
THE OXHILL NEWS

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The Scarecrow Issue

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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 or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the Church.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library has books with **large print**, ordinary print, picture books, children's books, paterbacks, 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 every 3rd Wednesday, stopping at the Village Hall at 10am and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Wednesday 10th and 31st July.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th July.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays 9th and 23rd July.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

The walks planned for July:

July 12th – A 6 mile walk from Horley to Hornton via Shotteswell with 600 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Dun Cow Hornton – Walk starts at 9.45am.

July 26th - A 5.7 mile walk from Tysoe to Shenington with 350 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Bell Shenington – Walk starts at 10.15am.

Due to the numbers on the walk we now will have to limit the total walkers to 28, so Jim Saxton will now take these on a first come first served basis, those booking too late being held in reserve. Unless otherwise stated meal decisions will be prior to walk. Those who wish to join us are most welcome, but please contact Jim Saxton on 01295 680613 or at saxton@talktalk.net before the Tuesday evening prior to the walk.



EVEREST
1953
60 Years ago
Edmund Hillary
&
Tenzing Norgay
~ 29,000 ft ~
The flags of Great Britain,
Nepal, India and the United



OWLS



I am sorry to report that through a lack of communication OWLS efforts to increase the wildlife area of the churchyard has fallen foul of the dreaded mower. I apologise to those of you who were expecting to see a swathe of native wildflowers. It may not be too late; we have roped off the area, and who knows, we may see some results.

Because of last year's wet and cold weather, bee numbers have dropped by a dramatic 30% and butterflies had their worst year since 1976. Several species of British butterflies face extinction

because of last year's extremely wet weather, and at the moment this year isn't looking a lot better.

These creatures are so important to our biodiversity. Without them pollination will not happen, with dramatic results. It is really important we help these insects by making sure our verges, hedges and areas of our gardens are left wild, especially at this time of year. A patch of nettles is good, as are all wild flowers. Hedges should not be cut hard back from March to the end of July, especially this year when birds are nesting later.



A photograph of a Cornish churchyard, taken two weeks ago, which is Grenville's future hope for Oxhill's churchyard

Our wildlife cannot survive if the weather and Man is against it. Untidy and wild is good!!

Grenville Moore

WELCOME TO OXHILL to David and Lyndsey Whittaker, new residents of Binswood (next to Village Hall).



ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Sunday 7th July Trinity VI: 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 14th July Trinity VII: 9.30am Sunday Praise (BR)

Sunday 21st July Trinity VIII: 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 28th July Trinity IX: 9.30am Family Service (NM)

For other benefice services see porch notice board

VICARAGE NOTES



Scarecrow Festival

It was a wonderful weekend despite the mixed weather, and a tribute to the team of people who work so hard to make the festival such a success. Thanks go again to Lilian Welsby and Carol Fox, the fund raising committee, the teams on the teas and pig roasts, the car park, stalls and entertainments, gardens and of course the creators of the scarecrows around the village. Well done, everyone!

Restoration Project

Many of you will have seen the A4 sheet prepared for the Festival giving the overview of the repairs planned and their estimated cost. A copy is included in or with this month's Oxhill News just in case!

Our usual services

Special occasions come and go; the normal services in church and village meetings and activities continue, often supported by a small loyal band of folk. Do give then you support – there's a special welcome at St. Lawrence's to the next Family service – guitar planned!

Best wishes and God bless,

Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230

braileschurch@gmail.com

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Congratulations and best wishes to Stuart Whittaker and Katie Dowding on their May 25th wedding.

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH REPAIR APPEAL

Initial Report from the P.C.C.

St. Lawrence's Church, a grade 1 listed building, has been cared for by generations of villagers for nearly 1,000 years. Recently, the Church Council, supported by friends from the whole community, has continued a programme of maintenance and repair, including the rainwater system, re-pointing, limewashing and work in the tower.

The architect's last inspection raised concerns about the nave roof and the deteriorating stonework, particularly around the windows and great South door.

English Heritage agreed with that assessment and has promised to grant aid the proposed work. We are enormously grateful for this support! Its summary included the following:



<u>Project Development Work (Stage 1)</u>	£
Specification and tender report fees	6,300
Planning Supervisor	437
Roof inspection	1,250
Bat survey	500
South doorway conservator's report	750
Maintenance plan preparation	<u>400</u>
TOTAL £9,637 + VAT =	£11,564

English Heritage is giving a grant of £9,000 towards this cost, and the work is underway.

<u>Building Work (Stage 2)</u>	
Stripping and re-slating Nave roof	55,000
Scaffolding	13,500
Stonework repairs	12,500
Conservation of South doorway	6,500
Fee balances	<u>4,637</u>
TOTAL £92,137 + VAT =	£110,564

English Heritage has made an "in principle" grant offer of £59,000 towards this work.

THE BIG PICTURE

Total estimated cost	122,128
<i>Less</i> EH grants	68,000
<i>Less</i> LPW “VAT repayment”	17,750
BALANCE REQUIRED	£36,000

St. Lawrence’s roof and stonework is “at risk” and the Church Council agreed to take on the challenge of raising the balance of the funds needed to complete necessary repairs. The village is behind the repair appeal, and it is a testament to people’s generosity that nearly £7,000 has already been raised:

Auction of Promises	4,111
Marquee Lunch	1,051
Donations	<u>1,594</u>
TOTAL	£6,756

We are also embarking on grant applications to various grant making bodies and the Warwicks and Coventry Historic Churches Trust has already promised £1,500.

At the moment all costs are estimates, but after stage 1 is complete and tenders have been received, we will have more precise quotations on which an appeal brochure can be based.

Donations are of course welcomed at any time – cheques should be made payable to “Oxhill P.C.C. Repair Fund” and online donations can be made at:

www.justgiving.com/stlawrencechurchoxhill

Thank you! Please use gift aid if able.

DEANERY NEWS FOR JULY

At this stage we simply look back, to thank God for so much that has happened over the last year, which has involved the hard work of so many people, and look ahead to the next Deanery Synod, which is on Tuesday, October 22nd at 7.30 pm in Tysoe. Greg Bartlem, whom many will remember as Diocesan Youth Officer, was ordained and has since grown a church from nothing among the deprived youngsters of the centre of Coventry. The church is called Urban Hope, and Greg is coming back to tell us about it.

We will also as a Deanery be welcoming Rev. Dr. Andrew Coleby and his wife Marian to Shipston: Andrew will be licensed as Rector of Shipston on Tuesday, July 16th at 7.30 pm in St. Edmund’s.

Have a wonderful summer, relaxing in God’s company, and enjoying his world.

Every blessing, Jill

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL SEPT 29TH

10am (please note different time to usual time of 9.30am)



This year we are trying something different. There is a lot of interest in supporting food banks so perhaps those who do not have access to local produce would like to donate tins or packets of food which after the service will be taken to Tysoe church to be delivered to the Food Bank with their Harvest Gifts.

However we would still like to receive any local produce which will be auctioned after the service and the proceeds will go to Farm Africa. The auction will be accompanied by light refreshments to keep you going till Lunchtime. We look forward to your support for both these worthy charities.

Carol Fox

DON'T BUY A HORSE WITHOUT A PASSPORT

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is urging horse buyers not to purchase horses that do not have valid horse passports following an investigation in to horse sellers.

Horse passports were introduced to help ensure that animals destined for the food chain were drug-free. Sellers should not be able to sell a horse without a passport.

However, the Trading Standards Animal Health Team has been dealing with complaints from buyers who were not given passports for their animals. This has stopped the buyers from selling them on or using them in competition.

Some sellers were also denying buyers their legal consumer rights by displaying notices such as 'No Refunds'.

All the horse sellers have now been advised on their legal obligations.

- Check that the horse has a valid passport before you buy.
- All horses passported after 1st August 2009 must be micro-chipped.
- If the animal is to be checked by a vet first, ensure that the information stored on the microchip corresponds to the horse passport.



Haggis
Hunting
Season

Make a complaint: Citizens Advice Consumer Service - 08454 04 05 06.

More information: <https://www.gov.uk/horse-passport/overview>

OXHILL SCARECROW WEEKEND 2013

A successful weekend of fundraising after months of preparation. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported this event and to everyone who made Scarecrows. The village looked great.

Thanks firstly to Mike for organising the road closure and signs. Thanks to Roger Goodman for all of the publicity. Thanks to George for hours of redesigning the posters and printing them along with the maps. Thanks to Heather and Phil for printing the stickers and manning the plant stall. Thanks to Carol for organising the Church Rota and to all those who welcomed our visitors to our Church. The flowers were beautiful and many people commented on them so thanks to Carol, Helen, Sue and Jude for the wonderful displays.



Thanks Gaynor and Jo for organising car parking: a thankless task at times. Also to everyone who gave up their time to help man the car park. It is not always the best place to be!!

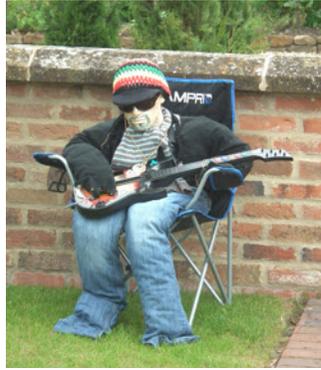
Thanks to Gaynor and Ruth for organising the "teas" and their band of helpers who gave up their time and to everyone who made cakes. They were delicious as usual!



Thanks to Carol Tom, Ed and family for the 'Pig Roasts. Also delicious! The event on Saturday night was a great success thanks to your support. Thanks to all the committee members for their salads and puddings and to the faithful helpers for serving and washing up and to James and Linda for arranging and manning the bar!

Thanks to everyone who opened their gardens; our visitors always look forward to a walk around the gardens and we heard some lovely comments. Thanks to Thomas for supplying the straw for your Scarecrows. I am always amazed by your ideas. Thanks to Angela and David Kean for taking on the onerous task of doing the Village Scarecrows as I could not do them this year, especially those in the church and at the village hall. I really appreciate all that they did.

Thank you to everyone who donated prizes for the raffle and stalls and for those who 'de-cluttered' for the Bric a Brac and book stall. Thank you to everyone who purchased



raffle tickets and to the 'Peacock' for selling a lot of raffle tickets for us.

Thank you to all of the villagers who paid to enjoy the Scarecrow event and walk round their own village!! Every penny counts towards our good causes i.e. the upkeep of our church, support for our first responders and also the air ambulance.



Thanks to Roger for removing his flock of sheep and of course to Gill Rodwell for letting us use the fields for car parking.

Many thanks to Jill Tucker for the use of the Chapel all weekend. We appreciate your generosity, Jill, for free use as a donation to this fund raising event.



Thanks to Kate, George, Hannah, Linda and Elizabeth for your help over the two days on the stalls and to Marilyn (a visitor) who helped on Saturday. Thanks to Ed and Bas for marquee duty and everyone who let us use your marquees and help set up stalls and clear away each evening!

The final thank you must go to all of the committee members for their Endless weeks of meetings and for

manning the stalls so many, many thanks to Carol, Helen, Cath, Gaida, Carol and Doreen.

A final amount has not been reached as yet but so far we hope to have raised over £2,000.

Thanks again, Lilian





GOOD AFTERNOON

Please, may I have my thanks recorded in the next issue of ON for the help I received in running the car-parking over the weekend 15th & 16th June by those who gave up their time on the two days? It went very well in spite of the verbal abuse we sometimes received both out in Main Street and in Mrs Rodwell's fields. A report will follow for the PCC to consider for any future event. We had no end of problems with people unable, and unwilling, to abide by the one way system; many chose to ignore the no entry signs too, which in the case of an unauthorised food vendor's van almost had me knocked down.



No doubt Lillian Welsby will let you know what the final 'take' was from the two days. She too, and her helpers, had to endure moments of difficulty. Today, I took two boxes

of unsold bric-a-brac items (scheduled for the tip) to the Wellesbourne Hospice shop where they said use could be made of them. So, another charity will gain a small amount from another's generosity in donating the items to the village weekend in the first place.



*Best wishes - Johan Van Dijk
vandijkjoh@aol.com*





TYSOE FLOWER SHOW & FETE

Saturday 17th August

From 1.00pm

Tysoe Recreation Ground

Featuring: SWWWC Gun Dog Display, Armaleggan Morris,
Edgehill Battlefield Live

Childrens Races, Circus Skills & Face Painting,

Petticoat Lane, Teas, Barbecue, Bar, Dog Show, Car Boot Sale

Vintage Machinery Display, side-
shows and games

Admission: Adults £3.00 Children &
Concessions £1.00

Under 5's Free ** Free Parking

Car Boots: £10 per pitch Arrive
between 10am and 1pm

no trade sale of food/drink & raffles
other than those authorised

For further info & schedules contact:

Samantha Littlewood on 01295 688137



Tysoe Flower Show 1912

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Just to let you know that there will be a stall in aid of Macmillan at Tysoe show on Saturday August 17. If you have anything in the way of gifts that you could donate I would be very grateful and can collect beforehand.

There will also be another pre Christmas sale at my home in Lower Tysoe in November (date to be confirmed) More details in future issues.

Your support was much appreciated last year and between the two events we raised in excess of £1500 which was fantastic!!

Let's see if we can beat it this year.

Thank you,

Jackie Thompson Tel: 01295 680263 07811794634



THANK YOU LETTER
on the right is from the
Katherine House Hospice to
Diane Harper for the money
raised from her 80th
birthday.

Vanessa ed.

The
Katharine
House
Hospice

East End, Adderbury
Banbury, OX17 3NL
Tel: 01295 811866
Fax: 01295 810953
Fundraising & Lottery Office:
Tel: 01295 812161
e-mail: general@khh.org.uk
www.khh.org.uk

Mrs Diane Harper
Hillox
Whatcote
Oxhill
South Warwickshire
CV35 0RA

30 May 2013

Dear Mrs Harper

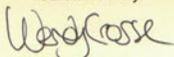
I am writing on behalf of everyone at Katharine House Hospice, to thank you for the kind donation of £665.00, raised in lieu of gifts to celebrate your 80th birthday. This kind gesture is so very much appreciated and your receipt is enclosed. We do hope you had a lovely day and many congratulations.

Last year we were involved in the care of over 760 patients through one or more of our services. Of these, 450 were new patients. Since the Hospice introduced a night nursing service for patients in their own homes, this has allowed more than 30 patients to be cared for at home for longer than would otherwise have been possible, with a total of 76 nights of nursing care being provided.

Please be assured that your contribution will be wisely used in the ongoing provision of comfort and care for our patients and their families here at Katharine House.

With kind regards and our grateful thanks for this much valued support.

Yours sincerely



Wendy Crosse
Fundraising Administrator



KINETON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Our SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT will take place on Saturday 13th July 2012 at Kineton Village Hall. This popular event consists of a TV based fun quiz and a two course meal, all for a very reasonable £12.00 per head.

Our licensed bar will be available.

To assist in catering arrangements tickets must be bought in advance by Monday 8th July. They can be reserved by calling Jane Gibson on 01789 841730 or from "Flower Thyme", Banbury Road, Kineton.

A raffle will be held with all proceeds going to "*Dogs for the Disabled*"

This event will start at 7:30pm (doors open at 7:00pm).

OXHILL OIL CONSORTIUM NEWS

Things are going well with setting up the new consortium and in order to help me to communicate with you, the customers, it would be very helpful if you could Email me on oxhilloil@yahoo.com as soon as possible so that I can produce a list. This will enable me to send out reminders of the oil order cut off dates, and when delivery is going to commence and other relevant information.

The details that I require are:

Name Full address including postcode Home telephone number

This is important as they are the details that are sent to the oil company for them to use for delivery and invoicing. I need this information so that I have time to put 116 customers onto the spread sheet in readiness for the next order.

Orders must be Emailed to me by midnight of the 16th September.

Next order will be 18th November.

Having received your Email details, I will send out reminders nearer the time.

As I will not check this dedicated Email address every day, except at order times, if you have an oil related problem you can ring me on 07976298228.

For those customers who have already made prior arrangements with Diane Harper things will remain the same as before.



Payment

In order to gain a good reputation with the oil companies, it is important that we all pay our invoice promptly.

*Mick Shepard, 3 The Leys,
Oxhill, Warwick, CV35 0QX*



SPRING LUNCH 2013

This event took place on May 26th. What a beautiful day we had to enjoy lunch in the wonderful marquee that we had use of that day. We are very grateful indeed to Stuart and Katie for allowing us to use the marquee and to Janet for giving permission for it to be in her field. Everyone seemed to be enjoying the food. There were no puddings left at all!!! A 'Great Britain' quiz followed

with Robin Teal as quiz master. All proceeds (nearly £1,000) are towards our Church Repair and Restoration Fund. Thanks to Belinda many raffle books were sold in support of the Scarecrow Festival Thank you to all who supported us and also to all who helped with preparation of the marquee on Sunday Morning, to the cooks and to all our helpers with clearing. And last but not least a thank you to Jill for use of the Chapel.

Carol Fox

BRIDGE AFTERNOON AND TEA

AT MOORLANDS FARM, LITTLE KINETON, CV35 OEA

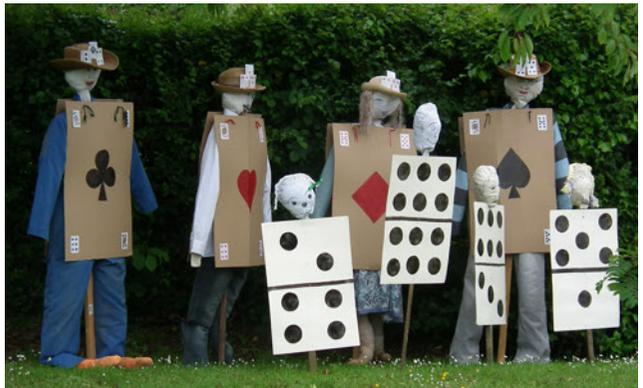
In Support of Shipston Home Nursing

By kind invitation of Anthony and Sue Forsyth

Friday July 5th (arrive
1.45pm... finish for 5.00pm)

Choice of a set table of four, Rubber Bridge in pairs, or Chicago-style pairs, state preference. Single players please enquire to organisers for partners.

£10 table money to include
delicious afternoon tea.
Bridge Prizes Plus Raffle



Enquiries: Rebecca Mawle 01608 674 929 or rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – UPCOMING EVENTS

Boules Day – Sunday, 14 July (Bastille Day)

This popular event includes the children. In addition to the Boules Tournament, played for the Gardner's Cup, we provide authentic French pates, cheeses, breads, salads, desert and beverages. If you haven't tried this before come and join us; we shall make you feel most welcome. We take precautions to ensure it can take place whatever the weather and you don't have to come in teams we can do that for you.

The cost will be **£7** per person & Children (up to age of 12) are free. This cost covers the food & entry to the competition.



Village Hall BBQ in June

Please contact Gaynor van Dijk on 680349 for tickets.

Village Hall Maintenance day – Saturday, 10 August

We are having our annual Village Hall Maintenance day on Saturday, 10 August starting at 10.00am – volunteers with many or few DIY skills will be welcome.

Please contact Derek Harbour on 680676 if you are able to assist.

Mexican style Progressive Supper – Saturday, 21 September

This is always a great evening and one that is greatly enjoyed by new-comers to the village as it is a terrific opportunity to meet a lot of people in their own homes and this year to enjoy some Mexican delicacies.

The format is to meet in the Village Hall for a drink and then off to various houses throughout the Village for some interesting Mexican dishes and then on again to another couple of destinations for more varieties of super food before returning to the Village Hall for Puddings.

For the Mexican '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 several courses to a tight schedule.

We are looking for hosts to provide a selection of Mexican dishes for 4 to 10 guests and for those who wish to join in but are unable to host a course; tickets are available

at £17.50 per head, (a bargain for a variety of good food and wine at host's homes!)

If you would like to participate in this popular supper please telephone Diana Cronin on 680938 and let her know whether you would prefer to host a course of Mexican food (recipes/guidance is available if needed) or would like some tickets.

COMMUNITY SAFETY AMBASSADORS

As part of his community engagement strategy the Police and Crime Commissioner intends to recruit 30 Community Safety Ambassadors from across the County. The local Community Safety Ambassadors will act as the 'eyes and ears' of the Commissioner and will ensure he is kept informed of local issues, concerns and developments.

The Community Safety Ambassadors will be required to attend and report upon their local community forum, keeping in touch with other local groups and inform the Commissioners' office of issues of relevance for him. They will also have a relationship with their local Safer Neighbourhood Team and ensure the Commissioner is briefed about concerns and, as importantly, successes."

If you wish to discuss the role of the Community Safety Ambassador, or any aspect of the recruitment process, please contact John McPhail, Policy Officer at johnmcphail@warwickshire.gov.uk Tel: 01926 412238

Completed applications should be sent by 12 noon on Friday 31st May to the Warwickshire Office for Police and Crime Commissioner at: katiebaker@warwickshire.gov.uk or 3 Northgate Street, Warwick CV34 4SP

MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE

If you would like to have your say about changes to the service please call 01926 476938 or e-mail: mobileenquiries@warwickshire.gov.uk before **31 July**

FACING THE CHALLENGE

Warwickshire County Council - Summer 2013

Review of the Mobile Library Service



The facts

Warwickshire County Council has had its grants greatly reduced and must save nearly £70m from its budget by 2015.

The library and information service is contributing to this. It is well on the way towards reaching its budget reduction target of £2m for this period.

The Mobile Library Service needs to contribute towards the overall Library savings plan and must reduce its budget by £95,000.

To make these savings, the Mobile Library Service needs to reduce its fleet to three vehicles from five. Each individual vehicle will need to work more efficiently. The overall number of stops will be reduced.

Call Andrew McDonald on 01926 476938 to talk about how the changes might affect you. Or email: mobileenquiries@warwickshire.gov.uk

Warwickshire County Council

PEACOCK EVENTS THIS MONTH

Quiz Night

Quiz night on Sunday 7th July at 8pm

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on Wednesday 3rd July at 10:30am
and the village lunch is on Wednesday 17th July.



Mike Collins received the letter below from the office of HRH in regard to our Oxhill Diamond Jubilee celebrations weekend.



BUCKINGHAM PALACE

5th June, 2013

Dear Mr Collins,

The Queen wishes me to thank you for your letter in which you tell Her Majesty of the events held in Oxhill to celebrate her Diamond Jubilee.

The Queen was pleased to see the photograph, programmes and DVD of your activities which you enclosed, and Her Majesty was glad to know everyone had such an enjoyable time.

The Queen was also interested to learn about The Oxhill Art Group and of the competition to judge their images of the *Monarch in Jubilee Year*. Her Majesty was very touched that you sent her the winning entry, by Carole Couchman, to commemorate this historic year.

The Queen thought it was so kind of you to write to her and hopes you will understand that because of the enormous number of messages received in the last few months, it has not been possible to respond to you until now.

Her Majesty sends her best wishes to the residents of Oxhill and I am to thank you, once again, for writing as you did.

Yours sincerely
Janifer Gordon Jones

Lady-in-Waiting

Mr M Collins

FOLLOWING INFORMATION RECEIVED

it would appear that catalytic converters from Peugeot 306 and 406 HDi models are very desirable to thieves so the SNT would like to again raise awareness of Cat marking kits we can supply at cost price (£5). the kits deter possible offenders and give the police the opportunity to positively identify victims property should it be seized, this in turn helps in possible convictions.

Please can you pass this message on to anyone that owns a 306/406 or advice them to make contact with the team to arrange a marking kit.

Regards
Andrew Steventon
PCSO 6218
Shipston-on-Stour Police
Station
Tel:- 01789 444670
Ext:- 4670



SUGGESTION BOXES FOR 'OXHILL'S FUTURE – YOUR SAY'

The Oxhill Parish Plan Project team put out boxes last month to capture your suggestions about Oxhill's future. Just to mention there is still time to make your suggestions. Simply write these out and place them in the boxes to be found at The Peacock, in the church and at the village hall.



There will be a full survey of all households this autumn and Ed Bracher has kindly offered to lead on engagement with our young residents.

If you have any general comments about the project please contact parish.planning@oxhill.org.uk or Sue Hunt at Eudon, Whatcote Road.

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

Thank you to the people who supported the Plant Sale. We had quite a busy time, some customers were very organised and came armed with their own basket or box for the goodies.



We look forward now to our outing to South Newington House [details in the June News] Don't forget to take your camera if you intend entering the photographic competition. Entries must be handed in to Ann Saxton by the end of September for judging to take place before the October meeting.

There are 2 classes, Summer Flowers and

Winter Garden and max. size 7"x 5" unmounted.

The trip to Savill Gardens on August 21st is now £28. Pick up times as follows:

- Oxhill Village Hall - 07.45
- Oxhill Church - 07.50
- Tysoe PO - 07.55
- Kinton Church - 08.10

We expect to be back at Kinton Church at 18.30 approx.
Fingers crossed for a fine warm day

Ruth Gibson

A THANK YOU

Having just enjoyed a lovely meal and chat at the Garden Club's "Garden Party", (not so much a 'garden' as a Methodist Chapel), I would like to thank the many people who made it possible, especially Sue Hunt who made the majority of the wonderful food.

Also... I don't think we should forget the very many hours of work, not to mention expense, put in by Sue and Alan Hedley to prepare their lovely garden and house for the event - even though it wasn't used. Oh, and the forecaster was right - it didn't rain!

Peter Britton, Greenfields



dubhouse



DJ workshops & tuition for age nine and above

DJing is a great activity for young people to learn. It builds confidence, improves coordination & enables them to express themselves in a unique way. Using studio quality equipment, we take young people on a journey through dance music. Learn how to handle a pair of decks, scratch, mix and operate the latest DJ software.

Now booking for summer holiday and weekend workshops. See website for details.

shaun@dubhouse.co.uk **www.dubhouse.co.uk**

DubHouse: 4 Welford Road, Barton, Warwickshire, B50 4NP

BOOKING ESSENTIAL

CHARGES APPLY

MOBILE SKATEPARK AND MULTI-SPORTS

1/2 PIPE

DRIVEWAYS

HIPS

JUMP BOXES



ULTIMATE

FRISBEE

SOCCER

TEAM GAMES

Date	Venue	Meeting Point	Time
Wednesday 31st July	Southam College	All Weather Pitch	12pm - 4pm
Thursday 1st August	Wellesbourne Sports Club	Car Park	12pm - 4pm
Wednesday 7th August	Stratford Bandstand (National Play Day)	Bandstand	10am - 4pm
Thursday 8th August	Alcester Greig Centre	Air Cadet Hut	12pm - 4pm
Wednesday 14th August	Wellesbourne Sports Club	Car Park	12pm - 4pm
Thursday 15th August	Southam College	All Weather Pitch	12pm - 4pm
Wednesday 21st August	Wellesbourne Sports Club	Car Park	12pm - 4pm
Thursday 22nd August	Alcester Greig Centre	Air Cadet Hut	12pm - 4pm

Skateboards, BMX and Scooters welcome

Sessions are supervised

Limited safety equipment and skateboards are provided



For more information phone

02476 312295



SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

NO BOOKING

FREE

A HUGE THANK YOU to Jane Harper, Mick Shephard, Jerry Webb and Patrick O'Donnell for their wonderful Oxhill Scarecrow Weekend pics. I felt I was there!!

In fact, a whooper of a thank to all the people who contribute to the News throughout the year. We wouldn't know how to fill the pages without you.

Last month I asked if any one to help co-edit the News and surprisingly no one responded! Perhaps you thought the application process is too difficult. Let me silence your fears - we require no psycho-metric personality tests, no obstacle course, spelling quiz or penmanship appraisal. You say you want to help - we cheer, slap you on the back and welcome you on board - its that simple. Please email us and or call today - contact details are on the cover!

Vanessa ed.

WOT2Grow YOUR Community Orchard

If you haven't visited the orchard recently do go down and see how good it looks and be amazed at what has been achieved by your community. There is lots of growth and plenty of fruit set so hopefully we will have an even better harvest than last year.



Our work with the Kineton Scout Group to make a sensory garden has progressed to the point where we have a planted garden! We laid the weed suppressant material and the gravel path and then came together to plant it. The small plants will soon fill out and the annuals will seed for next year. Charlecote Garden Store supplied a large number of great plants and we had donations including some from B&Q.

We have received planning permission to install a waterless toilet on site which will be installed in June, a really fun design which will fit in a rural environment, and a bonus for everyone who comes to the orchard!

Our next event is a repeat of the “Wellies and Watering Cans” session for children and their parents. A great success last year so come along on July 4th from 3:00pm to 5:00pm for watering, measuring against a tree and a picnic of jam/honey sandwiches, flapjacks, cakes and squash! Tea and coffee for parents will be available!

On Sunday Sept 1st from 2:00pm we will be having a “Cream Teas “ Open day at the orchard. Come and enjoy an afternoon tea, see the varieties of fruit we are growing and enjoy the beauty of the orchard.

Come and join us in all these great activities!!! See us at www.wot2grow.co.uk or contact

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WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

July

Tuesday 2nd		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 3rd	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Friday 5th		Bridge Afternoon and Tea (see pg 16)
Saturday 6 - 7th	11 - 18:00	Four Artists at Oxhill at the Old Chapel
Sunday 7th	11:00	OWLS churchyard maintenance day
Sunday 7th	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 9th		Grey landfill bin collection
Tuesday 9th	20:00	Oxhill Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 10th	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Wednesday 10th	10:00	Garden Club visit to South Newington House
Friday 12th	9:30	Weekday Walkers - see pg 2 for details
Friday 12th	19 - 21:00	Oxhill Artists Summer Exhibition
Saturday 13th	19:00	Kinton Amateur Dramatic Society Entertainment
Sunday 14th		Village Hall - Boules Day
Tuesday 16th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 17th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Tuesday 23rd		Grey landfill bin collection
Friday 26th	9:30	Weekday Walkers - see pg 2 for details
Tuesday 30th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 31st	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library

August

Saturday 10th	Village Hall Maintenance day
Saturday 17th	Tysoe Flower Show and Fete
Wednesday 21st	Oxhill Garden Club trip to
Saville Gardens	

