

THE OXHILL NEWS

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Red Admiral butterfly on my Japanese Anemone! ~ *Trish Harbour*

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MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library will not visit Oxhill in September

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.

For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays September 1st, 15th and 29th.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays September 8th and 22nd.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Weekday Walkers usually walk on the 4th Friday 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

THE PEACOCK

The village coffee morning and lunch are both postponed in September.



PAUL SAYER'S CYCLING CHALLENGE RIDE EVERY DAY FOR 220 DAYS !

Many of you know that I ride my bikes a bit. Quite a lot actually. Some banter back at the start of lockdown encouraged me to set a target of riding for 50 days without a break, which became 100 days, and is now a target of 220 days. I have linked this challenge to the local Cyclists Fighting Cancer charity, which set up a 20in20 fund raising initiative at the start of the year. Since 2005 CFC have helped more than 6,000 children on the path to regaining their physical fitness, strength and confidence by giving them new bikes, adapted trikes and offering specialist activity support during treatment and on into recovery.



Most charities have had a very hard time this year, and I would really appreciate any support you can give them, and encouragement for me to finish this effort. I'm currently just over 75% of the way through with nearly 6000 miles covered, and I'm feeling it ! Fingers crossed for another two months of decent weather....the last day should be 16th October.

You can sponsor me here: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paul-sayer-220>

Thank you.

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

FAMILY GARDEN FETE

It is with real sadness that following our latest committee meeting we have decided to cancel the Fete planned for 5th September. Plans were well in hand for a wonderful day at Newborough House but it would be impossible to organise a Covid compliant event under the current restrictions.

Our thanks to all those who offered to help at the event but we have to put our efforts on hold & hope we can have a Fete in the Spring.



**NEW
LOCATION**

**OXHILL
GARDENING CLUB
PLANT SALE**

**Saturday 5th Sept
Oxhill Village Hall
10a.m. to 12 noon**

Donations of plants & garden
produce welcome.

Please contact Jude
Macdonald, Willow Brook,
Back Lane.
judemac07@btinternet.com

VILLAGE HALL A.G.M.

The A.G.M. took place on 10th August via Zoom. Committee members plus 10 Members under the new constitution were present.

The final accounts for 2019-2020 were circulated showing a healthy balance despite expenses relating to drain repairs, legal fees & survey costs. Income on lettings were up on the previous year.

The Chairman reported on the year including the creation of the CIO following the EGM in July 2019 and the consequent requirements of producing a new hire agreement, Safeguarding & Equality & Diversity policies. The resolution of the boundary issue, valuation of the property, design of the proposed extension, planning application and grant applications all combined to make it a very busy year.

The Chairman thanked her committee & others for all their work during the year especially Gill Stewart as Secretary for the very detailed & meticulous work she has undertaken.

Gill resigned from committee at the meeting after many years of service for which we are all very grateful. The rest of the committee were re-elected en bloc plus two new members Rachel & Geof Beesley who were warmly welcomed.

The Chairman reported on social events held during the year & thanked all those who had supported to make it so successful. New events included a family tea party & two popular history talks.

Grants from the County Councillors Fund (£1500 in August 2019), the Heart of England Community Fund (£2000 in December 2019) & Oxhill Parish Council (£400 December 2019) were all received and in the bank. In addition pledges of funds once redevelopment begins of £36,670 from ACRE & £10,000 from the Bernard Sunley Fund were obtained during the year. Other grant applications are ongoing.

BOOKINGS

The hall is available for bookings in line with government guidelines. To book the hall or hire equipment please contact Ali Sayer on 07970922352 ali.sayer@btinternet.com



Vanessa has asked me to write a recipe each month for the Oxhill News. As Oxhill is full of excellent bakers, it's a somewhat daunting task. My intention is to try to make the recipes seasonal where I can and also to include contributions from others. This first recipe was given to me by Gaida Webb a couple of years ago.

PEAR, WALNUT AND GINGER TRAYBAKE

I first tasted this delicious cake when Gaida baked it and brought some to Knit and Natter. The combination of pears and ginger is just perfect and this is an ideal recipe for when pear season starts shortly. If you don't have ready access to fresh pears, it can be made with tinned pears instead but make sure that they are drained well.

Ingredients

125 g butter or baking block at room temperature
220 g soft brown sugar, light or dark
2 large eggs (at room temperature to stop mixture curdling)
300 g self raising flour
1 tsp ground ginger
1 tsp mixed spice
1/2 tsp fine sea salt
100 g roughly chopped and toasted walnuts
200 ml soured cream
3 tbsp chopped stem ginger
3 ripe pears, cored, peeled and cut into 1 cm dice
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tbsp caster sugar
Icing sugar to dust

1. Preheat the oven to 180 C or 160 C fan.
2. Lightly grease and base line a 20-22 cm square, deep baking tin with baking parchment.
3. Cream the butter and sugar together, preferably with an electric mixer, until soft and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time with a tablespoon of the flour, beating well after each addition.

4. Next, add the flour, ground ginger, spice, salt, walnuts, soured cream, stem ginger and half of the pears and fold in with a large metal spoon until well combined.
5. Spoon the mixture into the prepared tin, smoothing over the top. Arrange the remaining diced pears on top. Mix together the cinnamon and caster sugar and sprinkle evenly over the top.
6. Bake in the oven for 45-55 minutes until a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. If it starts to brown too much after 45 minutes, cover with foil.
7. Allow to cool in the tin for 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool completely. Dust the traybake with icing sugar and cut into about 12 pieces.

~ *Ruth Mercer*



Conference Pears in the WOT2Grow Community Orchard



WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Finally the summer weather has produced the soft fruit harvest, in fact earlier than most years and definitely shorter due to the high temperatures and lack of rain!

We have had an increased number of volunteers coming to pick the raspberries, blueberries, gooseberries, tay berries, loganberries, red, black and white currants. Also some spending many a long hour grass cutting and strimming between the rows of fruit and around the trees. The orchard is looking very good!!!



Grenadier Apples

We took a large amount of honey from the hives back in June and members have been enjoying jars of this delicious tasting product from our bees.

The top fruit is very disappointing this year, late frosts and high winds destroyed most of the blossom and small fruitlets so apart from a very few pears and cooking apples there is little to see! Even the perry pears and cider apples are in short supply.

Regretfully we have decided to cancel Apple Day this year. There is too much uncertainty about gatherings and a lot to organise up front so this has not been an easy decision.

The Community Orchard is just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe and is open 24/7.

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080) or see the website www.wot2grow.co.uk

SEMI-SUN DRIED TOMATOES

Cut the tomatoes in half.

Apply salt, olive oil and basil or oregano.

Here are baby tomatoes.

Cook baby tomatoes at 125C for 1.5 - 2 hours.

Cook plum tomatoes or larger tomatoes at 125C for 2.5 - 3 hours.

Put the tomatoes in a sterile jar.

Mike, from Roger's recipe



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

DIARY DATES FOR SEPTEMBER

It has been wonderful to welcome everyone back into St. Lawrence once again for worship: masks, social distancing and hand sanitizer notwithstanding. It has been simply lovely to be back in God's house. In September we reach another milestone, when we begin to have Communion Services again.

We reach yet another milestone in September in that on 20th Rev Heather Parbury is to be licensed as Associate Minister to this group of churches. She will be living in Brailes, and I am sure you will enjoy getting to know her. The Licensing will be in Brailes Church at 5.00 pm but numbers are very limited, so it will be Zoomed.

September also means Harvest Festivals: at this point we are hoping to be able to use a Barn – this will be confirmed nearer the time, since we have to be bound by National Guidance!!

If you would prefer not to join us in church, we entirely understand: most of the time there will also be a Zoomed service available on a Sunday, and the Wednesday Morning Prayer will continue as a Zoomed service.

Note that some of the services are reverting back to 9.30 am!



Harvest Collage created by the children

Wednesday, September 2nd 10.00 am Zoomed Morning Prayer

Sunday, September 6th 9.30 am Holy Communion, led by Jill Tucker
There will also be a Zoomed service at 11.00 am from Brailes.

Wednesday, September 9th 10.00 am Zoomed Morning Prayer

Sunday, September 13th 11.00 am Morning Worship, led by Jill Tucker.
This will be Zoomed.

Wednesday, September 16th 10.00 am Zoomed Morning Prayer



Sunday, September 20th Harvest Festival at 11.00 am Led by Jill Tucker
Venue to be confirmed, possibly a Barn!
This will be Zoomed.

Also, in the evening at 5.00pm we are invited to join via Zoom the **Licensing of Rev Heather Parbury.**

Wednesday, September 23rd 10.00 am Zoomed Morning Prayer

Sunday, September 27th 9.30 am Holy Communion, led by George Heighton
There will be no Zoomed service that day.

Wednesday, September 30th 10.00 am Zoomed Morning Prayer

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

Due to the pandemic the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has not been able to hold its AGM this year yet. Usually at this meeting we like to acknowledge and thank all those people who help with the running of the church . These volunteers are listed as follows:

1. **Cleaning.** We are very lucky to have those people who are on the rota and those who join us for the Big Clean in November.
2. **Fundraising.** Our small social committee helps by providing cakes, lunches, afternoon teas, quizzes, auction of promises event, produce for Harvest Festival, mince pies and mulled wine for Christmas.
3. **Flowers in church.** Throughout the year (with the exception of Lent) there are always lovely flowers at the altar and sometimes in the windows provided by the flowers arrangers on the rota. We have visitors during the year who visit the Slaves Grave and look up past relatives so to see flowers in the church is quite uplifting.
4. **Churchyard.** The two flowerbeds in front of the church porch are tended by a volunteer as are the wild flower areas . They are a real asset to the churchyard.
5. **Clock and Bells.** These are checked and maintained by volunteers who keep all in order.
6. Finally, those who help by **providing tea, coffee, biscuits and cake** for after morning services and those who are not on the PCC but assist as sidesmen and readers.

To all these wonderful volunteers a **VERY BIG THANK YOU**. The PCC is immensely grateful.

Of course the pandemic has meant that normal activities have been suspended but hopefully it will not be too long before we can continue as before.

*Thankyou
Carol Fox. Churchwarden*

Ps if anyone in the village would like to join our volunteers please contact me. Your help would be much appreciated



DEANERY NEWS

Everyone said coming out of lockdown would be complex – and everyone was right! Alongside the practical and safety aspects of reopening our buildings, we have been asking some important questions about the future shape of ministry in our villages. The pandemic has afforded us an opportunity to re-think what we do and why. There have been great costs to our communities in this time, but also some great blessings. Some of us have learnt to worship in new ways, have discovered God in new places and have got to know our brothers and sisters in deeper ways. Just as the world will be changed, so we acknowledge that some of our churches will be too.

We have an opportunity in October to meet and talk to the Archdeacon Missioner, Barry Dugmore, about mission and ministry in the rural churches. I'm still hoping we may be able to have the Deanery Synod in person, but if not we will convene on Zoom. Please do put the date **Tuesday 13th October** in your diaries – this will be a meeting open to everyone.

In the meantime, thank you to everyone who has worked so hard in the past few months. It has not been easy. My prayers are with each church as we begin to look to the future.

*Every blessing,
Sarah*



Staycation ~ by Val Garland



The village carrier c1900

THE VILLAGE CARRIERS

The Rouses – John, his son Willoughby and, in turn, Willoughby’s son, Reg – were the village carriers for many years.

“There was a carrier in the village, Mr Willoughby Rouse, who also sold coal: his wife kept the little village shop nearby opposite the school. Coal was 10/ (50 pence) per ton; the carrier drove his horse and covered van to Shipston-on-Stour, five miles from Oxhill, to Banbury, and to Stratford-upon-Avon... on one day each week, the other two days he delivered coal on a trolley.

Sometimes my Grandpap Summerton would hire Rouse’s wagonette and cob to drive Granny, my mother and us children to see one or other of his sisters... The wagonette was also hired for school and Sunday School outings. Usually they were to Compton Wynates... Edge Hills were another favourite venue. Mad Hill was so steep that all the older children had to get out of the wagonette and push from the back, to help the horse; coming down the position was reversed – everybody pulled, whilst a brake, in the form of a piece of very heavy angle-iron – was attached by a chain to a back wheel of the vehicle.”

~ ‘Reminiscences 1914-19’, Evelyn Colyer, Warwickshire County Reference Library.

NB Mad Hill is the first slope of the Sunrising incline, before Rupert Cottage.



Willoughby and Martha Rouse, The Homestead, 1950s

Willoughby was succeeded as carrier by his son, Reg, who, from the 1940s until his retirement in 1972, drove the Bedford bus. Some villagers remember it affectionately in its later days as “The Oxhill Flyer”, although older residents do not recognise this nickname, and it was not in general use.



Reg Rouse's bus. Left to right: Bob Wheatcroft (Margaret's brother), Margaret Wheatcroft, Roy Wilks, Reg and Nellie Rouse

Reg Rouse's bus forms the background for the wedding group of his niece Margaret Wheatcroft, whom he and his wife brought up, to Roy Wilks c1951.



The bus was repainted from blue to red during its long years on the roads. When blue, it is shown at the rally, probably c1950, and later in the 1960s, now red as residents remember it, in a photograph taken in Tysoe.

David Grasby, operating from Windmill Farm on the main Stratford to Banbury road, commenced operations of his coach company in 1958, at first concentrating on contract work and private hire. When Reg Rouse retired in 1972, Mr Grasby took over his bus services, and as the other major operator in the area cut back, was able to extend his network, concentrating on the Banbury, Leamington and Stratford-upon-Avon network. Mr Grasby himself retired in 1995.

~ Ann Hale (2001)

Thank you to Carol Clark for Ann's article and news article.



Reg Rouse and his bus, c1950-1970s

REG AND HIS BUS HAVE MADE THEIR LAST RUN

WITH more than 600,000 miles under his belt Reg Rouse and his old bus have retired from the job of providing Oxhill with a bus service to Stratford, Shipston and Banbury.

At 69 Mr Rouse has had no insurance claims in 47 years of running the service with his old Bedford bus—in which, the villagers stoutly maintain, “he’s never late.” He admits that they

have been snowed up occasionally so he has had to put the wheel chains on—but they always got through. He was born and has always lived at Oxhill post office stores. It became a post office only in 1946 and he is now retiring to help run the family stores.

His old bus had six engine changes during its service but is still going strong. Its future has yet to be decided.

Grateful Oxhill passengers presented him with an elaborate

clock—so that he may continue to keep good time—and Mr Rouse has also been “absolutely overwhelmed” with presents from other villagers on his routes. Quite amazed, he said, “I am so grateful to everybody but I cannot get over all these presents. I got this lovely cabinet with bottles of whisky and brandy from the villagers at Ettington and a lovely watch from Stretton-on-Fosse passengers—I just haven’t been able to sort them all out yet.”

Taking over the service is another Oxhill villager, Mr E R Grasby—but not in the same old bus.



Mr Reg Rouse shows off the clock given him by fellow villagers

Reg Rouse's retirement published in the Stratford Herald in 1972.

Villagers left to right: Joy Bloxham, Joan Clark, Mrs Harry Simmonds, Ivy Middleton, (barmaid), Heather Bloxham, Pat Caldicott, Eve Whaley

OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REMOTE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 7TH JULY 2020 AT 8.00PM

Councillors Present

Cllr Harbour (Chairperson), Cllr Connolly, Cllr Rivers-Fletcher, Cllr Robertson and Cllr Stuart

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles, District Cllr John Feilding and one villager

20/48. Apologies for absence

Cllr Chris Williams

20/49. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda

Cllr Stuart declared an interest in the Planning Application at Oak View, Green Lane.

20/50. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2020
The minutes of the last meeting were approved and will be signed.

20/51. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only

Cllr Connolly gave an update on the rats. There has been further feedback from villagers and a pest control company called in. Cllr Connolly is to continue to monitor the situation.

20/52. Public Participation Session

Cllr John Fielding used this Agenda item to speak about a letter of complaint that he understood had been made to SDC about himself and Mr Hedley. The Chair denied that it was a complaint and referred to it as an 'enquiry'. The Chair agreed to forward the letter on.

20/53. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor

District Cllr Feilding reported that the Covid 19 pandemic had cost the district a lot of money. There is a Boundary Commission Review and some of the Councils may amalgamate. Leisure centres and pubs will be re-opening. The Chief Police Constable has put on extra patrols in the area. There is a lot of positiveness.

County Cllr Chris Williams had circulated his report.

The main points included:

Shire Hall is still in lockdown and staff working from home. All meetings are held on Microsoft Teams or Zoom. The Council is preparing a policy for continuing after lockdown. The first full meeting of the Council is on 23rd July.

The key financial headlines:

The total estimated financial impact is £60.0M. This is £16.5M more than reported due to including, a provision for the cost of social distancing on home to school transport should this be required in September and an increase in the estimated loss of income from business rates and council tax in 2020/21 and future years. The estimated costs are based on a lockdown until the end of July. The Authority does not anticipate any cash flow difficulties as a result of Covid 19. There will be areas where the increase in spend or loss of resourcing represents a permanent change. It is likely that the Authority will have to make some difficult choices about priorities over the coming months and increase in the level of budget reductions required over the medium term.

20/54. To approve Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

The model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were both circulated prior to the meeting. They were approved and accepted.

20/55. To receive an update on footpaths

A list of footpath problems were reported at the last meeting.

Mr Beesley has shown an interest in being involved and introduced himself. He moved into the village in October and likes the strong community spirit. He is happy to be involved and improve the footpath network. There are a group of people who would be happy to co-ordinate lightweight maintenance tasks to keep footpaths open. Some paths are overgrown with vegetation. The footpaths fall under Rights of Way and it's a voluntary partnership scheme. They have limited resources. It was proposed by Cllr Connolly and seconded by the Chair that Mr Beesley will lead and co-ordinate the volunteer group.

Both bridges have been reported. Wooden slats for the bridge behind the church which has a gap in it, have been ordered. A second hand rail will be installed to make it safer for children to cross.

Cllr Feilding noted that there are various organisations such as the NFU and Ramblers who know the legalities and insurance requirements. All footpaths have to be kept open and accessible. There are stewardship schemes which enable farmers to get funding to deliver effective environmental management on their land. Walkers should be mindful of these schemes and walk on footpaths.

20/56. To discuss planting at Cariad

A letter was sent to the Enforcement Team at SDC. They have replied to say that the planting season has passed and it may not be appropriate to require further planting until October. Cllr Stuart noted that the property has now been sold.

Action: The Parish Clerk to pass this information to the Enforcement team at SDC.

20/57. To discuss a speed camera

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher noted the council's frustrations again as Highways will not allow a VAS to be put up. He has contacted Cllr I Seccombe, the leader of WCC and is awaiting a reply. He proposed to the Parish Council to purchase a speed camera at a cost of £200.00. Proposed by Cllr Connolly. It was agreed this is a positive step forward. It has been a discussion point for the last three years and will prove whether speeds are accurate. Cllr Feilding spoke about Speedwatch which runs in Tysoe. They are very active and know the legal position.

20/58. To receive an update on the new bus shelter

It was previously agreed that a wooden oak bus shelter would be made to stand outside the village hall. The village hall front would act as the back of the shelter. The cost is £2200.00. The Chair did obtain two quotes but this contractor was selected based on the bespoke design and how it will fit into the rural area. The Chair will obtain three installation quotes. WCC have waived the £121.00 fee.

20/59. To receive an update on planning

One new application had been received since the last meeting:

20/01157/FUL, Erection of 2 x bed semi detached properties at Oak View, Green Lane. No objections with comments. This application was received between meetings and Cllr Stuart did not take part in any decision making.

Older applications

20/00566/LBC, Repair of corner post at The Hollies, Rouse Lane. Granted by SDC.

20/00985/FUL, Provision of hardstanding to side of driveway and double gate at 11 Leys Field. Withdrawn.

20/01076/FUL and 20/01077/LBC, Work at The Old Rectory. No objections by PC.

20/60. Financial Report

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£30.00 to M McKail (Internal audit)

£576.00 to Tysoe Childrens Group (newsletter copying)

£40.00 to the Information Commissioner (Data protection)

20/61. To receive the following correspondence

Severn Trent and Environment Agency – High Water Demand. This detail will be put in the next newsletter.

SDC/WDC, Next Steps

SDC, New Point of Contact

To

SDC, Church Farm on Whatcote Road. The Parish Council have written to Enforcement at SDC who have advised the case is time dependant. There have been complaints about bonfires which are connected. The details to be passed to Cllr Feilding and Environmental Health.

20/62. To receive Councillors Reports

Cllr Robertson has received a quote to purchase and install an additional waste bin. The cost is £370.00 and the emptying annual cost is £111.86. It was agreed to purchase two bins. The contractor is installing bins in August if the Parish Council can pass the information to them before then.

Action: Cllr Robertson to submit a site plan.

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher spoke about the waste which is being dumped on the lane next to Oxhill Farm. This has been ongoing for a long time and reported to the authorities.

Action: Cllr Feilding and Cllr Stuart to meet on site.

Complaints have been received about motorbike noise in the village.

Action: Cllr Stuart to speak to the person involved.

20/63. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 8pm

The Chair thanked Mr Beesley for attending the meeting. There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

ELEANOR COLLINS'S WEDDING

Eleanor, Debra and Mike's daughter, married in St Lawrence Church on 22 August 2020. Some of us in the village contributed to the beautiful flower displays. Carol Taylor took the collection of small photos on the morning before the wedding commenting, "I thought the face masks with their embroidered names and the hand sanitising unit on the church path would provide an interesting topical/historical note for the Oxhill News archives."





Wedding Roller waiting for the happy couple on Main Street.
~ Val Garland

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE IN OXHILL

Your Parish Council has been listening to the Community and its concerns over a lack of protection from the weather whilst waiting for buses plus litter and dog fouling. Following a lot of discussion at various Parish Council Meetings (all open to the public) we agreed to provide a new Bus Shelter outside the Village Hall and some more rubbish bins around the village. The Bus Shelter is being made in the village and installed by a Warwickshire Highways approved company from Tysoe and its location approved by the Village Hall, on whose land it will sit. The approximate location of the Bins was determined by the PC but the actual locations were decided by Stratford District Council as they know and understand where they can be positioned legally and also be serviced by their Lorries.

Hopefully, these new additions will be appreciated by the village and their appearance accepted as further progress in the facilities available to us all.

Oxhill PC

LOST JACKET

Has anyone found a two-tone blue jacket that I may well have left at their home or somewhere I have visited in the last few weeks? If so, could you please contact me on 01295 680555.



*Many thanks.
Myrtle Knight*

TYSOE RECORD SUBSCRIPTION

If anyone would like to receive the Tysoe Record, please contact Liz Finlyson at lfinlyson@live.co.uk.



TYSOE W.I.

Our members were due to have a lovely afternoon out last week including an afternoon tea. Obviously we couldn't go ahead, but committee thought if our ladies can't go out for tea, then we will take it to them!

Everyone received a bag containing a slice of cake, a scone, biscuits, jam, tea bag, napkin and a quiz. It's been lovely to receive so many messages of thanks.

It was also so nice to see our members for a quick chat on the doorstep as we delivered the bags.

It's important we all try to stay connected in these difficult times, especially when it doesn't seem that we will be commencing our meetings anytime soon.

Chatsworth Christmas trip has been cancelled. Let's hope that we can re book some trips and events in 2021





Stour Valley Lions Club

Shipston on Stour, England - United Kingdom

Have you been touched and inspired by the coming together of local communities to support one another during the Covid-19 pandemic and would like to see that spirit continue into the future?

This friendly Lions Club is part of the largest service organisation in the world, which is dedicated to providing charitable support and service in local communities - Lions Clubs International. Stour Valley Lions is made up of men and women of all ages with one thing in common - a desire to give some of their time to help build and maintain a better community. There is also a social side and they always endeavour to put the 'fun' in fundraising.

Stour Valley Lions raises money through initiatives such as book sales and stalls at fetes, running the monthly community cinema in Shipston School and many other events. All monies raised are used to support good causes in the local area. You may also have seen the Lions maintaining the beautiful floral displays throughout the year at the Gyratory in Shipston on Stour.

New members are always welcome.

Contact: Lion Paul Macpherson, Membership Chairman

Tel: 01608 682102

Mob: 07725 105677



We Serve

COFFEE MORNINGS EVERY THURSDAY 11:30 OUTSIDE THE PEACOCK

For weeks Tom Horbury has brought his Really Awesome Coffee van outside the Peacock where villagers have gathered for coffee and conversation. If you're free on Thursday mornings, come join us.





Tysoe Tennis Club

www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

It's great to report that the Club is beginning to get very active again. The Ladies are playing every Thursday morning from 10-12 with coffee at Monkey Bean afterwards. There are also two 1-hour men's sessions. Monday 11-12 and Thursday 1-3. Anyone interested should email Julian Gardner on julian.gardner2@gmail.com

Plans are underway to start Banbury Town mixed matches in the Autumn, so fingers crossed.

Even better news, we have just heard that the Sports Pavilion is opening up. Many thanks to Steve et al for making this possible. Please see website for all the rules and regulations

TYSOE JUNIORS

We have had a very busy few weeks with the juniors. Coaching on Tuesdays has been a great success with over 21 different children aged from 5 to 16 receiving some help from our coaching partner Tennisolutions. Many thanks to Bella, Luke and Wendy for providing such great advice.

Sunday morning Club mix-ins have also been very popular with around 18 children overall taking part. We have had lots of fun, tennis practise and games such as wipeout, steal and dodgeball, which have all been tackled with great energy. A big shout out to Elaine, David, Philip, Liz, Ali and Sylvia who have all made it down to the courts at 9.30 am to support the younger players.

We might not yet be able to replace Wimbledon in the tennis calendar, but the children's effort and enthusiasm has been wonderful to see.

Contact: Nicki Campbell on nicki@tysoe.net or liz finlyson on lfinlyson@live.co.uk
Dog owners please note!

Parents and younger siblings come along to watch and sit around the courts.

The playing fields are usually mostly free of dog faeces. Recently a bag full of faeces was left under the bench beside the courts and had to be removed and disposed of as we were expecting youngsters and their families for coaching that afternoon.

Please help us to keep village children safe by disposing of your dog's faeces in the appropriate place.

Thank you.

Secretary: Carol Spencer: carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk



Carers4Carers

Finding support through supporting each other

Carers4Carers monthly meeting: Carers4Carers is a self-help support group for carers living in Kineton and the surrounding villages and rural area.

While we consider how to safely resume our face-to-face meetings, we continue to keep in touch via our monthly email and newsletter; our volunteers are offering telephone support calls and we continue to run a “virtual coffee morning”.

If you would like to join us, look out for joining instructions in our monthly email or contact the number below.

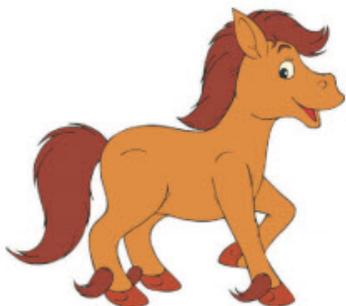
If you are a member, haven't heard from us but would like a call, do get in touch.

To find out more about our work, take a look at our website www.carers4carersonthefosse.org, email us at kcarers4carers@gmail.com or call 07947 893504.

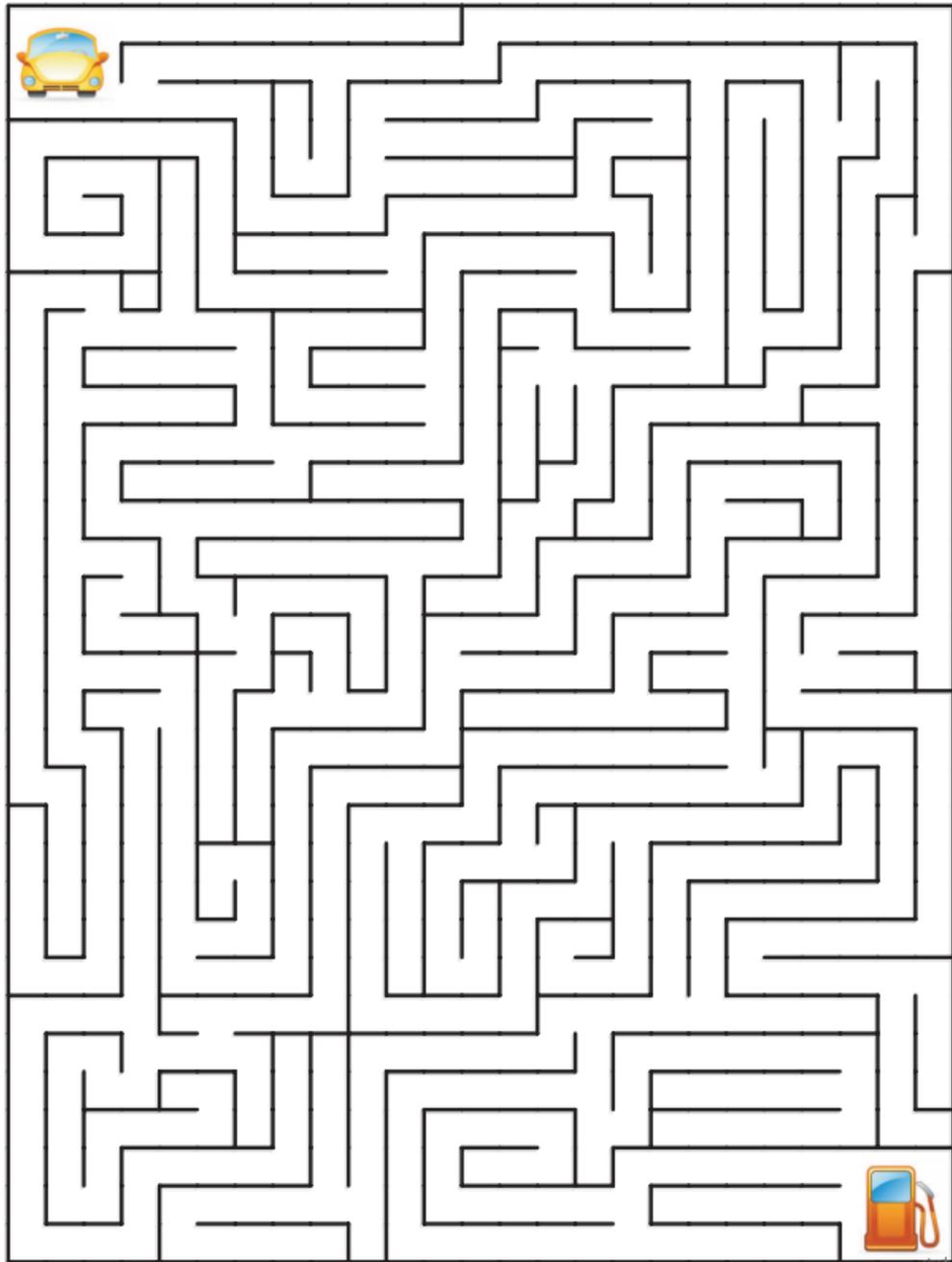
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WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

September

Tuesday 1st		Green & Blue bin collection
Saturday 5th	14:00	Oxhill Gardening Club Plant Sale, Village Hall
Tuesday 8th		Grey landfill bin collection
Tuesday 15th		Green & Blue bin collection
Tuesday 22nd		Grey landfill bin collection
Tuesday 29th		Green & Blue bin collection

The date of the next PC Meeting is Tuesday, 8 September at 8.00pm. It is unclear, at present, whether this meeting will be held at the Village Hall or virtually by Zoom. More details will be in the Agenda for the meeting which will be shown on the PC Website or a physical copy will be displayed on the Notice Board by the Peacock a few days before the meeting.

If you need to contact the PC please call Derek Harbour on 01295 680676 or e-mail oxhillpc@btinternet.com