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Martha Newman (McKail) as 'Britannia'
winner of best costume at the Jubilee Celebrations

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The copy deadline for the June edition is July 15th 2012.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The library van has books with **large print**, ordinary print, picture books, children's books, paperbacks, non-fiction, novels, sagas, crime, mysteries, adventures, westerns and romance. The van also has talking books, cassettes and CDs.

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill every 3rd Wednesday, stopping at the Village Hall at 10am and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Wednesday 11th July.

You can renew books between van visits by calling 01926 851031 or online at www.Warwickshire.gov.uk/wild

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 3rd, 17th and 31st of July

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays 10th and 24th of July.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

The following walks are planned for July:

July 13th – A 6.2 mile walk from St. Dennis to Upper Brailes with 320 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Gate Inn Brailes – Leaving Oxhill at 9:30am.

July 27th – A 7.5 mile walk from Ratley to Warmington with 420 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Plough Inn, Warmington – Leaving Oxhill at 9:45am.

Due to the numbers on the walk Jim Saxton now contacts regular members to get meal decisions by Wednesday evening. Those who wish to join us are most welcome, but please contact Jim Saxton on 01295 680613 or at saxton @ tiscali.co.uk before the Tuesday evening prior to the walk.

PARISH CHAIRMAN'S JUBILEE REPORT

What a huge success the Oxhill Jubilee Celebration was. Even the weather couldn't dampen our spirits. What made it such a success? Of course there is all the "front of house" people, the cooks, the people who fetched and carried, the games masters



Grenville from OWLS plants the budilea in the church garden to celebrate of the Queen's Silver Jubilee

who organised the entertainment in the field and a myriad of workers, all kept in line with the occasional crack of his whip – the ringmaster, the driving force – Mike Collins. A massive vote of thanks to all these people, but I would like to thank and name a few people who without their generosity the event probably would never have happened. Firstly, the kind person who gave a very generous donation to make sure we all sat down together for our Sunday lunch; Janet Gardner for the generous use of her field, and Colin and Jill Tucker for making the Chapel available. Brian and Sarah for supplying the two magnificent hogs, and the Fox family for getting up in the night to keep those hogs roasting. Charles and Nadia for letting us take the electricity from their house, and not forgetting Robin Teale and Ian Broderick, the two electricians, who gave their time and materials to make sure no-one went up in a blue flash, and Mick and Barbara for being there all weekend just in case anybody did! Hugh Rouse for his driveway and electricity supply for the cold room trailer. Then, of course, the fabulous OMG ensemble and Robin and Adrian for keeping us brilliantly entertained during a cold, wet evening. There were the details that gave the finishing touch to the marquee, the bunting and the beautiful flowers on the tables. Thank you Una.

Surely though the biggest vote of thanks goes to you – the people of Oxhill for coming together and supporting this event and making it such a magnificent triumph. What fun we had!

Grenville Moore

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Sunday 1st Sunday 8th Trinity V: 9.30am Sunday Praise (Tom Moffatt)

Sunday 15th Trinity VI: 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 2nd Trinity VII: 9.30am Family Service (NM)

Sunday July 29th Trinity VIII: 9.30am United Benefice Communion at Oxhill (ML)

For other services in the benefice please see porch notice board

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: welcomed into God's family: June 10th James, Lewis and Wendy Robinson

VICARAGE NOTES

Dear friends,

I really must congratulate the organisers of the Oxhill Jubilee Celebrations on a wonderful effort despite the inclement weather – a splendid time. It was also great to welcome so many to St. Lawrence and I hope all enjoyed the service!

After 3 days of sharing celebrations around the villages, it was good to get back to normal and for me that has included

completing the grant application form for English Heritage. We've applied for £95,000 towards a projected total of £140,000 inc VAT and shall hear in December whether we have been successful. Patience is a virtue If we have a positive response, as well as using our reserves there will be other grant applications to be made and local fund raising to be undertaken.

In the meantime, we do our best to care for St. Lawrence's and ensure that is a living church, a place of rest and welcome, a place where joyful events can be celebrated and where sadness is also expressed. It continues to be a symbol of the wider community, not only of its heritage, but also its future.

Best wishes and God bless,
Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230



DEANERY NEWS, JULY AND AUGUST

Pentecost Eucharist at Tredington

'Sunday was wonderful, can't stop singing: truly wonderful: wonderful to come together and worship: an occasion to remember with joy'.

It was indeed wonderful, to celebrate Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit, with the Archbishop of Canterbury preaching, and the Bishop of Coventry leading the service.

We had prayed that everyone would come together in deed and worship, and that is exactly what happened. Hundreds played their part: they arranged chairs, cut the grass, made sashes, made and served cakes and drinks, sung in the choir, stewarded throughout the service, arranged flowers, and lent us their silverware - and then tidied up afterwards. And a thousand other things besides. Thank you everyone.

'Fill us with your Spirit' was a constant prayer during the service: Julian Harris wrote 'a nugget of a tune' for those words, which grew into the most wonderful music which was such an integral part of the service. The Archbishop's words touched and inspired so many, in many different ways. 'It felt,' said one 'like a shot in the arm'. God's Holy Spirit was indeed poured afresh upon us.

'Fill us with your Spirit' is our on-going prayer for this Deanery, that, back in our homes and villages and places of worship, the Holy Spirit will empower us anew, to take God's love wherever we go.

The next **Deanery Synod** will be on **Tuesday, July 17th** (postponed from June), at 7.30pm at Whatcote. Martin Kirkbride, Diocesan Learning Advisor, will talk about the new format of the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship.

Finally, the **Deanery Garden Party** will once again be happening at The Old House, Oxhill, on **Saturday August 4th** between 3 and 5pm. This year any funds raised will be used to support parish ministry in some of the most financially deprived parts of our diocese. Everyone from the Deanery is welcome: gifts of cake are welcome too!

Every blessing, Jill

Deanery Garden Party,

at

THE OLD HOUSE, OXHILL

Saturday, August 4th

between 3.00 and 5.00 pm

All are invited: any funds raised will be used to support parish ministry in some of the most financially deprived parts of our Diocese.

Gifts of cake will be most welcome!

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

3rd – 4th June 2012

It's all over, bar the accounting!

The only thing that we couldn't control was the weather and it let us down big time. But as a result of an appeal to Barbara at Cotswold Marquees on Friday morning to increase the size of the marquee we all got under the one roof on Sunday and the party carried on largely unaffected despite the continuous downpour and squalls outside.

Monday was an entirely different day and the outside activities were enjoyed in sunshine. We even managed to launch the lanterns at dusk as the wind dropped completely and what a spectacle that was! They were seen and appreciated by those lighting beacons on the hilltops around the area.

Lost Property

There were a number of items and some clothing left on the site over the weekend. If you mislaid something then it would be worth a visit to the village hall where lost property can be reclaimed.

Catering Equipment

Any unclaimed catering equipment has also been transferred to the village hall and can be reclaimed from there by contacting any key holder.

Expenses

Remember that this event was a 'not for profit venture' and as such if you incurred expenses in producing food items for Sunday or Monday those expenses can be reimbursed by providing Ruth Mercer with details and receipts. Please submit all claims by Friday 13th July as the accounts will be closed after this date. At the time of writing I am expecting that there will be a small surplus which will be distributed within the village.

Hopefully it will be possible to hold a final committee meeting in August to report on the accounts and close down the project. The date will be announced in the August edition of the news.



Thank you Oxhill ...

... For supporting the event and joining in with the competitions organised for your entertainment.

Personally I was heartened by the number of people that turned out at 8am on Sunday morning and I knew then that the event would be a success. Thank you to all who contributed in so many different ways over the weekend. It made running the event very easy and it was a pleasure to see the village come together to enjoy themselves. I particularly want to thank members of the committee who



Alice Mercer Photography

helped with the planning and preparations over many months.

I have received many comments and notes of appreciation which extend to all involved. I would like to recognise the following for their contributions: Members of Oxhill Parish Council for their support; The Village Hall Management Committee for the loan of equipment and allowing the event to be run under their jurisdiction; Janet Gardner for allowing the use of her field and Brian for many hours spent preparing it; Jill & Colin Tucker for allowing the use of the Old Chapel; Brian & Sarah Hobill for donating the pigs, organising butchery and transport; Tom and Carol Fox & family for running the pig roast; Thomas Fox for the loan of vehicles; Ettington Chase Hotel for supporting accommodation requirements; Brenda and Ian Hughes for supporting PA requirements; Hugh

Rouse for allowing the cold store trailer to reside on his drive and for providing an electric supply to power it; Charles and Nadia MacCall for providing the electricity supply to the marquee; Robin Teall for the electrical installation to the marquee; Ian Broderick for providing and installing the lighting equipment in the marquee and on site; Una Hill for organising and completing the decorations; Kineton Scout Group for the loan of tables and storage trailer; Red Horse Fuels for their sponsorship; Martin Cronin for organising the lift platform and to Rae Pickles for operating it on Sunday.

Thanks are also due to the following event coordinators and the teams who supported them; Catherine Kimmins and the Bell Ringers; Rev. Nicholas Morgan; Oxhill Wild Life Society (OWLS); Grenville Moore and the Big Lunch Team; Lucy Mercer for finding out that 'Oxhill Does Have Talent'!; Adrian Marklew for preparing the quiz and Robin Teall for asking the questions; Ed Bracher and family for the Hobby Horse races; Doug Nethercleft and the O'Donnell family for the field games; Andy Buchanan for the Water Volley Ball; Guy Loveridge and Thomas Fox for the Tug-O-War; Gaynor Fila and Ruth Mercer for afternoon teas and the pig roast supper. Also thanks are due to the Oxhill Artists group and Barbara Kenny for organising the exhibition of their paintings.

Finally I want to express a very special thank you to Mick and Barbara Shepard for providing invaluable medical cover throughout the weekend and to Mick for assisting me throughout and for providing essential tools from his comprehensively equipped vehicle.



Special Electronic Edition of the News

I have already seen many photos and some video footage of the celebrations. The intention is to produce an electronic special Diamond Jubilee edition of the ‘News’ on the village web site www.oxhill.org.uk. Vanessa Druce and Alice Mercer are working on this project and the site will be built during July and completed in time for it to be archived by the British Library Diamond Jubilee project.

If anyone would like to contribute an article to this edition of the ‘News’ please e-mail [diamond.jubilee @ oxhill.org.uk](mailto:diamond.jubilee@oxhill.org.uk).

Some Appreciations Received

From Tom Heritage

Congratulations to the team for organising a comprehensive and varied programme of events for the Queens Diamond Jubilee celebration.

Oxhill has always had a great sense of community. I recall being told of the feasting before the war for the Coronation of King George VI, (although I was only a twinkle in my father’s eye at the time!), but I remember the Coronation of the Queen, we had a fancy dress cricket match followed by a village party – my father being dressed as Winston Churchill (he had the figure for it!), but I can’t remember what I wore. Rationing of food had only just finished after the war, and most of the food for the party was produced in the village, there were a lot of rhubarb pies for the puddings. For the main course, it was home produced ham etc, many of the older houses had a pig sty in the garden. Then, we of course had the Silver and Golden Jubilee celebrations, but I don’t remember a two day event with so much and varied entertainment as this one. I am sure we will remember it for a long time to come.

From O’Donnell family visitors Nadia and Joe Young

Both my husband and I wanted to thank you and all those involved for such excellent organisation, splendid food and enormous fun.

Finally from Gaida and Jerry Webb & Family

We just wanted to convey our thanks to you and everybody involved. We all thoroughly enjoyed the whole event. But the crowning glory just had to be the food, what a spread and both days too: Superb.

Main Contact Details

Should there be any remaining questions about the event then please contact Mike Collins on 680564 or by e-mail to [diamond.jubilee @ oxhill.org.uk](mailto:diamond.jubilee@oxhill.org.uk).



Setting up the marquee for lunch

JUBILEE LUNCH

Feeding the 5,000? Not quite, only 240! A heartfelt thank you to the cooks of the Kitchen Brigade; Ruth Mercer, Gaynor Van Dijk and Gaynor Fila, Carol Fox and Carol Beasley, Anne Marshall, Posy McDonald, Trish Harbour, Cath Pugh, Sue Headley, Sue Robins, and Gwyn Adams, to Carol Taylor for the shopping trips, Jo van Dijk for collecting all the vegetables, Debbie Collins for providing the very welcome bacon rolls on Sunday morning, the men of Oxhill who moved all the tables and helped to ferry the food, and all the commis chefs who turned up to help with the prep, and for the band of washers up and cleaners. Jellies came in from far and wide, so a special thank you to the jelly makers! Thank you again to Jill and Colin Tucker – without the use of the chapel the lunch would have been almost impossible.

A big personal cheer from me.
Grenville Moore



A HUGE THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

What an amazing Jubilee weekend we all had and we would like to thank everyone for their help and support.

A special thank you to all of you who made cakes, jams and salads and all of you who helped set up, made and served teas, salads and desserts and cleared up. Also thank you to the army of food shifters, walking food between Chapel, marquee and cold store. We all clocked up a fair few miles! We catered for at least 270 people for both the teas and pig roast and it seemed everyone had plenty to eat!

We really couldn't have done it without everyone who helped. It was super to see almost the whole village out and about enjoying themselves.

Once again THANK YOU!

Gaynor Fila and Ruth Mercer (Monday Catering Team)



JUBILEE BADGES

I should like to thank Sam Robertson for coming to my rescue when my printer refused to print the Jubilee Badges. Sam very kindly offered to print the sheets, although he may not have realised, at the time of offering, that he would be getting emails of badge sheets from me for the following 12 days!

Ruth Mercer

OXHILL'S JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

One person's account

Oxhill is a small village in Warwickshire, not far from Stratford upon Avon. A lot of work was done before the day of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee (Sunday 3rd June 2012) celebrating sixty years of her reign. The original plan was to have lunch on long tables along the main street of the village, but the weather was not kind. A quick change of venue took place to a marquee and the former chapel. This was all carried out, moving all the tables and chairs to the marquee and chapel early in the morning.

The celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee began with a service in the Parish Church, hitting exactly the note to be expected and concluding with singing the first two verses of the National Anthem. The Church appeared to have every pew fully occupied. After the service most of the congregation moved over to a corner of the churchyard where a buddleia was planted in the section laid out by the Oxhill Wildlife Society (OWLS) to attract butterflies and bees.

Everyone then made their way down the main street to the marquee in Janet's field. The Loyal Toast and Grace were then said. A meal of ham and salmon with new potatoes and salad was served, followed by jellies (alcoholic or not as the diner preferred) followed by a cheese board.

Two hundred and sixty people (almost the whole village) took part. People mostly found themselves next to relative strangers and as a result the conversation broke the sound barrier.

When lunch was finished a number of field games was organised for the children. By this time the rain had stopped but was followed by a very cold east wind.

After that came a talent competition in the marquee. The day ended with a big Diamond Jubilee quiz, hotly contested by teams of four.

My impression from the lunch was how unselfish, nice and kind everyone was, with many friendships formed between people who had hitherto been relative strangers. One couple even took part despite the fact that they had not been able to move into their new house in Oxhill.

Those I spoke to felt that the Queen (amply supported by Prince Philip) had carried out her duties always with knowledge and good temper over sixty years, and what politician can say that?

David Whaley





Look at more fabulous photos and video on the Oxhill News Website:
www.oxhill.com/OxhillNews.htm







Alice Mercer Photography



OMG!

WHAT A NIGHT!

Wow, is all I can say. Just, WOW! What an incredible evening of Oxhill's finest home grown entertainment! I think we managed to answer the "has Oxhill got talent?" question quite easily!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everybody involved. First of all: The OMG Choir. You absolutely owned the stage. After all the hard work and dedication you had put in, as well as me bullying you, you got it together and every single one of you looked at home on that stage! I am STILL so very proud of you all. Thank you to Myrtle and Debra for the few minutes of comedy. It was utterly brilliant, and thoroughly enjoyed! The last thank you goes to Pauline, for standing tall with her trident, and soloing for Rule Britannia!



Next, I'd like to thank The Band. You were all brilliant. Each of you did a solo performance as well and they were fantastic. Thank you so much for being so devoted and practising so well at home, to get it sounding amazing! You also made me extremely proud of you! Another special thank you to Sarah and Verity, for their constant support to their children, and to me!

A big thank you also goes to Ben and Amy Loveridge for taking to the stage and performing your own things. I knew you were both talented but I was personally blown away by your performances, and I'm pretty sure the audience were too! Thank you to Tom Smith as well for his incredible guitar skills!!

I'd like to thank Mike Collins and the rest of the Jubilee Committee for giving me the opportunity to organise the Sunday evening's entertainment. As stressed and disorganised as I was for the few weeks running up to it, it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience and would happily do it again (just, not for a while!).

A final thank you to everybody that turned up in the marquee for the evening. The weather was horrific, but the whole evening was made so much better by having everyone's support! So thank you, one and all! I can't believe it's all over! No more long ranting essays in *The News* anymore! Over and out!

Lucy Mercer

THANKS FOR O.D.J.C.

by Jerry Webb

On Sunday morning I turned up to help and was amazed to find all these chaps. It didn't take long for me to find out they were there for Debra's bacon baps. (and excellent they were)

Maybe the baps were an incentive
For people who like to sleep in late.
It worked, Mick Shephard was out of bed,
By the unheard of time of eight.
(Mick doesn't do mornings.)

For the celebrations, of course, I did my bit,
It wasn't brain work like sticking on labels.
I spent a **WHOLE HALF HOUR** in the marquee
And I must have shifted half a dozen tables. (That's me done then!)

It would be hard for a restaurant to sit 240
Even if the potatoes were peeled.
But our meal was better than superb
And it was done in a **TENT** in a **FIELD**.



Lucy was excellent running the evening ‘do’.
The recorder solo just made you stay,
The choir and singers were so good,
Which included a budding Brian May.

The water volleyball was the best.
Be careful there could be skids!
Where four fully grown macho blokes
Were beaten by four scrawny kids.

We had on Monday the hobby horse games
And of course a game of rounders.
There was cricket and a tug of war
Played by some kids and bounders.

My miniscule help has shown me how much
That Mike and his team have achieved.
The amount of work that’s been done by all,
Seems impossible to be believed.



THANKS TO EVERYBODY INVOLVED

N.B. Of course O.D.J.C. could mean “Old Dodderer Just Co-operated”
But in this case means “Oxhill Diamond Jubilee Celebrations”.





Oxhill at its Jubilee Best!

I am sure that there will be many thanks and congratulations on the Jubilee celebration in the village. I will have very fond memories of the warm, friendly atmosphere as we huddled in the marquee for the veritable feast for the big lunch despite the dreadful weather, the wonderful concert, the hilarious hobby horse event, the fiercely fought water volleyball, the fantastic teas, the enormous spread for the pig roast and the magical lanterns gently wafting over the Warwickshire countryside on a moonlit night. But I just wanted to add my thanks to all the people who donated in various ways which made the event so fantastic, to the organisers of the various games, hobby horse derby, concert, quiz and band which royally entertained everyone from the age of 3 to 93 over two days, to the catering leaders whose organisation with military precision made every meal run like clockwork, to the unsung heroes in the catering teams who did everything from washing up, laying tables, clearing away, and shifting the many tables, to the many



cooks and bakers who created a spread fit for any visiting royal. I especially want to thank Mike Collins who with his foresight, forward planning and quiet organisational efficiency, over a year ago, 'lit the torch' knowing full well that our tiny village would rise to the occasion once galvanized into action. Well done everyone! Here's to the Platinum Jubilee - Mike have you applied for the road closure yet!



Oxhill Festival Choir

After the amazing success of the Jubilee Choir it would be a pity to let the talent disappear. However if we are to continue we need to find someone to lead us. Please could all members of the Festival Choir old and new (and that includes anyone who sang at the Jubilee concert) come to a meeting at The Fellows House on Tuesday 10th July at 7.30 pm to discuss how we continue from here. New members are

always welcome especially male voices. I know there are many of you hiding in the village who can sing. At the moment we only sing at the carol service but if we get sufficient numbers who are keen we may extend ourselves to perform at other times during the year. This is an important meeting so please try to come. If you cannot please ring me (680349) to discuss our future options.



Thank you.
Gaynor Van Dijk

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL ~ UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Boules Day – Sunday, July 15, 2012

Our ever-popular Boules Day, an event for all of the family, is taking place on Sunday July 15 starting at 12.30pm. As well as the Boules Competition there will be French Cheeses, Pates and appropriate liquid refreshments. As usual, we will be taking precautions to ensure that the event goes ahead despite the vagaries of the English weather. In addition to the adult Boules competition there will also be one for children as well as other suitable activities. The cost will be **£6** per person and Children (up to the age of 12) are free and this cost will cover food and entry to the competition. Tickets are available from Gaynor van Dijk (680349)

Talk on Restoration of Chedham's Yard in Wellesbourne – Friday, 20 July, 2012

There will be a talk by David Close who is closely involved with the Chedham's Yard project. •Since winning the BBC's £1million Restoration competition in 2006, work on restoring Chedham's Yard has been underway with the restored Yard due to open to the public this Summer. •Five generations of Chedham family were connected with the yard before it closed in 1965. The restored Blacksmith's and Wheelwright's 'shops give an insight into the crafts of a bygone era and are an intriguing 'time capsule'.

Doors will open at 7.30pm, Tickets will only cost **£2** each & refreshments (not included in the ticket price) will be available. Call Tricia Harbour on 680676.

Oxhill Artists Art Exhibition – Wednesday, 25 July & Thursday, 26 July

The annual Oxhill Artists Summer Art Exhibition will take place on the above dates. See separate article for more details.

'Friday Night' at The Village Hall – Friday, 10 August

Weather permitting, we will be having a BBQ based 'Friday Night' event, starting at 7.30pm at a cost of £8 per person. However, if you are going to help significantly with the maintenance tasks on the following day, there are a few 'concessionary' tickets available. More details to follow, closer to the date.

Village Hall Maintenance Day – Saturday, 11 August

We are having our annual Village Hall Maintenance day on Saturday, 11 August starting at 10.00am – volunteers with many or few DIY skills will be welcome.

An Italian journey – Saturday, 29 September

A new take on an old favourite – meet in the Village Hall for a glass or two of Prosecco and then off to various houses throughout the Village for some interesting Italian dishes and then on again to another couple of destinations for more varieties of super Italian food before returning to the Village Hall for Coffee & Liqueurs.

For the Italian ‘traveller’ you get to meet different people, see different houses and taste different delicacies and for the hosts you have all the fun of welcoming people into your home without the stress of preparing and cooking a full meal. More details to follow but put the date in your diary NOW!

Oxhill Artists Art Exhibition



Wednesday, 25 July & Thursday, 26 July

The annual Oxhill Artists Art Exhibition will take place on Wednesday, 25, July from 7.00pm to 9.00pm for viewing and some nibbles & Thursday, 26 July for viewing, coffee & biscuits from 10.00am to 12.00 noon.

The entrance charge on both days will be £1 per person and proceeds will go to Cancer Research and The Village Hall Building fund.

Oxhill Village Hall Event – Kieran Goss 26 May, 2011

Sixty happy people saw the renowned Singer/Songwriter; Kieran Goss delight his audience for over 2 hours on a gloriously warm evening on Saturday, 26 May. Kieran played a variety of old and new songs and kept us all amused with his skills as a raconteur – a great evening was had by all.





Oxhill's own Paul Sayer won the prestigious Tour de Edgehill Cyclosporive Challenge Big Congrats! Look for Paul in the Tour de France next year!

LIFE IN THE SUPERFAST LANE

At a recent Parish Council meeting those present heard that the internet is playing an increasingly important role in modern home life, enabling leisure activities such as social media, free video conversations using Skype, safe and secure work from home using Cloud Computing, and managing your private accounts using online banking. Children may also excel at school by using online learning resources to help with their homework and studies.



Unfortunately, many homes across Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire do not have the ability to connect to fast reliable internet connections, **and we need your help.**

Just over £8m is available from central and local government for the provision of superfast broadband (24Mbps or more) in the area. However, Internet suppliers will only invest in building broadband infrastructure if they can guarantee sufficient demand for a good return on investment. They will only do this for the areas which demonstrate the greatest demand.

To help, all you have to do is complete the Residents or Business Survey at www.cswbroadband.org.uk. If you run a business or work from home please complete both. Encourage your neighbours to do the same, because the more people who respond from a given area, the higher priority it will receive!

Your assistance could make all the difference to your area getting superfast broadband.

The Parish Council are fully supporting the project and have asked Mike Collins to act as their broadband champion. Any questions please contact Mike on 680564 or e-mail broadband@oxhill.org.uk.

Please remember to complete the survey at www.cswbroadband.org.uk.



CREAM TEAS IN TYSOE SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND

Everyone is invited to come down to the orchard between 2:00pm and 4:00pm on Sunday September 2nd to get shown around and to enjoy the trees, bees and teas!

Traditional Cream Teas plus some cakes, flapjacks and squash for the children, will be served.

Come and see the great selection of fruits we have planted and taste some of the different varieties. See how far the orchard has progressed since it was a field in March 2011!

Organised by the WOT2Grow Community Orchard
Located behind the allotments off the Shenington Road

WOT2Grow YOUR Community Orchard

The orchard is exactly what it says – a Community Orchard – for the community to create and enjoy. It is open every day of the year and is reliant on people within the community to create it. It is also there for the whole community to enjoy so why not go down and see what it is all about!

This last month has seen the building of three very desirable residences at the orchard, well it is hoped that the bees think so! A group met on a couple of occasions to do the construction work and we now have one on-site and ready for it's first occupants. The other two will be installed shortly.

The wet weather has certainly made the grass grow as well as all the trees and plants. The mowers have been working very hard to keep the grass cut in between the spells of rain! The weed population has been attacked on a twice weekly basis and although this seems to be a never ending task it is certainly paying off. The re-growth is a lot easier to remove and we can see lots of clean soil in the rows. Everyone is welcome to go to the orchard and pull up some weeds!

The recent high winds have caused a little damage to some of the canes and bushes but all are looking good and growing strongly. Every tree is in leaf and whilst some are more advanced than others it is a good sign that they are establishing well. Roll forward a few years when we will be getting great crops from strong trees!

Check out your orchard at www.wot2grow.co.uk

If you would like more details please contact one of the following who are co-ordinating the community involvement:

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Derek Harbour (680676), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080), Graham Collier (680127), Julia Stirman (01608 686776)

KINETON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Our SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT will take place on Saturday 14th July 2012 at Kineton Village Hall. This popular event consists of two one-act plays and a two course meal, all for a very reasonable £12.00 per head. Our licensed bar will be available.

To assist in catering arrangements tickets must be bought in advance by Monday 9th July. They can be reserved by calling Yve on 01926 642313 and will be on sale at "Flower Thyme", Banbury Road, Kineton from 25th June.

This event will start at the slightly earlier than usual time of 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm).

Question: Why did the chicken cross the road? If you want to find out, come and see on the night !

Check out our website for further information at www.kads.org.uk.

THE PEACOCK

Quiz Night

Quiz night on Sunday 1st July at 8pm.

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on Wednesday 4th July at 10:30am and the village lunch is on Wednesday 18th July.



LAMB AND CURRY LUNCH

With the Jubilee now behind us it seems a long time since the Lamb and Curry lunch in May.

This fund raiser for the Church turned out to be a very successful occasion. About 80 people came along to share in the roast lamb and variety of curries. A big thank you to the ladies (Lilian, Cath, Carol B. Helen , Diane) on the social fund raising committee who produced the curries and vegetables, raffle prizes and did all the clearing up, to Doreen for her help with serving and to Jo and Gaynor for manning the drinks table. Without them our fund raising would not happen. Thank you also to all who came to support. We are pleased to report that we raised the grand total of £612



NOTICE BOARD

Jubilee Event Lost property

A selection of clothing (jackets & coats), plates, dishes, bowls, etc that were used at the fabulous Queen's Jubilee Event that have not yet been claimed are available at The Village Hall – please liaise with Tricia Harbour (680676) on a convenient time to view and potentially collect.

I have a pottery bowl with big pink and blue flowers that belongs to someone in the village. Please let me know who owns it and I will return it.

Carol Fox 680223

I have to express in writing that both Alan and I would like to thank all the village people who were involved in the intricate and lengthy process relating to the culmination of an absolutely splendid Jubilee Weekend. The ideas and hard work in bringing this event to its climax can only be described as excellent and I am sure there are many others who attended this two day event who feel the same as we did.

Our grateful thanks to you all - an occasion not to be readily forgotten. However, perhaps we all wait in great anticipation of a repeat performance should a deserving occasion arise in the future.

WELL DONE.

Sue Hedley

Mystery of the Missing Poppy Jar

The jug was lent for table water at the Jubilee Celebrations and has gone missing. It was of sentimental value as it was my late mother's. The jug was glass etched with stalks of poppy flowers, barley ears and was quite distinctive. It went missing in the cleaning up mayhem. I would like it back, if it turns up.

What a wonderful time we all had at the celebrations. It was a lot of work and a marvellous effort, but great fun for everyone. Oxhill has got lots of talent!

Carol Beasley 680383

Thank you to Alice Mercer, Tony Wyatt, John McKail and Jerry Webb for you fabulous photos and video!! You gave me far too much work this month.

Vanessa Druce, co-editor Oxhill News

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

JULY

30 June - 8 July

		Art Exhibition in The Old Chapel, Oxhill: Jill Jeffrey, Grenville Moore and Linda Rasa. More information in next month's Oxhill News.
Sunday 1st	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 3rd		Blue & green bin collection
Wednesday 4th	10:30	The Peacock - Coffee Morning
Tuesday 10th		Grey landfill bin collection
Tuesday 10th	19:30	The Fellows House - Oxhill Festival Choir
Wednesday 11th	10:00	Mobile Library - Village Hall
Friday 13th	9:30	Weekday Walkers - see page 2 for details
Saturday 14th	19:30	Kineton Amateur Dramatic Society
Sunday 15th	12:30	Family Boules Day
Sunday 15th		COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS
Tuesday 17th		Blue & green bin collection
Wednesday 18th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Friday 20th	19:30	Wellesbourne, talk on restoration of Chedham's Yard
Tuesday 24th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 25,26th		Oxhill Artists Art Exhibition
Friday 27th	9:30	Weekday Walkers - see page 2 for details
Tuesday 31st		Blue & green bin collection

AUGUST

Saturday 4th	15:00 - 17:00	Deanary Garden Party
Friday 10th	19:30	Friday Night at the Village Hall
Saturday 11th	10:00	Village Hall Maintenance

**Come and see more Jubilee fun
photos and video on the
Oxhill News Website:**

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