

THE OXHILL NEWS

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Laura's Tractor Run

Joe Costa participating in Laura's Tractor Run, unfortunately not driving his own tractor which broke down on the day! Joe would like to thank all the Oxhill tractor fans that turned out to watch the wonderful parade, there was quite a gathering outside the Peacock. Thanks to you all.

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GWYN ADAMS

1943 - 2021



Gwyn was born on 25 June 1943. She married George in June 1971 and they both worked as teachers, spending some time in Kenya. They moved to Oxhill in 1973, where their two sons were born, Richard in 1974 and Simon in 1976.

After they came to Oxhill, they both took an active part in village life. Gwyn was a Parish Councillor for some years, a member of the Village Hall Committee, and was a well known (and feared) member of the quiz team. We all wanted to be on her team. Whatever activity went on, Church Auctions, Curry Nights, Boules, and Senior Citizen's Christmas lunch, Gwyn was a hardworking member of the team, producing food and getting stuck into the washing up afterwards. Who will forget their after-the-Carol-Services parties, where food and wine flowed, and friendships were renewed.

Gwyn enjoyed good food and was not afraid to try new things, and she and George would visit restaurants around the country. She enjoyed theatre and music and her beautiful garden and greenhouse.

She cared for George during his illness, and he in his turn looked after her devotedly during the last months of her life. Together they were the perfect team.

Gwyn, we will miss you so much, and our hearts go out to George in his loss.

Tender Shoots

At the beginning of the COVID pandemic the Barlaston Garden Club was one of the first organisations to embrace Zoom to keep its membership active and informed during lockdown. This successful venture expanded to become the Tender Shoots Garden Club Network with free access to its meetings being given to members of other gardening clubs. Virtually every week an invited speaker gives a Zoom presentation on a gardening related subject. Recent talks have covered such diverse topics as the care of Hostas, successful fruit growing, RHS Bridgewater, and the national collection of Buddlejias (sic).

Speakers are now largely sourced by participating gardening clubs with the opportunity for non-affiliated individuals to make a donation to defray operating costs. The meetings are chaired by Indy the originator of the scheme and who has educated his fellow Garden Club members in the ways of Zoom. Each meeting, generally held on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM, is now simultaneously streamed on YouTube. Where speakers permit, the YouTube recordings are available for subsequent viewing.



There are two ways to join The Tender Shoots meetings:

1) To actively participate, join Zoom directly by clicking the link below or enter the Meeting ID on the zoom start screen and enter the Passcode when prompted. It's the same login for all meetings.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4043014750?pwd=SVRibE0vRW5mTUFqdG1NbIVxSlJPZz09>

Meeting ID: 404 301 4750

Passcode: bonsai

2) If you don't use Zoom or prefer just to watch the proceedings live, you can go to The TS YouTube page when the talk is just about to start for live streaming. Just click this link: www.youtube.com/c/TenderShootsGardenClubNetwork or search YouTube for the 'Tender Shoots Garden Club Network' and then click on the yellow logo. The advantage of YouTube is that you can view in retrospect or start the talk from the beginning if you arrive late! You can pause, rewind & skip any bits & still ask questions to the speaker via the YouTube chat box. As well as viewing on your computer, you can also watch proceedings if you have a large smart TV via the YouTube TV app.

List of upcoming talks (7.30pm start for all meetings unless stated otherwise):

- Oct 13th Wed - Vic Aspland - A Brighter side of Winter
- Oct 20th Wed - Afternoon talk from Joe Tierney- Life and Gardens of Capability Brown
- Nov 11th Thur - Doug Stewart - Winter Thrillers
- Dec 2nd Thur - TBC
- Dec 8th Wed - Christmas quiz - Gardening themed fun with individual rounds plus a group/interclub round.

Let alone the lectures and subsequent Q&A sessions, I can recommend the sometimes anarchic start of each meeting with its quiz and participating senior citizen enthusiasts forgetting zoom protocols! There is provision for the Zoom audience to retire to individual Club breakout rooms at the end of the session for their own society's chat and socialising.

The invitation is there - try it! In the New Year It could well be that the Oxhill Garden Club will sponsor a speaker to give a presentation to the Tender Shoots audience. It would be nice if Oxhill residents supported / joined this online social event and, in the meantime, took advantage of the offer to enjoy the programme above to practise what, for some, will be a new experience.

Douglas Nethercleft
(Oxhill GC Committee Member)

Village Breakfast

Saturday 2nd October

Oxhill Village Hall

9am to 11am



Full English breakfast £8

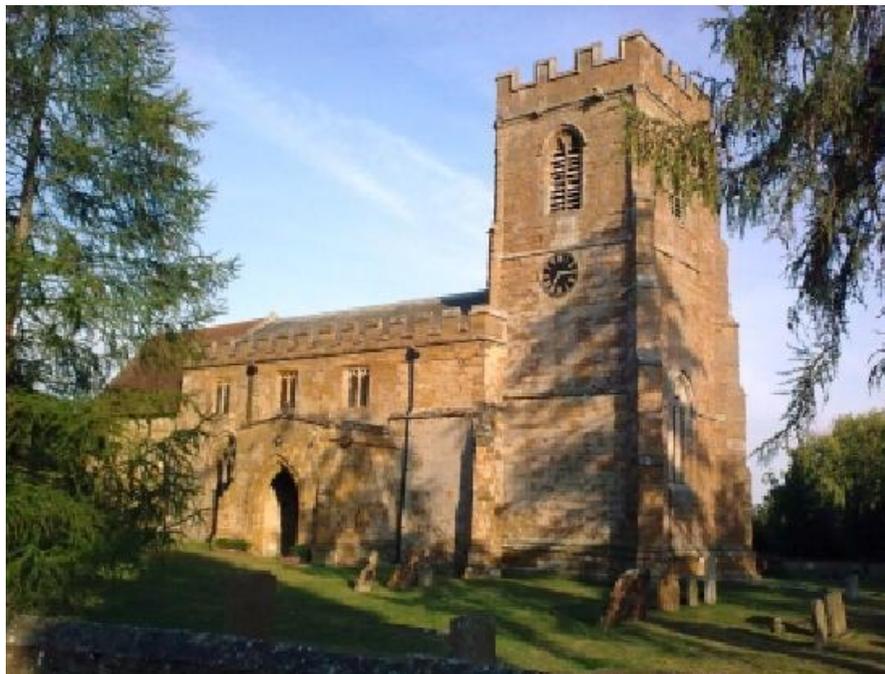
Continental breakfast £5

Incl unlimited tea/coffee

Children half price

To book email: itsjocollings@gmail.com

Or call 07860418811



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

Our churches are fully open again, so **In Person Church** is back in full swing, and our churches are of course open whenever you want to visit them.

During October our services are as follows, and we look forward to welcoming you:

Sunday, October 3 rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion	George Heighton
Sunday, October 10 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Heather Parbury
Sunday, October 17 th	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Jennie Rake
Sunday, October 24 th	6.30 pm	Evening Worship	Jill Tucker

During the week, **Morning Prayer and Coffee, happens Zoom, begins again on Wednesdays at 10.00 am, opening at 9.45 am.** Each Wednesday you are invited to join us for Morning Prayer, a simple form of worship, reflection and prayer. Come with coffee, cake or breakfast, and use this as a chance to catch up. If you want to join us, contact either George, Heather or Jill for the Zoom link.



This time of year is very much a tipping point, as we move into the shortening days of winter, clocks going back, and with it the marking of Remembrance, the remembering of those we have loved, and the beginning of Advent. A brief period of stillness, perhaps, before we await the coming Christ.

AUTUMNAL STILLNESS

I sometimes perceive
a palpable stillness
as it all earth's processes
pause for a moment
and are waiting.

I do not know
from whence
this quietness comes
or whether it
goes anywhere.

I recognise it only
by the tiny stirring
of wonder
in the marrow
of my bones.

Bonnie Thurston, in Autumn, Ed Ruth Burgess

Rev Jill Tucker, 680 663





OXHILL GARDEN CLUB



OXHILL GARDEN CLUB TALK

‘GARDEN RE-DESIGN OR STARTING FROM SCRATCH’

Wednesday 13th October at the Village Hall

7pm for 7.30pm start

Kicking off our winter programme we have a special treat ,as the speaker is from our own village. Adrian Fawcus will tell you how he became a garden designer and what’s important with our own soil conditions.

A nominal £2 on the door and wine available from 7pm, tea and biscuits to follow as usual.

The club presently has an open membership policy and welcomes everyone to attend .
So do come along and join us.

Peter Rivers Fletcher



OWLS IN OXHILL

Our 6 young owls, now about 6 weeks old, are being rung by licensed handlers.

4 Females & 2 Males.

Didn't she do well !

Tom Heritage



LAURA'S TRACTOR RUN



On Sunday the 12th you may have been lucky enough to see 70+ old and modern tractors smoking their way through the village. The size difference between some of the little vintage tractors and the new monster tractors was quite astonishing. They all started from Tysoe playing fields and during the day made their way round many of the local village's finishing back in Tysoe.

This was organised by Laura Belcher (seen opposite on the little red BMC 'Sidders' tractor) in aid of Just Giving for Cancer Research and Alzheimer's Dementia support and research charity. So if like us you enjoyed watching the Tractor Run please give generously.

Grenville Moore





POPPY COLLECTORS

To make up for disrupted year last year we need a really good Appeal this year. To achieve this we need more collectors. If you would like to help this year's Appeal, please make yourself known to either Pat Crowther or me (01295-680316) or dnwsewell@btinternet.com We start collecting in the last week of October but I would like to get my collectors fully prepared by mid October.



David Sewell

MADE IN OXHILL POP-UP ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOP

Our **3rd Made in Oxhill Pop-up Shop** will be held over the weekend of **Saturday 20th November and Sunday 21st November** between **10.30 am and 2.30 pm** in **The Old Chapel**. After last year's virtual event, we are keeping all fingers and toes crossed that this can be a real live event this year. To keep everyone safe, appropriate COVID measures as stipulated at the time will need to be followed.



The number of stalls that we can have will be limited to ensure social distancing but, if you are a local craftsperson or producer and would like a space, please contact me as soon as possible. Half of the tables have been reserved already! There will also be a cake stall raising funds for the Church.

Not only will you be able to buy unique Christmas food and gifts produced locally, but you will be supporting local craftspeople. We will be following the national pandemic guidelines so, if they should change in the coming weeks, the event might have to be cancelled. Please check on the Oxhill Community Facebook page and village noticeboards for updates.

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KNIT & NATTER

Our group will start again on **Thursday 7th October from 2.00 to 4.00pm**. We bring along anything we want to work on or just come and enjoy a cuppa and a chat. We charge £1 per person which includes the tea and biscuit.

This Autumn we can - if we want - work towards things for our craft stall at 'Made in Oxhill' in

November - the proceeds of which go to charity.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Jane on 01295 688364.

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE IN OXHILL



Nine years ago, Oxhill celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style over two days. Ten years earlier, Oxhill had celebrated the Queen's Golden Jubilee and forty four years ago, the Queen's Silver Jubilee was celebrated in Oxhill. If you weren't in Oxhill for those events, you don't know what you've missed, but you could be about to find out in 2022. The good news is that we are putting the band back together, or, at least, the team that organised the last two Jubilees.

The Platinum Jubilee Bank Holidays will be on June 2nd and 3rd, 2022, and we imagine that the majority of the celebrations in Oxhill will take place on June 3rd and 4th. It is anticipated that the celebrations will include a Big Lunch for the whole village plus some hobby horse antics and Oxhill's Official Sport of Water Volleyball. The viability and success of the event relies on the support of the whole village and we will be canvassing opinion in the next month or two.

In the village, by the village, for the village.

To relive the Diamond Jubilee, go to YouTube and search "**Oxhill Celebrates the Queen's Diamond Jubilee**".

Ruth Mercer



Oxhill's Diamond Jubilee celebrations 2012



Hallowe'en Hunt

23rd Oct – 31st Oct



Following on from a successful Halloween trail last year, we are looking for people to put a Halloween decoration in their window or garden, visible from the roadside. The children will be given a list of houses taking part and go on a Hallowe'en hunt around the village. There will be a small prize for the best pumpkin or decoration!



Please contact Ali Sayer by 20 Oct
on 07970 922352 or
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would like to take part.



Pantomime time is nearly here - oh no it isn't!



One of the highlights of the winter is a trip from Oxhill to the last night of the pantomime at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry. The panto is written and directed by Oxhill resident Iain Macpherson (also known as Iain Lauchlan), who stars in the show as the pantomime dame! Last year this outing didn't happen for obvious reasons.

Ian has reserved 100 tickets for the performance of **Beauty and the Beast** at **7pm on Saturday 8th January, 2022**. Coaches will be organised to leave the village about 5.30 and return around 10.30. The cost of the panto tickets will be £28.25 for adults and approximately £26.75 for children. The cost of the coach is not yet known (two years ago the coach was £8.50 a seat & £7 for children)

Please contact Ali Sayer on 07970 922352 or ali.sayer@btinternet.com if you would like tickets for the panto and if you would use the coach.

This month we continue the story of Myrtle Knight. Myrtle was interviewed last year by Ruth Mercer and Sheila Wilde and we are very pleased to publish extracts from the interviews. If you missed Part 1, you can find it in last month's Oxhill News, which can be found on the Oxhill Community website:

www.OxhillCommunity.co.uk

MYTRLE KNIGHT

PART 2

The war began, so my parents sent me off to boarding school where my sister had been head girl. Abbott's Bromley school in Staffordshire was of the Woodard School Foundation. It was a collection of boys' schools and girls' schools started by clergyman Dr. Nathaniel Woodard. Clergy daughters got a reduction, so that's why we went there.

Abbott's Bromley is well known to most people because of the Horn Dance. They danced on the first Saturday in September or something like that, and doubtless they still do. The horns, which hung in the village church, weigh a ton. The first year that I was there, men carried the horns. After that, the boys were keen to carry on the tradition, but they could hardly stagger with heavy horns. They danced all the way from Abbotts Bromley to a large house at Hall Cross. They wore medieval costumes and danced circles around the village street. This had been going on for many, many years, long before there was a school there. We thought this was quite an exciting thing for us to hear until the matron came and dashed us all back to bed.

I was there the entire war, from 1939 to 1945. from 11 to 18 years old. I can't say that I did anything spectacular there, I was no academic. But the thing that absolutely got me was the singing. We had the most fantastic music tradition. The school had Earnest Read from the Royal School of Music. We were one of the top singing girls' schools in Britain



Myrtle with her granddaughter Laura



Myrtle aged 15

at the time. I was miserably homesick when I was the school, but I must say, the singing was something for which I never look back with any sadness. I didn't mind how many times I went to church on Sunday, because my time in the in the choir stalls was absolute bliss. We sang things that had been written for us. It really was a tremendous musical background, absolutely tremendous.

We had two music mistresses who went to the school's fancy-dress as 'hymns, ancient and modern'. One of them was much older than the other and they dressed as men. Would you believe, hymns, ancient and modern? I thought that was incredibly clever.

At Abbots Bromley we could hear the boom, boom of the bombs at Stafford and at Rugeley when we were lying in bed. We went to bed wearing navy blue pants and a jumper underneath our night dresses, in case we suddenly had to flee. We didn't have air raid shelters, but we had special places to go to and we had to be wearing our navy-blue pants when we went there.



Half-term picnic 1944

We had a house mistress called Miss Euphemia Russell. And she had her hair in plaits over her ears, into sort of earphones. She was killed in a raid over Glasgow in the school holidays, which really shook the school because, of course, we were so far from the action.

The first holidays I wasn't allowed to go home because they were absolutely sure that they blow the shipping out to sea the very first month of the war. But there was no bombing and I was allowed to go home at the end of the Christmas holidays.

When I returned home, I couldn't understand why I didn't feel well, why I wasn't pleased to be home. I had gone home in a pretty cold train and shivered all the way. As a result, I had a very, very high temperature and pneumonia. Now, here is an interesting thing that doesn't happen nowadays. Those days, you treated children with pneumonia with the

windows wide open. I was very well wrapped up and in bed while my mother sat there wearing a fur coat and a woolly hat.

All went well until a bomb dropped in the next street and my bedroom window fell in on my bed. My father stood at the doorway and shouted, "Run!" I hadn't walked for about a fortnight, so I didn't think I could, but believe me, I did. And from then on, I was in a bed in the corner of my father's study. The ceiling in my father's study was propped up with big pit props in every corner of the room. I've never felt as sick as that since. I had a high temperature and I was thoroughly miserable. It was all awful. And there were bombs banging.

One night my beloved grandfather, the one who lived in what he called his diggings round the corner, arrived at the vicarage, smothered in soot to be greeted by his beloved daughter-in-law saying, "Grandpa," (we didn't call them by their Christian names in those days). "Grandpa, wherever have you been?" He had been with his landlady and her chimney had come down into the sitting room. Bringing with it all the soot, so he was smothered in soot. But worse still, they had gone down the road to a friend of hers. And the same thing happened again- an incendiary bomb. My grandfather came around the corner absolutely smothered in soot from head to foot to be greeted by "Grandpa wherever have you been?". Oh, so much you could laugh about now. But my God, it wasn't laughable then.

My father lost his curate to the paratroopers. He lost both his church wardens to the army. One of them was a dentist who joined the Navy as a dentist. And of course, was immediately promoted to become something terribly important.

He lost most of the men in the choir. My father used to take choir practice. He rang the bell. He did everything that collectively that all these people had done. And the vicar of the next parish, St Thomas's also went to war. And my father took over that parish, so he

had two parishes. Was anybody surprised that my father dropped dead when he was 61? That didn't surprise us one little bit. He never, never went to bed. He was up all night. He looked grey almost the whole way through the war. On one occasion when he arrived at Vicarage when a bomb came down very close to us and burst a water



Myrtle in the Christmas Carol Choir

main. My father hurried along, as always, to help people, to dig people out, to comfort people who lost children. Oh, he just never let up for a minute. My father would be out all night, and then he would be taking services all day. He just never let up for a minute so we weren't surprised that he died of a heart attack so young.

One day when he went to church and five choir boys were missing. They all lived on Lancaster Avenue and they'd all gone in one great big high explosive. All those little boys. Of course, several of them were brothers.

I think there's no question about it. That time certainly brought one up with a sort of resilience, of coping.

My grandfather on my mother's side died before I was born, but my grandmother lived in Sidcup House.

They had nine servants. They had coachmen and under coachmen and even in my day, they had a gardener, an under gardener, a cook and a parlour maid. That was my mother's parents. My mother once told me the entire high street was built on the grounds Sidcup House Street. When my mother told her parents she wanted to marry my father, they said, "You're not going to marry a poor curate. Good gracious me. But what has the family come to? Oh, no. We're not going to allow you to do this." My eldest aunt had married the vicar of Sidcup and my father was the curate. The next daughter down married the bank manager.

"What do you mean Phyllis [my mother], of course, you can't marry a penniless curate." So do you know what my father did? He went and joined the Army to make enough money, and I'm talking about the First World War. So off he went to France. And guess what happened then? My Uncle Pascal, the vicar in Sidcup, had a heart attack, so it was necessary to lift my father from Ypres, practically from a trench to come back and look after the parish. Can you imagine that happening in our war? My father went back very reluctantly because he felt he was doing his. He was a padre, of course, so he was separated from the men. But that was absolutely extraordinary. When you think about it in comparison with my war, there's no way that they would have allowed him to come home.

When I think about it there wasn't a single one of that generation that didn't do something really pretty remarkable.



Myrtle with her mother and father



by Ruth Mercer

Courgettes are not my favourite vegetable which begs the question, why are they growing in our garden? The simple answer is that our youngest daughter grew some from seed and gave us a couple of plants. Needless to say they have been prolific and we've had to eat what we couldn't give away. Having some salmon steaks in the fridge, I googled a recipe that included salmon and courgettes. Well, I hit the jackpot, finding a recipe that not only used these ingredients but the half tin of chickpeas in the fridge and red onions that we had also grown. The other good news was that it tasted great, even to a couple of courgette-despisers.

I can't wait for our pears to ripen so that I can make this month's other recipe again, especially as I love both pears and chocolate. Anyone walking past our pear tree will notice that there are no pears growing lower than 1.5 m above the ground. Our black Labrador hasn't learned that she will get a much bigger snack if she waits for the pears to grow so she ate all that she could reach a couple of months ago. She now just lies and waits for the wind to blow and bring her manna from heaven.



ROASTED SALMON WITH CHICKPEAS, COURGETTE AND RED PEPPER

Serves 2

- 1 tsp smoked paprika
- ½ tsp ground coriander
- ½ tsp cumin
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp black pepper
- 1 medium courgette, cut into chunks

½ red pepper, chopped
1 small red onion, thinly sliced
1 small can or ½ large can cooked chickpeas, drained
3 tsp olive oil
2 salmon steaks
2 tbsp Greek yogurt
Chopped fresh mint and lemon wedges to garnish

1. Preheat oven to 220°C, fan 200°C, gas mark 7.
2. First, make the spice mixture. Combine the paprika, coriander, cumin, salt and pepper in a small bowl. Mix them together well and set aside.
3. Put the courgette, red pepper, onion and chickpeas in a large polythene bag. Add 2 tsp oil and 2 tsp spice mixture to the bag and mix thoroughly with the vegetables so they are all coated evenly. Empty the bag onto a large roasting pan and spread it all out in a single layer. Bake for 20 minutes.
4. Meanwhile, coat the salmon with the remaining oil and spice mixture, then set it aside.
5. Once cooked, remove the baking tray of vegetables from the oven, and toss them using a spatula. Clear 2 spaces on the tray and place a piece of salmon in each one, so that it sits directly on the tray. Return the tray to the oven and bake for 10 minutes more, or until the salmon is cooked through.
6. To serve, top each piece of salmon with 1 tbsp yogurt. Garnish with mint and serve immediately with lemon wedges.



PEAR, PECAN AND CHOCOLATE CRUMBLE

Serves 4-6

4 ripe pears, peeled, halved and cored
2 tbsp maple syrup
100 ml white wine
50 g plain flour
50 g rolled oats
25 g caster sugar
½ tsp ground cinnamon
50 g cold butter, cubed
50 g pecan nuts, chopped roughly
25 g flaked almonds
50 g dark chocolate, chopped or dark chocolate drops

1. Set oven to 180 C / fan 160 C and grease a 28x18 cm oval ovenproof dish, or equivalent sized dish.
2. Cut the pears into thick slices and arrange evenly in the greased dish. Pour the maple syrup and wine over them, then place in the preheated oven. Roast for 10 minutes.
3. While the pears cook, make the topping by rubbing the butter into the flour, oats, sugar and cinnamon until the mixture resembles rough breadcrumbs. (This stage can be done in a food processor using the pulse setting). Stir in the pecans and flaked almonds.
4. Take the pears out of the oven, sprinkle the chocolate over them evenly, then cover with the crumble mixture. Bake for 15-25 minutes, until golden and bubbling. Serve warm with cream, crème fraiche or ice cream.

Please continue to send your photos in as it's great to know that people are actually trying the recipes!



*Beautiful Conference pears from the
Wot2Grow Community Orchard*

JUDE'S KINDLING FOR SALE

Our 13 year old Jude has been struggling to find herself a little part time job to raise money for a puppy she wants. So she has decided to start selling kindling at the from of 1 The Leys. She is utilising the left over bits from David's chicken coops to fill the bags and is hoping to have enough saved to get the puppy before Christmas. Fingers crossed!

Helen Spink



TYSOE W.I.

We were so excited to hold our first meeting since March 2020, unfortunately our speaker was unable to attend due to covid, but we were extremely lucky to have our very own Tysoe celebrity

Steph Howles who entertained us with tales of being part of the decorating team on Changing Rooms with Laurence Llewelyn-Bowen.

Our first taste of normality!

We look forward to continuing with our planned program but will, like many others take it month by month.

Follow us on FB, email tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com or visit our webpage www.tysoewi.com

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INSPIRING WOMEN

ED BRACHER IS RUNNING THE LONDON MARATHON FOR THE RIDING FOR THE DISABLED ASSOCIATION



You may be amazed (as I am!) that I have agreed to run the London Marathon on 3 October this year, to raise money for Riding for the Disabled Association - the charity that I lead. As you'll know, I don't really have the natural physique of a marathon runner(!), but given the really tough year we have been through I have decided to continue the pain, to make a personal contribution.

The last year has been a tough year for everyone and the charity sector was badly hit. At RDA we saw income drop away and our costs remain (as we had 4,000 horses to look after and 500 centres to maintain). We were determined to be here when things re-opened to support the people we're here for, but as of today about 40% of our centres remain closed, as they are struggling to find the funds to re-open. That means that nearly 10,000 of our clients are not yet able to access our services. We really need to change that and one way we do this is by direct, small grants to our centres. We need to continue this support as the environment for small charities continues to be challenging

My ambition is to raise £25,000 - all of which will go directly as grants to our centres - helping them adapt to new circumstances and support more disabled children and adults. Our work is genuinely life changing, both physically and emotionally, for the 25,000 people we help. It would be great if you could sponsor me to reach this target and enable us to support our groups. I have realised (too late!) that 26 miles is a long way and your support, encouragement and virtual cheering will help me get there.

So if you feel able to donate, I'd really appreciate any support I can get – go to www.justgiving.com/campaign/EdsRDAMarathon or search “RDA” on Just Giving and scroll down to “campaigns”

*Thanks
Ed Bracher*



**THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR
SUPPORT**



Have you had a look at the Oxhill Community Website? You can find up to date information about:

- Village events past and present
- Local attractions
- Road closures
- Clubs and groups
- Village history
- The village hall
- Parish Council : meeting dates, agendas and minutes

And much more.

Have a look and raise our community website's profile on Google.

We welcome ideas for additional content. Please use the contact page on the website to let us know.

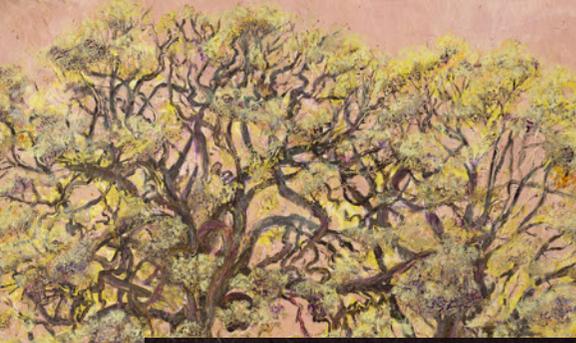
www.oxhillcommunity.co.uk

TWO ROAD CLOSURES IN OCTOBER

There are 2 road closures coming up in November on Nolands Road, the 18th of October and the other one is Beech Road 6th October. I have put all the details on the Oxhill community website for people to look at.

www.oxhillcommunity.co.uk

Lis Stuart

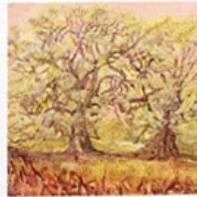


EXHIBITION
OF PAINTINGS

STELLA CARR
JILL JEFFREY
GRENVILLE MOORE

16-24 OCTOBER 2021
11.00 - 16.00

VILLAGE HALL
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WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

The soft fruit is continuing to give us good pickings with autumn raspberries both red and yellow and the apples are ripening well with good crops of Discovery, Grenadier and Fiesta.

This year we have sent quantities of fruit to be juiced and bottled so are looking forward to trying the various mixes of apples and how they compare when juiced. This saves us a lot of effort especially when it comes to pasteurising the juice so it can be stored for more than 24 hours or having to freeze it.

APPLE DAY at the ORCHARD

However we will be producing fresh apple juice at the orchard on **Saturday October 30th from 1.00pm to 4.00pm.**

- Free entry for all.
- If you have some apples bring them along to the community juicing. Windfalls are ok if you clean them first, there is no water supply at the orchard (2 kilos apples = 1 litre juice).
- Bring a clean container to take home some juice.
- Join in to help turn the apples into juice – its lots of fun for all the family.
- Tea, coffee and cakes.
- Pasteurised juice for sale.



Ripe Fiesta Apples!!

Some car parking is available at The Community Orchard just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe.

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080) website www.wot2grow.co.uk



Carers4Carers

Finding support through supporting each other

Friday 22nd October 10.30 – 12 noon: Carers4Carers monthly meeting at Kinton Village Hall. Come along for coffee, biscuits and chat. Our companionship group will also be available to take care of your loved one while you have some much-needed relaxation. Pre-booking for the meeting is essential.

For more information about our self-help support group, including help with transport to/from meetings and volunteering with us, phone Gillian on 07947 893504, email us at kcarers4carers@gmail.com or take a look at www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk.

*Lisa Barnett – Assistant Coordinator
Carers4Carers*

Looking after someone who is ill, disabled, elderly or mentally ill is rewarding but can be tough.



We offer a nearby place to meet other carers and an opportunity to learn ways of coping or about services that could help you.

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KINTON VILLAGE HALL

4th Friday of the month

10.30—12 noon

We are meeting again! .

Pre-booking is essential as places are limited. Phone or email.

We can look after the person you care for in our Companionship Group while you relax and enjoy the meeting. Please ask for details.

07947 893504 or kcarers4carers@gmail.com

www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk

www.facebook.com/Carers4Carers



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Carers4Carers cares for people who care for others.

Do you care too? Would you like to make a difference?

We are looking for two special people to join our team of committed volunteers.

Supporting our carers— in our group for unpaid, family carers

Supporting those our carers care for—in our Companionship Group. People in this group have a range of long-term health conditions.

- Are you a good listener?
- Do you have some understanding of life as a carer—or are happy to learn?
- Do you enjoy working with those with additional needs?
- Do you enjoy being creative?
- Can you make a great cup of tea or coffee?

If so, we would like to hear from you!



We meet on the 4th Friday of the month 10.30—12 noon at Kinton Village Hall.

For more information about either role, contact Gillian on 07947 893504 and leave a message. Alternatively, email: kcarers4carers@gmail.com



Tysoe Tennis Club

www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

The first ladies winter league match crept upon us which saw the A team travelling to Wildmoor Spa and, despite Lou Kramer having a very heavy fall on court, they managed to come away with a draw.

The Ladies B started their winter season with a loss, unfortunately being overpowered by a strong new team from Pershore coming up through the divisions.

The annual tennis tournament was played on Sunday, 12th September in perfect weather and, although we were short on numbers, the tennis was of a high standard (not quite reaching Emma Raducanu's level!) but was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Congratulations to the winners Bruce Edenburgh and Julie Smart. Commiserations to the runners up Julian Gardner and Nicki Campbell.



Winners, Bruce Edenburgh and Julie Smart (on left) and runners up, Julian Gardner and Nicki Campbell of the Tysoe Tennis Tournament on 12th September

Junior Tennis

We held five free junior sessions on Sunday mornings over the summer holidays which were attended by around 20 children. Our tots sessions at 9-9.30 am introduced some younger ones to the game for the first time. The older session at 9.30-10.30 am enabled our players to keep practising their skills ready for the start of coaching third week in September.

We have entered two teams into the Warwickshire Winter Junior League for U10 and one team for the U9s. Good luck to all the juniors playing in this completion.

We will report on the Banbury Town League next month when the final matches have been played.

Secretary: Carol Spencer
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Welcome to the
Shipston Food Bank
Helping those in need



Shipston Food Bank is open to anyone and you don't need a referral or a voucher.

Just come along on

Saturday mornings between 10.30 and 12.00

to St Edmund's Church, Church Street, Shipston.

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

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

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

www.facebook.com/ShipstonFoodBank

www.shipstonfoodbank.org.uk



OZ CLARKE AT THE PEACOCK PUB

Oz Clarke join us for lunch as he is doing a charity cycle for dementia.

Sarah Stratton-Smith

 A promotional poster for the 'Oz & Armonico's Great Bike Adventure Warwick Memory Singers Tour'. The top half shows a group of cyclists on a road by a lake. The text on the poster includes:

- OZ & ARMONICO'S
- GREAT BIKE ADVENTURE**
- Warwick Memory Singers Tour*
- Oz & Armonico's Great Bike Adventure
- 11-13 SEPTEMBER 2021**
- WITH OZ CLARKE, WINE WRITER & BROADCASTER
- Our third annual Great Bike Adventure aims to raise **£20,000** for our new Warwick Memory Singers, a choir for local people living with dementia
- DONATE ONLINE: bit.ly/ozbike21
- www.armonico.org.uk
- Registered charity no. 1103259





KINETON ART GROUP EXHIBITION

SATURDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2021

10-00 AM UNTIL 5-00 PM

KINETON VILLAGE HALL, MILL STREET, KINETON CV35 0LB

Kineton Art Group are delighted to be holding an Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings once again this October.

The free exhibition will showcase affordable art by Kineton Art Group members.

Refreshments available.

For further information see our website, www.kinetonartgroup.com



OXHILL CHRISTMAS ADVENT WINDOWS

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

We would like volunteers to decorate their windows for the Oxhill 2021 Christmas advent windows.

Last year we had an amazing array of windows throughout December, which brightened up the village and gave us all a good excuse for an evening stroll.



This year we would need at least 24 windows to be decorated and 'opened' each evening between the 1st December and Christmas eve. Last year we had more than 30 having many nights with two windows opening. In order to ensure that everyone knows their date in good time to plan it would need to be organised by mid-October so I would need volunteers by the beginning of October to ensure that we have enough windows.

You can see last year's windows on the events page of the Community website www.oxhillcommunity.co.uk There is no need to be religious or arty and there is no 'theme', the aim is for each window to be a surprise as it is revealed.

If you

- Live in a house that has a window that can be clearly seen from the road without people coming onto your property.
- Are happy to keep the window illuminated each evening after it is 'opened' until Christmas.
- Are interested in participating or are prepared to act as a standby in case we have problems recruiting enough people

Please let me know:

- Your name and address
- Your email address and preference you have about days and any dates that are not possible.

Please be aware that a list of addresses and dates will be available in the Oxhill News, face book page and on the notice board. No names or email addresses will be shared without your permission. I look forward to hearing from you. Please let me know by the 8th October.

Lis Stuart

07538 865 789

Lis.stuart@outlook.com



Brain Teasers

Answers on the back page.

Pair of socks

There are 10 white and 10 black socks in a bag. What is the smallest number of socks that need to be taken out of the bag to have a pair of socks?

Competition

You are competing in running and in one moment you overtake the runner in third position. On what position are you now?

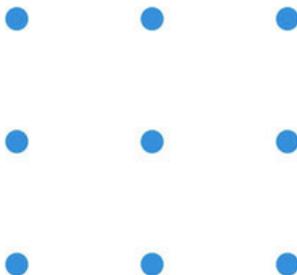
Two brothers

A man is travelling in some remote village and in one moment he reaches a crossing. Two roads appear in the crossing, of which only one of them can lead to the village. Two brothers live next to the crossing, of which the man has heard that one of them always tells the truth whilst the other one always lies. Along with this, they are also greedy with words and will only answer one of his questions. The man thought it out a while and then approached the two brothers. After he got the answer to his question, he made his way to the correct road to the village.

What question did the man ask?

Dots and lines

Can you join all the dots from four lines in one move, without lifting the pencil from the paper.



WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

OCTOBER

Sat 2nd		Big Breakfast, Village Hall
Thurs 7th	14:00-16:00	Knit & Natter, Village Hall
Sat 9th	10:00-17:00	Kineton Art Group Exhibition
Wed 13th	19:00	Oxhill Garden Club Talk, Village Hall
Thurs 14th	14:00-14:30	Mobile Library, outside Village Hall
Sat 23rd-31st		Halloween Hunt
Sat 30th	13:00-16:00	Apple Day, Wot2Grow Community Orchard
Every Sunday	15:00-16:00	OWLS wildflower clean-up churchyard
Every Thursday	11:45ish	Awesome Coffee Van, outside Peacock Pub

PC MEETINGS

The date of the next PC Meeting is Tuesday, **12 October at 7.30pm**. This meeting will be held in the Village Hall. The Agenda for the meeting will be shown on the PC Website or a physical copy will be displayed on the Notice Board by the Peacock a few days before the meeting.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OXHILL NEWS

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

BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR

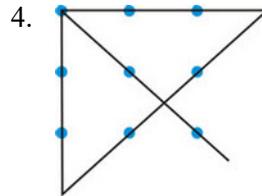


Check the date on the calendar to identify which bins go out for collection.



Answers

- Two, there is no mention of the socks having to be a pair of the same colour.
- Third position
- He asked one of the brothers: If I asked your brother which is the right way to the village, which way would he show me?



October						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31