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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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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 February 8th. For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

## REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays February 5th and 19th.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays February 12th and 26th.

## 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 February 6th at 10:30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday February 20th.





# Important Notice

## OXHILL DISTRICT SERVICES DIRECTORY

It is time once again to publish the latest issue of the Oxhill District Services Directory. Our last issue was published in 2015 and since then new houses have been built or are now being built in the village.

The new Directory will be delivered to each home in Oxhill and will also be part of a Welcome Pack given by the Parish Council to the new homes in the village.

The Directory will include a list of tradesmen, services, shops, surgeries, vets, clubs, pubs and local attractions.

If you have a service, trade or product you would like the villagers to know about, or if you know of someone who offers a service, trade or product, then please let us know.

To be put on the Directory please give us your name, service and contact details or the contact details of the person you think should be on our list.

**Email: [news-editor@oxhill.org.uk](mailto:news-editor@oxhill.org.uk)**  
**Deadline: March 15th 2019**

*Thank you*



## OXHILL PARTY GIRLS JURASSIC COAST WALK FUNDRAISING EVENT

Katy Dowding, Amy Hutchings, Belinda Marklew, Catherine Kimmins, Ceri Stafford, Jo Boyes, Karen Barker, Kieren Roebuck & Tasha Forcer are taking part in the Mighty Jurassic Coast 2019 Hike, on the 15th June fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Our first Fundraising event will be a quiz night with buffet and bar. Starts at 7pm. Tickets are £10 including the quiz and buffet. There will also be a raffle. Please contact Katy at [kdowding@me.com](mailto:kdowding@me.com) or 688194 to purchase tickets.



And why you ask would they want to hike 26 miles of steep coastline.....

**Amy** - I love the yearly challenge and there's nothing better than going for walks with a bunch of amazing crazy ladies and raising money for Macmillan at the same time.

**Belinda** - to challenge myself for a good cause.

**Catherine** - I am looking forward to the challenge and spending time with some inspirational ladies and at the same time raising money for a good cause.

**Ceri** – Doing it to challenge myself and spend time with my lovely inspirational ladies and raise money for a good cause.

**Jo** - I'm looking forward to physically and mentally challenging myself whilst using it as an excuse to get together with my besties and raise money for a fab cause.

**Karen** – this year I am doing the challenge in memory of my mother in law Cathy. It is great to train with an amazing group of ladies all of whom bring fun, laughter and a fab sense of team spirit. Bring on the hills of the Jurassic coastline.

**Katy** – Doing it to spend some time with these lovely ladies and raise some money for Macmillan at the same time.



**Kieren:** For me it's a wonderful opportunity to give back what Paul and I received from Macmillan and to be part of something special with a lovely bunch of Oxhill ladies

**Tasha:** to raise money for Macmillan and because I'm doing this walk with my most favourite ladies in the whole wide world!

Contact Katy for your tickets and save this date.

## **WHISKY & FORTIFIED WINE TASTING**

Saturday, 23rd February, Oxhill Village Hall, 7pm  
£20 (seven samples)

Contact Lisa Connolly for tickets - 01295 680091



*Whiskey Tasting Evening in August 2017*

## DEANERY NEWS FOR FEBRUARY

A reminder about the **Come and Sing Candlemas Eucharist**. The Royal School of Church Music is hosting a repeat of last year's popular Come and Sing Candlemas Eucharist on Saturday, 2 February, this time in St Mary's Church, Tysoe.

This is an event to which anyone who enjoys singing is invited, to be part of a bigger choir to lead the worship at the Eucharist that rounds off the afternoon. Music is either familiar or very straightforward.



Either individuals or groups are welcome, and there is no charge, although donations are invited. Tea will be provided. For more information please contact Patsy Howes, on 07747 046 374 or email her on [p.howes41@btinternet.com](mailto:p.howes41@btinternet.com)

**Deanery Synod will be meeting on February, 12th** at 7.30 pm in St. Edmund's Shipston. The theme of the evening will be Giving Well, Living Well during Lent, when we explore the concepts of greener living and living well during the 40 days of Lent, drawing on the experiences of members of Synod. Anyone who is interested in living in a more sustainable fashion during Lent, taking care of God's creation, is welcome to join us and share their experiences with us.

Finally, a note that the dates and venues of the Deanery Lent Services are as follows:

Tuesday March 12 <sup>th</sup>	Ilmington
Tuesday March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Alderminster
Tuesday March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Whatcote
Tuesday April 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tidmington
Tuesday April 9 <sup>th</sup>	Burmington
Tuesday April 16 <sup>th</sup>	Honington

In each case it is 7.30 pm. The theme for the series is **Saints of these Isles** – and the speakers will all be home grown!



## **2018 OXHILL SPONSORS WATER WELL IN KADUNA NIGERIA**

Through a number of activities organized by St. Lawrence, funds were sent to Kaduna diocese to dig a water well. We sponsored well at a village called Rimin Fadama. The location of this year's well was in security risk region on the Birnin Gwari axis. This has been 'a no go area'. Kidnapping and armed robbery are still rampant.

**Rimin Fadama** is about 50Klm from Udawa along Kaduna – Birnin Gwari Road. Udawa is on the main Road. The well is situated on the church premises. A very promising congregation but neglected by the Kaduna state government because they are a Christian settlement. The only existing Government primary school in the area is currently closed down. The church started a Nursery / Primary school. They need encouragement since the future is hopeless without education.

*Jim Saxton*

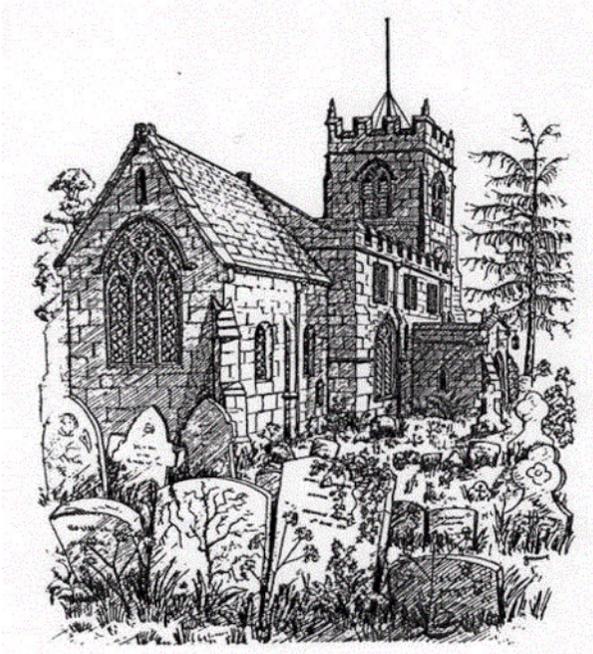
## *Be Part Of It*

At the last (2018) Annual Parish Church Meeting, the St Lawrence Electoral Roll was declared as comprising 43 persons – not a large number considering the general regard in which the Church is held by those residing in the village.

As an architectural feature and landmark the church is an integral part of Oxhill – indeed the activities that take place there, be they the weekly services or less frequent christenings, weddings and funerals, are part of village life. Occasional

secular / fund raising events such as scarecrow weekends, lamb and curry lunches and barn dances bring villagers together to enjoy one another's company and help give Oxhill its unique character.

Every six years the Electoral Roll of each Parish is rebuilt from scratch – and 2019 is one such time. It used to be that the monetary Parish Share sent to the diocese by St Lawrence's was calculated based on the numbers of parishioners recorded on the Electoral Roll - however this is no longer the case.



*Cover drawing on Monumental Inscriptions, St Lawrence Church. by the Birmingham & Midland Society for Genealogy & Heraldry, 1989*

been baptised, considering oneself to be 'C of E' (or of a Church in communion with it) and being resident in the parish of Oxhill. Forms for completion by those wishing to be included on the roll will be available towards the end of the month.

If you've not been inside St Lawrence's recently, drop in, enjoy a few moments' tranquillity in beautiful surroundings and, maybe, as a friend of the church, pick up a form to complete and be part of the 2019 Electoral Roll.

*Douglas Netherclef*  
(Electoral Roll Officer)

## NEWS FOR ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

For those who love to sing, there will be a Come and Sing Candlemas Eucharist in St. Mary's, Tysoe on **Saturday, February, 2nd, between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm.** Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us: Maddy Evans is playing, and David Noble is leading, much as happened last year in Brailes



The beginning of February marks **Candlemas**, when for many the last of the Christmas decorations are removed, candles are blessed for the coming year, and we 'turn from the crib to the cross'. It is also time for the **Christingle Service**, specially for the children, when we particularly remember the work of The Children's Society. This year it is **Sunday, February 3rd, at 9.30 am in St. Lawrence Church.** Everyone is welcome to join us: there will be Christingle for the Children, and Refreshments for all.

There will be another **SUNDAY LUNCH** in The Old Chapel on **Sunday, February 17th, at 12.30 for 1.00pm.** Sunday lunch is served by The Village Hall and St. Lawrence Church collectively, and is there for anyone is might be alone on a Sunday, new to the village, or would just like to come along and have lunch with everyone. So it is for anyone! There is no charge – just bring yourself!



The full diary of Services and Events for February is thus:

- Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 9.30 am Christingle Service, led by George Heighton
- Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 8.30 am Morning Prayer in Church, led by George Heighton
- Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 am Informal Holy Communion in Oddcot, led by Tom Moffatt
- Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 am Morning Worship, led by Jill Tucker
- Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 8.30 am Morning Prayer in Church, led by George Heighton
- Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 9.30 am Parish Communion, led by Jill Tucker  
12.30 for 1.00pm: Sunday Lunch in The Old Chapel

- Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February 8.30 am Morning Prayer in Church, led by George Heighton
- Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 6.30 pm Candlelit Taizé Evensong, led by Jill Tucker
- Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 8.30 am Morning Prayer in Church, led by George Heighton

Finally:

- If anyone would like to receive The Grapevine, which is a weekly emailed newsletter from St Lawrence, please do email Jill to ask: [revjill.tucker@btinternet.com](mailto:revjill.tucker@btinternet.com)
- And if there are any singers in the village who would like to join our occasional choir, which is just about to start rehearsing for the Taizé service, again please do email Jill, as above.

## **CHURCH FUNDRAISER AFTERNOON TEA**

Do you have a favourite cake? Would you like it baked to enjoy at an Afternoon Tea on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March in the Old Chapel? If so, then book your place straightaway! The first five people to reserve tickets will have the opportunity to choose a cake (within reason) that they would like to see served at the Afternoon Tea. There will be scrumptious sandwiches as well as delectable home baked cakes of the highest standard as only the magnificent bakers of Oxhill can provide.

To be in with a chance of having your favourite cake baked for the event, contact Ruth Mercer as soon as possible on 07400 615999 or email [ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com)



**Viper, our beautiful Flat Coated Retriever dog**, who had been important part of our lives for the last 11 years, passed peacefully away in our arms at Hook Norton Veterinary Hospital on Saturday 19th January 2019. He was born on the 19th April 2008.



Viper made friends with every one he met whether, they had 4 legs or 2. We hope to continue our daily walks around our village as we have done.

*Mick & Barbara Shepard*

## **POPPY APPEAL 2018**

We did it! To my delight our Poppy Appeal Area surpassed itself and managed to crack the magical £5k barrier in last year's Appeal. Although donations are still being received, the current total for the 2018 Appeal stands at £5118.26p. There can be no better tribute to our brave Service personnel. It would be an invidious and indeed inappropriate task to try and identify reasons for this year's success. Like the Services, it was a team effort. Thank you all in the Team Tysoe Poppy Area for all your efforts.



After the momentous events of 2018, the challenge, with which we are all now faced, is ensuring that Remembrance continues for ever. As long as we have our Armed Forces, they will continue to get injured, whilst carrying out their jobs to make us all safe.

*David Sewell*

# CHRISTMAS

The PCC would like to express thanks to all who helped make the church look so festive for Christmas 2018. The church was packed for the Candlelit Carol Service. It is a lovely time in Oxhill. Thank you so much to those who helped put all the candle in place and to the readers, the choir, those who made and served up mince pies with mulled wine and also to the organist from Princethorpe college who helped us out for this service.



The tree took a little bit of effort to get into church this year but fortunately good help was at hand. Thank you to the Mercer family for donating the tree. It looked wonderful when all the trimmings and lights were added. The Christmas flower arrangements were spectacular, with holly and glitter and are still looking good although we have had to remove the glitter bits for New Year. So again a thank you to the flower ladies who came along just before Christmas to do an AMAZING job.

We would like to wish a happy 2019 to all and also to those who have recently taken up residence in Oxhill. We wish you a happy time in Oxhill and extend a warm welcome .

*Carol Fox, Churchwarden*

## **Forthcoming events**

**Village lunch on February 17th in the Old Chapel.**

**Afternoon tea and Prosecco. March 17th also in the Old Chapel.**

**The next PCC meeting is on February 7th. Venue to be arranged.**

## *Oxhill Garden Club*

On Thursday 10th January Duncan Coombes of Pershore College gave a talk *Searching for Plants in China*. Duncan has been taking parties of students to that part of the world for more years than he cares to remember and, now in partial retirement, he acts as ‘botanical expert’ for tours organised by bodies such as the RHS.

He showed slides of breathtaking mountain and lowland scenery that hosts species of flora some 400 times as diverse as may be found in this country. It would seem that rather than search for plants in China one needs to be careful not to trip over them!



*The Black Dragon Pool Park, Lijiang*

Unfortunately it is not permitted to take plants, cuttings or seeds out of the country, so Duncan has to ‘make do’ with photographs of individual specimens and notes taken at the time. This means that although he has probably discovered species ‘new to science’, he cannot be certain that this is so.

To Western eyes, the dress of the ‘natives’ made from local materials can sometimes seem somewhat exotic, but the very features of white Europeans often causes rural residents much amusement! Facilities for tourists in the rural locations that Duncan visits are limited, but hydro-electric power is abundant. In the mountains at high altitudes living quarters may be above stabling for the

animals so as to benefit from their warmth during the winter months, but general living standards away from the cities are not as poor as might well be assumed.

Duncan has always had an interpreter to facilitate communication with 'locals', but when he first started visiting China he and his group were shadowed by Party Officials and their movements somewhat restricted. These days, other than when in a sensitive area such as the China / Burma border, the only pressure from the State that he feels under is for him to take his party to spend money at the nearest tourist hotspot rather than be in the middle of nowhere enjoying nature at its very best for free.

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The next event in the Club's calendar is a talk by Philip Aubrey on the topic 'The answer lies in the soil'. Join us 7.00 for 7.30pm on February 14th in the village Hall for a convivial glass of wine and how to deal with the clay that makes gardening in Oxhill a bit of a challenge – especially if the builders have just moved out!

*Douglas Nethercleft*

Tysoe W.I. meets the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30 in the village hall, starting off with a glass of wine and a chance to chat to friends and make new friends.

Next month, the 6th, we will be welcoming Stephen Bruce, who will speak to us about buying and selling at auction. So if you think you have valuable treasure come and find out what it's worth.

For more information email us at [tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com](mailto:tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com), follow us on Facebook or check our our website [www.tysoewi.com](http://www.tysoewi.com)

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# SUNJAY IN CONCERT

BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Award Nominee 2012  
Wath Festival Young Performers Award Winner 2012  
Exposure Music Awards Triple Nominee 2014  
British Blues Awards Nominee 2014

**Saturday, 27 April 7:00pm**

Kinton Sports & Social Club, Little  
Kinton, Warwick, CV35 0FA

Tickets £10 Standard (£8 Under 16)  
(£8 Over 60)

BOX OFFICE: 01926 641024

Doors 6.30pm Sunjay on stage at 7pm



**WE SAW HIM FIRST!**

*Mark Harrison on the Cerys Matthews Radio 2 show.*

# 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. 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)

## FAMILIES TAKE NOTE!

### Children’s Afternoon Tea – Saturday March 30th at 3.30 -5.30pm

As a number of new families have recently moved into the village, we felt that a “Family Get Together” at the Village Hall would be a fun opportunity for the children and parents to meet and get to know each other.

Please bring a plate of food, either for your own family or to share.

If you’d like to come, please contact Jo Sweby on 07720 401691 so we have an idea of numbers.

Thank you and look forward to seeing everyone there!

## SAVE THE DATES.....

**Saturday 13th April – Paella Night**

**Tuesday 30th April - AGM**

More details next time!

## ANY SUGGESTIONS?



The Village Hall Committee is always open to new ideas for events that you would be like to see being organised. Do contact a member of the Committee, such as Ali Sayer (07970 922352) or Gill Stewart (01295 688199) for a chat if you have any suggestions.

## PARISH COUNCIL – VACANCIES

After 9 years of service to the village through his presence as a Councillor and Chair of the Parish Council, Grenville Moore has decided to stand down in April to have more time to spend on his many other activities. Oxhill owes a debt of gratitude to Grenville and if you see him around, please take the time to say 'Thank You'.



## THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR HARD WORK

After 3 years of service as a respected Councillor, Duncan Harper has also decided to stand down in April in order to be able to spend more time with his family as they grow up and to further his career.

Your Parish Council is grateful to these two fine men for all of their time and efforts in attempting to improve our village. We now need to try to replace them on the Parish Council.

The time commitment to be a Councillor is not huge, we only meet every other month, so 6 meetings per year and there is appropriate informal induction and more formal external training available to new Councillors. Grenville and Duncan have done a great job and the simplest way for anyone to show their appreciation for all that they have done is to fill their places on the Council.

If you want to know more about what is involved in being a Councillor, please feel free to contact me by phone; 680676 or e-mail at [dandt@laurelhardy.co.uk](mailto:dandt@laurelhardy.co.uk)

*Derek Harbour*

# PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS IN MAY 2019

There will be Parish Council elections on 2nd May 2019. Parish Councillors are a tier of local government and represent the local community. They are elected every four years.

There will be a free Prospective Councillor briefing held in Stratford on 11th February 6.30pm - 8.30pm at the District Council Offices.

The Parish Clerk will have nomination forms in early March. They have to be completed and returned by the end of March. Please contact her if you would like one.

*Thank you, Christine Coles  
Clerk to Oxhill Parish Council  
T: 01295 276229  
E: oxhillpc@btinternet.com  
W: www.oxhillpc.uk*

## HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED BEING A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

- Don't know what it entails?
- Feel like you might not be qualified?
- Not sure if you can spare the time?

### Come along and find out

If you are eligible to stand as a Councillor • Learn about the code of conduct and the training available • Find out what your Council can do for your communities and how you can influence that • Find out about a councillors role in looking after public money and spending it wisely • Identify the council's responsibilities as the employer of a clerk • Get first hand knowledge of why people become councillors and what fulfilment they get.

[WALC.ORG.UK/BE-A-COUNCILLOR](http://WALC.ORG.UK/BE-A-COUNCILLOR)

**FREE TO  
MEMBERS OF  
THE PUBLIC**

### WHEN

Monday  
11 February 2019  
6.30 pm—8.30 pm

### WHERE

Stratford District  
Council Chambers  
Elizabeth House, Church St,  
CV37 6HX

### SPEAKERS

- The County Officer of the Warwickshire Association of Local Councils (WALC)
- Experienced local clerks
- Local Parish Councillors
- The Chair of WALC

**WALC**  
Representing and Advising  
Town and Parish Councils.

# OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

## **Draft Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting**

held on Tuesday 8th January 2019 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

### **Councillors Present**

Cllr Harbour (Chairperson), Cllr Harper, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Moore and Cllr Stuart Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles, District Cllr Jon Feilding and four villagers

**19/01. Apologies for absence were received from**  
County Cllr Chris Williams

**19/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**  
There were no interests to declare.

**19/03. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2018**  
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

**19/04. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included on this agenda for report only**  
Welcome Pack – Three local trades people have made contact about advertising in the welcome pack. The Garden Club Committee have produced a flyer which could be included. Cllr Hunt to forward the flyer to Cllr Moore.

**19/05. Public Participation Session**  
Mr Connelly was pleased to note that the Oxhill Next Door Whats App group had been set up and 56 people are on board. It acts as a notice-board. He thanked Mr Chick for doing this.

Two villagers expressed concern about speeding which goes back as far as 2003. The Parish Council have been working for years to look at speeding and what can be done. The problems have got worse and it is an ongoing issue. The Oxhill village sign has been pinched, signs are faded and there are high speeds as vehicles enter and leave the village.

**19/06. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor**

Cllr J Feilding spoke about the Practice Manager at the Redhorse Surgery who has created a rural network. This will be ongoing. He spoke about animals and licensing. Breeding and selling animals will require a license. Cllr Feilding advised the Enforcement Officer is visiting the Leys site on 9th January.

**19/07. To receive an update on traffic calming**

The Chair and Cllr Harper met Warwickshire County Council (WCC) in November for a tour of the village. A cheque for £200.00 has been sent to WCC and they will produce a scheme and costs in four weeks time. Any improvements will have to be paid for by the Parish Council. Estimated spend could be between £3.5K and £6.5K. Some traffic calming does require street lights. County Cllr Chris Williams has two budgets and would be willing to contribute £2K to this work. It was noted that individuals are driving through the village and do not brake at the 30mph village sign. The Chair has drafted a letter which would be posted through each residents door. The Parish Council are very frustrated and share the concerns of the residents. All budgets are being cut and Town and Parish Councils are expected to be more self sufficient and take on more work.

*Action: The Parish Council are to review the scheme and costs from Warwickshire County Council, increase the precept to allow for some work to be done, Cllr Moore and Cllr Hunt to redraft the letter to residents (this will be delivered to each house and put in the Oxhill News), the Chair to contact Cllr Chris Williams to accept his offer of a £2K contribution.*

**19/08. To receive an update on improvements to the area outside the pub**

Cllr Moore has received a quote for the new bus shelter but the cost is quite high. It exceeds the amount that has been set aside. It would be a nice amenity and a good aspiration to have but unaffordable at present. There is money to move the trough forward and put in two new planters. *Action: Cllr Moore to speak to Robin Stanford for a more competitive quote.*

**19/09. To discuss forthcoming elections in May 2019**

There will be Parish Council elections on 2nd May 2019 and two current Councillors will not be standing again. Councillors are elected every four years. Stratford District Council are recommending that

£1000.00 is put aside for a contested election and £100.00 for an uncontested election. There has not been a contested election in Oxhill for over thirty years. The Clerk will receive nomination papers in March. There is a Prospective Councillor Event in Stratford on 11th February. Details are on the notice-board and will be put in the Oxhill News.

## **19/10. To receive an update on planning**

### New Applications

- 18/03449/FUL, New garden room at rear of dwelling at Oxfield Farm. No objections.
- 18/01887/FUL, Proposed dwelling at Homestead, Main Street. No objections.

### Older Applications

- 18/02938/FUL, Proposed single storey side extension and internal alterations at Gateways, Main Street. Approved.
- 18/01285/LBC, Minor alteration works at Oxhill Manor, Main Street. Approved.
- 18/02352/FUL, Construction of one new dwelling and works at Land off Church Lane. Refused.

There is a general disquiet about planning in general and the new developments. Cllr Moore and Mr Collins have both written letters about concerns.

*Action: The Chair to reword the letter from the Parish Council and send to Mr Weeks at SDC. The Parish Clerk to forward the letter to Cllr Feilding. The Chair to write to the CEO of Piper Homes.*

## **19/11. Financial Report**

*To review the current budget and forecast to 31st March 2019*

The Parish Council are currently working to budget.

*To set the precept for 2019/20*

Councillors discussed extra expenditure for the coming year. There will be additional election spend and traffic calming spend. It was agreed to set the precept for 2019/20 at £10,500.00.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to notify SDC.*

## **19/12. To receive the following correspondence**

The following correspondence had been circulated:

- Warwickshire Home and Library Service – 2019 Timetable. In Oxhill news.
- Highways, State of Green Lane.
- Highways, Temporary 40mph speed restriction and road closure on A422 Banbury Road/Pillerton Hersey Road commencing 10th January 2019
- SDC, Updated Tree Management Protocol. On the website.

One item of correspondence was highlighted:

- Highways, State of Green Lane. Highways are aware that Green Lane is not in a good state of repair. They will carry out remedial work once the developments have died down. The Parish Council are to report anything of danger immediately. Cllr Moore noted that Gilks Lane should have been reported and not Rouse Lane. The Parish Clerk to notify Highways.

### **19/13. To receive Councillors Reports**

The Section 106 for the Leys has not been signed off yet. Mr Connelly asked who decides how the 106 money should be used and who looks after the money. At the time it was agreed that a play area would be built on the Leys Development. Cllr Feilding confirmed that a proper application form should be sorted out. The Parish Council to write a letter for more clarification on S106 money.

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

 **Nextdoor** The private social network for your neighbourhood.

**NextDoor** appears to be a phone app/website for neighbourhoods to communicate goings on.

I received a letter through the post inviting me to join and was immediately sceptical. However now I've used it for local information (recent water pressure issues) I have to say it may have potential as another way of more dynamically communicating going's on in the village.

I think you need an invite from a neighbour to join so if you need one pls feel free to email me at paulsroeback@gmail.com and I will send you an invite

*Thanks, Paul*



**Carers4Carers**

Finding support through supporting each other

Friday 22nd February 10.30 – 12 noon: Carers4Carers monthly meeting at Kinton Village Hall. Come and join us for coffee, biscuits and friendly chat.

This month we will have a visit from Rekha Tanna Hirani, our local Parkinson's Adviser. 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.

All the best for 2019.

*Kind regards, Lisa*

## TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL - JANUARY UPDATE

We celebrated Christmas with an exciting range of events including a special nativity, 'Behind the Stable Door' which was led by the younger children dressed as animals. The performance by the older children set out to teach the audience 'How Christmas Came to be'. It explained how some Christmas customs arose, starting with the Romans and continuing through history, via the Victorians, to the present day. The children also enjoyed the pantomime in the village hall. This year it was Old King Cole performed by the West Midlands Travelling Theatre Company. The children were fully entertained by the production and there was plenty of audience participation too. Oh yes there was!



*KS2 Perform How Christmas Came To Be*

As part of a focus at the start of the New Year, we had a week looking at ways to keep healthy, with each class taking a different aspect. Some children investigated the amount of sugar in cereals, which really shocked them. Another class considered the benefits of healthy snacks and exercise. One group of children completed the

Play-Maker Award which was led by an Aspire sport's coach. The course aims to develop leadership skills and teamwork through physical activity. He was very complimentary about the school and enjoyed working with the children and thought that we had some great young leaders in the making.



*Pantomime: Old King Cole*

Following the success of last year's running challenge, we re-launched the event to improve fitness and develop stamina. Children will participate in a running/jogging challenge to complete 200 metre laps in a set time each week. The laps will be recorded and children can work towards certificates for different distances, starting with 5 km and heading towards a marathon!

If you are a prospective parent and would like to visit, please contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295 680244.

*Jenny Coates, Head of School*

**TO SIGN THIS IMPORTANT PETITION, PLEASE GO TO:**

**<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/230270>**

## **IMPORTANT**

**Do you live in Kineton?**

**Do you want to be able to continue to collect your medication from the surgery?**

**Rural dispensing practice patients in this country need to all sign this petition to keep rural dispensing safe and secure for the future.**

### **UK Government and Parliament**

Petition to abolish the out dated 'ONE MILE RULE' in the dispensing of medication in England.

A Dickensian rule was set in the early nineteen hundreds which states that Doctors prescribe and Apothecaries dispense. Doctors could only dispense if the patient lived more than a mile from the Apothecary (as the crow flies).

Now in the 21st century, Doctors dispensing staff are as qualified in all aspects of dispensing and services as the Chemists. The One Mile Rule should now be abolished to fit the NHS White Paper headed **PATIENT CHOICE**, so that ALL patients in practices throughout the country have the option to choose where they would like their medications dispensed be it, Retail, Online or Doctors Dispensaries. Therefore by abolishing the ONE MILE RULE, the Government will adhere to the heading of the NHS White Paper.

Please go to this website and sign

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/230270>

or search Facebook for "One Mile Rule"

at 10,000 signatures, government will respond to this petition

**at 100,000 signatures...**, this petition will be considered for debate in Parliament

The deadline is 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

Vale of the Red Horse Healthcare Centres



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# WOT2Grow Community Orchard



An unusually warm January looks like giving way to a cold snap so it is time to get as much done as possible before the possible snow!!

Pruning is moving along and this year so many of the apple trees have put on massive growth it is taking longer to reduce and reshape a lot of the them, however we will complete by the end of February! The pears are not too big and the cider trees are a very mixed bunch so it will be interesting to see how long they take. It is a long job but very satisfying when it all works well and the trees are in good shape and ready to grow strongly in the coming year. There are four problem trees that will be severely pruned to see if any disease and bad growth can be reduced or eliminated. Hopefully we will get another good harvest which is of course dependent to some extent on good pruning!

All the fruit is off the trees and the last of the apples are in crates as most of them will keep or a few more weeks.

Still some other maintenance tasks to complete before we get into the spring pruning and feeding!!

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.



*Pixie Apple post pruning!*

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](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk)

## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### February

Monday 4th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 4th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 5th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 6th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Thursday 7th		PCC meeting
Friday 8th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Monday 11th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 11th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 12th		Grey landfill bin collection
Thursday 14th	14:00	Knit and Natter, Village Hall
Thursday 14th	19:00	Garden Club 'The Answer Lies in the Soil', Village Hall
Friday 15th		Oxhill News submission deadline
Sunday 17th		Village Lunch, The Old Chapel
Monday 18th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 18th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 19th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 20th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Friday 22nd	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Friday 22nd	10:30-12:30	Carer4Carers Meeting, Kineton Village Hall
Saturday 23rd	19:00	Whiskey & Fortified Wine Tasting, Village Hall
Monday 25th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 25th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 26th		Grey landfill bin collection
Thursday 28th	14:00	Knit and Natter, Village Hall

### March

Sunday 17th		Afternoon Tea & Prosecco, The Old Chapel
Saturday 30th	15:30-17:30	Children's Afternoon Tea, Village Hall