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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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What a way to spend Christmas Day ....

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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OXHILL NEWS

The News is what we make it!!

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](mailto:news-editor@oxhill.org.uk) or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the village Church.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library 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 has talking books, cassettes and CDs.

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill, stopping at the Village Hall at 10 am and staying there for 20 minutes. The van will visit us on Wednesday 12th February. It calls every three weeks.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 11th and 25th February.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 4th and 18th December.

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

This walking group usually walks on 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

If you are interested please contact Jim Saxton on 680645 or email [saxton@talktalk.net](mailto:saxton@talktalk.net)

## AT THE PEACOCK

**Quiz Night** on Sunday 2nd February at 8pm.

### Village Events

Village Lunch on February 19th at 12:30.

The Village Coffee morning will be on Wednesday 5th February at 10.30am.



# ST.LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL

## SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

*All are warmly welcome*

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Candlemas**

9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Epiphany V**

9.30am Sunday Praise (BR)

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> Septuagesima**

9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sexagesima**

9.30am Family Service (NM)

*For other services in the benefice please see porch notice board*

## VICARAGE NOTES

### Thoughts for the Day

Many churches on a tourist trail have prayer cards and booklets for sale and I am putting together a selection for Oxhill to have this summer. In the wintertime, the paper curls and deteriorates in the cold air! I rather like the celtic blessing:

*May the road rise up to meet you,  
May the wind be always at your back,  
May the sun shine upon your face,  
And the rains fall soft upon your fields,  
And so, until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

### Restoration Project

I am delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant of £10,000 from the Historic Churches Trust - an extra paragraph from Sue Hunt on behalf of the P.C.C. is also in the News. We have also received a further £3,000 from private trusts and I am confident that after our special fund raising concert in April we will be well on the way to having achieved our target!

The porch roof is to be repaired early this month, so 2014 is looking good on the practical front.

Best wishes and God bless,

**Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230**

[braileschurch@gmail.com](mailto:braileschurch@gmail.com)

## DEANERY NEWS FOR FEBRUARY 2014

### **Deanery Synod**

The next Deanery Synod is special: we are meeting at St. Edmund's on Tuesday, February 4th at 7.30pm and we have as our speaker Canon David Porter, who is Coventry Cathedral's Canon for Reconciliation, now seconded to Lambeth to be the Archbishop's Canon for Reconciliation. David has huge experience in the area of Reconciliation: he comes from Northern Ireland and was involved with the peace process there. More recently he has been facilitating conversations about women bishops. He is one of our great experts on the subject. We will also have Kay Dyer with us, from General Synod, to explain the latest position on the women bishops' front. It should be a fascinating evening, and all are very welcome.

### **Deanery Lent Services**

Once again we are holding out Deanery Lent Services as we prepare for Easter, meeting as before on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm. This year we are studying the Beatitudes: for those who wish to follow this up in house-groups etc, we are using the book 'Life attitudes' by Robert Warren and Sue Mayfield. Copies will be available at synod and the services, £3 each. We are endeavouring to use churches which are both warm and accessible: The programme is

Tuesday, March 11th: Tysoe:

Living well – Introducing the Beatitudes, Matthew 5:3-10

Revd. Canon Dr Richard Cooke, Principal, Diocesan Training  
Partnership

Tuesday, March 18th: Shipston: Living Openly, Matthew 5:3,4

Revd. Canon Katrina Scott, Vicar of Willenhall, Dean of Women's  
Ministry

Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: Ettington: Living Purposefully, Matthew 5:5-6

Revd. Stuart Allen, Rector SW7 Benefice

Tuesday, April 1st: Brailes: Living Lovingly, Matthew 5:7,8

Revd. Canon Martin Saxby, Healthy Churches Development Mentor

Tuesday, April 8th: Pillerton: Living Differently, Matthew 5:7-9

Revd. Daniel Pulham, Minister of Stour Valley Baptist Church

Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> Long Compton: Eucharist of Holy Week,

Ven. John Green., Archdeacon Pastor.

### **Instant Choirs**

is coming back on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> in Tredington, with Julian Harris.  
Keep the Date!

### **Deanery Synod Members**

At Annual Parochial Church Meetings this year we need to re-elect members of the Deanery Synod. Each church has 1,2 or 3 representatives according to the size of their electoral roll. It is an important job: the Deanery Synod is a local focus for the parishes, listening to their views, and forms a bridge between them and the wider church. Members are also ex-officio members of their own PCCs, so the time commitment is three evenings a year (for Synod) plus the PCC commitment. A leaflet to explain everything will be going out to the churches shortly: I would like everyone, young and old alike, to think about it.

*Blessings, Jill*

### **PCC NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the PCC is Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm and not February 11<sup>th</sup> as originally planned. The meeting will be held at Fern Cottage courtesy of Charles and Nadia MacCall.

*Carol Fox*

### **THE CARICE SINGERS**

Our Spring fundraiser this year is an evening with the Carice Singers. The choir is led by George Parris, grandson of Ros Henry. They are very talented and have a good following in South Warwickshire. The date is Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm and the venue will be St Mary's Church in Tysoe. We anticipate a larger audience than we have seats for in Oxhill church and Tysoe has readily agreed for us to use St. Mary's. The 19 strong Choir members come from all over the UK and we will need to provide 2 nights accommodation. We have already had offers but need more so if anyone feels that they could take one or two members for the 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> could you please let me know. There will be more details later.

*Carol Fox 680223*

# ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH RESTORATION PROJECT

We are delighted that our application to **The National Churches Trust** has resulted in a grant of £10,000 to St Lawrence Church, as a contribution to the essential repair of the nave roof and restore decorative stonework around the door on the South side of the church.

The grant recognised the hard work and fundraising already undertaken by the village and has affirmed the efforts everyone is making.

In their announcement, The National Churches Trust said:-

**The National Churches Trust** is delighted to support St Lawrence's with a grant towards the Restoration Appeal. The National Churches Trust is the leading national independent body concerned with the protection and welfare of Christian places of worship throughout the UK. We help faith communities maintain and enhance the buildings in their care in practical and innovative ways. It tries to ensure that churches, chapels and meeting houses survive and flourish to help local people and inspire visitors. Rising costs and fundraising are only two of the challenges faced by those managing these unique and special places. The Trust strives to raise public awareness about the challenges that congregations whatever their denomination are facing and works in partnership with national, regional and local organisations to help places of worship so that they can serve their local communities. For more details please visit our website [www.nationalchurchestrust.org](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org), contact our office on 020 7600 6090, or by email at [info@nationalchurchestrust.org](mailto:info@nationalchurchestrust.org).

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **The Trust receives no financial aid from government or church authorities.** We receive hundreds of requests for help each year and can only offer grants towards a limited number of projects. You can help by joining as a Friend and making a donation. The more people that join, the stronger our voice as your national representative will be. The subscription is £30 per year. Friends receive regular newsletters and special offers. Information is available on our website or by telephone. We offer secure facilities for making donations on our website. If you are a UK taxpayer please consider adding Gift Aid to your donation.
- Make a one off donation via our website.
- If you would like to look into remembering us in your will, please contact the office to ask about legacies, or visit our website.

- If you have access to the internet and use Facebook or Twitter please 'like' or 'follow' the Trust. Our Twitter address is @NatChurchTrust and links to these sites can be found on the home page of our website, [www.nationalchurchestrust.org](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org).

**National Churches Trust, 31 Newbury Street, London EC1A 7HU**

**Tel: 020 7600 6090**

**Fax: 020 7796 2442**

**Web: [www.nationalchurchestrust.org](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org).**

## NOT SOMETHING YOU SEE EVERY DAY IN OXHILL

An extension to the rear of Morning Side,  
Whatcote Road, required steel frame work  
to be lifted over the roof.

*Photo, Mick Shepard*



## OXHILL OIL CONSORTIUM NEWS

As I write this, oil is being delivered and, I hope, to all who order it.

52 customers ordered 34,850 litres; your next opportunity will be 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014. So if you're not on the [oil@oxhill.org.uk](mailto:oil@oxhill.org.uk) and you want to save money best get yourself registered.

Give me a call if you would care to learn more. 07976298228.

*Mick & Barbara Shepard, Oxhill Oil Coordinator*

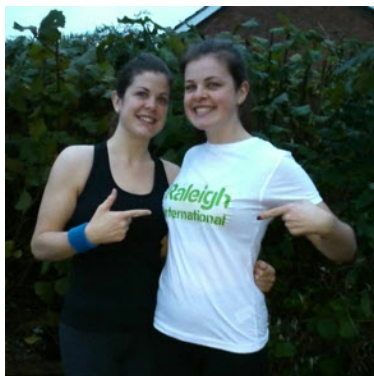


On the 7<sup>th</sup> February I am going to Tanzania to work on a sustainable development programme for 10 weeks. I will team up with Tanzanian volunteers to tackle some of the problems facing the local community, after getting a place on the government

funded International Citizen Service (ICS).

In order to take part on this placement, I had to raise a minimum of £800, so Alice and I took part in the Oxford Half Marathon in October. We managed to reach the target through sponsorship and are extremely grateful to everybody who contributed.

ICS allows young people aged 18-25 to contribute to long-term development projects in countries like Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone and Nepal. The scheme offers young people the chance to develop personally and learn about team working and leadership on projects that are of genuine value to communities around the world.



The project I'm working on is run by the development charity, Raleigh International and aims to improve access to safe water and sanitation in local communities. I'm really excited to get out there.

If you would like to see what I'm up to whilst I'm out there, see the Tanzanian blog at <http://www.raleighinternational.org/ri-blogs/raleigh-tanzania>

To find out more about ICS or to apply, visit [www.ics-uk.org.uk](http://www.ics-uk.org.uk) or call 0208 780 7400.

*Emily Goodman, Feldon House*

## **OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – UPCOMING EVENTS**

*Please note that The Village Hall will continue to operate as normal during the Sewer Renewal works in Whatcote Road. Residents of Whatcote Road are welcome to use the Car Park at their own risk but please be mindful of classes and events that are scheduled to take place therein. The Hall is used every Monday evening between 6.00pm and 8.00pm, every Wednesday between 9.30am and 12.30pm, every Thursday morning between 9.00am and 11.00am plus the events listed below.*

### **Riding for the Disabled – A Talk from Ed Bracher – Friday, 28 February, 2014**

As many of you will know, Ed is the Chief Executive of the Charity 'Riding for the Disabled Association' and he is also an excellent and interesting speaker. His talk on the 28<sup>th</sup> is entitled 'Therapy & Achievement with the Riding for Disabled Association' and this promises to be a really fascinating evening that you won't want to miss!

Doors will open at 7.30pm and a limited range of refreshments will be available to purchase. Tickets will cost £4 each and a share of the proceeds will be donated to the RDA Charity.

Please call Gaynor van Dijk on 680349 for tickets.

### **A Celtic Friday Night @ The Village Hall – 14 March, 2014**

A welcome return for one of our casual Friday Night events with a Celtic theme comprising of a Welsh Lamb Casserole followed by an Irish Dessert, all for £8.50 per person and doors will be open from 7.30 pm onwards.

Tickets will be available from Tricia Harbour on 680676

### **An English Friday Night @ The Village Hall – 11 April, 2014**

Another casual Friday Night event but this time with an English theme; see the next issue of the 'News' for more details.

### **Village Hall Committee AGM – Tuesday, 29 April**

The Village Hall Committee AGM will take place on Tuesday, 29th April at 8.00pm and this is an opportunity for new ideas to influence the way that the Village Hall is run and the sort of event that is available. Even if you do not want to stand for a committee post, please come along and enjoy a glass of wine and let us have your thoughts on how you would like to see the Village Hall develop.

## **KNIT and NATTER**

Our January sessions have again been very well supported and in February we have meetings on Thursdays, the 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm.

Please feel free to come along for a cup of tea and to 'Knit & Natter'. Also don't forget the BOOK EXCHANGE. If you'd like to know more, then call Tricia Harbour on 680676 or just turn up and join in.

## **OXHILL GARDEN CLUB**

The Garden Club and friends enjoyed a very interesting and at times amusing talk by the sculptor James Butler of Radway at our January meeting. James told us how he first got into sculpting and something of his artistic background. He showed us many slides of his amazing work from bronzes of his family to water features and huge works depicting soldiers or famous people. He truly is a talented man and we are fortunate to have him as a local artist. Judging by the amount of questions, the capacity audience found his talk very stimulating. I think they found the wine and the coffee and biscuits stimulating too! Altogether a most enjoyable evening.

The next meeting is on February 20th in the village hall when Roger Umpelby makes a return visit to cheer us up with British Butterflies.

*Ruth Gibson*

## **OXHILL CHURCH FUNDRAISING**

Oxhill PCC have decided to put the scarecrow Festival on hold this year. It is our best fundraiser and brings funds in from outside the village. However we are aware that we need to make some improvements and will give ourselves time to consider this over the next 12 months.

Meanwhile we have the Carice Singers concert on April 12th and we will hold the annual Roast Lamb and Curry lunch on Sunday June 22nd We look forward to your support

*Carol Fox*

## WHATCOTE ROAD SEWER PROBLEMS

The News last month reported the project to replace the sewer from the pumping station to the top of Whatcote Road. Matters took a serious turn for the worst on Christmas Eve when the sewer collapsed causing the complete blockage and in effect the failure of sewer services to Whatcote. Readers may not be aware that Whatcote effluent is pumped up into the Whatcote Road sewer.

To prevent overflow a tanker turned up late Christmas Eve to transfer the waste from the top of the road and back into the sewer near the pumping station. The operator Tom, stayed over the Christmas holiday working continuously to ensure that matters were kept flowing only leaving on the 27th December when he was relieved.

It is a timely reminder that there are many unsung heroes working over holiday periods who we often take for granted. I am sure that Oxhill and Whatcote (if they are even aware of the problem they currently face) are all grateful to Tom and others who work unseen at this and other times of the year.

You will be pleased to know that Tom was well looked after by residents of Whatcote Road who kept him supplied with food and drink which included a full Christmas dinner, for which he was very grateful.

The problem continues and as the News goes to press we have 3 tankers working on the Whatcote Road. The replacement work is scheduled to begin at the end of January and the work should be completed by the end of April. During the work expect considerable disruption as a result of the necessary road closures.

*Mike Collins*

## OXHILL NEWS ON FACEBOOK AND TWITTER

For those 'connected' via social media then you may be interested to learn that the Oxhill News now has a presence on both Facebook and Twitter. The availability of the electronic version of the news will be announced using these accounts as will any items of news that may be of immediate interest to residents of the village. Like or follow Oxhill news at #OxhillNews or @OxhillNews. If you have an item of news for immediate distribution then please e-mail to either twitter @ oxhill.org.uk or facebook @ oxhill.org.uk.

*Mike Collins*

# NOTES OF OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY AT 8:00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Apologies were received from Brian Badger and Carol Taylor. The meeting, chaired by Grenville Moore, was attended by Parish Councillors David Hill, Tom Heritage.

## MATTERS DISCUSSED

### **Whatcote Road Sewer Work**

More information has been distributed around the village by Severn Trent. The question of bin collections had been discussed and a system would be put in place.

### **Planning**

Stratford District Council Planning Committee had unanimously rejected the proposed 80 dwelling development on the Oxhill Road.

Planning permission has been granted for (i) first floor side extension and new porch at Hillox; (ii) new retail unit with office space and staff facilities, car parking and vehicular access at Windmill Farm; (iii) first floor extension and a two storey extension at Binswood Cottage; (iv) single storey rear extension at Morningside.

Planning application was returned with no objection for removal of hawthorn tree at Meadow Cottage.

Proposed garage replacement at The Old Church House was proceeding under the Householder Appeals Service.

### **Finance**

Precept for the financial year 2014/2015 was discussed and a sum of £2400 would be requested as last year. This covers mandatory insurance and audits, clerks expenses, grants towards mowing the churchyard and village hall grass area. Oxhill News printing costs and village plan expenses would also be covered.

### **Highways**

Potholes would be requested for repair.

### **Parish Council Notice Board**

Doug Nethercleft is very kindly providing a new Parish Council notice board to replace the existing one, which is very much appreciated.

## **Oak Tree at the top of Rouse Lane**

The oak tree planted to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee has died after being replanted by Warwickshire County Council. Tom Heritage has offered to replace this.

## **Winter Gritting**

This follows the same pattern as previous years with NO gritting taking place on the road to Kineton from the A422.

## **Displaying promotional material**

Stratford District Council have issued new guidelines for the display of posters etc. These should be no more than 600mm x 600mm and not displayed more than 14 days in advance and taken down within 7 days of an event.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall.

*Angela Kean, Clerk*

**OXHILL'S FUTURE**  
**THE VILLAGE SURVEY - THE RESULTS**  
**ARE IN!**  
**VILLAGE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM**  
**AT THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**Come and find out what you said in the survey about the**  
**future of Oxhill and what that means for**  
**THE PARISH PLAN.**  
**All welcome!**

## **YOUR COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

What an amazing few weeks! The gales and rain have been unrelenting but the orchard has survived remarkably well. We have had only a couple of minor issues and all the trees and plants are still standing and coping with the conditions. The ground is free draining so apart from a soggy patch in the car park which has some standing water in tyre tracks we have been lucky. However it does mean



the nutrients are leaching out of the soil and we will be replacing these nutrients shortly to ensure the trees continue to grow well. Hopefully we will not get a deep freeze in the coming weeks which will prevent us from completing the weeding and other maintenance tasks.

We have established the basis of a good orchard so now we are building on this to ensure we will have good crops this coming year. In these dark days it is good to look forward to the spring blossom and all those lovely raspberries and soft fruit later in the summer!

On February 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 13:00 John Edgeley will be coming to instruct us again on the pruning of the currants and gooseberries. Non-members are welcome to come along for a very good teaching session but a small charge will be made, it is free for members.

We are still having regular working sessions on a Wednesday at 10:00 and a Sunday at 2:00, weather permitting, so come along and see what we are doing and talk to us about the orchard and how you can get involved.

See us at [www.wot2grow.co.uk](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk) for details and where you can also send us a message.



## WARWICKSHIRE HUNT JANUARY 2014



The hunt gathers for the January Meeting at Stonecroft.



## BURNS NIGHT AT THE VILLAGE HALL

The memory of Robbie Burns was celebrated on January 25th at the Village Hall. The traditional repast of Haggis, Neeps and Tatties was followed by excellent entertainment from our Oxhill Scottish contingent as they regaled the audience with tales of the life and poetry of Robbie Burns, the Toast to the Lassies and reply to the Toast to the Lassies.



The hall had been very well decorated and the new chairs ensured we all had a comfortable and most enjoyable evening.

*Roger Goodman*

## OXHILL DRAIN REPLACEMENT



A picture from late January shows the start of serious digging between Main Street and the pumping station.

The road to Kinton is now closed.

*Roger Goodman*

# RETIREMENT

It's with much regret that Barbara and I have decided that it's time we retired as your local West Midlands Ambulance Service Community Responders. For a number of months before Christmas Barbara had been feeling unwell, and I had been suffering from a bad back.

We started in 14th May 2003 with Warwickshire Ambulance Service, and we leave, having completed just short of 11 years of service. We are entering our 65th year so feel that now is the right time to go. We are very proud to have been members of West Midlands Ambulance Service and to have served our community.

We are honoured that we received the Chief Officer's Commendation for, "Actions Above and Beyond the Call of Duty", in 2011, for saving an Ambulance, crew and patient from slipping off the road on Sun Rising Hill, due to a heavy snow fall. Plus The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, which was given to 999 emergency personnel that, had completed 5 full years of service at that time and we will take these memories with us as we retire from the service.

Our recent appointment as Police & Crime Commissioner Safety Ambassadors, and my work as an Independent Custody Visitor, is not the reason for our retirement from West Midlands Ambulance Service, but because of our own fitness and reliability to perform the duties which could be expected of us.

On a practical note, if you have an URGENT, but not life threatening medical problem, call 111 (this is the replacement for NHS Direct and is now run by, West Midlands Ambulance Service). If you have a true Emergency then call, 999.

I have used both these numbers recently, and they both worked extremely well.

*Mick & Barbara Shepard*

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# COMPTON VERNEY Exhibition – Moore Rodin

**Sat 15 February – Sun 31 August**

This ground-breaking international exhibition compares the work of two giants of modern sculpture: Henry Moore and Auguste Rodin. This is the first exhibition to be devoted exclusively to these artists, with major works being displayed in our 'Capability' Brown landscape as well as in our exhibition spaces.

## **In the grounds**

Enjoy ten large scale works which complement, challenge and create new perspectives to vistas 'Capability' Brown formed in the 1760s. Amongst these amazing pieces is one of Rodin's most famous works, Monument to the Burghers of Calais (usually on display outside the Houses of Parliament), Moore's magnificent monumental Three Piece Sculpture: Vertebrae (1968) and The Arch (1969). Included in collections and grounds admission. The exhibition organised in collaboration with The Henry Moore Foundation and musée Rodin, Paris.

## **Inside the galleries**

Gain an amazing insight into the works of these two artists. Explore the parallels between their treatment of the figure through a beautiful collection of drawings and models made for larger works. See a special display curated by Moore's daughter Mary which reveals both artists as keen collectors of antiquities and found objects which profoundly influenced their work. The final treat is a display of rarely seen archival documents and photographs taken by Henry Moore revealing that "...as time has gone on, my admiration for Rodin has grown and grown". Included in exhibition, collections and grounds admission. Exhibition paint kindly supplied by Farrow & Ball.

## **Activities**

**Moore Rodin - daily from Sat 15 February – Sun 31 August**

See sculptors' tools like those used by Moore and Rodin and find out more about the art of sculpture and bronze casting through videos and books. Then become a curator in our collecting and curating activity. Included in exhibition, collections and grounds admission.

**10th Birthday Party Mon 5 May, 11am – 5pm**

In 2014 Compton Verney's doors will have been open for a decade, so come along and join in with our big 10th birthday party! There will be lots to do for all the family so have fun with games, music, arty activities and a look back to the past 10 years. So help us celebrate the past and look forward to our exciting future.

### **Meet the Tudors family day - Part of the Shakespeare week celebrations**

**Sun 23 March, 12.30pm and 2.30pm**

Come face to face key figures from Shakespeare's time, Henry VIII, Elizabeth I and Edward VI, in our British Portraits gallery. Discover the secrets of Tudor portraits, dress up in replica costumes and see how many Tudor objects you can identify in our mystery box challenge.

Included in collections and grounds admission.

### **Warwickshire Slow Art Day Sat 12 April, 2pm – 4pm**

Slow art day is an international event, taking place on the same day across many locations. Pick up a specially designed trail to guide you through our permanent Collection. Take time to appreciate the artworks and discuss your thoughts with members of the Compton Verney Programming team.

Included in collections and grounds admission.

### **Tree climbing Tues 15 April and Sat 31 May**

Reach new heights in our tree climbing activity. Two experts will teach you how to enter a tree's canopy. Climb all the way to the top for some fantastic views! Suitable for ages 6+.

### **Museums at Night Thursday 15 May, 5.30-8.30pm**

Special late night opening at Compton Verney. See the wonderful Moore and Rodin sculptures and explore the exhibitions and grounds in the early evening. Included in exhibition, collections and grounds admission.

for further details contact the marketing department on 01926 645500 or email [info@comptonverney.org.uk](mailto:info@comptonverney.org.uk)

# ST. PETER'S CHURCH WHATCOTE CHRISTMAS PUDDING SALES 2013

I am pleased to say that all the puddings sold raising a total profit of £416.83. Thank you to all our supporters both regular and some new ones. May I wish you a very happy and peaceful New Year.

*June Wreford*

## CAROL SERVICE

Thank you to all who helped to make our 2013 Carol Service so enjoyable. To the ladies who made the mince pies to James and Linda for mulling the wine, to the singers who performed beautifully and last but not least to all the readers, especially to our young readers who were magnificent. Thanks also to our organist for the evening, Tony Witherford. The church was full to capacity so thanks to all who supported. The collection will be donated to the Alzheimers/Dementia society.

*Carol Fox*



## STOUR SINGERS – CHORAL MUSIC IN THE COMMUNITY

Stour Singers' December 2013 concert combined Mendelssohn, Britten and solo harp music (not forgetting the opportunities for audience members to sing carols) to delightful effect, and Richard Emms is now introducing the choir to Brahms' beautiful German Requiem, written in the 1860s, to be performed (sung in English) at St. Edmund's Church in Shipston on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

It has been encouraging to welcome new members to the choir this January – and Stour Singers is open to all who simply enjoy making music together. If you would like to know more about the choir, do contact the Deputy Manager –

*Yvonne Ridley – at 01789 269587.*

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## WHATS ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### February

Sunday 2nd	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 4th		Grey bin collection
Wednesday 5th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Thursday 6th	14:00	Village Hall, Knit & Natter
Tuesday 11th	19:30	Oxhill's Future - Village Survey Update
Tuesday 11th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 12th	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Sunday 16th	23:59	COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS
Tuesday 18th		Grey bin collection
Wednesday 19th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Thursday 20th	14:00	Village Hall, Knit & Natter
Thursday 20th	19:00	Village Hall, Garden Club
		British Butterflies
Tuesday 25th		Green & Blue bin collection
Friday 28th	19:30	Village Hall, Ed Bracher on Riding for the Disabled

### March

Tuesday 11th	20:00	Village Hall, PCC Meeting
Friday 14th	19:30	Celtic Friday Night@ The Village Hall

### April

Friday 11th	19:30	English Friday Night@The Village Hall
Saturday 12th	19:30	Carice Singers, St Mary's Church Tysoe
Tuesday 29th	20:00	Village Hall Committee AGM

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