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Proper snow at last!!

But not for long!!!

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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 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 January 12th.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 9th and 23th January.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 2nd, 16th and 30th January.

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

AT THE PEACOCK

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on Weds January 3rd at 10.30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday January 17th at 12:30pm.



Another great snowman - who made it?

There's a clue on his head!



Meanwhile, in Shipston the knitting fairies have been out

January 2018 (Unwanted tools contact Jim Saxton 07748 324934)

TWAM

Tools with a Mission

Hello, I'm Nicolas

I live in Zambia and I'm learning carpentry at Faith Orphanage. I lost both my parents and because I had nobody to pay my school fees I dropped out of school. I did not know what to do or how I would survive.

A community worker from Faith Orphanage found me and offered me a place on their carpentry course. I could not believe somebody was giving me a chance for a future and said 'yes', straight away.

I am halfway through my one year course. I live at the orphanage with the other boys and am learning woodwork, business studies and how to look after myself. I love the TWAM tools and cannot wait to be given my own carpentry kit when I pass my course. My life has totally changed.

twam.uk



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



Once again a full church for this wonderful occasion. The bells rang out to herald the service. Thanks go to Jill for planning a great service along with Tom Moffat.



The organist played magnificently, the Benefice choir sang

beautifully, the readers read clearly and meaningfully, and the congregation added their voices and filled the church with amazing rendering of the carols. Eight lessons and carols were the format for the service which also included two special choral pieces performed excellently by the choir.



Everyone in church had a candle to light while the Gospel was read. The church radiated in the candlelight. Mulled wine and mince pies were offered after “O Come all ye faithful”.



So a very, very big thank you to ALL helped to make the evening go smoothly and joyously. Anyone who didn't make it missed a treat!

The PCC wishes everyone a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Carol Fox

DEANERY NEWS FOR JANUARY 2018

Suddenly it is 2018: as we stand at the threshold of another year, may I wish you all the fullest of God's blessings excitement and peace as journey with him into the future.

After Christmas comes Candlemas at the beginning of February. To mark it, St. George's Church, Brailes, is hosting a Royal School of Church Music '**Come and Sing' Candlemas Eucharist on Saturday, February 3rd**. Anyone who enjoys singing is really welcome to come along and join in. All the music will be provided. Rehearsals (I think) begin at 2.30, and it will end in the early evening. Exact details will be available nearer the time.

Just after that, **Deanery Synod will be meeting in Pillerton Village Hall on Tuesday, February 6th at 7.30pm**. Our speaker will be Jerry Marshall, who is Chief Executive of Germinate: The Arthur Rank Centre – a organisation committed to helping rural churches and rural communities to flourish. Jerry is a passionate and inspirational advocate of life in small rural churches, and it will be lovely to welcome him.

So, the New Year begins:

Step softly into your weeping world,
incarnate God;
embrace it in your love.
Bring light into broken lives,
warmth into frozen hearts,
hope to those at war.

Help us to approach this new year
filled with the joy of your companionship,
as we step out in faith with you,
ready to face the future,
whatever it may hold.

Carol Dixon from Hay and Stardust.

Every blessing, Jill

OXHILL DEFIBRILLATOR BOX QUIZ – 19 JANUARY, 2018

As outlined last month, we are planning a Quiz to raise further funds to enable us to buy a proper cabinet to house the Defibrillator that has been generously donated to the village. The date has been set for Friday, 19 January, 2018 and it is a 7.30 for 8.00pm start. Drinks and a limited selection of light refreshments will be available to purchase on the night and the cost will be £20 for a table of four – the Village Hall Committee are providing the hall at no cost and all profits will go directly to the fund.

Duncan Harper has agreed to be the point of contact for the event and you should contact him at duncanharper1@btinternet.com to reserve your table or seek further information.

The total cost of the ‘box’ is expected to be around £550 and at the time of going to press, we are pleased to report that £150 was raised at the recent Oxhill Christmas Lunch and a further donation of £107 from a generous couple in the village – so a mere £300 to go – come on Oxhill!

Derek Harbour

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

Oxhill Christmas Lunch – Monday, 11 December



The Christmas Lunch for the Senior Citizens from the Village was held on Monday 11 December and followed the usual, successful format of previous years. The Hall was pretty full, with 40 guests to Lunch and in addition to the delicious 3 course meal with wine that was provided there was also some brilliant entertainment.

This year, Myrtle Knight and Roger Goodman provided the literary highlights and both were excellent and kept everyone entertained and amused.

The following people who, whilst not on the Village Hall Committee, always help out behind the scenes and deserve enormous thanks:

Sue Robbins, Anne Marshall, Elaine & Ed Morgan, Debra Collins, Gill Stewart, Roger Goodman, Heather Bridgman, Audry & Jeff Reid and Brian Hobill (who donated the excellent gammon).



Virtually all of the Village Hall Committee members helped out with decorating the Hall, cooking food, waiting upon tables, washing up, clearing up and generally working tirelessly to make the day the success that it clearly was. Special mention should be made of Stuart Whittaker who flew back from Hong Kong via Dubai to mastermind the kitchen, ensuring that all of the food was excellent and Tricia Harbour who oversaw the whole event.

Thanks also to the many kind people who made generous donations to help defray the cost of the lunch. We also collected for the Defibrillator Cabinet that the village needs and raised £150 – a great start!

Derek Harbour

CHURCH BIG CLEAN

Thank you to all who came along on 25th November to give the church its annual Big Clean. A really good work party arrived with brushes, polish etc and the church positively sparkled when all was done. So a really big thank you to everyone. An enjoyable and productive morning.

Carol

GARDEN CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

A very enjoyable Garden Club Christmas Party was held on December 7th.

I would like to thank Jill for the use of the old Chapel and all of the committee plus Sue Robbins for their help in preparing and decorating the venue.



In particular, I need to thank Pauline and Margaret for masterminding the catering, those who contributed such delicious food, Douglas who concocted a most enjoyable mulled wine and John who supervised the bar.

Peter, Jeremy and Fran provided both musical and poetic entertainment. Many thanks to them.

Thank you to Tony Wyatt, for exercising our neurones in the quiz, narrowly won by the 'staff table'! No prior knowledge of the questions, honestly.

The raffle, presided over by Angela and Reg, enabled Jill, with the addition of a couple of extra donations, to send £200 to 'Practical Action'. This will be doubled by The Government, meaning that £400 will be available to the charity.



The next meeting is on January 11th, when the speaker will be Pauline Peers, who will be talking about 'My Desert Island Vegetables'.

I wish you all a Happy and Peaceful Christmas, with plenty of time to plan your next Gardening Year!

Martin Hunt



KNIT AND NATTER
Happy New Year to everyone
Knit and natter will start again on 4th January 2018.
Hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

Any questions please contact Tricia (680676) or Jane (688364)

CAR PARKING AT OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

Villagers and their visitors are reminded that the Village Hall car park is primarily for use in connection with Village Hall events. There have been occasions recently when cars left there for several days have impeded access to the Hall for those organising and attending events. Please contact a Committee member before using the car park for non-OVH purposes.

Secretary to the Village Hall Committee.

CARERS4CARERS MEETING AT KINETON VILLAGE HALL.

Friday 26th January 10.30 – 12 noon:

Come and join us for coffee and chat. Sarah Coxall from Stratford Time Bank will be joining us. 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.



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!

Lisa Barnett, Carers4Carers

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Wishing you a Happy New Year!

From everyone on the Village Hall Committee, a Happy New Year to you all and a huge thank you to everyone who supported our events during the past year, took part in the regular activities we host or who generously gave their time and skills whether in making dishes, clearing up after events or maintaining the hall as one of our 'Friends of the Village Hall'.

Please continue to support us throughout 2018 – the village hall is now warmer and even more accommodating with improved insulation and the addition of new crockery and cutlery in recent weeks. We look forward to welcoming you!

Stuart Whittaker, Chairman, Oxhill Village Hall Committee

Coming next...

Saturday 27 January - Burns Night

This year's Burns Night is being led by Katy Dowding who hails from, err, Southampton! Still it's close to France and Scots have always had close historic links with the French!

It promises to be another great night for what is one of the highlights of the Oxhill village calendar.

So do join us – especially if you have never been to Burns Night before - for haggis, tatties, neeps and whisky in the village hall as we honour Scotland's bard near to the home town of England's bard! We gather at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

Tickets, which cost £17.50 per person, need to be ordered and paid for in advance as this is always a sell-out. They are available from Jay Roberts on (01295) 680030.

In support of the RFU Injured Players Federation

SIX NATIONS CONCERT



*S. Swan
Singers*

ANTHEMS AND RUGBY SONGS
from all Six Nations

Friday 2 February 2018, 7.30pm

Kineton Sports and Social Club

BAR

RAFFLE

FREE ENTRY

WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD



Winter certainly arrived in mid December with a good snow fall, lots of ice and the usual disruption to life in our villages!!

We have weeded and tidied at the orchard but as always there is still some work to do. The new autumn raspberries have been delivered and planted in the lined beds, we chose a new variety developed in Poland called Polka which has proved to be a very good cropper and with a long season in the right conditions so fingers crossed. The other bed has Autumn Bliss planted which is has been a reliable variety for many years.

January sees us prune the apples and pears and as the trees get bigger it is so important they are kept within easy height for harvesting!! The trees all have individual shapes but have the basic principle of an open centre to let the breeze flow through thus minimizing problems.

Come Join the Wassail!!

Yes we will be holding the Wassail ceremony at the orchard on Saturday 20th January 2018 from 4:30pm onwards. The traditions will be observed and there will be lots of singing and keeping warm around the big bonfire accompanied by food and drink from Kineton Scouts and our own cider, mulled cider and mulled apple juice!!! But more importantly Donald McCombie who plays accordion and guitar will be playing and accompanying the singing. He is part of a group of local performers who play at the Horse Shoe Inn in Shipston and undertake charitable assignments to raise money for the Lifelong Learning charity. Morris dancing too so come along and have fun at your orchard!!!

Do come along to see us, maybe help out, and enjoy your community orchard behind the allotments along the Shenington Road in Tysoe! Why not join us and enjoy the fruit we grow.

Contact one of us for more information

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

WOT2Grow AGM 2018

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 7:30pm at Tysoe village hall. Do come along and have your say about your community orchard, everyone is welcome and you don't have to be a member to attend!

POPPY APPEAL

We collected £335 from Oxhill residents this year.

Pat



Winter Fuel Allowance

Our Treasurer has been approached by individuals who wish to donate their Winter Fuel Allowance to Shipston Home Nursing under gift aid. £200 provides one night's nursing care.

You, or people you know, may wish to be included.

If so, please give us permission to approach you by completing the form on the adjacent page, or contact Rebecca on 01608 674929, and please return to

Rebecca Mawle, Lower Farm Barn, Great Wolford, CV36 5NQ.

Enormous thanks, SHN

I would like to make a regular gift to Shipston Home Nursing



Hospice at Home
in Shipston, Wellesbourne
and Kineton

Standing Order

Please complete this form and return it to:

Christopher Owen,

Shipston Home Nursing, Wheelwright Cottage, Cherington, Warwickshire CV36 5HS

Title:

Forename(s):

Surname:

Address:

Postcode:

I would like to make a regular gift to Shipston
Home Nursing of

£

I wish to pay monthly/annually
please delete as appropriate

I wish my donation to be made on the following
date of each month:

I would like my first donation to be made during
the month of (mm/yyyy)

Shipston Home Nursing Bank details

Lloyds TSB
25 High Street, Shipston on Stour,
Warwickshire CV36 4AJ

Account number: 01665317

Sort code: 30 98 26

Gift Aid declaration

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every
£1 you donate

I wish the charity to treat this donation
as Gift Aid and to treat similarly all future
donations that I make to the charity. I am a
UK Taxpayer and understand that if I pay less
income tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than
the amount of the gift aid claimed on all my
donations in that tax year it is my responsibility
to pay any difference.

Instructions to your Bank/Building Society to
pay by Standing Order

To the Manager:

Name of Bank:

Address:

Name of A/C holder:

Account number:

Sort Code:

Please pay Shipston Home Nursing by Standing
Order from the account detailed on this
instruction. I understand that this instruction
may remain with Shipston Home Nursing and,
if so, details will be passed electronically to my
Bank/Building Society.

Date:

Signature:

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

January

Tue	2nd		Grey Bin Collection
Wed	3rd	10:30	The Peacock, Village Coffee Morning
Thu	4th	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH
Mon	8th	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tue	9th		Green and Blue Bin Collection
Thu	11th	19:00	Garden Club, OVH
Fri	12th	14:30	Village Hall, Mobile Library
Mon	15th	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tue	16th		Grey Bin Collection
Wed	15th		OXHILL NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Wed	17th	12:30	The Peacock, Village Lunch
Thu	18th	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH
Fri	19th	19:30 for 20:00	Oxhill Defibrillator Quiz
Sat	20th	from 16:30	Wot2Grow Wassail, Tysoe Orchard
Mon	22nd	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tue	23rd		Green and Blue Bins
Tue	23rd	19:30	WOT2Grow AGM, Tysoe Village Hall
Fri	26th	09:30	Weekday Walkers
Fri	26th	10:30 - 12:00	Kineton Carers4Carers
Sat	27th	19:00 for 19:30	Burns Night OVH
Mon	29th	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tue	30th		Grey Bin Collection

February

Fri	2nd	19:30	Six Nations Concert, Kineton Sports & Social Club
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