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Pear buds breaking open in the WOT2Grow Community Orchard

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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.

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 March 25th. For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

REFUSE COLLECTION

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

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

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 Wed. May 2nd at 10:30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday May 16th.



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Fortified by cheese and wine, a new Committee was elected at the AGM on 9th April. Jo Collings is the new Chairman. John McKail continues as the indefatigable Treasurer; and Gill Stewart has taken up the mantle of Secretary again. Other Committee members unanimously elected were Derek Harbour, Ali Sayer, Sarah Bracher and Adrian Marklew. Tricia Harbour was co-opted onto the Committee. The outgoing Chairman's report appears elsewhere in this edition of ON.

Coming soon.....

Saturday 9th June – Family Treasure Hunt and BBQ

If you didn't find time to do the Family Treasure Hunt during the Scarecrow Weekend last year, this is your chance to have a go. Alternatively, there will be a longer walk for those who want to stretch their legs. Further details of the pre-BBQ activities will be in the June Oxhill News, but the idea is that we all get back to the Village Hall in time for the BBQ to start at 6pm (on a beautiful summer evening!)

Tickets are £4 for a burger and salads, or £3 for a hot dog and salads. Half-price for children under 12. To help with catering, please **reserve your tickets before the event by email to gill@northside.me.uk or phone Gill on (01295) 688199.**



Boules at the Village Hall last July

Some dates for your diary.....



Saturday 14th July – Annual Boules Day

This event is reverting to its usual start time of **12 noon** this year. No doubt competition for the coveted Gardner Cup will be as intense as usual, and the buffet of French food is always delicious. Search out that Breton sweater and beret and get into the mood! There will be a special children's

category with plastic boules this year. Ticket prices are held the same as last year at £10 for adults; £5 for 13-19 year olds, and FREE for 12 and under! Put the date in your diary now (a beautiful summer day is anticipated).

Please book your place by calling Ali Sayer on 07970 922352 or email ali.sayer@btinternet.com

Saturday 22nd September – Progressive Dinner

Last year's event saw 40 people starting the evening with drinks and canapés in the Village Hall, having starters and main courses at various houses and then desserts back at the Village Hall. Let's try and beat that attendance figure this year. It's not obligatory to provide a course, so don't be put off if you haven't participated before. Watch out for more details nearer the date.

Welcome to Oxhill!

The new residents at Dale House, Green Lane are John and Barbara Bignall.



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

Chairman's Report

Monday 9th April - Oxhill Village Hall Annual General Meeting

As you all know this is my last Chairman's report, unfortunately I'm not there to deliver in person, which is a perfect example of why I need to hand over to somebody with more time on their hands.

During my time as Chairman we've continued to build on the strong foundations left by the previous Chairman and his committee and the Village Hall is in the best condition possible for the budget available. We've added new events most notably the Big Breakfasts and the Paella evening and we've improved the hall with a new main ceiling, cooker and all new crockery.

Financially the Village Hall's bank balance has been maintained despite the necessary expenditure mentioned above. The Village Hall does probably need some more serious structural work in the near future and the monies in the bank are probably insufficient to fully fund this work.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank each and every member of the Committee and the various 'Friends' of the Village Hall who have supported us in various different ways with all contributions making the Village Hall events what they are today.

Finally, I'd like to wish the incoming Chairman and Committee best wishes and good luck for the years ahead and hope that the Village Hall goes from strength to strength.

Stuart Whittaker



Stuart cooking up breakfast baps for the Scarecrow Weekend last year.

Thank you
Thank you



For all your good wishes and love following my recent "procedure" (what a silly euphemistic name)!!!

To all who rang, called, sent cards, flowers from florists to little garden posies, cakes, chocs, soup, offers of lifts and all the other caring things that helped so much to speed my recovery. This would never have happened in a town!

Thank you to EVERYONE for everything.

Yrs. still sleepily. Myrtle



Carers4Carers

Finding support through supporting each other

Friday 25th May 10.30 – 12 noon: Carers4Carers meeting at Kineton Village Hall. Relax with a coffee and chat. Michael Howard, service manager for Warwickshire's Carer Wellbeing Service at Carers' Trust Heart of England, will be with 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, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

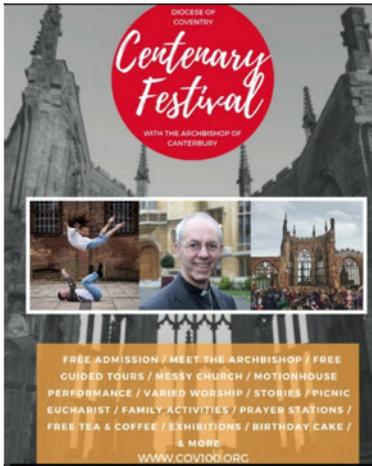
Lisa Barnett
Assistant Co-ordinator, Carers4Carers



Holy Trinity, fresco by Luca Rossetti da Orta

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH DIARY DATES FOR MAY AND EARLY JUNE

- Sunday, May 6th Rogation Sunday,
9.15 am Parish Communion (Jill Tucker)
- Thursday, May 10th Ascension Day
7.30 pm Deanery Service at **Preston-on-Stour**
- Sunday, May 13th Sunday after Ascension Day
9.15 am Morning Worship (Tom Moffatt)
- Sunday, May 20th Pentecost
9.15 am, Parish Communion (Jill Tucker)
- Sunday, May 27th Trinity Sunday
3.30 pm Family Worship, for everyone (Jill Tucker)
- Sunday, June 3rd
9.15 am Parish Communion (Tom Moffatt)
- Sunday June 10th
9.15 am Morning Worship (Jill Tucker)



DEANERY NEWS FOR MAY

There are several special events in May, particularly surrounding the visit of Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury. This is to mark both the Centenary of our Diocese, and also the 25th anniversary of his ordination, which took place in Coventry. You are invited to 2 key events:

- An outreach event, with Hog Roast (and non-meat options) at **Highfield Farm, Frankton, on Thursday, May 3rd beginning at 6.30 pm.** Justin will be speaking on ‘The Prodigal Son’, and you are invited to come along and, if possible, bring someone with you who is still seeking Jesus.
- The big Centenary Festival at the Cathedral, again with Justin, which runs all day on **Saturday, May 5th from 10.30 am until 3.30 pm** (or you can stay later). There will be events for all the family, from Messy Church to anointing, all enfolded in a celebration of the Eucharist. You are welcome to come for all or part of the day.

The following week, **May 10th is Ascension Day**, and there will be a special Deanery Ascension Day Service at 7.30pm in Preston on Stour Church. If the weather is good, we will start outside, and we look forward to welcoming Rev. Canon Christopher Lamb as our preacher.

Finally, on Tuesday, May 22nd there will be a Quiet Morning entitled ‘Think on these things....’ with Jane Smith (wife of Richard Smith, formerly of SW7) in The Free School in Brailes, between 10.00am and 1.00pm, with coffee from 9.30 am and a light lunch afterward.

Every blessing, Jill



THE DIOCESE OF COVENTRY
1918-2018

“Coming Home”

A hog roast at
Highfield Farm, Frankton CV23 9PP

with Archbishop Justin

& Paul Bell



“The only way anyone knows of God’s love is because someone tells them and shows them. There is no greater privilege in life than to see God at work in changing lives.”

“I’m one of that strange breed of people called songwriters. I like to make people laugh, think, cry, & maybe look at things a bit differently. I find that music helps.”

Thursday 3rd May starting at 6:30 pm

Admission free – Everyone welcome!

TYSOE W.I.

April was a very busy month for us, and we have lots coming up throughout the year.

We hope everyone has enjoyed The Fairy Village created by the Craft and Laugh Group (with help from several husbands)!

We still have a few seats left for our trip on May 15th to The National Memorial Arboretum, departing at 8.45am. £15pp to non members. If you would like to book seats, telephone Dee 680971



DISCOVER THE NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

Situated in Staffordshire on the edge of the National Forest, the Arboretum is the UK's year-round centre of Remembrance. Our maturing woodland landscape is home to over 330 memorials.

With 150 acres, over 300 memorials and an abundance of wildlife, there is something for everyone at the Arboretum.”

We have also organised a day Trip to Marlow and Henley on Thames on Thursday 19th July, both beautiful historic towns with lots to do and see. We've ordered sunshine, so it will be a lovely day out!

Again this is open to non members at a cost of £15pp. To book seats details as above.

Our May meeting is our resolution meeting which is members only.

We are also undertaking a lot of baking for the NGS open gardens at the beginning of June and would appreciate any donations of flour, sugar etc for those who would like to help but don't bake themselves. These can be dropped off at village hall on Wednesdays between 2-4pm or on Wednesday May 2nd between 7-7.30. Or contact us for collection.

For more information on joining the W.I. Or our trips and events, check our website www.tysoewi.com or follow us on Facebook.

Email us at tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com



OXHILL GARDEN CLUB – DAY TRIP

THURSDAY 16TH AUGUST

JCB factory tour including lunch and visit to Shugborough Hall



This year's day trip is open to the whole village and the Kineton Regent Club and packs in a busy day with a variety of interests which we hope will appeal to a wide audience.

Our Johnsons executive coach collects us from Oxhill, Tysoe and Kineton on route to the impressive headquarters of the JCB factory in Rocester, south of Uttoxeter. This hugely successful, privately owned, British company has an international market for its earthmoving equipment. Chairman Anthony Bamford lives fairly locally to us at Daylesford, known best for its upmarket country store run by his wife. The tour of JCB includes a theatre presentation, a tour of the JCB 'museum' and a tour of the factory production line. All aspects are wheelchair friendly and from past experience very well organised.

We all then have lunch in the JCB visitor centre restaurant, with two 'organic' courses and coffee.

After lunch we are back on the coach for a short trip to Shugborough Hall, home of the late Lord Lichfield and now under National Trust management. Lots to

see here – the mansion itself, Park Farm , walled gardens and extensive parkland. Motorised buggys available. The Mansion Tea Room and Park Farm café provide refreshments.

Timetable

8am – Leave Oxhill village Hall with picks up in Tysoe and Kineton.

10am – Arrive JCB – refreshments

10.15 – Theatre presentation of JCB company

10.30 – Tour of JCB history ‘museum’

11.15 - Tour of Production line

12.30 - Lunch – two courses with coffee

1.30 - Depart

2pm – Arrive Shugborough

4.30pm – Depart

6.30 – home – hopefully !

Costs

£47 per head - not including Shugborough entrance ,which for National Trust members is free. Otherwise there is an £12.35 charge.

This is more expensive than our previous trips but it’s a package deal where we have saved some costs and includes a decent lunch.

Payment

By mid-July at latest.

Booking

The sooner the better ! I will collect payment later.

Please let me know by phone, text or email.

Peter Rivers Fletcher – 01295 680396

Text 07730800729

Email - rfn364@btinternet.com



ROAD SAFETY ALERT

Hedgehogs are out of hibernation now the weather is warmer and are roaming all over the village in search of food at night. The biggest killer of hedgehogs is cars. Tragically there was a squashed hedgehog on the side of the road in Main Street recently. Hedgehogs can certainly run when they are inclined to do so but unfortunately their natural instinct upon hearing a car is to roll into a ball and lie still, all too often in the road.

When driving in the village in the night please take extra care and attention to make sure you can avoid them. Take special care in Beech Road from Main Street to Oxhill Manor and in Back Lane as we know hedgehogs are very active in this area.

It is not only hedgehogs who are in danger. I have witnessed some extraordinarily fast driving in the village lanes lately. Many lanes are single track with no pavement and are regularly used by dog walkers, horse riders and families with small children. There is no where for them to go should you suddenly happen to come across them in our lanes. The consequences are too awful to think about. Please drive with caution in these lanes.

Thank you

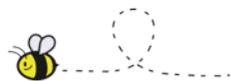
Oxhill Garden Club

I suggested in last month's Oxhill News that members attending the talk on Thursday 12th April by the leading authority on bees, Stephen Falk, would be in for a treat. Indeed we were! Stephen showed us slides featured in his book 'British Bees' and regaled us with stories of these insects' nesting and behavioural habits. He took us to the wild parts of Britain where he had taken his photographs of some of the rarer bees – sometimes their last tenuous stronghold. The good news was that some endangered species were recovering and, indeed, one species which had died out in the UK had been successfully reintroduced with bees brought in from Scandinavia.

With the reality of global warming, insect species in general are migrating northward and we have been joined by several 'new' bees from across the Channel. Not all insect incursions are welcome, however, and we need to look out for the Asian Hornet which, since its arrival in Italy from China, in six short years has devastated beekeeping in mainland Europe.



Stephen encouraged us as gardeners to plant insect friendly plants and, perhaps, install a bee 'hotel' with different sized 'tubes' which some of the 200 species of solitary bee will, almost certainly, visit to lay their eggs. What could be finer, too, than sitting with a glass of wine on a summer evening watching bees and hoverflies collecting nectar from a herb patch in your garden.



The next meeting is our annual **Plant Sale on Thursday 10th May** - 6.00pm set up / delivery of plants for a 7.00pm start of sale. Thin out those crowded borders and look to the greenhouse and cloches for seedlings surplus to your requirements. Pick up a bargain and / or that variety, plant or shrub you've always wanted!

Douglas Nethercleft



KINETON ART GROUP EXHIBITION MAY 2018

Kineton Art Group is holding 30th Anniversary Art
Exhibition & Sale of paintings in Kineton Village Hall

**Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May 2018 from
10.00 am to 5.00pm.**

Adults: 50p Children: free.

Last May we had a record number of entries- over 230
works of art. All the pictures on display are original.
They include work in a variety of media and depict a
wide range of subjects. Most is for sale.

Relaxing live music and refreshments of homemade
cakes and tea/coffee are served all day. A short quiz
raises donations for the charity '**Painting for
Pleasure.**'

The afternoon group which started last May has
proved highly successful.

We are celebrating the club's 30th anniversary. It
continues to flourish and membership is at an all time
high.

www.PaperKineton.com

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

As you have all probably seen, the new bright yellow cabinet for the Defibrillator is now fixed onto the wall of the Peacock and the Parish Council would like to thank all that contributed to achieving this milestone. Training in how to use the Defibrillator is being provided, free of charge, on **Tuesday May 8th at 2.00pm in the Village Hall.**

We can have up to 30 people at the training session and we currently have 10 people registered so if you do want to attend, please call me (see below) to reserve a place – spaces on the course will be allocated on a ‘first come – first served’ basis because of the space restrictions.

On completion of the course, participants will be given the code to open the Defib Cabinet.

Derek Harbour (680676)



Tysoe Children's Group are always looking at different ways of fund-raising and during the year of 2017-2018 introduced a “50” club. The subscription cost is just £20 per number per year and this entitles you to six draws throughout the year – one each half-term, commencing May 2018.

The prizes are 1st prize £25 cash or £30 TCG Voucher, 2nd prize £15 and 3rd £10 and the odds of winning are really quite good.

If you would like to purchase a number and help support our registered charity (number 1097838) please email Yvonne or Ellie at admin@tysoechildrengroup.co.uk or call 01295 680624 or call in at The Old Fire Station, Main Street, Tysoe, Warwickshire.

All monies raised goes to purchase resources to enhance and develop the learning environment for the children.

FOUND PAIR OF BINOCULARS

Tel: 07748 324934

Thanks, Jim Saxton



**The Choral Society for Rural
South Warwickshire**

EXUBERANCE AND SERENITY

Richard Emms' choir, Stour Singers, brings two glorious and contrasting works to Shipston in their May concert: John Rutter's exuberant "Magnificat", and Gabriel Faure's serene "Requiem".

On Saturday May 12th at 7.30.p.m. in St. Edmund's Church, returning soloists Ruth Holton (soprano) and Robert Rice (baritone), and the accomplished Queen's Park Sinfonia join the choir to perform these two beautiful choral

pieces. Rutter's "Magnificat" is full of rhythmic exuberance and an immediate sense of celebration, with truly memorable tunes. First performed in 1990, it was premiered in the UK a year later at Coventry Cathedral. Inspired by J.S. Bach's "Magnificat", it includes a moving setting of a 15th century poem – "Of A Rose". Faure's Requiem, composed in the late 19th century over a protracted period has many thrilling moments, and leaves us with a wonderful sense of peace and tranquillity in its concluding piece "In Paradisum", truly evoking concepts of paradise.

This promises to be a very special evening, and tickets, costing £12.50 are available from R. Clarke, 27 High Street, Shipston, from choir members, and at the door. There is no charge to accompanied children. Yvonne Ridley, on 01789 269587, would be pleased to respond to any enquiries.



WOT2Grow Community Orchard

Another month of unusual weather! Having photos charting what we are doing and how the orchard is looking over the years it is easy to see that this year we are at least three weeks behind the usual bud break and blossom. But as always things will catch up as the temperature rises, hopefully no very late hard frost like last year!

The weeds are growing strongly and some of them are providing much needed flowers for the early bees. A watchful eye is looking for the first signs of the dandelions which always provide an amazing display! They will be kept cut back to reduce the number of seeds that spread so easily. The cowslips are looking beautiful and we should have a good display of wild flowers this summer.

A lot of the weeding and feeding as been completed but there is still a lot of soft fruit that needs their spring boost. The autumn raspberries are at last showing signs of life and the new varieties are settling in well in the new beds. The blueberries will be cropping this year so another treat to look forward to!



Quince buds

We look forward to the blossom time which gets better each year as the trees get bigger and stronger. As always with growing things there is great anticipation and hopefully lots of fruit to share. The members share in the fruit we produce as a way of thanking them for their support as all work is done on a voluntary basis.

Why not come and help us?

We are off the Shenington Road behind the allotments and are working, weather permitting, on Wednesday and Sunday mornings.

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



WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

May

Tuesday 1st		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 2nd	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Monday 7th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 7th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 8th		Grey landfill bin collection
Tuesday 8th	14:00	Defibrillator Training Village Hall
Thursday 10th	14:00	Knit & Natter, Village Hall
Thursday 10th	19:00	Garden Club Plant Sale Village Hall
Friday 11th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Sat & Sun 12-13th	10-17:00	Kineton Art Group Exhibition
Saturday 12th	19:30	Stour Singers, St Edmunds Church
Monday 14th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 14th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 15th		Oxhill News submission deadline
Tuesday 15th		Green & Blue bin collection
Tuesday 15th	8:45	Tysoe WI, National Memorial Arboretum
Wednesday 16th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Wednesday 16th	19:30	Annual Parish Meeting, Village Hall
Monday 21st	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 21st	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 22nd		Grey landfill bin collection
Thursday 24th	14:00	Knit & Natter, Village Hall
Friday 25th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Friday 25th	10:30-12:00	Carers4Carers Kineton Village Hall
Friday 25th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Monday 28th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 18th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 29th		Green & Blue bin collection

June

Saturday 9th		Family Treasure Hunt & BBQ
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