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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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## **SPEED CHECKS**

Four villagers have been trained by the local police to use a speed camera to check on the much complained about speeding through our village. During the course of May we are out and about, mainly on Whatcote Rd and Green Lane to carry out checks and report those who are speeding. We will be reporting further on our findings.

*Peter Rivers Fletcher*

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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 June 17th.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 14th and 28th June. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 7th and 21st 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 [admin@jimsaxton.co.uk](mailto:admin@jimsaxton.co.uk)

## AT THE PEACOCK

### Village Events

The village coffee morning is on June 1st at 10.30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday June 15th at 12:30pm.



## **OXHILL CELEBRATES THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY**

*Here's an update on the village celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday weekend this month, with all you need to know to join in.*

Over the weekend of **11 and 12 June** the nation will be celebrating the Queen's official 90th birthday and in true Oxhill style we will be doing likewise with our own version of the national royal gala and picnic and cathedral service, with the added bonus of live music at the Peacock on the Friday night to start the weekend.

**Thursday 9 June** - A band of ringers ringing a number of quarter peals at towers in the area are expected to ring at St Lawrence's Church in Oxhill at 11am to recognise the Queen's birthday.

**Friday 10 June - Music at the Peacock** featuring Barney and Jerv from 8.30pm.

**Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 June** - Come and see the **Celebration of Flowers** in the Church.

**Sunday 12 June** - Oxhill's version of the National Service of Thanksgiving at St. Paul's Cathedral (held on 10 June) and The Queen's Birthday Parade and Patron's Lunch (held on 12 June) will be:

**9.30am to 10.30am - Songs of Praise, St Lawrence's Church.** A special service where we are inviting requests for hymns to sing in honour of the Queen. Iain Lauchlan will be playing music and there will be flowers in the church, with coffee and cakes served at the end of the service. **Please send your hymn requests to the Reverend Jill Tucker at [revjill.tucker@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:revjill.tucker@tiscali.co.uk).**

**12noon - A Parade for the Queen.** We host our version of the parade with a parade by Oxhill's children (ex-children welcome too i.e. adults!). The parade will start at 12 noon from the Church and take in Green Lane, Whatcote Road and Main Street before ending at the venue of our

celebratory lunch (see below). We hope the parade will be led by Morris dancers - and do join in!

There will be a **Crowning Glory competition** with a prize for the best made crown and also prizes for the best dressed children who dress with a royal or patriotic theme.

**12noon to 1pm - Games on the Field (Jill and Colin Tucker's field near Back Lane).** Children and adults join in for organised family games led by Ali Sayer including egg and spoon and sack races, plus French cricket or football (or whatever else is available on the day). Who needs 'It's a Royal Knockout'!

**1pm - Royal Gala Lunch.** A village lunch on Jill and Colin Tucker's field near Back Lane (please enter via the gate on the lane) in honour of the Queen, where you are invited to bring a picnic. Please bring your own first and main course, drinks, plates, cutlery and seating (the field will be open from 9am if you want to set up chairs, tables and any Gazebos in advance). As this is also intended as a sharing meal, with the idea being that we share part of our food in true community style, it would be great if each party could bring a pudding dish or cheese to share (any size welcome, large or small), which will be placed on a central table to divide up.

'Patrons' coming to the lunch need to nominate a picnic leader who should contact Katy Dowding on 688194 or [kdowding@me.com](mailto:kdowding@me.com), and let her know the size and name of your group coming to the lunch and to agree with Katy what dessert dish you will be sharing. **Book your picnic group with Katy by Monday 6 June.**

We will also have an '**Open Table**' hosted by Jill and Colin if you want to come but will not be attending as part of a group on this occasion. Please let Katy know if you wish to join this table. We really don't want anyone to miss out!

And don't forget to wear red, white and blue or 'look regal' as there will be prizes for the best themed picnic group or person.

**Later - Music at The Peacock**

**WATCH OUT FOR OUR SPECIAL VIP APPEARANCE ON 12 JUNE!! IT'S NOT TO BE MISSED...**

## VICARAGE NOTES

Dear friends,

### **The Queen's Birthday**

Children in our local primary schools are being given a little Scripture Union booklet entitled "The Servant Queen". This includes an insight into H.M's faith, with extracts from her Christmas speeches, eg *For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in life. A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. (2014)*

All are warmly invited to the appropriately named service on the 12th!

### **The Trinity Season**

The green altar frontal will now be on the high altar in St.Lawrence's as we begin our journey through the many Sundays after Trinity. Green is the colour of life and growth, and we ask for God's blessing on us as we share church and community life, with all the special occasions, summer events, and for me, a veritable cornucopia of christenings. So we go forward together, knowing that our Lord is always by our side, as expressed in that lovely passage folk call "footprints"!

*God bless,*

Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230

[braileschurch@gmail.com](mailto:braileschurch@gmail.com)

## **ST.LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL SUNDAY SERVICES IN JUNE**

*All are warmly welcome*

### **Sunday 5th Trinity II**

9.30am Holy Communion (ML)

### **Sunday 12th Trinity III – H.M. the Queen's Birthday Weekend**

9.30am Songs of Praise "The Servant Queen" (JT)

### **Sunday 19th Trinity IV**

9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

### **Sunday 26th Trinity V**

9.30am Family Service (NM)

*For other services in the benefice please see Benefice leaflet.*

## **DEANERY NEWS FOR JUNE**

It was lovely to see so many taking part in the Pilgrimage: it was a very special time, and we enjoyed the most wonderful hospitality. So a big thank you to everyone who helped in any way, and I trust that in whatever way you journeyed with us between Ascension and Pentecost, it was a time of renewal and refreshment for you, and a chance to spend time with our living Lord.

On Tuesday, June 7th, at 7.30 pm in St. George's Church, Brailes, Tom and Emma Moffatt are coming to Deanery Synod to spill the beans on their recent trip to Ethiopia: 'Ethiopia: the wonders and glories of its history, church and people'. Everyone is invited, and because it is summer we want to begin with drinks (Prosecco and fruit juice) and nibbles: if you are able to help by bring a plate of nibbles that would be wonderful, but absolutely not compulsory!

Later in the month, Bishop John will be visiting the Deanery, and leading a special service of healing in all its dimensions, which will include the ministry of healing. This is for everyone – to worship and encounter God together. The service is on Thursday, June 30th, at 7.30 pm in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston.

Finally, please remember in your prayers Sarah Bourne and Nikki Moon (now based in Harbury) as they are ordained priest in the Cathedral on July 2nd.

And do enjoy the Queen's Birthday Celebrations!

*Blessings, Jill*

## **PARISH COUNCILLORS**

As many of you will already know, Carol Taylor and David Hill have stepped down from the Parish Council. David served for over 20 years and during that time stood as Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Carol served for over 10 years and for the last four stood as Vice-Chairman. I would like to thank them both for their guidance and valued input; David for his many years of experience and his willingness to share this, and Carol for her meticulous attention to detail. They will be missed.

I would like to welcome new members, Derek Harbour and Duncan Harper to the Parish Council.

*Grenville Moore*

## **PCC AGM HELD 7TH - APRIL 2016**

Canon reverend Nicholas Morgan chaired the meeting. Belinda Marklew took the minutes in the absence of Linda Synge. Apologies were received.

Vestry meeting and election of church wardens: Minutes of previous Vestry meeting 2015 were agreed and signed. Charles MacCall and Carol Fox were elected church wardens for the coming year.

PCC Annual meeting followed: Minutes from 2015 were agreed and Electoral Roll was presented by Douglas Nethercleft who is electoral roll officer. There are 39 parishioners on the electoral roll. In the absence of the treasurer the chairman presented the financial report. Reports were presented on proceedings in council, social and fundraising, Deanery Synod, and church and churchyard. Lilian Welsby reported on Social and fund raising. One fundraiser event was run jointly with the village hall committee. Charles MacCall reported on work done last year on the church itself. Charles and Nadia were thanked for all the work they did. Carol Fox and Douglas Nethercleft continue as representatives of Deanery Synod. The following were elected as members of PCC for the coming year:-

Linda Synge, Secretary	James Synge,. Treasurer
Sue Hunt	Martin Hunt
Belinda Marklew	Lilian Welsby
Gill Rodwell	Nadia MacCall
Diane Harper	Katy Whittaker, Health and Safety Rep.

PCC Elected as sides men with Bill Fox and John McKail

Those on church cleaning and flower arranging rotas were thanked for all they do for the church.

The auditor was appointed.

The chairman gave his comments and remarks on the past year. Nicholas, Martin and Jill were thanked for all the hard work they have done, particularly Nicholas over the last 10 years.

*Carol Fox*

## **CARERS for CARERS**

Friday 24th June, 10.30 – 12noon: Carers4Carers meeting at Kineton Village Hall. Coffee and chat plus speaker and activities. We can look after your loved one in our Companionship Group while you attend the meeting.

*Gillian Grason Smith, 01926 640203/07947893504*

## **OXHILL PLAYGROUP**

Following on from Kirsty's piece in the April News, the Oxhill little ones have met up twice now.

Alison Perry kindly hosted the first gathering at Gateways and we are now using the Village Hall. The next playgroup will be on June 3rd, 10am to 12pm in the Village Hall.

During the school summer holidays, Oxhill will be joining forces



with Tysoe Toddler Group and hosting a playgroup in the Village Hall for babies and children of all ages. It will run 10am to midday on Wednesdays, starting 27th July and finishing on 31st August. Like last year, there will be toys and activities. Any questions, please let me know.

*Jo - 680411*

## **FAMILY SPORTS DAY - 2PM, SATURDAY JULY 2ND.**

Lynsey, Catherine, Alison and I are organising a fun family sports day at the Village Hall (let's hope it's sunny!) with various races for all ages including sack, three-legged, wheelbarrow and egg & spoon, along with a tug of war and a raffle.

We would love to see as many villagers and their friends as possible. Even if you are not remotely sporty, please come along for a cup of tea and a slice of cake....or a Pimms!

Any funds raised will go to the Village Hall and Great Ormond Street Hospital.

£3 entry per adult and £1 per child. Your entrance fee covers one drink and race entries!

Tickets available in advance from Jo 680411 or 07720401691. Please contact me if you'd like to donate a raffle prize or a cake. Thank you.

*Jo - 680411*

# OXHILL VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM was held on April 27th.

John McKail, Treasurer, reported another satisfactory year whereby the funds in the Bank slightly exceeded last year's total despite the expenditure of a couple of thousand pounds on improvements to the Hall.

Stuart Whittaker, who was Chairman for the last year, reported that we had enjoyed another year of great support from the Village with good attendances at a variety of different events held every month. Attendances at the Knit and Natter group that meets on alternate Thursdays during the winter months have also stayed at a reasonable level and the introduction of the Village Big Breakfast has been welcomed enthusiastically.

Stuart thanked all of the Committee for their hard work over the last few years in making the Village Hall a success and in particular thanked those who have stood down after making a great contribution: Gaynor van Dijk, Gill Stewart & Roger Goodman.

Being a registered charity, all of the 'profit' made at all the events from tickets sales, raffles, etc. goes towards maintaining and improving the Village Hall facility for the villagers. There are a number of exciting new events and groups planned for the Village Hall in the next twelve months, keep an eye out for updates in the Oxhill Village News and on the Village Notice Boards.

Aside from those who have stood down, a couple of people have changed roles and the new Committee is as follows:

Stuart Whittaker - Chairman (01295) 688194

Karen Barker – Deputy Chair

Jay Roberts – Secretary

Lisa Connolly - Lettings (01295) 680091

Adrian Marklew - Publicity

Derek Harbour

Annette Bull

Heather Bridgman

John MacKail - Treasurer

Tricia Harbour

Ken Bull

## **THE BIG MATCH IS ON AGAIN!**

Saturday 27th August – Tysoe v Oxhill Rangers

Following last year's dramatic last ball victory for Tysoe in the now annual Cricket fixture against Oxhill, I am sure all village cricket lovers will want to know the date of this year's contest.

So make a note in your diary and continue to enjoy the delights of all that village cricket has to offer...wonderful surroundings, sumptuous teas, friendly rivalry, plenty of beer and the chance of seeing yet another classic cricket match. What more could you ask for!

Of course players are the most important factor and we would ask those who nobly fought last year's battle to take note of the date and make themselves available for selection again. Please remember too that we try to have a junior under 13s match in the morning and will need you to encourage your children to take part.

Contact Stuart Whittaker (688194) or Adam Jordan (07590 960992) for the adult team and Catherine Kimmins (680452) for the junior's.

## **OXHILL VILLAGE HALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS**

### **Saturday 25 June - Midsummer Night's Gin**

You've heard of the Horse Whisperer and the Dog Whisperer but how about The Gin Whisperer? Yes, that's right, someone knowledgeable and skilled in all things gin and he's coming to Oxhill this month.

Simon Moss IS The Gin Whisperer and he will be sharing his passion for gin, its history and recommending a variety of mixes. You will be able to taste three different gins on the night and because it is Midsummer Night we will be having a selection of readings from Shakespeare including from A Midsummer Night's Dream.

The evening starts at 7.30pm and costs £12 per adult. Tickets from Tricia Harbour on 680676.

## **OXHILL VILLAGE HALL**

### **Events coming during the rest of the year...**

We know many people like to know what events are coming up in the future. Here then are our planned events up until next January to note in calendars. More events may be added and, as ever, ideas for other events are always welcome.

***Sunday 17 July - Boules Competition***

***Saturday 30 July - Afternoon Tea***

***Saturday 27 August - Bank Holiday Big Breakfast***

***12 - 18 September - Village Hall Maintenance Week***

***Saturday 1 October (tbc) - Progressive Supper***

***Saturday 29 October - Halloween Night***

***Friday 18 November - Curry Night***

***Monday 5 December - Village Christmas Lunch***

***Friday 16 December - Beer and Bubbles Night***

***Saturday 21 January 2017 - Burns Night***

**Hall and Equipment Hire Charges 2016/17**

The Village Hall is available for hire as well as a range of equipment.

To hire, please contact Lisa Connolly on (01295) 680091, or in her absence any committee member.

Village Hall Hire - £5 per hour for individuals (Oxhill residents), £10 per hour for individuals (non-residents), £12.50 per hour for businesses

Trestle Tables - £2.50 each per day

Square Tables - £2 each per day (folding aluminium-framed)

Crockery - £5 per day

Glasses - £5 per day

Cutlery - £2 per day

Folding chairs - 25p each per day

Gazebo - £5 per day

## Tysoe Church of England Primary School – Summer Term

The children have been out and about making the most of the warmer weather. The older children have a residential trip to Swanage to enjoy a beach study and delight in rock pools. Activities also include following a trail and learning about key characters in the town. Time away from home helps children to develop independence and participate in teamwork.

Recently the youngest children enjoyed finding out about animals from a visiting vet, as part of their Pet Theme. Another exciting event was the arrival of a hen house which the children scrubbed in preparation for the class chickens. Not to be outdone, Class 2 have been caring for caterpillars and watching how quickly they grow. A net cage is all ready for the next stage in the life cycle and daily observations are eagerly made.



Another informative visit was to the Gurdwara in Leamington. Years 3 and 4 are learning about Sikhism and they really impressed their guide with their knowledge and understanding of the beliefs and stories from the first Gurus.

As part of the preparation for the recent SATs tests, a mental maths week was held. All classes practised number bonds and times tables. Certificates were awarded for good progress and also to the highest achievers. The children then completed their tests with maturity and effort, to make everyone very proud of them. Coming up soon, lots of events are planned to commemorate the Queen's birthday. Classes will learn about the Commonwealth and study one country for a themed week.

There is always the opportunity for any prospective parent to visit and see the school in action. Please contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295-680244 to make an appointment.

*Jenny Coates, Head of School*

## Paella Night at the Village Hall, May 20th.



Great food and great company.....



## **WOT2Grow Community Orchard**

A little bit of summer makes a big difference! A few days of warm sun after a lot of rain transformed the orchard into a sea of dandelions and boughs of blossom. All the trees have burst forth apart from the very late apples which are showing good signs of life but are waiting to come into flower. This year the cherries have really shown their beautiful blossom including the ones we grafted from our original trees which might not have the best shape but have been covered in flowers. More summer please!

Weeding, feeding and mulching of the trees has been a major task and is well on the way to completion. Feeding the soft fruit has begun and the comfrey tea we make is providing a rich source of potash for the plants along with the nettle tea which has more nitrogen. Both are made at the orchard by steeping comfrey and nettles in water butts! Simple but effective. The currants and gooseberries are covered in flowers which are attractive to the bees as is the pear blossom and the dandelions so we are providing good food right on their doorstep. The wild flowers and sensory garden are also doing their bit and we are slowly building an environment that is beneficial for all.

All of this work is done by volunteers who are making sure the plants are tended, the grass is cut and eventually the fruit is picked. Why not come and join us or at least give an hour of your time to ensure this wonderful amenity is there for all to enjoy.

If you need more info contact one of us

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

## **LAMB AND CURRY LUNCH APRIL 10TH**

A big, big thank you to everyone, to those who helped prepare, who bought tickets and to those who helped clear away. Special thanks to our unofficial committee members Gerry and Kate who are always stalwarts and to Gaynor and Jo for acquiring the drinks for us and managing the donation bar (at almost the eleventh hour). Due to a very good turnout of "lunchers" the event was successful in raising £800 for church improvements. Thank you all very much.

*Carol Fox*

## **Le Tour d'Oxhill also known as the Duchenne DashMAX**



On May 12th they came through Oxhill, taking a short break. at the Peacock en route from John O'Groats to Paris all in just 7 days.

This terrific venture led by Andy MacDonald raised money for research into a disease called Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.



## **OXHILL WILDLIFE GROUP'S SPRING RAMBLE, SUNDAY 8TH MAY**

“If you go out with the OWLS today, you’re in for a BIG surprise!”

Foregoing the chance to have a barbecue on the hottest, sunniest day of the year so far, a small group of us took part in the first of the OWLS nature rambles this year. We started with a leisurely stroll through the churchyard area which is under wildlife management. The spring flowers were in evidence, and there were encouraging signs that the management regime would lead to a good late spring and summer display. Among the trees was a rare whitebeam with spectacular silver leaves. We then wandered round the big pond at the back of Bilton Cottage to reveal some expected and unexpected pleasures. There was a catalogue of strange nests and holes to be observed, and the children with us were quick to spot a disappearing moorhen. To be honest, we weren't too surprised to unearth the skull of a heron, and the abandoned fallow deer antler - we had made sure they would be found so that nobody would get bored! – but we were taken aback to find very fresh signs of a large deer: droppings, technically known as “deer poo”, and a trail of hoof prints which again the children were first to see.

The absolute highlight of the afternoon, though, was a pond-dipping session in a garden pond. We all gave in to the childhood delights of stopping and staring, to see, among the pond skaters and water boatmen, scores of newts, both common and Great Crested. Be warned: don't try the following at home: some newts are protected, and it is illegal to disturb them. Fortunately Grenville, our Newtfinder General, is licensed to handle protected species, and he amazed us all by catching with his bare hands a succession of Great Crested, common newts and dragonfly larvae for us to examine before dropping them back.

The net result of a low-key but thoroughly enjoyable afternoon was to be reminded yet again of the wealth of wildlife which exists within 100 yards of Main Street. Let's all do what we can to preserve it!

*Phil Brennan*

## **KINETON SURGERY, MARKET SQUARE**

Dear Patients,

From March 2016 all patients can request access to online services.

Online services do not replace traditional ways of contacting the practice, over the phone or in person. They simply offer additional ways to interact with your GP, making it easier and more convenient.

For example, you can book and cancel appointments any time of the day, order your repeat prescription from home or at work, save yourself a trip to the practice, or look up your medications online.

In return, it's hoped the services will free up phone lines for people with no internet access, and enable GP practices to manage appointments and telephone calls more efficiently.

There are currently three transactional services available:

1. Booking appointments
2. Repeat prescriptions
3. Access to GP records

To register, you have to speak to the practice in person and request a registration letter, which will enable you to set up a full account. Enter the details from the letter into the online registration form. This registration method ensures your identity can be verified by your GP practice and your personal details cannot be accessed by others.

Our new services are running very well but if you feel as a surgery there is more we can do please do not hesitate to contact us on 01926 640471.

Regards

*Jenny, Raj and the team.*

## **OXHILL OIL ORDER**

If you wish to order oil this time please email the amount that you need with your name address and telephone number to [oil@oxhill.org.uk](mailto:oil@oxhill.org.uk) by 6pm on the 7th June.

*Mick & Barbara*

## EDGEHILL BELLRINGERS

All towers in the Edgehill area were rung over the Christmas period and several people within earshot came to say how wonderful it was to hear the bells at that time of year. Hopefully the ringing is appreciated at other times of the year as well!

At Easter Quarter peals were rung on Easter Sunday at Chadshunt, Burton Dassett, Radway, Avon Dassett, and Butlers Marston. On Easter Monday at Alderminster, Honington, Halford, Farnborough and Hanwell.

### **Queen's 90th Birthday**

There will be a lot of ringing to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. Two peals were rung on 21st April, the first at Burton Dassett where it took 3 hours and 4 minutes and the second at Honington – 2 Hours and 56 minutes. The peal at Burton Dassett was the first peal at this church for 40 years.

There was a peal at Shotteswell on the 30th March and another at Radway on the 24th April.

Quarter peals are planned in many of the local churches during the week of celebrations in June for the official birthday and on Saturday the 11th June there will be a bell ringing tour of churches in the area. On Sunday the 12th June Kineton Church tower will be open for everyone to come and see and 'have a go' to celebrate the occasion so during the afternoon come and '**Ring for the Queen**'!!

**The wedding season** is upon us with many weddings to ring for , but with other commitments finding enough people to ring for some of churches is difficult. More ringers are needed – particularly in some of the smaller villages. So if you would like a different but interesting new activity – get in touch via the Edgehill ringers web pages.

**Tour** - The ringers annual outing is planned for the Hook Norton area in July – a tour of the brewery is going to be the lunchtime attraction!

**Restoration** - The fundraising efforts at Pillerton Hersey are going well and it looks now that an order could be placed before long to restore their three bells for ringing and add a bell from Adlestrop that they have purchased - a project for 2017.

The annual Peal at St Peter's Kineton is planned for the 26th July so listen out for us

Edgehill Bellringers – follow on Facebook!

St Peter's Day Concert in association with Shipston Proms



### **'Travelling with Music'**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2016 at 7.30 pm

At St Peter's Church, Whatcote

Join the Was Family and guests for an evening filled with light classical & film music.

Tickets: £12.50 (Accompanied children –

free)

Available from Sue Price – 01295 680007 or  
smprice18@btinternet.com or on the door.

All proceeds go to St Peter's Church.

## **BE PART OF IT**

At the recent Annual Parish Meeting, the St Lawrence Electoral Roll was declared as comprising 39 persons – not a large number considering the general regard in which the Church is held by those residing in the village. As an architectural feature and landmark the church is an integral part of Oxhill – indeed the activities that take place there, be they the weekly services or less frequent christenings, weddings and funerals, are part of village life. Occasional secular / fund raising events such as scarecrow weekends, lamb and curry lunches and barn dances (Saturday 17th September this year) bring villagers together to enjoy one another's company and help give Oxhill its unique character.

If you've not been inside St Lawrence's recently, drop in and enjoy a few moments' tranquillity in newly decorated surroundings – and maybe, as a friend of the church, pick up a form to complete and be part of the Electoral Roll.

*Douglas Nethercleft*  
(Electoral Roll Officer)

## WHAT A DIFFERENCE - THE TYSOE POST OFFICE



By now many people will have visited the Post Office. The staff are as friendly as ever. The atmosphere is bright and new.



# **TYSOE FLOWER SHOW AND FETE AUGUST 20th 2016**

Schedules are available from the post office and other local outlets.

## **Pick one up now and get creating.**

For the 2016 show we have several exciting new classes for the flower show tent.

Along with the usual fruit, vegetable and flower classes many of the Floral Art classes have a theme of the Olympics.

Our men only class this year is to make a Guinness cake! Recipe in the schedule.

In Home Produce there are now 5 classes for honey as well as a bottle of mead and in the handicrafts section a beeswax product.

Also in Handicrafts are more new classes including Olympic themed bunting and some upcycling.

There are several classes for the children of all ages and for 13 – 16 year olds, why not have a go at designing an Olympic “t” shirt?

Another new class is for budding photographers. A photograph for a “Country File” calendar, size 40cm x 40 cm or 40cm x 50 cm including a mount. To be judged on the quality of the photograph

*Sue Sanderson*

## **TYSOE W.I.**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday June 1st at 7.30. Our speaker will be Julia Fallon from Sew me Something of Stratford. She will be giving a Machine Embroidery demonstration, a chance to find out how to use those extra options on our own sewing machines at home!

Join us for a glass of wine to start off the evening, and find out what else we have coming up.

There are still seats available on our coach trip to Bournemouth, 10th August. £16 open to all. If you would like to join us for a summer day out, email [tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com](mailto:tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com) or telephone Dee 680971.

# TIMELY ADVICE FROM THE POLICE

## **Distraction burglary - remember - You don't have to open the door**

Most callers are genuine, but some aren't. Burglars won't go to the trouble of breaking in if they can just knock and be invited in. So always be on guard when unexpected visitors - men, women or even children - turn up at the door.

Occasionally some callers will pretend to be on official business from utility companies (gas, electricity, water) or the council. They may pretend to be tradespeople who are calling to carry out urgent repairs or may claim that they have lost something in your back garden.

To protect yourself from distraction burglary:

- beware of anyone who says they are in a hurry - if in doubt, call a neighbour or friend
- check to see who is at the door by using your door viewer, or looking through a front window
- always put the chain on before you open the door as this is a barrier against unwanted callers
- when an unexpected caller claims they work for one of the utility companies, they must be able to quote your password and unique customer number and produce an identity card:
  - all of the utility companies operate password schemes - contact the customer services department and set up a password with them
  - make a note of your customer number, which can be found at the top of the utility bill and keep it handy - this number is unique to your household
  - as added proof of identity, genuine trades people should carry an identification card with their photograph on -check this carefully and keep the chain on
- if you're unsure about the caller's identity telephone the company the caller claims to represent, but don't rely on them giving you the number as it may be false - genuine callers won't mind waiting
- if you're still unsure, ask the caller to come back later so that you can arrange for a friend or relative to be present

## **Home**

Burglaries are often committed by opportunist thieves. This section gives a range of measures that can be put in place to prevent a burglary but once in place they must be adopted at all times.

You may think you are secure, however, it's possible to get into a routine and not realise the opportunity you are presenting to a thief.

These are some of the common errors:

- leaving doors open when working in the garden
- leaving doors unlocked when watching television
- leaving windows open in areas that are accessible to a thief, such as a flat roof or rear window next to garden furniture that can be used as a climbing aid
- not locking up last thing at night assuming that someone in the house has already done it
- in hot weather leaving downstairs windows or doors open.
- just popping to neighbours and leaving the door unlocked

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**Reasonable rates, off road  
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## **TYSOE TODDLER GROUP**

**Every Wednesday from 9.30-11.15am at the Old Fire Station  
Pre-School** (term-time only - following the  
Warwickshire County Council Academic Calendar)



Children welcome from newborn to three years  
old (we have facilities and play equipment suitable for babies).

Every week there will be a different craft or play activity and a  
visit from a professional musician, Rose, for singing and fun! We  
also have an outdoor play area for when the weather is good.

A bargain at only **£2** for one child and **£1** for every additional child  
(price includes snacks, all craft activities and coffee/tea for the  
parents)

We have a visit from the Lighthorne Heath Children's Centre staff  
once a term for a play activity.

For more information contact: Yvonne Dillon, Pre-School  
manager on (01295) 680624

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## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### June

Wednesday	1st	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Wednesday	1st	19:30	Tysoe WI, Tysoe VH
Friday	3rd	10:00	Oxhill Playgroup, OVH
Tuesday	7th		Grey bin collection
Friday	10th		Music at The Peacock
Saturday	11th		see full program on pages 3 and 4
Sunday	12th		ditto
Tuesday	14th		Green and Blue bin collection
Wednesday	15th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Wednesday	15th	23:59	COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS
Thursday	16th	19:00	Garden Club Garden Party, Merrydown
Friday	17th	14:30	Mobile Library
Tuesday	21st		Grey bin collection
Friday	24th	10:30	Carers4Carers, Kineton VH
Saturday	25th	19:30	Midsummer Night's Gin, OVH
Tuesday	28th		Green and Blue bin collection

### July

Saturday	2nd	14:00	Family Sportsday, OVH
Sunday	3rd	19:30	St Peter's Day Concert, Whatcote
Sunday	17th		Boules Competition
Wednesday	27th	10:00	Playgroup, OVH

### August

Saturday	20th		Tysoe Flower Show and Fete
Saturday	27th		Tysoe v Oxhill Cricket Match, Tysoe