

THE OXHILL NEWS

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Overheard in Oxhill

Doreen: Hello Myrtle are you coming in for a cup of tea?

Myrtle: No I am NOT. On a beautiful day like this we shall have it outside!

And they still bothered with a milk jug and teapot. ~ Carol Taylor

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OXHILL NEWS

The editors welcome any pictures, photographs, drawings, poems, puzzles, recipes, announcements or items of local news for possible inclusion in The Oxhill News. Please email news-editor@oxhill.org.uk or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the Church.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library has books with **large print**, ordinary print, picture books, children's books, paterbacks, non-fiction, novels, sagas, crime, mysteries, adventures, westerns and romance. The van has talking books, cassettes and CDs.

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill every 3rd **Friday**, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30 and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Friday November 7th and 28th. For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays November 4th and 18th.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays November 11th and 25th.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Weekday Walkers usually walk on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. If you are interested in joining or to find out further information, please contact Jim Saxton on 680613 or saxton@talktalk.net

PEACOCK EVENTS THIS MONTH

Quiz Night

Quiz night on Sunday November 2nd at 8pm.

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on Wednesday November 5th at 10:30am and the village lunch is on Wednesday November 19th.

PEACOCK NEWS: We have been short listed for the very 1st "Free From Eating Out Awards" in recognition for our menus providing fresh tasty food free from gluten and other allergens. Awards on Nov 18th in London presented by Antony Worrall Thompson.





INSECT BOX WORKSHOP

Everyone had a great time at the 'Owls' workshop making homes for insects. Crocus bulbs, as early source of food for bees, were handed out and tea with a delicious selection of cakes added the icing to a very enjoyable afternoon.



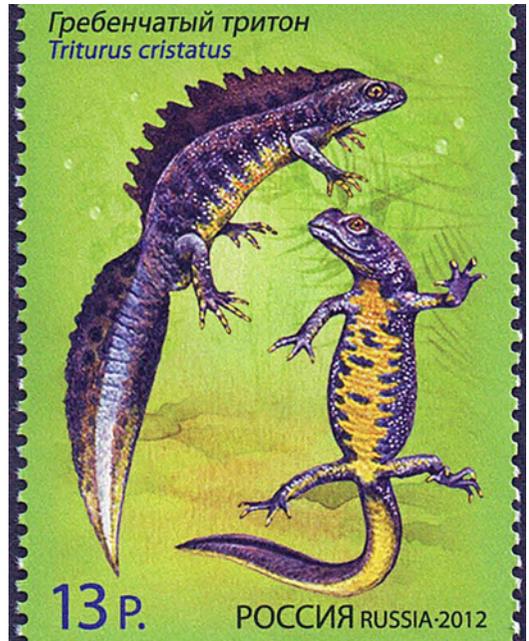
NATURE NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

November is the Pioneer of Winter, who comes with his sharp winds and keen frosts, to cut down every bladed and leafy bit of green that is standing up, so as to make room for the coming snowflakes to fall on the level waste, and form a great bed for Winter to sleep on

Chambers Book of Days, 1864

In the astronomical division of the seasons Autumn does not ‘officially’ end until late December, but we all associate November with the beginning of winter. The last leaves fall from deciduous trees and many species start to hibernate. Traditionally for people living close to the land it has marked a period of final preparation for the cold dark months ahead.

While attending an OWLS meeting a few nights ago at Phil Brennan’s, I stood on the doorstep to knock the door, and out of the corner of my eye I saw a small movement in the gravel down to my side. I knelt down to look and to my astonishment, well camouflaged, I saw a female great crested newt swallowing a large earthworm. The worm was partly underground, its head sticking out of the soil an inch away. The newt had the rear end, which was out of the soil, and was tugging and swallowing at the same time. Every few seconds it would tug and thrash, rather like a crocodile, and seemed to be winning the contest. We photographed this unusual event and went in for our meeting. Later on when leaving there was no sign of the newt or the worm. The earthworm is part of the great crested newt’s diet, along with crustacea and molluscs. Great crested newts breed and lay their eggs, 200 to 400, from March to July. The young hatch after two-to-three weeks and develop into adults after about three months. The adult newts leave the ponds at the end of July into August and some will go underground or into old ditches, many will go under buildings, flagstones or wood piles, coming out to feed (as we saw with our



*2012 Russian stamp of the
Great Crested Newt*

female) up until November when they will go into hibernation. People have reported digging up newts from two feet down and they seemed to be plump and healthy, surviving in tightly-compacted soil.

Hedgehogs seem to have made a comeback this year. I have had many reports of sightings in gardens all round the village, so please remember if you are having a bonfire on Guy Fawkes night, please check under your bonfire before you light it. On 4 November wood was collected for Guy Fawkes bonfires and gingerbread and 'plat toffee' were made:



*A stick and a stake
For King George's sake
Will you please give us a faggot
If you won't give one, we'll steal two
The better for we and the worse for you*

Warwickshire rhyme

Grenville Moore



POLICE WARN RESIDENTS TO BE VIGILANT AFTER SCAMS

Police are warning residents to be aware of distraction burglaries and scams after elderly victims have been targeted in Warwickshire.

The first incident happened yesterday (Wednesday 8 October) on Headland Road in Welford-On-Avon at around 12.15pm.

A man approached the home of a 77-year-old woman and claimed to be an undercover police officer from Bromsgrove. He asked her if she had any money stolen 'as there was a man in custody with a large amount of notes'. The man followed the victim around the property but nothing was believed to be stolen.

He is described as white, mid 30s, six foot tall, of a slim build with distinct blue eyes. He was wearing a long sleeved grey top, jeans and a flat cap.

The second incident also occurred on Wednesday 8 October at around 11.40pm.

A 78-year-old man, who lives in Banbury, received a call from somebody who claimed to be a police officer from Hammersmith, stating that his card had been cloned. The victim then transferred around £9,000 to what he believed was a 'police holding account' before becoming suspicious and contacting his bank. The third incident occurred on Wednesday 8 October at approximately 3pm.

A 63-year-old woman, who lives in Exhall, was contacted by a man purporting to be from the 'Fraud Squad', and claimed that her account had been subject to fraudulent activity. The victim provided her bank and card details before becoming suspicious. It is believed £70 was then taken from her account.

The public are reminded to never give out their bank details over the phone. If there is somebody at your door claiming to be a police officer, ask for their collar number and to see their warrant card. If in doubt, call the real police on 101. If possible, make sure the line is clear. You can do this by using a different telephone to the one that received the suspicious call, or making a call to someone you know before calling 101.

Police are also urging residents to look out for elderly relatives, friends and neighbours following these incidents and to report any suspicious activity to police.

Anyone who saw a man of the description is asked to contact police on 101, quoting incident number 131 of Wednesday 8 October.

You can also give information anonymously by calling Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or by visiting their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – UPCOMING EVENTS

Indian Feast – Friday 28th of November

Our ever-popular Indian Feast Night is back and a selection of exotic Indian dishes will be available to tempt your taste buds on Friday November 28th. Subtly spiced starters are followed by Curries & Chutneys ranging from Mild to Mad and delicious vegetable accompaniments with a selection of sweets to finish with. Tickets are priced at £12.50 per person and food will be served from 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from Jay Roberts on 680030

Christmas Lunch – Monday, 8 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 8 December. We plan to have some light entertainment in addition to the meal and drinks. Gaynor van Dijk is sending out invitations but if you know of anyone who is entitled to attend but has not received an invitation, please let Pat Crowther on 680705 know. Transport to and from the Village Hall will be available if needed.

Christmas Beer, Bubbles & Canapés – Friday, 19 December

Our very successful Cocktail evening to celebrate the Christmas season, consisting of a variety of delicious Canapés which can be washed down with some Bubbly, Cocktails or a glass of Beer takes place on Friday 19 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) event.

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 start at 8.00pm. 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.

Please Note that Knit & Natter will take place on 6 & 20 November.

OXHILL VILLAGE MARKET

The inaugural Oxhill Village Market took place on the morning of Saturday, 18 October and over 60 people came along to view and buy the many diverse foods and crafts that were available for sale. The stall holders ranged from Penny Varley showing her fabulous Pottery to Jay Roberts and John Barker's enterprising *Oxhilli hilli* temptations and Tysoe Butcher's fayre. These were accompanied by the Crafts, Cards and Chocolates shown by the ladies from Knit & Natter, Douglas Netherclef's Honey, Gaynor van Dijk's Cakes & Candles, Mike Sanderson's Veggies, Carol Taylor's Chutneys, John McKail's Jams and Tricia Harbour's Christmas Cards & Crumbles.

Entrance tickets were £1 and this entitled attendees to a hot drink (tirelessly provided by Karen Barker) and a raffle ticket. The raffle was drawn on the day and Katy Marsh (from Wroxton) won the sampler Hamper (donated by the stall holders), Roger Goodman won the Pork joint (donated by Tysoe Butchers) and Grenville Moore won the seed Potatoes (donated by Mike Sanderson).

Feedback, both at the event and afterwards suggests that this event should be repeated but we might need a bigger Village Hall!



ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Sunday 2nd All Saints: 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 9th Remembrance Trinity XXI: 9.30am Village Remembrance Service (JT)

Sunday 16th Trinity XXII: 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 23rd Sunday before Advent - Christ the King: 9.30am Family Service (NM)

Sunday 30th Advent Sunday: 9.30am United Benefice Communion at Whatcote (Tom Moffatt)

For other benefice services see porch notice board

VICARAGE NOTES

Thought for the month

November is the month to remember, not only “gunpowder, treason and plot”, but more importantly, All Saints and All Souls on the 1st/2nd and the following week Remembrance Sunday. All Saints celebrates the unknown and unsung men and women, who, down the years, have



held to their faith and been exemplars on Christian virtue. At All Souls we specially remember loved ones who have died over the years and whose memory we treasure. As this is the centenary of the outbreak of the Great War, Remembrance Sunday has a special poignancy – all are very welcome to the village service that day.

*They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.*

Thanks

The September Barn Dance was a great success socially and financially with over £1000 raise, and together with the quiznight cheque of £375 from The Peacock, officially brings the Restoration Project fundraising to a conclusion. Huge thanks to everyone involved! We are now planning the re-decoration of the nave, cleaning the belfry and the provision of new guards to the belfry louvres.

Best wishes and God bless,

Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230

braileschurch@gmail.com

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

The PCC met on 23rd September. Rev. Canon Jill Tucker was welcomed to the PCC. Jill will be helping with services now that Bill Rolfe is easing back. The agenda included a report on finance which indicated that we had to use funds from the reserve account to clear the invoices for the restoration and roof repair.

Jo Van Dijk had decided to stand down from the PCC. Jo had been a stalwart member for some years and his support will be greatly missed. The PCC thanked Jo very sincerely for all the work he carried out on maintenance of the church particularly looking after the central heating system.

A new morning service was to be planned by Jill and some PCC members. The first service would take place on second Sunday in October.

The Ride and Stride had been reasonably well supported and raised £95 for Warwickshire Historic churches trust.

The Carol Service will take place on 18th December. The Deanery Synod meeting was about the work of Warwickshire Historic Churches trust.

The next meeting is on December 2nd.

Carol Fox

OXHILL FESTIVAL CHOIR

There's a chill in the air and I have finally put away the sun loungers from the garden. Time to warm up with some singing! Choir rehearsals for the Carol Service will be on Mondays 7.30 pm in the Old Chapel as follows: 10th, 17th, 24th November and 1st, 8th December. 15th in the Church and Carol Service on Thursday 18th December.

Please come to as many as you can but especially 15th December. New members are always welcome.

Gaynor Van Dijk (680349)

BARN DANCE

Thank you to all who helped make this a great success. It is a long time since Oxhill had a Barn Dance. Bill and June kindly lent us the barn with big straw bales and we send our sincere thanks to them for this. Douglas Nethercleft found the band for us and they were superb. He also did all the necessary shifting of tables and chairs and put lights round which made it look festive and booked the portaloos. Thank you Douglas.

James and Linda did a great job on the bar and Ed and Jess assisted with the pig roast. The ladies committee did their usual job of dealing with tickets on the door and the raffle. Michael Gibbs from Tysoe provided small bales of straw. He brought them to the venue and collected them. Thank you so much Michael. Lots of people turned up and really enjoyed dancing and the evening was summed up by the band who said it was great to have a real barn dance in a real barn. So thank you everybody. We raised just over £1,000. There were requests that perhaps we could repeat this event next year?

Carol Fox



Whatcote Christmas Puddings - 2014

St Peter's Church, Whatcote is again selling Christmas puddings to help church funds. They are great puddings and, at £6.00 for a 454g (1lb) pudding, or £10.00 for a 908g (2lb) pudding, they make excellent Christmas gifts for family and friends.

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

Order your pudding by telephoning me on 01295 680294.

Alternatively you can e-mail me at junewreford@hotmail.co.uk

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

June Wreford

DEANERY NEWS

It was good to have Bishop John with us in Ettington on October 4th to Confirm seven of our church members from across the Deanery, and we rejoice with them as they enter this next stage of their Christian lives. Just before that, at the very end of September, we were delighted to welcome Revd. Sarah Edmonds as the Associate Minister in the Ilmington Group of Churches. Sarah and her family are now living in Tredington Rectory, but her ministry is across the whole group of churches. My thanks to all those who hosted and supported those two services.

Depending on when you get your magazine, there may still be time to tell you about the next Deanery Synod, which takes places on Tuesday, October 28th at 7.30 pm at Cherington Church. This is a meeting which any are welcome to attend, and it may be of particular interest to those involved with prayer ministry, healing ministry or pastoral care in our churches. The speaker is Canon Edward Pogmore, who retired last year as Chaplain of the Nuneaton Hospitals, and has feels passionately that our churches should be places of healing, in its widest sense. So do come if you would like to hear him.

The end of November marks the beginning of Advent, and we are delighted that there is to be another Advent Quiet Morning in The Old Chapel, Main Street Oxhill, on **Saturday, November 29th**, led by Revd, Cathy Davies. The morning will run from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm: coffee will be available from 9.30 am, and a light lunch will be served afterwards. (Elisabeth Ashworth would appreciate knowing numbers for lunch if possible: 01608 686391). You are welcome to come for all or part of the morning: this is a space to be still as we think anew of the enormity of God's coming to us at Christmas.

Every blessing, Jill
01295 688193, revjill.tucker@tiscali.co.uk

GRANNY THE SHEEP MEETS HER END

20 year old Granny the sheep, no longer lambing but still a family pet, was found dead from a large bite wound on her neck, down the lane leading to Oxhill Farm and Oxfield Farm. The bite appears to come from a dog, so I've been asked to inform the local residents who walk their dogs down the lane to please keep them on leads and to generally be aware of your dogs actions around the sheep.

Thank you, Vanessa editor



Reg Gethin our life model



An artist's view

WEDNESDAY MORNING ART GROUP

The Oxhill Art Group meet every Wednesday 10:00-12:00 in the Village Hall. Drop in to find out how you can join.

AMAZON INTERNET SCAM

I was recently sent an email purporting to be from Amazon informing me my account would be closed immediately if I did not confirm my account details. It looked like a genuine Amazon website and even had most of my details already logged into it, i.e. name, address, postcode and phone number. I fell for it but fortunately I pay my account through a credit card. Within hours I got a call from my credit card company asking if I had ordered several things costing several thousands of pounds. They call when there are what they call unusual transactions on my account. I of course had never heard of the transactions mentioned and the credit card company immediately refused payment and cancelled my card.



Be warned never reveal any of your credit or bank card details over the internet. The credit card companies and banks will usually write to you if they require information.

Gaynor Van Dijk

PARISH PLAN

For those of you who may not have already heard the good news, the Oxhill Parish Plan was endorsed by the Cabinet at Stratford District Council on 6 October. Matthew Neal at SDC emailed me and quoted the following two points that the Cabinet wished to be passed on:

- 1) “Members agreed to adopt Oxhill Parish Plan as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.”
- 2) “The Oxhill Parish Council and the residents of the Parish are to be commended for preparing their Parish Plan and that they be encouraged to implement and review their Action Plan.”

Of course the Parish Council only formulated the idea of a Parish Plan, and so the congratulations go to the Steering Group for their skill and expertise in formulating the Plan, and to all of you who took the time and effort to fill in the questionnaires. However, after first presenting it, all did not run smoothly. There were meetings at SDC offices and the Plan was returned four times in all for amendments/additions etc. Thankfully we received great help and advice from Matthew Neal at SDC who was very keen that our Plan should go through. Most of all, however, special thanks must go to Sue Hunt who, over the last few months, worked tirelessly and without complaint to make all these amendment. Thank you Sue, the Steering Group, and you, the villagers, who made this possible. This is your Plan and every household will receive a copy. Well done Oxhill.

Grenville Moore
Chairman – Oxhill Parish Council.

THE VILLAGE HALL CLOCK

The clock in the Village Hall appears to have been dropped or knocked off the wall. It has a cracked rim, damage to the glass door and no longer works. If anyone knows someone who could assess the damage and potentially repair it please phone Tricia Harbour (680676) or John McKail (680412).

Oxhill Garden Club News

On September 18th members were treated to a talk by Christine Vick of the National Herb Centre, sited just the other side of Edge Hill, on 'Growing and Using Herbs'. Christine's slides illustrated the development of the Centre and introduced us to a range of herbs grown there, sold to beautify and encourage wildlife to gardens and, ultimately, to be readily available for use in cooking and, perhaps, medication. As well as being given propagation and growing tips, we were told some of the history and folklore surrounding these plants and given the opportunity to purchase a number of varieties specially brought along for the occasion.

On October 2nd at the Old Chapel Angie Butler and Carolina Martella respectively gave illustrated talks on 'Frank Wild - Polar Explorer' and 'Ice Tracks Expeditions'. In last month's Oxhill News it was suggested that 'the evening should prove to be colourful, exciting and entertaining' – it was, in (garden) spades!



Angie has published a book on Frank Wild based on her researches into this man's extraordinary life and his close friendship with Ernest Shackleton with whom he experienced the hardships of the frozen wastes of Antarctica. We were shown unique contemporary photographs of various polar expeditions that took place in the first two decades of the twentieth century and were enthralled by the story of Angie's detective work in discovering the whereabouts of Wild's ashes in what was Nyasaland and then getting the agreement of governments and individuals to re-locate them to a grave on South Georgia alongside that of his friend Shackleton. For a fascinating read visit:

Antarctic explorer Frank Wild CBE had his last wish granted 72 years after his death when his ashes are laid to rest alongside Sir Ernest Shackleton in a tiny graveyard in one of the remotest places on Earth.

http://www.oneoceanexpeditions.com/frank_wild_commemorative_expedition.php

Angie & Carolina run a company that organises guided tours both to the Arctic and to Antarctica. These take place in a small but beautifully fitted out vessel

specifically designed for these excursions. Wildlife at both of the Poles is very different and Carolina, herself from the coldest regions of Patagonia, showed us some amazing close-up photographs of the indigenous flora and fauna. Whereas the Arctic is peopled and bordered / 'owned' by seven different nations, Antarctica is by international agreement an uninhabited, except for small scientific communities, 'nature reserve' and, to a large extent, protected from exploitation. Long may it remain so.



Photographing elephant seals.

Douglas Netherclef

More Oxhill Garden Club News...

Visit to the Studios of James Butler RA. OBE.

On Friday 10th October, members of the Garden Club spent a fascinating afternoon visiting the workshop and studios of James Butler at Radway. Jim is arguably the top classical Sculptor in Britain at present and his work can be seen, not only in Britain, but in America and many European & African countries.

In viewing his figures, many much larger than life size, one immediately sees why they are commissioned internationally. His attention to detail allied to his fantastic talent is amazing. We were guided by Jim, a most modest, amusing and unassuming raconteur (who had a story for every sculpture) and met figures from the past and present, amongst whom were Field



Marshal Earl Alexander of Tunis, the Queen Mother, President Jomo Kenyatta, Thomas Payne, the Young Dancer and the Girl with the Flowered Hat.

Also there were smaller, but touching versions of his many Memorials to the Fallen, such as The Green Howards' D. Day Memorial, The Croix Rouge Farm Memorial and the Memorial to the Fleet Air Arm. Besides his larger pieces, Jim has been commissioned by the Royal Mint to design the Royal Seal of the Realm, the Jubilee Coin and the 50 pence piece commemorating Roger Banister's 4 Minute mile. This was an afternoon not to be missed!

Reg Gethin

October talk

Edible Hedgerows was the theme of our meeting on Thursday 17th October and our speaker David Whitehead brought along a goodly bunch of greenery and berries, many which we have in our gardens and hedges.

It was a bit of a revelation to learn that most of these can be eaten in some form – but that most of them taste pretty awful. And somewhat startling to learn that Laurel leaves are a potent source of Cyanide. If you put them through a chipper the smell of Almond is amazing and you will probably pass out – at least.

Yew, well known for being poisonous, has berries which you can eat, but only the red part – if you eat the pip you might soon be dead.

On a more useful theme, the leaves and flowers of lots of other common plants and weeds can be used in salads – and don't just bin that large Dandelion, its delicious.

Peter Rivers Fletcher

SOBER OCTOBER

I've signed up to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support's Sober October, and it's going well. I have not gone a month without a drink since I was sixteen. My birthday passed without any drooling episodes, so that little temptation dealt with, even if I did spend the evening in a pub with 32 real ales on tap !. If you see me with a pint, I will triple your donation.

Please give what you can afford, by either clicking on the link, or copying the address into your browser.

<https://www.gosober.org.uk/profile/patrickcrowther>

*Regards and thanks,
Patrick Crowther*



BREAD MAKING ON ALTERNATE TUESDAY EVENINGS AT THE OLD CHAPEL IN OXHILL

If you would like to join or find out more information please come along to the Old Chapel on Tues Nov 11th.

OXHILL OIL CONSORTIUM

The next oil order date is the 18th November (the last before Christmas!).

If you wish to order please send your order to oil@oxhill.org.uk by 6pm on that day.

*Many thanks
Barbara & Mick Shepard*

OIL TANK THEFTS

Please be aware that it has been reported that there were seven oil tank thefts in Tysoe over last week. These thieves are aware that it is that time of year when we are all filling up our tanks for the winter. Make sure yours is not targeted by making your oil tank as secure and hidden as possible.

Gaynor Van Dijk



YOUR COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Autumn Has Arrived – Official!

How things have changed over the last few weeks – wet and cold with sunny periods is the best description. This means the raspberries have now finished and the canes look rather sad. Some years they do fruit into November but we must be grateful for the good weather this summer which has enabled us to pick a bumper crop.



These Yarnton Mill cider apples will be used in future for fermenting into a delicious drink!

The apples are hanging on but the bird damage has meant that the best use for them so far was to make apple jelly, and a delicious light jelly it is!

Obviously we didn't have our own apples for Apple Day. The amount needed to produce a litre of juice is between 3 and 4 kg so it will a while before we have enough to actually make juice. The weather surprisingly perked up after a damp and horrible morning and with some sun shine everyone enjoyed the chopping, crushing and juicing the fruit that people provided. We also served tea and cake and had our lovely jams and cakes on the produce stall along with local honey (ours has all gone!). Many thanks to the

Tysoe Flower

Show people for letting us use their tent, yet again, to make sure we could carry on regardless of the weather!

We have plenty of tasks to do this autumn so why not come along and help out?

If you would like to join us/ find out more do come along to one of our sessions on a Wednesday from 10:00 to 12:00 and on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 or contact one of the team.

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080) Julia Stirman (01608 686776)



And also these Michelin apples.

CIVIL WAR CAMP COMES TO UPTON

Upton House and Gardens plays host to Fairfax Battalia and their amazing authentic 17th Century camp on the weekend of 25 & 26 October.



Commemorating the nearby battle of Edgehill, visitors can come face to face with the sights and sounds of the English Civil War, with 17th Century living history.

Upton provides a great venue for this, with the campsite nestled in the trees and the long driveway providing the ideal roadway for marching to the sound of the drums. The use of Muskets with live fire and the Pikemen doing battle recreate the scenes that history tells us took place less that a mile down the road when the Royalists and the Parliamentarians battled it out on the 23 October 1642. The outcome of this civil war created the democracy we recognise today.

Vicky Wright, Marketing & Events Officer, said “Fairfax Battalia provide a fascinating and exciting glimpse into history with their camp, costumes and military displays, which provide great entertainment for all our visitors and we are delighted to be hosting this event with no extra charge to those who attend”.

The Camp runs from 11am – 5pm on Saturday & Sunday 25 & 26 October. Normal admission prices apply.

For further details call Upton House and Gardens on 01295 670266
www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

CHRISTMAS SALE & COFFEE MORNING

**Sale of Christmas gifts, cards, toys, books, cakes and produce,
table decorations and nearly new clothing, shoes, bags,
jewellery and raffle.**

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21ST 2014

10AM – 2PM

**SOUTHWOLD, BADGERS LANE,
LOWER TYSOE**

Entrance £2 to include refreshments

**All contributions would be gratefully received, and any
help appreciated.**

01295 680263 / 07811 794634

Jackie Thompson

KINETON AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

KADS is pleased to announce that our next production will be "TIPTOE THROUGH THE TOMBSTONES," a murder mystery comedy by Norman Robbins in Kineton Village Hall on 27th, 28th and 29th November at 8:00pm.

Tiptoe Through the Tombstones



Mortimer Crayle, the crusty old family lawyer and his secretary, Zoe have called together the last of the Tomb family at the old house to ostensibly inform them of their inheritance. However, Crayle has designs on the inheritance for himself but needs all of the Tombs dead! As fog descends on the gloomy old mansion will he succeed? Come along and see how things work out but be prepared for a few twists and turns along the way!

Tickets (£7.50, concessions £6:00) will be available from "Flower Thyme", Banbury Road, Kineton from early November, or can be reserved now by calling Yve on 01295 680487.

Check out our website for further information at www.kads.org.uk.



CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN ST. EDMUND'S, SHIPSTON



Stour Singers, under the direction of their founding conductor Richard Emms, will be singing a lovely combination of Christmas music in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston-on-Stour at 7.30.p.m. on Saturday evening 13th December, with soprano Sarah Power (returning for her third performance with the Singers), and the Cherwell Orchestra.

The programme features works by the brothers Haydn – Josef Haydn's "Little Organ Mass", and Michael Haydn's "Run Ye Shepherds" – Buxtehude, and Mozart (Laudate Dominum from the Vespers K 339), together with carols for all.

Tickets cost £12.50, and are free to accompanied children, and to school students. R. Clarke Electricals in Shipston's Town Square will be selling tickets, which are also available by contacting Yvonne Ridley at 01789 269587.



Domino and Dice present
**A WINTERS TALE
FASHION SHOW**

at The Bell Alderminster
on Thursday 13th November, 7pm
in aid of Shipston Home Nursing

Tickets £25 to include
Christmas Kir reception with canapés
2 course dinner and coffee followed by
the fashion show.

Drinks reception sponsored by Barbers Flooring Ltd

Pop up shop with clothing and
Christmas Gift ideas
Charity raffle and secret santa prizes

Tickets available from Rebecca 01608 674 929
Dice 01608 238005 Domino 01789 204889
The Bell Alderminster 01789 450414

Dice

Domino

barbers
FLOORING

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

November

Sunday 2nd	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 4th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 3rd	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Friday 5th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Thursday 6th	14:00	Knit and Natter - Village Hall
Monday 10th	19:30	Oxhill Festival Choir rehearsal Old Chapel
Tuesday 11th		Grey landfill bin collection
Friday 14th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Saturday 15th		OXHILL NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Monday 17th	19:30	Oxhill Festival Choir rehearsal Old Chapel
Tuesday 18th		Green & Blue bin collection
Tuesday 18th		Deadline for Oil Consortium order
Wednesday 19th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Thursday 20th	14:00	Knit and Natter - Village Hall
Friday 21st	10:00	MacMillan Cancer Support Christmas Sale
Monday 24th	19:30	Oxhill Festival Choir rehearsal Old Chapel
Tuesday 25th		Grey landfill bin collection
Thursday 27th - 29th		"Tiptoe Through the Tombstones" Tysoe
Friday 28th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Friday 28th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Friday 28th	19:30	Indian Feast - Village Hall

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Monday 1st	19:30	Oxhill Festival Choir rehearsal Old Chapel
Monday 8th	19:30	Oxhill Festival Choir rehearsal Old Chapel
Monday 8th	12:30	Christmas Lunch - Village Hall
Saturday 13th	19:30	Stour Singers Christmas Concert
Friday 19th	20:00	Christmas Beer, Bubbles & Canapes - Village Hall