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The Oxhill Ladies Quiz Night Organisers

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SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

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 14:30, staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Friday January 11th.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 8th and 22nd January. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 15th and 29th January.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

This walking group usually walks on the 4th Friday of the month. If you are interested in joining or to find out further information, please contact Jim Saxton on 680645 or email admin@jimsaxton.co.uk

AT THE PEACOCK

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on January 2nd at 10.30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday January 16th at 12:30pm.



DEANERY NEWS for 2019

And so we come into another New Year: those of you who have seen the church's Follow the Star booklet, may know that the reflection for New Year's Day speaks of an open community, a place where those of different ages, gender and tribes can come together, united by God-with-them. Let's pray that that will be true for our communities in 2019.

For those who like to sing, there will be another **Come and Sing Candlemas Eucharist**, organised by the Royal School of Church Music, on **Saturday, February 2nd in St. Mary's Church, Tysoe**, from 2.00pm onward. This is a repeat of the event much enjoyed last year in Brailes, and will again feature music that is accessible for our small church choirs. As last year, Maddy Evans will be the organist, and David Noble the Director.

Rehearsal will start at 2.30pm, and after a break for refreshments, the Eucharist of Candlemas will begin around 5.00 pm, finishing by 6.00pm. If you enjoy singing, please do join us. (As before, we will be asking for donations towards the costs.)

The next **Deanery Synod** will be on **Tuesday, February 12th at 7.30 pm in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston**. This Synod will focus on Green Issues, and in particular the ways in which we as individuals and churches can be environmentally friendly.

A prayer for New Year:

Step softly into your weeping world,
incarnate God;
embrace it with your love.
Bring light into broken lives,
warmth into frozen hearts,
hope to those at war.

Help us to approach this new year
filled with the joy of your companionship,
as we step out in faith with you,

ready to face the future,
whatever it may hold.
Carol Dixon, Hay and Stardust.

Jill Tucker, revjill.tucker@btinternet.com

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT DECEMBER 19th



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR JANUARY AND EARLY FEBRUARY

Wednesday, January 2nd,

10.00 am Informal Midweek Holy Communion at Oddcote, led by Jill

Sunday, January 6th, EPIPHANY

9.30 am Parish Communion, led by George Heighton

Sunday, January 13th,

9.30 am Morning Worship, led by Jill

Sunday, January 20th

9.30 am Parish Communion, led by Jill

Sunday, January 27th

6.30 p m Evensong, led by George Heighton

Sunday, February 3rd

CHRISTINGLE Service, led by George Heighton. Time to be advised.

For those who love to sing, there will be a Come and Sing Candlemas Eucharist in St. Mary's, Tysoe on **Saturday, February, 2nd, between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm.** Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us: Maddy Evans is playing, and David Noble is leading, much s happened last year in Brailes.

And finally:

There will be another **SUNDAY LUNCH** in The Old Chapel on **Sunday, February 17th, at 12.30 for 1.00pm.** Sunday lunch is served by The Village Hall and St. Lawrence Church collectively, and is there for anyone who might be alone on a Sunday, new to the village, or would just like to come along and have lunch with everyone. So it is for anyone! There is no charge – just bring yourself!

THE BIG CHURCH CLEAN

A big thank you to all those good people who came along to church in November to give the church a really good clean. Every bit of dirt was attacked with fervour and the result was amazing. Thank you.

Also a big thank you to those who come regularly through the year to keep the church sparkling and the brass shiny. We are so grateful to have these volunteers. We are losing a member soon and would be glad of a replacement. It's more fun to have a partner to work with so if there is someone who would be able to help please contact me.

Carol Fox 680223

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

We are losing three flower arrangers from the rota this coming year. So if there anyone out there in the village who likes to put fresh flowers in vases and would be willing to go on the rota please contact me. It requires arrangers only once a year on the rota and perhaps help with festivals like Easter, Harvest and Christmas. So PLEASE if you can help let me know soon.

Carol Fox 680223



CARERS4CARERS
FRIDAY 25TH JANUARY
10.30 – 12 NOON

Carers4Carers monthly meeting at Kinton Village Hall. Come and join us for coffee, biscuits and chat. This month we will have a talk on recognising and coping with scams from our Community Safety Project Officer, Alex Gloster.

Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group. For more details, including help with transport, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

Lisa, Lisa Barnett, Assistant Co-ordinator Carers4Carers

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

Oxhill Christmas Lunch – Monday, 10 December

The Christmas Lunch for the villagers of a certain age was held on Monday 10 December and followed the successful format of previous years. The Hall was very full, with 50 guests to Lunch and in addition to the delicious 3 course meal with wine that was provided there was also some brilliant entertainment.



This year, Myrtle Knight and a local singer called Jim Henry provided the stories, songs and music and both were excellent and kept everyone entertained and amused.



The following people who, whilst not on the Village Hall Committee, helped out behind the scenes and deserve enormous thanks: Sue Robbins, Elaine Morgan, Debra Collins, Barbara Shepard, Roger Goodman, Richard Collings, Heather Bridgman, Audrey & Jeff Reid and Brian Hobill (who donated the excellent gammon). Village Hall Committee members were responsible, under Tricia's supervision, for decorating the Hall, and they and their team of helpers cooked food, waited upon tables, washed up, cleared up and generally worked tirelessly to make the day the success that it clearly was. Special mention should be made of Jo Collings who masterminded the kitchen, ensuring that all of the food was excellent and Tricia Harbour who master-minded and oversaw the whole event.



Thanks also to the many kind people who made generous donations to help defray the cost of the lunch.

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

HIRING THE VILLAGE HALL

If you want to check the availability of the Hall, you can see an online calendar by going to: www.oxhill.org.uk/VillageHall.htm Click on “events calendar here” to view the diary. To make a booking contact Ali Sayer in the first instance on **07970 922352** or email her at ali.sayer@btinternet.com but if Ali is not available, Tricia Harbour is the person to contact on 01295 680676 or dandt@laurelhardy.co.uk

BOOK SOON.....

Friday 25th January at 7.30pm–Burns Night We are fortunate that our annual tribute to Rabbie Burns is being organised and fronted by Oxhill’s own Scots residents this year. This guarantees top-notch entertainment with a traditional Burns Night Supper and a “wee dram”.



Start your OVH year with a cracking night. Tickets are £17.50 per person.

To help us with catering, please contact Ali Sayer to book your place as soon as possible on 07970 922352 or ali.sayer@btinternet.com

SAVE THE DATE.....

Saturday 13th April – Paella Night





WOT2Grow Community Orchard

Winter has been elusive so far and we have had remarkably mild temperatures to confuse us and the trees!! The few frosts proved challenging when trying to pick apples but were not hard enough to damage the fruit. The Braeburn apples have hung on determinedly to the trees yielding only a few at a time which is most unusual. The quince finally gave up its fruit and lots of jelly



and membrillo paste, delicious with cheese, has been made by members. So finally we can clear the orchard in preparation for the coming year.

Pruning the ninety six apples and pears is under way, which will complete by the end of February and the black currants have been rejuvenated by a heavy prune of all the old wood! The ten nut trees will be fitted in but are much easier to prune as we cut out a third of the stems each year for the hazels/filberts and the walnuts need a light touch. And of course there is still weeding to be done.

The mowers have done the final cut, in December, so working now is much more pleasant, the wild flowers will have it easier in the spring and the first cut of 2019 will not stress the mower too much!!

The bees are just about tucked up for the winter although a few have been venturing out in the late sun!

Here's hoping we all, and the orchard, have a good 2019 with good health and a good harvest!!

Do come along to see us, maybe help out, and enjoy your community orchard behind the allotments along the Shenington Road in Tysoe! Why not join us and enjoy the fruit we grow.

Contact one of us for more information

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)

or see the website www.wot2grow.co.uk

WOT2Grow AGM 2019

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at 8:00pm at Oxhill village hall.

Do come along and have your say about your community orchard, everyone is welcome and you don't have to be a member to attend!



WAES-HAEL DRINK-HAEL!!!

Yes, we will be holding the Wassail ceremony at the orchard on Saturday 19th January 2019 from 4:30pm onwards. The traditions will be observed and there will be lots of singing and keeping warm around the big bonfire accompanied by food and drink! Kinton scouts will be there with hot food and drink and we will also have mulled cider and apple juice. Again there will be live music from Donald to accompany the singing! Do reserve the date and watch out for posters with the details! It is suitable for all ages so come along with the whole family but stout shoes or boots needed.

OXHILL LADIES QUIZ NIGHT

There is nothing like a dame! and Madam Hanky Panky certainly didn't disappoint! A great night was had by all at the Oxhill Ladies panto-themed quiz night at the Peacock in aid of Women V Cancer charities.



Winners of the night were team “Oh No It Isn’t” aka Jon and Ruth Mercer with Andy and Andrea Stewart.

Daniel Pinder was crowned the winner of the wackiest Christmas jumper 2018!



A huge thank you to everyone who took part and contributed in one way or another, with your amazing support we raised a whopping £503 for Women V Cancer, taking the total raised so far to £653, well on the way to our target of £1500!

A very merry Christmas to you all from Jade, Sandy, Suzanne, Cat, Caroline and Catherine.

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

50 Garden Club members and their guests gathered in The Old Chapel on December 6th for their annual Festive event. Decorations were provided by Sue Hedley and table decorations made by Sue Robbins.

On arrival, all were welcomed with a glass of hot mulled wine, concocted by Alan Hedley, prior to consuming the fine array of food provided by members and co-ordinated by Margaret Rivers Fletcher and Pauline Wyatt.



Judging by the volume of chatter as people were enjoying their meal, the quiz of twenty questions, provided by Peter Rivers Fletcher made for lively discussion. The winners were roundly applauded.

After some delicious desserts the tables were cleared and floor space made for a 'Strictly Come Dancing' competition, organised by Peter Rivers Fletcher. Participants were asked to, firstly dance a waltz and then a 'free dance' to the music provided. There are obviously hidden talents in Oxhill! The winners, as selected by the judges, were Sue and Peter Britton, who were presented with a Glitter Ball Trophy.



The raffle proceeds were given to The Rev Jill Tucker for her charity ‘Practical Action’ to improve sanitation and hygiene in Africa.

The evening ended with Martin Hunt thanking all contributors and the committee for their efforts in making the evening such a success.

OXHILL SERVICES UPDATE

During the next few months many of the new houses currently being built in Oxhill will be occupied.

The Parish Council intends to put a Welcome pack through the letterbox of all the new builds.

Part of the Welcome Pack will be a list of tradesmen, and it would be very helpful if Oxhill News Readers would send contact details to help produce an up to date list.

Please send such information to moore.moore@zen.co.uk

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

January

Wed	2nd	10:30	Village Coffee Morning, The Peacock
Thu	3rd	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH
Sat	5th		Belgrade Theatre Pantomime
Tue	8th	20:00	Parish Council Mtg, OVH
Tue	8th		Blue and Green Bin Collection
Thu	10th	19:00 for 19:30	Garden Club, OVH
Fri	11th	14:30	OVH, Mobile Library
Tue	15th		Grey Bin Collection
Wed	16th	12:30	Village Lunch, The Peacock
Thu	17th	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH
Sat	19th	16:30	Wassail, WOT2Grow Orchard
Tue	22nd	20:00	WOT2Grow AGM, OVH
Tue	22nd		Blue and Green Bin Collection
Fri	25th	19:30	Burns's Night, OVH
Fri	25th	10:30 - 12:00	Carers4Carers, KVH
Tue	29th		Grey Bin Collection
Thu	31st	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH

February

Sun	3rd	to be advised	Christingle Service, St Lawrence, Oxhill
Sun	17th	12:30 -13:00	Sunday Lunch, Old Chapel