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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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Imagine doing this to raise money for Charity!

Well done Elaine - very courageous!

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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OXHILL NEWS

The editors welcome any pictures, photographs, drawings, poems, puzzles, recipes, announcements or items of local news for possible inclusion in The Oxhill News. 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.

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 July 5th and 26th.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 9th and 23rd July. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th July.

## 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](mailto:admin@jimsaxton.co.uk)

## AT THE PEACOCK

### Village Events

The village coffee morning is on July 3rd at 10.30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday July 17th at 12:30pm.



## DEANERY NEWS FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2019

If you see this in time, the next Deanery Synod is on Tuesday, June 25th at 7.30 pm at Long Compton Church. This will be a Celebration of God's Kingdom in our Deanery, hearing stories of God's life in our churches and communities. Afterwards, in a break with tradition, there will be 'refreshments for a summer evening'.

This will be my last Deanery Synod as Area Dean, so we are taking the opportunity to hand over to Sarah Edmonds, Rector of Shipston. Sarah will take over as your Area Dean on July 1st: please do pray for her and support her as you, very wonderfully, have done for me. Everyone is very welcome: it would be good to see you there.

After July 1st, Sarah's contact details are

Rev Sarah Edmonds, 01608 661210 [sarah\\_edmonds@btconnect.com](mailto:sarah_edmonds@btconnect.com)

Deanery events take a break over the summer, as we concentrate on holidays, holiday clubs and a myriad of village events. The next formal Deanery occasion will be Deanery Synod on Tuesday, October 15th at 7.30 pm in Brailes Church. Richard Cooke will be coming to introduce us to the Gospel of Matthew, from which many of the lectionary readings for the next church year are taken. Richard is a brilliant speaker, and I know will bring Matthew alive for us. All are very welcome – you don't have to be a member of Synod to come and hear him.

Wherever you are, whatever the weather, enjoy your summer and make the most of God's wonderful creation!

Every blessing, Jill

## **SECURITY MARKING IN OXHILL**

On Saturday, 11 May, a combination of SDC Rural Crime Advice, Police Cadets, Mick & Barbara from Neighbourhood Watch and a representative from the Smartwater company came together in the village hall to securely mark residents property.

The above team also visited residents' houses and securely marked items such as Mowers, Hedge Trimmers, Chainsaws etc. thereby making them much less attractive to steal.

The PC having bought 50 Smartwater kits, sold 33 of them on the same day at an excellent price of £10 each and obviously has some left for anyone who wants to buy one that was not available on Saturday. The kit comprises a marker pen and some stickers. Each pen is unique to the person who buys it and can be used to mark anything from Jewellery to TVs.

If you were not available on Saturday, we will be probably be having another event where both larger items, as above, can be marked free of charge and further Smartwater kits purchased so if you want to participate please call me.

Derek Harbour (680676)

## **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place in the Village Hall at 8.00pm on Tuesday, 9 July.

Derek Harbour (680676)

## CYCLISTS FIGHTING CANCER SPORTIVE

Thank you to those who made cakes for the cyclists and helped at the Village Hall, particularly Derek and Trish who kindly helped all day.

We had lots of positive feedback about the ride and the feed station, especially the delicious homemade goodies.

The event raised in excess of £13,000 which will buy new bikes and adapted trikes for children and young people living with cancer.

Well done to Paul & Ali Sayer, Andy Macdonald, Hugh Rowse and Brian Emerson who rode in the Sportive.



## **ELAINE MORGAN – WING WALK TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ‘TARGET OVARIAN CANCER’ CHARITY**

On Elaine Morgan’s recent Birthday (not saying which one!!) on the 24th of May she and some friends went to a local airfield and she was strapped to a fixture on the top wing of a ‘Tiger Moth’ like aircraft, which promptly took to the air. The aircraft swooped and climbed and completed all manner of ‘aerobatics’ with Elaine in place, smiling and waving throughout the trip.



Why?? Well simply to raise awareness of Ovarian Cancer which robbed Elaine of her grown-up Daughter some years ago and to raise money for the ‘Target Ovarian Charity’. Ed and Elaine paid the not inconsiderable cost of the trip from their own savings and all of the money raised by Elaine is going to the charity. The Just Giving donations page is still open for anyone who wants to donate to this very deserving charity – just go to ‘Elaine’s Page’ and you will see how much she has raised and perhaps we can increase the total still further.

## CARERS4CARERS



Friday 26th July 10.30 – 12 noon: Carers4Carers monthly meeting at Kinton Village Hall. There's no speaker this month to give more time for coffee, biscuits and chat! 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, Carers4Carers, Lisa Barnett – Assistant Co-ordinator*

## DENE VALLEY U3A

**Dene Valley U3A** - On the 2nd Tuesday of every month our organisation hosts a presentation on a topic of general interest starting at 2.30pm in St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne. All welcome. Non members £2 which includes refreshments.

Dene Valley U3A will host a presentation by David Barrie on the "The Life of a Wine Taster". David will share with us some anecdotes from his time as both a wine taster and buyer in the 1960s and 1970s, where in a typical day he may have sampled hundreds of wines. He will describe the way a professional wine taster determines what is a good wine along with how you get a full grown pear into a bottle and the annual race to be the first with Beaujolais Nouveau.

This will take place at St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, on Tues 13th August starting at 2.30pm. Non-members are welcome to attend at a nominal charge of £2 which includes refreshments. If you would like to know more about us and possibly even consider joining our organisation, then please visit our website at <http://www.denevalleyu3a.btck.co.uk> or go to our Facebook page.

## WOT2Grow

Flaming June!!! After all the hopes of summer arriving what a disappointing month. Last year we had a lot of rain in May as well as some warm days and then a heatwave in June. This year we have had so much rain and really cold temperatures. Luckily the trees and bushes have loved the rain especially as the orchard has such free draining soil.

Surprisingly there is some fruit on a lot of the trees and the apples and pears are swelling nicely, we didn't expect to have to do the "June Drop" (thinning the fruitlets) but that will happen next month.

Pruning has also been affected as it is unwise to prune in wet weather so as not to encourage diseases and it also makes you very wet when getting into the branches!! We are being very vigilant and although there are lots of aphids and some silver leaf on the apples the trees are looking very good.

The soft fruit is coming along well and although a bit later than usual the blossom is coming out and the fruit is setting. Our bees have been more active this year but they do like to forage a bit further afield if they can find the crops. We had an enormous swarm from one of our hives which we managed to capture and move away from the orchard before bringing them back to our third hive where they seem to have settled. The good news is we managed to produce some jars of beautiful honey for our members!

Join us to support the environment as well as getting great fruit! Your Community Orchard just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe!

More information?

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080) or see the website [www.wot2grow.co.uk](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk)



## JURASSIC COAST MIGHTY HIKE

The Jurassic Party Girls would like to thank our wonderful Oxhill neighbours, friends and Thomas Fox Landscaping for all your very generous donations and contributions in support of the wonderful work done by Macmillan in fighting cancer.

By the time you read this we will have completed the 26 mile walk and we'll post the evidence in the August Oxhill News. We all keep saying the same thing on our walks.....aren't we so lucky to live in such a glorious place with so much beauty on our doorstep.

Thank you so much everyone, from Belinda, Catherine, Karen, Katy and Kieren.

Latest information shows that over £3400 was raised for Macmillan!





**I'M DOING THE  
JURASSIC COAST MIGHTY HIKE**

#mightyhike @macmillanhikingevents

**MACMILLAN  
CANCER SUPPORT**  
RIGHT THERE WITH YOU



# **TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **JUNE 2019 UPDATE**

This has been a busy month for lots of curriculum events. Oak Class had an ‘Alien Day’ when the children enjoyed dressing up as aliens and having activities that linked with their book, Man on the Moon. They decorated cakes with spaceships and enjoyed eating rock lollies!

On Egyptian Day, the children in Rowan Class dressed up as archaeologists to find out about the Ancient Egyptians. The day gave the children a wide variety of activities to explore Ancient Egypt through role play and from original objects. The children especially enjoyed writing hieroglyphs using reed pens and ink, and making scarab beetles using air dried clay. They were then able to share their enthusiasm and knowledge in an entertaining performance to the whole school which included a rap.

A team of Year 4 and 5 children were privileged to take part in an event organised by the Youth Sport Trust to promote sport for all. Children were placed in mixed teams from the ten schools participating and with the aim of inclusion. The children had the opportunity to try different sports which were adapted to be accessible for everyone. It was great fun! Activities included seated volleyball, curling where the puck has wheels and parachute games.

### **Rowan Class perform their Egyptian rap**



## **Curling on wheels at the Inclusion Festival**



All sports are really important at Tysoe so it was impressive that many of our children took part in the 5km Windmill Run. Congratulations to Jack who came first, Josh who came third and to the many other children who finished in very good times. All of KS2 had taken part in marathon running during the Spring Term which was obviously great training!

Please come and support our Summer Fayre on the school fields next to St Mary's Church on Saturday afternoon, 15th July 1.00 - 3.00 pm.

Visits from prospective parents are welcome. Contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295 680244.

Jenny Coates, Head of School



Tysoe Tennis Club  
www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

Tysoe Tennis Club, based in the playing fields behind the Old Fire Station, has two good quality, floodlit hard courts and welcomes new members. You do not need to be an experienced tennis player to join; we welcome and support anyone who is interested in taking up a new sport or rekindling a previous talent.

If you would simply like to 'have a go' please do join us on a Sunday morning from 10.30 am. There are spare rackets available to borrow and we do not expect you to join the club until you have been along a couple of times to make up your mind.

Membership is very competitively priced at:-

Junior (under 16)	£18.00
Student (over 16 in full time education)	£21.00
Adult (over 18)	£75.00
Family (up to 2 adults plus children under 16)	£150.00

In addition to club social tennis we also run two ladies league teams, one men's league team and one mixed league team.

We are in partnership with Tennisolutions who provide coaching and playing opportunities for juniors.

So if you simply want to join as a family and play at your own convenience, enjoy social tennis in a relaxed atmosphere or join one of our league teams please contact us.

Club Secretary – Carol Spencer

07708 412767 / carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk

Check out our website [www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk](http://www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk)

Look forward to seeing you on the courts!

June 2019

## **TYSOE W I**

Tysoe W.I. have been busy again. We hope everyone enjoyed our unofficial garden entry for the NGS open weekend. Members of our Craft and Laugh group spent hours creating fruit, veg, birds and animals, with help from one of TWIGs (Tysoe W I gopher) who built us our wooden garden furniture.

We've also enjoyed a willow weaving workshop where we all made some fabulous willow sweet pea obelisks, much to several passersby amusement as we carried our six foot creations home through the village!

We've been on a walking history tour of Coventry and are gearing up for a trip to Highclere Castle, home of Downton Abbey in July.

Never a dull moment in our W.I.

Watch out for more news on forthcoming trips and events, many of which are open to non members.

At our June meeting we welcomed Lady Kiera Dalton who spoke to us about her work with the oyster trust, amazing!

Our meeting on Wednesday July 3rd at 7.30pm is "Crime Prevention - Village Life" with Emma Turner, Safer Neighbourhood Team. Visitors welcome.

Follow us on FB, visit [www.tysoewi.com](http://www.tysoewi.com) or email [tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com](mailto:tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com) for more information.

## THE WARMINGTON HOARD

This should have read The Warmington Hoards! David Freke, a local archaeologist who has been involved with the excavations at Warmington for over 10 years, spoke to a packed house about the ancient history of the site which lies on the hillside between the Herb Centre and Warmington Church, and described the finding of not one, but two hoards of Roman coins. Although smaller in number, the second hoard contained very rare coins dating from a turbulent time in the history of the Roman empire, when a quick succession of Emperors each produced their own coinage. Why the coins were hidden there is a mystery which will keep the archaeologists busy for years!

It was good to see in the audience many villagers who were attracted to this type of event, and the Committee will endeavour to include more events of this type in the programme. Suggestions for speakers would be welcomed!



# **OXHILL VILLAGE HALL EVENTS CALENDAR**

## **TUESDAY 2nd JULY at 7.30pm – EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

The present constitution of the charity that owns and runs the Village Hall dates from 1950, when the building and land was transferred from Warwickshire County Council to the (then) Trustees. It is no longer fit for purpose, and the Committee has been advised to apply to the Charity Commission to change the status of the Hall to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). A draft constitution has been prepared, and, if adopted, will put the Trustees in a much better position to apply for grant aid towards the improvement of the Hall that was described in the June Edition of the News. All parishioners are invited to attend an Extraordinary General Meeting when the adoption of a new constitution will be the item under discussion. Anyone wishing to see the draft constitution in advance of the meeting, can do so by requesting a copy from the Secretary, Gill Stewart at [gill@northside.me.uk](mailto:gill@northside.me.uk) or by phoning 01295 688199.

## **SUNDAY 14th JULY at 4pm - FAMILY GAMES, BOULES AND BBQ EVENT**

Come along for an afternoon and evening of fun and good food! Let's try to wrest the the prestigious Gardner Cup from the holders of the last two years. But there will be children's games as well. This traditional event has been blessed with good weather in recent years and we've put in an order for more of the same (but if wet, we will keep calm and carry on anyway!).

Please book in advance to assist with catering by contacting **Ali Sayer on 07970 922352 or email [ali.sayer@btinternet.com](mailto:ali.sayer@btinternet.com)**

The cost is £10 for adults for burger or hot dog and salads; under 5 year-olds Free. Older children and teens £5.

## **SUNDAY 28th JULY – THE GREAT SHAKESPEARE HOSPICE BIKE RIDE**

Once again Oxhill is hosting a Feeding Station for the many cyclists who take part in this popular Charity Bike Ride to raise funds for the Hospice.

Could you help by providing cakes for the hungry riders, or serving refreshments and drinks on the day? The home-made cakes are always appreciated by the riders, so let's maintain Oxhill's reputation for hospitality and baking! If you can help in any way, please contact Jo Collings on [itsjocollings@gmail.com](mailto:itsjocollings@gmail.com)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Progressive Supper: Saturday 28th September. Theme to be announced!**



**Feeding time for two Great Spotted Woodpeckers**



**The wild flower  
area of the  
Churchyard**



# SUMMER ADVENTURES AT UPTON HOUSE AND GARDENS

Summer is the perfect time to get outside with the family. Local National Trust property Upton House and Gardens is hosting some exciting outdoor activities this summer including the annual jazz night (Saturday 6 July) and first ever outdoor theatre production (Friday 16 August). There's also all the usual summer holiday fun.

## **Outdoor jazz concert**

*Saturday 6 July | 6.30-9.30pm | Adults £15, Children £7.50 (tickets will cost more on the day and may sell out in advance so we advise booking early to avoid disappointment)*

The fabulous Great Central Big Band will be back at Upton House and Gardens to thrill and entertain you with some classic jazz era numbers. The sounds of jazz will get your toes tapping as you enjoy a picnic on the lawn at Upton House and Gardens this summer. Take rugs and chairs and relax under the summer evening sunshine while you listen to music from the Great Central Big Band.

## **Wind in the willows**

*Friday 16 August | 6.30-9pm | Adults £15, Children £7.50 (tickets will cost more on the day and may sell out in advance so we advise booking early to avoid disappointment)*

Join Mole, Ratty and Badger on their adventures, picnicking on the river bank, messing about on boats, and rescuing the reckless Mr Toad from his brushes with the law in this heart-warming, whimsical tale of friendship, mishap and madcap adventures in Quantum Theatre's brand new adaptation of this timeless Kenneth Grahame classic, *The Wind in the Willows*.

## **Summer holiday fun**

Enjoy exciting family-friendly events at Upton throughout the summer holidays. From regular activities such as Monday Meditation, Story Time and Wildlife Wednesdays, to Junior Garden Designer, and Made to Measure Home activity sheets, there's something for everyone.

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house-and-gardens](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house-and-gardens)

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## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### July

Mon	1st	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tue	2nd		Grey Bin Collection
Tue	2nd	19:30	OVH Extraordinary General Meeting
Wed	3rd	10:30	Village Coffee Morning, The Peacock
Fri	5th	14:30	Mobile Library, OVH
Sat	6th	18:30 - 21:30	Upton House, Outdoor Jazz Concert
Mon	8th	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tue	9th	20:00	Parish Council Mtg, OVH
Tue	9th		Green & Blue Bin Collection
Sun	14th	16:00	Family Games, Boules & BBQ event, OVH
Mon	15th		Aerobics, OVH
Mon	15th		Oxhill News Submission Deadline
Tue	16th		Grey Bin Collection
Tue	16th		Group outing to Highclere, Tysoe WI
Wed	17th	12:30	Village Lunch, The Peacock
Mon	22nd		Aerobics, OVH
Tue	23rd		Green & Blue Bin Collection
Fri	26th	10:30 - 12:00	Cares4Carers, Kineton VH
Fri	26th	14:30	Mobile Library, OVH
Sun	28th		Great Shakespeare Hospice Bike Ride
Mon	29th	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tue	30th		Grey Bin Collection

### August

Thu	8th		Aerospace Bristol & Dyrham Park, Garden Club
Tue	13th	14:30	U3A Monthly Mtg, St Peter's Wellesbourne
Fri	16th	18:00 – 21:00	Upton House, Wind in the Willows

### September

Sat	28th		Progressive Supper
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