty accident with a truck recently at this junction and it was all due to the fact that neither of us could see each other until it was almost too late. Fortunately the truck was not travelling at any speed at all and knowing how fast some people travel down Main Street despite the 30 mph limit the possibility of a serious accident is very real.

I suspect it is not an Oxhillian doing this but, just in case, please, whoever you are, do not park on the pavement outside Gateways - Thank you. Editor

VILLAGE HISTORY – A FOOTNOTE

Grenville Moore wrote last month about the distinctiveness of old pavements and causeways. I find from the old Parish Meeting Minute Books that the flagged pathway that used to run outside Gateways' wall once extended all the way to the churchyard gate. (An old Oxhill photo c 1910 also shows that it was laid continuously across the top of the entrance to Back Lane where it joins Main Street – useful in the days when roads were muddy.)

This long length of paving was tidied away long ago, again when it became uneven. In 1931 the Parish Meeting asked the Divisional Surveyor “to substitute concrete in place of the uneven flagstones on the footpath from Mr Valender's garage (at the baker's house, now Karibu) to the Churchyard gate”

Oxhill had its own resident roadman in those days, but he would have been already fully occupied with his duties of ditch clearing, grass cutting etc. Mr Bill Heritage, Tom's elder brother, remembers (speaking then of the wartime years) that the roadman in his boyhood was Frank Gardner, (who lived at what is now 7 Beech Road), who “thought the village was his”, and woe betide anyone who made a mess!

Ann Hale

ANEMOMETRY MAST

Oxhill Parish Council recently rejected a proposal to erect a 60 metre (about 200 feet) mast at Church Farm. The full proposal states: Installation of a 60m high anemometry mast to measure the wind speed and direction at approximately 40, 50 and 60 metres above ground level. The site area would be 0.0875 hectares (including 2.5m buffer around mast and all guide wires.)

The Parish Council rejected the application on the grounds that in its opinion, further explanation and consultation was necessary before such an intrusive structure could be considered. A public meeting was suggested.

The Planning Manager for SDC, Liz Nicholson (01789 260336) appears to have ignored the Parish and is recommending, at the planning meeting on the 27th November, that the application be granted. Objectors from Whatcote and Oxhill are attending the meeting. Oxhill Parish Council will be notifying the District Council of our thoughts, by letter, this week, and is liaising with Whatcote.

No explanation whatsoever has been given to date (26th) as to why anyone would want to measure wind speed and direction on Mr. Heritage's land, but we could infer that it might have something to do with wind-farms.

Mr. Heritage is, as you know, the Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council, but, as he clearly has a vested interest in the application, he took no part in the council's deliberations.

If you object to the application there is no formal action which you can take at this stage. If however, you wish to make your thoughts known to the District Council, or anyone else for that matter, you are of course entitled to do so.

David Hill, Chairman, Oxhill Parish Council

REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

There will be no collections on Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

Over the Christmas and New Year holiday period collections will be made as follows:

Thursday 27th December Black bags, green bins, paper and recyclables

Thursday 3rd January Black bags only

Wednesday 9th January Black bags, green bins, paper and recyclables

Collection will go back to normal on Tuesday 15th.

THE PEACOCK

News Update

As I write this with fingers crossed, our completion date for taking over at the Peacock is January 3rd, 2008. Much later than we had hoped or anticipated but never the less a date we are looking forward to.

January will start off quite quietly as we are planning quite a major refit of the kitchen and storage areas ready for a major launch in February. We plan to open on Tuesday 8th January, with a limited food menu. Our first event will be the coffee morning and look forward to meeting you all on Wednesday January 9th (a week later than usual) with lunch being on the 3rd Wednesday as usual – January 16th. Menus will be available at the coffee morning. At the coffee morning we will properly introduce ourselves and let you know about the speciality evenings we have planned for the future.

In the mean time we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cheers!

Yvonne and Pam

BBC FAME ACADEMY PICKS OXHILL! AGAIN!

After the success of BBC One's Fame Academy programme, the Fame Academy Bursary was created in 2003 to allocate the funds raised by public voting. Since then over £1 million has been awarded to young musicians. Competition for the bursaries is fierce, but in October, Alice Mercer found out that she was one of those lucky musicians who had been selected to receive a new instrument. Since then, she has had the enviable task of trying a number of professional level clarinets to select the one that suited her best. Last week, the chosen clarinet arrived and Alice is extremely pleased with her choice. Three years ago, her elder sister Lucy was also awarded an instrument bursary for a top-of-range alto saxophone.

Ruth Mercer

BOOK CLUB

A recently started book club has a few vacancies for avid readers. Everyone is welcome. The next meeting is January 7th at 7.30 p.m. The book for discussion is "The Redbreast" by Jo Nesbo, Vintage 2007. (This is a Tesco Book Club selection for November and is easily available and reasonably priced at £4.) The book was voted the best Norwegian crime novel of all time.

Please contact Barbara Langley on 01926 641047

WI REPORT

November 2007

Sue Coates, a WI adviser, joined us at our AGM. She answered questions and encouraged discussion, then successfully encouraged members to join the committee. Mary Greenway will be our new president.

Ann Beeny and Philippa Robinson served refreshments. We finished with a light-hearted general knowledge quiz covering the last 90 Years. Such was the brilliance of our members that two teams shared the prize!

We are holding the January and February meetings in the Committee Room of the Village Hall from 2.30-4.30.

Wednesday 9th January (N.B. Second Wednesday not First): Racehorses

Wednesday 6th February: Penny Varley: pottery

Please feel welcome to join us.

B. Keep

WEEKDAY WALKERS

There will be only one walk during December, as follows:

Friday 14th December – Clifford Chambers: a circular flat walk of 5 miles, part of which follows the River Avon and finishing back at the “New Inn”. Leaving Oxhill at 9:45 a.m.

If you wish to come please contact Jim Saxton 01295 680613, before Thursday 13th since we need to reserve table at the popular New Inn.

STOUR SINGERS

Christmas Concert – Latin- American Style

Saturday, 8th December 2007 at 7.30pm

St Edmund’s Church, Shipston-on-Stour

The coming of Caliche, the distinguished professional South American Folk Group playing instruments such as flutes, panpipes, charangos and mandolins, to Shipston on December 8th 2007 provides a rare opportunity to experience the exuberance of the sacred rhythms of that continent together with the tranquillity of traditional English Christmas choral music - and enjoy plenty of audience participation.

Caliche and Stour Singers will perform two works by the Argentinian composer, Ariel Ramirez, Misa Criolla (Creole Mass) and Navida Nuestra (Our Nativity).

Tickets £7.50, from choir members, R. Clarke, 27 High St, Shipston and at the door. (Accompanied children free).

VILLAGE HALL

The Coffee Morning held recently raised just over £100 to help fund the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch. Our grateful thanks go to all those who came and those who helped.

The Lunch itself will be on Monday 10th. Invitations have been distributed. Would anyone who has not yet RSVPd to Gwyn or George (Karibu, 680286) please do so as soon as possible so that the table layout can be organised.

The first film showing in the hall will take place after this issue goes to press so a report on how it and the second screening went will appear in the New Year. This second event is scheduled for Monday 17th December, when the film shown will be, in honour of the season, White Christmas. Most of you know the songs, so why not come along and drown out the Old Groaner? Your Committee hopes to provide hot mince pies though not accompanied by that dreadful abomination, mulled wine.

Tickets (£5 a head) for the village New Year's Eve Party are going quickly. We are limited in the number we can take in the hall (the dreaded Health & Safety strikes again), so if you would like to join us please contact Angela on 680565.

George Adams

CANTAMUS OF SHIPSTON

with

The Orchestra of the Swan

Friday 14th December

7.30 p.m.

in

The Townsend Hall, Shipston-on-Stour

A concert of Christmas music

Including excerpts from

Handel's *Messiah*

Contact: Brian Aspery

Tel: 01608 686927

STOUR VALLEY PROBUS CLUB

This résumé is to introduce you to a very friendly local club. PROBUS is a national organisation for retired and semi-retired professionals and businessmen. That may sound a bit formal and stuffy, but is anything but. Our club, serving the Stour Valley area, aims to foster fellowship amongst members through regular meetings, promote exchange of views and arrange social and other activities determined by members.

There are around 30 of us with varied backgrounds including: engineering; aviation; finance & banking; inn keeping; insurance; agriculture; sales & marketing; electronics and telecommunications, to name but a few. Members also have a wide range of hobbies and interests, so you will always find someone with whom to share experiences.

So what do we actually do? The club meets fortnightly on Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. There is time for a chat over coffee and biscuits, followed by brief club business, then a presentation by an invited speaker. Talks are very varied and recently have included: “My Grandmother was a Gypsy”, “Samarkand and the Silk Route”, “Growing up under the Third Reich”, “The Science of Humour”, “Understanding Birds Of Prey”, “Concorde” and “Village Life in the 30s & 40s”. Afterwards, if you have the time and inclination, you can enjoy a drink with new found friends.

Our recent outings have been to the Black Country Museum, RAF Cosford and the Horticultural Research International. Our regular social functions include Skittles evenings, a Ladies Lunch, a Summer Garden Party and a Christmas Lunch.

Where do we meet? Easily accessible to villages in the Stour Valley, the club meets at the Cherington Arms, Cherington, a lovely old pub just off the A3400 road between Shipston-on-Stour and Long Compton.

You now have a flavour of what you could enjoy, so why not give it a try? You will be most welcome. Give the Secretary, ALAN STACEY a call on 01608 666010 and COME ALONG!

AND STACEY

The editorial, production and distribution staff of the News wish you all

A Merry Christmas

and

A Happy and Prosperous New Year

WHAT'S ON IN OXHILL

December

Wednesday 5th	7.30	Tysoe Village Hall – WI meeting. Sue Price – Antarctica
Saturday 8th	7.30	St Edmund's, Shipston – Stour Singers Concert
Monday 10th	12.30	Village Hall – Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch WI Group Carol Service at Ratley Church
Thursday 13th	7.30	Bilton Cottage – Garden Club – Christmas Gathering
Friday 14th	9.45	Weekday Walkers
	7.30	Townsend Hall, Shipston – Cantamus Concert
Monday 17th	7.30	Village Hall – Film Show "White Christmas"
Wednesday 19th	7.30	The Church – Village Carol Service
Monday 24th	23.59	Copy deadline for The News
Thursday 27th		Refuse Collection – Black Bags, Green Bins & Recyclables
Monday 31st	10.00	Village Hall – New Year's Eve Part

January

Thursday 3rd		Refuse Collection – Black Bags only
Monday 7th	7.30	Book Club
Tuesday 8th		The Peacock reopens
	8.0	Village Hall – Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 9th		The Peacock – Village Coffee Morning
		Refuse Collection – Black Bags, Green Bins & Recyclables
	2.30	Tysoe Village Hall – W.I.
Wednesday 16th		The Peacock – Village Lunch



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

Presents

Bing Crosby

Danny Kaye

Rosemary Clooney

Vera Ellen

WHITE CHRISTMAS

Monday 17th December

7.30 for 8