

THE OXHILL NEWS

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Rachel Costa, much loved Oxhill resident, sadly passed on 1 Aug 2012

In October 2005, the Oxhill News reported that Rachel Costa, age 73, was the star performer at a sponsored bike ride raising over 40% of the total donations through her own pedal power.

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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.

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 Wednesday, stopping at the Village Hall at 10am and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Wednesday 12th September.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 11th and 25th September.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays 4th and 18th September.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

The following walks are planned for September:

September 14th – A 8 mile walk from Shipston-on-Stour to Stretton-on-Fosse with 100 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Plough in Stretton-on-Fosse – Leaving Oxhill at 9:15am.

September 28th – A 5.8 mile walk from North Newington to Wroxton with 130 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The North Arms in Wroxton - Leaving Oxhill at 9:45am.

Due to the numbers on the walk Jim Saxton now contacts regular members to get meal decisions by Wednesday evening. Those who wish to join us are most welcome, but please contact Jim Saxton on 01295 680613 or at [saxton @ tiscali.co.uk](mailto:saxton@tiscali.co.uk) before the Tuesday evening prior to the walk.

BURGLARY AT THE PEACOCK

At lunchtime on Sunday 19 August the home of Yvonne and Pam, owners of Peacock Pub, was burgled. Laptops, camera, printer and original artwork were included in the items taken. Two witnesses having lunch in the restaurant, will hopefully be able to identify the perpetrator(s). If anyone saw or knows anything that may help, please tell Yvonne or Pam or the police.

PEACOCK EVENTS THIS MONTH

Quiz Night

Quiz night on Sunday 2nd September at 8pm

Village Events

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



FLICKS IN THE STICKS - SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER



Please come and enjoy a fantastic film and delicious food at a charity film screening in The Old Chapel, in aid of Chernobyl's Children and O.W.L.S.

We're calling the event *Flicks In The Sticks* and it will start at 7.30pm. In keeping with the setting of the film, we will be making tasty Indian food. At 8.30, we will screen the smash hit comedy *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* starring Judi Dench, Maggie Smith + Bill Nighy.

Included in your ticket price of £15 will be the screening, a drink on arrival and food. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available before and after the film.

Please call Jo Sweby on 07720 401 691 or Anne Marshall on 01295 680411 to book tickets or to ask any questions. Book early to avoid disappointment!

RACHEL COSTA 1931 – 2012

Rachel was born at Church Row in Whatcote, the youngest of a family of seven. At 11 years of age she went into service with a family in Sibford, and later moved with them to London. She came back to visit her family in Whatcote on Sundays, and it was there that she saw Tony, who was a Sicilian prisoner of war working at Oxhill Hill Farm, cycling past to collect the Sunday newspapers and they got chatting. At

this time Rachel was only 14 years old. When she moved to London with her employers, Tony wrote to her regularly and finally persuaded her he couldn't live without her, so she returned to Warwickshire and they were married in Shipston registry office when she was aged 16.



Tony had by this time obtained a job as a cowman working for William Fox at Herd Hill and he and Rachel moved to a tied cottage there. The workers and neighbours there clubbed together and found enough ingredients to make them a wedding cake, and the day after the marriage Rachel spent milking cows. They would regularly walk the livestock from Herd Hill to Culworth, the other side of Banbury. Eventually Rosa was born, and later Joe, who told me that his playpen was the chicken run and he would push the chickens around in his

pushchair. Rachel remembered her time at Herd Hill with great happiness and would tell of the great spread put on at harvest time. Before it became fashionable, Rachel and Tony were self-sufficient, growing their own vegetables and keeping poultry.

Rachel and her family moved to Oxhill in 1976, living firstly in Beech Row and then moving to Peacock Cottages where Tony continued to grow vegetables. Tony was a very skilled hedgelay (and also a poacher of note!). For many years Rachel was my mother's right hand woman in the kitchen at the Peacock, and was indispensable there, turning her hand to most jobs. After my parents retired in 1986 she went on to work for Aileen and Bill McCrickard who took over the pub. When she left the Peacock she carried on being busy around the village, cleaning and babysitting, and

looking after her beloved ducks. Rachel would always have time for a chat and was a fount of knowledge about the old countryside ways.

In 2010 Rachel had a bad fall and was in and out of hospital. Sadly on 1 August 2012 Rachel passed peacefully away at the Bromson Hill Nursing Home. She leaves behind her a daughter Rosa, son Joe, grandsons Sam and Jethro, and great grandchildren Lily-May, Nerissa, and Shannon.

Rachel will be greatly missed by all who knew her. A little piece of Oxhill has gone for ever.

Grenville Moore

Since the passing of Rachel, her son Joe Costa, has been told he will have to vacate his home on Main Street where he has lived with his mother for a number of years. However, there maybe a chance to help Joe remain in his Oxhill home, if anyone would like to write in support of Joe please address your letter to:

Mr David Dutton,
Community Housing Officer
Orbit Heart of England
10 Greenhill Street
Stratford-upon-Avon
CV37 6LG□

Vanessa (ed.)



TRIATHLON FOR CHARITY

I am George & Gwyn Adams' younger son and many of the old-guard in Oxhill will probably remember me. I am doing a fundraiser for Motor Neurone Disease Research in memory of our neighbour Dot Richards who lived at Amberway for as long as I can remember.

I am doing the Beverley Triathlon on 26th August and any donations could either be done on-line at <http://www.justgiving.com/operationstupid2012> or given to mum and dad.

*Many thanks,
Simon Adams*

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Sunday 2nd Trinity XIII : 9.30am Holy Communion (ML)

Sunday 9th Trinity XIV : 9.30am Sunday Praise (BR)

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

Sunday 23rd Trinity XVI HARVEST FESTIVA : 9.30am Village Harvest Service (NM) – All welcome

Sunday 30th TRINITY XVII : 9.30am United Benefice Service at Whatcote

For other benefice services see porch notice board

VICARAGE NOTES

Dear friends,

I do hope all the holiday makers enjoyed their time away last month. To all who became hooked on the Olympics – don't worry, there's another games in 4 years.

I enjoyed lunch as a guest at a former Vicar's family gathering a few weeks ago – his 3 surviving daughters were 90, 92 and 97 and their good friend was 93! Lots of memories were shared and I felt that they had truly seen life with a rich variety of experiences. Hopefully the experience of the Games will help in developing greater understanding between nations and encourage many to enjoy sport and the camaraderie that goes with it.

Later this month, Sunday 23rd, we shall be enjoying our traditional Harvest Festival service, to which all are warmly invited. I'm looking around to see if there's any new poetry on the Harvest theme – if you know of anything, please contact me. If you enjoyed the Jubilee Service, you'll hopefully enjoy Harvest too!

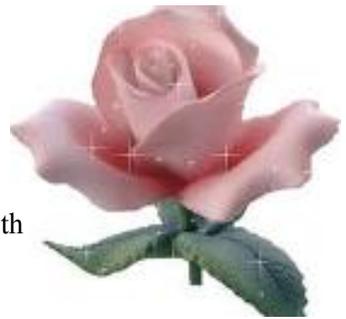
*Best wishes and God bless,
Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230*



FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms: welcomed into God's family on July 15th
Sky Harris

Funerals: remembered with thanksgiving on August 10th
Rachel Costa (aged 81)



DEANARY NEWS

St Gregory's, Tredington, Autumn course

Wednesday 5th September 'Revelation: vision or confusion'

Wednesday 12th September 'Christ and Christie: detective novels and faith'

Wednesday 19th September 'An Inkling: C S Lewis, JRR Tolkien and Christianity'

Wednesday 26th September 'Henri Nouwen: writing spiritually'

Wednesday 3rd October 'Malcolm Muggeridge: from atheist to something beautiful for God'

All sessions stand alone, and all are welcome, between 7.30pm-9pm

For more information call Chris Goble on 01608 682282

Tarantara Concert

There will be a concert given by **Tarantara**, a wonderful local choir performing a wide range of music, in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston, on September 15th at 7.30 pm, in aid of the Joint Churches Youth Project.

Tickets will be £10, available at the door and from local shops, eg. Clarkes, newsagents etc. Refreshments will be available.

Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship.....

in its new format begins this month. Do check it out on the Diocesan Website, and if you are interested, please register an interest with Martin Kirkbride.

Looking Ahead....

The next Deanery Synod will be on Tuesday, October 16th at 7.30 pm at Whichford Church. The speaker will be Rev. Paul Simmonds, of Workcare, and we will be looking at the whole question of how best we can support those who are looking for work or setting up new businesses.

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – UPCOMING EVENTS

An Italian journey – Saturday, 29 September

A new take on an old favourite – meet in the Village Hall for a glass or two of Prosecco and then off to various houses throughout the Village for some interesting Italian dishes and then on again to another couple of destinations for more varieties of super Italian food before returning to the Village Hall for Desserts & Coffee.

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

We are looking for hosts to provide a selection of Italian 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 3 host’s homes!)

If you would like to participate in this popular supper please telephone Diana Cronin on 680938 and let her know whether you would prefer to host a course of Italian food (recipes/guidance is available if needed) or would like some tickets.

An Indian Feast – Saturday, 13 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 Saturday October 13th 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.

Tickets, which always go quickly, are available from Tricia Harbour on 680676

Friday Night at the Village Hall – Friday 16 November

Our popular Friday Night at the Village Hall returns on November 16th with a meal and desert for the bargain price of £8. More details to follow but put the date in your diary now.

Food will be available from 7.30pm to 9.30pm and tickets are available from Tricia Harbour on 680676

Christmas Cocktail & Canapés Evening – Friday, 7 December

We are repeating the very successful Cocktail evening to celebrate the Christmas season, consisting of a variety of Canapés and some new, improved Cocktails on Friday 7 December. The Hall will be specially decorated to reflect the season and appropriate mood music will be playing softly in the background for this special Posh Frocks & Black Tie (or suits) evening. The price will be £12.50 per head and includes a selection of delicious canapés and 2 cocktails. Additional drinks will be available and the evening will run from 8.00pm to 10.30pm (or later!). This is a great way to start the Christmas season and meet up and socialise with your friends.

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

AFTERNOON DELIGHT – (KNIT & NATTER)

The fortnightly Thursday Afternoon Delight meetings (or Knit & Natter) will re-start on Thursday 6th September at Oxhill Village Hall starting at 2.00pm and finishing at around 4.00pm and costing £1 per session.

Our first meeting will be for catching up with friends after the summer break and planning the next few meetings.

On Thursday 20th September Ann Hale will be coming to give one of her local history talks.

Everyone is welcome and you can either join in with the craft/activity, bring your own hobby to do or just come along for a cup of tea and a chat with your friends.

If you have any questions, please contact Tricia Harbour on 680676

HELP!

Our daughter, Sarah is getting married on September 8th and Robyn and I are doing the flowers. Have any of you gardeners got shrubs that you wouldn't mind us pruning or any flowers that are surplus to requirement? We are looking for bluey greens and golden colours. Please ring me if you can help.



Barbara Shepard 07976269090

At the public meeting in the Village Hall on 20 Aug, about the application for planning permission at Church Farm, Mr Peter Britton claimed that the building on the right of the farm drive was constructed without SDC approval. He has since been shown the full approval notice and he has apologised to Paul and Tom Heritage for the mistake, which has been accepted. A copy of the notice of approval is being held by the chairman, Grenville Moore.

Also Mr Mike Collins questioned if the Environmental Agency would be notified. I have been assured that this is automatically done by the Planning Authority, along with consultation of the road layout with the County Council.

Tom Heritage

Church Farm Planning Application 12/01682/FUL: The planning officer for this application, Louise Koelman, advises today that members of the public have until 24 October 2012 to comment on this application. You can do so by mail quoting the application number, or go to the application on the Stratford DC website and press the "Comment" button.

There was some doubt at the public meeting that people would be able to comment after today, so I called Louise and she confirmed the above details and said I could quote her in the magazine.

Peter Britton (21 Aug 2012)

TEAS AT TWA CORBIES ART EXHIBITION

Thank you to everyone who made cakes for the teas and helped with serving and the washing up at the art exhibition, especially Anne Marshall, Gaynor Van Dijk, Jane Smith, Barbara Shepherd and Carol Taylor, and thank you to everyone who came to the exhibition and made it such a success. The teas raised £120.00, which has been split between Chernobyl's Children and Oxhill Wildlife Society (OWLS).

Jane Moore

WELCOME!

We welcome to the village Geoff and Audrey Reid, who have recently moved into Amberway from Stratford, and hope that they will be very happy here. Some of you will already have met them as they joined us for our Jubilee celebrations and competed in the Boules competition.

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

After a good pub lunch Garden Club members visited Janet Cropley's garden. Janet and her husband welcomed us under louring and threatening skies. We found the beautifully tended garden "rooms" and the unusual trees inspiring. Although the main garden is mature it was interesting to see the wild area in its infancy.

After a leisurely amble around the Cropley estate we took tea on the lawn, then, clutching our bags of cuttings and specimens we made for home. And not a moment too soon as the heavens opened.

Time is running out for the photographic competition – 7 x 5 max size, unmounted picture in one of the following categories: Summer Flower or Winter in the Garden.

Our new programme

September 20th Taking Cuttings with Hilary Twigg

October 18th Getting the Best out of Clay Soils with Harold Drury

November 15th Orchid Culture with Janet James (plants for sale)

December 12th Christmas Party at the Saxton's

New members always welcomed.

Ann Saxton



THE CARISE SINGERS under George Parris

The Carise Singers will be rehearsing in the Church on Thursday 13th September from 2 - 6 p.m in preparation for their concerts on 15th at the Ilmington Music Festival (01608 - 682745) and Whichford (see Warwicks & Coventry Historic Churches Trust) and on the 16th at the Elgar Birthplace Museum (01905 - 333224). Anyone wishing to come and listen will be very welcome..

Cheers
Ros (Henry)



WOT2Grow YOUR Community Orchard

July was a month of some sunshine and a lot of rain which made working at the orchard a challenge! We continued to attack the weeds and have now got on top of them due to the twice weekly sessions but it is a never ending battle. To lighten the sessions we have also been tying in the new canes which have grown massively due to the conditions and also started harvesting the summer fruit. It is very satisfying to be able to pick the fruit from the little canes we planted last year and certainly makes all the hard work of clearing the rows and planting worth while. We have to record all the fruit that is picked to prove that the orchard is working as predicted in our funding application!

It will be doubly good in a couple of years when we can start to harvest the top fruit from this year's tree planting.

One of the biggest jobs at the orchard is keeping the grass cut and we are very lucky to have a few members who spend a lot of their time pushing mowers up and down. Their efforts are greatly appreciated especially as it also helps to keep the dandelions at bay!

Do come and join us at one of our sessions, usually Wednesday morning from 10:00 and Sunday afternoon from 2:00, and help or just come and see what we are doing!

Check out your orchard at www.wot2grow.co.uk

If you would like more details please contact one of the following who are co-ordinating the community involvement: *Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Derek Harbour (680676), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080), Graham Collier (680127), Julia Stirman (01608 686776)*

CREAM TEAS in TYSOE on SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 2ND

Just to remind everyone that they are invited to come down to the orchard between 2:00pm and 4:00pm on Sunday September 2nd to get shown around and to enjoy the trees, bees and teas!

Traditional Cream Teas plus some cakes, flapjacks and squash for the children, will be served. Come and see the great selection of fruits we have planted and taste some of the different varieties. See how far the orchard has progressed since it was a field in March 2011!

Organised by the WOT2Grow Community Orchard
Located behind the allotments off the Shenington Road

CELEBRATE HARVEST IN STYLE!!

PIGROAST and SKITTLES EVENING

Saturday OCTOBER 6th at 7:30pm

at the Village Hall

Spit roast pig, delicious salads and puds all homemade.

Tickets £8 adults : £4 children

Please book your tickets with

Carol Fox 680223, Val Ewens 680215 or Cath Pugh 680958

This is the first of our major fundraising for the costly church repairs so please come and give us your support

Thank you

Auction of Promises November 17th

Hope you are all thinking hard about what your promises can be!!

For further information please phone Carol Fox on 680223.

We have "Promises " forms ready.

Grass Cutting Confusion with the District Council

This year, Oxhill Parish Council have been looking to manage certain areas of the village for Biodiversity in order to improve the wildlife potential of the village. As part of this process, they have been liaising with myself at the District Council to see how this can work with the mowing arrangements we have in place across the District.

Unfortunately there has been some confusion over what was required, and who would be maintaining the areas within the village, which resulted in us removing all of Oxhill from our maintenance arrangements, rather than just those areas being managed for Biodiversity. This has resulted in the village not receiving the maintenance it should have done, and on behalf of the District Council I would like to apologise for the impact this may have had.

The Parish Council have worked closely with me to resolve this error, and we have now agreed arrangements for the future that should avoid any further problems, along with remedial works that should have been carried out by the time you read this.

Apologies once again, and I hope that the new Biodiversity areas will develop into strong features for the village, and everyone will see the benefit that they will bring to the village in terms of plant and animal life.

*Matthew Austin
Environmental Maintenance Officer
Stratford on Avon District Council*

OLYMPIC GAMES

During the games the Collins family were lucky enough to visit the Olympic Park on three occasions. Most will have seen the stories in the press about the problems before the games got going. Our experiences were only positive and I feel moved to record my thanks in public to all involved. Screening to enter the site ran seamlessly, without delay and security staff were present but unobtrusive once inside the park. The transport system delivered us to Stratford and away again with the minimum of queuing and little delay. The whole area was spotlessly clean and the volunteers were fantastic in every way as they



greeted and managed the visitors when necessary. I can't overlook the purpose of the event which is of course is to allow the sports people of the world to come together to perform to the highest possible standard. Well done TeamGB!

Congratulations and heart felt thanks to all involved in making the games safe, successful and entertaining.

I hope and pray the Paralympic Games go as well, if you get the chance to attend - take it!

Mike Collins

The photo is of TeamGB cyclist, Laura Trott, sharing her first gold medal for the world record breaking team pursuit victory with her family. Yes we were that close – a life time golden moment!

Diamond Jubilee Celebration Wrap Up Meeting

A reminder that there will be a final meeting of the committee on Wednesday 5th September at 8pm in the Village Hall to review the accounts and close the project. If you haven't already seen the photo and video record of the event then there will an opportunity to remember how Oxhill celebrated the occasion in grand style.

Mike Collins – 680564

TYSOE MARIONETTE GROUP'S JUNIOR WING!



Dragon says how happy he was to breathe fire in TMG - Junior Wing's two presentations of **'George and the Dragon'**, given by five volunteers from Classes 5 and 6 of Tysoe School to fellow classmates, their teachers and helpers on 5th and 12th July 2012. These presentations were the culmination of a series of intensive rehearsals during the Easter holidays and summer term and were played to capacity houses. They were hugely enjoyed.

Joel Morris cleverly manipulated Dragon and the wireless transmitter sending signals to a smoke machine to make Dragon belch out stage smoke! This made it difficult for sword-wielding George (skilfully operated by Marcus Creagh) to engage him in battle. George is tipped off a bucking Hippopotamus (worked by Eleanor Butchart) in front of the Damsel (manipulated with considerable dexterity by Victoria Robbins). After a vigorous fight Witchy, (riding on a broomstick and operated by Eleanor Butchart) turns the trouble-making Damsel into mistletoe. Finally Witchy, discovering that Dragon cannot give her his promised soul is 'converted' by Dragon into a charred hat atop a burnt broomstick! 'Mr Sparks!' - alias Andrew Hall helped programme 26 lighting cues into the 24 channel memory console controlling some 50 luminaires. He also designed a number of coloured lighting chases and fitted an electro-magnet to the hose linking the 'Esso Blue' can with Dragon's nose to reduce 'fuel spillage' during 'refuelling'!

TMG's Senior Wing wishes to thank all five Junior volunteers for being such fast learners in the fascinating art of puppetry and also for subsequent timely help in keeping our currently-running performances of 'The Gruffalo' on schedule. Thanks also to Mrs Slatter and her colleagues for making this collaborative programme possible. We look forward to future projects in the coming years. Jon Beeny.

Visit: <http://TysoeMarionettes.webplus.net>

KINETON OIL CONSORTIUM

Kineton oil consortium will be ordering oil again, please may I have your order not later than Tues September 18th by 6pm

Thank you,
D. Harper 01295 680529

Free Electric Blanket Safety Tests from Warwickshire County Council

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service will provide electric blanket tests **FREE OF CHARGE**, for people aged 50 or over, between Monday 1st October 2012 and Friday 5th October 2012. Don't miss this opportunity!

Old or damaged electric blankets cause a number of fires each year, which can result in injury or death. These can be avoided by simply getting your electric blanket checked.

Testing, **by appointment only**, will take place at the following venues around Warwickshire:

Leamington Town Hall, Monday 1st October 2012

Nuneaton Fire Station, Tuesday 2nd October 2012

Rugby Library, Wednesday 3rd October 2012

Kenilworth Library, Thursday 4th October 2012

Stratford Fire Station, Friday 5th October 2012

Electric blanket tests are only available to Warwickshire residents. Please book soon as places are limited.

To book an appointment, call the Trading Standards Service on:

01926 414016 (Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm)

or email

ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk

TYSOE VILLAGE STORE & TEAROOM & GARDEN

This summer Tysoe Village Store opened a tearoom next door to the shop serving teas and delicious homemade food for eat in or take away.

For more info, call Sian (pictured) on 01295 688333



PIANO CONCERT IN THE CHAPEL COMPTON VERNEY 14 SEPTEMBER 2012

Celebrated pianist Rob Colley will be performing a programme of classical and jazz music which includes:



- ♣ Mozart Sonata in D K576
- ♣ Beethoven Sonata in F minor op 57 'Appassionata'.
- ♣ Liszt Three concert studies
- ♣ Rob Colley Selection from 'Bluebell Blues'
- ♣ Scriabin Sonata no 10
- ♣ Kreisler / Rachmaninoff Liebesleid and Liebesfreud

Funds raised will go towards the restoration of Compton Verney's Grade I listed Georgian Chapel.

Concert starts at 7pm

Tickets £20, which includes a glass of wine at the interval.

Please contact Jessica Brown for more information or to book tickets:

T. 01926 645547

E. jessica.brown@comptonverney.org.uk

CSW Super Fast Broadband Project Update

Following the item in last months news, if you haven't already done so, please visit the project website at www.cswbroadband.org.uk and complete the survey you will find there. The project are especially keen to register responses from businesses. If you work from home please respond twice, once for work and once for home usage. Thank you.

Warwickshire County Council is now running a prize draw for the submission of information about the locations of the green telecoms cabinets that sit by the side of the road. To enter, all you have to do is to submit information about where the cabinets are.

To do this, visit <https://4sfb.crowdmap.com/main> and submit the information requested – and don't forget to leave your name, email address and telephone number so that you can be contacted you if you win! Names of winners will be published but contact details will not be made public.

Each verified cabinet will count as one entry for the prize draw – so the more cabinets you can find the more chances you have of winning! **The competition closes on 30th September, so get your entries in as soon as possible.** In October WCC will conduct a prize draw of verified entries, and the winners will be notified

Don't forget that you could win Amazon vouchers – and help bring Superfast Broadband to our area at the same time!

First Prize: £50 Amazon voucher

Second Prize: £30 Amazon voucher

Third Prize: £20 Amazon voucher

Runners up: 5 x £10 vouchers

To find out more and for competition rules – visit the competition web page: <http://www.cswbroadband.org.uk/cabinet-competition/>

Why are WCC doing this?

As part of the project to improve broadband speeds WCC need to understand what telecoms equipment is already out there. Unfortunately the BT data on the positions of these cabinets is not accurate, and as speeds can be affected by relatively short distances of copper cabling, they need to accurately pinpoint the locations of these green cabinets.

To receive the broadband project monthly e-newsletter with all the latest updates please visit <http://www.cswbroadband.org.uk/contact-us/>

For and on behalf of the Parish Council
Mike Collins

SHIPSTON HOME NURSING AUTUMN EVENTS

Shipston Cycle Challenge Ride

Sunday 30th September at Shipston Leisure Centre 10 am

For more details call Rebecca 01608 674929 or
www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk to book online

Feldon Valley Golf Day

Thursday 4th October 12.30pm , Feldon Valley Golf Club, Lower Brailes

£200 entry team of 4 to include bacon butties and dinner afterwards

For more details call Rebecca 01608 674929

Armscote Manor Lecture Series

Week beginning Monday 8th October through to Friday 12th October

By very kind invitation of Deborah Williams for tickets please call
01608 682375

www.armscotemanor.co.uk

Christmas Gift Fair

Wednesday 31st October 6 – 9.30 pm

Thursday 1st November 9.30 – 4pm

At Ettington Community Centre

Designer Sale

Friday 9th November

Darlingscott House, Darlingscott

Open House

Kindly hosted by John & Maggie Sargent



Best Wishes

Rebecca Mawle
Fundraising Co-ordinator
SHIPSTON HOME NURSING
(Hospice at Home)
01608 674929
07940 716345

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

September

Sunday 2nd	14:00 - 16:00	WOT2Grow Cream Tea at Orchard
Sunday 2nd	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 4th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 5th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Wednesday 5th	20:00	Diamond Jubilee Celebration Wrap Up Meeting
Thursday 6th	16:00	Village Hall - Knit & Natter
Tuesday 11th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 12th	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Thursday 13th	1400 - 18:00	St Lawrence Church - Carise Singers rehearsal
Friday 14th	09:30	Weekday Walkers - see pg 2 for details
Friday 14th	19:00	Compton Verney Piano Concert - see pg 17 for details
Saturday 15th		COPY DEADLINE FOR THE OXHILL NEWS
Tuesday 18th		Grey landfill bin collection
Tuesday 18th		Kineton Oil Consortium order deadline
Wednesday 19th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Thursday 20th		Village Hall - Knit & Natter
Thursday 20th		Garden Club - 'Taking Cuttings'
Tuesday 25th		Green & Blue bin collection
Friday 28th	9:30	Weekday Walkers - see pg 2 for details
Saturday 29th		Village Hall - An Italian Journey

October

Saturday 6th	1930	Village Hall - Pig Roast & Skittles Evening
Saturday 13th	19:30	Flick in the Sticks - see pg 3 for details
Saturday 13th		Village Hall - An Indian Feast
Thursday 18th		Garden Club- 'Getting the Best our of Clay Soils'

November

Thursday 15th		Garden Club - 'Orchid Culture'
Friday 16th		Friday Night at the Village Hall
Saturday 17th		Auction of Promises

December

Friday 7th		Village Hall - Christmas Cocktail & Canapés Evening
Wednesday 12th		Garden Club - Christmas Party