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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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A good crowd of supporters enjoyed the Oxhill versus Tysoe cricket match .

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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](mailto:news-editor@oxhill.org.uk) or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the village 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, 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 the new time of 14:30, staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Friday October 17th.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

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

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

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

This walking group usually walks on 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. If you are interested in joining or to find out further information, please contact Jim Saxton on 680645 or email [saxton@talktalk.net](mailto:saxton@talktalk.net)

## AT THE PEACOCK

**Quiz Night** on Sunday 5th October at 8pm.

### **Village Events**

Village Lunch on October 15th at 12:30.

The Village Coffee morning will be on Wednesday October 1st at 10.30am.



## RIDE and STRIDE

The triangular village walk led by Jim Saxton raised £95 for the Warwickshire & Coventry Historic Churches Trust's

'Ride and Stride' on 13th September. Many thanks to all who supported this event and particularly those who prepared and served refreshments to the thirty odd visitors, mainly cyclists, some of



whom are shown here, who called in at St Lawrence's during the day.

*Douglas Netherclef*

## GO SOBER IN OCTOBER

I've signed up to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support's Sober October. I have not gone a month without a drink since I was sixteen. My birthday is in October, so that will make the temptation even harder. 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, Pat Crowther*

## BOO HEWERDINE ON TV

If you didn't see Boo at the Village Hall the following youtube shows what you missed:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-7GGwu-neOc&feature=youtu.be>

*Pat Crowther*

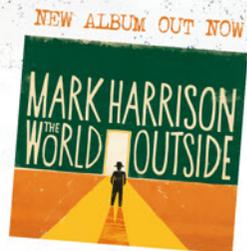


**MARK HARRISON**

THE MARK HARRISON BAND  
WILL BE PLAYING AT:

**OXHILL VILLAGE HALL**  
**FRIDAY OCT 17**

'WONDERFUL ROOTSY BLUES' (JAZZ FM)



Tickets from Pat Crowther on 07828 060501

## OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Progressive Supper – Saturday, 4 October, 7.00PM for 7.30PM**

This is always a great evening as it is a great opportunity to meet people in their own homes and enjoy some Moroccan delicacies. (I can taste those lovely Tagines now!)

The format is to meet in the Village Hall for a drink and then off to various houses throughout the Village for some interesting Moroccan dishes and then on again to another house or two for more food before returning to the Village Hall for Puddings.

For the ‘traveller’ you get to meet new people, see different houses and taste lovely delicacies and for the hosts you have all the fun of welcoming people into your home but without the stress of preparing and cooking several courses to a tight schedule.

We are looking for hosts to provide a selection of Moroccan dishes for 4 to 10 guests and for those who wish to join in but are unable to host a course; tickets are available at £17.50 per head, (a bargain for a variety of good food and wine at host’s homes!)

If you would like to participate in this popular supper please telephone Diana Cronin on 680938 to let her know if you want to host a course or would like some tickets.

### **Mark Harrison Blues Band – Friday, 17 October, 7.30pm for 8.00pm start**

Another great gig brought to you by our favourite impresario, Pat Crowther, the Mark Harrison Band ([www.markharrisonrootsmusic.com](http://www.markharrisonrootsmusic.com)), fresh from the O2 Arena. Tickets @ £10 each are available from Pat NOW!

### **Village Food Festival – Saturday, 18 October, 10.00am to 12.00pm**

Apples, Pears, Plums, Vegetables, Jams, Chutneys, Bread & more – all from local sources – a great opportunity to show what you can do and to buy some great food!

The plan is to offer a table (or share of a table) to anyone who wants to sell, at a price that they can decide, for any of their home made produce for the donation of an item that can go into a raffle. We will then sell tickets at the door for £1 each to include a tea or coffee and a raffle ticket. The aim is to show and share some of the great fruit, vegetables, jams, etc. that are grown & made in and around the Village.

Tysoe Butchers, WOT2Grow & 2 others have already reserved tables – please call Derek Harbour on 680676 to reserve a table (or share of a table).

### **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 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

**Please Note that Knit & Natter will take place on 9 & 23 October.**

### **MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT SALE**

The annual pre Christmas sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support will be held on Friday 21st November at Southwold Lower Tysoe

Please come along and bring your friends to support this worthy cause.

Look out for posters with more details in the villages.

*Jackie Thompson 01295 680363 / 07811 794634*

## THE CLASH OF THE TITANS – TYSOE .V. OXHILL CRICKET TEAMS

A group of Cricket professionals and enthusiasts from Tysoe threw down the gauntlet and challenged a motley crew from Oxhill, named the Oxhill Rangers (so called because our expertise ranged from 1 to 1.5 on a scale of 1 to 10) to a mismatch on a sunny afternoon in August.

Intensive practice was clearly required; pitches were mown and rolled, cricket gear was starched and ironed, bats were seasoned and limbs were stretched but here in Oxhill we had a few drinks and were consoled by our glorious leader, Ed Fox, that all would be well.



Needless to say, all was not well and the young strapping lads from Tysoe surged to a massive total for the loss of just a few wickets and then after an excellent tea (thank you Tysoe ladies) Oxhill's fearless openers strode to the wicket. They took note of the crafty field placings, they tapped the ground in readiness for all that Tysoe could throw (sorry, bowl) at them and crouched in readiness for the onslaught. The County players from Tysoe whizzed the ball down the pitch at speeds of over 100 miles an hour (well, quite quickly) and our brave lads batted fearlessly for a while and beating the awesome target set by Tysoe seemed to be achievable but tragedy struck. Our openers were soon dismissed and our middle order batsmen were called to play. However, the call was never heard and soon

our tail-end Charlie's (not Cricket parlance, just true) were soon put to the sword. We finished second!



It was a great afternoon, all of the players (!) enjoyed themselves, the Oxhill WAGS provided noisy and ill-informed support and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Ed for assembling the team, choosing our tactics and his rallying tea time speech ('we can do it lads') and with any luck, we'll do it all again next year.

*Derek Harbour*



After several months of planning, and help from their fellow 'Grumpies', Digby Norton and Tom Moffatt's dreams of reviving the traditional Oxhill vs Tysoe cricketing rivalry of the 1950s and 60s, came to fruition on a



cloudy but thoroughly enjoyable Saturday in August.

The day was a celebration of cricket for all ages. Proceedings began in the morning with an impressive juniors match, a mix of youngsters from both villages. For the much younger players, games of kwik cricket were in full swing.

The main event saw Oxhill win the toss and elect to field. Captained by Frederick Price, Tysoe totalled 134/6 in their 25 overs. However, despite a very good second half performance, Oxhill were eventually bowled out with a score of 83 in 20 overs, handing victory to Tysoe as the winners of the Vale of the Red Horse Cup.

Many thanks to all who were involved and supported the event. Thanks especially to Chris Fieldhouse and Pete Pugh for umpiring and to Lucy Mercer as scorer for the day. Last, but not least, to Ed Fox and The Oxhill Rangers who I am sure will be back for a rematch in the not too distant future!

*Catherine Kimmins*

## **OXHILL VILLAGE SALMON LUNCH on Bank Holiday Monday, 25 August**

St. Lawrence PCC and the Village Hall committee, jointly provided a tasty salmon Lunch with superb desserts for the local community and 128 people came along to the Marquee in Jill & Colin Tucker's field for what turned out to be a great occasion.

Both organisers would firstly like to thank Jill and Colin and Katharine for the provision of the Marquee, to thank all of the attendees for their support and to Iain MacPherson for his wonderful entertainment. I'd like to thank both Carol Fox, Lillian Welsby and her team of ladies who



provided the salads and desserts and to my colleagues on the Village Hall

committee for all of their efforts.

The profit of just over £1400 made on this excellent joint event was split, as agreed, 60/40 in the PCC's favour.

It was a most enjoyable event and suggestions were expressed that we find a joint event next year.



# **NOTES OF OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014 AT 8.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL**

The meeting, chaired by Grenville Moore, was attended by Parish Councillors David Hill, Tom Heritage and Brian Badger. Two members of the village also attended. Apology received from Carol Taylor.

## **MATTERS DISCUSSED**

### **Highways**

Repair work had been carried out on the road from Whitehill to the A422. This section of road will be surface dressed next year. The Shipston Road from Whatcote to Honington is down for work to be done but we need to pursue this. A large pot hole at the end of the drive to the Peacock needs filling in and the path leading from there is sinking and splitting and needs attention.

### **Planning**

Retrospective planning permission has been granted at “The Old Church House” for change of use from residential annexe to 1 bedroom cottage.

The following planning applications have been returned with no objection;

1) 1 The Leys – demolition of existing side extension and erection of 2 storey side extension; 2) 3 Peacock Cottages – proposed single storey rear and 2 storey side extension; 3) Tree coppice work at The Hollies.

Application from Whitehill Cottage for conversion of existing barns to form 3 residential units and demolition of a modern frame building to erect a car port was supported to provide more affordable homes. Land on the north side of Green Lane was supported for the erection of 3 detached dwellings to provide starter/finisher homes in line with our requirement for linear infilling. Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and construction of replacement dwelling and garage at Churchview (formally Cornerways) was also supported.

Planning Application submitted from Church Farm for Managers dwelling, garage drive/turning area was not supported in line with previous application on the need for 3 managers to be on site.

Planning application for one cottage style dwelling on Land off Green Lane had been withdrawn.

Objections had been made against the Leys Field development with strong opposition from the village.

Following small changes to the Parish Plan it will be presented to Cabinet on the 9th October and recommended for approval. The Parish Council endorsed the final Plan.

Parish Councillors will be attending the training event to help in the role of consultee in the planning process at Shipston in November.

A Site Allocation Plan is being drawn up by Stratford District Council and asks which areas of land can be made available for development. Chairman to reply after consultation.

### **Finance**

External audit for the year ended 31 March 2014 had been completed satisfactorily with no fee payable.

### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 11th November 2014 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

*Angela Kean, Clerk*

## **OXHILL VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE DAY**

On Saturday, 13 September the Village Hall committee carried out various tasks from gardening to fixing a few problems to painting and cleaning to keep the Hall in reasonable shape. The Village Hall (YOUR Village Hall) is once again freshened up and ready to go for the season of events ahead of us. The committee would like to thank Robin Teall, George & Gwyn Adams, Ed & Sarah Bracher, Sue Robbins, Jane Smith, Paul Sayer, Gill Stewart and Stuart Barker for all of their help and assistance in making the day a very productive one.

## KINETON ART GROUP EXHIBITION

Kineton Art Group will be holding their Open Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings at Kineton Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday, the 4th and 5th October 2014.

Doors will be open from 10-00 am until 5-00 pm each day. Adults, 50p: Children, free. Please come and enjoy the variety of paintings by our members. Many of our regular visitors look forward to the home-made cakes which are available throughout each day, along with other refreshments. 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.  
e.mail [gailodell@kinetonartgroup.co.uk](mailto:gailodell@kinetonartgroup.co.uk).

With many thanks,  
*Belinda Keep*

## AUGUST FUNDRAISING BY THE PEACOCK

The musical events at The Peacock raised £1125 which has been shared equally between the Air Ambulance, Shipston Home Nursing and the St Lawrence Church Restoration Fund.

The ‘giant teddy’ shown here was an important factor in Pam and Yvonne’s success. Congratulations and Well Done!!

*Editor*



## NATURE NOTES FOR OCTOBER 2014

*The Woods never look more beautiful than from the close of last month to the middle of October for by that time it seems as if nature had exhausted all her choicest colours on the foliage. We see the rich burnished bronze of the oak; red of many hues, up to the gaudiest scarlet; every shade of yellow, from the wan gold of the primrose to the deep orange of the tiger-lily .... And all so blended and softened together in parts that like the colours on a dove's neck, we cannot tell where one begins and the other ends.*

*Chambers Book of Days (1864)*

Sunny days in October still find many butterflies on the wing – Comma, Peacock and an autumn brood of Red Admirals and Tortoiseshells. This year the Big Butterfly Count revealed that numbers of most of the target butterflies and day-flying moths decreased from the high point last year. Almost three-quarters of species showed year-on-year decreases and the average number of individual butterflies seen per count fell considerably. The coldest August since 1993 was probably one of the main factors resulting in a curtailing of one of the main flight periods and also forcing some back into hibernation.

The Large White saw a 65% decline, the Small White was down 60%, Ringlet down 58%, Marbled White (recorded in our garden last year) down 48%, and the early-flying Brimstone down 43%. The gaudy Peacock topped the rankings with nearly ten thousand records, although that was actually a decrease of 30% from last year when it finished third in the rankings. After a year-on-year decline the Small Tortoiseshell seems to have recovered with a 22% increase. Common Blue was up 55%, the Speckled Wood up 28%, and the Red Admiral a 43% increase. It's worth mentioning that for the first time we recorded the Common Blue in Oxhill churchyard. In folklore if you catch a butterfly and whisper a wish, in return for letting it go it will grant your wish.

Sunday 14 September I was in our kitchen and noticed an 'odd' looking bird some twelve feet away at the top of the steps. It appeared to be digging with its beak. It was brown and about the size of a male sparrow. I was pretty sure what it was, but grabbed my binoculars to confirm and

joy of joys it was a Wryneck (Jynx torquilla). This rare summer visitor is a member of the woodpecker family arriving about a week before the cuckoo from North Africa and Europe and returning mid-September to October. (It is worth noting that back in 2007 Charles and Nadia McCall had one in their garden, just three doors down, on the garden path and at the same time of year). The RSPB only have 280 sightings for the Wryneck this year; well, 281 now! In the Midlands it was often referred to as the Cuckoo's messenger or snake bird. Wry comes from the Old English wrigian, meaning 'to turn', because the bird is capable of turning its head 180° and can perform snake-like contortions. Its talent for turning itself back to front was given a literal application in witchcraft. In order to bring about the return of a faithless lover a Wryneck was caught and attached to a wheel which was revolved, magical elements of 'turning' are used to effect a return. The Wryneck or Jynx could also be used against an enemy and that's how the phrase to 'put a jinx on somebody' came about. As I am just writing this, a twitcher has just phoned me – they are in the village looking for the Wryneck after seeing my posting on the Internet.

Seen in Pillerton Priors the other day while filling the car up with petrol, a flock of some 30 Jackdaws completely surrounding and mobbing a Red Kite and escorting it out of their area.

Remember Saturday 11 October is Apple Day at the Community Orchard:

*There was a young lady from Ryde  
Who ate some green apples and died,  
The apples fermented  
Inside she lamented  
And made cider inside her inside*

KATY'S PIMMS RECIPE - ideal for watching cricket!

1 part Triple Sec or Cointreau

2 parts Martini Rosso

2 parts Gin

5 parts Ginger Ale

10 parts diet lemonade (diet stops it being too sickly)

Add ice, mint, strawberries, apple and lemon (or anything else you fancy!)

## OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

Following our ‘stop-over’ visit to Salisbury Cathedral (see Sept. Oxhill News), the coach took us on to Wilton House – home of the present 18th Earl of Pembroke and his family. The house and its contents survived the vicissitudes of the Civil War and is famous for its tradition of continuous artistic patronage – William Shakespeare being just one beneficiary. Wilton houses a collection of Classical Greek and Roman sculptures and a truly remarkable ‘wall to wall’ display of fine paintings by the Old Masters – a dozen or so Van Dyckes, a Rembrandt, the odd Breughel or two included. Yet, despite the grandeur and being spotlessly clean, the house has a homely feel – the coverlet of the bed in one of the master bedrooms was obviously the regular resting place of one of the family’s sharp clawed cats!

Wilton was once the capital of Wessex and the present site was home to a Benedictine nunnery. Following a re-build some time after the Norman Conquest, the buildings together with several large estates were granted in 1544 by Henry VIII to the Herbert family – who have been in continuous occupation to this day. Ancillary exhibitions at the time of our visit included a tribute to Cecil Beaton and a classic car display. The gardens were pleasant but had little of interest for the keen gardener. The house and its contents, however, made the visit very worthwhile.

Club meetings are held 7.30pm on the third Thursday of every month in Oxhill Village Hall. The talk on October 16th is by David Whitehead on ‘Edible Hedgerows’. All are welcome.

The next extra curricular event in the Garden Club’s calendar is at 7pm on October 2nd at the Old Chapel when Angie Butler and Carolina Martella will give an illustrated talk on their "Ice Tracks Expeditions". Angie & Carolina guide tours to the Antarctic and are passionate about explorers such as Shackleton - the evening should prove to be colourful, exciting and entertaining.

Members £2.00, Guests £3.00. Both prices include a free glass of wine.

*Places limited. Please contact Reg Gethin on 680453.*

## SUSPECTED FUEL THIEVES ARRESTED IN SHIPSTON – NOW WE NEED YOUR HELP

A Blue Vauxhall Astra Estate was stopped as it entered Shipston from Tredington direction at 3.30am on Tuesday morning. The vehicle was uninsured and the Driver unlicensed. There was a strong smell of diesel to the Driver and his passenger and both had an extensive criminal history. The pictures attached to the above links show some of what was found in the car. Both males were arrested on suspicion of going equipped to steal. The Astra was also running on red diesel so has been given to Revenue and Customs.

The arrested males have been released on bail while we continue investigations. We have had no reported thefts of diesel or damage to diesel tanks since the arrests. If you or anyone you know has had any amount of fuel stolen or damage caused to fuel tanks in the area since 1st September and not reported it please call us on 01789 444670.

Please share this message as best you can because the more people see it the more likely we are to get find where this diesel has been stolen from.

<https://www.facebook.com/shipston.council/posts/763031000421900>

Or [pic.twitter.com/TowHuomF55](http://pic.twitter.com/TowHuomF55)

## ERRATA FOR THE OXHILL NEWS

Of no interest to anyone but me I should like to put the record straight about my family involvement in the 1914 war.

The photo that you kindly printed in the September issue of Oxhill News was of my grandfather Captain Evan Lewis Davies, of the Merchant Navy, who delivered supplies to the Front, and my father the Rev. Cyril Davies, who, as a Padre, drove an Ambulance there. (My father would have been amused to be described as "a merchant sailor")

Please print this as you choose, but feel free not to at all. I just got it off my chest! Well done with your editorship

*Myrtle*

## **TRY SOME GREAT LOCAL FRUIT!**

If you want to share in the fantastic autumn raspberries from your Community Orchard then just come along and pick some fruit at one of our sessions and get some for free!!

The Autumn raspberries are prolific! We have picked record amounts of all fruit this year but the raspberries are the best performers. This means we have been able to distribute good quantities of fruit to the Care Homes in Kinton and also to the Tysoe Lunch Club.

We have taken some apples from the trees – those that the birds and wasps didn't get to first – and used them to make cakes and pies for the Open Sunday with Cream Teas! We also have the first cider apples, not enough to make any cider but a good sign of things to come.

The Open Sunday was a great success – we served over 80 Cream Teas plus lots of squash and biscuits for the children. The cakes, jam, honey and raspberries were snapped up by enthusiastic visitors. Interest in the orchard continues to grow



as many new visitors came along as well as our usual supporters. There was universal praise for the wonderful setting, the incredible number of trees and canes, the quality of the fruit, honey and produce made from the orchard fruit. So if you want to sample all of this do come along and see for yourself!

We also planted two Christmas Trees which will in future years be lit up in Tysoe. The children made a great job of ensuring they were well planted!

Please put Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October in your diary as we hold our annual Apple Day at the orchard from 1:30pm. Juicing apples is the main thing people enjoy so bring you own apples and take home the juice or share in the communal juicing.

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, Friday from 2:00 to 3:00 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)

## OXHILL FESTIVAL CHOIR

To all those wonderful singers out there your talents are needed for the Carol Service on Thursday 18th December. Choir rehearsals will begin on Monday 10th November in the Old Chapel. Hopefully we will have a rehearsal each Monday up to the Carol Service but details will be confirmed in the November News. There will be 6 rehearsal dates but I know how busy everyone is at this time of year so hopefully you will be able to attend at least 3. Tuesday 16th December is when we hope at least 90% of you will attend in the church for the final rehearsal with the organist.

If anyone would like to join us or who knows of someone who enjoys singing and could be persuaded to join us, they do not necessarily need to live in the village, please contact me and let me know, all are welcome.

*Gaynor Van Dijk (680349)*

**ST.LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL  
SERVICES IN OCTOBER**

*All are warmly welcome*

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> Trinity XVI** 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Trinity XVII** 9.30am Morning Service (JT)

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Trinity XVIII** 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity XIX** 9.30am Family Service (NM)

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

**FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS**

**Weddings: congratulations and best wishes to**

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Benedict Hayes and Katherine Tucker

**VICARAGE NOTES**

**Thought for the month**

Bread, water and wine was placed on the altar at our Harvest service, symbols both earthly and heavenly. There's a fine modern hymn by Martin Haugen that was read as a poem by Jill at the restoration thanksgiving which includes lovely words that seem to echo our hopes and aspirations - for the harvest, for the future and for the wider world at a time of ongoing crisis:

*Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat  
A banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God through Jesus is revealed in time and space,  
As we share in Christ the feast that frees us – all are welcome to this place.*

**Welcome to Jill**

I am very pleased to write that Jill Tucker is now able to assist in St.Lawrence's on a regular basis and she will generally be taking the service on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We're very grateful to Bill Rolfe for helping out over the last few years. Bill is lightening his load a little and we send him our good wishes and thanks.

## Thanks

We are very grateful to all who worked so busily to make the August lunch and September Barn Dance such successes. Well done everyone!

## DEANERY NEWS FOR OCTOBER.

Firstly, a very big thank you to all those who took part in the **Ride and Stride on September 13th**. We were blessed with a glorious day, and the placed was abuzz with both riders and striders all day long. Thank you so much to all those who opened their churches, provided hospitality, and to those who walked or rode around in support of our historic churches.

Secondly, Bishop John will be in Ettington Church on **October 4th at 6.00pm for this year's Deanery Confirmation Service**, when a number of folk from around the Deanery will be affirming their commitment to God. It is a joyful moment when we rejoice at what God has done for us in Christ: any who would like to join us to support the candidates will be very welcome.

Thirdly, we look forward to the **Deanery Synod on October 28th. PLEASE NOTE, THIS IS A CHANGE OF DATE**. We shall be meeting at 7.30 pm at Cherington Church, and welcoming Rev. Canon Edward Pogmore as our speaker, on 'What is a Parish For?'

Until his recent retirement, Edward led the team of Chaplains at the George Eliot Hospital in Nuneaton; he is passionate that in our churches we should both preach the gospel and heal the sick, and so comes to talk about the wholeness of healthcare and the healing ministry in the parish context. All are welcome to come, especially if you have an interest in healing ministry.

Finally, as we celebrate this Harvest, a prayer from Christian Aid:

The earth is fruitful  
may we be generous.

The earth is fragile  
may we be gentle.

The earth is fractured

may we be just.  
Creating God,  
harvest in us joy and generosity  
as we together share in thanks and giving. Amen.

*Every blessing, Jill*

## **THE SHENLOW SINGERS**

**The Oldest Chamber Choir in  
Banburyshire**

**RECRUITING IN ALL SECTIONS:**

**Soprano, Alto, Tenor & Bass**

## **OPEN EVENING**

**Wednesday 1st October**

**8.00p.m.**

**The Old Chapel, Oxhill**

*Come and sing some of your favourite  
'A Capella' repertoire: Madrigals,  
Sacred Choral Works, Folk Songs and  
everything to the present day*

**For further details contact:**

**Sue Wightman (Musical Director)**

**01295 264360**

## **OCTOBER FUND RAISING AT SHN**

**Vintage & 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Clothes Sale, Saturday 11th October, 9am-12.00noon**, Sheldon Bosley Hub, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4DQ

For more details please call 01608 674929

### **Armscote Manor Lecture Series at Whichford Pottery**

**Tuesday 14th October, The New English Garden**

Talk by Tim Richardson, garden historian and garden journalist.

**Wednesday 15th October, The Garden: A Natural History Paradise**

Talk by Paul Williams, garden designer, broadcaster, award-winning author and Whichford Pottery's new Head Gardener.

**Thursday 16th October, A Potters Crusade**

Talk by Jim Keeling, Master Potter, author and founder of Whichford Pottery. [www.whichfordpottery.com](http://www.whichfordpottery.com) for more details

**Wyatts Tree & Plant Auction, Saturday 18th October, 10.30am**

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

For more details please call 01608 684 835

**Wine Tasting – Sheldon's, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 7pm-9pm**

The directors of sheldons Wine Cellars request the pleasure of your company at an Exclusive Portfolio tasting in our Cellars at Shipston-on-Stour. We will be tasting a selection of wines from around the globe focusing on those which are exclusive to us. To confirm your attendance for what promises to be an unforgettable evening (including a surprise announcement!) email: [linda@sheldonswines.com](mailto:linda@sheldonswines.com)

**POT LUCK, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October – 12.00-3.00pm**

Newbold village Hall. Local Potters generously donate their bowls for you to choose. Home-made soup with artisan bread and a hand-made bowl to keep!

For more information contact Pippa Brook [pippa@brookfamily.net](mailto:pippa@brookfamily.net) or 07778 845 318.

*Rebecca Mawle, Fundraising Co-ordinator, SHN, 01608 67492*

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## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### October

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| Wednesday | 1st  | 10:30          | The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning  |
| Wednesday | 1st  | 20:00          | Shenlow Singers, Old Chapel           |
| Thursday  | 2nd  | 19:00          | Garden Club, Old Chapel, "Ice Tracks" |
| Saturday  | 4th  |                | Progressive Supper                    |
| Saturday  | 4th  | 10:00 to 17:00 | Kineton Art Group                     |
| Sunday    | 5th  | 20:00          | The Peacock - Quiz Night              |
| Sunday    | 5th  | 10:00 to 17:00 | Kineton Art Group                     |
| Tuesday   | 7th  |                | Green & Blue bin collection           |
| Thursday  | 9th  | 14:00          | Knit and Natter                       |
| Saturday  | 11th | 13:30          | Apple Day at WOT2Grow Orchard         |
| Tuesday   | 14th |                | Grey bin collection                   |
| Wednesday | 15th | 12:30          | The Peacock - Village Lunch           |
| Wednesday | 15th | 23:59          | COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS            |
| Thursday  | 16th | 19:30          | Garden Club, OVH, "Edible Hedgerows"  |
| Friday    | 17th | 14:30          | Mobile Library                        |
| Friday    | 17th | 19:30          | Mark Harrison Blues Band, OVH         |
| Saturday  | 18th | 10:00          | Village Food Festival, OVH            |
| Tuesday   | 21st |                | Green and Blue bin collection         |
| Thursday  | 23rd | 14:00          | Knit and Natter                       |
| Tuesday   | 28th |                | Grey bin collection                   |

### November

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| Tuesday | 11th | 20:00 | Oxhill PC Meeting, OVH                                   |
| Friday  | 21st |       | MACMILLAN Cancer Support Sale,<br>Southwold, Lower Tysoe |
| Friday  | 28th | 19:30 | Indian Feast, OVH  |