

# THE OXHILL NEWS



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## REFUSE COLLECTIONS IN JUNE

Your grey (landfill rubbish) bins will be collected on Tuesdays 1st, 15th and 29th. The blue (recycling) and green (compostable waste) bins will be collected on Tuesdays 8th and 22nd.

*Editor*

## MOBILE LIBRARY

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill on Tuesdays, stopping at the Village Hall at 10 a.m. and staying there for 30 minutes.

In June the van will visit us on Tuesday 1st and Tuesday 22nd.

You can renew books between van visits by calling 01926 851031, or online at [www.Warwickshire.gov.uk/wild](http://www.Warwickshire.gov.uk/wild).

*Editor*

## KINETON OIL CONSORTIUM

The Consortium will be ordering oil again at the beginning of June.

Please will you let me have your needs not later than 6 p.m. on Wednesday June 2nd.

This is just after the Spring Bank Holiday and during the school half-term week. If you are going away please give me your order during the week before.

*D. Harper, 680529*

## FREE TELEVISION!

### Panasonic TV

(non-digital but full working order)

Free to good home

Emmerson, 680565

## JULY ISSUE

Please could I have all copy for the July issue by Midnight on **Thursday, 24th June**? If you normally prepare your material using a computer, it would make my life easier if you could submit your offering in electronic form, though paper is, of course, fine. My 'official' e-mail address is [news-editor@oxhill.org.uk](mailto:news-editor@oxhill.org.uk) if you wish to send me stuff that way.

*George Adams, 680286*

## COVER PICTURE

Last summer a group of Oxhillians let the train take the strain in style. This was taken during the turn-around stop at Snow Hill station, Birmingham.

*Editor*

## CHERNOBYL'S CHILDREN

### COFFEE MORNING

The Old Church House  
Oxhill

(if wet in the Old Chapel)

**Saturday 26th June**

**10 a.m. - 12 noon**

Cake, Produce & Plant Stalls  
Raffle & Tombola

Any donations for the above will be most welcome

The Chernobyl Children will be attending the Coffee Morning

Anne Marshall, 680411

Angela Emmerson, 680565



## CYCLE LAND'S END TO OXHILL FOR DIFFERENT STROKES

We are a group of 8 local people - out of shape, over aged and with more good will than sense, cycling 330 miles from Land's End to Oxhill in June this year to raise money for Different Strokes, a charity for young stroke survivors.

Stroke is the single largest cause of disability in the UK. 10,000 people under the age of 55 suffer a stroke every year - 1,000 of these are under the age of 30. Different Strokes is a registered charity providing a unique, free service to younger stroke survivors. For more information on Different Strokes please visit our website: <http://www.differentstrokes.co.uk/>.

For more information about our cycle charity ride and to donate please visit our blog at <http://cyclelandsendtooxhill.blogspot.com/>.

*Mike Druce, Trustee Different Strokes*

# ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL

## SERVICES IN JUNE

All are warmly welcome

Sunday 6th	Trinity I	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (ML)
Sunday 13th	Trinity II	6.30 p.m.	Evensong (ML)
Sunday 20th	Trinity III	4.00 p.m.	Scarecrow Weekend Songs of Praise (NM)
Sunday 27th	Trinity IV	9.30 a.m.	Family Service (NM)

For other benefice services see porch notice board

## CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Due to the resignation of one of our flower ladies we are now in need of a replacement. Is there anyone out there who would be willing to step in? You do not have to be a professional - just as long as you enjoy putting flowers in vases .

*Carol Fox 01295 680223*

## DEANERY SYNOD

The next Synod will take place on Tuesday, June 8th, in St. Gregory's Church, Tredington , at 7.30 p.m., when we shall be delighted to welcome Morris Rodham, the new Archdeacon Missioner, sharing with us his passion for the Gospel. For those who wish to come a little earlier, the evening will begin at 7.00 p.m. with a Bring and Share Supper to which everyone is welcome.

*Jill Tucker*

## RURAL DEAN'S GARDEN PARTY

Once again, I would be delighted to welcome anyone from the Deanery at a Garden Party at The Old House, Oxhill, on Sunday, August 22nd, from 3.00 p.m. until 5.00 p.m. It would be good to have some sunshine this year, but be assured, as those who came last year will know, it is great fun even if it rains and we have to ramble through the house!

*Jill Tucker*

## PCC MEMBERSHIP

Just for the record Lilian Welsby is still very much a member of the PCC as well as leader of the Fund raising Committee so my apologies to Lilian for missing her off the list last month.

*Carol Fox 01295 680223*

## OXHILL ARTISTS SUMMER EXHIBITION.

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL.

Tuesday 22nd June

7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to come and experience, enjoy and even purchase! the fabulous Art work produced by the Oxhill Art Group.

Similar to last years event, a £1 admission fee on Tuesday evening will enable you to view, enjoy a glass of wine, chat and even enjoy tasting savouries made by the group. All proceeds will go to the Village Hall fund.

The Art Group meet every Tuesday morning in the Village Hall, to enjoy painting under the guidance of Art Teacher, Barbara Kenny. People of all abilities are welcome. We work on a 6 week plan that includes a workshop based upon many different themes, to inspire and motivate a very enthusiastic group of local artists.

So do join us to experience the impressive and creative art work!

If you are unable to join us on the Tuesday evening, the village hall will also be open the following Wednesday morning, 23rd June, from 10.00 a.m. to noon for a further viewing and Coffee morning.

Any enquiries to find out more about the groups activities or to join as an active member please telephone Barbara Kenny on 01 926 852413.

## OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

The May meeting saw another very successful plant sale taking place at the Village Hall and despite the cold start to the year delaying plant growth there was a great selection of plants. A big “thank you” for all those green-fingered people who supplied them, and also to those who supplied the refreshments and raffle in the Hall. The Garden Club appreciates the support from Oxhill.

### **Oxhill in Bloom**

Start taking photographs of flowers in your gardens for the competition later in the year - one picture (7 x 5) per member, please.

The next meeting will be the annual garden party at Sue and Alan Hedley's on June 24th. There will be a charge for this of £3 per person. New members can join on this evening.

Please refer to your programme for the rest of the summer's events.

Don't forget to get snapping those photographs!

*Ann Saxton, e-mail [ann.saxton@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ann.saxton@tiscali.co.uk)*



## NATURE NOTES (AND OWLS) FOR JUNE

As you read this the installation of our five owl boxes is well under way, and a very big thank you to Niall Conway and his merry crew for actually doing the hard work of getting them up into the trees – the Barn Owl box weighs a ton! We had a very good response from all round the village and parish for the offer of trees or barns in which to erect the boxes. Some were more suitable than others because there are quite a lot of different criteria when siting these boxes. Thank you to those of you who are hosting a box and to those who also offered a site. Perhaps you could host a “bug hotel” – details later in the year. For obvious reasons I don’t want to divulge the location of the boxes and it is important they get as little disturbance as possible. We will of course let you know if we get any results. I am not optimistic for this year as we really should have had them in situ last autumn, but who knows?

Many of you may recall that in 2000 a Parish Appraisal was conducted as to basically what residents wanted or would like to see within the village. When asked “do you think it is important to take special steps to preserve the following”:

Wild Flowers	93% said yes
Birds	94% said yes
Wild Animals	83% said yes

Also 85% wanted hedges protected and 74% wanted to see more trees planted. At that time 82% of households had responded to the Appraisal, which is topical in political terms as a village landslide victory to fauna and flora. So, OWLS’ next project is to address the wild flowers issue and later, tree planting. We will be looking for suitable sections of verges in and out of the village, waste ground, and hopefully “God’s Acre”. Of course all these areas have to be surveyed first and then managed in respect of cutting. It is quite a task, but achievable, and just imagine the joy of seeing swathes of wildflowers in and around the village.

Also later in the year we will be running the photographic competition again, so get snapping.

I am still keen to know if the kingfishers survived the hard winter; any sightings, please let me know on 680664.

I am glad to say I have not noticed any huge decline in our garden bird population, although long-tailed tits are said to be down by about a third. Hard winters always take their toll on the smallest birds, but having said that we have several wrens in the garden, and I’m pleased to say this year two or more song thrushes. The other morning I noticed one thrush in the space of about an hour catch and eat nine snails – cracking their shells open on the garden path. Meanwhile at the front of the house another thrush was also cracking snails on our front doorstep – bring on the thrushes I say!

More good news, our nesting pair of curlew are back. Some of you early morning walkers may have heard that long drawn out trembling spring song, very melancholic and haunting. On the subject of bird song, I have recently been asked

what two bird songs are and they are in fact from the same bird, which is the chaffinch. Its first is a monosyllabic call note, a sort of plaintive 'pink' or 'spink'; the second is its song, a simple three-second burst with two or three notes repeated several times, followed by a rapid flourish or cadence. Chaffinches are known for the many regional variations; in Kent it was thought to be saying "If we wait another month we shall have the wheatear", in Hampshire it was said that when the yellowhammer sings "a little bit of bread and no cheese", the chaffinch replies "I haven't had a bit of bread and cheese these five years". The chaffinch in our garden sings (this one's for Formula One fans!) "Come on, come on, come on, Sutil". Chaffinches used to be trapped and sold for their singing ability. During Victorian times a good singing bird was extremely valuable and would change hands for 20 to 50 shillings apiece. Thank goodness trapping was made illegal in 1896.

As spring lamb becomes available, ladies take heed from *The Gentlewoman's Companion* 1675:

*"Do not venture to eat Meat so hot, that the tears stand in your eyes, for that thereby you betray your intolerable greediness; neither fill your mouth so full, that your cheeks shall swell like a pair of Scotch bagpipes. Gnaw no bones with your teeth, nor suck them to come at the marrow".*

*Grenville Moore*

## RACHEL COSTA

We are very sorry to hear that Rachel has been admitted to hospital and hope that she recovers quickly and is back home soon.

*Editor*

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

We have only one walk in June as follows:

Friday 11th June:

This is a 5.7 mile walk from Tysoe to Shenington with 340 feet of ascent and lunch at "The Bell" in Shenington. We will leave Oxhill at 10:30 a.m.

Due to the numbers on the walk Jim Saxton now contacts regular members to get meal decisions by Wednesday evening. Those who wish to join us are most welcome, but please contact Jim Saxton on 01295 680613 or at [saxton@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:saxton@tiscali.co.uk) before the Tuesday evening prior to the walk.



## JUNE AT THE PEACOCK

The Charity Quiz Night will be on Sunday, 6th starting at 8 p.m. The Village Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday 2nd starting at 10.30 and the Village Lunch on Wednesday 16th at 12.30.

*Editor*

# NOTES OF THE OXHILL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH MAY 2010 AT 8.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Apologies were received from Carol Taylor

Brian Badger was welcomed as a Parish Councillor. Gwyneth Adams had not sought re-election and was thanked for her 11 years service on the Parish Council.

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

David Hill was re-elected as Chairman.

Grenville Moore was elected as Vice Chairman.

Declarations of Acceptance of Office and Financial and Other Interest documents were signed. These will be forwarded to Stratford District Council.

## **MATTERS DISCUSSED**

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

This meeting took place on 13th April with two persons attending. The following issues were discussed: an explanation of the precept was sought, cattle grid repair on Noland Road requested, and the question of planting on the verge outside "Stonecroft".

### **Planning**

Application to change use of land from agricultural to garden behind Whatcote Road had been refused. Permission had been received for new garden wall, 2 car garage and workshop at Whatcote Park. Application for outside condensing boiler at The Stables was returned with no objection.

### **Finance**

The Annual Account Return, bank reconciliation, notes to the account and variation to the accounts were presented for signature. These documents will now go through the audit procedure. Receipt and Payment book for year ended March 2010 was signed as correct.

Clerk accepted an honorarium of £150 (including expenses) for the year ended 31 March 2010. Mandatory Insurance was agreed for payment at £339.88.

### **Highways**

Repairs to the cattle grid on Noland Road will be carried out later this month.

A question has been asked about the encroachment onto the verge outside "Stonecroft" and whether it is acceptable.

Due to budget restrictions highway drainage on Main Street cannot be carried out. Highway drainage is designed to cope with water that falls upon the highway and not extra surface water from higher ground. Stratford District Council will monitor the situation to see if there is a way of dealing with the water prior to it reaching the highway.

## **NHS – Horton General Hospital**

We are kept informed by Newsletter of the Better Healthcare Programme at the Horton General which has been on going over the past two years. Recently a lot of work has been done to attract more consultants.

### **Parish Council Meetings**

Everyone is welcome to attend a Parish Council Meeting. It is your Parish Council and time is always allowed at the meetings for any comments. Your present Parish Council has five Councillors and they are listed below. They can be contacted with any issues or concerns you may have:

Name	Telephone no.	e-mail address
David Hill, Chairman	680519	dahill60@aol.com
Grenville Moore, Vice Chairman	680664	moore.moore@zen.co.uk
Tom Heritage	680216	heritage.farms@virgin.net
Carol Taylor	688025	c.caroltaylor@hotmail.co.uk
Brian Badger	688010	thebadgers@hotmail.co.uk

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 13th July 2010 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

*Angela Kean, Clerk*

## **VICARAGE NOTES**

### **Thought for the month**

At the recent Deanery Ascension day service, the preacher spoke of distractions, and his example brought back a childhood memory of mine when I was helping my mother make scrambled egg for tea. Something distracted the 2 of us and we left the kitchen – rushing back a while later when we heard popping sounds. The superheated egg was exploding like a mini volcano, with blobs of sticky stuff on the ceiling! The lesson was learned. The church has celebrated Ascension and Whitsun: days that remind us of the challenge to proclaim the good news God's love throughout the world, the need to transform society and to work for justice, freedom and righteousness. These huge concepts lie at the heart of a living faith, but the church often gets distracted with its own internal matters. Lessons have still to be learned!

### **Around and about**

May I add my thanks to Lilian and all the team who made the lamb and curry lunch such an enjoyable, delicious and sociable occasion – and to all who supported the event. It was a lovely afternoon. We look forward to the Big One – the Scarecrow Weekend!

For those who enjoy Gospel singing, Brailes Church is hosting an evening with a Zimbabwean Choir at 7 p.m. on June 12th – all welcome.

*God bless, Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230*

# SCARECROW WEEKEND

**Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th June**

## **Road closures**

Main Street will be closed as usual. Access to properties, the Peacock and the Car Parks will be available.

## **Domestic parking**

Please will those of you who normally park by the roadside park your cars in the car parks, just for these two days. If any cars get left on the road then visitors will park there instead of using the car parks and this causes problems. Many thanks and apologies for any inconvenience.

## **Pig Roast**

There will be the usual pig roast on the Saturday evening. Tickets are available from myself (680468) or Val Ewens (680215).

## **Bric-a-brac, Raffle, Stalls**

If you have any unwanted items that you could donate for any of these please let me have them - preferably before Friday 18th!

## **Plant Stall**

Please could you give any plants for the plant stall to Heather and Phil Brennan. If you have problems getting them there please give them to me.

## **Teas**

Please will you let Gaynor Fila (680473) know if you can make cakes, scones etc. for the teas in the Village Hall. We will need lots! If you can help in any way over the weekend we would be very grateful. Please let me or Gaynor know.

## **Scarecrows**

Let's hope that we have lots of scarecrows again this year. The straw will be delivered to the Village Hall during the next week; please help yourselves.

## **Gardens Open**

At the moment we only have three gardens open. If you would be willing to add yours to the open list please let me know as soon as possible.

## **Emergency cover**

Mick and Barbara Shepard will be on hand during the weekend. Thank you both.

Oxhill is getting very well known for its Scarecrow Weekend, and this is all down to the hard work put in by so many of you. Thank you very much.

*Lilian Welsby, 680468*

## OXHILL SCARECROW WEEKEND

### **Road Closure**

Would all villagers kindly note that permission has been granted by Stratford on Avon District Council for the closure of roads in and around the village of Oxhill on Saturday the 19th June and Sunday the 20th June 2010 between 10 a.m. and midnight on Saturday and between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Sunday.

### **Details of closure**

Main Street & Church Lane, Oxhill for their full length. Main Street from the junction with Kineton Road and Whatcote Road at one end of the village until it becomes Church Lane and continuing to its junction with Green Lane and Tysoe Road adjacent to the Church at the other end of the village. It is expected that a large number of pedestrians will be in the village and from previous experience it is desirable to ensure the safety of all visitors by diverting through traffic away from the centre of the village.

### **Diversionsary Route**

The alternative route during the period of closure will be via Green Lane and the Whatcote Road and represents only a minor detour.

Access will be maintained to all properties at all times.

A one way system will operate during the period of closure along Main Street in the direction of the Church and residents are politely requested to observe this measure to maintain safety of all pedestrians.

Should any residents have any concerns about the road closure they are asked to contact Lilian Welsby on 680468.

*Mike Collins*

## ADVANCE NOTICE

Our daughter is getting married on Friday June 11th. The ensuing celebrations will take place during the afternoon and evening at Meadow Cottage, and also in a marquee in the garden of Grove Cottage (by kind permission of Mr. & Mrs. Peter Taylor).

We hope that this will not cause too much disturbance to our close neighbours but offer our apologies in advance for any problems.

Cars will be parked in the field next to the Old Chapel, by kind permission of Janet Gardner.

*Una Hill*

# VILLAGE HISTORY

## Taking a Stand on Ceremonies

A brief entry in the Parish Registers can suggest a longer story. On September 19th 1662, a baptism was held for five children from two families – an unusually corporate event. The children were Emanuel, Love and Wright, the sons of Robert Makepeace, and Nathaniel, Daniel and Hester, the children of William Walton. It is possible, if unlikely, that the Makepeace trio were triplets, but more is known about the Waltons, and these children ranged in age, and had not therefore all been baptised as babies.

The Commonwealth period 1649 – 1660 had put considerable restrictions on traditional ceremonies, which were rejected by the Puritans as ungodly. Persistent families could with difficulty find a minister prepared to officiate. (In Deptford in 1652 the diarist John Evelyn arranged for his mother-in-law a burial service “with all decent ceremonie” - the first there for seven years.) However it was during the preceding Civil War period of the 1640s that Oxhill itself suffered most disruption, and consecutive blank years are left in the Registers. The only burial between 1645 and 1650 was that of the son of Matthew Clarke, lord of the manor and relative of the Rector, Walwyn Clarke. Marriages were affected in both Wars and Commonwealth; there were no church weddings here from 1640 to 1656.

The level of christenings was however maintained, and it seems unlikely that the Rector took a Puritan stance. The more likely explanation for the late baptism of Makepeaces and Waltons is that they were dissenters. William Walton and his family are known to have been Quakers, and the names of the Makepeace children suggest a similar Puritan influence. The Quaker movement was then growing fast in the Midlands. Their bulk christening has the appearance of a “mopping up” operation by the Rector, bringing his flock back into line after the Restoration had re-established the Church’s authority.

The development of colonies across the Atlantic later gave the Walton brothers the opportunity to seek more religious freedom. Their father, William, (while himself remaining in Oxhill), bought a holding in the Proprietary of West Jersey, entitling him to land which he left to his four sons, who had already emigrated to America c1682. These four - Nathaniel and Daniel, (baptised 1662), an intervening brother Thomas whose baptism is not recorded, and William, (baptised 1664) - settled in Byberry, (named after Bibury in Oxfordshire, with which the family also had links), and formed a dynasty which has flourished and spread. Other Waltons and their descendants stayed on in Oxhill until the early nineteenth century, with one isolated later burial in 1922 of a Richard Walton who lived at Nolands Farm.

What happened to Emanuel, Love and Wright I cannot say. (There was a Wright family in Oxhill so Wright’s name may be a pun rather than a misspelling.) Makepeace entries continue in the Registers but not with these distinctive names, nor that of their father Robert. If my supposition that they were Quakers is correct, they may later have become members of the Ettington Meeting House, built with burial ground c.1684, or – speculatively – like the Waltons have sought religious freedom in the New World.

# SHIPSTON HOME NURSING

Events in June

## **Tuesday 8th**

2.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.

### **Shopping, Tea, Plants & Pimms**

Whichford house, Whichford

by very kind permission of Simon and Bridget Herrtage

ENTRY £5 includes afternoon tea

Rebecca Mawle, Fundraising Co-ordinator, Shipston Home Nursing

Tel: 01608 674929, Mob: 07940 716345

## **Wednesday 9th**

### **Opera at Whichford House**

by very kind permission of Simon and Bridget Herrtage

For tickets please contact Bridget on 01608 684437

## **Sunday 27th**

2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

### **The Court House, Stretton-on-Fosse**

(National Garden Scheme)

by very kind invitation of Chris and Penny White

Admission £5 to include teas

## **'VILLAGE AFFAIRS' A CONCERT FOR ST PETER'S DAY**

In St Peter's Church on Tuesday June 29th at 7.30pm

We welcome Shipston's a capella choir to Whatcote again to entertain us with their individual style of singing.

'Cantamus' is a choir of about 26 able singers founded and conducted by Richard Emms. Their repertoire is almost entirely unaccompanied, in anything from 4 to 10 parts. It ranges from English and European madrigals to music from the 21st century; from the challenging to the disarmingly simple, and from the deepest tingle-factor to the utterly frivolous. They perform for music societies and for charitable and private events in the South Midlands and the North Cotswolds.

They will be singing music associated with St Peter and country life and will be joined by Anne Hume & Sheila Probert, ('Three's Company'), who will provide witty and apposite readings interspersed among the music.

This concert is in association with Shipston Proms.

Tickets are £10, available from Sue Price 680007

## OXHILL VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

**Art Exhibition** - Evening of Tuesday 22 June & Morning of Wednesday 23 June

Following a successful inaugural event last year we have the Art Exhibition taking place on the dates above. The Hall will be open from 7.00 to 9.30 p.m. on Tuesday 22 June. Visitors will be asked to donate £1 per head to view the pictures and partake of a glass of wine and some nibbles. It will also be open on Wednesday morning from 10.00 to noon and for this session, Coffee and Tea will be available on payment of the £1 donation.

**Thank Goodness It's The WeekEnd (TGITWE)** - Friday, 9 July

We are responding to requests from people in the Village to hold a casual evening with a simple meal, a few drinks and a chat with friends on a Friday evening and the first of these will be on the above date. On this occasion, we will be providing a Lasagne, Salad & Garlic bread meal for a cost of £7.50. Tickets (which must be bought in advance) are available from Angela Emmerson (680565).

**Boules Competition** - Sunday 18 July at 12.30 p.m.

Once again we are pleased to announce that we are holding our ever-popular Boules Competition accompanied by French Cheeses, Patés, Wine and Beer on Sunday, 18 July starting at 12.30 p.m. As usual, we will be taking precautions to ensure that the event goes ahead despite the vagaries of the English weather. The cost will be £6 per person and Children (up to the age of 12) are free and this cost will cover food and entry to the competition. Angela Emmerson (680565) can provide tickets.

Make a note of the date in your diary and another reminder will be provided in the next issue of the Village News.

*Derek Harbour*

## TYSOE TENNIS CLUB

Tysoe Tennis Club would like to offer more organised sessions for local players and would welcome feedback from members and prospective members on whether they might be interested in, for example: adult beginner/improver sessions; a ladies morning; adult over-55s morning; ladies social night; men's drill sessions. These sessions would be run on our behalf by the Shipston Academy. Please contact club secretary, Carol Spencer, to let her know. Tel: 01295 680659 Email: carolspencer234@hotmail.co.uk

The club is supporting the Marie Curie Cancer Care Anyone for Tennis event by hosting a junior tournament on Sunday 13 June (12-5). All funds raised on this day will go to the charity. Look out for posters nearer the time, contact Carol Spencer (details above) or visit the club's website: [www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk](http://www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk)

For those who enjoy social tennis, our regular club mix-ins are on Tuesday evenings at 7pm and Sunday mornings from 10.30. Come and have a go!

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

### Advice from Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service "Phishing" Emails

The internet is fantastic resource when used properly but unfortunately criminals are making the most of it too. One widely used scam is the "phishing" email. These pretend to be from a bank, EBAY or PayPal etc. They will ask for personal information such as account data and login details so they can gain access to your accounts or commit other crimes using your identity. Recently there have been fake emails claiming to be from the Civil Aviation Authority offering compensation to travellers left stranded by the recent volcanic eruption in Iceland. Recipients were asked for passport data, bank account details and other personal information in order to gain compensation.

So if you suspect an email is from a fraudster phishing:

- never give out personal information in an email
- never click on any links it contains
- delete the email

If you are concerned that you may have fallen victim to such a scam act immediately. If relevant, log into your relevant accounts and change your usernames and passwords. This will stop the fraudsters accessing your accounts. Contact your banks and financial institutions and make them aware of the situation in case of problems.

You can get more information about being safe on line at [www.getsafeonline.org](http://www.getsafeonline.org)

For more advice on problems with shopping or buying services, contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

## RURAL POLICE BLOG

This month's offering from the team in Shipston reminds us that the newly revamped Police Station in Shipston will be opened soon and asks that reports of incidents etc are made to them either by telephone on 01608 444670 or by email at [sr.snt@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:sr.snt@warwickshire.police.uk)

There is also a reminder that SmartWater can be used to mark property invisibly and indelibly and positively identify it as yours. Many of you bought SmartWater the last time it was trumpeted, but if you missed out then you can buy it from [www.smartwater.co.uk](http://www.smartwater.co.uk) or from the Crime Prevention Officers at Stratford Police Station, telephone 01789 414111.

*Editor*

## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### *June*

Tuesday 1st		Grey landfill bin collection
	10.00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Wednesday 2nd	10.30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
	7.30	Whatcote Community Centre - W.I. Meeting
Sunday 6th	8.00	The Peacock - Charity Quiz
Tuesday 8th		Blue & Green bin collection
	2 - 8	Whichford House, Whichford - SHN Shopping & Pimms etc
	7.00	St. Gregory's, Tredington - Deanery Synod
Wednesday 9th		SHN - Opera at Whichford House
Friday 11th	10.30	Weekday Walkers - see inside
Sunday 13th	12 - 5	Tysoe Tennis Club - Junior Charity Tournament
Tuesday 15th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 16th	12.30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th		Scarecrow weekend
Tuesday 22nd		Blue & Green bin collection
	10.00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd		Village Hall - Art Exhibition - see inside
Thursday 24th		Garden Club Garden Party
	23.59	Copy deadline for the News
Saturday 26th	10 - 12	Old Church House - Coffee Morning, Chernobyl's Children
Sunday 27th	2 - 6	The Court House, Stretton on Fosse - Garden event for SHN
Tuesday 29th		Grey landfill bin collection
	7.30	St. Peter's, Whatcote - 'Village Affairs' Concert

### *July*

Friday 9th		Village Hall - TGITWE Lasagne evening
Tuesday 13th	8.00	Village Hall - Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 15th		Garden Club trip to Folly Lodge
Sunday 18th	12.30	Village Hall - Boules Competition

### *August*

Thursday 18th		Garden Club outing to Kew Gardens
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## **ACCIDENT and MEDICAL EMERGENCIES**

**FIRST CALL 999**

**THEN CALL**

Ambulance Responders

**MICK & BARBARA SHEPARD**

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