

THE OXHILL NEWS

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Ann Hale, long time village resident and former editor of the Oxhill News, sadly passed away May 20th.

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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.

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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 June 16th. For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays June 13th and 27th.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays June 6th and 20th.

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

THE PEACOCK

The village coffee morning is on Wednesday June 7th at 10:30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday June 21st.



OXHILL LADIES QUIZ NIGHT AT THE PEACOCK

A fun, loud, brilliant and sold out night at the pub in support of the Oxhill Ladies (who are not all from Oxhill) for their gargantuan 26 mile MACMILLAN MIGHTY HIKE in mid July. If you haven't already donated to this amazing cause, stop in at the pub and drop your change (or better yet, a couple of notes) into the donation box at the bar. Any amount you donate is greatly appreciated!



Ed offered his gardening services up for auction and lucky Myrtle placed the winning bid.



ANN HALE

Ann Hale died peacefully at home in Payn's House on 20 May with her family around her. She and Peter had been living there since 1975 and brought up their sons William and Daniel in the village.

Ann worked in social services in Banbury and Shipston, and after retirement spent much time researching the history of Oxhill church and village, publishing a number of articles in the Oxhill News. She also co-edited the Oxhill News for several years in the late 70s and early 80s.



The funeral will be at St Lawrence's on Tuesday, 6th June at 2:00 pm, and all are very welcome.

Donations for Shipston Home Nursing c/o R. Locke and Son, Caution Corner, Brailes, OX15 5AZ.

~ William Hale

Ann loved history. She told stories about our wonderful village dating back centuries. I loved listening to her stories, she made history come alive.

Ann was a beautiful woman. She was calm, kind, caring and a joy to spend time with - she knew so much and yet was interested in learning more.

Fortunately we still have Ann with us in the wonderful articles she wrote for the Oxhill News. Over time we will publish them all. This month read about stoning the roads to Oxhill...

~ Vanessa (ed.)

VILLAGE HISTORY - ROADMAKING

Now that we have a new road surface on the road to Whatcote, it is intriguing to find, in the Oxhill Vestry Minute Book, that in 1878 ratepayers weren't too keen on shelling out for roadmaking. The Vestry Meeting in September, 1878 declared that the Bridleway from Oxhill to Whatcote and Fulready was as good as ever it has been for the last 20 years, and that it did not need to be



stoned. Moreover if the Highways Board insisted on it, the ratepayers would appeal to Quarter Sessions. (The Rector however dissented. Mr Macy always comes across as a strictly Establishment man!).

I assume that although referred to as a bridleway, it is our road – then an unfenced cart road – that is meant. Whether or not the ratepayers of Oxhill ever took their case to Quarter Sessions I do not know, but if so it must have been a losing battle, as at this period there was a comprehensive programme of stoning the roads being undertaken. Margaret Ashby in her book on her father Joseph Ashby of Tysoe, describes how her father was employed as a road stone-breaker in the 1880s – seasonal work for autumn and early spring which fitted well with his work on his smallholding. Hartshill stone was used, a harder stone than Hornton, and difficult to work. Miss Ashby describes how the new roads would shine in February like long white ribbons, when the old brown ones would still have been ankle-deep in mud.

In our barn at Payn's House we inherited several stone-breakers' hammers, with small egg-shaped heads and slender, slightly flexible (though now much decayed) handles. I imagine that someone from Payn's House – (the house was sub-divided in the late 1880s) - also took part in this seasonal work, and, like Joseph Ashby, successfully combined this with work on the land.

Ann Hale
March, 2005

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Report of the AGM

Fifteen people attended the Village Hall AGM on 2 May and heard from the Chairman, Stuart Whittaker, that the committee had attempted some new events during the past 12 months to develop the hall's appeal. The Paella Night (which ran again last month) was probably the only successful one in terms of attendance numbers, Stuart reported.

However, regular events including the curry night, Boules and the cocktail event before Christmas are always well supported, and it is good to see that various groups continue to make good use of the hall for their activities including the growing use by young families, and private hire of the hall.

Stuart outlined how the hall had been maintained and improved to make it as comfortable and welcoming as possible, accepting its peculiarities as a former village school. The next work to be carried out is to replace the inside of the main hall roof which will address issues including occasional leaks.

He thanked the committee members for their support, and not least Gill Stewart who although technically not on the committee, assists with agendas and meeting minutes as Minutes Secretary. He said the Oxhill Quarterly Meetings involving the Village Hall, the Church and the Parish Council had proved useful in co-ordinating larger village-wide events including the forthcoming Scarecrow Weekend.

Stuart urged villagers to keep supporting the village hall over the next 12 months to ensure it continues to thrive. He confirmed he will continue as Chairman for a further year, while joining the committee this next year – who we heartily welcome – are Ali Sayer and Jo Collings, although sadly we say goodbye to Lisa Connolly and Heather Bridgman who are stepping down – thank you for your contribution!

The 2017/18 committee members are:

Stuart Whittaker - Chairman
Karen Barker - Vice Chairman
John McKail - Treasurer

Shipston Home Nursing

Golf Day

Thursday 29th June 2017
at Feldon Valley Golf Club



We are thrilled to be back at Feldon Valley for this wonderful event and look forward to another well supported day!

Rebecca Mawle

- Coffee and Bacon Rolls from 11am
- 18 hole Stableford Competition
- Shotgun start at 12 noon
- Hot dinner served at 4.30pm
- Auction
- Prize giving
- Raffle
- £250 per team

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John McKail, as Treasurer, reported that the village hall income (as at 31 March 2017) was £5,865.88 (includes lettings, events and private functions etc), while expenditure was £4,594.35 (includes utility costs, insurance, cleaning, maintenance, new equipment etc). This produced a surplus of £1,271.53.

Income increased by about £1,000 on the previous year, thanks largely to a longer letting period now the heating of the hall has been improved. Meanwhile, the Village Christmas lunch for our senior villagers, although a free event, brought in very generous donations.

The committee will be spending about £3,000 on the roof repair work with money allocated from the general fund.

It was stressed that in addition to the committee there are a number of invaluable 'Friends of the Village Hall' who also contribute to its success. Although they don't partake in the regular running of the hall through committee participation, they help by keeping the flower beds looking good or cook for events, for example. Indeed, cooks are always welcome, for which expenses are reimbursed for ingredients used. Please let a committee member know if you would like to cook for an event.

Coming next...

Saturday 24 June - Family Barbecue and Games/Making Scarecrows

To coincide with the scarecrow making on 24 June (when straw and some old clothing will be available from Phil and Heather Brennan's garage at Bilton Cottage on Main Street from 1pm), the Village Hall will be marking the activity by hosting a family barbecue and games from 4pm at the Village Hall.

The food costs at the barbecue are:

Burger and bun with salads - £5

Hot dog in roll with salads - £2.50

Soft and alcoholic drinks will be available for sale.

Please could you let Ali Sayer know asap on 680451 if you would like to attend the barbecue and games, with the number in your party.

If you don't wish to join the barbecue and games, you are still welcome to take some of the donated straw/old clothing to make your scarecrow.

Coming soon...

Sunday 16 July - Boules competition

With the presidential elections over, attention turns again to another popular French pastime, of Le Jeu de Boules (not that it went away judging by the reduced turnout).

Join us for Oxhill's celebration of this classic communal game, when there will be authentic French food and keen competition as always to win the prestigious Gardner's Cup. The event will be getting underway from 12.30pm.

More details in the next Oxhill News.



Our roving News editor Roger gets shows true French esprit at last year's Boules competition.

DEANERY NEWS

There may just be time to remind you of **Ascension Day**, when we get together as a Deanery for the Ascension Day Eucharist, on Thursday, May 25th, and our service will be in Oxhill Church at 7.30 pm. If the weather is kind to us, we shall begin outside. Our speaker this year will be Rev. Tim Mitchell, who is becoming familiar to people as the Healthy Churches Development Mentor.

Our final gathering of this liturgical year before the summer will be the **Deanery Synod on Tuesday, June 6th at 7.30pm**. Alice Farnhill is coming to speak about the work of the Community of the Cross of Nails, and appropriately we are meeting in Ilmington School, which is a Cross of Nails School. We look forward to seeing you there, and welcoming anyone who would like to hear about this world-wide branch of the ministry of Coventry Cathedral.

At the end of June we will be delighted to welcome Revd. George Heighton and his wife Drina to Brailes, Sutton-under-Brailes, Tysoe, Oxhill and Whatcote. The formal service of Collation by the Bishop of Coventry will take place on **Wednesday, June 28th at 7.30pm** – more details next month. In the meantime, please do pray for them both as they prepare to leave Coventry and move here.

I am also delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd. Sharon Goble to be Rector of the Stourdene Benefice (i.e. the churches of Ettington, Pillerton Priors, Butlers Marston, Halford, Alderminster and Newbold). **Sharon is, at present, Priest-in-Charge of the Parishes of Stoneleigh and Ashow and it is hoped that the Institution, Induction & Installation will take place towards the end of August. Again, please pray for Sharon as she prepares for the move.**

*Blessings,
Jill*



Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre Open Day

Saturday 17th June 11am-4pm (last entry 3pm)

Blindfold activities
 Sensory tunnel experience
 Puppy viewing from galleries
 Meet our dogs, volunteers and staff
 Dog training demonstration
 Children's activities
 Guide Dogs gifts, dog products
 3 tombolas, and raffle
 Hog roast, cakes, cream teas
Please note no pet dogs allowed on site



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NOTES FROM ST. LAWRENCE, JUNE 2017

As this month begins, we are in the ten days between Ascension Day and Pentecost. Those days are being marked by Thy Kingdom Come, a global wave of prayer, inviting us all to pray for our world, our communities and ourselves, that all may encounter the life-changing message of Jesus. Then on June 4th we celebrate Pentecost itself, and God's gift of his Holy Spirit to us, enabling us to live and be God's people today – the day on which the church of Jesus Christ was born.

Services at St Lawrence's Church, Oxhill

June 4th	9.30am	Pentecost Holy Communion BCP (GE)
June 11th	9.30am	Trinity Sunday Morning Worship (TM)
June 18th	9.30am	Parish Communion (JT)
June 25th	9.30am	Family Communion (JT)

Wednesday, June 28th is a special occasion, when we are all invited to St. George's, Brailes at 7.30pm to celebrate the Institution, by the Bishop of Coventry, and Induction and Installation by the Archdeacon Pastor, of Revd George Heighton as Vicar of Brailes, Rector of Sutton and Priest in Charge of Tysoe, Oxhill and Whatcote.

During the day, George, and Jill as Area Dean, will be going from church to church for a brief act of dedication and prayer for each church and its ministry: all are very welcome to join us. The timetable will be:

- 9.30am Oxhill
- 10.30am Tysoe (mid-week Holy Communion), then the Coffee Shop
- 11.45 Whatcote
- 12.15 Sutton.

SUMMARY OF PCC AGM 27THE APRIL 2017

The first part of the meeting was to elect Church Wardens.

Carol Fox and Charles MacCall were re-elected. John MacKail was elected as Deputy.

Apologies were recorded.

Annual Meeting

Minutes of the last AGM were agreed and signed. The electoral roll was presented, there are 40 members.

The report on Proceedings in Council for the last year were read. Copy filed.. The Financial report was presented and discussed. Copy filed. (Annual Parish Share payable to Diocese to cover costs of Clergy had risen by 2%. The share to pay was approximately £8,000 for 2016). Copy filed. Social activities for 2016 included Lamb Lunch and Barn Dance which raised £1,900. Church Fabric, goods and ornament report (church and Churchyard) was given and filed. The leak under the sink was repaired and plans to replace and lower ceiling lights were underway. A request for a working party to tidy up and weed, the churchyard was noted. The Deanery Synod meetings had produced some very good talks last year. Parishioners were reminded that these meetings are open to everybody. Deanery Synod Representatives were elected - Carol Fox and Douglas Nethercleft were re-elected. The PCC was elected with the following members.

, Charles MacCall, Carol Fox. Linda Synge, James Synge, Douglas Nethercleft, Nadia MAcCall, Belinda Marklew. Katy Dowding, Diane Harper, Martin and Sue Hunt, Gill Rodwell. Lilian Welsby stood down this time. The whole PCC and Bill Fox were elected as Sidesmen (supervision of church services) John Mckail was appointed auditor for 2017. Thanks were given to all who help with the running of the church. Their efforts and support are much appreciated. Jill tucker presented a Lectionary (much needed) to the Church and will get it inscribed. She added that we need to inspire people who don't normally come to Church.

In AOB We were reminded that the installation of the New vicar, the Reverend George Heighton is to take place in Brailes Church on June 28th. Details to follow The next PCC meeting is on June 20th when officers will be elected.

Carol Fox

NB. A faculty (permission from the Diocese) was applied for last year to relocate the organ to the front of the church, erect a dais and also to fit storage cupboards where the organ was sited. We hope work will start soon on this project.

OXHILL SCARECROW WEEKEND - 1 AND 2 JULY

It's getting close to the big village weekend so here are some more updates, and over the page, a colourful centre page spread with all the weekend's events and timings so you can plan the weekend and encourage friends and relations to come along too.

That's Entertainment theme

A reminder that this is the theme when you are making your scarecrows - everyone is invited to make one! Think pop stars, famous musicals, film and stage, cartoon characters, sporting stars (Oxhill cricketers?), hobbies and events - in fact anything related to entertainment.

Scarecrow making

There's an opportunity to make your scarecrows on Saturday 24 June. Straw and some old clothing is being kindly donated and can be collected from Phil and Heather Brennan's garage at Bilton Cottage on Main Street from 1pm on the day (see the Village Hall news for details of a family barbecue later in the day).

Two-way radio request

Does anyone have 3/4 (or even better 5) two-way radios we could borrow for the weekend? If so please contact Katy Dowding on 688194.

Road Closure

Please note the road will be closed along Main Street over the Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 July weekend (except for access to houses and car parking for the event).

Car parking

We are setting aside areas in the village for visitors to park, and will be seeking donations for cars parked in these areas. All donations will go to the upkeep of the church and the village hall.

Volunteers

A final request if there are more potential volunteers out there. We could do with:

- **Car Park Marshalls** - contact Katy Dowding on 688194 or kdowding@me.com

- **Afternoon Teas - washer uppers, servers and cake makers required** - contact Gaynor Fila on 680473 or gaynorfila@hotmail.co.uk
- **Open Gardens: volunteers to open their garden or even their window boxes! Plus, we need a volunteer co-ordinator for Open Gardens** - contact Katy Dowding on 688194 or kdowding@me.com
- **Village Market:** volunteers to provide produce and to sell produce - contact Jay Roberts on 680030 or djayroberts@btinternet.com

Art Exhibition

Could anyone exhibiting art present it on a frame with screw eyes to hang it up. This doesn't apply to children's art which are happy to accept in whatever format it comes. All will be displayed to be admired. Contact Grenville Moore on 680664 or moore.moore@zen.co.uk

Keep up to date by following
www.facebook.com/OxhillScarecrows

For ideas on what to do with your Scarecrow this year have a look at all the Oxhill scarecrows from years' past on our Facebook page:



OXHILL

SCARECROW

Saturday 1st July 2017

Refreshments

Continuous events

Entertainment

Scarecrows

Car park open – 09.00 – 17.00

Morning

09.15-11.15

Breakfast in the
Village Hall

09.30 – 16.30

Village Market

Art Exhibition

Children's
entertainment in
the pub garden

On display
09.30-17.00



at

10.45-11.15

11.45-12.15

13.45-14.15

14.45-15.15

Afternoon

11.15 – 16.45

Tea and cakes in
the Village Hall

Floral Displays in the
Church

Scarecrows inside and
outside of the Church

Plant Sale

Tombola

Open Gardens

Treasure Hunt

Evening

from 18.30
Music in the pub

WEEKEND

Sunday 2nd July 2017

Refreshments	Continuous events	Entertainment	Scarecrows
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Car park open – 09.00 – 17.00

09.15-11.15

Breakfast in the
Village Hall

09.30 – 16.30

Village Market

Art Exhibition

Floral Displays in the
Church

Scarecrows inside and
outside of the Church

Plant Sale

Tombola

Open Gardens

Treasure Hunt

09.30-10.00

Songs of Praise

Children's
entertainment in
the pub garden

at

10.45-11.15

11.45-12.15

13.45-14.15

14.45-15.15

from 15.30

Jazz in the pub

On display
09.30-17.00





Oxhill Garden Club

The annual Plant Sale took place on Thursday 18th May. Floral tablecloths set the scene for the delivery from 6.30pm onward of an amazing variety of annuals, perennials, herbs, shrubs and vegetables in the making – all labelled and priced for sale. On the stroke of seven, the official opening time, there was a rush of bargain hunters seeking that unusual variety for a particular spot in the garden or, in bulk, plants for a newly dug bed. Tomato and pepper plants were snapped up quickly as were current and gooseberry bushes. Suffice it to say, by seven thirty the tables were bare and latecomers disappointed.



The takings for the evening were in excess of £100 but this doesn't reflect the essential 'bring and share' nature of the event. The overcast sky and light drizzle didn't dampen spirits and advice and garden lore was freely exchanged. Both sellers and purchasers went away happy.

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Reminder to Garden Club members: The annual Garden Party is taking place on Thursday 15th June at *Barnacre* courtesy of Peter and Margaret Rivers-Fletcher who are hosting the event. There will be a 'donations' bar. Advice as to attendance and offers of provision of savouries and / or desserts should be directed to Pauline Wyatt.

Douglas Nethercleft



Oxhill Garden Club

Day Trip 2017 – open to all

Tuesday - August 8th

BARNSDALE GARDENS AND RUTLAND WATER CRUISE



Barnsdale Gardens, close to Rutland Water, was the home of Geoff Hamilton and the original BBC Gardeners' World programme. Now run by his son Nick, there are 39 different linked gardens, a tea room and a nursery.

Following a lunch break at the **Harbour Café and Bar**, right on the edge of Rutland Water with great views and a wide variety of hot and cold lunchtime food, we embark on the **Rutland Belle** for an hour's cruise with commentary on the sights of Rutland Water.

Timetable:

Pick up at Oxhill, Tysoe and Kington starting at 9am.
Barnsdale at 11am, 1.30 at Harbour Café, 3pm Rutland Belle., 6pm approx.
home.

Transport by Johnsons executive coach

Cost: £29 each person - includes Coach, Barnsdale and Cruise.

**Please reserve your seats by contacting
Peter Rivers Fletcher on
01295 680396 or rfn364@btinternet.com**

NOTES OF THE OXHILL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 9th MAY 2017 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Parish Councillors:

Grenville Moore – Chairman

Derek Harbour– Vice Chairman

Sue Hunt, Stuart Whittaker, Duncan Harper – Parish Councillors

MATTERS RAISED

The Dumping of waste/ woodchip on local fields

It has been noted that there continues to be the dumping of materials including woodchip on fields along the track off the Whatcote Road. There has also a high volume of vehicles in this area thought to be increasing the quantity of the materials piled there. The Environment Officer for the West Midlands has been in contact with the Chairperson seeking information on this matter. The Chairperson will confirm details with members of the community and respond with the appropriate information.

There were no further matters raised.

Election

Although Councillor Moore has stood as Chairperson for longer than the required term of office, he has been an exemplary Chairperson and it is considered that for continuity with the Leys Field development it would be beneficial for him to continue in this role. It is considered that his style has been beneficial in dealing with a difficult situation. Proposed by Sue Hunt and seconded by Duncan Harper. Councillor Moore accepted this proposal and so remains Chairperson.

It was also felt that for continuity that Councillor harbour also stayed in role as Vice Chairperson Proposed by Sue Hunt and seconded by Duncan Harper. Councillor Harbour also accepted and continues in role.

Minutes of a meeting of Oxhill Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th May at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting, chaired by Grenville Moore was attended by Councillors Duncan Harper, Derek Harbour and Sue Hunt, apologies were received from Stuart

Whittaker. Two members of the public attended. Councillor John Fielding, Ward Member for Red Horse also attended

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting were read, agreed and signed.

Matters arising

Plot 3 Green Lane

A presentation was given by Andy Murphy from Stansgate Homes and Pierre Detoit the architect which proposed the development of 2 ‘smaller’ homes on Plot 3 Green Lane. The proposed properties would have the same foot print of the single dwelling that has planning permission. The properties would have 4 or 4.5 bedrooms and would have a space of at least 1m on the existing boundary the existing property on Green Lane and plot 2 and would be detached. Although the Parish Council thought that the materials that were proposed would fit with the nature of other properties on the Green Lane, there was a question on whether the plot was of a sufficient size to accommodate 2 properties rather than one and to not look over crowded. The Parish Council also brought both the Parish Plan and the More recent Housing needs survey to the attention Stansgate which clearly states that cheaper smaller homes are identified as being needed rather than larger more expensive homes that exclude locals. It was also pointed out that although Oxhill has been designated for 32 new homes currently the village is looking at a total of 35 which is exceeding the required amount. There was also concern raised about a further increase of traffic onto the narrow highway which already see significant amounts of traffic, this will be set to increase further as the already planned dwellings are built and inhabited. The Parish Council ask the developer to mark out the proposed properties and single access to see how they would fit into the plot and expressed their concerns about the proposal.

Speeding radar- The cost of having an automated radar device monitoring the speed of vehicles passing through the village is £252.09 +VAT (as last quoted) for a single site. At the moment the Parish Council funds are committed, the Parish Council will look further into financing this and identify possible sites on the Whatcote Road and Green Lane.

Footpath Bridge – The Bridge on the footpath leading from the Church Orchard has been allocated a works number but no work has to date been carried out. Footpaths will be contacted again.



St. Mary's Church, Tysoe

Church Summer Fair

Saturday 1st July, 2 – 4pm
In and around church

Stalls, games, raffle,
children's maypole dancing

refreshments

Judging of card competition

Planning – Permission has been approved: Felling a Birch Tree at Karibu Main Street. Permission has been refused for a dwelling on land adjacent to the Hollies, Rouse Lane.

Planning pending – Plot 2 Green Lane.

Finance

Insurance – A quote has been received from Zurich this is slightly less than last year and therefore it was proposed by Grenville Moore and Seconded by Sue Hunt that this be accepted.

Internal Audit – The Parish Council accounts have been internally audited by Mr McKail and will now be sent to the external auditors before being made public and being put on the website. A payment of £30 was made to Mr McKail for this service, proposed by Grenville Moore and seconded by Sue Hun

Email and website quarterly charge- A payment of £19.76 was made for this. Proposed by Duncan Harper and seconded by Derek Harbour.

Oxhill News – a payment of £385.20 was made for the printing of the Oxhill News from September to the end of March 2017. Proposed by Grenville Moore and Seconded by Duncan Harper.

Correspondence

The Great Get Together – The Great Get Together will take place nationally over the weekend of 17th and 18th June in memory of Jo Cox's who was murdered a year ago on 16th June. The Department for Communities and Local Government has a link for communities wishing to hold a street party or similar event found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/your-guide-to-organising-a-street-party> and information for those wishing to host a Great Get Together event or to find out what is happening in their area can be found at www.greatgettogether.org.

Any other Business

Oxhill News– The Parish Council would like to draw the communities attention to the cost of printing the Oxhill News annually which is currently in the region of £600. This is a valuable resource for the village and contains information about what is happening in our community.

Dog Fouling – It has been noted that the dog fouling in the village has reduced significantly, however several incidences of 'poo bags' being left on grass verges or in the hedge have been noted. Please make sure that you take them home and that they are disposed of correctly. The Parish Council will look into the cost of providing bins in strategic places and emptying them.

Horton Hospital- Councillor Jon Fielding informed the Parish Council that there will be a Judicial review later in the year as it is believed that the consultation has not been carried out correctly. There will be changes to Stratford, Warwick and Coventry Hospitals to counteract the changes to services at the Horton with particular reference to maternity services.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm. Date of the next meeting 11th July 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Lis Stuart
Parish Clerk

HOWZAT?!!

OXHILL VS TYSOE CRICKET MATCH

Don't miss the annual cricket match between Oxhill and Tysoe which takes place on Sunday 20th August (the day after the Tysoe Flower Show). Last year the weather won, but Oxhill are keen to get their revenge for the narrow defeat in 2015.

A new feature this year will be the ladies rounders match which promises to be a highly competitive fixture. Come and support your village!

12.00pm Ladies rounders match to start
proceedings

1.00pm Lunch

2.30pm Mens Cricket

All-Day Bar

Lunchtime - Hot beef rolls and hot dogs

Teas - from 3.30pm

Kwik cricket for kids in the afternoon

If you would like to play:

Cricket: Stuart Whittaker (07713621067) or
Adam Jordan (07590 960992)

Rounders: Catherine Kimmins (07811195345)





TYSOE OPEN GARDENS

3 & 4 June 2017

2pm – 6pm. Adults £6

A group of 11 gardens in Upper and Middle Tysoe are opening in aid of the National Gardens Scheme. The NGS is a charity which raises money through opening mainly private gardens for its beneficial charities such as Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie

Curie, Help the Hospices (of which Shipston Home Nursing is a beneficiary) and other caring charities. The NGS is the main donor to Macmillans and Marie Curie. In 2016 £2.7M was donated to its beneficiaries, all in the caring sector. An incredible 82p in every pound received from visitors to our gardens goes directly to the charities we support. There are over 3,300 gardens that open in England and Wales, either individually or in a group such as Tysoe. The NGS is run almost entirely by volunteers who give up their time and work hard, either in the garden or administratively, for the pleasure of letting other people enjoy their gardens and raise money for those charities so desperately needing our help. . There will be delicious homemade teas and plants for sale in the village hall along with some classic cars on view for your enjoyment.

Other NGS garden openings near you:

Sat 10th & Sun 11th June : Weston-under-Wetherley

Sun 18th: Honington, Whichford & Ascott

Sat 24th & Sun 25th: Ilmington, Welford-on-Avon

Sun 2 July: Avon Dassett

Sun 23 July: Stretton-on-the-Fosse, Walled organic kitchen garden in Tysoe

The National Garden Scheme is celebrating its 90th birthday on 29th May at the Mallory Court Hotel & Spa, Harbury Lane, Leamington Spa, CV33 9QB. Please join us for a walk round this wonderful garden with live music and a cup of tea and cake. A glass of bubbles is available to help with the festivities. One of our main beneficiaries, Macmillans Cancer Care, will be supporting us at this event.

Free Park & Ride from Leamington Football Club (CV33 9QB) will ferry you to & from Mallory Court Hotel.

Please check out the NGS website www.ngs.org.uk and the following link to a Macmillan story featuring a Warwickshire NGS volunteer.

<https://goo.gl/FHEDkw>.

Tysoe Church of England Primary School

We are delighted with the outcome of the SIAMS Church Inspection carried out at the end of March and the full report is now available on the school website at <http://www.tysoe.warwickshire.sch.uk/>. The inspector recognised that Tysoe is a 'happy and successful school' and awarded it an overall grade of Good, with Outstanding for the 'effectiveness of leadership and management'.

Each term a wide range of after school clubs is offered both by the teachers volunteering to run a club and by paid specialist coaches. This term the choice is varied, including sports clubs of gymnastics, football, and orienteering and, for the younger children, team games. There are also creative clubs for those interested in art, gardening and sewing.



Reception Class learn how to care for pets

The youngest children in the Reception class have had a focus on pets and welcomed several visitors into school, including the return of the class hens, back into the outdoor area after the bird flu restrictions. The children have also been learning about caring for pets and were very excited to have a visit from guinea pigs and a puppy although not at the same time!

Sporting achievements include success at the Stratford Swimming Gala Area Finals in which four Year 4 children were a credit to the school, with their

perseverance and encouragement of each other, as they bravely competed in the older age category. We look forward to again being involved with the Aviva Women's Cycle Tour as Stage 3 comes through the village on 9th June. Children have entered the competition to design the trophy for the stage win and we are planning for the whole school to watch the event.

Prospective parents are most welcome to visit, just contact the office on 01295-680244.



Friday 23rdth June 10.30 – 12noon: Carers4Carers meeting at Kinton Village Hall.

Come and relax with a coffee and a chat. Kate, an occupational therapist, will be talking about aids, adaptations and independent living. We can look after your loved one in our Companionship Group while you attend the meeting; please request this in advance.

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

TYSOE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We enjoyed a good meeting in May and have welcomed five new members and one returning member throughout May.

We had a great day out in Cheltenham and will be organising another shopping trip later in the year. There was much hilarity on the mini bus, must have been all that retail therapy!

June 8th. sees us visiting Laskett gardens, the home of Sir Roy Strong, and dining out at the Indian Queen on Friday 23rd.

For our June meeting on the 7th we are visiting our speaker, The Sculptor James Butler at his studio in Radway.

Plans are well under way for our church service on July 2nd. Lots more information next month.

If you would like to know more, email Tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com

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WOT2Grow Community Orchard

At last we got some rain in May! We needed a good soaking to help all the trees and plants and after some beautiful blossom the fruitlets need as much water as possible. The frosts had very little effect on the apple trees but the pears and all the stone fruit really caught the blast, blossom was blasted and young leaves turned brown so hope we get some fruit.

All the soft fruit looks good apart from the summer raspberries and the Joan J autumn raspberries. The problem is the phytophthera disease which is carried through water in the soil and there is no known cure. It will eventually kill the canes so we are looking at alternative positions and methods of cultivation.



We have done a lot of feeding and mulching and most of it is complete. The sprays seem to have worked on the apple trees but due to the wind we were unable to spray the plums, damsons and greengages which are now showing signs of aphid. The trees are too big to rely on squishing!

The photography workshop was a great success and although it was a terribly cold May morning a lot of information was received and some great photos taken. Our leader Ian was excellent and helped everyone to get camera/phone settings right in order to take better photos as well as giving lots of hints on composition.

Tea, coffee and cakes helped to keep us going!

We have made more comfrey feed, cut back thistles and nettles, continued weeding but plenty still to do like tidying up the sensory garden and tending the bees. It is a beautiful open space and so peaceful so why not come and help us?

Contact one of us

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WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

June

Sat & Sun 3rd, 4th	14:00	Tysoe Open Gardens
Tuesday 6th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 7th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Friday 9th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Tuesday 13th		Green & Blue bin collection
Thursday 15th		Oxhill News submission deadline
Friday 16th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Tuesday 20th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 21st	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Friday 23rd	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Friday 23rd	10:30	Carers4Carers Kinton Village Hall
Saturday 24th	16:00	Family BBQ & Making Scarecrows
Tuesday 27th		Green & Blue bin collection

July

Sat & Sun 1 - 2		Oxhill Scarecrow Weekend
Sunday 16th	12:30	Boules Competition

August

Tuesday 8th	9:00	Barnsday Gardens & Rutland Water Cruise - Oxhill Garden Club
Sunday 20th		Oxhill vs Tysoe Cricket Match