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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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Stylised silver birch trees by pupils of Tysoe School

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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 village 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, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30, staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Friday November 10th.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 14th and 28th November.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 7th and 21st November.

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

This walking group usually walks on the 4th Friday of the month. If you are interested in joining or to find out further information, please contact Jim Saxton on 680645 or email [admin@jimsaxton.co.uk](mailto:admin@jimsaxton.co.uk)

## AT THE PEACOCK

### Village Events

The village coffee morning is on Weds November 1st at 10.30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday November 15th at 12:30pm.



## DEANERY NEWS

There may just be time to remind you about the **Quiet Morning on Saturday, October 28th** in The Old Chapel, Oxhill, led by Penny Hughes, entitled 'Create your Peace'. Coffee etc will be available from 9.30am, then the morning will run from 10.00am to 1.00pm, after which a light lunch will be available. Everyone is very welcome for all or part of the time.

The Rev. Sarah Edmonds will be licensed as Rector of Shipston (with Tidmington), Honington and Idlicote on **Monday, November 27th at 7.30pm** in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston. Sarah is of course already a familiar face in the Deanery, and we pray for her and her family as they settle in Shipston!

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!

In this season of remembrance, a prayer for reconciliation:

As one family, we reflect today on our broken world.

Lord, where pain still overwhelms, bring healing.

Where hearts are still breaking, bring comfort.

Where peoples are still oppressed, bring liberation.

Where communities are still victimised, bring justice.

Where children are still brutalised, bring compassion.

Where lives are still crushed, bring hope.

Where evil is perpetrated, bring repentance.

Where war still devastates, bring peace.

But most of all,

wherever a single voice cries out in the darkness,

bring us to one another,

in the name of the love you bear in your heart for all people,

all nations and all creation. Amen.

*Every blessing, Jill*

## MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

2016 was supposed to be my final year of fundraising, for this worthy cause, from my home.....but little did we know then that we would see for ourselves the good work that MCS does.



By the time you read this, Alan will have had his 4 week radiotherapy programme at Coventry University Hospital and will hopefully be on the road to recovery.

For this reason I have decided to host another Sale and Coffee morning -on Friday 17th November 2017, 10 - 2pm.

PLEASE SUPPORT US ONCE AGAIN. ( to date we have raised over £11,000 )

More details on posters round villages.  
THANK YOU

*Jackie Thompson 01295 680263/ 07811 794634*

## **TYSOE W.I.**

As part of our centenary events, we collected items for a local foodbank. A huge thankyou to everyone who donated to this very worthy cause. We shall also be supplying 100 bulbs to be donated to the churchyard and school for planting within the village. See next month's Tysoe Record for more information.

November 1st. meeting - Once again we welcome back Richard Adams who will speak at 8pm. after the AGM which starts at 7pm. Richard will base this year's talk on four 1st World War Tysoe men who fought but died and have no known graves.

Richard spoke to us last year about the British Legion and gave a fascinating talk that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We hope many members and non members will come along to what promises to be a very informative meeting.

### **Christmas Tree Festival**

We launched Tysoe W.I. Centenary by decorating the Christmas tree in St. Mary's using decorations made by W.I. Members, in of course, W.I. colours - white, green and purple.

This year as our special year closes, we will be holding a Christmas Tree Festival in church. The W.I. have invited many Tysoe organisations and businesses to take part.

The Trees will be on show in St. Mary's for most of December. To enable everyone to enjoy the festival, we will be serving refreshments in the church on Saturday 9th December 10.30-12.00 and again on Saturday 16th. 2.30-4.00

We look forward to seeing as many as possible at what will be our last centenary event.

Look out for the notices that will be displayed around the village.

*Dee*

### **CARERS4CARERS MEETING AT KINETON VILLAGE HALL.**

Friday 24th November 10.30 – 12noon:



Come and relax over a coffee and a chat. Our speaker will be Catherine Wickens, Dietitian, with advice on keeping healthy. Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group.

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

*Lisa Barnett, Assistant Co-ordinator, Carers4Carers*

## 1953 OS MAP OF OXHILL



When clearing out my bookshelves I came across an old 1953 OS Map of Oxhill. It clearly shows the growth of the village over the last 60+ years.

*Jim Saxton*

## HELP!

Having spent quite a lot of time today searching for my upholstery tool kit Gwyn recalls that I had loaned it out to someone who wanted to tighten some webbing. Unfortunately neither of us can remember who it was.

If you are that person, please can you get in touch with us.  
Phone 01295680286 or [georgeatkaribu@gmail.com](mailto:georgeatkaribu@gmail.com) will both do the trick.

*George Adams*

## 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<sup>1</sup> 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.

*June Wreford*

## KNIT & NATTER

Our October sessions have again been well supported and in November we have meetings on Thursdays, the 2nd, 16th and 30th starting at 2.00pm.

Any Mums with babies are welcome to join us, even if it's just for a cup of tea and a change of scenery.

Please feel free to come along for a cup of tea and to 'Knit & Natter'. Also don't forget the BOOK EXCHANGE. If you'd like to know more, then call Tricia Harbour on 680676 or Jane Smith on 688364 or just turn up and join in.

## ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH: SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

As the year goes on, I am giving all the services until the year end. You will see that on Advent Sunday, December 3rd, we are again launching the Travelling Nativity around the village. Full details will come out shortly, but once again you might like to think about hosting the Travelling Nativity, the Holy Family, in its journey around Oxhill as a symbol of Mary and Joseph's journey towards Bethlehem and the first Christmas. The Nativity will then be received back in church on Christmas Morning. You will also see that once again there will be a village Nativity, to which everyone is invited, on Sunday, December 10th, and again we will be using The Old Chapel for this. Children of any age are warmly invited to take part: for those who can manage it, there will be a rehearsal in the Chapel on Friday, December 8th between 5 and 6 pm, roughly!

### **Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>      All Saints**

**9.30 am**      Holy Communion (BCP)  
Rev. Jill Tucker

**Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am**      Remembrance Day Service  
Rev. Jill Tucker

**Sunday November 19<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am**      Parish Communion  
Rev. George Heighton

### **Sunday, November 26<sup>th</sup>      Christ the King**

**9.30 am**      Family Holy Communion  
Rev. George Heighton

Looking ahead towards Christmas and New Year:

### **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>      Advent Sunday**

**9.30 am**      Advent Communion Service  
Rev. Jill Tucker and launch of the  
Travelling Nativity

**Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am**      Nativity Play and Service in **The  
Old Chapel**

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am**      Parish Communion  
Rev George Heighton



**Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**

**7.30pm** Village Carols by Candlelight

**Christmas Eve**

**9.30 am** Parish Communion, to which everyone from across the Benefices is invited Rev. Jill Tucker

**Christmas Day**

**9.30 am** Family Communion for Christmas Day Rev. Jill Tucker

**New Year's Eve**

**11.00 am** United Benefice Service in Tysoe. Rev George Heighton

## **POPPY DAY APPEAL**



Poppies will soon be on sale in the village.

I will be out and about selling them.

Old £1 coins will be accepted, so put them to one side.

Give generously

*Thanks, Pat*

## **OXHILL VILLAGE HALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS**

**Coming next...**

### **Friday 10 November - Annual Curry Night**

Our curry night is a bit of an institution, so do join us for another opportunity to enjoy, in great company, a range of fantastic Indian dishes to tempt your taste buds. Subtly spiced starters will be followed by curries and chutneys ranging from the mild to the not so mild, plus delicious vegetable accompaniments with a selection of sweets to finish. Tickets are priced at £12.50 per person and food will be served from 7.30pm.

***To book tickets please contact Jay Roberts on (01295) 680030***

*P.S. At the time of going to press we had already sold 25 tickets, so don't delay making your booking if you want to come along.*

### **Monday 11 December - Village Christmas Lunch**

*For full details of this year's lunch please read the special announcement.*

### **Friday 22 December - Beer and Bubbles Night**

Remember Beer and Bubbles in Tysoe some years ago, and before they built the fence by the road, which may yet turn into a wall! Well, Oxhill's Beer and Bubbles has certainly not fizzled out...

It's a great way to mark the end of work before Christmas begins or wind down after all those preparations made during the week.

Dress to impress and wear your posh frock; or black and white, a lounge suit or jacket for the men.

Catch up with friends old and new, and celebrate by enjoying canapés and drinks, and music in the background.

Tickets cost £12.50 each and include canapés plus two drinks.

***To book tickets please contact Jay Roberts on (01295) 680030***

**Coming soon...**

### **Saturday 27 January - Burns Night**

Well at least Scots have something to celebrate as 2018 gets under way, if not the football! More details on one of the highlights of our events calendar in the December *Oxhill News*.

## OXHILL VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LUNCH

### 11th DECEMBER 2017

This ever popular event will be held this year on Monday, December 11th at the Village Hall starting at 12.30pm. There will be a welcoming Prosecco, Sherry or fruit juice served on arrival and wine available throughout the meal. As usual there will be a 3 course traditional Christmas Lunch, plus Mince Pies and afterwards some entertainment. Transport to the Village Hall can be provided if needed.



This Lunch is open to anyone in the Village who is 65 or over and their spouse/partner, whatever their age. Invitations will be distributed shortly BUT there is a strong likelihood that with Village demographics being what they are, we could potentially be over-subscribed! Consequently, please RSVP promptly to the invitation to avoid disappointment because we may be forced to accommodate people on a first come / first served basis as the space in the hall is limited.

If you are eligible for an invitation and have not received one by mid-November, please excuse us as everyone in the Village looks so young (!) and contact me and I will rectify the oversight.

*Tricia Harbour 680676*

## TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL – OCTOBER NEWS

The new format for our Harvest Festival proved to be very popular. Parents and visitors were welcomed into St Mary's Church by Revd. George Heighton and served tea, coffee and cakes in the church, prior to the service. Pupils donated non-perishable goods for the food bank. The children sang enthusiastically and enjoyed poems and activities on the theme of sharing. Later, the children happily munched on apples fresh from the Tysoe Community Orchard!

We have had a range of different assemblies over the last few weeks. Willow Class confidently read their biographies about inspirational people, including George Cadbury, Jessica Ennis and Emily Pankhurst. The children in Silver Birch Class shared science facts about animal habitats which they had researched.

The children had also used oil pastels to produce colourful, stylised silver birch trees.



The artistic theme continued with a dramatic retelling of the bible story about Zacchaeus led by the Stourdene Benefice Group, ably assisted by a group of children.

The Friends of Tysoe provide loyal support for the school. They have already hosted a Welcome Back Party for families, who enjoyed the opportunity to have an early supper, socialise and participate in the scavenger hunt. Another exciting initiative had all the children designing

Christmas cards to be printed as packs of cards. There has also been good promotion of 'The Giving Machine' to raise funds through online shopping.

We have had further requests to view the school so we are hosting a second Open Morning on Friday 24th November at 9.30am for prospective parents and their children. Our catchment area is Tysoe, Oxhill, Whatcote, Radway, Ratley and the wider area. Visits are welcome at other times too. Contact Mrs Horrocks in the office on 01295 680244.

*Jenny Coates Head of School*



A plea to the good people of Oxhill.

Are there any of you with a few spare hours a month, who are drivers able to offer help as a Voluntary driver.

The service takes villagers to Hospital and Doctors appointments.

It is a very valuable service helping patients, the Hospitals and Ambulance service.

And it is very much appreciated by the people who are helped.

If you are interested, the phone number to use for more information is 01608 660122.

Please call Monday to Friday between 09:30 and 12:00.

## OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

On Thursday 12th October members were transported back in time some six hundred million years when the Earth was a very different place and what we now know as England was south of the Equator. Our speaker was Jo Hands of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust who went on to describe how the various types of rock formed over time came to be the underlying strata of Warwickshire. Erosion of rock by glaciers, rivers, weather, lichens and plant life gave us the different soils we see in the County and man's mining for coal, quarrying of rock and extraction of gravel has given us the rich variety of wildlife habitats we have today.

Jo showed slides of the wildlife reserves managed by our local Trust – each very different and having its own particular mix of plants, insects and mammals thriving in these, sometimes unique to Warwickshire, habitats. We were encouraged to support the work of the Trust, visit the reserves, and take part in the various activities laid on from time to time.

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Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th November, 7.00 for a 7.30pm start in Oxhill Village Hall, when Derek Bull will give a talk on Reluctant Gardening – or how to do the least amount of work for the best effect! Visitors welcome.

*Douglas Nethercleft*

## OXHILL GARDENING CLUB – EVENTS PROGRAM

November 9th	Reluctant Gardening – or how to do the least amount of work for best effects - Derek Bull, Hidcote Manor
January 11th	My Desert Island Vegetables - Pauline Peers
February 15th	An evening with Ken Whittaker
March 22nd	AGM
April 12th	British Bees – Steven Falk

# OXHILL VILLAGE BIG BREAKFAST

held on October 7th

Saturday October 7th saw the Oxhill Village Hall buzzing with the sounds of sizzling bacon and sausages on the occasion of the autumn Big Breakfast.

Around 40 people were there to enjoy either a Full English (bacon, sausage, black pudding, baked beans, mushroom, eggs) plus toast and marmalade, or a Continental breakfast.



The tables were all set, and some of the first guests were Josh Collins and friends on the morning of his Wedding Day



In the hall there was a relaxed convivial hubbub.....

In the kitchen it was different. Organised yes. But no time for chatting.

Orders, cooking, washing up in a relentless cycle between 09:00 and 12:30.



So now, the Big Breakfast has become established as a regular part of the events program, and continues to attract a full house every three to four months.

## PLANNING ALERT FROM OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

An application has been submitted to SDC to build a house at the top of Church Lane on the open rough area that has a footpath running diagonally across it. The application number is 17/02894/FUL. This orchard has been listed as an important open space in our Parish Plan. The house would lie in the heart of the conservation area and would sit in a position with listed buildings on all four sides – the church being Grade 1 listed. The parish council feels that the proposed dwelling would be an eyesore and would harm and cause loss of amenity to our community, and visual harm to the church, which in addition to being Grade 1 listed also has three listed graves. The field is the only wild green location within the conservation area, lying alongside a managed wildlife area within the churchyard.

I would urge anyone who feels strongly about this proposal to lodge an objection with the planning department before 9 November 2017.

*Grenville Moore, Chairman – Oxhill Parish Council*



# WOT2GROW APPLE DAY



All hands needed!!



Bottling the Juice



Feeding the Scratter

All you need to know about making Apple Juice



# **DESIGNER & QUALITY 2ND HAND CLOTHING**

## **SALE - FREE ENTRY**

**Saturday 11th November**

**9.30am - 12.00 noon**

**Sheldon Bosley Hub**

**Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 4DQ**

**For more details call Rebecca on 01608 674929**



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Kineton and surrounding villages

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Registered Charity No. 1162586

# DESIGNER POP UP SHOP

Sale of fabulous designer collections  
at incredible prices!



**Thursday 2nd November  
6pm til 9pm**

**Friday 3rd November  
9am til 5pm**

Armani Collezione  
Armani Jeans  
Temperley  
Paul Smith  
Diane Von Furstenberg  
Joseph  
Moschino  
Paule Ka  
Red Valentino  
Marc Cain  
Lamberto Losani Knitwear  
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## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### November

Wed	1st	10:30	The Peacock, Village Coffee Morning
Thu	2nd	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH
Thu	2nd	18:00 - 21:00	SHN, Designer Pop up Shop
Fri	3rd	09:00 - 17:00	SHN, Designer Pop up Shop
Mon	6th	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tue	7th		Grey Bins
Thu	9th	19:00	Oxhill Garden Club, OVH
Fri	10th	14:30	Mobile Library, OVH
Fri	10th	19:30	Annual Curry Night, OVH
Sat	11th	09:30 - 12:00	SHN Clothing Sale, Shipston
Mon	13th	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tue	14th		Green & Blue Bins
Tue	14th	17:30 - 20:30	SHN Gift Fair, Ettington
Wed	15th	OXHILL NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINE	
Wed	15th	12:30	The Peacock, Village Lunch
Wed	15th	09:30 - 16:30	SHN Gift Fair, Ettington
Thu	16th	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH
Fri	17th	10:00 - 14:00	MacMillan Sale & Coffee Morning, Jackie Thompson's, Tysoe
Mon	20th	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tue	21st		Grey Bins
Fri	24th	10:30 - 12:00	Kineton Carers4Carers
Mon	27th	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tue	28th		Green & Blue Bins
Thu	30th	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH

### December

Mon	11th		Oxhill Village Lunch, OVH
Fri	22nd		Beer & Bubbles Night, OVH

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