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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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**ARMISTICE**  
**11:00am Sunday 11th November 1918**  
**'Lest we forget'**

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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 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 November 9th and 23rd. For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

## REFUSE COLLECTION

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

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

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

Weekday Walkers usually walk on the 4th Friday 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](mailto:saxton@talktalk.net)

## THE PEACOCK

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

The village lunch is on Wednesday September 21st.



## **‘A NATION’S THANK YOU – THE PEOPLE’S PROCESSION’**

On Sunday 11th November 2018 the wreath shown on the front cover will be carried on the march down Whitehall and will be laid on the Cenotaph by Debra and Mike Collins. The citation attached to the wreath will include 32 villagers who served during the First World War and whose names appear on the Roll of Honour which hangs in the Church as a memorial (see next pages of this edition).

Those recorded in red script paid the ‘ultimate sacrifice’ namely –



**Arthur H Gilks – Kings Liverpool Regiment**  
**John F Gilks – 12th Essex Regiment**  
**Frank Thackwall – Royal Warwickshire Regiment**  
**Frank Gilks - Royal Warwickshire Regiment**  
**Clark Middleton – Royal {unreadable}**  
**Arthur Rouse – Grenadier Guards**  
**Sidney Ward – Royal Naval Reserve**

# **THERE BUT NOT THERE**

— COMMEMORATE. EDUCATE. HEAL —

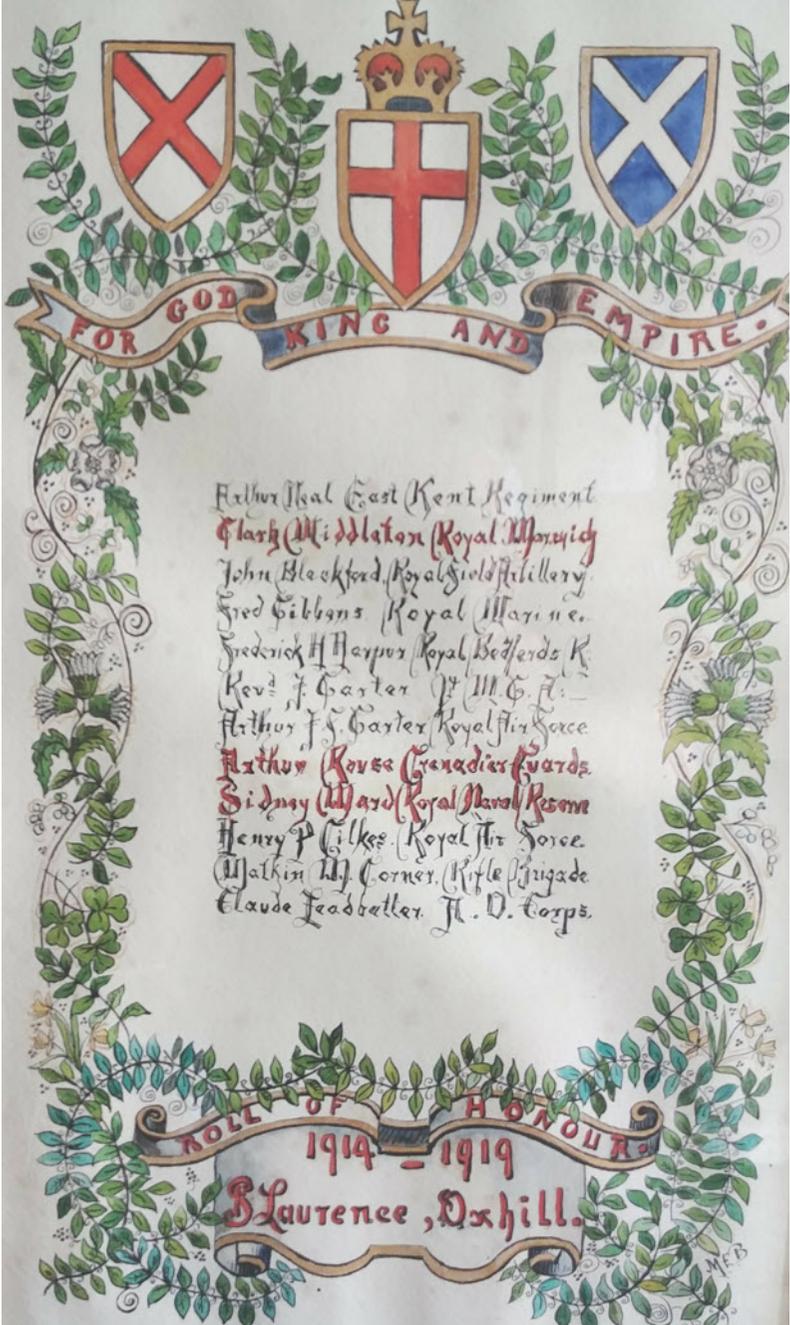
The wreath will be dedicated during the 9:30 All Saints & All Souls service at St Lawrence Church on Sunday 4th November and remain on display guarded by a ‘Tommy’ until the following Thursday.

On Remembrance Sunday 11th November the bells of St Lawrence will ring out with many other peals across the country to replicate the spontaneous outpouring of relief that took place in 1918. As news of the Armistice Spread, church bells, which had fallen silent across the UK during the First World War, rang out in celebration.

## ROLL OF HONOUR

Thirty-two Oxhillians, who served in WW1, are commemorated on the Roll of Honour





Arthur Seal East Kent Regiment  
**Clark Middleton Royal Warwick**  
John Blackford Royal Field Artillery  
Fred Gibbons Royal Marine  
Fredrick H Harper Royal Bedford's R.  
Rev. J. Carter M.C.  
Arthur F. Carter Royal Air Force  
**Arthur Rowe Grenadier Guards**  
**Sidney Ward Royal Naval Reserve**  
Henry P Gilkes Royal Air Force  
Watkin M. Corner Rifle Brigade  
Claude Leadbetter R. D. Corps.

ROLL OF HONOUR  
1914 - 1919  
**Laurence, Oxhill.**

## DEANERY NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

This month sees **Remembrance Sunday**, which this year has even greater significance than usual. Not only does November 11th actually fall on a Sunday, it marks the centenary of the end of WW1 – and also the centenary of the creation of Coventry Diocese. Reconciliation is, of course, at the heart of the life both of our Cathedral, and our own day to day lives. It formed the heartbeat of the Cross of Nails concert performed by local children and adults in Shipston this summer, so it seems appropriate to print here, for those who may not have seen it, the Coventry Cathedral Litany of Reconciliation.

*All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.*

*The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class,  
Father, forgive.*

*The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own,  
Father, forgive.*

*The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth,  
Father, forgive.*

*Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,  
Father, forgive.*

*Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee,  
Father, forgive.*

*The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and children,  
Father, forgive.*

*The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,  
Father, forgive.*

*Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

# CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL AUCTION



# CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

## **Autumn Supper**

What a lovely time was had by all who joined us on October 6th for the Autumn Supper! Judging by all the positive comments and thank yous I have received, everyone enjoyed the wide selection of dishes to choose from, including not one but two gluten free desserts.

It would not be possible to hold such an enjoyable event without a hard working team, and an enormous thank you goes to Lillian, Gaida, Helen, Carol F, Carol B, Diane, Kate, Jerry, Belinda and Lisa for all their hard work. The event also raised around £500 for Church Funds.

## **Auction of Promises**

Our next important fundraiser is the Auction of Promises on November 10th, to be held in partnership with the Village Hall Committee. Thank you to everyone who has sent me a completed Promise form, BUT we do need MORE! There is still time to get your Promise to me, either by email or in person. I will be compiling a brochure for the event that should be delivered to every house in Oxhill in the week leading up to the Auction. So far, we have some lovely lots, including a family ticket to the Pantomime, two half cases of wine, a Christmas hamper, a walk with alpacas, help with writing a CV, mince pies, a private film screening, a free range chicken, a ride in a Chevrolet, bottle of whisky, and more.

To be successful, we need plenty of bidders so do try to come. We have a well-known, entertaining auctioneer and a bar: what more do you need for a fun Saturday evening?! If you are unable to attend the event but wish to bid for a lot, there will be an opportunity to place sealed bids or for someone to bid on your behalf.

Please contact me for more information and keep those Promises coming in!

*Ruth Mercer*  
07400 615999  
[ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com)

## ST LAWRENCE CHURCH DIARY DATES

November 4th 9.30am Holy Communion with 'Remembering with Love' – George Warner

*At this service a wreath will be dedicated which will be taken to the Cenotaph next Sunday on behalf of Oxhill.*

Remembrance Sunday

November 11th 9.30am Service of Remembrance – Jill Tucker

November 18th 9.30am Parish Communion – Jill Tucker

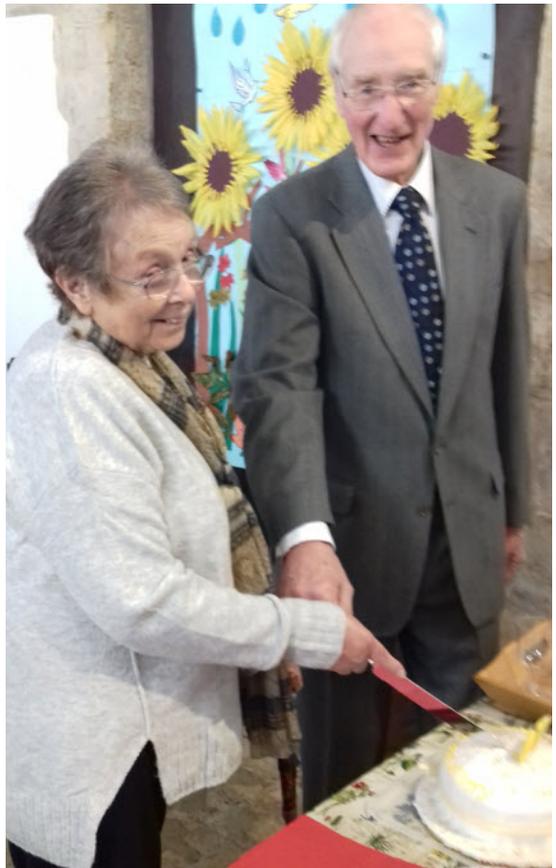
November 25th 6.30pm Evensong – Jill Tucker

### EVENSONG AT THE CATHEDRAL

#### AN INVITATION TO SING

On the day before Remembrance Sunday, i.e. **Saturday, November 10th**, singers from across the Diocese are invited to come and sing together Choral Evensong at the Cathedral that day. We gather at 1.30 pm to rehearse; Evensong is at 4.00 pm, and we will finish about 5.00 pm. If anyone would like to join us, would you get in touch with me?

*Every blessing, Jill*  
01295 688193,  
[revjill.tucker@btinternet.com](mailto:revjill.tucker@btinternet.com)



***Congratulations!** Sue and Martin Hunt cut their Golden Wedding Anniversary cake in St Lawrence Church.*

## **NASA HAS UNCOVERED EVIDENCE THAT GRAVITY IS VITAL TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND EVOLUTION OF LIFE ON EARTH**

Which of these do you think is the greatest threat to life on Earth: global warming, overpopulation or war?

Not overpopulation, but its macabre solution, eugenics, is the greatest threat to human existence. The proponents of eugenics keep a very low profile but such was not always the case.

Plato said, “Human reproduction should be controlled by the state” and out of his Orwellian philosophy sprang governmental legal sterilization.

The United States was the first country to undertake sterilization programs for the purpose of eugenics. In 1907, Indiana became the first state to enact legal sterilization, followed closely by California and Washington. Several other states followed.

Eugenics, the agenda of genocidal tyrants, was driven underground after World War II due to Nazi extermination policies. But Eugenacists are cunning in concealing their agenda, therefore, in the 1960’s eugenics was renamed ‘Behaviour Genetics’.

Eugenics groups are repeatedly being forced to reinvent themselves, for example, the Oregon Board of Eugenics who performed their last forced sterilization in 1981, was renamed the ‘Board of Social Protection’ and when “Behaviour Genetics” was outed as a eugenics program it renamed itself “Family Planning.”

You may be asking yourself, “Where is this article going? What does eugenics have to do with NASA?”

On 29 July 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower established NASA with a distinctly civilian orientation. Billions of dollars were poured into Public Relations programs to portray space travel as a brave adventure into the unknown, blackness of space and to encourage us to regard astronauts as heroes.

However, NASA’s scientists know that space travel is ruinous for human biology and with that knowledge now in the public domain, NASA wants to biologically engineer would-be astronauts.

NASA's biologically engineered humans would be curtains for the future of the human race.

At first glance, NASA's genetically altered astronauts do not appear to be the product of eugenics because NASA would not be forcibly sterilizing them: space itself would take care of that.

According to NASA employee, Dr Joseph Tash, the testes and the ovarian cells are the first to be damaged in space. Space causes infertility by damaging male and female reproductive organs and destroying sperm cells and ovarian cells.

Now if that's not eugenics, what is?

NASA has deceptively offered to freeze the sperm cells and ovarian cells of astronauts, knowing that female astronauts will not have viable ovarian cells and male astronauts will be shooting blanks.

However, frozen cells are not a solution because a female astronaut returns to Earth with a permanently disrupted hormonal system and damaged reproductive organs. When a species cannot reproduce its days are numbered.

For humanity to undertake space travel is to stare extinction in the face.

In conclusion, it is a well documented scientific fact that spaceflight damages reproductive function in both men and women by disrupting steroid receptor signalling pathways.

But it seems sterility is not enough to put an end to the space program, after all, it has been known since the 1960s that spaceflight accelerates the aging process and that hasn't stopped NASA. Studies have identified significant age-related alterations in estrogen receptor signalling in many major organ systems. Altered estrogen receptor signalling not only accelerates the aging processes, it also weakens bones. Bone density is maintained by estrogen in both men and women and estrogen disruption is known to weaken bones.

Spaceflight-induced sterility, reduced bone density and accelerated aging have not deterred NASA's space program because space technology brings in buckets of money. The obvious Armageddon implications of human sterility and bioengineered humans are ignored as NASA chases a budget of 9.9 billion per year.

~ *Vanessa Druce*

# OXHILL VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

## HIRING THE VILLAGE HALL

If you want to check the availability of the Hall, you can see an online calendar by going to: [www.oxhill.org.uk/VillageHall.htm](http://www.oxhill.org.uk/VillageHall.htm) Click on “events calendar here” to view the diary. Alternatively just input Oxhill Village Hall and click on the website to find the calendar. To make a booking contact Ali Sayer in the first instance on **07970 922352** or email her at [ali.sayer@btinternet.com](mailto:ali.sayer@btinternet.com) but if Ali is not available, Tricia Harbour is the person to contact on 01295 680676 or [dandt@laurelhardy.co.uk](mailto:dandt@laurelhardy.co.uk)



## PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

Ali Sayer, Jude Macdonald and Sarah Bracher did a great job of organising this very well-attended event. They decorated the Hall to reflect the French theme of the evening, selflessly tested the array of cocktails available in the Village Hall at the start, and ensured that everyone went to the right place for their starter and main course, before reassembling at the Village Hall for desserts. A great success!

## BOOK NOW.....

**Friday 23rd November – Curry Night** This will be upon us before we know it, and Jo Collings is taking bookings. The Hall is usually full so don't leave it too late to book. Contact Jo on 680215 or [itsjocollings@gmail.com](mailto:itsjocollings@gmail.com)

And then it will be nearly Christmas! Start the festive season in earnest on:

**Friday 21st December – Beer and Bubbles Night.** A chance to get dressed up (black tie or lounge suits for the men, and cocktail dresses for the ladies) and be sociable whilst sipping cocktails (or beer) and enjoying a wide selection of canapés. More details in December Oxhill News.

### **NEW IDEAS?**

If you have any suggestions about the sort of event you would like to see happening in the Village Hall in 2019, please email the Chairman ([itsjocollings@gmail.com](mailto:itsjocollings@gmail.com)) or Secretary ([gill@northside.me.uk](mailto:gill@northside.me.uk)), or speak to another Committee member (Adrian Marklew, Sarah Bracher, Ali Sayer, Derek and Tricia Harbour, or John McKail in person!)

### *Photos from the Progressive Supper*





## NOTICE

Ramblers and dog walkers please note that the footbridge behind the church has now been rebuilt and is open to traffic.

## PARISH COUNCIL – APOLOGIES

In the last minutes of the Parish Council meeting, it was stated when referring to Leys Field “The play area is not up to standard and will require some fencing”. This should have read “The play area is larger than standard and may require some fencing”

*Oxhill Parish Council*

## WHATCOTE CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS - 2018



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 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)

Ten puddings are on the high seas en route to Tristan de Cunha thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Gardner of Whatcote.

All the profit goes towards 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*



*The stables that had been in Janet's Field were removed by Paul Heritage and his team.*

## **OXHILL VILLAGE CHRISTMAS LUNCH 10TH DECEMBER 2018**

This ever popular event will be held this year on Monday, December 10th 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*

**Please sign up to the petition** to create hedgehog highways on new estates. A thought for the new estates in Oxhill.

*Thanks, Gaynor*

## HELP SAVE BRITAIN'S HEDGEHOGS WITH 'HEDGEHOG HIGHWAYS'!

Hedgehogs in the UK are in serious trouble. Repeated studies have shown that the nation's favourite animal is being wiped out. But there is something we can do to save them.

I'm an ecologist and author and I've been studying hedgehogs for over 30 years. I know that a key cause of them dying out is that our landscapes are being fenced off into ever smaller fragments. We need to make sure new housing developments include 'hedgehog highways' - a 13 cm hole in the bottom of a fence that allows hedgehogs to move freely between gardens to find food and find a mate.

This simple move would have a big impact on the UK's hedgehogs - and it's cheap and easy for developers to carry out.

So I'm calling upon government to ensure every new housing development builds in these holes for hedgehog highways. This will allow gardens to be connected, creating the pathways they need to survive.

We can't sit back and let hedgehog numbers keep plummeting. It's estimated that numbers are already down 95% since the 1950s. We have to act now.

Please sign here to call on the Ministry of Housing and Planning to make hedgehog highways a legal requirement of new builds.

*Hugh Warwick*

**change.org**

Hugh Warwick shared an update on **Help save Britain's hedgehogs with 'hedgehog highways'!** Check it out and leave a comment.

### PETITION UPDATE



### Cute hedgehog!

I promised a cute hedgehog photo when we reached 100,000 - and now we are at 200,000 +++++ so here is the photo (this is a hedgehog that was about to be released from Little Foxes rescue in Oxfordshire).

This level of support is amazing and makes me realise that the work I am starting to do with the campaign HedgeOX is really going to take off. The website only went live yesterday and is a bit rough...

[change.org/p/help-save-britain-s-hedgehogs-with-hedgehog-highways](https://change.org/p/help-save-britain-s-hedgehogs-with-hedgehog-highways)

**"OXHILL LAAAAADIEEES"**

**PUB QUIZ**

**IN AID OF:**



**OXHILL LADIES PREPARE TO TAKE ON THE 100K BIKE RIDE**

**JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE EVENING OF PANTO FUN WITH  
QUIZ MASTER WIDOW TWANKEY AND HER COMPANIONS.**

**SUNDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2018, 8PM**

**THE PEACOCK, OXHILL**

**TEAMS OF 4  
£5 PER PLAYER**

**PRIZE FOR THE WACKIEST CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND THE MOST  
INVENTIVE PANTO TEAM NAME!**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR TEAM BY 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

**ENQUIRE AT THE BAR FOR A REGISTRATION FORM**

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# *Oxhill Garden Club*

On October 11th, at the second of our series of 2018/9 'second Thursday of each month' meetings, members were treated to a talk titled "What's in Store" by Jim Teague of the Blue Diamond Group. The latter is the second largest garden centre retail group in the UK and Channel Islands with some 30 Centres and employing over 2,000 persons. It is continuing to grow and recently purchased a number of flagship Wyvale Garden Centres.

Although central purchasing is key, each centre is free to support local businesses and growers. The emphasis is on attracting families and groups to a unique experience where the restaurant and other facilities on offer are an integral part of the Centre package.

Blue Diamond's marketing strap line is 'Style, Emotion and Innovation' and this was evidenced by the speaker who showed members striking examples of some 'new' varieties of plants, grasses and shrubs that he had sourced from growers all over the world, introduced to the group and, invariably, had tried out in his own garden!

This was very much a 'show and tell' evening and members and guests were most appreciative of Jim's knowledge gained from forty years in the trade, his choice of material displayed, and hearing the stories behind the introduction of the plants themselves.

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The next meeting in the Club's calendar is scheduled for 8th November, 7.00 for 7.30pm, when Steve Wilson of Little Oak Vineyard will be giving a talk titled 'Making an English Vineyard'. Whether there will be any fruit of the vine on offer I cannot say.

Although our monthly talks invariably have a gardening or environmental theme, few members would claim to be experts in the field – or their garden! They would be happy to admit, however, to enjoying the social side of the meeting over a glass of wine beforehand and tea/coffee & biscuits after. There is, of course, the attraction of an entertaining talk, whatever the subject, from the visiting speaker. Average attendance is about 30. Do come and join us!

*Douglas Nethercleft*

# THE OXHILL ROWERS ROW THE CHANNEL TO RAISE MONEY FOR MND!

Team Members: **Kirsty, Jon, Katy, Stuart, Paul, Lauren, Tasha, Mike, James & Matt**

On the 27th October 2018 the Oxhill Rowers are rowing (on rowing machines at Stratford Upon Avon Leisure Centre) the distance of the English Channel and back - 42 miles in total. This is the equivalent of The Boat Race and 4.2 miles for each team member. **This will be a HUGE challenge as most of the team are not rowers!!**

The aim is to raise money for research and for the South Bucks Branch of MND



Kirsty's mother Laraine was diagnosed with MND in December 2017 and sadly passed away in August 2018. Kirsty and Jon lived in Oxhill for 13 years. Those

of you who knew her mum will know that with her background as a Clinical Nurse Specialist (Breast Care) / Palliative care nurse for over 36 years but also a Breast Cancer survivor, research and clinical trials into any illness or disease was incredibly important to



her. It was Laraine's wish to donate tissue after death to also help with research to find a cure for MND.

By the time you read this, the event may already have happened but it is not too late to donate. It really means so much that you are helping to make steps to finding a cure for this devastating disease. You can donate on our justgiving page [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kirsty-simpson26](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/kirsty-simpson26)



***Thank you!!!***

# TYSOE WI DECORATE VILLAGE CHURCH WITH POPPIES FOR FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

The ladies from Tysoe Women's Institute (WI) are staging a Festival of Remembrance in St Mary's Church in Tysoe Village from 6th to 19th November to mark when the guns fell silent across Europe as the Armistice was signed and the First World War was over.

They will be decorating the medieval church with hundreds of handmade poppies as a mark of respect for those who lost their lives in WW1, including 20 people from the village and the neighbouring village of Compton Wynates, who have their names listed on a memorial in the centre of the village green.

They will also be hosting a coffee morning in the Main Street based church on Saturday 10th November between 11am and 3pm to raise funds for the Royal British Legion and everyone is invited to join the WI ladies for refreshments and lots of homemade cake.

Tysoe WI President Jacqueline Franklin said:

"We've been very busy making hundreds of poppies to decorate our Church and it should be quite a spectacular sight. The poppies are being entirely crafted by our members from a variety of mediums including paper, wool, paint and felt."

"We hope lots of people will come along and see the tribute, along with a display from the local history group that includes photos and information relating to the village during this period."



**FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE**  
6th NOVEMBER – 20th NOVEMBER

**To commemorate 100 years since the end of World War I, there will be an exhibition at St Mary's Church in Tysoe**

*All are welcome to come and see this poignant display*

<b>Saturday 10th November</b> 11am – 3pm <i>Coffee &amp; Cake will be served by Tysoe WI</i>	<b>Sunday 11th November</b> 10.45am Laying of Wreaths at the War Memorial Followed by a Service of Remembrance
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**LEST WE FORGET**

# TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

## OCTOBER UPDATE

Since the start of term, the autumnal weather has enabled good use to be made of the beautiful outdoor areas. Oak Class also visited Tysoe Community Orchard where the children looked for seasonal changes. Freshly picked apples were then used to make apple crumbles back at school. Grateful thanks to Liz Atkinson and her team.



*Oak Class Visit Tysoe Community Orchard*

We participated in celebrations to commemorate one hundred years of the Coventry Diocese. There was a special service in school when children from Brailes School presented the cross of nails, which is on a pilgrimage to visit seventy-five schools. The cross is made out of nails from the old Coventry Cathedral, bombed during the WW2, and now offers a message of reconciliation. Later, the cross was taken to The Dasset School for the next stage in its journey. The School Council were thrilled to receive a small replica cross in return, now proudly displayed during our assemblies.



*New Benches Funded by NFU Mutual*

We have been very lucky to be awarded a donation of £250 from the Community Giving Fund of NFU Mutual that provided two wooden benches for the playground. The seats were the finishing touch to improve this area following garden work, installation of new fascia and the repainting of some walls. All the changes make this a lovely area which is really appreciated by the children.

Many extra-curricular opportunities have provided engaging learning experiences. Silver Birch Class had a World War Two Day when a historian visited the school, together with his vast collection of resources, including gas masks and ration books. The children had an informative and fun day with many hands-on experiences, like using a stirrup pump and testing out stretchers to carry the wounded.



*Oak Class Learn About Kandinsky*

A focus on Art across the school has produced a great variety of work using different techniques. An art gallery displayed work in the style of Kandinsky. Classes are now busy designing poppies for a large wreath we are creating for the WI Armistice Exhibition in St Mary's Church.

If you miss our Open Morning on 26th October, please make an appointment to see the school in action. Contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295-680244.

*Jenny Coates, Head of School*

# REDWINGS HORSE SANCTUARY



A reminder that Redwings collects used stamps as part of their fund raising. If anyone wishes to pop their used stamps through my letter box I will be happy to ensure they get delivered. It is only a small re-cycling contribution but every little helps.

*Gwyn Adams*

## A CONCERT WITH A CUPPA

Cantamus, Shipston's chamber choir directed by Richard Emms is presenting an afternoon of music, readings, and home-made cakes to warm a winter's afternoon. The concert starts at 2.30.p.m., and is located in the Townsend Hall, Shipston-on-Stour, on Sunday 25th November. The audience will be treated to witty, wistful, heartfelt and uplifting music, with matching readings. If you enjoy Beatles' songs, folk-songs, sacred music, or scurrilous satire, there is definitely something for you to enjoy in the programme.

SHIPSTON'S A CAPPELLA CHOIR  
**Cantamus**

presents

**CONCERT WITH A CUPPA**



Witty, wistful, funny, heart-felt and uplifting music and words for a Sunday afternoon, with home-made cake & cuppa

**Sunday 25 November, 2.30pm**  
Townsend Hall, Shipston on Stour CV36 4AE

Entrance £10 inc refreshments  
Tickets from A Clarke Electrical and at the door  
[www.cantamus.org.uk](http://www.cantamus.org.uk)

Entrance costs £10, including the refreshments, and there is no charge to accompanied children. Tickets are available from A. Clarke Electrical, from Cantamus members, and at the door.

Currently Cantamus has vacancies for 2 basses. If you are a confident musician, happy to sing music across the centuries, sacred and secular, contemporary and traditional, Richard would be very pleased to hear from you, at 01608 662163. The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings in Shipston.

St David's Church Newbold on Stour with Armscote



# Christmas Tree Festival

fun for all the family

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December

10.30 – 5pm

&

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

10.30 – 4pm



Tea, Coffee, Soup, and mince pies  
Produce stall.



Admission Free



Concluding with the candlelit  
Christingle Service at 4pm



## WOT2Grow Community Orchard

Well, summer seems to be a thing of the past although the temperatures for mid-October were rather warmer than one would expect. The storms certainly affected us all and the orchard fared remarkably well although it did encourage a lot of apples to fall earlier than expected.

It is certainly a bumper crop this year for all the trees. We have had some good hazel nuts, but the squirrels got the walnuts, and the quince and medlar were laden with fruit. The trees have coped well with the hot summer and the fruit is remarkably good.

This is the first year we have picked sufficient Perry pears with lovely names like Brandy, Thorn, Green Horse, Winnal's Longdon and Hendre Huffcap to fill a demi-john. It is bubbling away along with four demi-johns of juice from our cider apples also with traditional names like Tom Putt, Dabinett, Yarlington Mill, Michelin and Kingston Black.



*Pear Rust*



*Blueberry colour in autumn*

The sensory garden has had its autumn cut back so is now navigable as the path is clear and the bench accessible for sitting and enjoying the view and the garden! The herbs and plants are all doing wonderfully well again due to the hot and dry summer.

We had a most welcome visit from Tysoe school when Year 1/2 came to see the autumn changes and they had a great time looking at the leaf colours and the fruit as well as asking lots of questions. Best bit? Picking some lovely red apples to take home!!!



*Autumn windbreak*

We are off the Shenington Road behind the allotments and are working on Wednesday and Sunday mornings from 9:30 for a couple of hours.

**Contact one of us for more information**

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



*Quince laden*



*Spartan*

## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### November

Monday 5th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 5th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 6th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 7th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Thursday 8th	19:00	Garden Club: 'Making an English Vineyard'
Friday 9th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Saturday 10th	19:00	Auction of Promises Village Hall
Monday 12th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 12th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 13th		Green & Blue bin collection
Thursday 15th		Oxhill News submission deadline
Monday 19th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 19th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 20th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 21st	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Friday 23rd	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Friday 23rd	19:30	Curry Night Village Hall
Sunday 25th	14:30	Cantamus, Townsend Hall, Shipston
Monday 26th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 26th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 27th		Green & Blue bin collection
Friday 30th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library

### December

Saturday 1st-2nd		Christmas Tree Festival, St Davids Church, Newbold on Stour
Sunday 9th	20:00	Oxhill Laaaadies Pub Quiz The Peacock
Monday 10th		Christmas Lunch Village Hall
Friday 21st		Beer and Bubbles Night Village Hall
Friday 21st		Oxhill Village Christmas Fancy Dress Disco at the Peacock Pub in Oxhill. Everyone welcome - music starts at 9 pm.