
THE OXHILL NEWS

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An axe head found during the recent Leys Field excavations!

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DEANERY NEWS FOR MARCH 2017

March 1st is Ash Wednesday, marking the start of Lent. Once again, we are running our series of Deanery Lent Services, meeting at 7.30pm each Tuesday, going from church to church across the Deanery. Our theme this year is 'Our life as God's People: thinking of life as one holy offering'. Each evening there is a simple service (apart from the Eucharist in Holy Week) with an address by the speaker. And there is always coffee afterwards! We look forward to seeing you there.

Tuesday 7th March St. Mary's Church, Tysoe

Life as worship: praise in every event. Rev Canon Kathryn Fleming,
Canon Pastor of Coventry Cathedral

Tuesday 14th March St. Edmund's Church, Shipston

How do we honour God in our treatment of his planet? Rev Chris
Goble, Rector of Ilmington Benefice

Tuesday 21st March St. Peter and St Paul, Long Compton

How do we honour God with our resources of time and money? Rev
Daniel Pulham, Pastor of Stour Valley Baptist Church, Shipston

Tuesday 28th March Church of The Holy Trinity and St Thomas of Canterbury, Ettington

God inspired choices: honouring God in our morality, Rev Canon David
Winter

Tuesday 4th April Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ilmington

God at the centre: honouring God in our prayer. Rev Penny Hughes

Tuesday 11th April St David's Newbold

Eucharist of Holy Week, with Bishop David Evans. Loving and
admonishing: honouring God by truly loving.

Organ Recital: Charles Matthews will be giving a Lunchtime Organ

Recital in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston, on Thursday, March 23rd at 12.30 pm. Coffee interval: entrance is free, but donations are invited.

BCDM Course: a Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship and Ministry Course on 'Understanding the Bible: Renewing your Life' will be run in Ettington Church on Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:30pm, 26th April - 24th May.

To register, please go to: www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDMregister

A guide on how to read and understand the Bible and apply it to your life. This module will help you to connect and see the relevance of the Bible in everyday life and to develop and enjoy the practice of reading the Bible regularly.

Dates and Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:30pm, 26th April - 24th May

Venue: Ettington Church, 3 Halford Rd, Ettington, CV37 7TH

To register, please go to: www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDMregister

KNIT & NATTER

Our March dates are Thursday 9th and Thursday 23rd from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in Oxhill Village Hall

PLEASE NOTE: You do not have to knit - Just come along and enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit with friends

If you want, you can bring along any craft like embroidery, crocheting, sewing, etc that you want to do.

We also have a selection of paperbacks that you can swap or borrow. I look forward to seeing you all in March but if you want to speak to me in the meantime, please do not hesitate to call me. Tricia Harbour
(680676)

ROAD CLOSURE – OXHILL SCARECROW EVENT

Would all villagers kindly note that an application has been made to Stratford on Avon District Council for the closure of roads in and around the village of Oxhill on Saturday the 1st July and Sunday the 2nd July 2017 between 10am and midnight on Saturday and 10am and 7pm 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 it's 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 to 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.



Diversiory 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 Church and residents are politely requested to observe this measure to maintain safety of all pedestrians please.

Should any residents have any concerns about the road closure they are asked to contact Carol Fox on 680223 or Derek Harbour on 680676.

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, OXHILL SERVICES FOR MARCH 2017

March begins with the penitence of Ash Wednesday, and then the journey through Lent as we travel with Jesus towards the Cross. It is a time of reflection, when churches are void of decoration, as we come face to face with our own needs, and in particular the needs of the world around us. We are doing two practical things during Lent this year: following the Christian Aid 'Count your Blessings' campaign, and also supporting the making of Water Wells in Kaduna Province in Nigeria. This latter project digs wells in rural villages, and saves both women and children from the dangerous and time-consuming task of fetching it, often carrying it miles every day. Look out for both of this, and please do support them where you can.

Wednesday, March 1st: Ash Wednesday. Special service of Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday, with imposition of ashes, in The Old Chapel at 10.00 am

Sunday, March 5 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion, BCP
Sunday, March 12 th	9.30 am	Morning Worship
Sunday, March 19 th	9.30 am	Parish Communion
Sunday, March 26 th	Mothering Sunday	
	9.30 am	Family Service

Finally, early warning that there will be another **Messy Easter** on the morning of Good Friday, April 14th, in The Old Chapel, when we will once again be creating an Easter display for the church.

CARERS for CARERS

Friday 24th March 10.30 – 12noon: Carers4Carers meeting at Kinton Village Hall. No speaker but an opportunity to look at a new resource being developed to support carers and provide them with information. Time for coffee and chat. Anita will be on hand to offer some lovely TLC therapies. We can look after your loved one in our Companionship Group while you attend the meeting; please request this in advance. For more details, including help with transport, phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504

Lisa, Assistant Co-ordinator, Carers4Carers

LEYS FIELD UPDATE

I have been asked by several people about the archaeology found in The Leys so I thought I would give you a brief account.

Warwickshire Archaeology originally put in eight exploratory trenches where geophysical surveys had revealed dark areas. Early on in excavation from a trench behind Peacock Cottages, a wonderful Neolithic (prehistoric) flint axe head was recovered from topsoil. It dates to c. 400BC – 2200BC and appears to be a well-used item presumably lost rather than buried. Trenches to the south of the field revealed a probable Roman wall footing that ran through one trench and across to another, suggesting a stone-founded building. This would accord with fragments of roof tile and possible box-flue tile (often associated with Roman under-floor heating) found along with other finds including a small fragment of vessel glass and part of a cylindrical bone object, probably the shaft of a hair pin. All this suggests a significant Roman building, probably a farmstead and settlement that flourished in the 3rd century from perhaps the later 2nd century until the early 4th century. There were a total of 230 sherds of pottery recovered including a fragment of Severn Valley ware.

There will now be a full archaeological dig that will have the potential to answer multiple research questions relating to the Roman period settlement, economy, trade, agriculture and craft. Excavation of the site should enable recovery of significant artefacts and organic material. It is anticipated that the work will present several unique opportunities including local community involvement, visits by schools, displays in the village hall, and lectures.

At the moment the Parish Council and the developers have had some meetings and the developers so far have been accommodating in addressing our comments and suggestions. We also hope to be working with First Environment Consultants (based in the village) to create a natural play area together with ‘wild’ areas to help maintain and enhance biodiversity, which should give the community a rural space rich in wildlife to engage with.

As soon as the developers have their finalised proposal for full planning, we will hold a village meeting for them to present the project to the village.

HELP OUR HEDGEHOGS


As I am sure you will have seen on TV recently hedgehog numbers are still in steep decline having lost 80% of their numbers in recent years. Although Oxhill is an ideal location for them with plenty of fields and hedgerows in which to find food, it is not all plain sailing, with tales of a badger killing a hedgehog in someone's front garden and squashed hedgehog on the Tysoe road. Please do all you can to help our local native animal. As hedgehogs roam extensively during the night to find food please make sure you have large holes under your fences so they can come and go to neighbouring gardens and fields. Put out a shallow dish of water and food. Although pet stores sell hedgehog specific food it is expensive and they are not impressed. Dried mealworms are a favourite together with peanuts and wet dog/cat food (not fish varieties) are gobbled down.

I have been putting out food nightly over three summers now and have been privileged to have been visited by several occasional, and some regular hedgehogs. I have had as many as 4/5 in one night. One particular family were a joy to watch. Three seemed to visit my garden regularly together, one quite large and two much smaller ones, obviously Mum and two hoglets. Mum would scurry round the various feeding sites in my garden taking precious little notice of the other two scurrying behind her. As the summer wore on the two little ones were not as close to Mum and indeed started coming to the garden on their own. The hoglets came together every night at approximately the same time. Initially they would curl up when I approached them but if I was patient and stood very still they would uncurl and wander to the food and water. They soon got used to me staring at them with a torch and no longer curled up, just stopped to assess the situation and then carry on. On a couple of occasions they even sniffed my shoes and decided I was not edible and headed for the food bowls. Every night they came and followed the same route across the garden. I had an old plastic box which I filled with straw which they frequently used for a siesta. As summer turned to autumn they were bigger and becoming more independent. They no longer appeared with Mum and indeed became stropky with each other, teenagers! One, the slightly smaller one would come early

and gobble up the food. The other would appear shortly afterwards and would grunt at the other one and head butt him quite aggressively. I had to resort to putting out two bowls of food near each other to stop the fighting. In late September my occasional hedgehog visitors stopped coming but I am glad to say that the hoglets kept up their regular visits until the end of October. They were a decent size by now so I felt hopeful that they would have enough fat to survive the winter. Come the end of March and with a relatively mild winter this year I hope that my hoglets will have survived, remember where I am and visit me again, maybe with their own offspring. Please start putting out food in April or when you are aware that you may have had hedgehogs in the garden. They need all the help they can get. Thank you.

Gaynor van Dijk

WHICHFORD'S ANNUAL MARMALADE FESTIVAL
SATURDAY MARCH 25TH
10.30am in ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH £5 entry
IN SUPPORT OF SHIPSTON HOME NURSING AND ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH



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COOKERY EDITOR FOR THE OXFORD TIMES &
PUBLISHED COOKERY WRITER

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MARMALADE TO ST MICHAEL'S ON THURSDAY 23RD MARCH:
2.30-4.00pm

For more information please call
SOPHIA CORLETT 01608 684 369 or JULIA MELVIN 01608 684 019

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Coming next...

Saturday 25 March - Quiz and Cuisine

A reminder of our event for March, which is a new event for 2017.

We are combining quizzing with cuisining (if such a word exists). Quiz teams are invited to take part in a village quiz over a meal of sausage and mash (quality cuisine, of course!). The quiz master will be Katy Dowding, with questions set by our village hall chairman, Stuart Whittaker.

Teams to be formed on the night. All welcome.

Starts 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 and available from Lisa on 680091.

Coming soon...

Saturday 22 April - The Big English Breakfast

To mark St George's Day this weekend, we will be staging a Big English Breakfast which is guaranteed to get the weekend off to a bang(er).

Breakfasts can be booked at 15 minute intervals between 9am and 11am. Ticket numbers are limited with our maximum attendance set at 48.

Full English: eggs, 2 bacon rashers, 2 sausages, mushrooms or black pudding, beans, tomato and toast (£6 adults, £3.50 children)

Continental: croissant, pain au chocolat, toast and juice (£3 adults, £2 children)

Pot of tea £1.50, coffee cafetiere £2.50

To book your tickets and time slot please call Jay Roberts on (01295) 680030.

Tuesday 2 May - Oxhill Village Hall Annual General Meeting (7.30pm for 8pm start)

May (date to be confirmed) - Paella Night returns (7.30pm start)

LATEST ON THE OXHILL SCARECROW WEEKEND

March has arrived which means we are getting ever closer to the return of the popular Scarecrow Weekend, on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 July.

We are ambitious - Mark at The Peacock even tried to book The Wurzels but unfortunately they are already committed that weekend! However, The Peacock has the next best thing lined up, Jazz on the Sunday and local musician Chris Gibbons from Brailes on the Saturday. Plans are also being made for special Oxhill Scarecrow Weekend beer glasses to be on sale to mark the occasion.

Meanwhile, children's entertainment, led by the one and only Iain MacPherson, will be provided both days from 2pm in the pub garden.

Making an exhibition of ourselves - the art exhibition in the Chapel is confirmed, and all pieces of your art measuring no more than 1m by 1m are welcome. The cost to enter your art is £1 per item (maximum of 3 pieces per person). Please contact Grenville Moore to discuss how your work should be fixed/hung on the Friday, ready for viewing over the weekend.

Volunteers very welcome - we particularly need a first aider with a certificate to assist Mick and Barbara, leaflet and poster distributors, parking marshals, cake makers and sellers, and last but not least, washer uppers.

Clothing for scarecrows - don't forget to save old clothing and especially tights to make your scarecrows. Remember, the theme is 'That's Entertainment'.

Raffle prizes still welcome - the more the merrier and particularly those that money can't buy which you would be willing to donate.

Gardens that can be opened to the public - are you willing to open yours and show off your 'green finger' talents to fellow admirers? Do consider volunteering to help raise funds for the village.

Local produce market - we have agreed on 10% of the proceeds of the sales made going towards the fundraising effort. In return your local produce will be visible to hundreds of people over the two days, the perfect shop window!

Weekend to be filmed - a volunteer video crew will film the weekend which will provide a lasting record. We will, of course, respect the wishes of those who do not want to be filmed but for selfie followers and publicity seekers, here's your chance to be spotted at large in Oxhill.

As before please **contact Katy Dowding at kdowding@me.com or on 688194** if you have any queries or can help volunteer, offer your garden as one of those to visit, want to sell local produce etc etc.

Keep up to date by following
www.facebook.com/OxhillScarecrows.

TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL SPRING TERM UPDATE

There has been a focus on History teaching with different classes enjoying learning about Ancient Greeks, Romans, Anglo-Saxons and The Great Fire of London. A super class assembly by Year 2 gave many facts about London and included a rap to explain that Big Ben was the large bell. Class 1 had a visit from a Fire Officer to learn about fire safety. They had an opportunity to try on the kit and also to learn the 'stop, drop and roll' in the event of a fire. Older children had a talk to recap about fire safety, with reminders about testing smoke alarms at home.

Poetry Week in school had an entertaining start with a visit by the famous travelling poet, Jim MacCool. He gave two performances in a traditional style which included songs, funny poetry and exploring rhythm and rhyme, with a variety of instruments to keep the beat! Each class then focused on a different style of poetry, for example, retelling the Beowulf story in a poem.

Extra-curricular sports activities continue to be popular including football for boys and girls, dance club and lunchtime multi-sports. The older children also took part in an indoor athletic competition at Kington High School and performed very well against larger schools, with good fitness and great team work by everyone.



Children joined with St Mary's Church to celebrate Candlemas. Volunteers from the church came to help the younger children to make Christingles. Another class wrote their own prayers and Aimee composed and read a moving explanation of the symbols. Candle collection boxes have raised £92 for The Children's Society.



Prospective parents are encouraged to visit and see the school in action. Please contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295-680244 to make an appointment.
Jenny Coates, Head of



WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

A cold, crisp and starry Saturday evening was a perfect setting for our third traditional Wassail!!

It took a while for it to get dark as it had been such a good day but as it turned into night the procession started. Sixty or so locals banged their pots and pans and shouted as the Wassail Master lead the way with his acolytes bearing flaming torches followed by the Wassail bowl bearer. Shots rang out as we started and continued throughout the ceremony competing with the followers making much noise especially the children! Songs were "sung", cider thrown and everyone shouted "drink hael" in response to every "wass hael" before finishing up at the bonfire to sing and get warm.



We had our first cider made from cider apples grown at the orchard and spiced hot apple juice and mulled cider to warm people up.

Kinton Scouts provided hot food and drinks, which was most welcome, raising money towards their summer camp.

A wonderful celebration of a very old tradition and we hope to see even more people joining in next year as our tradition builds.



Work continues at the orchard and all the cider apple and perry pear trees have been pruned and the autumn raspberries cut back. The blueberries have been planted in our splendid raised beds and we look forward to delicious super fruits in a couple of years!

For more information contact

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

LOST DINNER PLATE?

I seem to have acquired by accident a dinner plate (possibly from an event at the Village Hall) which I would like to return to its owner.

It is made by Denby and is their “Chatsworth” design. It has a plum-coloured flower in the centre.

Call me on 680555 if it yours.

Myrtle Knight.

TYSOE W.I. CENTENARY YEAR

It's an amazing achievement to have survived for 100 years! We have already enjoyed two great meetings with Redwings Horse Sanctuary and Penny Varley, our very own local potter. We have visited The GuideDog Training Centre at Leamington Spa.

We have lots planned in addition to our normal monthly meetings. We will keep you updated here in the Oxhill News and on Facebook page. Also look out for posters.

On April 5th we will be holding our centenary dinner for our members and their guests. This promises to be a memorable evening.

We will be celebrating again on July 2nd with a celebration in our church, an occasion that will be open to everyone. More details will be given nearer the time. We are also putting on Christmas tree festival in December in our beautiful church.

March will see us planting a tree in the churchyard to mark our 100 years. Following our successful coach trip to the seaside last year, we are organising another day out. July 27th, visiting Portsmouth and Southsea. Not just a day at the beach. Visit Gunwharf shopping outlet, HMS Victory, The Mary Rose, D Day museum, Naval Dockyard, Old Portsmouth, Portsmouth Cathedral, Rose Gardens..... to name just a few attractions. £15 per person. To book, contact Dee 680971

Visit our Facebook page. Email Tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com We should all take pride in the fact that, one hundred years after a small group of women had the insight to form the first WI group in the county, we are still going strong. It is a sad fact that many WI's have been dissolved, either due to lack of interest from younger members of the community, or people being unwilling to take on lead roles within the group.

Here at Tysoe WI we are lucky that we can count many younger members within our group, and we have not had a problem recruiting officers. We have quite a busy schedule planned for our centenary year.

RED HORSE WARD BY-ELECTION

A District by-election will take place in the Red Horse Ward on Thursday 9 March with polling stations at

The Parish Church, Whatcote

Farnborough Village Hall

Shotteswell Village Hall

Tysoe Village hall

The Reading Room, Avon Dassett

Oxhill Methodist Chapel

Radway Village Hall

Warmington Village Hall

Ratley Village Hall

All eligible electors are encouraged to vote and polling stations will open from 7am to 10pm.

Counting will take place after close of polls at Tysoe Village hall. The result will be posted on the District Council website and posted on Twitter @SDCElects.

The By-election has been called due to the resignation of District Councillor Bart Dalla Mura.

Present standings on the District Council are:

1 vacancy (Red Horse by-election)

Conservatives - 29 seats

Liberal Democrats – 4 seats

Labour – 1 seat

Independent – 1 seat

Making a total of 36 seats

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

On Thursday 9th February thirty odd (sic) members of the Club and visitors were given a virtual tour of a number of gardens ‘captured’ by the speaker - commercial photographer Adrian James who last visited us in 2013. The title of the talk was ‘Through the Garden Gate’ and there wasn’t a chicken in sight!

We started our tour 200ft above the streets of London visiting the ‘Derry & Toms’ Roof Garden, Kensington. This one and a half acre Grad II listed site with its three individually themed gardens was first built in 1938 and, with the roots of mature trees, shrubs and plants firmly anchored in its half metre plus of soil, has been in the care of Sir Richard Branson since 1981. The Abbey Gardens at Malmesbury, Wiltshire made famous over the past 20 years as the home of the ‘Naked Gardeners’ Ian and Barbara Pollard who created this stunning ‘Tudor’ manor garden, was our second port of call – but which ‘national treasure’ is now up for sale. Our journey took us next to Kilver Court, Somerset where the gardens are strangely beautifully set against the backdrop of a blue engineering brick railway viaduct.

Way before construction started, Adrian got wind of the then proposed Eden Project and took photographs of the abandoned Cornish china clay pit. In recent times he revisited the site and we were able to compare before and after shots of this ‘green credentials’ visitor attraction. At the tail end of the talk, Adrian gave us a glimpse of his own garden that he and his wife Sheila have created from scratch and which, after eight years of hard work, is now part of the National Gardens Scheme and open to visiting groups. This and all the other gardens that we were introduced to by means of some great photography are certainly well worth a visit – and have been noted for the future!

Our next meeting (honestly!) is the Garden Club’s AGM starting at 7.00pm (please note time) on 9th March at the Village Hall followed by a buffet ‘social’. Sadly Reg Gethin, Sue Hedley and Alan Hedley are all standing down from the Committee and we will be looking to replace them with equally enthusiastic club members. Hard acts to follow, but I would invite anyone with the Club’s interest at heart to step up to the mark and safeguard its future. No committee experience or gardening expertise necessary!

PRONUNCIATION FOR FOREIGNERS

I take it that you already know
of tough and bough and cough and dough.
Others may stumble, but not you,
on hiccough, thorough, lough and through.
Well done! And now you wish perhaps,
to learn of less familiar traps?

Beware of heard – a dreadful word
that looks like beard and sounds like bird.
And dead – it's said like bed, not bead –
for goodness sake don't call it deed!
Watch out for meat and great and threat,
they rhyme with suite and straight and debt.

A moth is not a moth in mother,
nor both in bother or broth in brother.
And here is not a match for there,
nor dear and fear for bear and pear.
And then there's dose and rose and lose –
just look them up - and goose and choose.

And cork and work and card and ward –
and font and front and word and sword.
And do and go and thwart and cart –
come, come, I've hardly made a start!
A dreadful language? Man alive –
I'd mastered it when I was five!

Anon



Learn, Laugh & Live

OPEN DAY FAIR 7 APRIL 2017
Townsend Hall, 10am to 3pm

Groups:

Ambles
Archaeology
Art Appreciation
Book Group
Bridge – beginners & social
Chess
Computers / IT
Knitting & Craft Group
Current Affairs
Drawing and Painting
Family History
French Conversation
Garden Visits
Geology and Fossils
Italian
Jazz / Blues
Latin
Local History
Lunch Groups
Nature Group
Orchestra
Photography
Play Reading
Poetry
Recorder beginners group
Scrabble
Singing Group
Spanish Conversation
Table Tennis
Theatre / Cinema Group
Recorder Ensemble
Walking
Wine Appreciation



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Today free tea and coffee for all.

Register today and take advantage of our new reduced annual fee.

For further information
Contact our Membership Secretary
Telephone: (01608) 663413

OXHILL ART GROUP



Six-week course starts

Wednesday 1 March 2017

10.00 am – 1.00 pm
at the Village Hall, Oxhill

£12 per session/£60.00 six sessions
Beginners welcome. Fun and informal

Contact: Grenville Moore – 01295 680664/07968 789968
gren.moore@gmail.com or moore.moore@zen.co.uk

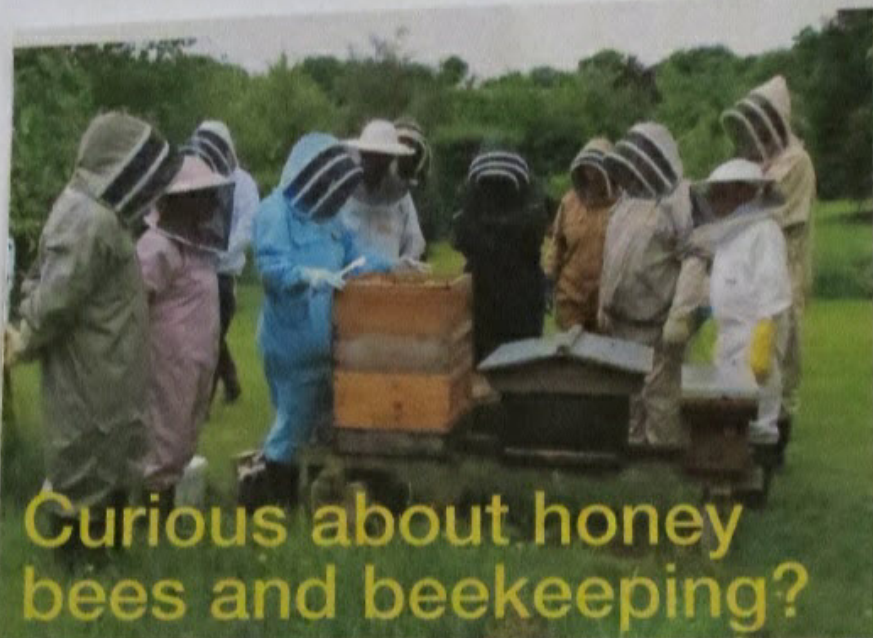
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*Saturday April 29th – Sunday April 30th
At the Vicarage, Peacock Lane, Tysoe*

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Exhibition Opening times: both days 10am -4pm



Introduction to beekeeping

22nd & 23rd April 2017
09:30 - 16:00hrs

Village Hall, Brailes, OX15 5AS

run by
Shipston Beekeepers
www.sbka.org.uk

Shipston Beekeepers, a branch of Warwickshire Beekeepers Association
(Rug Charity 500278)

Led by a qualified Master Beekeeper our weekend course will give you an insight into and hands on experience of, the world of the honey bee and the role of the beekeeper. We will cover:-

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- The beekeeping year
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- Harvesting your honey & wax
- How to get started with your own bees

There will be an opportunity to chat with other local beekeepers too.

Weather permitting there will be the chance to examine a colony bees in our nearby training apiary with an experienced beekeeper. Bee suits will be provided.

Cost:- £50 (Couples £80). *Light lunch and refreshments included.*

Enrolment:- www.sbka.org.uk/training/

Further details:- Margery Blower
01608 685918,
margeryblower@gmail.com





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Saturday 1st April

9.30am - 12.30pm

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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 March 3rd and 24th.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 7th and 21st March.. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 14th and 28th March.

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

AT THE PEACOCK

Village Events

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

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



WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

March

Weds	1st	10:30	Village Coffee Morning, The Peacock
Weds	1st	10:00	OVH, Art Class
Fri	3rd	14:30	OVH, Mobile Library
Tue	7th		Blue & Green Bins
Thu	9th	14:00	OVH, Knit & Natter
Thu	9th	19:00	OVH, Garden Club AGM
Tue	14th		Grey Bins
Wed	15th	12:30	Village Lunch, The Peacock
Tue	21st		Blue & Green Bins
Thu	23rd	14:00	OVH, Knit & Natter
Fri	24th	14:30	OVH, Mobile Library
Sat	25th	19:30	OVH, Quiz & Cuisine
Sat	25th	10:30	Whichford Marmalade Festival
Tue	28th		Grey Bins

April

Fri	7th	10:00	U3A Shipston Open Day
Sat	22nd	09:00	OVH, The Big English Breakfast
Sat	22nd	09:30	Village Hall Brailes, Intro to Bee Keeping
& Sun 23rd			