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Mike Collins with an Olympic Torch

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The editors welcome any pictures, photographs, drawings, poems, puzzles, recipes, announcements or items of local news for possible inclusion in The Oxhill News. Please email news-editor@oxhill.org.uk or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in St Lawrence's Church.

The copy deadline for the September edition is 15th August 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 1st and 22nd August.

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 14th and 28th August.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays 7th and 21st August.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

The following walk is planned for August:

August 17th - A 6 mile walk from Blackwell with 300 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Red Lion Ilmington - 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](mailto:saxton@tiscali.co.uk) before the Tuesday evening prior to the walk.

Regards, *Jim Saxton*

OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY

There was a good turn out from Oxhill in Newbold on Stour to watch the Olympic torch pass through the village but those present may not know that one of the runners returned later in the afternoon to thank the community for making his run so memorable.



Nigel Leigh comes from Worcester and is one of the leaders of the Worcester Dragon Boat Club and was nominated for his charitable work that has developed from within the club. You may have seen their Women's team of breast cancer sufferers on the Thames during the recent Diamond Jubilee Pageant. I was lucky enough to meet Nigel and invited him and his partner and friends back to a friends barbeque party in the village for a drink where we had the opportunity to chat and have photos taken with the torch!

Mike Collins



OXHILL OLYMPIC CONNECTION

Carol Clark writes to me with news of her nephew, James Clark who has been selected for the Australian Men's Waterpolo Team. At 21, he is the team's second youngest member. James is the grandson of Vera Clark, who lived in the village between 1953 and 2002, and whom many people will remember. James' details can be seen at <http://london2012.olympics.com.au/athlete/james-clark>

James' mother Joan and aunt Carol, (who were both born and brought up in Oxhill) hope to visit here during the Olympic fortnight, and would be happy to meet up with old friends. If you'd like to catch up with them, please feel free to contact Carol on 07740923225.

Ann Hale

OXHILL FESTIVAL CHOIR

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting. I was delighted so many of you managed to make it. It was also a delight to welcome our new leader Sue Wightman who has agreed to take us on for the Carol Service. Brave lady! Welcome also to some new recruits. For those of you unable to attend the meeting please note that the Carol Service will be on Thursday 20th December, rehearsals will start on Tuesday 13th November and every Tuesday subsequently until the service. Please make a note in your diaries now. I know it is frightfully early to start thinking about Christmas but everyone is so busy these days I want to get my bid in for your time now. We are going to have a cracking choir this year and Sue has had some brilliant ideas for new music for us to sing so it is going to be so much fun!! If anyone else wants to join us please get in touch.

Gaynor Van Dijk (680349)



AT THE PEACOCK

Village Events

The village coffee morning will be on Wednesday 1st August at 10.30am. The village lunch will be on Wednesday 15th August at 12.30pm.

Quiz Night

There is no quiz night during August but it will return in September.

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL - UPCOMING EVENTS

'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 11.00am - 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 but without the stress of preparing and cooking a main course to a tight schedule. More details to follow but put the date in your diary NOW!

CHERNOBYL'S CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING 2012

On behalf of Chernobyl's Children Oxfordshire and South Warwickshire, a big thank you to all those who helped, donated or attended the Coffee Morning in The Old Chapel (thank you, Colin and Jill Tucker!)



I would especially like to thank all those who helped. I am very lucky to have such an efficient team who make the event run so smoothly!

Including donations and Gift Aid, a wonderful £1680 was raised and this will go towards the costs of next year's visit.



By the time you read this, the children will have returned home to Belarus. Despite the weather (the line of this

"summer"!), the children have thoroughly enjoyed a busy, fun-packed month. These visits mean so much to the children and their families.

Thank you again for your support of Chernobyl's Children.

Anne Marshall



BOULES COMPETITION FOR THE GARDNER CUP

Nearly 50 people came along to the Village Hall on Sunday, July 15th to join in our French Lunch and Boules Competition to decide the winner of the prestigious Gardner Cup. We were most fortunate, in this disappointing summer, to have one of the few dry days for the event.



The pate, selection of cheeses and salads were eagerly consumed by the attendees and these treats were topped off with some lovely deserts.

The Boules Competition itself was keenly fought with no quarter asked or given. There were many close

fought games with skills improving all afternoon with the greater number of games played. The semi-finals were tense, low scoring affairs but 2 teams fought through to the final and they were Ann Marshall's family and her guest from Chernobyl and the other team 'T'Others' was made up of Tony, Pauline, Stewart & Katy.



Ann's team had endured a challenging route to the final, beating, amongst others the team from Tysoe (previous years winners) and the O'Donnell family but their stamina finally ran out and they were just beaten by T'Others, who were pleased to be presented with the Gardner Cup, although Janet Gardner was unable to be there to present it.

Thanks to all who came along, to George Adams for refereeing and to the committee & partners for all their hard work.



ST.LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL
SERVICES IN AUGUST
All are warmly welcome

Sunday 5th Trinity IX 9.30am Holy Communion (ML)

Sunday 12th Trinity X 9.30am Sunday Praise (tbc)

Sunday 19th Trinity XI 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 26th Trinity XII 9.30am Family Service (NM)

For other services in the benefice please see porch notice board

VICARAGE NOTES

Dear friends,

Some of my farming acquaintances have been remembering very wet summers in the early 60s, and clearly the waterlogged ground is again creating great difficulties for all involved in agriculture. Compared with some areas, however, we have been fortunate and most local events have gone ahead as planned.

An old chap said to me once: "smile and be happy - things could get worse." I did and they were!

Hopefully we will see some summer despite that gloomy saying, but, in any case, we should always look to building happiness. G.K.Chesterton, who could be miserable (particularly when talking about cocoa) did also point out that happiness is a hallmark of the Christian religion - both mysteries, but well worth adhering to.

To all planning August holidays, journey safely, be happy and return refreshed!

Best wishes and God bless, *Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230*

**A GARDEN ART EXHIBITION
AT HOPKIN HOUSE, LOWER TYSOE
WARWICKSHIRE
BY**

HAZEL V. ROBINSON

**FROM SEPTEMBER 1ST - SEPTEMBER 9TH
10.30AM - 5.00pm**

**CREAM TEAS AND COFFEES WEATHER PERMITTING
IN AID OF PARKINSON'S DISEASE
SORRY NO DOGS**

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

This year the garden party took place indoors! We took over the Old Chapel for an evening of food, fun and good company. An elite group enjoyed this lovely venue and appreciated being away from the peculiar summer weather. The spread was delicious, for which we thank Sue and Martin Hunt and those who cooked quiches etc. The entertainment was provided by Pauline, Ruth, Myrtle and Roz, supplemented by Reg's (corny?) jokes. Thank you, all.

We are all looking forward to our summer trip:

22nd August day trip to Wells - pick up Oxhill 7.45am; Tysoe 7.55am;
Kineton 8am.

While you are out and about this summer remember to get snapping for the photographic competition. Categories are "Summer Flower" and "Winter in the Garden". Size max 7x5, unmounted, name on back.

Watch this space for September's new season of talks.

Ann Saxton

NOTES OF THE OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th JULY 2012 AT 8.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Apologies received from Brian Badger.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

Finance

Invoice received for £320 for printing the Oxhill News Jan - May 2012. To keep printing costs down the Editors, Paula and Vanessa are going into production with less pages and less colour on a trial bases. Invoice received from John McKail for carrying out internal audit for year to 31 March 2012. These were both paid.

Planning

Application for 2 storey extensions to rear, side and front at Oakwoods House, Green Lane was returned with no objection. Application to fell chestnut tree at the corner of Rouse Lane was supported.

Dog Fouling – Manor Lane

Recently dog fouling down Manor Lane has become a problem, particularly when children ride their cycles up and down this lane. The majority of dog owners are responsible and clean up after their animals but unfortunately not everyone. Could we please ask that you clean up after your dogs foul within the village.

Police Communications

Recruitment Campaign - Neighbourhood Watch “Street Champion”
In practice the role of “Street Champion” would involve the delivery of community safety packs to those who experience burglary. If you are interested contact Julie Dale, Co-ordinator 01926 684286 or e-mail [watch@warwickshire police.uk](mailto:watch@warwickshire.police.uk)

Reminder to protect horses, tact and property. For information visit www.warwickshire-horsewatch.co.uk

Highways

A large pot hole needed filling in on the Kineton Road towards the A422. A reminder will be sent regarding the white lines by the pig farm which need re-painting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th September 2012 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Angela Kean, Clerk

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Fund raising

Following on from the report in last months News of the cost of restoration of the church roof and stonework we need to start fund raising in earnest. We missed our scarecrow festival income this year so have planned two events for the Autumn.

Saturday October 6th

Harvest time pig roast and skittles evening at the village hall 7pm. More details in next months News.

Saturday November 17th

Our big fund raiser for this year

An Auction of Promises and Talents

We last did this in 2009 and had a very interesting evening. An amazing 55 lots were auctioned from cakes to logs/manure and offers to put on a dinner for 8 people and pledges for babysitting or ironing. There are loads of ideas and a lot of talent out there so please put on your thinking caps. Forms for pledges are available.

For more information contact Carol Fox on 01295 680223

On behalf of the PCC I would like to say how much we appreciate the help of Val and Kate as helpers whenever we have a fund raising event. I omitted their names from the thankyou list after the Lamb and Curry lunch so sorry for that but we do appreciate the help you give. Thanks

NB We need to think of more ideas for fundraising in 2013. if anyone has suggestions we would be most grateful



WOT2Grow YOUR COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Having built three bee hives in June a small colony of around 500 bees has been installed in one of them. Apparently they are settling in well and we hope we will be able to fill the other two hives this summer.

The continued wet weather has made the grass grow at an alarming rate so it is a huge thank you to the mowers who have kept things under control. We have continued

weeding on a twice weekly basis and the results are obvious so now it is just keeping on top of them. Don't forget that everyone is welcome to go to the orchard at any time and if some weeds are pulled up at the same time then that would be brilliant.

We have almost completed mulching which makes a huge difference to moisture retention and weed control. Being such light soil, unlike most of our gardens, it is really important to retain as much rain as possible.

Not only has it been wet but also windy so a lot of tying in of canes has been done and the removal of small, sappy branches from the trees that have been snapped in the wind.

The canes and bushes are generally growing well with the first harvesting starting shortly however it is likely to be a fairly small crop this year. We need some sun!!!

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)



DEANERY NEWS

Everyone is invited to the **Deanery Garden Party** on Saturday, August 4th between 3.00 and 5.00 pm at The Old House, Oxhill. As ever, gifts of cake would be very welcome. Any donations received will go to support parish ministry in the most deprived parts of our Diocese.

There is an exciting re-working of the **Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship** being launched in September – a course about Christian Discipleship, which will hopefully be run locally.

If learning more about being a Christian in an informal yet structured environment, in the company of a few others, interests you, then look online at www.coventry.anglican.org/ministry/training and the clicking on the appropriate hyperlink. The format is small learning groups facilitated by a tutor. The tutor does not deliver teaching but takes a facilitators role of helping/guiding the group to engage with the workbook and printed materials that we supply each week. A weekly session is 2 hours and there is a small amount of preparation required in advance of each week.

Do register soon if you are interested, then we will know how to organise things.

Finally, some details from Chris Goble about **Evenings in the Chancel of St. Gregory's, Tredington**:

On 5th September 7.30pm in the chancel of St Gregory's Tredington there will be an evening exploring the book of Revelation, the last (and perhaps most misunderstood) book in the Bible.

From there will be the autumn course. The overall theme will be writers and the Christian faith. On 12th it will be 'Christ and Christie - the detective novel and faith'. On 19th September it will be 'an inkling - C S Lewis, JRR Tolkien and faith'. On 26th September it will be 'Henri Nouwen: writing spiritually' and on 3rd October it will be 'Muggeridge: atheist to something beautiful for God'. All sessions are 7.30pm-9pm and are stand alone sessions. All are welcome. Contact Chris Goble on 01608 682282 for more information.

Very many thanks, Jill

CREAM TEAS IN TYSOE ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd

Just to remind everyone that they are 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

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION WRAP UP MEETING

There will be a final meeting of the committee on Wednesday 5th September at 8pm in the Village Hall to review the accounts and close the project. If you haven't already seen the photo and video record of the event then there will an opportunity to remember how Oxhill celebrated the occasion in grand style.

Mike Collins - 680564



NOTICE BOARD

CO-EDITOR WANTED!!!

A third co-editor is wanted to produce 4 issues a year of the highly valued Oxhill News.

Please contact Paula or Vanessa to volunteer or if you would like more information news-editor@oxhill.org.uk

We would like to announce the safe arrival of Jessica Mae Frances on the 18th June, she was due on the 4th June but decided she would make us all wait.

She is a little sister for Tom, Sammy and Jade.



From Jim and Tracey, 4 Peacock Cottages.

CSW SUPER FAST BROADBAND PROJECT

Just a reminder following the item in last months news and the leaflet that was dropped through your door recently that if you would like to see a faster broadband service delivered to the village please visit the project website at www.cswbroadband.org.uk and complete the survey you will find there. The project is especially keen to register responses from businesses. If you work from home please respond twice, once for work and once for home usage. Thank you.

For and on behalf of the Parish Council, Mike Collins

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

AUGUST

Wednesday 1st	10:30	The Peacock - Coffee Morning
Wednesday 1st	10:00	Mobile Library - Village Hall
Saturday 4th	15:00 - 17:00	Deanary Garden Party
Tuesday 7th		Grey landfill bin collection
Friday 10th	19:30	Friday Night at the Village Hall
Saturday 11th	11:00	Village Hall Maintenance
Tuesday 14th		Blue & green bin collection
Wednesday 15th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Wednesday 15th	23:59	COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS
Friday 17th		Weekday Walkers - see page 2 for details
Tuesday 21st		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 22nd	10:00	Mobile Library - Village Hall
Wednesday 22nd		Oxhill Garden Club day trip to Wells
Tuesday 28th		Blue & green bin collection

SEPTEMBER

Sunday 2nd		Cream Teas Community Orchard Tysoe
Saturday 29th		An Italian Evening commencing Village Hall

OCTOBER

Saturday 6th		Pig roast and skittles - Village Hall
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NOVEMBER

Saturday 17th		Auction of promises and talents
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