
THE OXHILL NEWS

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Don't forget to make your Scarecrow for the upcoming Oxhill Scarecrow weekend

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REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 7th and 21st May.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays 14th and 28th May.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill every 3rd Wednesday, stopping at the Village Hall at 10 am and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Wednesday 8th & 29th May.

You can renew books between van visits by calling 01926 851031 or online at www.Warwickshire.gov.uk/wild

WEEKDAY WALKERS

There is one walk planned for May:

May 10th - A 6 mile walk from Swalcliffe to Shutford with 210 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The George and Dragon Shutford - Walk starts at 10am.

Due to the numbers on the walk we now will have to limit the total walkers to 28, so Jim Saxton will now take these on a first come first served basis, those booking too late being held in reserve. Unless otherwise stated meal decisions will be prior to walk. Those who wish to join us are most welcome, but please contact Jim Saxton on 01295 680613 or at saxton @ talktalk.net before the Tuesday evening prior to the walk.

Regards, *Jim Saxton*

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. Deadline for the June issue is 15th May 2013.

OXHILL PARISH PLAN PROJECT LATEST

The Steering Group behind the project had two meetings during March and at the time of going to press was due to meet again on 15th April to progress a number of initiatives.

These include carrying out a village survey involving all households (to gather views on Oxhill, its facilities, local services, what people like about Oxhill, areas for improvement etc), a timetable to produce the parish plan document which will aim to guide `local decision makers` on the future development of the parish, and a village design statement which will describe the physical look of the parish and especially its housing and building designs.

At the second of our March meetings we heard from the parish clerk for Brailes about the production of its own parish plan and village survey. We intend to adopt some of the good practices from Brailes.

Meanwhile, Oxhill Parish Council has formally recognised the steering group, and we continue our contacts with the district council to whom we have reinforced our view that the parish does not meet the criteria required to be considered as a Local Service Village. As you will know, this was highlighted in the February edition of Oxhill News and led to the public meeting.

The group is particularly keen to hear from our young people, as part of the survey and the creation of the plan, and is discussing how best to involve younger residents.

As we said last time, this is very much about YOUR village. The views of everyone living in the parish are very important to us and we therefore need to hear from you throughout the course of the project.

The members of the steering group are:

Sue Hunt (Steering Group Co-ordinator), Ann Hale, Mike Collins, Carol Taylor (Parish Council representative), Peter Rivers-Fletcher, Geoff Stewart, Tony Wyatt, Alan Hedley, Stuart Whittaker, Adrian Marklew, Peter Britton, Ed Bracher and Paul Sayer.

Please feel free to contact the group if you have any views on the project via email at parish.planning@oxhill.org.uk or to Sue Hunt, Eudon, Whatcote Road.

More on the project and the forthcoming survey soon.

AT THE PEACOCK

Quiz Night

Quiz night on Sunday 5th May at 8pm.

Village Events

The village coffee morning will be on Wednesday 1st May at 10.30am. The village lunch will be on Wednesday 15th May at 12.30pm.



On May 25th, Katy and Stuart who live in the village will be celebrating their wedding in a marquee on Gardners field, we shall be positioning the marquee as far back on the field as possible to minimise any disturbance and the band will be finished 12pm. Please accept our apologies in advance for any disturbance caused by the music to those nearby and we ensure we shall do our very best to minimise the disturbance.

Katy and Stuart

SPRING LUNCH - SUNDAY 26TH MAY 2013

Due to the kind offer from Katy Dowding and Stuart Whittaker for the use of their wedding marquee in the field next to the chapel courtesy of Janet Gardner we are arranging a **SPRING LUNCH**. A memorable lunch will be prepared on the lines of the Jubilee Lunch last year. The tickets will soon be available price £12.50. Numbers will be limited to 120. Watch out for posters and fliers. We do hope you can come. A donation bar will be available but you can bring your own drink if you wish.

All proceeds will go to the special Restoration Appeal for Oxhill Church

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL

SERVICES IN MAY

All are warmly welcome

Sunday 5th Easter V 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Thursday 9th Ascension Day 7.30pm Deanery Eucharist at Tidmington

Sunday 12th Ascensiontide 9.30am Sunday Praise (BR)

Sunday 19th Whitsunday 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 26th Trinity 9.30am Family Service (NM)

For other services in the benefice please see porch notice board

VICARAGE NOTES

ANNUAL MEETING

My thanks to all who have supported St. Lawrence's over the past year! At the AGM Carol Fox and Charles MacCall were re-elected churchwardens. Members of the PCC were also re-elected although Diane Harper retired as electoral roll officer. We thank her for doing this job for many years, and welcomed Doug Nethercleft as the new ERO. Special mention was made of the fine new frontals worked by Sue Hunt – these have been made in memory of Mrs Eve Whaley. We look forward to the coming year of working and worshipping together!

RESTORATION PROJECT

Still quiet at the preliminary stage, with the Bat survey and conservators report put in hand and awaited. The architect will shortly be undertaking a more detailed inspection of the roof as he prepares the specification – hopefully in good weather next month. In the meantime we look forward to the planned fund raisers.

Best wishes and God bless,

Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230 braileschurch@gmail.com

DEANERY NEWS FOR MAY 2013

May sees Ascension Day, which we traditionally celebrate at one of our churches with the Eucharist for Ascension Day, beginning outside when weather permits. This year we are going to Tidmington, just south of Shipston (at least it will be daylight when you try to find it!), and we are delighted that Anthony Wells will be the speaker. The date: Thursday, May 9th, 7.30pm at Tidmington Church.

The evening before, Wednesday May 8th at 7.30pm, Carol Clarke, who is the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, will be leading a 2 hour session about Safeguarding at St. Edmund's. This is for any in our churches who work with children or vulnerable adults, and anyone from across the Deanery would be most welcome. If you wish to come, it would be helpful if you could either email or ring me.

Looking ahead, our next Deanery Synod will be on Tuesday, June 11th at 7.30 pm in Alderminster. Alyson Spence, who works for the Alzheimer Society, is going to speak about caring for those with dementia, and we hope too that Kay Dyer will be with us to talk about the discussions taking place at General Synod.

May also, of course, sees Pentecost, on May 19th, when we pray that God's unpredictable, unseen Spirit will come to us:

O Holy Spirit, Breath of God, blow in our lives this day:
clear out the cobwebs of closed minds and outworn ideas:
fill us with the freshness of your living love.
Cleanse and renew us that we might be
ready to be your people in the world.
From Beginning Prayers, by John Slow

Every blessing, Jill Tucker

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who sponsored me for the Warwick Half Marathon. I did the run in 2 hours and 7 minutes and also raised £300 for the British Heart Foundation – thanks for your generosity!

Ali Sayer

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Annual General Meeting held on April 9th 2013

The meeting was chaired by Rev. Nicholas Morgan

12 Parishioners were present

Apologies were received from Janet Gardner, Diane Harper and Jo Van Dijk

Carol Fox and Charles MacCall were re-elected as Church Wardens

Electoral Roll - There are 23 on the Roll . A list may be seen on the Church Notice Board

Reports were submitted on:-

Proceedings in Council 2012-2013

Finance The Treasurer presented the accounts

Social Functions

Fabric of the Church

Deanery Synod

Election of PCC Members

Deanery Synod Members Douglas Nethercleft and Carol Fox

Electoral Roll Officer Diane Harper stood down after many years of service. Thank you

Diane. Douglas Nethercleft was elected Electoral Roll Officer

Secretary Linda Synge

Treasurer James Synge

Clerk of Works Jo Van Dijk

Other members

Sue Hunt

Martin Hunt

Nadia MacCall

Belinda Marklew

Gill Rodwell.

Ex Officio Douglas Nethercleft

Church Warden

Emeritus Janet Gardner

The PCC Members were elected as Sidesmen together with John McKail and Bill Fox.

John McKail was appointed Auditor to the Accounts

Thanks were expressed to the members of the Social Sub Committee namely, Lilian Welsby, Carol Beasley, Carol Fox, Cath Pugh, Diane Harper, Helen Thompson, Doreen Neal and Gaida Webb who work hard to help fund raise for our Church.

The Chairman reported that we had had another busy year. New Altar Frontals have been made and fixed on to the Altar by Sue and Martin Hunt. The PCC thanked them for this work. The much appreciated bequest from Eve Whaley has been used to pay for the new Frontals in her memory. Grants from English Heritage towards the costly repairs to the roof and restoration of the Stonework had been approved though work will probably not begin until 2014. The chairman thanked the Council for their hard work

The next meeting of the PCC is on June 7th .

ROAD CLOSURE – OXHILL SCARECROW EVENT

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 15th June and Sunday the 16th June 2013 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 Kington 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.



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 please.

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

SCARECROW WEEKEND 15-16th JUNE 2013

The Scarecrows will soon be here and we need lots of help, please!

Teas and cakes

If you can help please would you give Gaynor a call on 680473

Plant stall

Any plants for the plant stall would be most welcome, you can take them to Janet Gardners or we can arrange collection.

Car park

If you can help on car park duty please call Jo Van Dijk on 680349

Church Bric a Brac stall

If you have any items you no longer want we would be grateful for them to sell on the stall.

Match the cards to win a prize stall

Any donations would be appreciated anything considered from a bar of soap , tin of baked beans or a bottle of wine, whatever you can spare.

Open Gardens

If you would like to open your garden up to the public we would be delighted to add yours to the list and put you on the map.

Stalls in the Old Chapel

Stalls will be in the Old Chapel if you would like to sell your wares please contact Lilian on 01608686934 table cost £5 per day.

Pig Roast

The Pig Roast will be held on the evening of Saturday 15th June we look forward to seeing you join us at the village hall.

Each year the generous offers of help are appreciated more than you can imagine, without your help the scarecrow festival would not be as successful, let's make this a good year too!

Please contact *Lilian 01608 686 934* if you can help in any way.



OWLS WILDFLOWER COMPETITION

At the excellent talk by Karl Curtis on wildlife gardening, OWLS gave away a total of 30 packets of mixed annual and perennial wildflower seeds for clay soil. All of you who have planted a wildflower patch this year, please photograph it when you consider it is at its best, then email your favourite photograph to edbracher@gmail.com by 20th September. We will judge who has grown the best wildflower patch and the winner will get a £25.00 garden voucher from Red Horse.

Grenville Moore

A birdy footnote: it appears that a pair of ravens may be attempting to nest in the large trees near the church. If you are passing look out for some impressive aerobatics, especially “windmilling” when they clasp feet, open their wings, and windmill in a downward spiral.

KINETON OIL CONSORTIUM

The consortium will be ordering oil again. Please let me have your needs by 6pm on Tuesday May 28th.

D Harper 01295 680529

WRAPPING UP THE DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

From the outset it was never intended that the event should make a profit but with generous support of a number of individuals and local businesses a significant surplus resulted. From the outset the organising group decided that any remaining funds would be distributed within the village. A donation of £400 was made to our First Responders last year and now the accounts have been finalised the remaining balance of approximately £360 has been split equally between St Lawrence Church and the Village Hall to enable the bank account to be closed.

Thank you once again to all those who contributed in any way to such a successful celebration of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.

Mike Collins

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL - UPCOMING EVENTS

Helen Watson in Concert – Friday, 10 May

The fabulous Helen Watson will be appearing at the Village Hall on May 10, accompanied by her Guitarist, Mark Creswell. She is a terrific singer whose style is difficult to categorise as she floats effortlessly between Jazz, Folk & Blues - to sample her music & learn more about her go to www.helenwatson.net

The evening will start at 7.30pm and Tickets will cost £10 each for what promises to be a great night and can be obtained from Pat Crowther on 680705

BBQ – Saturday, 8 June

A Barbecue is planned for Saturday, 8 June – keep your fingers crossed for good weather. More details in the next issue of the ‘News’.

Boules Day – Sunday, 14 July

Another date for your diary and this popular event includes the children. In addition to the Boules Tournament, played for the Gardner’s Cup, we provide authentic French pates, cheeses, breads, salads, desert and beverages. If you haven't tried this before come and join us; we shall make you feel most welcome. 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. Put the date in your diary NOW!

The cost will be £7 per person & children (up to age of 12) are free. This cost covers the food & entry to the competition.

Knit & Natter

Knit & Natter – the season finished in April and will resume again in September - please see the Oxhill News and Notice Boards for details of any special activities.



WOT2Grow YOUR Community Orchard

We are all waiting to get into the garden and get stuck into all those jobs that need doing! Things are just the same at the orchard as there is quite a bit to do to manage the 2 acres and the weather has really not been helpful. A few better days have encouraged some members to come along and start the tasks but we are a bit behind in hitting those weeds and importantly the grass that has encroached on to the rows of bushes and canes. But progress is being made and we have started the feeding before the warmer and wetter weather hits us! Mulching will follow as we top up our supplies with more “green waste” produced from the Council recycling scheme.

The trees are looking good and everything is just about to burst into life so the next few weeks will see a transformation. The canes and bushes already have small green leaves which shows how well they have survived the very cold, long winter.

We have also levelled the footpath running along the west side of the orchard so the access through the pedestrian gate is now easier for push chairs, pedestrians and mowers!!

Why not come and see what we have done – the changes are significant – and think about seeing how you can contribute to your Community Orchard. Every little helps!

From Wednesday 15th May we will have an evening session from 7:00pm alternating with the 10:00am session. Also from Sunday 29th May we will have an afternoon session starting at 2:00pm alternating with the 10:00am session.

See us at www.wot2grow.co.uk

If you would like more details please contact one of the following
Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080), Graham Collier (680127), Julia Stirman (01608 686776), Pam Bennett (01608 652 222)



"Bluebell Walk"



Owing to the unseasonably cold weather we have been having during March and into April this year, we have changed the date of the walk to Bank Holiday Monday, May 27th. The weather is picking up now but it will need several weeks of more seasonal weather for the bluebells to catch up and, hopefully, be at their best.

The details are as in the April issue of the Oxhill News and posters will be put up, nearer the time around the area.

If you need any more information or have any queries please contact Sue Price telephone 01295 680007 or e-mail: susan.price@ukgateway.net

TYSOE TENNIS CLUB

CALLING ALL BUDDING TENNIS PLAYERS !!!

Come and join us at Tysoe Tennis Club which is situated in the playing fields behind the Old Fire Station.

We welcome all comers whether complete beginners, social players or those wanting to play competitively.

We hold club sessions on Sunday mornings from 10.30 and Tuesday evenings from 7.00. Come along and join us. No need to have a partner to play with as we all mix in.

Our membership rates are very competitive and you are welcome to come along and play a couple of club sessions to try us out at no charge.

Coaching sessions are available for children of all ages on Friday evenings. We run a mixed and two ladies teams in the summer playing in the Banbury and Evesham tennis leagues.

If you're interested just turn up to a club session (we have a few spare rackets if you need one) or give us a call for more information.

We also have a website you can check us out on www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

CONTACTS

Club Captains Liz Finlyson T. 07796 264358

Sylvia Wilcox T. 07876 282027

Club Secretary/Membership Carol Spencer T. 01295 680659



SHIPSTON & DISTRICT U3A LAUNCHED!!

The Third Age: a time of creativity and fulfilment!

Shipston U3A Inaugural Meeting on 21st
May at 14:00 at the Townsend Hall,
Shipston on Stour.



Come along to register your membership,
join interest groups, contribute to the
organisation and running, or just find out
more!

www.u3a.org.uk

The U3A is a national organization for older people who are no longer in full time work.

By joining you will become part of a dynamic, outward looking organisation which enables you to share many educational, creative and leisure activities, as well as monthly meetings. Activities are organised mainly in small groups that meet regularly, often in each other's homes. Some groups are more cerebral or aesthetic such as Bridge, Music, Chess, Art, Dance, Science, Nature or a Foreign Language; others more physical e.g. Walking, Boules and Cycling.

Shipston Home Nursing
invite you to a

Spring, Summer Shopping Day

Friday May 17th 2013, 10am-4pm
By very kind invitation of Ming & David Pearson

Lower Farm, Great Wolford
CV36 5NQ

Coffee/tea will be served all day with
home-made cakes and biscuits.

RAFFLE • FREE ENTRY

Shipston Home Nursing

PLANT SALE & PRODUCE STALL

SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2013

10AM-12NOON - FREE ENTRY

SHELDON BOSLEY HUB

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR CV36 4DQ

DELIVERY OF PLANTS:

Friday 10th May from 12 noon onwards

For more info call Fudge 07979 904719 or
Caroline 07939 368373

fudpat@hotmail.co.uk

caroline.larkin2@btinternet.com



NOTICE BOARD

I am looking to borrow two child car seats for about a month in June and July, please contact me if you can help.

Pat Crowther - 680705

SMITHS NEWSAGENTS deliver daily newspapers and magazines to the village. They can accommodate any combination of days/week. For more details they can be contacted on 01295 268499 or info@smithsnewsagents.co.uk

A new chauffeur company has been set up in Kington, for more details or to book call 01789 414055

WANTED

House, dog and cat sitter for 7-10 days in May or June so that I can have a much needed holiday.

One Border Collie, one young cat and one very old cat..all easy to do and well behaved. Sky, Broadband etc..... Please call and see me at 3 Peacock Cottages or ring 07891 838 314

Thanks, *Hilary Simcox*



In aid of St David's Church
Newbold-on-Stour with Armscote



Saturday 25th May
10 am - 12.30 pm

Newbold Plant Sale

St David's Churchyard

Great Variety ! Great value !

Tombola Refreshments Produce Stall



Plant donations greatly appreciated
Please contact Gilly Marsden 01789 459168
or deliver to Church on Friday 24th May 3 - 7 p.m.



AN INVITATION TO SING



If you love to sing, whether a member of a choir or not, there is a golden opportunity for you to take part in a Choral Workshop to be presented by Stour Singers – Mozart’s Mass in C Minor, directed by renowned conductor Adrian Partington.

The workshop will take place from 10.00.a.m. until 4.00.p.m.in the Townsend Hall in Shipston-on-Stour, on 1st June, and prior booking is essential.

The workshop fee of £15 includes coffee, tea and biscuits during the day, and the fee is reduced to £5 for students. Scores can be hired on the day at a cost of £1, but workshop participants may also bring their own copies.

Adrian Partington is Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral, Artistic Director of the Gloucester Three Choirs Festival and of the BBC National Chorus of Wales, as well as Conductor of Gloucester and Bristol Choral Societies. Anthony Gowing, Assistant Director of Music at Gloucester Cathedral, and Director of Music for Gloucester Cathedral Youth Choir will be accompanist for the day.

This promises to be a truly inspiring day of singing, so do get in touch to find out more – either via the website – www.stoursingers.org.uk – or by telephoning Yvonne Ridley (Deputy Choir Manager) at 01789 269587, or Vic Twyman (Choir Manager) at 01451 870361.

COFFEE MORNING
IN AID OF CHERNOBYL'S CHILDREN
SATURDAY 29th JUNE 2013
10am - 12noon
at
THE OLD CHURCH HOUSE
OXHILL

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

Adrian James took us on a virtual tour with his wonderful slideshow of gardens which for the most part, are either far away or less well known.

Our tour started in Spain at the Alhambra palace with it's peaceful courtyard gardens ideal for quiet reflection, then on to Westonbirt Arboretum for splendid Autumn colour among the Acers and Maples some of which were lit, seeming to turn them into dazzling fireworks. Next to the Exotic Garden in Norwich city centre where we saw pictures of plants with strange shapes and textures. Longstock Water Garden provided pictures of wonderful reflections. This garden was formed following excavations which filled up with water from the River test and resulted in many pools and lakes. It is especially attractive at water lily time.

Then to a contrasting garden at Bosvigo near Truro, Cornwall, a garden of many "rooms" similar to Hidcote.

Finally we had pictures of "oddities" including sculptures by Barbara Hepworth and the giant at Heligan.

Adrian has created a new garden at his home in Offenham which will be open under the NGS scheme first w/e in August.

May 23rd at 7pm **PLANT SALE** come and buy plants which you know will grow in Oxhill soil.

Look forward to seeing you with your shopping baskets.

Ruth Gibson

WHATS ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

May

Wednesday 1st	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Sunday 5th	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 7th		Green & blue bin collection
Wednesday 8th	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Friday 10th		Weekday Walkers - see page 2 for details
Friday 10th	19:30	Village Hall - Helen Watson in Concert
Tuesday 14th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 15th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Wednesday 15th	23:59	COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS
Tuesday 21st		Green & blue bin collection
Thursday 23rd	19:00	Village Hall - Oxhill Garden Club Plant Sale
Sunday 26th		Spring Lunch
Monday 27th	14:00	Whatcote - Bluebell Walk
Tuesday 28th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 29th	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library

June

Saturday 8th		Village Hall - BBQ
Saturday 16th		Oxhill Scarecrow Event
Sunday 17th		Oxhill Scarecrow Event
Saturday 29th	10:00 - 12:00	The Old Church House - Coffee Morning in aid of Chernobyl's Children

July

Sunday 14th		Village Hall - Boules Day
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