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A busy team of PCC members and helpers provided a lovely Sunday Roast on January 14th in the Old Chapel.

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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 Fridays February 2nd and 23rd.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 6th and 20th November.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 13th and 27th 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

AT THE PEACOCK

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on Weds February 7th at 10.30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday February 21st at 12:30pm.



DEANERY NEWS FEBRUARY 2018

The beginning of February sees Candlemas, when we take one last look at Christmas, then turn to face Easter. 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, either as an individual or as a choir. All the music will be provided. Rehearsals begin at 2.30, and it will end about 6.00 pm. Everyone is invited to come and join the Eucharist at about 5.15pm. If you would like to come it would be helpful if you could let me know.

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, Chief Executive of Germinate: The Arthur Rank Centre – an 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.

Easter is fairly early this year: Ash Wednesday is Valentine's Day-February 14th. So the following week see the start of our **Deanery Lent Services – based on the Cathedral's Lent Course on Reconciliation**. As ever, all services begin at 7.30pm. This year we are looking forward to welcoming several of the newcomers to our Deanery to be our speakers.

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| 20th February | Shipston | Components of Reconciliation |
| | | Very Revd. John Witcombe, Dean of Coventry |
| 27th February | Ettington | Truth |
| | | Rev. George Heighton |
| 6th March | Tredington | Justice and Peace |
| | | Rev. Sharon Goble |
| 13th March | Whichford | Mercy and Forgiveness |
| | | Rev. Ben Dyson |
| 20th March | Tysoe | Living Reconciliation |
| | | Rev. Sarah Edmonds |

27th March

Newbold Eucharist
Rev. Canon Dr. Jill Tucker

Finally, a note for your diaries: 2018 is our Centenary Year as a Diocese, and we are delighted that Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, will be visiting Coventry between May 2nd and 5th. In particular you might like to note Saturday, May 5th when there will be a special all-day celebration at the Cathedral, for the whole family, to which everyone is invited.

Every blessing, Jill

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

On Thursday 11th January, Garden Club members were privileged to have Pauline Pears, founder member of Garden Organic and author of several books on the subject, talk to us about her approach to making the best use of the soil and growing conditions that we as potential vegetable growers are faced with. The five vegetables she would recommend for all (or most) year round supply were: potatoes, beans, pumpkins, leeks and chard. But she has a light sandy soil and we, with our heavy clay, might find other vegetable crops do better.

Pauline's 'Desert Island' choices were coloured by what best suited her allotment, ease of growing, good cropping, disease resistance, an extended growing season or her ability to store the produce. Apart from helping seedlings on their way, she never feels the need to water. Her 'luxury' was tomatoes.

We were treated to slides of the varieties Pauline had tried over the years: potatoes with skins all colours of the rainbow, largely blight resistant and which could be left in the ground until wanted; leeks that she sowed as seed in trays and 'detached' from their initial roots for transplanting; beans from her own dried seed with the caveat that they readily hybridised; pumpkins with good flavour and which could be planted in odd spots to act as ground cover / weed suppressors; chard with leaves that had more body than spinach and stalks that needed to be cooked separately.

To encourage those present to get planting and rich, and so that no-one had to sell the family cow, Pauline gave out some special beans. Fee Fi Fo Fum!.

The Garden Club committee particularly extends invitations to newcomers to the village and surrounding settlements. We look forward to seeing faces old and new at the next meeting (usually the second Thursday in the month) on February 15th for ‘An Evening with Ken Whittaker’. Ken is a horticulturalist and florist with amusing anecdotes on the dos and don’ts of seasonal gardening; he is experienced in the field of Social and Therapeutic Horticulture.

Please note that our AGM is on the fourth Thursday of March – the 22nd. Confused? Don’t be – our soon to be published 2017/8 programme will be back on track and comprise a cornucopia of delights to educate, enlighten and inform. Arrive 7.00pm for a 7.30 start after a social glass of wine should you so desire.

Douglas Nethercleft

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 9th JANUARY AT 8.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

The meeting, chaired by Grenville Moore was attended by Councillor Duncan Harper, apologies were received from Sue Hunt and Derek Harbour. Councillor John Fielding, and Councillor Chris Williams Members for Kineton & Red Horse Division also attended.

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

Matters arising

Speeding radar- The speeding survey has been carried out, no results have been received to date.

Footpath Bridge – The hole in the bridge has been repaired, further works may need to be carried out to ensure the bridge is functional in the long term.

Code of Conduct – A decision was deferred until the next meeting.

Planning – Permission has been approved for: Change of use of existing livery yard, Church Farm.

Planning pending: Land adjacent to Oxbourne House and Applegrove.

Planning refused : Land off Church Lane.

Finance

Precept – An extraordinary meeting will be held on 20th January 2018 to determine this.

Any other Business

Plot 3 Green Lane – A letter has been sent to Stratford Planning department by a member of the community raising concerns about the development on Green Lane including the positioning of the new dwellings, boundaries and therefore the validity of the planning applications. A letter will be sent to the planning office in support of the matters raised, Councillor John Fielding will liaise with the appropriate people.

Pot holes – There have been reports of several pot holes around the village, the Pot hole hot line will be notified.

Phone Box removal- The appropriate department will be contacted to ascertain a date for the removal.

Report by Councillor John Fielding– A report was given by Councillor Fielding identifying that the Judicial review for the Hornton Hospital was unsuccessful therefore previously proposed changes will take place as planned. There will be an increase in the Council Tax for the new financial year, however, the large number of houses that have been built across the district has reduced the increase.

Report by Councillor Chris Williams – The review of the Children’s Centres has been completed, saving from building and reviewing services will be made. The budget will be set on the 8th February when more details about the increases to Council Taxes will be available.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55 pm. Date of the next meeting 13th March 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Lis Stuart, Parish Clerk

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON SATURDAY 20th JANUARY AT 9.30AM.

The meeting, chaired by Grenville Moore was attended by Councillors, Duncan Harper, Sue Hunt, Stuart Whittaker and Derek Harbour.

Matters arising

Defibrillator – As a result of both the donations and the success of the quiz night a total of £760 has been raised which is enough money to purchase the defibrillator box. Derek Harbour will arrange the purchase of the box and contact the appropriate people to position and erect the box.



Leys Field – The landowner has contacted the Parish Council with proposed plans for the Leys Field. The Parish Council has concerns over the proposed POS land. Grenville Moore will liaise with the planning officer and get further advice on the matter.

Finance

Precept – Due to rising costs and greater demands on the Parish Council the precept for the financial year 2018 /2019 will be set at £8,400. Proposed by Derek Harbour and Seconded by Duncan Harper and Stuart Whittaker.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 11.15 pm.
Date of the next meeting 13th March 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Lis Stuart, Parish Clerk

5 STAR LUNCH

I should like to say a HUGE Thankyou to the combined efforts of the Church and Village Hall committees in providing such a splendid Sunday lunch on the 14th January.

The invitation was couched in these words and so I do not think I could do better.

"We invite you to be our guest for Sunday Lunch in the Old Chapel and particularly would like to include anyone on their own, who would enjoy some company and anyone new to the village who would like to meet us."



Some 30 of us seemed to qualify and not only had a really warm welcome but a magnificent 4 course lunch with sherry to begin and chocolates and coffee to finish.



A really gala way to celebrate the arrival of 2018 and I know I can speak for all those present in expressing enormous gratitude to all who sweated over a hot stove, waited at table (no queuing!) and made us so very welcome in every way. And all this on their day off from work!!

An event to be remembered for a very long time. At risk of over doing it I shall say **THANKYOU** again. **LOUDLY** and particularly want to include in this the Founders of the Feast (Each and every one knows who you are!) Balchazzer could not have done better !!

SUNDAY LUNCH JANUARY 14TH

The idea for this event was mooted as far back as the cricket match last summer. It was thought that a number of people who live on their own in Oxhill might enjoy a Sunday Roast provided for them in the Chapel. The village hall committee and the church social committee got together and brought it to fruition last Sunday. About 30 guests and helpers came along and all enjoyed an excellent main course of roast pork and chicken plus lovely fresh vegetables cooked by Stuart and Katy Whittaker.

Several desserts/puddings were provided by the church social committee. Wine, cheese and chocolates and newspapers were kindly provided by Jill Tucker. So it was quite a feast. Sadly there were a few others who could not come due to being afflicted by the current virus problem. Thanks go to all helpers who came along and shared food and time with the guests. A pleasant and relaxed afternoon.



Carol Fox

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

Upcoming events and news

We enter February on the back of several successful events, including a **Beer and Bubbles Night** just before Christmas where it was great to see 'new faces' including family members celebrating together. There were 52 people joining in the fun. And at the time of writing we anticipated an equally good turnout for our annual **Burns Night** led by Katy Dowding, from England!

Remember your village hall needs you! And talking of which it will be the **AGM in late April**, so do think about joining our friendly committee. There are officer roles up for election. We are allowed up to 14 committee members so you can see it's very much a team effort where we share the jobs out supported by fantastic friends of the village hall (all having fun and gaining a real sense of achievement at the same time). So do talk to a committee member to find out more. The current committee details can be found at www.oxhill.org.uk/VillageHall.htm which includes our current hall hire and equipment hire charges.

Coming next...

Saturday 10 March – Big Breakfast

The first of our popular Big Breakfasts this year and the perfect opportunity to catch up with the family and friends in our friendly, characterful and ever-improving village hall (warmer, new crockery, better insulated, great service – as always!). And we use quality produce, with some sourced locally.

Breakfasts can be booked at 15 minute intervals between 9am and 11am. Ticket numbers are limited with our maximum attendance set at 48.

Full English: Eggs, 2 bacon rashers, 2 sausages, mushrooms or black pudding, beans, tomato and toast – all for £7 adults and £4 children

Continental: Croissant, pain au chocolat, toast and juice – all for £3 adults and £2 children

Drinks: Pot of tea £1.50, Coffee cafetiere £2.50

To book your tickets and time slot please call **Jay Roberts on (01295) 680030** but don't leave it late as this is among our most popular events.

Coming soon...

Friday 20 April – Paella Night

A lot of great things come out of Spain – talented football managers and footballers, wines, Hello magazine (or perhaps not!) and paella, of course. We will be hosting another paella making evening using our specially bought pan and tools to make the perfect dish. Details to follow in the next `Oxhill News`.

LOCAL FOOTPATHS



Patrick Crowther

OTHER PCC NEWS

The next PCC meeting is arranged for Monday February 5th

Spring Fundraiser

The PCC and church social committee are planning a fundraiser for April. Probably in the form of a Spring Lunch. Date and details will follow in the March edition of the News

Carol Fox

CARERS4CARERS

Friday 23rd February 10.30 – 12 noon: Carers4Carers meeting at Kington Village Hall. Come and join us for coffee and chat. Jas from Warwickshire County Council Social Services Finance team will be on hand to answer your questions. 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 the best for 2018.

Kind regards, Lisa

Lisa Barnett, Carers4Carers



RECENT NEW ARRIVALS IN OXHILL

We are delighted to welcome the following new folks into Oxhill:

Blacksmith's Field: Andrew and Lindsey

Oxhill Manor: Alastair and Debbie

The Old Rectory: Glen and Val

If you're not getting your copy of Oxhill News, please send an email to news-editor@oxhill.org.uk, and we'll add you to our distribution list. We usually find everybody eventually, though hearing from you helps to ensure we print enough copies each month.

Roger Goodman

IN NEED OF A GOOD HOME

Our old printer has been replaced. Nobody wants it on ebay, so if you would like it please contact Roger and Gill on 688199. PS it did work until three months ago when we replaced it.



TYSOE W I

Thank you to everyone who displayed a Christmas tree at the festival in St Mary's Church. The 24 trees were all very different and splendid. Many thanks to all who supported this event and for your kind donations to Shipston Home Nursing. A total of £176. 63 was collected. Thanks to everyone involved.

We all enjoyed a fantastic Christmas party, entertained by our own choir, plus Dave and Dave, and we all laughed until we cried at the comedy performances provided by our own members, Eileen, Christine and Jennie, so much talent within our own group! Food, mulled wine and games added to the festivities.

We also took part in carol singing in the pub, hosted by Dave Thomas, helped along by a little alcohol! Thanks to everyone who came along.

January saw us hearing about the fundraising work undertaken by Anita at Myton Hospice.

Our February meeting promises to be **very** entertaining, our very own Eileen Mann will regale us with her talk, "Behind the scenes on a cruise ship" Everyone welcome. February 7th at 7.30 in the village hall.

We have a number of trips/events planned for 2018, to kick off we are visiting RSC on March 18th for a behind the scenes tour (couple of spaces left) and hosting a felting workshop with Keeley from Church Mouse Creations on 17th March. We are also visiting Kelmscott Manor in April, (this trip now fully booked). These are open to non members, so if you're interested please email us tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com
Follow us on Facebook or our website www.Tysoe_wi.com

Dee Spencer

TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL – JANUARY NEWS

Last term was very busy with two very successful concerts: a traditional nativity performed by our younger children and a very moving production by KS2 about the plight of refugees which ended with a moving nativity tableau. The children also enjoyed a variety of seasonal treats including the Dick Whittington Pantomime, class parties and a lovely Christmas meal. The term ended with a Carol Service in St Mary's Church, led by the children and hosted by Church members, who welcomed the many parents and visitors with hot drinks and mince pies.

Last term, Year 6 pupils attended a Geography Game Show morning at Tudor Hall School presented by Neal Nicholls and attended by other local schools. Mr Nicholls has a photographic memory and can draw a detailed world map from memory. The children won the fantastic map and Ben achieved a wooden mask from Bali as an individual prize. The treasured map is now on display in school.



Many children in Willow Class took part in the Primary Maths Challenge and certificates were awarded: two gold, three silver and five bronze levels. We are particularly proud of Ben who achieved gold standard and has won through to compete against other schools nationally in February. A great success!



To start the new term, we have had a focus on keeping healthy and learning about the importance of fitness. A popular new event was launched to improve fitness and develop stamina for children in Years 2 to 6, who will participate in a weekly run or jog around the school field. Certificates will be awarded for accumulated distances of 10km, 15km, 20km and a half marathon.

Prospective parents are always welcome to visit the school. Contact Mrs Horrocks in the office on 01295 680244.

Jenny Coates Head of School

ST. PETER'S CHURCH WHATCOTE - CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS 2017

All the puddings were sold making a profit for church funds of £462.79. May I say thank you to all our regular and new customers and to wish you all a happy and peaceful 2018.

June Wreford.

WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD



More snow, ice and disruption in December and therefore loss of time at the orchard doing maintenance!

However we started pruning the apples and pears mid January in order to get them completed by the end of the month. With the cider apples and perry pears also ready for a prune there was plenty to do! It is interesting to see the different rates of growth of the trees, some are getting big with strong growth and others are languishing with weaker growth. They have all been treated the same apart from the pruning so maybe that is where the answer lies.

We also pruned the nut trees, walnuts, hazel and filbert, which are looking very big and strong.

Preparation for the Wassail centred around the gathering of material for the BIG bonfire! Our fire master (David Sewell!) did a valiant job in collecting material and we had quite a few Christmas trees to add to the wood from the orchard itself. What better way to recycle real trees!



The demise of the Joan J autumn raspberries has been mourned by many at the orchard! The area has now been cleared and leaves a large patch for us to consider what we do next. No raspberries but maybe other fruits!

Other clearing of mainly weeds continues and hopefully it won't be long before we are looking to feeding and mulching, spraying and cleaning and generally welcoming the warmer weather as spring approaches!

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.

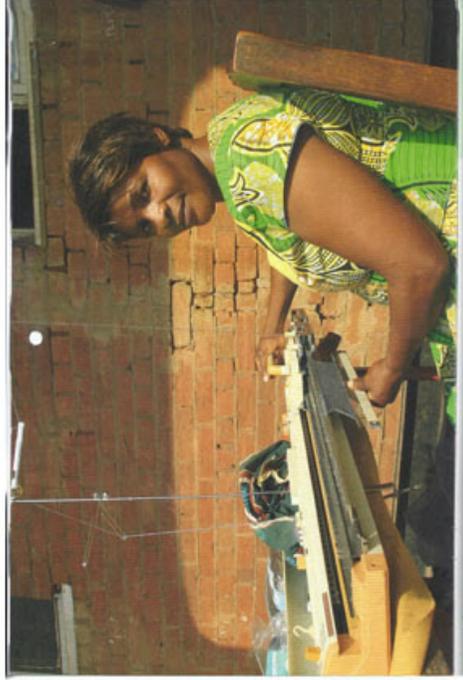
Contact one of us for more information

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)

or see the website www.wot2grow.co.uk

February 2018 - TWAM (Tools With A Mission)

**Any unwanted tools contact Jim Saxton
07748 324934**



Hello, I'm Annie - I live in Zambia and I'm a single mum with two children. My church started a small skills centre and invited me to join as they knew how much I was struggling.

I chose knitting because I like it and I think it is the best way for me to start a business and open a small shop. I have been on my course for three months and I am learning fast and I can make a jersey in one hour. It will help me to send my children to school.

I have been given my own machine and I am very excited. It is a gift from God for me and will change my life. I am very grateful to my church for giving me this chance and to TWAM for my knitting machine. www.twam.uk



SPRING BRIDGE EVENING 2018



Friday 9th February 6.30pm
at Little Hill Farm, Wellesbourne, CV35 9EB

In aid of Charlecote Church & Shipston Home Nursing

Tickets £20.00 to Inc. supper and glass of wine.
Please apply either as a pair or a table and indicate whether you wish to move or remain in a four.
Cheques in advance would be helpful made out to Charlecote PCC and sent to Char Hutsby, Little Hill Farm, Wellesbourne, Warwick, CV35 9EB

Please book with Char Hutsby on 01789 840261, 07899 794681 or charhutsby@talk21.com
 Please advise of any special dietary requirements.

Reg. Charity No. 1162586

Floral Design Workshop with Amanda Luther



Saturday 24th March - 10.00am-4.00pm
 The Butts, Cherington
 Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 5HZ

£60 per Ticket includes refreshments and 2 course lunch
 By kind invitation of John and Beverley Beaumont

LIMITED SPACES:
 To book please call Beverley on
 07866 988355 or email beverleybeaumont@gmail.com

- Flower demo
- Professional Floristry Tuition all day
- Bring your own Easter basket to create your own design
- All flowers and materials provided
- Raffle

For more information please see our website at
www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk



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WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

February

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| Thu | 1st | 14:00 | Knit & Natter, OVH |
| Fri | 2nd | 14:30 | Mobile Library, OVH |
| Fri | 2nd | 19:30 | Six Nations Concert, Kineton Village Sports & Social Club |
| Mon | 5th | 10:00 | Aerobics, OVH |
| Mon | 5th | | PCC Meeting |
| Tue | 6th | | Green & Blue Bins |
| Wed | 7th | 10:30 | The Peacock, Village Coffee Morning |
| Wed | 7th | 19:30 | Tysoe WI, Tysoe VH |
| Mon | 12th | 10:00 | Aerobics, OVH |
| Tue | 13th | | Grey Bins |
| Wed | 14th | | OXHILL NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINE |
| Thu | 15th | 14:00 | Knit & Natter, OVH |
| Thu | 15th | 19:00 | Garden Club, OVH |
| Mon | 19th | 10:00 | Aerobics |
| Tue | 20th | | Blue & Green Bins |
| Wed | 21st | 12:30 | The Peacock, Village Lunch |
| Fri | 23rd | 09:30 | Weekday Walkers |
| Fri | 23rd | 10:30 | Carers4Carers, Kineton VH |
| Fri | 23rd | 14:30 | Mobile Library, OVH |
| Mon | 26th | 10:00 | Aerobics, OVH |
| Tue | 27th | | Grey Bins |
| Thu | 29th | 14:00 | Knit & Natter, OVH |

March

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| Sat | 10th | 09:00 | Big Breakfast, OVH |
| Tue | 13th | 20:00 | Parish Council Mtg, OVH |
| Thu | 22nd | 19:00 | Oxhill Garden Club AGM OVH |

April

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| Fri | 20th | | Paella Night, OVH |
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