

# THE OXHILL NEWS

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We may have lost at Rounders, but our Oxhill team t-shirt with a bat and champagne glass logo, worn here by Helen, batted it straight out of the park.

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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 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 every 3rd **Friday**, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30 and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on September 8th and 29th. For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

## REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays September 5th and 19th.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays September 12th and 26th.

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

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



*The flower baskets at the Peacock Inn look very good. ~ Patrick Crowther*

## THE PEACOCK

The village coffee morning is on Wed. September 6th at 10:30 am.



The village lunch is on Wednesday September 20th.

**TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE !  
JOIN US FOR A GREAT NIGHT OUT !**



## **BARNEY'S BAND IN THE BARN**

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

COME, LISTEN AND DANCE TO BARNEY'S AMAZING MUSIC IN THE BARN  
AT WILLOUGHBY GROUNDS COURTESY OF BILL AND JUNE FOX.  
A BRILLIANT EVENING FOR ALL SO DON'T MISS IT!

**7:30 PM**

**DONATION BAR**

**PIG ROAST**

**TICKETS £13.00**

**CHILDREN UNDER 16 £6.50**

**INCLUDES ONE FREE PORK BAP**



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OR GAIDA WEBB 01295 680214  
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# OXHILL VILLAGE HALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

**Coming next...**

## **Sunday 3 September - Village Hall Maintenance Day**

Holidays over for most, so we now turn our attention to sprucing up the village hall ready for the busy autumn and winter period.

Volunteers are very welcome to join committee members at our annual maintenance day, which this year takes place on the first Sunday of the new month (3 September).

If you are keen to help - likely to be some painting work, maintenance of guttering, cleaning and clearing up in the kitchen and bar areas, tidying up outside the hall - you will be very welcome. Just come on down or speak to a committee member. We will aim to **start at 10am**.



*The Shakespeare Bike Ride stopped in the village to refuel and refresh on a sunny day in August .*

## **Saturday 23 September - Progressive Supper**

This year there will be a Greek theme to the Progressive Supper event (just Google `Greek food` and you will find lots of recipes!) There will be the option of a Greek cocktail to kick off the evening although beer and wine will also be available.

Once again we will gather in the village hall for drinks at 7pm, then split up into groups to enjoy starters and main courses in different houses across the village before returning to the village hall for puds. The cost to take part is £17.50 each but if you host a course there is no charge to take part.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet one another in our homes and experience our warm and friendly village atmosphere, especially for newcomers to Oxhill.

Please contact Ali Sayer if you would like to take part:  
[ali.sayer@btinternet.com](mailto:ali.sayer@btinternet.com) or phoning 07970 922352 or 01295 680451.

### Dates for the diary

**Saturday 7 October - Village Big Breakfast**

**Friday 10 November - Annual Curry Night**

**Monday 11 December - Village Christmas Lunch**

**Friday 22 December - Beer and Bubbles Night (posh frocks and black and white/lounge suits/jackets)**

**Saturday 27 January - Burns Night**

## OXHILL ART GROUP



Six-week course starts

**Wednesday 27 September 2017**

10.00 am – 1.00 pm

at the Village Hall, Oxhill

£12 per session/£60.00 six sessions  
Beginners welcome. Fun and informal

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## DEANERY NEWS

Having welcomed Sharon Goble Rector of the Stourdene Benefice, and George Heighton tp Brailes/Tysoe, I am further delighted that Rev. Sarah Edmonds has now been appointed as Rector of Shipston (with Tidmington), Honington and Idlicote. The date of her licensing has yet to be announced: Sarah is of course already a familiar face in the Deanery, and we pray for her and her family as they move up the road all the way from Tredington to Shipston!

Looking beyond the summer, we are looking ahead to the **Deanery Synod**, which will be on **Monday, October 9th, at 7.30pm** in Tysoe Church. Note that this is a **Monday** – for once this is not a misprint! Our guest that evening will be Ruth Marlow, our new Diocesan Secretary, and she would love to meet as many of the Deanery as possible!



Building on the considerable interest in ecological matters, it is good to announce that we are going to host a **BCDM Module on Creation Care** in St Edmunds, Shipston, on Tuesday evenings in the autumn, looking at God's Creation and our place in it. It will be led by Rev. Chris Goble, with hopefully some input from Godfrey Armitage of the Diocesan Environmental Group.

**Dates and Time:** Tuesday evenings 7.00-9.30pm, 3rd - 17th October and 7th - 14th November

**Venue:** St. Edmund's Shipston, Church Street, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4AP (although the session on October 10th will be elsewhere).

We have decided as a Deanery that we will fund these courses for anyone who lives or worships in our Deanery. In those circumstances there is therefore no charge (although we may invite donations towards the overall cost of the scheme!)

Finally, for the singers among you: everyone is invited to a **Come and Sing Choral Evensong** at **Coventry Cathedral on Saturday, 18th November**, between 1.30pm and 5.15pm. This will be led by Kerry Beaumont, the Cathedral's Director of Music, and supported by RSCM. If anyone would like to go, please let me know, and I will try to sort our music and transport. I shall be there, having just been asked to become Chairman of the RSCM in Coventry and Warwickshire, so it would be lovely to take along a group from Shipston Deanery!

*Every blessing, Jill*

## NOTES FROM ST. LAWRENCE

September is almost upon us, and with it comes the harvest. So events this month lead up to this wonderful annual celebration. Services in St. Lawrence this month are:

Sept 3rd BCP Holy Communion Rev George Heighton  
Sept 10th Morning Worship Rev Canon George Warner  
Sept 17th Parish Communion Revd. Canon Dr. Jill Tucker  
Sept 24th **Harvest Festival** Revd. Canon Dr. Jill Tucker

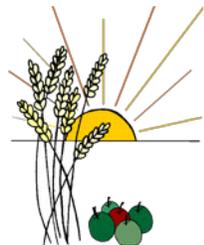


We are planning another **Messy Harvest** on Saturday, September 23rd between 10.00am and 12 noon in The Old Chapel. We shall be making the big Harvest Display, and it gives us a chance to celebrate Harvest in a very child-friendly way. There will be drinks and cake, and anyone is welcome to come and join in or simply watch and chat.

The **Harvest Festival** will be the next morning, **Sunday, September 24th, at 9.30am**, and it will be followed by refreshments and the Auction of Produce. We would welcome gifts of fresh produce, to be auctioned, or packaged goods for Shipston Food Bank.

Even now as the harvest is all around us we know we are privileged to enjoy this summer in our wonderful countryside: please do pray for those whose harvests fail, who have absolutely nothing to feed to their children – and think about how we can make a difference.

*Blessings, Jill*





Oxhill Village Hall

## Knit & Natter New Season

Alternate Thursday afternoons from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at the Village Hall starting on Thursday 7 September, 2017



**AND** Nattering

Not just Knitting but a chance to pursue any hobby with friends and a welcome cup of tea



Just come along or if you want more details, call

Tricia Harbour (680676)





## OXHILL .V. TYSOE ROUNDERS AND CRICKET

A victory for proportional representation and Oxhill! Tysoe has 5 times the population of Oxhill and therefore **if** the Oxhill scores at both sports were multiplied by 5, we would have won easily. As it was, the Tysoe teams just focused on scoring lots of runs whereas the lovely Oxhill teams concentrated on trying to entertain their vast numbers of supporters. No wonder that Tysoe were less well supported.

Our ladies took to the Rounders field full of fun and brimming with confidence but a little naïve when it came to tactics and the rules. Imagine their surprise when they found out half way through their game that ensuring that people reached second base was crucial! The Tysoe girls, many of whom looked as though they were still at school, had clearly practised on the game's darker arts of catching and fielding. Our ladies looked nicer in their named blue tops. One of our ladies did stand out in the 'ball hitting' phase of the game but half way round her maiden 'Rounder' Tricia suddenly started limping as she had pulled a hamstring and with that our chance of victory disappeared.



The boys experience at Cricket was not dissimilar. They started in the field and bowled some generous overs to



encourage their hosts and to show gratitude for the Tysoe team in making the day happen. They smiled and applauded their opposition and tried to make the day enjoyable for their supporters. Many of these supporters had

driven miles, well 2 to be honest, and given up the chance to read the Sunday papers just to be there. They too were courteous to the Tysoe team, happily clapping their many fine scores and keeping the guy in the Beer tent busy and trying to drink the world's largest Pimms Lake dry - some were as courteous as newts. So the Tysoe professionals and county players focused merely on piling on the runs with scarce a thought for the discomfort experienced by the crowd ducking and diving to avoid the many sixes and fours, we were sure that the Oxhill boys wouldn't be so rude. A significant score was recorded (poor Lucy was nearly exhausted and got through several pencils).

Following a tea that was possibly designed to slow our boys down with large helpings of sandwiches and cakes, they went to the wicket encouraged by roars from the crowd. Brian Hobill, who could not hide his inherent generosity and when a chance came to let others



in the team take up the baton he instantly took it and kindly got himself run-out! What a nice guy. Sadly, the opportunity to fill Brian's large boots was not really taken up, although both Adam West and Ed Fox did do their bit. Lots of other entertainment followed with none of those nasty sixes and fours (what nice guys) to trouble the crowd and all of the Oxhill boys had some time at the crease. Some of these gallant chaps had to face balls literally fired down the pitch by the win obsessed Tysoe bowlers and they stood their ground, nicking singles when the opportunity arose. Fortunately no serious injuries were incurred.

Reverend Jill Tucker was asked to use her influence and to bring a storm in to end the game and force a technical draw but, as expected, she maintained her impartiality, had another cup of tea and the rain stayed away. Oxhill demonstrated their unfailing decency and applauded the Tysoe players and even refrained from hitting the jokey commentator – well done lads! Next year it will all be different.



*Looking for a cricket ball batted into a local's garden.*

## Results

**Rounders: Oxhill 8, Tysoe 23.5**  
**Cricket: Oxhill 50 all out, Tysoe 172 for 8**





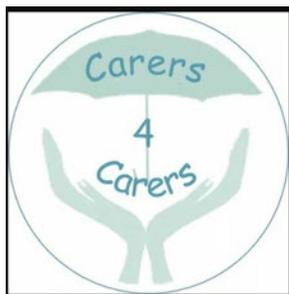
## CHURCHYARD WILDLIFE WORK-PARTY

**SEPT 10TH AT 4.00PM**

OWLS (Oxhill's Wildlife Society) is having a work party in the wild area of the churchyard on Sunday 10th September at 4.00pm. The aim is to clear some of the tough grass and do a general Autumn tidy up.

If you would like to come along, find out what our plans are for the area and lend a hand, you would be very welcome. Gloves and tools will be useful.

Any questions, please contact Grenville on 680664



## CARERS4CARERS KINETON

Friday 22nd September 10.30 – 12noon:  
Carers4Carers meeting at Kineton Village Hall.  
Come and relax over a coffee and a chat. Anita will be on hand to offer some pampering.

Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group where there will be the chance for some harp playing with Jasmine.

For more details, including help with transport, phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

## AEROBICS EVERY MONDAY

Come join us for an hour for exercise every Monday morning from 10:00 - 11:00 in the Village Hall.



# *Oxhill Garden Club*

## **Barnsdale and Rutland Water Day Trip**

On the 8 of August, Oxhill Garden Club and Kinton Regent Club joined forces for a days outing to Barnsdale Gardens, arriving at 11am on board our specially hired Johnsons coach, albeit in pouring rain. There are 38 inspiring gardens in an 8 acre site, and with a guide leaflet in hand we were able to take our own garden tour, admiring the amazing range of ideas, to maybe create in our own gardens. Eg. Cottage garden, Japanese garden, Apple arch, courtyard garden, formal pool and knot garden.



We set off for the Harbour Café, on the shore of Rutland Water, for lunch. Still raining. This huge lake was created when the twin valleys of the river Gwash were flooded in the 1970s. Now its one of the largest man made lakes in Europe covering 3100 acres and storing 27,000 million gallons of water, thus providing for domestic and industrial consumption. Also providing a huge area for recreational purposes and wildlife habitat. The length of the dam is 1200 meters and the maximum depth of the reservoir is 34 metres.



On board the Rutland Belle we got a real sense of how vast the expanse of water is. The shore line revealed sailing clubs, moorings and a water park. A remarkable feature is the Normanton Church, part submerged, but the floor being raised to provide access. It now houses a museum showing the history of the reservoir, and you can hire it for weddings. All in all a successful and very interesting outing despite the weather, and our thanks to Peter Rivers Fletcher for organising.

## WHATCOTE CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS - 2017



St Peter's Church, Whatcote is again selling Christmas puddings this year to help church funds.

The price for the 454gm (1lb.) pudding is £6.50 and the 908g (2lb), pudding is £11.00. They are great puddings and make excellent Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Last year the puddings were all sold by early December, so please get your orders in without delay by telephoning me on 01295 680294, or you can e-mail me at [junewreford@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:junewreford@hotmail.co.uk)

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

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

## STOUR SINGERS - NEW SEASON

**To join, there's no audition, and previous choral experience or ability to read music are not required.**

In the friendly atmosphere of rehearsals and with the support of specially created practice CDs even the most inexperienced noviciates flourish and blossom. There's even a singing workshop in September.



Like every choir in the country, it's the shy, retiring males of the species who are most reluctant to push themselves forward, so if you are a closet tenor or bass, seize the opportunity, and join our first rehearsal at 7.30pm on Thursday 14 September, in the Hall at Shipston Primary School in Station Road, Shipston-upon-Stour.

If you would like to join Stour Singers, there is more information on the website: [www.stoursingers.org.uk](http://www.stoursingers.org.uk), or contact Ian Buchanan on 01608 730323, email: [ian@buchananhn.co.uk](mailto:ian@buchananhn.co.uk)



## **TYSOE W.I.**

### **What a busy summer we have had!**

We all enjoyed our centenary church service on July 2nd. Many of us walked from the reading rooms, the venue for that first meeting all those years ago, carrying sunflowers and our centenary plaque. It was amazing to walk into the church packed with friends, family, villagers and visitors.

Our newly formed choir entertained us with a variety of popular songs, look out for their next performance! There were displays of 100 years of our W.I. History, items created by the "craft and laugh" group. We were entertained by some members reading out entertaining extracts from meetings gone by. We were privileged to have our service conducted by Jill Tucker and Tom Moffat. It was an emotional, entertaining and uplifting afternoon.

In normal W.I. manner the service ended with tea and cakes. £224 was collected for Shipston Home Nursing.

A few days later we enjoyed hearing about the history of Charlecote Park and the Hampton Lucy family at our July meeting, where we also welcomed a number of new members.

Some of our members and a number of villagers enjoyed our annual coach trip, thanks to Martins of Tysoe. This year we visited Portsmouth and Southsea, where everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day, whether they went for the naval history, seaside or shopping.

We donned our frocks and hats for our August meeting, at Lighthorne Pavilion Cafe for afternoon tea, and what a spread! Although the weather wasn't terribly kind, it certainly didn't dampen anyone's spirits. We topped of the afternoon by enjoying Pimms in the garden of one of our members, thankfully she had a

marquee ready for a family celebration later that week that we were able to take shelter in.

The following week saw another coach trip to London, where 34 of us were privileged to be welcomed by our very own Major David Sewell who despite the diabolical weather guided us around Wellington Barracks, most of us were extremely moved when the band struck up Jerusalem.

His knowledge kept us all enthralled. It really was a very interesting and fascinating time. Some of the group went on to visit Westminster Abbey with their personal guide, whilst the rest took in the nearby sights.

We are already planning a return visit for next year.

At the time of writing we are once again busy baking as we have been asked to provide tea and cakes for this year's Tysoe flower show.

Our September meeting is on Wednesday 6th September at 7:30. We welcome back John Hunter, our local Forensic archaeologist.

Visitors always welcome, men too! Come and join us for a glass of wine and meet new and old friends.

We are hosting a Cheese and Wine evening on Wednesday 20th September at 7.30 with wine tasting by Sheldons of Shipston, always entertaining, as any of you who have experienced one of their tastings will know. Cheeses provided by Tysoe stores. Tickets £15 available from Tysoe Stores and members. Everyone welcome.

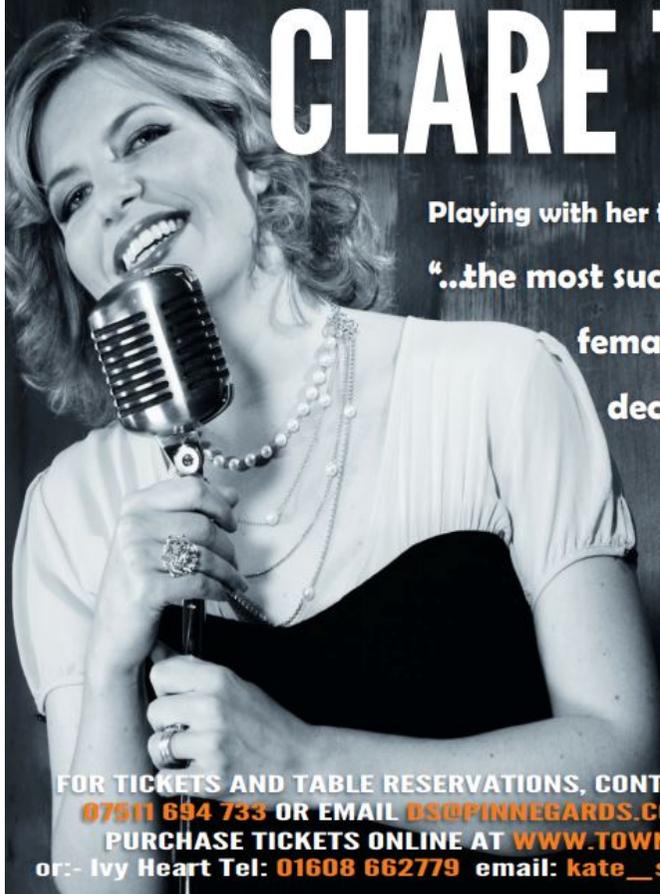
As with most of meetings, events, trips you do not have to be a member to participate.

We now have our own website designed and built by one of our members, take a look [https://:tysoewi.com](https://tysoewi.com)  
Email [tysoe1917w.i.@icloud.com](mailto:tysoe1917w.i.@icloud.com)  
We are also on Facebook and Twitter.



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**SATURDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 2017**



# CLARE TEAL

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**DOORS OPEN 7PM  
TICKETS £20  
TOWNSEND HALL**

52, Sheep Street, Shipston on Stour CV36 4AE



## WOT2Grow Community Orchard

After a good and warm summer we have now been subjected to the cold, wet and windy August! Who would want to grow fruit in such a climate. Well, we do at the orchard and although it can be frustrating we have had some good crops this summer.

Black currants, red currants, white currants have all done really well and we have had summer raspberries even if the crop has been reduced. Our major standby of the early fruiting Joan J autumn raspberries has failed this year. The canes are diseased, with no remedy available, so have died out to a large extent and therefore have not been strong enough compete with the



*Pruned Apricot*

couch grass and perennial weeds like thistle, dock and bindweed. We are looking at a new method of cultivation so we hope it will prove successful.

The apples and pears will have a much lighter crop than last year with some trees not fruiting at all due mainly to the weather conditions but we are seeing a small amount of plums, greengages and damsons! The cider apples have a good crop as do the perry pears but the trees are small and we have a way to go.

We have done the summer prune of the stone fruit and the consensus is the trees look really good! As always there are problems so we are applying organic sprays to help and support the trees and canes so that next year will be even better.

So do come along and see us and enjoy your community orchard behind the allotments along the Shenington Road in Tysoe! And maybe join us and enjoy the fruit we grow.

Contact one of us for more information: Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)

# Apple Day goes on the Road!!

This year we are moving from the orchard to Oxhill Village Hall for a fantastic Apple Day on Saturday 7th October starting at 1:30pm.

We are innovating this year and using a motorised scrapper which will reduce the effort required in chopping up the apples. Fun though it is it does take a long time and there will still be the opportunity to chop and manually feed the presses if you enjoy that!

We are also using the village hall to pasteurise some of the juice on the next day which means you can pick up glass bottles of apple juice, which will keep much longer, on Sunday 8th October between 11:00 and 12:30pm at an amazing price of £2 a bottle.



*Michelin*

On the day there will be

- children's activities including a competition for the best drawing of something apple related
- produce stall
- teas and refreshments

And **new for this year** a chance to ask a Panel about growing fruit and problems with your trees and soft fruit!



*Kingston Black*

Do come along and enjoy the fun of juicing and learning more about what we have in our gardens and community! Look out for the posters but more info available from Liz Atkinson (680045), Mike Sanderson (688080)

## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### September

Saturday 2nd	19:30	Barney's Band at the Barn
Sunday 3rd	10:00	Village Hall Maintenance Day
Monday 4th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 5th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 6th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Wednesday 6th	19:30	Tysoe WI meeting
Thursday 7th	14:00	Knit & Natter, Village Hall
Friday 8th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Friday 8th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Sunday 10th	16:00	OWLS Churchyard Wildlife work-party
Monday 11th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 12th		Grey landfill bin collection
Thursday 14th	19:30	Stour Singers Joining Date
Friday 15th		Oxhill News submission deadline
Monday 18th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 19th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 20th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Wednesday 20th	19:30	Tysoe WI Cheese & Wine Evening
Thursday 21st	14:00	Knit & Natter, Village Hall
Friday 22nd	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Friday 22nd	10:30-12:30	Carers4Carers Meeting
Saturday 23rd	19:00	Progressive Supper
Monday 25th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 26th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 27th	10:00	Oxhill Art Group, Village Hall
Friday 29th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Saturday 30th	19:00	Clare Teal, Townsend Hall, Shipston

### October

Saturday 7th		Village Big Breakfast
Saturday 28th		Back in Time Whiskey & Gin Tasting