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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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Eleanor Rose Ellis's Mum, sister, boyfriend & some of her friends at the summit of Mount Snowdon to raise money for The Shakespeare Hospice and MacMillan Nursing in Eleanor's memory

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## REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 6th and 20th November.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays 13th and 27th November.

## 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 14th November.

You can renew books between van visits by calling 01926 851031 or online at [www.Warwickshire.gov.uk/wild](http://www.Warwickshire.gov.uk/wild)

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

The following walks are planned for November, this is the start of our morning only walks:

November 9th - A 5 mile circular from Shutford with 210 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The George & Dragon Shutford - Leaving Oxhill at 10:00am.

November 23rd - A 4.5 mile circular walk from Kineton with 150 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Swan Inn, Kineton - Leaving Oxhill at 10:15am.

Due to the numbers on the walk Jim Saxton now contacts regular members to get numbers, so the pub can be informed, unless otherwise stated meal decisions will be made at the pub prior to walk. 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.

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-editors@oxhill.org.uk](mailto:news-editors@oxhill.org.uk) or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the village Church. Deadline for the December issue is 15th November 2012.

# ELEANOR ROSE ELLIS

Many of you in the village will know that our family has been deeply saddened by the death of Eleanor (Bella) this summer. From ante-natal classes, through god-parenting, schooling and twelve consecutive joint holidays, her family and ours became intertwined and we loved her like a sister and a daughter.

In June 2010 she was diagnosed with cervical cancer aged only 21; she endured surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy, but every step of the way it was bad news and in March 2011 she was given 2 months to live. With typical flair she requested a farewell party and a trip to Iceland. The two months



(during which she had a colostomy and nephrostomy) came and went, and with dogged determination she actually lived fourteen months one week and one day.

During this time with a never-be-beaten spirit she did all sorts of things and being a popular and social girl her many friends flocked to help distract her, and to help make her shortened life worth living. A whole swathe of young adults have been altered for life almost certainly becoming humbler, kinder, more empathetic and more giving. In her final days she gave many of them a talking-to about aiming high, never giving up and "living every beautiful day"

At university Eleanor coxed the medal-winning men's rowing eight and during the weekend of 13-14th October five boys from the rowing squad (including her boyfriend) set out to complete the "3 peaks Challenge" - Ben Nevis, Scarfell Pike and Snowdon - in under 24 hours. This was to raise money for The Shakespeare Hospice and MacMillan Nursing, to remember a very special girl and to keep alive the principle of inspiring others.

The evening before the boys set off, Eleanor's mother Caroline and sister Sophie came to supper and decided that instead of just welcoming them back, they would join the climb to the summit of Snowdon and this they did but inevitably it slowed the boys down and it took a bit longer than 24 hours. Caroline came to see me today and described with awe the exhaustion the boys battled, but also the help the experience had been to her. They summited Ben Nevis in a blizzard, Scarfell Pike in the dark and all summited Snowdon in fog, where they lit a candle for Bella.

So if you wish to donate to the Shakespeare Hospice and Macmillan Nursing to acknowledge the efforts of these fine young men, you can do so at- <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/veryhighfive>

Finally I would like to thank all of you who have enquired kindly about Bella over the last two years.

*Carol Taylor*



## A BIG THANK YOU

For all the support from the village. For their kind letters that were sent to orbit housing association. I can report that they have given me the tenancy on No. 1 Peacock Cottages, Oxhill starting on 8th October 2012.

Also a big thank you for all the sympathy cards and letters on my Mothers sad passing, she will be missed.

Many thanks, *Joe Costa*

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL  
SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

*All are warmly welcome*

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Trinity XXII 9.30am Holy Communion (ML)

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Remembrance 9.30am Remembrance Service (ML)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Trinity XXIV 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Next before Advent - Christ the King 9.30am Family Service - all welcome (NM)

*For other services in the benefice please see porch notice board*

## VICARAGE NOTES

Dear friends,

It was lovely to welcome so many to the Harvest Festival and hope you all enjoyed the service! Thanks go to everyone who decorated the church so attractively and provided all the produce which was the auctioned for "Farm Africa".

The Pig Roast was also really well supported and, once again, thanks go to the fund raising committee for all its hard work!

The Bishop of Warwick is visiting the Deanery on the 6th and there will be a special service at Shipston that evening at 7.30pm with a focus on healing - all are invited

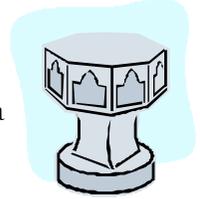
November is traditionally the month of remembrance, not only because of Remembrance Sunday, which this year is also Armistice Day, but also for All Souls on Friday 2nd, with its focus on our remembering loved ones who have died over the years. There will be a Communion of Commemoration at Brailes that day (10am) and anyone who would like to come from Oxhill will be most welcome.

Best wishes and God bless, *Nicholas Morgan* 01608 685230

# FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: welcomed into God's family

October 21st Jessica Mae Frances Hebblethwaite and Emma Michelle Hebblethwaite



## FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Auction of Promises November 17th in the Old Chapel at 7.30pm



This fundraiser replaces the Scarecrow Festival which we did not do this year.

The response to offering promises has been tremendous so the evening will be very interesting. The team has worked hard to gather them in. We have promises ranging from holiday cottages, day on a narrow boat to B&B in Snowdonia and cakes and puddings, a beautiful rug ,pottery class to babysitting.

Please come and enjoy the fun of bidding. We plan to have catalogues available from 14th November £1 each , available from Cath 680958, Val 680215 and Carol 680223.

If there any promise forms to come in please can you get them to Val or Cath asap so we can include them in the catalogue. Look forward to seeing you there.

### Pig roast and Skittles evening

Thank you to all who came to support the Church on this very enjoyable evening. The weather was dry but cold, too cold to play skittles so we plan to arrange this evening earlier in September next year. A very big thank you to the ladies who help to make the delicious feast. Thanks to everyone we raised £510 for the Restoration Fund.

# DEANERY NEWS

## An Evening for Shipston Deanery:

Tuesday, November 6th at 7.15 for 7.30 pm at St. Edmund's Church, Shipston. Bishop John, the Bishop of Warwick, will be leading an evening for our Deanery, to which everyone is warmly invited, entitled:

Healing in Three Dimensions:

Worshipping God,  
Making New Disciples  
Transforming Communities.

This is a quiet, devotional service, during which Bishop John will be offering the ministry of healing and anointing. It promises to be a very special evening, and I would encourage as many of you as possible to join us, and take the opportunity to meet Bishop John.

## Treasurers' Meeting

Also in St. Edmund's, the following week, we are holding our special meeting for treasurers, and also church wardens and any members of the Deanery Synod who are interested. This gives us a chance to look ahead at the budget for next year, and also to look at some of the more general issues facing treasurers. We shall be meeting at St. Edmund's Church, Shipston, at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 13th November.

## A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday:

Grant, O Lord,  
for the sake of those whose lives were lost in war,  
and for the sake of the generation to come,  
that the nations of the world may learn your way of peace;  
and that all may have a chance to enjoy the life you have given them,  
free from war, tyranny and oppression. Amen.

*Roger Tomes*

## GUIDE DOG PUPPIES

Thank you to everyone who came to meet Lola's first litter of Guide Dog puppies at our Puppy Open House in aid of Guide Dogs. Thank you also to those who couldn't come but very kindly sent donations. Your generosity helped us to raise £141.30. Some of this money has already been used to buy some much needed puppy feeding bowls for use at the new Guide Dog Breeding Centre. The puppies left us at the end of September and are now with their puppy walkers. Four of our litter are being sponsored by Andrex to celebrate the Andrex puppy's 40th birthday. If you are interested, you can see them on the Andrex Puppy Points website at [www.andrexpuppypoints.co.uk/guidedogs/puppy\\_list/](http://www.andrexpuppypoints.co.uk/guidedogs/puppy_list/)

Our Andrex puppies are Biscuit, Georgie, Lexie and Leo. Please donate your Andrex Puppy Points to help sponsor them! Some of our puppies have been sponsored in the past, but nothing as high profile as these ones. When they were four weeks old, our house was turned into a photographic studio complete with a Photographer, Creative Director and Producer. It took them 3 hours to shoot 4 puppies, with a supervisor from Guide Dogs, Lucy, Alice and me all acting as puppy wranglers!

This photo took about two seconds to take and shows all nine puppies a couple of days before they left us.



# AT THE PEACOCK

## Quiz Night

Quiz night on Sunday 4th November at 8pm.

## Village Events

The village coffee morning will be on Wednesday 7th November at 10.30am. The village lunch will be on Wednesday 21st November at 12.30pm.



# KINETON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

KADS are pleased to announce that our next production will be "Dear Octopus," a comedy by Dodie Smith.

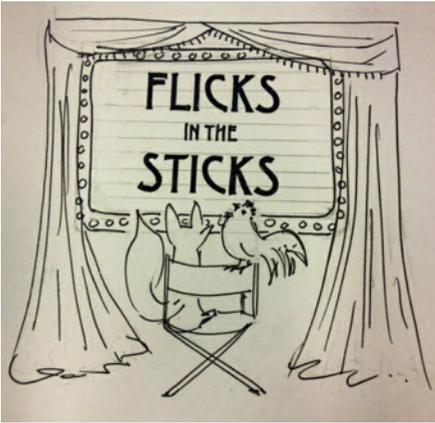
This play is set in the 1930s. It is the weekend of the Golden Wedding of Charles and Dora Randolph. Four generations of the family meet for the celebration. It is a time for hope and for old memories to come back and to face old fears and anxieties. It is also a time for love .....

**PLEASE NOTE:** performances will take place at Kineton Village Hall at the earlier than usual time of 7:30pm on 22nd, 23rd and 24th November 2012.

Tickets will be available from "Flower Thyme", Banbury Road, Kineton from early November, or can be reserved by calling Yve on 01926 642313 or pay on the door.

A play for all the family.

Check out our website for further information at [www.kads.org.uk](http://www.kads.org.uk).



## FLICKS IN THE STICKS

Thank you to all those who came to Flicks In The Sticks on Saturday 13th October. We hope you enjoyed the evening. A big thank you to the fantastic team who worked so hard to make the evening a success.

We'd love to hold another event early next year so hope you'll join us....more details coming soon!

*Jo Sweby*

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT COFFEE MORNING AND SALE

As mentioned in last month's edition, I am holding a pre Christmas sale on **FRIDAY 16th NOVEMBER**, from 10am to 2pm, at **SOUTHWOLD, BADGERS LANE, LOWER TYSOE.**



As on previous years, the sale will consist of Christmas gifts, cards, jewellery, cakes, and table decorations. Also 'AS NEW' clothes and bric a brac.

There will be an entrance fee of £1.50 to include refreshments.

All contributions/ and help on the day would be gratefully appreciated and items can be collected in the week before.

*Please call JACKIE THOMPSON 01295 680263 / 07811794634*

**PLEASE COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS !!**

# OXHILL VILLAGE HALL - UPCOMING EVENTS

## Afternoon Delight - An Afternoon with friends

From 2.00pm to 4.00pm, Thursdays: November 1, 8 & 22 (Note changed dates!)  
Check Notices for details of what's happening or call Tricia Harbour on 680676

## Friday Night at the Village Hall - Friday 16 November

Our popular Friday Night at the Village Hall returns on November 16th with a Chilli con Carne (Veggie alternative available) and desert for the bargain price of £8.

Food will be available from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and tickets are available from Gaynor van Dijk on 680349

## Coffee Morning with Bring & Buy - Saturday, 24 November

Our annual Coffee Morning to raise money for the forthcoming Christmas Lunch (see over) takes place on Saturday, 24 November from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. Come along for a Tea or Coffee and a piece of homemade cake to support our fund raising. Also if you have any items to donate to the 'Bring & Buy' table or if you want to 'rent' a table to sell your own articles, please call Tricia Harbour on 680676.

## Christmas Beer & Bubbly Cocktails plus Canapés - Friday, 7 December



Following feedback we have made a small change to the very successful Cocktail evening to celebrate the Christmas season, consisting of a variety of Canapés which can now be washed down with some Bubbly, Bubbly Cocktails or a glass of Beer on Friday 7 December. The Hall will be specially decorated to reflect the season and appropriate mood music will be playing softly in the background for this special Posh Frocks & Black Tie (or suits) evening. The price will be £12.50 per head and includes a selection of delicious canapés and 2 drinks. Additional drinks will be

available and the evening will run from 8.00pm to 10.30pm (or later!). This is a great way to start the Christmas season and meet up and socialise with your friends.

Tickets, which should be ordered in advance, from Tricia Harbour on 680676.

## Christmas Lunch - Monday, 10 December

Our traditional 3 course Christmas Lunch with wine for people 65 & over (and their partners, of any age) in the village will be held at the Village Hall, starting at 12.30pm on Monday 10 December. In addition to the meal and drinks, we have carols from the local school children. We are sending out invitations but if you know of anyone who is entitled to attend but has not received an invitation, please let Pat Crowther know on 680705. Transport to and from the Village Hall will be available if needed.



## Burns Night Celebration - Saturday, 26 January, 2013

Following the successes of previous years we are staging another Burns Night celebration on Saturday, 26 January, 2013. The evening will be a traditional event with Haggis (Vegetarian alternative available), Tatties and Neeps and a wee dram to keep out the cold. Our talented Scots from the village will be on hand to recall and toast the life of Rabbe Burns, 'address' the Haggis and entertain us. More details will follow but put the date of this ever popular event in your diary now.



*We would like to put on events in February & March, 2013 and we have some ideas but we are entirely open to any thoughts or ideas that you may have for these months. If there is something that you would like to see featured call Derek Harbour on 680676 and we'll try to incorporate it in the programme.*

# WOT2Grow YOUR COMMUNITY ORCHARD



We may have complained about the weather this summer but the raspberries at the orchard have loved it!! The soil is fairly free draining so no soggy roots sitting in puddles in clay. This means we have had a bumper crop, far beyond our predictions, and members have been receiving autumn raspberries in quantity. We have also distributed a lot to three care homes in Kington,

to Brailes School and to various elderly and infirm local residents as we said we would do this in our grant application. Members have also taken raspberries to make jam and even raspberry vodka which sounds very interesting!

The usual grass cutting, tidying up, weeding and pruning has also carried on thanks to members and their families.

Our bees are doing well and apparently are very settled, feeding is being done each week but the signs are good so next year we might have honey as well as fruit!

We have ordered and reserved our next batch of trees which we will be planting on Saturday and Sunday December 8th and 9th from 10 to 12 and 2 to 4. Our fruit expert, John Edgeley, will be joining us on the 8th at 10:00 to show us how to plant some different trees - watch out for posters advertising the weekend. However from mid November we have 69 holes to dig to put them in! Any help gratefully received.

Check out your orchard at [www.wot2grow.co.uk](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk)

Or just come down and see for yourself - we are off the Shenington Road behind the allotments - entrance gates at the far end of the allotments.

If you would like more details please contact one of the following who are co-ordinating the community involvement

*Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Derek Harbour (680676), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080), Graham Collier (680127), Julia Stirman (01608 686776)*



# OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

The Garden Club and guests had a great day trip to Wells in August and packed in tours of the Bishop's Palace garden and cathedral. Some of us managed to dodge the very heavy showers and even browsed the market - a great day, with inspiration for gardeners.

The Autumn season of Garden Club talks began with lecturer from Pershore College, Hilary Twigg, explaining the mysteries of taking cuttings. The RHS expert demonstrated every aspect of all types of cuttings with her maxim "It's never too late".



With the purse strings being strained it makes sense to take advantage of taking cuttings from our gardens, and from others'. Hilary's down to earth advice was of practical value and her presentation was very entertaining.

So remember "warm roots, cool heads" make for best conditions to nurture new growth. This sounds like good advice for me too with winter approaching!

Watch this space for the results of the photo competition and great thanks to Grenville Moore for judging it.

Dates for the diary:

November 14th - Orchid Culture with Janet James

December 12th - Christmas Party

January 17th - Making alpine troughs from hypertufa, how to plant and maintain them with Tony Cleary.

New members always welcome.

*Ann Saxton*

**PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING FOR REASONS BEYOND OUR CONTROL! WE HOPE YOU WILL STILL BE ABLE TO COME.**

# TYSOE TENNIS NEWS

## Summer leagues

Our mixed team came a creditable 3<sup>rd</sup> in Division 4 of the Banbury & District Mixed League - a good result. Well done to everyone who played and many thanks to Julian Gardner for running the team.



Both ladies teams were in the same division (4) of the Evesham Ladies Summer Tennis League. The A team were mid table after 8 matches but ended on a winning streak and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> which means that they will be promoted. Unfortunately, the Bs came 5<sup>th</sup> and will go back down to Division 5. Thank-you to Alison Sayer for being captain of the B team.

## Winter leagues

**Mixed:** We have entered two teams in the Banbury League. Julian continues as captain of the A team and David Lamb has kindly agreed to captain the Bs. Both teams are in the same divisions as last year - the As are in Division 3 and the Bs are in Division 4. Good luck!

**Ladies:** Winter matches are underway in the Stratford League. The As have stayed in Division 5 and the Bs, who were promoted, are now in Division 6. Both teams have got off to a good start - the As drew their first match against a strong Leamington D side while the Bs won against Henley-in-Arden. Julie Smart has stepped down as captain of the Ladies A and Sylvia Wilcox is back in charge with Irene Beever replacing Alison as captain of the Ladies B.

## Club tournament

Our club tournament went ahead on Sunday 23 September despite dismal weather. Fourteen players took part and it was great to catch up with some old friends as well as welcome new faces. We hope to hold another one in the spring - when it might be warmer and drier!

*Julie Smart, Club captain*

## BROADBAND PROJECT UPDATE - OCTOBER 2012

The Coventry Solihull & Warwickshire (CSW) Superfast Broadband Project has been given the go-ahead from BDUK to enter the pre-procurement phase of the project and can now start to engage with suppliers in readiness for a full procurement exercise (see timetable below). This is great news and means that we now enter an exciting time as the project starts to become very real. This is a significant achievement and reflects the amount of hard work that we (and our Community Champions) have been doing over the past few months to really understand the true state of broadband in our area.

Oct - Nov      Open Market Review

Nov - Dec      Public Consultation

Dec - Jan      Initial State Aid Application

January 2013   Issue final Invitation to Tender

April 2013      Preferred bidder choice signed off by WCC Cabinet

May 2013      Contract awarded

October 2013   Design stage sign-off

November 2013 Commence Phase One roll-out

February 2014 Commence full roll-out

March 2015    Full roll-out phase sign off

If you haven't already done so please visit the website at [www.cswbroadband.org.uk](http://www.cswbroadband.org.uk) and complete the survey.

*Mike Collins - for and on behalf of Oxhill Parish Council*

## OIL CONSORTIUM

The oil consortium will be ordering in November, please may I have your needs by Tuesday 20th November at 6pm.

Thank you, *D. Harper 01295 680529*

## SENIOR CITIZENS' ACTION NETWORK (SCAN)

The next meeting of Shipston SCAN will take place on Tuesday, 13th November 2012 at the Townsend Hall, Sheep Street, Shipston from 10:00 to 11:30. Admission is free and all young-at-heart over 50s are welcome.

Refreshments will be served from 10:00 and our meeting will open formally at 10:30 with our guest speaker, Susan Lee, Head of Community Nursing, South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust, who will be talking about Discharge from Community Services. A representative from Age UK Warwickshire will outline their pilot project, Rapid Discharge Service, and will be looking for your input for the design of this new service. We have a PA system in place for those who are hard of hearing and you will have an opportunity to 'Have your Say' at the end of the talks.

If you would like to attend SCAN meetings but have any difficulties such as personal mobility or lack of transport please contact Jane Pearce on 01608 663491 to discuss possible ways in which we can help.

## OXHILL FESTIVAL CHOIR

We shall be starting our rehearsals for the Christmas Carol Service in November so everyone start doing their vocal exercises now. Due to several difficulties the rehearsals will now be on **THURSDAYS** as follows:

15th, 22nd, 29th November and 6th and 13th December.

All at 7.30 pm in the Old Chapel. Monday 17th rehearsal with the organist in the Church and Service is on Thursday 20th December. Please come to as many as you can. We have some interesting pieces to learn. New members are always welcome. We are especially short of male voices this year so if you know of anyone who could possibly be persuaded to join us please buy them a pint and bring them along!! Look forward to seeing you all on the 15th.

*Gaynor Van Dijk (680349)*





## Stour Singers – a Christmas bonus



For many years Stour Singers, conducted by founder director Richard Emms, has provided music in Shipston-on-Stour regularly during the Advent season. This year there are two concerts:-

On Saturday 8th December 2012 at 7.30pm in St Edmund's Church the choir will be joined by the Cherwell Orchestra (leader Judy Springate), Rachel Bird (organ) & a fine quartet of international soloists – Sarah Power, soprano; Shelley Coulter-Smith, mezzo- soprano; Nathan Vale, tenor; and Darren Jeffery, bass-baritone in a performance of Bach's *Christmas Oratorio (Parts 1, 2, & 3.)* (Bach wrote this lovely work in six parts to be sung over the first 3 days of the Christmas festival & 3 days of the New Year; its total duration is much longer than modern concert length.)

The second concert , 'The Great Carol Sing' for choir & audience with seasonal readings by Anne Hume, is on Friday 14th December 2012 at 7.30pm in Townsend Hall, Sheep St., Shipston-on-Stour, with accompanist, Helen Porter.

Carols through the ages have given solace in difficult times and this is a great opportunity to listen, to take part & to enjoy a social mingling in the interval.

Tickets: for the church concert cost £12.50, and for the Townsend Hall, £7.00. (If purchased together, the Townsend Hall ticket will be reduced to £5.00.)  
NB Accompanied children admitted free of charge to all Stour Singers events.

Tickets available from R Clarke, 27 High St, Shipston-on-Stour, Choir Members and at the door.

For further details please contact:-

*Yvonne Ridley (01789 269587) or Vic Twyman (01451 870361)*

Visit the website: [www.stoursingers.org.uk](http://www.stoursingers.org.uk)



in support of Shipston Home Nursing  
invites you to a

## Tree & Shrub Auction

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November

Auction starts 10.30am

*with Auctioneer  
Mr Roddy Llewellyn*

pre-auction viewings on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November (all day)  
and 9am to 10.15am on day of the Auction

**Wyatts Tea Room - open for Refreshments from 9am**

### Pre Registration Information

Anyone wishing to bid for lots is asked to register in advance of the Auction day. To register, please contact Wyatt's Office Tel: 01608 684835 ext 2. You will also be able to register on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November at the pre-auction viewing. A list of the lots for the auction will be available at Wyatt's or on line at [www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/fundraising\\_events.php](http://www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/fundraising_events.php)



Charity no.1061405

### Venue Address:

Hill Barn Farm, Great Rollright, Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire, OX7 5SH



Hospice at Home  
in Shipston, Wellesbourne  
and Kineton

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Christmas Gift Fair on Halloween!  
October 31st 6-9.30 pm & November 1st

9.30 - 4.30pm

Ettington Community Centre CV37 7SX

Fabulous New Stalls

£3.50 Entry to include cup of coffee/tea & biscuit

On Sale Mulled Wine, Chocolate Brownies & Lunch

Please note all food is donated by our supporters

Also on November 9th.....

The Designer Sale. Don't miss this annual sale of fabulous designer clothes and accessories.

Friday November 9th. 9.00am -8.00pm

Darlingscott Farm, Darlingscott, Shipston on Stour. CV36 4PN

Open to Everyone!

By kind permission of John and Maggie Sargent.

10% of your purchases will be donated to SHN.

## HOMEMADE TOFFEE APPLES



•8 Granny Smith apples; 400g golden caster sugar; 1 tsp vinegar; 4 tbsp golden syrup

Place the apples in a large bowl, then cover with boiling water to remove the waxy coating and help the caramel to stick. Dry thoroughly and twist off any stalks. Push a wooden skewer or lolly stick into the stalk end of each apple. Lay out a sheet of baking parchment and place the apples on this. Tip the sugar into a pan along with 100ml water and set over a medium heat. Cook for 5 minutes until the sugar dissolves, then stir in the vinegar and syrup. Test the toffee by pouring a little into a bowl of cold water. It should harden instantly and, when removed, be brittle and easy to break. Working quickly and carefully, dip and twist each apple in the hot toffee until covered, let any excess drip away, then place on the baking parchment to harden. You may have to heat the toffee a little if the temperature drops and it starts to feel thick and viscous. Leave the toffee to cool before eating. Can be made up to 2 days in advance, stored in a dry place.

# BURGLAR ALERT

I recently received the following email from a friend and thought you should be made aware of the latest tricks employed by the criminal fraternity. If you see anything suspicious be a good neighbour and report it to the Police making a note of any details of the people and cars or vans you see around the village. They often park on the edge of the village in order to make a quick getaway, especially during the day. So everyone keep alert:

NHW NW Beware and report chalked symbols on or around your property -  
Linked to burglaries

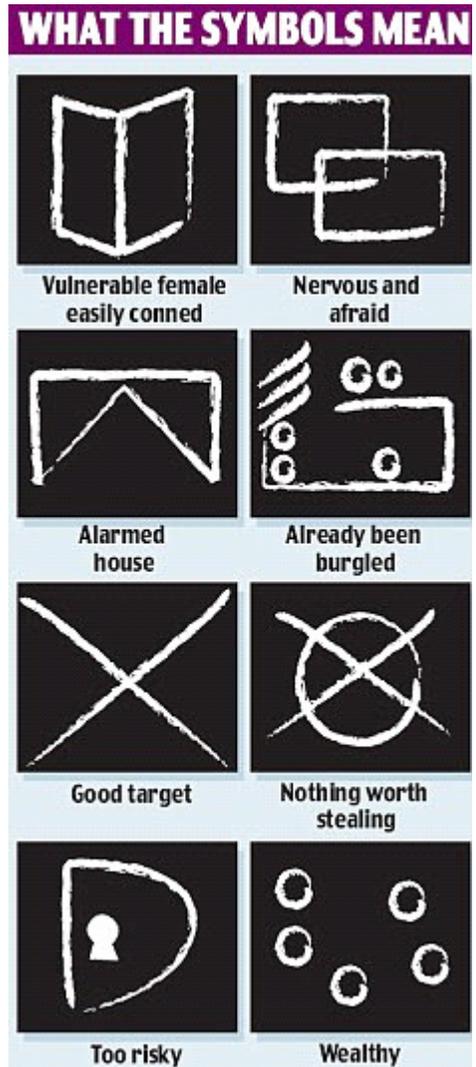
Several suspicious incidents have been reported in Warwickshire, over recent days, where home owners have noticed symbols chalked onto the walls of their homes or onto surfaces nearby.

There is evidence that these chalked symbols are used by thieves as a means to identify a property ripe for burglary. Please see the attached document which details some of the symbols used.

If you spot chalked symbols around your own or other homes please contact Police immediately on 101 and describe the symbols to the operator. If possible please also take a photo of the symbol if you have a camera on your mobile phone.

Thank you for your vigilance and your help.

Julie Dale, Watch Co-ordinator  
Community Protection





**Calling All Residents! Be a Street Champion!**

If there was a Burglary in **YOUR** Street would you be prepared to take delivery of 20 - 30 Safety Packs and deliver them to your neighbours

Remember

Only **YOUR** Street!

Only **YOUR** Neighbours!

Only **20 - 30 packs max!**

No Burglaries in **YOUR** Street then no request - ever!

If you can help then please contact

Julie Dale

01926 415000 (ask for Julie Dale) or [watch@warwickshire.police.uk](mailto:watch@warwickshire.police.uk)

Shipston SNT would like to make you aware of recent burglaries that have happened in the Shipston area. There have been burglaries in Oxhill, Tredington and Long Compton. The offender/s have mainly stolen silverware which was on display near windows which could be seen from the road.

We would like to give you the following advice:

- Remove valuables, especially silverware, from the sight of windows and doors.
- Smartwater or stamp items. Please contact me for further details.
- Don't give any personal details to cold callers unless you are happy to do so.
- Report any suspicious details such as vehicle registrations or suspicious activity in your area to the SNT regardless of how small you think it is. It might be a small piece of a puzzle we are missing.

The contact details for the SNT are:

PC 396 Richard Grove - 07977 456 585

PCSO 6234 Hayley Ditchburn - 07879 608 696

PCSO 6218 Andrew Steventon - 07966 626 908

Email - [shipston.rural.watch@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:shipston.rural.watch@warwickshire.pnn.police.uk)

If you have any questions or want any further advice please contact the SNT.

## NEW CO-EDITOR

Paula and Vanessa are very pleased to welcome Roger Goodman as co-editor of The Oxhill News - thank you Roger!

Please continue to send your contributions to the usual email address [news-editors@oxhill.org.uk](mailto:news-editors@oxhill.org.uk) or place paper contributions in the box in the village church.



## WHATCOTE CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS - 2012



St Peter's Church, Whatcote is again selling Christmas puddings to help church funds. They are great puddings and make excellent Christmas gifts for family and friends. At £6.00 for a 454g (1lb) pudding, or £9.50 for a 908g (2lb) pudding they are the same price as last year.

All the profit goes to St Peter's Church, Whatcote.

Order from us simply by using the order form below or by telephoning me on 01295 680294.

Alternatively you can e-mail me on [junewreford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:junewreford@hotmail.co.uk)

The puddings can be delivered by arrangement, or collected from me at Church Cottage, Whatcote.

*June Wreford*

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### pudding Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Tel no \_\_\_\_\_

Would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ 454g @ £6.00 \_\_\_\_\_ 908g @ £9.50

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

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## WHATS ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### November

Thursday 1st	14:00	Village Hall - Afternoon Delights
Sunday 4th	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 6th		Green & blue bin collection
Wednesday 7th	10.30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Thursday 8th	14:00	Village Hall - Afternoon Delights
Friday 9th		Weekday Walkers - see page 2 for details
Tuesday 13th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 14th	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Wednesday 14th		Village Hall - Garden Club, Orchid Culture
Thursday 15th	19:30	Oxhill Festival Choir rehearsals
Thursday 15th	23:59	<b>COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS</b>
Friday 16th	10:00	Lower Tysoe - Coffee Morning & Sale
Friday 16th	19:30	Village Hall - Friday Night at the Village Hall
Saturday 17th	19:30	Old Chapel - Auction of Promises
Tuesday 20th		Green & blue bin collection
Tuesday 20th	18:00	Oil Consortium deadline
Wednesday 21st	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Thursday 22nd	14:00	Village Hall - Afternoon Delights
Thursday 22nd	19:30	Kinton Village Hall - KADS
Thursday 22nd	19:30	Oxhill Festival Choir rehearsals
Friday 23rd		Weekday Walkers - see page 2 for details
Friday 23rd	19:30	Kinton Village Hall - KADS
Saturday 24th	10:00	Village Hall - Coffee Morning with Bring and Buy
Saturday 24th	19:30	Kinton Village Hall - KADS
Tuesday 27th		Grey landfill bin collection
Thursday 29th	19:30	Oxhill Festival Choir rehearsals

### December

Thursday 6th	19:30	Oxhill Festival Choir rehearsals
Friday 7th	20:00	Village Hall - Christmas Beer & Bubbly Cocktails
Saturday 8th	19:30	Stour Singers
Monday 10th	12:30	Village Hall - Christmas lunch
Wednesday 12th		Garden Club - Christmas Party
Thursday 13th	19:30	Oxhill Festival Choir rehearsals
Friday 14th	19:30	Stour Singers

### January

Saturday 26th	20:00	Village Hall - Burns Night
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