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The Garden Club Outing to Savill Garden

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MOBILE LIBRARY

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

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill, stopping at the Village Hall at 10 am and staying there for 20 minutes. The van will visit us on Wednesday 2nd and 23rd October. It calls every three weeks.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 8th and 22nd October.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 1st, 15th and 29th October.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

There are two walks planned for October:

October 11th – A 7 mile walk from Honington to Whatcote and return with 500 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Royal Oak, Whatcote – Walk starts at 10.00am.

October 25th - A 6 mile walk from Northend to Fenny Compton and return with 550 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Merrie Lion Fenny Compton – Walk starts at 9.45am.

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

Regards, *Jim Saxton*

ST.LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL SERVICES IN OCTOBER

All are warmly welcome

Sunday 6th Trinity XIX

9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 13th Trinity XX

9.30am Sunday Praise (BR)

Sunday 20th Trinity XXI

9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 27th Trinity XXII

9.30am Family Service (NM)

For other services in the benefice please see porch notice board

VICARAGE NOTES

Restoration Project

Matters are proceeding steadily. The architect's specification has been received and English Heritage are currently checking it through. This is used for the faculty application which I am now completing. We should be able to go out to tender very soon and finally have things set for the work in the spring. The timeline, although slow, is as expected.

Theft of lead from St.Lawrence's

It is just so sad to report the theft of lead from the porch roof in recent weeks. When kind people are creating, criminals are destroying. We are looking into the insurance on this so I am hoping for no further burdens.

Harvest Festival

Although I am writing just before the Harvest service and concert, I am sure we will have enjoyed good support. Thank you to all who are involved in the planning and all who shared in the occasion.

Our thoughts and prayers go to all who have been in hospital over recent weeks. It is at these times when the friendship, fellowship and good neighbourliness of Oxhill is truly appreciated

Best wishes and God bless,

Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230

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DEANERY NEWS, OCTOBER 2013

We look forward to welcoming everyone to the next Deanery Synod on Tuesday, October 22nd at 7.30 pm in St. Mary's Church, Tysoe. Greg Bartlem, whom many will remember as Diocesan Youth Officer, was ordained and has since grown a church from nothing among the deprived youngsters of the centre of Coventry. The church is called Urban Hope, and Greg is coming back to tell us about it.

Before that, on October 12th, Bishop John will be leading the Deanery Confirmation service in St. Gregory's Church, Tredington, at 6.00pm. Please do pray for those being confirmed that day, and for Bishop John and all those involved in the service.

Finally, with Harvest all around us, and Harvest Festivals now in full sway, a Harvest Prayer:

Lord God,
in our plenty we do not appreciate all that we have.
Grateful for our abundance,
help us not to forget those whose harvest is meagre and limited.
Celebrating the harvest,
help us not to forget those who bring it to our tables.
Genuine in our thanks,
help us to be generous in our giving.

From 'Seasons and Celebrations', Donald Hilton.

Every blessing, Jill

OXHILL FESTIVAL CHOIR

As I rummage in my drawers for my sweaters and a raintop thoughts are turning to the Choir's annual event. This is just to let all our wonderful singers know that the Carol Service this year will be on Thursday 19th December and rehearsals will begin in November. It will be sometimes on a Monday and sometimes on a Thursday. Hopefully with different days you will be able to make, some if not all, of the rehearsals. Further details in the November News.

If there is anyone in the village who would like to sing with us you are very welcome. We are particularly short of tenors so come on you men, dust off those vocal chords and join us.

Gaynor Van Dijk (680349)

TYSOE MARIONETTE GROUP

Tysoe's Gruffalo was not the only Gruffalo attending the Buxton Puppet Festival 2013 up in Derbyshire on Wednesday 24th July last. There were many of his mates in the audience waving to him!

Our group took to the road – literally, and using our modified Dexion travelling 'fit-up' mounted Anne Cole's magical 'deep dark wood' (after Axel Scheffler) inhabited by a duplicate Gruffalo cast on short controls operated from a single bridge. This made the production much more manageable under travelling conditions.

But still it was quite an enterprise, made possible by the ready assistance of Andrew and Joel's families in loading/unloading the trailer, 'getting in' to the cleverly-designed small Studio Theatre in the Pavilion Arts Centre behind the Buxton Opera House, assembling the 'fit-up' and lighting, striking everything after the shows and reloading the trailer for return to Tysoe.

On first arriving in Buxton the previous afternoon we were informed that all three matinees were fully sold out in advance, i.e. 90 seats for each house, totalling 270 seats. Such is the appeal of Julia Donaldson's delightful little story to all age groups. This set our minds at rest as this was a commercial venture (unlike our usual practice of playing for charity) which turned up trumps and helped to defray expenses.

Now it is back to "Peter and the Wolf" in our Barn Theatre for the Autumn term. Any charitable organisation is invited to contact us with a view to raising money for their cause.

Jon Beeny <http://TysoeMarionettes.webplus.net>

AT THE PEACOCK

Quiz Night on Sunday 6th October at 8pm.

This is a special quiz night in aid of church funds.

Please ask all your friends and neighbours to come along enjoy the evening and help raise funds for the church roof.

Village Events

Village Lunch on October 16th at 12:30.

The Village Coffee morning will be on Wednesday 2nd October at 10.30am.



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – UPCOMING EVENTS

Indian Feast – *NOTE NEW DATE!!* - Friday, 11 October

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 October 11th from the many and diverse regions of Oxhill. There will be tasty curries from South Oxhill, exotic Chutneys from Central Oxhill and delicious vegetable accompaniments from the furthest reaches of North Oxhill. Tickets are priced at £12.50 per person and food will be served from 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from Tricia Harbour on 680676

New Event – the Barbershop Trio: Quarto are here on Friday 15 November

We are fortunate to have secured **Quarto** to appear at the Village Hall on Friday 15 November. They have a varied and amusing act and are very popular. If you haven't heard them yet, look them up on You-Tube, I'm sure that you'll be entertained! This gig and one other are the only appearances in Warwickshire this year so order your tickets now! Refreshments will be available.

Many thanks to Roger Goodman for suggesting this event and for the work that he and Gill have put in to make it happen.

Tickets are available at £9 each from Gaynor van Dijk on 680349.

Another New Event – Wine Tasting – Saturday 30 November

We are pleased to announce this new event for the Village Hall which we think will be of interest to many of you with Christmas only a few weeks away from the end of November!

The evening will be 'hosted' by Ian Smith who is a Director of Matthew Clark, the highly regarded Drinks Wholesaler and is the main buyer and negotiator for hundreds of their wines - he has an encyclopaedic mind for wines and their qualities.

Ian will present a selection of 3 Reds and 3 Whites with some interesting stories about their production. There will also be some blind tasting to try and we will be looking for an Oxhill Christmas Champion!

Many thanks to Andy Buchanan for suggesting this event and for all of the work he has put in to bring it to fruition.

For this very special event we are restricting the numbers to around 30 and Tickets, which need to be bought in advance, are available at £7.50 each from Tricia Harbour on 680676.

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB VISITS THE SAVILL GARDEN AND TAKES A BOAT TRIP ON THE THAMES

Thanks to the organising ability of Reg Gethin, on 21st August the Oxhill Garden Club and friends filled a coach and visited the Savill Garden. Just four miles from Windsor Castle and adjacent to Windsor Great Park, the 35 acres of formal gardens and woodland were created in the 1930s and are managed by the Crown Estates. Blessed with fine warm weather we enjoyed the delightful variety of plants and trees and many of us made good use of the lunch facilities.

To round off the day the group made the short journey to Runnymede on the Thames and took an exclusive pre-booked river trip – viewing the many riverside properties and boats, and going through one of the large locks.



Peter Rivers Fletcher

MACMILLAN

Many thanks to all who supported us in August, both at my house and at Tysoe show. Also to Tysoe tea rooms who have sold many lanterns for me. A grand total of £350 has been put in the pot to add to the proceeds of my BIG sale in November at my house in lower Tysoe.

We will be selling gifts, jewelry, flower arrangements, cards, cakes and preserves. Also 'as new' clothes both adults and childrens. There will also be as new Bric a Brac.

Please come along from 10 - 2pm on Friday 15th November.

Any donations will be gratefully received

Jackie Thompson 01295 680263 /07811794634

NOTES OF OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2013 AT 8.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

The meeting, chaired by Grenville Moore, was attended by Parish Councillors Carol Taylor, and Brian Badger. Apologies were received from Tom Heritage and David Hill.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

Planning

Application for proposed residential development for up to 6 dwellings on land to the rear of “Stablecroft” has been refused.

Planning permission has been granted for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement at “Ferndale, and demolition of existing dwelling at “The Maples” and erection of replacement. Demolition of existing outbuildings at “Ripplesdale” and erection of new dwelling is also granted.

Erection of Managers dwelling at Church Farm associated with operation of intensive sheep housing has been withdrawn.

Application to remove two Fir trees at “Barnside” was returned with no objection. Application for single storey side extension with roof space at Clermont, Church Farm was returned with no objection.

Application for proposed two storey side extension and single storey lean-to 3 Peacock Cottages was returned with concern re render finish and close proximity to “Elmville”.

Finance

The audited Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2013 has been received with no fee payable. Notice of Conclusion of Audit will be posted as required.

Highways

Pot holes need attention on Main Street by Back Lane and also on Whitehill.

Parish Council Elections

Stratford District Council in accordance with Section 53 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 makes an Order changing the ordinary election dates of Parish Councils within the District to coincide with District ward elections. This means that Oxhill will have the term of their current councillors extended by one year to 2015 and every four years thereafter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12th November 2013 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Angela Kean, Clerk

IT'S TIME TO VOTE FOR OXHILL VILLAGE HALL!

As you know from the last Oxhill News, the village hall has been shortlisted in this year's Lloyds Bank Community Fund, with the chance to win £3,000.

The Village Hall Committee has put together an application that would see the existing chairs replaced with more comfortable fabric covered seats.

Our application, '**Making the Village Hall the seat of Oxhill**', is included in a public vote along with three competing applications from Stratford district. We need as many votes as possible to be one of two local winners each receiving £3,000 and we hope we can count on your support!

Voting started on **23 September and continues until 1 November**. Votes can be cast on the website lloydsbank.com/communityfund or by text after finding Oxhill's code on the same website then texting the word VOTE followed by our code to 61119.

Or you can vote by visiting the Shipston or Stratford Lloyds Bank branches and asking for a token to place in 'our' slot in the voting stand. Only one vote per cause per transaction in branch, branch enquiry or meeting.

We will know if we are successful in early December.

Thank you for your support!

Adrian Marklew

Our part of the voting stand
in Lloyd's Bank in Shipston



CARERS 4 CARERS

Finding support through supporting each other. A support group for rural carers.

Do you, or someone you know, look after a relative, friend or neighbour who is ill, disabled, elderly or mentally ill? Then you may not realise it, but you are a carer.

Last November, a self-help carers' support group was started in Kineton to serve the surrounding villages and rural area. That includes those of you reading this newsletter! Carers 4 Carers recognises that the needs of carers in rural areas are often different from those in towns. The feelings of isolation that carers often experience is intensified and travel problems and time issues can make it difficult for them to attend the carers support groups run by Guideposts Trust, the commissioned providers of carer support in the county.

As the name suggests, the group is run by carers, for carers. Support is given by offering opportunities to talk together, to share experiences and coping strategies. Carers frequently lack information on how to access services and benefits and our monthly programme includes guest speakers who can help fill this void. The group also has a large library of information leaflets from many different sources. Other activities include Carer Wellbeing workshops when the focus is on looking after the carer so they are fit to care!

We meet once a month, on the fourth Friday, between 10.30 a.m. and 12 noon at Kineton Methodist Church, Southam Street, CV35 0LL. There is time for coffee and chat – and sometimes cake! – followed by either our guest speaker or workshop. Our next meeting is on Friday 25th October when we will welcome a speaker from the Shakespeare Hospice. If you are a carer, your cared-for person is in residential care, or your caring role has recently ceased, you will be very welcome.

To find out more, please contact Gillian on 01926 640203, email kcarers4carers@gmail.com or go to our brand new website, www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk where you will also find a copy of our latest newsletter.

Gillian Grason Smith

LIVE AND LOCAL PERFORMANCE IN WHATCOTE

On **Friday 25th October 2013 at 7:30pm** Live and Local will be putting on a performance in Community Centre (St Peter's Church) in Whatcote.

This one is “**The Hungry Heart**” with Cat Weatherill – those of you who have seen Cat before will know what a fantastic story teller she is! She uses her fiery energy and theatrical style to tell funny and dramatic short stories.

Prepare for a night sensazionale! Subtitled ‘Seductive Stories from Italy’, this is a sultry storytelling show for adult audiences with songs and tantalising folk tales from the land of passion.

There will be an Italian theme to the candlelit evening with wine and snacks available.

Suitable for Adults

Doors open 7:00pm

Tickets available from Penny Pritchard (01295 680689), or on the door, priced at £8.00

Do come and support a wonderful initiative that brings live music and theatre to rural communities.

See more at www.liveandlocal.org.uk

PILATES

A group of us practice our Pilates in the Village Hall on Thursday mornings from 9.30 to 10.30. You are welcome to join us.

For more details contact Barbara on 07976269090

NEW APPOINTMENT, COMMUNITY SAFETY AMBASSADOR

Mr Ron Ball, Warwickshire’s Police and Crime Commissioner, has appointed Mick Shepard as Shipston on Stour and District Community Safety Ambassador.

Mick and his wife Barbara will attend meetings with Local Communities and Community Forum meetings, in what is a large area of south Warwickshire.



WOT2Grow YOUR Community Orchard

Fruit picking has continued unabated and now we are harvesting the wonderful Joan J autumn raspberries, these are a favourite amongst the members for their flavour and size. Water having been in short supply has affected quantities a little but recent showers and soaking rain have helped a lot.

We had a very successful Open Day with cream teas and a record number of people came along to see what we have done including lots of first time visitors to the orchard. The comments were most encouraging as to how lovely the orchard looks and the wonderful views and peaceful environment. Brad, the Scout Leader at Kineton, opened the sensory garden which was looking truly wonderful! The garden now has a beautiful wooden bench with commemorative sign and some bamboo wind chimes, to add the sound element to the garden.

The extension to the wildflower strip has been planted up. We laid carpet for a few months to weaken and kill off the grass and weeds to give the plug plants a chance to get established. Planting was easy with the subsequent rain giving the plants a chance to get settled in.

There is always work to be done at the orchard apart from picking fruit, the weeds never stop growing, the grass still needs cutting and the bees need looking after. We are lucky to have volunteers who look after so much but we can always do with more help so if you would like to get involved with one or all of the many aspects of running the orchard get in touch

See us at www.wot2grow.co.uk

or contact

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080), Graham Collier (680127), Julia Stirman (01608 686776), Pam Bennett (01608 652 222)

KINETON & TYSOE SURGERIES

We are now providing Flu Vaccinations to our patients aged over 65 or those who have a chronic condition.

Please call the Surgery on 01926 640471 (Kineton) or 01295 680220 (Tysoe) to book your appointment.



APPLE DAY – Saturday 19th October 2013

This year WOT2Grow Community Orchard will be having its Apple Day on Saturday October 19th from 1:30pm. at the orchard.

Do come along and see how wonderful fresh apple juice tastes – quite unlike the shop-bought varieties!

We will have our popular activities including

Apple identification from our expert consultant

Apples of many types, sizes and flavours (some we'll have, some you'll bring)

Juicing for your own apples: bring along a bucket full of fruit, and a clean container(s) for the juice

Longest peel competition and colouring/drawing for the children!

Cakes and fruit pies - Bring and Buy

Recipe swap for fruity favourites from your family

Tasting of fruit

Information about bees and honey

The Orchard is off the Shenington Road in Tysoe, behind the allotments.

See us at www.wot2grow.co.uk or contact

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DEREK AND TRISH HARBOUR'S RUBY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY PARTY

A wonderful time was had by all who attended Derek and Trish's 40th wedding anniversary at the Village Hall on Sept 6. We were entertained by the fabulous singing of Hannah Fermor and guitarist Brian Jones. The dinner was delicious and donations to Macmillan Nurses came to £230.

Vanessa Druce



SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER – BEHIND THE CANDELABRA

After a sold-out event last October, Flicks In The Sticks is back!

Bringing a little bit of Las Vegas to Oxhill, we will be showing **BEHIND THE CANDELABRA**, the hugely entertaining and critically acclaimed biopic of the flamboyant entertainer Liberace. Directed by Academy award-winning Steven Soderbergh (ERIN BROCKOVICH, OCEAN'S ELEVEN) and starring Michael Douglas and Matt Damon, this is an evening not to be missed!

The evening will start at 6.30pm with drinks and a delicious light supper, prepared by Grenville Moore. Included in the ticket price of £15 is a drink on arrival, your food & the screening. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available before and after the film. The event will be held in The Old Chapel and proceeds will go to Chernobyl's Children. Please call Jo Sweby on 07720 401691 or Anne Marshall on 01295 680411 for tickets. Book early to avoid disappointment.

Sequins, rhinestones and feather boas optional!



SHIPSTON HOME NURSING OCTOBER EVENTS

Armscote Manor Lecture Series

By kind invitation of Deborah Williams

Week Commencing Monday October 7th–Friday October 11th inclusive Armscote Manor

To book for this wonderful week of lectures call 01608 682 375

www.armscotemanor.co.uk for more details

Wyatts Tree & Plant Auction

Saturday 19th October

Wyatts Garden Centre, Hill Barn Farm, Gt Rollright.OX7 5SH

Auction Starts 11.30am /BBQ

For more details call Rebecca 01608 674 929

Vintage 2nd Hand Clothes Sale

Saturday 26th October

9.00am-12.00noon FREE ENTRY

Sheldon Bosley HUB Shipston on Stour

Call Rebecca to book a space 01608 674 929

KINETON ART GROUP

Kineton Art Group will be holding their Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings at Kineton Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday, the 5th and 6th October 2013.

Doors will be open from 10-00 am until 5-00 pm each day. Adults, 50p: Children, free.

Please come and enjoy the abundance of paintings by our members and many other local artists. Refreshments including tea and home-made cakes will be available throughout each day. We are pleased to say that we will be sponsoring PAINTING FOR PLEASURE, a not for profit organisation for disabled people and those living with or recovering from illness including carers needing some respite.

If you need any other information please let me know. You can telephone me on 01295 788890 or send an e.mail to gail@kinetonartgroup.co.uk.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.kinetonartgroup.co.uk

WHATS ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

October

Tuesday 1st		Grey bin collection
Wednesday 2nd	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Sunday 6th	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 8th		Green and blue bin collection
Friday 11th	10:00	Weekday Walkers, Honnington
	19:30	OVH Indian Feast
Tuesday 15th		Grey bin collection
	23:59	COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS
Wednesday 16th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Saturday 19th	11:30	SHN Wyatt Tree & Plant Auction
	13:30	Apple Day at WOT2Grow Orchard
Tuesday 22nd		Green and blue bin collection
Wednesday 23rd	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Friday 25th	10:15	Weekday Walkers, Northend
Saturday 26th	09:00	SHN Vintage 2nd hand Clothes Sale
Tuesday 29th		Grey bin collection

November

Tuesday 12th	20:00	Village Hall, Oxhill Parish Council Meeting
Friday 15th	19:30	OVH Barbershop Trio
	10:00 - 14:00	MACMILLAN sale Tysoe
Saturday 23rd	18:30	Old Chapel, Flicks in the Sticks
Saturday 30th	19:30	OVH Wine Tasting

December

Thursday 19th		Carol Service
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