

# THE OXHILL NEWS



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## PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

This is your advance notice of the forthcoming 'Indian Summer' progressive supper to be held on 27th September.

For those of you unsure of the format, revellers will meet at the village hall at 7.00 p.m. for aperitifs. We will then 'progress' in small groups of 4 to 10 to a home within the village for Starters. Thereafter we progress in a different group to another home within the village for a Main Course. Finally we all return to the Village Hall for our desserts, cheese and biscuits and coffee.

If you would like to participate in the progressive supper please telephone Tracey Hackett on 01295 680366 or 07813 978917 to confirm whether you would prefer to host a Starter, Main Course or bring a selection of puds and/or a cheese plate, (minimum of 3 selections per 2 diners please). Please try very hard to order your seat at table before Sunday 21st September as it can be very difficult to re-jig names, courses and places with shorter notice than this.

If you are unable to host a course or contribute to the Desserts, there will be a small number of tickets available at a cost of £15.00 per head.

*Tracey Hackett*

## TALGARTH MALE VOICE CHOIR

The choir will be making a return visit to St. Lawrence's Church, Oxhill on Saturday 18th October. Further details will be provided in the October News.

*Lilian*

## OCTOBER ISSUE

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

*George Adams, 680286*

## COVER PICTURE

It's a little late in the year, but here are this year's duck family paying a visit to the Saxtons. Photo from Jim Saxton.

*Editor*

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Please come along to the Oxhill Methodist Chapel on Friday 26th September to help us raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Last year we managed to raise a wonderful £262. Jill Tucker has again kindly allowed us to use the hall.

If you would like to come and join us we will be open for coffee between 9.30 and 11.30 a.m.

*Thank you, Jude (680150), Gaynor and Diana*

## MOBILE LIBRARY

We have been informed that the arrangements for the Mobile Library are altering.

In future the van will visit Oxhill every third Tuesday. It will stop only at the Village Hall, arriving there at 10 a.m. and leaving at 10.30 a.m. In September our only visitation will be on Tuesday 16th.

Mobile Library times will in future be included in the 'What's On' section

*Editor*

## TREASURE HUNT & PIG ROAST

**Sunday 21st September**

Oxhill Village Hall

Treasure Hunt starts 11.30

Entry £1, children free

Pig Roast & BBQ

Adults £7, children £3.50

Bar

Tickets from Lilian Welsby, 680468, or Val Ewens, 680215

In aid of Church Funds



It wasn't like this in our day

# ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL

## SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

All are warmly welcome

Sunday 7th	Trinity XVI	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (NM)
Sunday 14th	Trinity XVII	No 8.30 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m.	Evensong (Rev.G.Warner)
Sunday 21st	Trinity XVIII	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (ML)
Sunday 28th	Harvest Festival	9.30 a.m.	Harvest Thanksgiving (NM)

## VICARAGE NOTES

### Harvest Festival 2008

All are warmly invited to the Family Harvest Service on the 28th. Our favourite harvest hymns will be included and hopefully I will be able to involve the children in my harvest talk! Our gifts will go towards the provision of a well with clean water in Kaduna, Nigeria, an area with which our Diocese of Coventry has special links.

### Thought for the month

My house shall be called a house of prayer. These words were spoken by Jesus as he overthrew the tables of the moneychangers in the Temple. They echo the words of Isaiah who wrote of a "house of prayer for all peoples". In their turn, our ancient churches should offer a real welcome and openness, be beacons of the Christian life, and places where folk can find a haven of peace in an often frenetic world. My prayer is that St. Lawrence's is seen as such a place!

Best wishes and God bless,

*Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230*

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**BAPTISMS** Welcomed into the Lord's Family

August 24th Jemima May Merriman

## KINETON OIL CONSORTIUM

The consortium will be ordering oil in September. Please let me have your orders not later than 6 p.m. on Wednesday September 10th.

*D. I. Harper, 01295 680529*

## VILLAGE HISTORY – WHATCOTE

### Rev. James Gorle, 1806-1884

My son William has alerted me to the fact that there are, in the recesses of Cambridge University Library, publications of the mid nineteenth century by the Rev James Gorle, Rector of Whatcote.

With help from June Wreford, who supplied some information from the Whatcote Parish Registers, I have traced his life history. Born in Tewkesbury in 1806, he was educated at Cambridge, where he won prizes for his scholarship. He became Rector of Whatcote in 1842, remaining till his death in 1884. Beside the memorial crosses to himself, and his wife Hannah in the churchyard, there is a poignant third, dedicated to three of their children who died in childhood or young adulthood. His youngest son, William, followed him as Rector of Whatcote in 1884 but only for a year and a few years later (though he was still young and I cannot trace his death) he disappears from clerical records.

James Gorle was first and foremost a scholar, and his works are mainly analysis of the works of earlier theologians, (often with examination questions), varied only by a work of sacred poetry, one of versified fables, and a contribution to a book of sermons on the subject “Every good gift from above”. (The date of this is right for it to have been preached from the Whatcote pulpit).

I do wonder whether such an academic man would have established much rapport with his parishioners, at a time when the Church was distancing itself from much of its flock by becoming more High Church, and Whatcote like Oxhill had a growing Methodist movement. On his deathbed, Gorle dictated a message for his parishioners, (now displayed inside Whatcote Church) which does I think hint at some distance between them. He asks pardon for his failings as a Minister, but also asks his flock - by my interpretation - to pull their socks up. Such stern paternalism was however fairly typical of a Victorian Rector, so maybe he was just doing his job!

*Ann Hale*

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

Our walks for September are as follows:

Friday 12th September

Ratley to Hornton is a 7 mile walk with 373 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at “The Dun Cow”. We will leave Oxhill at 10.00 a.m.

Friday 26th September

Long Compton to Cherington returning via Weston Park is 5.5 mile walk with 360 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at “The Cherington Arms”. We will leave Oxhill at 9.45 a.m.

Please contact Jim Saxton on 01295 680613 or [saxton@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:saxton@tiscali.co.uk) before the Thursday prior to the walk.

## NATURE NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

*O Autumn, laden with fruit, and stained with the blood of the grape, pass not, but sit  
Beneath my shady roof; where thou may'est rest, And tune thy jolly voice to my fresh pipe.  
And all the daughters of the year shall dance! Sing now the lusty songs of fruits and flowers.*

William Blake, 1783

Autumn is the season of harvest; not just the grain, but the picking of apples and grapes in orchards and vineyards, and the natural harvest of fruit and nuts, blackberries, elderberries, sloes, fungi and mushrooms, and hazelnuts and sweet chestnuts, and of course the horse chestnut to provide conkers. Unfortunately a recently arrived leaf-mining moth from Macedonia has begun to infest the trees, while a virulent fungal disease, known as bleeding canker is also making inroads. First reported in the UK in the late 1970s, the disease may be on the increase as mild winters and wetter springs encourage its spread.

However the majority of insects do good and are essential for pollination, so imagine my horror the other day when in one single publication I saw a “Patio Bug Zapper”, a Cordless Solar-powered Portable Insect Killer”, an “Attract and Zap Plug-in Bug Zapper”. But it seems not only are our insects in peril, there was a “24-hour protection against unwanted garden animals – Sonic Cat Repeller” and finally “Target all nuisance animals from 20 metres with your very own Mega-Sonic Scatter-Cat hand held gun”, all this in a publication called EasyLife!! Perhaps we will soon see “An Even Easier Life” magazine with “Mega-Sonic Children Scatter Gun”! What is happening to the world – have people gone mad (of course the answer is yes!).

*On September 12<sup>th</sup> in the year 1680, old Mr Rod near Hereford died at the age of 106 years.  
His diet was strange. He never ate flesh, nor fish, nor milk, nor butter, nor cheese, only hard  
eggs. But at 50 years old he ate the forehand of a roasted pig, and afterwards could eat any  
part of a pig; else he never ate any flesh. He loved sack, but drank it temperately.*

John Aubrey ‘Observations’ 1685

Grenville Moore



Better take your hat off

## GARDEN CLUB

Nestling among fields and rolling countryside of Oxfordshire is a gem of a garden called "Pettifers". The Garden Club were given an early evening tour around the different "rooms" of this garden by the gardener, who was most knowledgeable about the profusion of plants. Ornamental grasses dominated the borders, showing how architectural planting needs few flowers for colour and structure. Dahlias seem to be back in vogue and it was interesting to see unusual colours and shapes in this garden favourite. The garden's many facets were enhanced by the ever changing and dramatic weather conditions, although the rainstorm kept off until we were safely inside. We rounded off the evening with an excellent meal, nay banquet, supplied by Carol Wixey at the Hare and Hounds in Wardington. Thank you to all the car-drivers supplying lifts!

If you are interested in preserving wild life and keeping green places, hiking or painting keep a space in your diary for the open meeting on October 16th when Adrian Thornton will talk about National Parks.

New and current members will be welcomed for the new season's talks, which begin on Thursday 18th September, at 7.30 p.m., in the Village Hall.

*Ann Saxton*

## FOR SALE

Reluctantly,

as owner must purchase a smaller model

Aluminium Lean-to Mini Greenhouse

6 ft. wide x 5 ft. high (at back) x 2 ft. deep

Excellent fitted shelving, but some glass needs replacing

Invaluable for seed sowing, over-wintering plants,

and just fun for growing things,

displaying them

and for garden storage

Purchased new now this would be over £400, but this much-loved  
Vintage Model could be yours for around £40

**Call Myrtle Knight on 680 555 to view**

## GARDEN ART EXHIBITION

AT HOPKIN HOUSE  
LOWER TYSOE  
WARWICKSHIRE

BY  
**HAZEL ROBINSON**

FROM AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>  
– SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> INCLUSIVE

10AM – 4.30PM

MORNING COFFEE AND  
CREAM TEAS IN AID OF  
WARWICKSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE



## AN INVITATION

### **‘Come and sing!’**

Stour Singers rehearsals for the 33rd season begin on Thursday 18th September 2008 at 7.30 p.m. in Shipston Primary School. This sixty-voice choral society draws members from a wide area of the three counties of Gloucester, Oxford, & Warwick always welcomes new members, especially basses.

So, whether you are a choral singer just arrived here, or ‘always wanted to’ but haven’t sung since school days, or if you’re still at High School but want to extend your experience of 4-part singing, do come along on 18th September. No auditions! If you need help with sight singing Richard Emms, the musical director, produces CDs so that less experienced singers can get to know the music at their own pace.

There are two performances each season; Christmas Music, including Vaughan Williams’ Five mystical Songs & Fantasia on Christmas Carols on 6th December 2008 and the Spring Concert, Haydn’s The Creation on 9th May 2009. Both events, in St Edmund’s Church, Shipston-on-Stour, are shared with the Cherwell Orchestra and a fine team of international soloists.

‘You can sing if you want to’ is the title of Cleo Laine’s book about singing. It is certainly true in Shipston. Make the most of this opportunity!

For further details please contact choir manager, Vic Twyman on: 01608 664215

## QUAKER WEEK IN SHIPSTON

DID YOU KNOW THAT THE LIBRARY IN SHIPSTON WAS ONCE A  
QUAKER MEETING HOUSE?

During National Quaker Week, 4th – 12th October, there is to be an exhibition in the  
Public Library

“QUAKERS IN SHIPSTON, PAST AND PRESENT”

This will describe the history of the library, formerly an active meeting house, as well  
as the rich story of Quakerism, past and present, in the area today

THE EXHIBITION WILL BE OPEN DURING NORMAL LIBRARY HOURS

Also there will be an informal

OPEN EVENING

on

THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER

Speakers and light refreshments



**Willington  
& Barcheston  
Coffee Morning  
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>  
September 2008  
10am – 12.30pm**



- ☺ Join us for a morning of fun and games
- ☺ Homemade cake stall, home made bread, fresh local produce, tombolla, splat the rat, tractor trailer rides, plant stall, raffle, white elephant, golf and much much more
- ☺ Entrance fee £1 which includes tea or coffee and a biscuit
- ☺ If you would like to be involved in any way or have white elephant donations that require collection please contact Sue Peebles on 661593 or Jane Williams 664870

This year the event will be held at Home Farmhouse. Just drive into the 'Willington Loop' and look out for the balloons!



Everyone welcome!

This years supported charity

**"Caring for Young Lives"  
Children's Liver Disease  
Foundation**



Shipston Home Nursing present a

# Country Car Boot Sale

7th September 2008  
Gates open at 9.00am

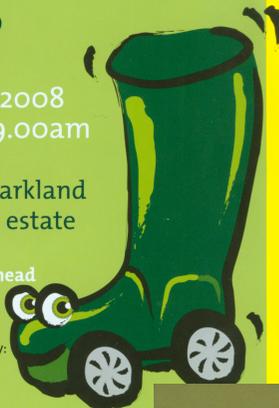
Set in the idyllic parkland  
of the Honington estate

Public entry fee £2 per head  
maximum £5 per car

Car booters by application only:  
Please call 01608 674929  
for further details

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# DESIGNER & LABELS SALE

FOR ONE DAY ONLY

Join Shipston Home Nursing for their first  
Designer & label clothes and accessories sale

**Wednesday 1st October 2008  
at Ettington Community Centre**

Set up at 8.30am | £5 entry for buying public  
10.30am - 7.30pm | refreshments available

Sell your unwanted clothes, accessories,  
handbags, shoes etc here and 10% of your  
takings goes to Shipston Home Nursing

To book your selling space please contact Rebecca  
on 01608 674929 or [rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk](mailto:rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk)



Hospice at Home  
in Shipston, Wellesbourne  
and Kineton

Registered Charity No. 1061405



## SHIPSTON HOME NURSING

### Armscote Manor Lecture Series

Monday 6th October - James Kerr, landscape and architectural photographer; Shakespeare's Scenery, a photographic journey of Warwickshire and the North Cotswolds

Tuesday 7th October 2008 - Graham Dillamore; The Gardens of Historic Royal Palaces

Wednesday 8th October 2008 - Dr Paula Henderson PhD, FSA; The Tudor House and Landscape

Thursday 9th October 2008 - Val Bourne; The Winter Garden

Friday 10th October 2008 - Maggie Cole with Harriet Walter & Guy Henry (subject to availability); The Scandalous Mrs. Woodhouse - Violet Gordon Woodhouse; a performance in words and music

The lectures start at 7 p.m. with a glass of wine. Sponsored by Bablake Wines Limited  
For tickets please contact Deborah Williams or Madeleine James at Armscote Manor, Armscote, Warwickshire CV37 8DA, Tel: 01608 682 375, [deborah.williams@armscotemanor.co.uk](mailto:deborah.williams@armscotemanor.co.uk)

Please make cheques payable to Shipston Home Nursing and send applications for tickets with a self addressed stamped envelope.

Ticket prices: 1 lecture £14.00, 2 lectures £26.00, 3 lectures £33.00, 4 lectures £44.00, 5 lectures £53.00. Tickets not available on the door.

## VILLAGE HALL CLEANING ROTA

Week beginning Monday:

September 1st	Una & Jane
September 8th	Angela & Gaynor
September 15th	Julie & Keith
September 22nd	Gwyn & George
September 29th	Judy & Dot
October 6th	Gwyn & George

The Village Hall Committee would like to say thank you to Dot Richards and Jane Smith, who have offered to help clean the Hall even though they are not on the Committee. We would be grateful for any other help, but I'm not holding my breath!

*Una Hill*

# WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

## ***SEPTEMBER***

Tuesday 2nd		Grey, blue and green bin collection
Sunday 7th	9.00	Honington Hall – Shipston Home Nursing Car Boot
Tuesday 9th	8.00	Village Hall – Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 10th	6.00	Kineton Oil Consortium ordering deadline
Friday 12th	10.00	Weekday Walkers - see inside
Tuesday 18th	10-10.30	Library Van – Village Hall only
Thursday 18th	7.30	Village Hall - Garden Club Shipston Primary School – Shipston Singers, contact Vic Twyman on 01608 664215
Sunday 21st	11.30	Village Hall – Treasure Hunt & Pig Roast
Wednesday 24th	23.59	Copy deadline for the News
Friday 26th	9.30	Methodist Chapel – Macmillan Cancer Support
	9.45	Weekday Walkers - see inside
Saturday 27th	7.00	Progressive Dinner – see inside for details

## ***OCTOBER***

Saturday 4th	10.00	St. Peter's, Kineton – Coffee Morning
	7.30	Kineton Village Hall – Handbell Concert
Monday 6-Friday	10.00	Armscote Manor – Lecture series – details inside
Tuesday 18th	10-10.30	Library Van – Village Hall only
Friday 10th		Armscote House – Harpsichord recital
Saturday 18th		Oxhill Church - Talgarth Choir
Tuesday 18th	10-10.30	Library Van – Village Hall only
Friday 31st		Village Hall – Non-Hallowe'en Indian Dinner

## ***NOVEMBER***

Tuesday 18th	10-10.30	Library Van – Village Hall only
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## ***DECEMBER***

Tuesday 18th	10-10.30	Library Van – Village Hall only
Wednesday 31st		Village Hall – New Year's Eve Party

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