

THE OXHILL NEWS



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MOBILE LIBRARY

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

In November the van will visit us on Tuesday 16th.

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

Editor

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 9th and 23rd.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th.

Editor

WINE MAKING EQUIPMENT

If anyone fancies having a try at wine making, I have 7 demi-johns [wine making jars with ear handles] and a selection of wine making equipment, which I no longer need. Also 4 glass sweet jars-ideal for pickled onions. No charge for any of these, just glad if they can be used.

Please ring Ruth Gibson on 01295 680420 if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

Door wreaths and grave wreaths made to order

Please give Lilian a ring on 680468

KINETON OIL CONSORTIUM

The consortium will be ordering oil again in November. Please let me have your needs by Wednesday 17th November not later than 6 p.m.

D. Harper, 01295 680529

DECEMBER ISSUE

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

George Adams, 680286

COVER PICTURE

Josh Cooper's winning shot of the Oxhill heron. Or at least one of them.

Editor

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Friday, 12th November at 7.30 p.m. Indian Feast Night,

We are holding one of our ever-popular Indian Feast Nights with an array of Indian food, freshly prepared by chefs from the plains and mountains of central Oxhill. The feast will consist of a starter, a selection of curries, rice and naan bread followed by a delicious dessert. Food will be served at 8 p.m.

Tickets, priced £12.50 a head, should be bought in advance and are available from Angela Emmerson on 680565.

Saturday, 27th November Coffee Morning / Bring & Buy sale

We are holding a Coffee Morning / Bring & Buy sale on Saturday, 27 November from 10.00 to 12.00 to raise funds for the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch. Please come along and enjoy a cup of coffee or tea and browse the items available to purchase. If you have items that you wish to donate please give them to Tricia Harbour or call (680676) and we'll collect them from you.

Monday, 13th December at 12.30 Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch

Our traditional 3 course Christmas Lunch with wine for the Senior Citizens in the village will be held at the Village Hall as usual. We will be sending out individual invitations and transport to and from the Village Hall will be available if needed but please keep the date clear.

Friday, 17th December Special Christmas Event

We are planning a very special event to celebrate the Christmas season and more details will be available in next month's Oxhill News but whatever you do - keep Friday, 17 December clear!

Derek Harbour

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Many of you will have noticed the recent work that a contractor has been completing at the back of the village hall and you may have wondered what was going on. Well, thanks to a grant from the Big Lottery Fund, we have had some specialist drainage work completed to try to eradicate the main source of damp that the hall suffers from. The contractors have now finished their work and the drainage at the back of the hall should be much improved and we expect to see a big reduction in the damp that has shown itself in the rear wall of the hall.

Derek Harbour



LOTTERY FUNDED

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL

SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

All are warmly welcome

Sunday 7th	Trinity XXIII	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (ML)
Sunday 14th	Remembrance Sunday	9.30 a.m.	Special Remembrance Service (ML)
Sunday 21st	Last after Trinity	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (ML)
Sunday 28th	Trinity Advent I	9.30 a.m.	Advent Family Service (NM)

For other benefice services see porch notice board

Please note Carol Service date: Thursday December 16th at 7.30 p.m.

OXHILL FESTIVAL CHOIR

All members of the choir, old and new, are very welcome to come to our rehearsals. It would be appreciated if you could attend as many as possible before 16th December and especially the one on Tuesday 14th December when we hope to have the organist with us. Rehearsal dates are as follows

Friday 19th November, Friday 26th November, Friday 3rd December, Friday 10th December and Tuesday 14th December.

All rehearsals are at 7.30 p.m. in the Old Chapel except for Tuesday 14th when it will be in the Church with the organist.

Joyce Hall has very kindly agreed to lead us again this year and has selected some lovely carols for us.

We are always keen to see new members especially Tenors and Basses so please contact me if you would like to join us.

Gaynor Van Dijk (680349)

VICARAGE NOTES

As I write this, we're enjoying St. Luke's little summer - a spell of fine days in mid October - hopefully with a few more still to come. Luke was the "beloved physician" mentioned by St. Paul who emphasized the compassion seen in our Lord's ministry, the well known parable of the Good Samaritan being found only in his gospel.

November starts with All Saints and All Souls, and includes Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day, so there is always a sense of looking back with the mixture of emotions that are part of who we are - a time for reflection before the new Christian year starts on Advent Sunday, the 28th. The collect for the end of Trinity is:

Stir up, we beseech thee, o Lord, the wills of thy faithful people, that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded.

Memorable words for the changing years!

God bless, Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230

DEANERY NEWS

Deanery Quiet Morning, Thursday, November 4th

A Quiet Morning is a time for rest, thought and prayer, under the guidance of a leader. We try to have a Quiet Morning every year: this year we are delighted to welcome back Tina Lamb. Because the date is so close to All Saints, she will be thinking of the hymn “For all the saints, who from their labour rest...”, and so focusing on how labouring saints do indeed get rest and refreshment.

All are welcome to join us: particular invitations will be sent to those who are members of ministry or worship teams. We shall be meeting at The Old Chapel, in Oxhill, starting at 9.30 a.m. and finishing with a lunch (which will be provided) at about 12.30 p.m. for those who are able to stay on.

The Deanery Website needs a computer lover

We have a very good Deanery Website (www.shipstondeanery.co.uk) which we are in the process of updating. A lot more could be done with the website, in that weekly or monthly news sheets could be added, and so on, but it needs someone who loves messing about with computers and has the time to do so on a fairly committed and regular basis. If that sounds like your cup of tea, please do get in touch with me.

Jill (revjill.tucker@tiscali.co.uk)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

A Christmas Concert will be given in Church on Saturday December 4th by the Stratford Musical Theatre Company.

Tickets at £10, which will include a glass of mulled wine and mince pies, are available from Lilian (680468) or Val (680215). Please book early as there is limited seating in the Church.

Lilian

PIG ROAST AND SKITTLES EVENING

We had a very good evening; the weather was very kind to us.

Over sixty people came along to enjoy good food and puds and then to have a fun game of skittles.

Many thanks to all the committee for the salads and puds, to Tom and Carol for the excellent pig roast and to Bill for doing the carving. Thanks also to Jo who looked after the bar all evening and to Kate and the boys for running the skittles.

We all had a very pleasant evening and made £330 for Church funds.

Thank you all for your support.

Lilian

NATURE NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

November is the pioneer of Winter, who comes with his sharp winds and keen frosts, to cut down every beaded and leafy bit of green that is standing up, so as to make more room for the coming snowflakes to fall on the level waste, and form a great bed for Winter to sleep on But amid all these images of desolation, which strike the eye more vividly through missing the richly-coloured foliage that threw such beauty over the two preceding months, November has still its berries which the early frosts have ripened to perfection. (Chambers Book of Days, 1864)

What a splendid weekend the Apple Day and OWLS photographic exhibition was. It was pure chance that the two coincided, but I hope next year we can make this an annual weekend event. I, like many others, assumed Apple Days were part of our rich history of festive calendar events, but in fact Apple Day was created by Common Ground in October 1990. They took over the Piazza in Covent Garden for a demonstration of the importance of the apple to our culture, landscape and wildlife. Apparently you could eat a different kind of apple every day for more than six years and still not come to the end of the amount you can grow in this country. Over two thousand varieties of eating, cooking and cider apples have been cultivated in Britain. There is still a variety found that dates directly back to Shakespeare's time and British apples are probably the best in the world. A single Ribston Pippin (a Yorkshire type of Cox) has more vitamin C than a pound of Golden Delicious (I always consider this name a real contradiction in terms)!

There are hundreds of customs and games that have grown up to celebrate the love and importance of the apple to our society. Many died out, but some are now being resurrected. Like hop pickers, many city folk would travel to the orchards of Kent, Worcestershire and Herefordshire for a time of hard work, but also an opportunity to meet old friends and enjoy cider-fuelled fun and games! Indeed there was a tradition for casual farm workers to be paid in cider. Many greengrocers would put out barrels full of water for a game of duck apple at Halloween, and in some areas of the country this became known as Duck Apple Night or Dookie Apple Night. In the north of England, crabbing the parson was played and crab apples were pelted at the incumbent on the local saint's day.

Why oh why do our major supermarkets only stock two or three varieties (although I notice that Budgens in Moreton-in Marsh is selling locally-grown apples). Imagine the pleasure of seeing names such as Cornish Gilliflower, Kentish Fillbasket, Stoke Edith Pippin, Roundway Magnum Bonum, Ten Commandments or Slack Ma Girdle!

It is very important to support our own local 'Wot 2 Grow'. I wish the enterprise success and growth and look forward to eating their produce - remember "*Buy things that are locally distinctive and locally made. Resist the things that can be found anywhere.*"

It is important now to clean out all your bird feeders, especially those hard mounds in the bottom. After a warm summer there could be bacteria lurking, so give them a good scrub out. It is also a good idea to give bird boxes a clean out, but please don't over-tidy your gardens; leave piles of logs and twigs for hedgehogs (very few seen this year) and insects.

November 23 is St Clement's Day and the iron-workers and blacksmiths' holiday. St Clement was traditionally martyred by being tied to an iron anchor and thrown into the sea. He is therefore the patron of marines and iron-workers. On this day blacksmiths "fired their anvils" by exploding gunpowder on them and held "Old Clem" processions. In the Black Country, children on this day went "Clementing" for fruit and pennies singing:

*St Clements, St Clements comes once in a year
Apples and Pears are very good cheer
Got no apples, money will do
Please to give us one of the two
Father's at work and Mother's at play
Please to remember St Clement's Day*
Grenville Moore

WEATHER LORE

Dark November brings the fog,
Should not do it to a dog.

Michael Flanders

WEEKDAY WALKERS

We have the following walks in November:

Friday 12th November

This is a circular 5.0 mile walk from Todenham with 170 feet of ascent and lunch at "The Farriers Arms" Todenham. We will leave Oxhill at 9:30 a.m.

Friday 26th November

This is a circular 4.0 mile walk from Hornton with 430 feet of ascent and lunch at "The Dun Cow" Hornton. We will leave Oxhill at 9:45 a.m.

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

VILLAGE HISTORY

Methodist Education – the early days

Betty Smith, in her booklet on Oxhill published in 1971, writes of having seen a “passing mention” that Selina Countess of Huntingdon (1707-91) may have had an interest in a school in Oxhill, but tantalisingly Betty gives no reference. She assumes also that this school would have been at Payn’s House, where a room in the barn had traditionally been known as “the schoolroom”. There are two questions to unravel therefore. Was there indeed a Methodist school in Oxhill during the eighteenth century, and secondly is there any evidence for it having been at Payn’s House?

Selina, Countess of Huntingdon was born Lady Selina Shirley, and was related to the Shirley family at Ettington, though never herself living in this area. The most likely source of Betty’s original information would seem to be the archive of Shirley family papers in the Warwick Record Office, but this is extensive, and although several documents mention land in Oxhill, I have so far I have been unable to find any reference to a school and the Countess’s possible connection with it.

The Countess was very active in the early Methodist movement, and founded a Calvinistic sect within it known as the Countess of Huntingdon’s Connection. (One of her former chapel buildings stands near Banbury Cross). The Rev. William Talbot, then Vicar of Kineton, was a close follower, so she had more than a family link with this area. Methodism was growing strongly in Oxhill, with the support of influential farmers such as the Wards and the Pains. The Countess is also known to have had an interest in education, and to have supported some schools and Sunday schools, so it would not be impossible that her patronage should have been sought for an Oxhill school.

Deeds and wills that refer to Payn’s House however give no indication of an early school there: it is described only as a domestic dwelling. The Pains who lived there in the 1700s, (during the Countess’s lifetime) were farmers, and would surely have needed their barn for agricultural use. In any case the conversion work to “the schoolroom” is of a later date. It is just possible that an earlier schoolroom existed then in part of the house, but there is no other evidence for this. John Ward, who bought the property from John Pain in the 1790s, left it in 1817 for the use of his widow Mary Ward during her lifetime, and then to their son, another John. After Mary’s death in 1831 John - who himself lived at Oxhill House - was presumably left free to let Payn’s House as a boarding school, as we know he proceeded to do.

In widening the search for an earlier school, another possibility arises. Ward family correspondence of the period between Sarah Ward and her married sister Ann reveals the existence of a Methodist Sunday school. In a letter of 1769, Sarah writes of having “just come from meeting my class”. This was an adult class because she expresses scruples at setting herself “at the head of so many gray hairs to teach them that should teach me”. Could it just be it was this enterprise in which the Countess took an interest, rather than a day school for children?

In the absence of further evidence we can only speculate. What is certain is that Oxhill has long historic links with Methodism, and an early Methodist boarding school traceable at least to the early nineteenth century. Any earlier roots lie out of view.

Ann Hale

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

The 'OWLS' photographic competition brought out 105 fantastic pictures of local and British nature and thanks to the beautiful snow last winter, there were many sparkling views of Oxhill under a blanket of white. The judge, Suzanna McKail, commented on the high standard and had a tough time selecting the winners but eventually chose the local heron (Josh Cooper) because of the striking pose and great depth of field and a puffin with its catch of fish (Tricia Harbour) for the wider British nature category. Copies of the Oxhill 2011 calendar were their reward. Autumn leaves in St. Peter's churchyard (Alex Chick) won the children's section with 'Red blackberries' (Matthew Chick) coming second, their prize being an insect box to further their fascination with creepy-crawlies!

Josh says, "The heron landed on Mick Groves' fence about 6 pm one September evening and was eyeing-up the fish in his pond! I used a Nikon D200 digital SLR camera with a Sigma lens zoomed out to 500mm. The light wasn't great so I shot at ISO 800, aperture at f6.3 and shutter speed 1/250th of a second. I spot metered off the heron's grey neck for the exposure and focused on the eye. The wide aperture setting long zoom gave the blurred background". To get the superb clarity of the puffin, Tricia used a digital Canon 300D EOS with a 75-300 mm zoom lens set on Auto.

Runners up included photos of a misty morning in Oxhill (Jane Smith), a wonderful seascape at Whitesands Bay (Ruth Mercer), a corner of a wildflower meadow (Myrtle Knight) and a robin pictured against a startling blue sky (Alice Mercer). Myrtle's grasshopper (taken while balancing on a kitchen stool at great risk to her personal safety!) was given a highly recommended.

A display of a small owl box and kestrel home (built by the OWL group's chippies!) and another from Warwickshire Wild Life Trust added to the exhibition along with a raffle (bat and robin box prizes donated by WWT) and 2011 Oxhill calendars (this year in A4 format) and new notelets.

Plans for next year's competition could include art work as well as photographs. So, if you can wield a paint brush, build a collage or be otherwise creative, start thinking about your 2011 entry! Once again we would like to thank Suzanna for giving up her time to judge the entries and the WWT for donating the raffle prizes.

Information about 'OWLS' and competition results can be found on their web-site (<http://www.oxhill-owls.org.uk/Home.html>) and the calendars and notelets can be bought from Grenville (680664) or any of the other team members. All money raised goes to biodiversity projects in Oxhill parish.

Jane Smith

AFTERNOON DELIGHTS

There were an encouraging number of people in the village hall at the first meeting of this “craft” group. Some people took along things to do and Joyce brought wool and needles for knitting squares as she is making knee blankets for wheelchair users at Selly Oak hospital. It was decided that we will meet on alternate Thursdays between 2 & 4 p.m.; recycling week Thursday because that will be easy to remember!

The next meeting on October 28th will focus on tapestry and cross-stitch. On November 11th Mick Shepard will do a refresher on CPR and Barbara will demonstrate smocking. On November 25th Ann Saxton will show those interested how to do salt dough modelling to make small table decorations and Julie Smart will make lavender-bag hearts.

These are of course not compulsory activities; please come and join us, bringing anything that you want to do. Or even just come and have a cup of tea or coffee and have a natter. There will be a small charge of £1 per session to cover the cost of heating and refreshments.

Other ideas that were floated were a games afternoon (whist, beetle drive etc.), painting on silk and making Christmas cards. There are so many clever people living in this village that if there is some craft you would like to know more about we can probably find an instructor for you. Just let us know.

For further details contact Tricia Harbour on 680676.

Gwyn Adams

ANOTHER VILLAGE SUCCESS

Pam and Yvonne seem to be taking the Peacock from strength to strength as they prepare to attend the Intercontinental Hotel, Park Lane, London, as finalist contenders for the award of 'Food Pub of the Year'. The occasion is sponsored by The Publican magazine, which is the leading pub-trade journal. Hundreds of pubs in the UK compete, and the event, on November 25th, is considered to be one of the highlights of the year for the trade.

Another business success for the Parish!

Bon Viveur (and how! - Ed.)

FREE TO A GOOD HOME(S)

Due to kitchen refurbishment we have a number of appliances that we will no longer need from mid November:

Zanussi washing machine, Hotpoint fridge, Tricity Bendix free standing double oven with ceramic hob, Zanussi dishwasher.

They are all in good condition and are free to anybody who could use them. They would need to be collected.

Contact Belinda and Adrian Marklew (April Corner) on 688367 if interested.

WOT2GROW APPLE DAY

The WOT2Grow Team held an Apple Day at the Village Hall on 16 October and around 50 people from Whatcote, Oxhill and Tysoe enjoyed a great afternoon making fresh apple juice, learning more about apples and the progress of the team's grant application. Those that brought along their own apples saw the team turn them into delicious, fresh apple juice which was bottled and they were able to take it home with them. They were also able to enjoy some tea and wonderful home-made cakes and biscuits as well as taking the opportunity to buy some very fine apple juice and cider.

The children who came along also had a good time with apple bobbing, colouring and helping to make juice.

Thanks to my fellow team members and all of the, too numerous to name, helpers for a great community event and one that I suspect will become an annual occurrence.

Also present were the OWLS (see article elsewhere in the News) and Doug Nethercleft had a stand extolling the virtues of Bee-Keeping, etc.

Derek Harbour

WI REPORT

Wildlife photographer, Peter Preece, has travelled the world photographing everything from adders to zebras but his most popular image is one of a robin taken in his back garden. This and other 'Images of nature' were part of a slide show for members and visitors at the October meeting. Most of the slides were of birds and all were taken locally in Warwickshire - colourful kingfishers, beautiful bullfinches and stunning jays.

Peter, who has won many photographic competitions, revealed that he keeps a freezer full of dead mice, rabbits, insects and berries to use as bait. Every image looks natural but is usually carefully staged. He explained that judges often look for photographs that feature movement or action and show the animal's behaviour. A good photographer, says Peter, must be fast, anticipate what the animal will do - and carry their camera with them at all times!

Diary dates

Wednesday 10th November, Tysoe Village Hall, 7.30 p.m. (Note: change of date): Annual Meeting and Pudding Evening. Remember to bring a dish and spoon!

Wednesday 1st December, Tysoe Village Hall 7.30 p.m.:

James Butler RA: 'Sculpture'. James is a local sculptor whose commissions include statues and monuments both in this country and abroad, such as the Memorial for Fleet Air Arm on the Thames Embankment, London and The Stratford Jester in Henley Street, Stratford-upon-Avon. This is an open meeting - visitors are welcome.

Julie Smart

BANKING SERVICE IN TYSOE

We understand that not everyone knows that it is possible to use the Post Office in Tysoe (and anywhere else for that matter, but Tysoe is our nearest) for a range of banking services, thus avoiding the need to get into town.

You can withdraw cash (any amount up to your card limit) from pretty well all the high street banks and deposit cash for most of them too. Cheques can be deposited too but only by using a paying-in slip and deposit envelope.

For further information and to check that your bank is included in the scheme pop into your Post Office. They have all the information you will need and can provide a leaflet giving full details.

Editor

CHERNOBYL'S CHILDREN

The Chernobyl's Children Gourmet Dinner was a huge success. All the tickets were sold and everyone who attended agreed it was the best five course Gourmet Dinner yet.

My thanks go to Grenville Moore for creating such a wonderful menu and to all our helpers. We also thank our generous guests for making it such a memorable evening.

We raised just over £1000 which goes towards funding the children's' visit next year.

Anne Marshall

ST. PETER'S CHURCH WHATCOTE FUNDRAISING CHRISTMAS 2010

I am sure you will need no reminder that Christmas is not far away!

The Whatcote Christmas Puddings have been delivered and are awaiting customers both regular and, I hope, some new ones. They are great puddings and make excellent Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Prices are the same as last year so I look forward to receiving your orders, either using the order form below, or by telephoning me on 01295 680294.

June Wreford

PUDDING ORDER FORM

Name _____ Address _____

_____ Tel.No. _____

Would like to order _____ 454g @ £5.00: _____ 908g @ £8.50

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ made payable to St Peter's Church, Whatcote.

Please return to:-

June Wreford, Church Cottage, Whatcote, Shipston-on-Stour. CV36 5EF

Order your pudding in good time as we sold out last year well before Christmas!

CONCERTS AND EVENTS IN OUR AREA

Sunday 7th November at 4.00 p.m. at St Edmund's Church, Shipston

A programme in aid of St Martin's Barcheston by the Warwickshire Singers plus soloists including Pergoliesi's Magnificat, Tallis's O Nata Lux, Vivaldi's Gloria, Spirituals and Part songs. Tickets at £10 (accompanied children free) are available from 01608 664310 or on the door, and will include tea and cakes.

Saturday 20th November at Stratford Quaker Meeting House, 37, Maidenhead Rd, Stratford upon Avon between 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. or

Saturday 27th November at Ettington Quaker Meeting House, Old Halford Rd, Ettington between 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. or 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., **QUAKER QUEST**, a spiritual path for our time. For more information contact 01608 661372 or 01789 740528 or visit www.quakerquest.org.

Saturday 11th December at 7.30 p.m. in St Edmund's, Shipston

A programme of Christmas music by the Stour Singers and the orchestra of the Swan, including Benjamin Britten's dramatic cantata, Saint Nicolas, familiar carols for everyone to join in and choral pieces for the choir. Tickets at £12.50 (accompanied children free) are available from choir members, R. Clarke, 27 High St, Shipston, and at the door.

Wednesday, 15th December at 6.30 p.m. in St Mary's Church, Tysoe

A traditional Festival of nine lessons and carols, aided by the Stour Singers.

Friday 17th December, 6 - 8, Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th, noon - 6, at St. David's, Newbold on Stour, a Christmas Tree Festival celebrating 'A Christmas Carol'. Refreshments will be available and donations are requested in aid of St. David's.

Editor

THE RACE TO INFINITY

A few years ago Toby Nunnerley from Sugarswell orchestrated the arrival of broadband into the Tysoe telephone exchange. He is now at it again! Please point your browser at: <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com/>, enter your postcode, click on "VOTE" then input your name, post code and telephone number to register an interest. We managed broadband quite quickly, faster than most of South Warwickshire, so lets see if we can do the same again for faster broadband.

Editor

FITNESS TRAINING

Karen Archer has recently opened a specialist fitness centre called Springfield Barns and has pledged 10% of the first year's profits to Shipston Home Nursing. For more information check out the website, www.springfieldbarns.co.uk.

Rebecca Mawle, Fundraising Co-ordinator, Shipston Home Nursing

Telephone: 01608 674929, Mobile: 07940 716345

SHIPSTON HOME NURSING

ONE DAY ONLY DESIGNER SALE

Friday 5th November 9.00 a.m. - 7.30 p.m.

Darlingscott Farm, Darlingscott, Shipston on Stour

by kind permission of Maggie & John Sargent

10% of your purchases will be donated to SHN

CHRISTMAS GIFT FAIR

Wednesday 10th November 6.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

Thursday 11th November 9.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m.

Ettington Community Centre, Rogers Lane, Ettington

Entry £3 includes coffee/tea and biscuit

On sale mulled wine/ mince pies and lunches

Over 70 stalls with great ideas for Christmas

Rebecca Mawle, Fundraising Co-ordinator, Shipston Home Nursing

Telephone: 01608 674929, Mobile: 07940 716345

TOOLS WITH A MISSION (TWAM)

St. Lawrence church is launching a project to help people in third world countries, by collecting unwanted tools and forwarding them to the Coventry branch of TWAM. TWAM takes unwanted tools and after refurbishing them, puts them into trade packages, e.g. Carpenters, Tailors, Mechanics etc. These are sent out to Asian and African countries where they help individuals to set themselves up as a small business. On a monthly basis a small team is prepared to help people clear a garage or loft or collect unwanted tools.

Anyone who wishes to help with this project, or wishes to donate tools or wants their garage cleared, please contact Jim Saxton on 01295 680613 or Jo Van Dyke on 01295 680349 email saxton@tiscali.co.uk

You can read more about this and see a list of wanted tools on the TWAM website: www.twam.co.uk. No garden tools please.



OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

“there’s rosemary for remembrance...and there is pansies. That’s for thoughts...there’s fennel... and columbines: there’s rue... there’s a daisy... some violets...”

Ophelia hands out wild flowers, each with heavy symbolism, in Shakespeare’s Hamlet showing us that wild flowers have always had an important place in the scheme of things and were well known even by our most famous writer.

Monica Evans showed us that wild flowers can still be found the year round, many of them well known, some with unusual common names, and with many uses, perhaps not readily known.

If we incorporated these wild plants into our gardens we would not only be preserving them but would have interest and colour all year round.

Well done everyone who entered “Oxhill in Bloom”. Many thanks to Ann Humphries who spent some difficult hours deciding a winner. She was most impressed by the high standard.

The winner was Pauline Wyatt, and Myrtle Knight, Charmaine Slater and Peter Rivers - Fletcher proved worthy runners-up.

Future meetings

Thursday 18th November - Christmas Table Decorations with Gill Hawtin

Wednesday 15th December - Christmas Party at the Saxton’s

Thursday 20th January - Bugs; the Good, the Bad and the Ugly with Roger Umpelby

Ann Saxton

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

SHIPSTON POLICE STATION

Although the future of Shipston Police Station is still yet to have been decided, it has been confirmed that the station will be open to the public at various times over the next two months. The confirmed opening hours (0800 to 1530 hours) are as follows:

Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd November, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th, Thursday 11th November and Monday 15th November 2010.

Editor



WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

November

Tuesday 2nd		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 3rd	10.30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Thursday 4th	9.30	The Old Chapel - Deanery Quiet Morning
Friday 5th	9.00	Darlingscott Farm - Shipston Home Nursing designer sale
Sunday 7th	20.00	The Peacock - Charity Quiz Night
Tuesday 9th		Recycling blue & green bins collection
	20.00	Village Hall - Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 10th	18.00	Ettington Community Centre - SHN Christmas Fair
	19.30	Tysoe Village Hall - W.I., see inside
Thursday 11th	9.30	Ettington Community Centre - SHN Christmas Fair
	14.00	Village Hall - Afternoon Delights
Friday 12th	9.30	Weekday Walkers - see inside
	19.30	Village Hall - Indian feast night
Tuesday 16th		Grey landfill bin collection
	10.00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Wednesday 17th	12.30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
	18.00	Kineton Oil Consortium ordering deadline
Friday 19th	19.30	Old Chapel - Choir rehearsal
Tuesday 23rd		Recycling blue & green bins collection
Thursday 18th	19.30	Village Hall - Garden Club
Wednesday 24th	23.59	Copy deadline for the News
Thursday 25th	14.00	Village Hall - Afternoon Delights
Friday 26th	9.45	Weekday Walkers - see inside
	18.30	Old Chapel - Choir rehearsal
Saturday 27th	10-12	Village Hall - Coffee Morning
Tuesday 30th		Grey landfill bin collection

December

Wednesday 1st	19.30	Tysoe Village Hall - W.I., see inside
Friday 3rd	19.30	Old Chapel - Choir rehearsal
Saturday 4th		St. Lawrence Church - Christmas Concert
Friday 10th	19.30	Old Chapel - Choir rehearsal
Monday 13th	12.30	Village Hall - Senior Citizens' Lunch
Tuesday 14th	19.30	St. Lawrence Church - Choir rehearsal
Wednesday 15th	19.30	Garden Club
Thursday 16th	19.30	St. Lawrence Church - Carol Service
Friday 17th		Village Hall - Christmas event

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