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● Tysoe postmistress, Lillian Hopkins, front, and her two daughters, Jacqueline Franklin and Kay Brooks, had overwhelming support from customers yesterday (Wednesday). Photo: Mark Williamson (T13/5/15/8)

The campaign to save Tysoe Post Office, supported by The Stratford Herald, needs your help. It is a case of USE IT OR LOSE IT.

So make sure you sign the petition at the Post Office and write to our MP, Mr Zahawi at constituents@zahawi.com

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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 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 June 5th and 26th.

REFUSE COLLECTION

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

WEEKDAY WALKERS

This walking group usually walks on 2nd and 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 saxton@talktalk.net

AT THE PEACOCK

No more Quiz Nights until further notice!

Village Events

Village Lunch on June 17th at 12:30.

Village Coffee morning on
Wednesday June 3rd at 10.30am.



BREAD GROUP

Just to let you all know Bread group is now up and running for the summer. We meet on Tuesday nights once a month at 7.00 pm at the Old Chapel. We made some lovely cinammon bread this month. It was a great success and absolutely delicious.

Here are the dates for the next 5 months - 23rd June, 21st July, 11th August, 22nd September and 20th October. Hopefully avoiding most holiday periods.

Joy Clarke will email you shortly before each meeting to give you instructions on what ingredients to bring or whether to follow a recipe to first prove. This cuts down the amount of time we have to wait for each proving.

We have had some problems with emails. Please can you respond to Joy, jclarke@joyclarke.com and let her know whether you are coming or not. This will help in calculating the amount of ingredients etc required as well as Joy knowing if you have actually received her email or not. If there is anyone in the village who would like to join us do come along on any of the dates.

Gaynor Van Dijk

LEARN THE ROPES THIS SUMMER?

Fancy having a go at Church Bell Ringing?

We are offering demonstrations and "taster" sessions, at

The Edgehill Ringing Centre

St Peter's Kineton on

Saturday 27th June 2015 from 10.00am - 12.00pm

Tea Coffee & Cakes available

Please do come along, or if this time is not convenient,

we can arrange another session

Contact - **Graham Nabb: 01926 641812**

OXHILL NEWS COURIER NEEDED

We are very grateful for the years that Posy and Graham MacDonald have delivered the News to the residents along the Whatcote Road, but as all good things, their service has now come to an end.

So we need another volunteer to take over their courier route. Near the end of every month we will deliver about 30 copies of the News to your door, for you to deliver to the houses along the Whatcote Road.

Is there anyone who can help? If so, please contact Roger or Vanessa by email or telephone. Thank you!!



REPORTS OF DRONE IN VILLAGE

Recently several residents have voiced concern over the flying of a drone (or quad copter) over their gardens, especially with a view to recent burglaries and of course privacy. Whilst I am sure this was just a bit of harmless fun, we all have to be aware that we need to respect other people's properties and opinions, and we need to be courteous to our neighbours.

These aircraft need to be kept within sight, deemed to be 500 metres in a straight line of the operator, and they should not be flown within 30 metres of a person and 50 metres of a building without a CAA licence.

If you own one of these, there are clubs and societies that obtain legal access or rent areas of land for the purpose of flying these and other aircraft. We know we all have to be vigilant in regard to suspicious vehicles and/or people; perhaps we should add these to the list and just be aware.

Grenville Moore

MICK AND BARBARA SHEPARD CHANGE OF HOME CONTACT DETAILS

Our home telephone number 01295680644 will no longer work.

In future please contact us by using our mobiles:

Mick 07976298228

Barbara 07976269090

The reason for this is because we are now using SugarNet Broadband which is now working very well and so we no longer need a home telephone line from BT.

We are now able to make calls using our smart phones and the new broadband system.

If anyone wants more details of this please give us a call and we will be happy to explain how this works and the costs that are involved.

OXHILL OIL CONSORTIUM

The next oil order is due on the 2nd June. Please include your name and address when placing the order and if you have not yet given us your mobile number please include that as well.

The few people who phone their orders please remember to use our mobile numbers.

Mick 07976298228

Barbara 07976269090

CANCER RESEARCH UK "2015 RACE FOR LIFE"

I will be doing the 10k Race For Life in Nottingham on June 7th. If anyone would like to sponsor me I'd be very grateful. I can be contacted either by phone, 01295 688167 or via email sally_broderick@hotmail.com or stop me and speak to me if you see me whilst I am out training!

thank you

Sally Broderick

NOTES OF THE OXHILL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12th MAY 2015 AT 8.00 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Parish Councillors:

Grenville Moore – Chairman

Carol Taylor – Vice Chairman

David Hill, Sue Hunt, Stuart Whittaker – Parish Councillors

Following the Council elections on 7th May Brian Badger and Tom Heritage did not stand for re-election and were thanked for their service to the community in this post. Brian Badger had served for 5 years. Tom Heritage had served on the Parish Council since it was formed in May 1971 and prior to this Tom had been Chairman of the Parish Meeting from March 1967 following in the footsteps of his father. Over the years his knowledge of the area has been invaluable.

Declaration of Acceptance of Officer were signed by all Councillors. Register of Members' Interests documents were handed to all Councillors for completion.

Angela Kean had retired as Parish Clerk and a note of thanks had been put in last month's Oxhill News. The meeting was pleased to welcome Lis Stuart as Clerk to Oxhill Parish Clerk and wished her well in this post. Many of you will know Lis as the daughter of Carol and Tony Beasley.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

Community radar equipment. Six volunteers had come forward to operate this system which will be co-ordinated by Mike Shepard.

Highways

Highways would again be contacted with regard to the path which has collapsed just past the "Peacock" and the bad state of the road at this point.

Footpaths

Contact would be made regarding the blocked footpath which runs behind the houses on Main Street from Beech Road to Gilks Lane.

Planning

Permission had been granted for Managers dwelling, garage associated drive/turning area and foul sewage plant at Church Farm.

Application for Listed Building consent to repair plaster work throughout at The Old Rectory was returned with no objection. Application for proposed two and single storey addition at The Granary was also returned with no objection.

No further information had been received re the Appeal at Fithers Field. We understand that work on an application for building on The Leys Field is still continuing. Sue Hunt would consult the Parish Plan and re-affirm the points raised by the village.

Finance

Two insurance quotes had been received and it was proposed that the Zurich quote be accepted of £158.47. This was paid.

Angela Kean, retiring Clerk, accepted an honorarium including expenses of £150 for the year to 31 March 2015.

Receipts and Payment Book for the year ended 31 March 2015 was signed by the Chairman. Audit account, Bank reconciliation, Notes to the Account and variation to the Account were presented and signed by the Chairman. Annual Governance statement was also read out and signed. Membership of The Association of Local Councils was discussed and it was agreed to defer this until next year.

Electricity Cable Work

Electricity cable work was being carried out in the village causing concern about entry onto property. The Parish Council would write for confirmation that any damage caused would be put right.

Low Flying Drone

Concern had been expressed about security and privacy regarding a low flying drone over the village.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th July at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall

OXHILL GALA WEEKEND 12/13/14 JUNE

Tickets for our Gala Weekend are selling fast and you are strongly advised to buy these **now** as we are limited to 130 for the band and disco on the Saturday night and 70 for the Salmon Sunday lunch.

Friday 12 June

Pete Watkins playing live at **The Peacock** from 8.00pm



Saturday 13 June

Afternoon: **Rounders & Boules** on Mrs. Gardner's field from 3.00pm

These are family games & a soft ball will be used for Rounders - lots of fun and a chance to build up your appetite, for **Afternoon Teas** in the Old Chapel from 3.00pm

Homemade cakes & sandwiches with English Tea – Yummy!

Evening: **Band & Disco** in the Grain Barn at Kirby Farm with Pig Roast from 7.30pm

Dance the night away or sit back & enjoy the music

Free transport available, if required, from outside of The Peacock Pub

There is space for Parking next to the Barn and Campers are welcome – Both of these options are free!

Tickets to be bought in advance (see below) £15 per person

Sunday 14 June

Salmon Salad Lunch in the Old Chapel from 12.30pm (Veggie & Meat alternatives will be available - please let the person you buy your tickets from know of your preference).

Tickets to be bought in advance @ £15 per person.

Tickets for the Band/Disco & the Salmon Lunch will be available from Carol Fox (01295 680223) or Cath Pugh (01295 680958).

Proceeds to go to St. Lawrence Church and the Village Hall

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL - UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Boules Day reminder – Sunday 19 July

July's event is our ever popular and annual Boules Tournament for which we particularly welcome families to come along and take part. Played for the Gardner's Cup, the event will be rounded off with authentic French pates, cheeses, breads, salads, dessert and beverages. 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 event kicks off at 12.30 pm and tickets, which can be obtained from Tricia Harbour on 680676, are £8 per person with children (up to age of 12) free. The cost covers the food and entry to the competition.

Cricket returns

And you thought the Ashes was the big cricketing event of the summer...

Well, not quite, as August sees the return of Oxhill v Tysoe. This time Oxhill will be playing host to our 'southern hemisphere' rivals and we will be looking for revenge after last summer's 'narrow' defeat.

The date for your diary is **Saturday 29 August** at Tysoe cricket ground.



It was a fabulous event last year, brilliantly hosted by the community of Tysoe, and played in a great spirit. We look forward to your support in August.

Other news

New lettings contact

If you want to book the village hall or hire crockery, chairs etc, there's a new bookings contact: Jay Roberts on 680030 or 07980 117508.

Social media and online ticket sales

The Village Hall Committee is looking to introduce Twitter and Facebook sites to promote your village hall and provide the opportunity to buy village hall event tickets via the village website. More details soon.

ST.LAWRENCE’S CHURCH, OXHILL
SERVICES IN JUNE
All are warmly welcome

Sunday 7th Trinity I 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 14th Trinity II 9.30am Morning Worship (JT)

Sunday 21st Trinity III 9.30am Parish Communion (TM)

Sunday 28th Trinity IV 9.30am Family Service (NM)

For other services in the benefice please see porch notice board

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: welcomed into God’s family

May 10th Matilda Celia May

VICARAGE NOTES

Dear friends,

What a treat it is to walk the footpaths that radiate out from the villages and, on sunny days, to stop and simply gaze...the landscapes formed by generations of cultivation, the village buildings of mixed ages and styles and the ancient towers of our churches rising as beacons of faith.

It’s the time of the year when I begin to meet walkers and holiday makers visiting the churches. They’re always so impressed by the care given to church and churchyard, by the very fact that they’re open and alive and well. “Services every Sunday” said a visitor the other week “we’re lucky to have one a month!”

It’s always lovely to welcome back old friends, and I’m pleased to baptize the little ones of those married here over the years. I believe that it’s essential to have an open door that welcomes all.

We’re privileged in the “where and when” of our lives – may we be always appreciative of this simple fact and find in the Christian path the way, the truth and the life.

Best wishes and God bless,

Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230

braileschurch@gmail.com

DEANERY NEWS FOR JUNE

On **Tuesday, June 2nd** we welcome Linda Wainscot, the Diocesan Director of Education, to our **Deanery Synod**, all about educating our children, to be held at 7.30pm in Whatcote Church. Linda theme is 'Children are a heritage from the LORD'. Two of our clergy, Sarah Edmonds and Ali Massey are also putting on a display about their recent work in our primary schools: if you want to know more, please do come along.

Later that week, on **Thursday, June 4th**, we will be holding another **Quiet Morning**, in the Free School in Brailes. It will run from 10.00am until 1.00pm: coffee will be available from 9.30am, and a light lunch will be served afterwards. Elisabeth Ashworth is leading us into the writings of Brother Anthony: Pots, Pans and Prayer. Anyone is welcome, even if you can come for only part of the time.

Looking much further ahead, just to get it in your diaries, on **Saturday, August 15th** there will be another **Deanery Garden Party** in the gardens of The Old House, Back Lane, Oxhill (CV35 0QN) between 3.00pm and 5.00pm.

Enjoy your summer in the glory of God's creation!

Blessings, Jill

CARERS4CARERS

Our monthly meeting in June takes place on Friday 26th at Kineton Village Hall 10.30 – 12 noon. Our speaker will be Marie Veitch from the Citizens' Advice Bureau. Refreshments will be available and plenty of time for talking with other carers.

Come when you can and stay as long as you are able. For more details or to be added to our mailing list, please phone 01926 640203 or 07947 893504, visit www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk or email kcarers4carers@gmail.com.

We can help with transport; please phone either of the above numbers and leave a message if you'd like a lift.

We are holding a fundraising Afternoon Tea on June 19th – Ritz style, with all the trimmings!

It would be lovely to see you there so please buy your tickets now.

Gillian Grason Smith



WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

What a roller coaster of weather – sure you have had similar problems in your gardens to those we have had at the orchard!!

Those frosts were strong and caused a lot of problems but despite this the trees have blossomed and with a good population of bumble bees we hope the pollination has been sufficient to give us some lovely fruit later this year. Then we had the high winds so all in all a difficult couple of months. Despite our best hopes our bee colonies died over the winter having lost their queens. It was very sad but we have two new swarms of bees installed at the orchard and as there is plenty of food around in the orchard and the fields we have our fingers crossed.

Everyone has worked hard at weeding the soft fruit and feeding them. It has been so much easier this year but we have lots to do to ensure we have lovely fruit this summer. As it is a community orchard we concentrate on producing for the members as well as local residents but we need people to help out with the general maintenance. The mowers have a task to control the dandelions and are doing well!!!

There are lots of tasks to be done like preparing organic sprays, pruning, feeding the trees and plants and watering if we get a dry summer as the soil is wonderful but free draining, and mowing (great exercise)! Do volunteer a little bit of your time to help out and get some fantastic fruit – just contact one of the numbers below!

The orchard is looking good and the bees are buzzing – do come along and see for yourself as the orchard is open 24x7!

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



St Peter's Weekend at Whatcote

'Amicantus'

'Songs for a Summer Evening'

St Peter's Day Concert

at St Peter's Church, Whatcote.

on Saturday June 27th at 7.30pm

This concert is in association with Shipston Proms.

Tickets £10, accompanied children free, available from

Sue Price, 01295 680007

e-mail susan.price@ukgateway.net

Or on the door

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Patronal Open Air Service

In the churchyard

Sunday June 28th at 3.30pm

Tea & Scones afterwards

Everyone very welcome.

KINETON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Please note that the planned "Summer Entertainment" this year has been postponed until 12 September.

It will take the form of a Fun Stage & Screen Quiz night with our usual excellent 2 course supper and bar facilities.

Mervyn Fell

SHIPSTON HOME NURSING EVENTS in JUNE

SUMMER SHOPPING DAY THURSDAY JUNE 4th 10am- 4pm

Lots of Fabulous New Summer Stalls:- Louise Pocock Millinery, Pippa Brook Sunglasses, Willow & Honey (Candles) Dice (Holster Summer Shoes & Scarves) plus Amanda Flowers, Fiona Clothes, Jewellery, Stratford Food Co, Fino Oils, PT Jamie Francis. Phoenix Cards.

What excitement !

£4 entry includes coffee & biscuit

Rolls / Salad to buy at Lunchtime!

All set in a beautiful Vicarage garden.

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5 x 80 bird flushes 400 clays per team

Teams of 4- £400

1.00pm registration bacon roll & coffee

2.00pm shooting commences, finish 5.00pm

Bar from 4.30pm, 2 course meal 5.30pm

CHARITY AUCTION

Contact Rebecca 01608 674 929 for more details

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WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

June

Wednesday	1st	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Thursday	2nd	14:00	Knit and Natter
Friday	3rd	10:00	Easter Garden, Old Chapel
Friday	3rd	19:30	Oxhill & Tysoe Choir, Tysoe Church
Tuesday	7th		Green and Blue bin collection
Friday	10th		Weekday Walkers
Sunday	12th	18:30	St Lawrence Songs of Praise, PCC AGM
Saturday	13th		Oxhill Gala Weekend
Sunday	14th		Oxhill Gala Weekend

Tuesday	14th		Grey bin collection
Wednesday	15th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Wednesday	15th	23:59	COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS
Thursday	16th	14:00	Knit and Natter
Thursday	16th	19:30	Garden Club, Steve Brookes
Sunday	19th	12:30	Old Chapel Lamb & Curry Lunch
Tuesday	21st		Green and Blue bin collection
Wednesday	22nd	20:00	OVH Committee AGM
Th, Fri, Sat	23,24,25	20:00	Kineton Amateur Dramatic Soc
Friday	24th		Weekday Walkers
Friday	24th	14:30	Mobile Library
Friday	24th	19:30	Red & White Night, OVH
Tuesday	28th		Grey bin collection
Thursday	30th	14:00	Knit and Natter

July

Saturday	9th	10:00	Kineton Art Group, Kineton VH
Sunday	10th	10:00	Kineton Art Group, Kineton VH
Sunday	10th	14:00	Whatcote Bluebell Walk
Tuesday	12th	20:00	Oxhill Parish Council, OVH
