

THE OXHILL NEWS

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OXHILL NEWS

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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 August 16th. For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

REFUSE COLLECTION

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

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

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

THE PEACOCK

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

The village lunch is on Wednesday August 21st.



OXHILL GARDEN CLUB AND VILLAGE DAY TRIP

AEROSPACE BRISTOL AND DYRHAM PARK

Thursday 8th August



Bristol Aerospace Museum



Dyrham Park

Our annual day trip is open to all the village and this year will be a coach trip to the recently opened **Aerospace Bristol Museum** which features the last Concorde and many other exhibits, followed by a visit to the **Dyrham Park** house and gardens.

Johnsons are providing the coach and we need a minimum of 35 people to make this viable. Coach pick-ups will start from Oxhill at 8am, and follow through Tysoe and Kineton if necessary.

Arriving at Bristol at 10.15 am, there is plenty of time to see all the exhibits and walk through Concorde in its full passenger ready state. Take a look at the museum website to see all the other attractions. Time for lunch at one of the eateries before leaving at 1pm for Dyrham Park which is only 40 minutes away. This is a National Trust property and if you are not a member you will have to pay for this. Please see their website for details. There is transport from the car park to the house for those who don't fancy the 15 minute walk. Leaving the Park at 4.30pm we arrive back home at about 6.30pm.

**Both venues have wheelchair access to all parts.
The cost is £33 per person**

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OXHILL VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING 2nd JULY 2019

In the interests of keeping the village informed, the Minutes of the EGM are set out below:

Present: Jo Collings (Chair), Gill Stewart (Secretary), Ali Sayer, Sarah Bracher, Ed Bracher, Belinda Marklew, Carol Fox, Roger Goodman, Dominic Connelly, Karen Barker, Judy Badger, Carol Taylor, Sue Robbins, Tricia Harbour, Barbara Shepard, Hugh Rowse, Derek Harbour, Richard Collings, Apologies: Adrian Marklew, John McKail

Changing the status of the charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation

The Chair explained the rationale for making the proposed change to the status of the charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and adopting a new constitution. She explained that the existing 'constitution' document is a hybrid, combining a conveyance of the land from the local education authority to three Trustees in 1950, together with some other clauses which set out the objects of the charity and give some indication of the way it should be run. It is no longer suitable for use in the current regulatory context and requires replacing, not least because it is envisaged that applications for grant aid towards the extension and upgrading of the Hall will be made in the foreseeable future

She further explained the role of both Trustees and Members of the CIO. The present members of the OVH Committee are the Trustees.

Questions from the floor elicited the following answers:

When deciding how many Members to register, regard needs to be had to the definition of a quorum. Members get voting rights at AGMs and EGMs and the List of Members needs to be in place so that it is clear who has voting rights. The duty of Members is to attend AGMs/EGMs



Invitation

Remember Together

In 2019 the Royal British Legion is asking the nation to Remember Together.

To remember not only the British Armed Forces and their families who have served and sacrificed, but also those from the Commonwealth and Allied nations who stood shoulder to shoulder with Britain.

Together, Britain and our allies came through those difficult times, securing our freedoms and defending our values and way of life.

In the year of the 75 anniversaries of three pivotal Second World War battles; Monte Cassino, D-Day, and Kohima and Imphal, we remember the collaboration between peoples and nations that made victory possible.



We would very much like to start some conversations across the West Midlands as to how the different communities can Remember Together, drawing on the experiences of the past and the hopes for the future.

We would therefore be delighted if you are able to join us on

Thursday 22nd August 2019
15:00 – 17:00

At the Royal British Legion Pop In Centre, 87 New Street, Birmingham B2 4BA

For a short presentation and an open discussion on our, and your, plans to bring this to life in our Region. We will provide light refreshments and hope that you are able to join us.

Please RSVP by Monday 19th August to westmidlands@britishlegion.org.uk

LIVE ON



and act in the best interests of the CIO. The constitution, if adopted, would have to be scrutinised and approved by the Charity Commission. Grant applications have to show that the applicant organisation is properly constituted and run, and replacing the out-dated 1950 constitution will achieve that objective.

There being no further questions, the adoption of the draft CIO constitution was Proposed by Sarah Bracher and Seconded by Karen Barker. The proposition was approved unanimously.

The Chair then asked for a show of hands from those people who would consider putting themselves forward as Members of the CIO, and the following responded:

Belinda Marklew, Roger Goodman, Karen Barker, Judy Badger, Carol Taylor, Sue Robbins, Tricia Harbour, Barbara Shepard, Richard Collings and Ed Bracher.

The Chair thanked them for their support and interest, and the meeting closed at 7.50 pm.





FAMILY BARBECUE AND BOULES ON 14th JULY.

About 40 adults and lots of children resisted the pull of the Wimbledon Men's Final, the Cricket World Cup, and the Silverstone Grand Prix to socialise and have fun at this event. It was especially pleasing to welcome several new arrivals to the village. As ever the Boules Tournament was a competitively fought event, and the Gardner Trophy was finally wrested from the Collings's keeping by Aaron Bodycote, and his brother-in-law (flown in from Coventry!) and will be lovingly cared for in Groves Close for a year.

Committee members ran about doing what was needed, and special thanks go to non-Committee members, Richard and Roger, who did good work all afternoon tending the BBQ, and Tricia who did a long stint behind the bar. Thanks too to all those attendees who helped clear away at the end; your help is much appreciated.





SUNDAY 28th JULY – THE GREAT SHAKESPEARE HOSPICE BIKE RIDE

Once again Oxhill is hosting a Feed Station for the many cyclists who take part in this popular Charity Bike Ride to raise funds for the Hospice.

Could you help by providing cakes for the hungry riders, or serving refreshments and drinks on the day? The home-made cakes are always appreciated by the riders, so let's maintain Oxhill's reputation for hospitality and baking! If you can help in any way, please contact Jo Collings on itsjocollings@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE!

Progressive Supper: Saturday 28th September. This year's theme is Italian food!

For those new to the village or the event itself, the format is that we all meet together at the Village Hall for aperitifs, and to receive the envelopes that tell us where we are eating our starters and main course. We reconvene at the Village Hall for desserts. It isn't obligatory to host a course, although much depends on the numbers attending. There will be further details in the September "Oxhill News" when details of the cost and booking arrangements will be explained. Ciao!



LEYS FIELD AFFORDABLE HOUSING

You may be aware that a few of the houses on Leys Field have been designated as to be made available to local residents or their families with preferential purchasing deals for a limited time. The Estate Agency, Jeremy McGinn (JM), has been identified by Stratford District Council (SDC) as the company to market these homes. JM is currently waiting for costs, etc to be ratified by SDC and they expect that this information will not be available for about a week, thereby missing the deadline for the next edition of the News.

To ensure that Villagers get as much awareness of the deal available, I have asked JM to produce a short note by tomorrow (Tuesday 16th) to go in the News which will tell our Villagers what is coming. Oxhill residents will only have 3 months in which to apply for one of these houses on behalf of their relatives and I'd like to ensure that everyone has as much notice as possible. I will pass on the note from JM just as soon as I have it.

Thanks, Derek

Reply from Jeremy McGinn:

Affordable units will soon be made available on phase 2 of the development at Leys Field, Whatcote Road, Oxill. To register your interest please email your contact details to jeremy@jeremymcginn.com



Carers4Carers

Finding support through supporting each other

Friday 23rd August - There will be no Carers4Carers meeting in August. For details of our coffee morning outing, including help with transport, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

Many thanks,
Lisa, Assistant Co-ordinator

FREE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Well-respected bereavement support group facilitator Jane Hunt will deliver a popular programme of free sessions at Wellesbourne Village Hall later this year.

A drop-in ‘taster’ session will take place at the Village Hall (School Road, Wellesbourne, Warwickshire, CV35 9NH) on Friday 20th September 2019. You can pop in anytime between 2:00pm and 4:00pm for an informal chat with Jane and her co-facilitator Chrissie Harris about what to expect from the programme.

Some feedback from previous beneficiaries:

“I met lovely people and was able to talk about my situation.”

“It broke the feeling of isolation I've felt since the death of my mother.”

“The Omega facilitators are excellent.”

The Omega programme is based on a model funded by the Department of Health and devised for the national Caring with Confidence initiative. Although following an “After Caring” model, it is suitable for anyone who has suffered a loss. It is particularly suited to people who are at least 6 months on from the passing of their loved one. The 3-part series of sessions helps clients to come to terms with their loss and adopt easy to follow coping strategies and make positive plans for their future.

Jane said “the main benefit of these sessions is the opportunity for people who are bereaved to meet others who are in the same situation; to share experiences and together learn strategies to cope with grief”.

Jane and Chrissie look forward to welcoming and helping new clients in a small, friendly group setting. For more information and to book a place on the free programme, please call Omega care for life on 01743 245 088 or email info@omega.uk.net.

Contact Omega care for life

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DOMINO

We are very sad to tell everyone that our donkey, Domino, has died. He had reached the grand age of 33, and lived with us all but the first few months of his life. With his inseparable companion Fiver, the Shetland pony, they were HAPPA rescue animals. We came to live in Oxhill because of them: when we moved here almost 30 years ago we needed somewhere they could live as well as us.



We are enormously grateful for all the carrots and petting they received (and occasional long sufferance!) over the years, but in particular we want to say a huge thank you to Joe Costa and Mick Turner who have helped us to care for them all this time. As Joe said, 'They loved it here', and we loved having them.

Thank you, Fiver and Domino, for the richness you brought to all our lives.

Colin and Jill Tucker

CHURCH FUNDRAISING PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH

On June 9th, the Old Chapel was full of villagers enjoying a Posh Ploughman's Lunch and Puddings washed down with Pimms, Pints and Prosecco. As promised, there was plenty of cheese, ham, quiches, salads, breads and desserts to try and no one went home able to eat another morsel! It was good to be able to meet some of Oxhill's newer residents as well as welcoming familiar faces. Later in the afternoon, after a speedy clear-up, we served Cream Teas to more villagers. Unfortunately, the weather wasn't on our side so we were unable to hold the event at the Old House as planned but many of us enjoyed a walk around Jill and Colin's beautiful gardens after lunch, with some even working up an appetite for a Cream Tea. A good time was had by all and we raised over £650 for the Church of St. Lawrence, Oxhill.

These events wouldn't be possible without the hard work and culinary skills of the Church Fundraising Committee so thank you to Carol, Carol, Lilian, Gaida, Helen and Diane for all the hours you put in to make these events a success. I also want to send a big thank you to Jerry for all the hours spent washing up and moving tables, Gaynor for offering and making a delicious dessert, Owen for running the excellent Tombola, Alice for another brilliant poster and all the lovely helpers at the event who cleared tables and helped with the washing up in the kitchen. Many hands definitely do make light work!

Future Dates for your diary

October 5th Autumn Supper

November 9th Quiz Night





ST LAWRENCE – DATES FOR AUGUST 2019

Sunday, July 28 th	6.30 pm	Evensong, led by George Heighton
Sunday, August 4 th	9.30 am	Parish Communion, led by Jill Tucker
Wed, August 7 th	10.00 am	Informal Holy Communion at Oddcote, led by George Heighton
Sunday, August 11 th	9.30 am	Patronal Festival, for the feast of St Lawrence, led by Tom Moffatt
Sunday, August 18 th	9.30 am	Parish Communion, led by Jill Tucker
Sunday, August 25 th	6.30 pm	Evensong, led by Tom Moffatt

Could you note that during August there will be no Morning Worship in St Lawrence on a Monday morning.



An advance note about **Harvest** that you may like to put in your diaries: our **Harvest Festival** will be on **Sunday, September 22nd at 11.30 am in St Lawrence Church**. It will be immediately followed by a **Harvest Sunday Lunch** to which all are invited, in **The Old Chapel, at**

12.30 for 1.00 pm. It is always wonderful to receive gifts of produce for the Harvest Festival – they will be brought across to the Chapel after the service, and the Auction of Produce will take place after lunch. Full details nearer the time!

DRAFT NOTES FROM PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Tuesday 9th July 2019

Minutes of previous meeting held 14th May 2019

These were approved and signed as a true record of the meetings.

Report from County Councillor Chris Williams

The main points included:

Administration – Significant changes have taken place with the management structure at the County Council (WCC) and they have now started on new proposals which set out a clear vision to make Warwickshire forward thinking. The new Director of Highways is Scott Thompkins. With 18 years or experience he joins WCC from Gloucestershire.

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Grants – Cllr Williams ordered Oxhill Village Hall £1500.00 for the refurbishment and extension of the hall and kitchen improvement.

Report from District Councillor John Feilding

Site Allocation Plan - The major concern is not meeting the targets as set out in the Core Strategy. SDC have identified sites around the District to make up the numbers of developments.

Corporate Strategy - The Cabinet and Management Team are working on SDC Corporate Strategy for the next four years.

Police Forum – There have been a number of burglaries and a forum is being arranged on 4th September at Primrose Hill Farm. 2 members and the Clerk can attend the meeting. Further details will follow. The new Inspector is Alison Wiggin.

To receive an update on traffic calming

Most of the work has been done as agreed. Speeding is still an issue in the centre of the village. Councillors discussed if anything else can be done. Some villages have flashing speed signs which cost about £4K. There is money in the budget to use for traffic calming.

To discuss Security Marking and the way forward

50 kits were ordered and 48 have been sold. The Chair confirmed he has the kits to mark the tools. It was agreed to order an extra 10-15 kits.

To receive an update on planning

New Applications

19/01276/VARY, Changes to land on north side of plot 2, Green Lane. It was agreed to leave the Parish Council objection in place.

Older Applications

Appeal decision (18/02352/FUL), Land off Church Lane – Dismissed.

19/01049/FUL, Change of use of existing building and adjacent land at Church Farm, Whatcote Road. Refused by SDC.

* 19/00865/FUL, Proposed dwelling at Homestead, Main Street.

19/01276/VARY, Changes to Land on north side of Plot 2, Green Lane. Objections by PC.

19/01312/FUL, Demolition of existing pre-fab bungalow. Erection of new four bedroom dwelling. Objections by PC.

19/01530/FUL, Demolition of sun room and erection of single storey rear extension and new porch at Little Windmill, Whatcote Road. No objections by PC.

* 19/00865/FUL, Proposed dwelling at Homestead, Main Street. The Parish Council had sent no objections but did not know the SDC Conservation Officer had objected. The Parish Council then withdrew their support but this fell outside the 21 day consultation period. The application will not be re-submitted. The Parish Council would like to know in future if the Conservation Officer is objecting to an application.

Action: The Chair to raise this point at the Planning training course in September.

Financial Report

To review the current budget and forecast to 31st March 2020

The Parish Council are currently working to budget.

The following payments were approved under statutory powers:

£159.23 to Zurich Municipal (insurance)

£394.40 to Tysoe Childrens Group Ltd (copying of newsletter)

£600.00 to Smartwater (Purchase of Smartwater kits)

£40.00 to Information Commissioner (Data Protection Fee Renewal)

£15.00 to WALC (Planning Training for Cllr Stuart)

Correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated:

WALC, VE Day 75th Anniversary 8th - 10th May 2020. The early May bank holiday has been moved to the Friday to make a long weekend for international celebrations.

Councillors Reports

The Parish Clerk is to ask Highways for the cost to extend the path to the Sett.

Date and Time of Next meeting

Tuesday 10th September 2019 at 8pm

OWLS

OWLS (Oxhill Wildlife Society) has spent the last few years creating a wildflower and wildlife area in the churchyard. Those of you who may have visited it I'm sure will agree that this year it has been an absolute triumph. There is a diverse range of wildflowers with Oxeye Daisy being predominant and there is a good display of Viper's Bugloss which is loved by bees.

Members of OWLS spent two one-hour periods at the beginning of July to count the insects. The whole area was abundant with life. The different species of butterfly recorded were Ringlet, Meadow Brown, Small Skipper, Painted Lady, Red Admiral, Speckled Wood, Small Copper, Small White, Tortoiseshell, Marbled White (not common in the area), and the piece de resistance was the scarce White-letter Hairstreak, which breeds only on Elms. Moths included the Six-spot Burnett and the Clouded Buff. Several species of dragonfly were recorded including the wonderfully named Beautiful Demoiselle. Five different types of hoverflies were seen, along with five different types of bee. 51 different wildflowers were recorded.

I posted pictures of the churchyard and a brief description on Facebook and had such a fantastic response congratulating us.



This just shows what can be done with a small parcel of land. We need the insects back – they are a crucial part of the biodiversity of the planet. I wonder if the dramatic drop in numbers of our summer visiting swifts, swallows and house martins is in part due to the decline of insects.

The PCC has now agreed that we can rope off a section in front of the church, but we will manage this in a different way. It will be left for approximately six weeks without mowing in high summer, basically with no management, and will then be mowed again as usual.

Whilst all OWLS members have played an important part in the churchyard project, I would like to thank Jane Smith who has enthusiastically done the lion's share of the work, which of course still goes on, and the area will continue to be managed.

Grenville Moore 01295 680664
Jane Smith 07530 629114



The Rape of Villages by Highway Authorities

Once upon a time Rural England was sacrosanct, protected, a haven of peace and tranquillity providing a friendlier way of living. No need for street lights, or speed bumps, the slower pace of people a throwback to days of horses and carts. Now cyclist terrorise motorists with an evangelical zeal, riding en masse in double banked caterpillars, too wide and too long to pass and sometimes necessitating stopping altogether for someone, regardless of a right of way, who in frustration tries to overtake a 200 yard long ribbon of riders weaving in and out towards the centre of the carriageway.

Now having ridden horses for more years than I care to remember it gives me considerable pleasure to slow down, and even stop for our local horse riders, greeting them with the courtesy they deserve for risking their lives on a form of transport that's reaction to fear or danger is flight. They don't have airbrakes and they deserve more courtesy than a lady who once hit my stirrup iron with her roof. Now, except for the almost religious zealotry of "I am holier than thou because I do not pollute the environment" cyclists, I also have sympathy for them as I have ridden regularly in time trials in my youth, and toured the whole of Britain and Southern Ireland. If they fail to display courtesy there is little hope at their age they will ever show a vestige of compassions to other road users.

What does make my blood boil however was on the way to Tysoe seeing a plethora of 50 MPH road repeater signs which cost of £20+ thousand, now happily disappeared in a matter of months. Then, in Main Street Tysoe the huge artworks plastered across the road adjacent to every sign. Whoever thinks more signage will have one iota of impact on people who ignore the law when law abiding citizens continue to obey is frankly sixpence short of a shilling. It is like speaking louder in English to the French in the hope they will understand what you are saying.

Now Oxhill has adopted the same wishful thinking. The visual impact of the design of some of the new houses is bad enough. Preparing a Parish Plan totally ignored by the Planning Committee who at a stroke allowed development of Leys Field was bad enough. That decision caused the destruction of the tranquil ambiance of so many of our residents in a completely selfish act of social vandalism, when a viable alternative existed.

Now in Green Lane I have a huge white 30 MPH sign painted on the road. It will fade and will be as much use as water wings in a Tsunami. Our walkers, runners and doggy dawdlers had their safety margin stolen and the Highway Authority has ignored every request to do something about it. Now the powers that be prefer to do nothing until someone is killed or maimed and their answer will be streetlights and pavements and what little charm our rural community has left amongst the architectural eyesores, will be gone.

Alan Hedley



Now The Good News.....

Zero Waste Shopping Comes to Kineton

with Everything Usefill's pop-up shop



Saturday 10th August 10 – 12.30
St Francis Church Rooms,
Southam Street, Kineton

teas and coffees available

Talk at 10.00 am by the founders of the award-winning Zero waste store to explore the issues and ways in which we can all reduce and recycle.

This company (Zero: see www.zerostore.co.uk) set up by two Warwickshire mums, aims to supply a wide range of goods – but without the plastic packaging which we are all trying to escape. After their talk, the shop will be open from **10.30 – 12.30**.

It works like this:

- **Bring any clean, dry, empty container**
- **Choose your goods (from pasta & spices to cleaning products) –product list overleaf**
- **Container contents are weighed**
- **Pay and enjoy without the plastic waste**



GARDEN CLUB SUMMER PARTY

The Oxhill Garden Club Summer Party was held on Thursday July 11th in Peter and Margaret Rivers-Fletcher's garden. It was one of those lovely summer evenings that was beautifully calm and dry with great views across the fields.

The committee had produced an excellent buffet with a fine selection of salads, quiches and meats, followed by strawberries and cheese and biscuits.

Thanks to Martin Hunt the chairman, Peter and Margaret for hosting the event, and the Committee for all their hard work to produce a very convivial evening.

Roger Goodman





UPDATE ON SECURITY MARKING IN OXHILL

Following the recent Security Marking event and subsequent marking of some resident's property we have sold all of our original Smartwater Kits and the PC has ordered some more for new residents or others that did not order a kit, the first time around. The kit comprises a marker pen and some stickers. Each pen is unique to the person who buys it and can be used to mark anything from Jewellery to TV's which will help in tracing any items that are stolen.

I have a small kit of Markers for items like Mowers or Hedge trimmers, etc and will happily come to your house in the village, if there are items that you want marking.

The Police, from Shipston, have given us a box of security items like alarmed padlocks, etc that can be purchased by residents. At the time of writing, we do not have the accompanying price list but once we do have that we will let you know. Mick Shepherd has agreed to hold the box.

If you want to buy a Smartwater kit at a subsidised cost of £10 or have power tools that you want marking, free of charge, please call me.

Derek Harbour (680676)



Tysoe Tennis Club
www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

TYSOE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

The Ladies A Team is currently lying in 4th position in Division 3 (out of 6 teams) and needs to stay there to avoid relegation. The Ladies B Team is doing really well and will undoubtedly be promoted from Division 5 so we could end up with both teams in Division 4.

The Mens team has competed this year in Division 4 of the Wildmoor League, travelling as far afield as Redditch and Moreton to play. The team avoided relegation last year but, with a couple of matches still to play, it looks like they are destined for Division 5. We are very keen to encourage new players to swell the numbers and have been grateful to David Fellows and Tim Clarke for joining us this season.

In the midweek Banbury Town League it's been a slow start because of rain and rescheduling. Only 3 of the 12 matches have been played, with 2 wins and 2 losses.

Membership Fees:

Junior (under 16) £18

Student (over 16 in full-time education) £21

Adult (over 18) £75

Family (up to 2 adults plus children under 16) £150

Contact:

Club Secretary – Carol Spencer 07708 412767 / carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk

Website – www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

TYSOE JUNIOR TENNIS

Junior tennis has been thriving on the courts this month as we welcomed 33 youngers from Tysoe Church of England Primary School for ‘tennis taster’ sessions on 27th June.

Huge amounts of enthusiasm and lots of budding talent were clearly evident and we hope to see many of those who took part coming along for more tennis this summer.

ANY YOUNG PERSON who wants to give tennis a go is welcome to come along to the courts for our open sessions.

We will also be holding sessions throughout the summer holidays on Sunday mornings from 09.30–10.30 from the first Sunday in August.

These sessions are free and you do not have to be a member to attend. If you like playing, you are welcome to join and you can then play all year round. We have racquets you are welcome to use if you do not have your own.

The sessions are not intended to be coaching-based but simply to provide an opportunity to use the courts. Kids – please bring along your parents as they are welcome to join in!

The sessions are free. All that we ask is that parents do not leave their children unattended!

If you have any questions, please contact us.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Mini Red Team in the Summer Team Tennis League. The U8 Red Team came third in their league of six teams. They had some great matches, from experiencing clay for the first time to their final match where they were one player down but only lost by two rubbers.

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Liz Finlyson - lfinlyson@live.co.uk

Website: www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

SUNDAY MORNING SESSIONS AT TYSOE TENNIS CLUB

Just to let you know that we will be holding junior practise sessions on Sunday mornings throughout the summer holidays from 09.30 - 10.30.

Please do come along, all these sessions are free and will be supported by senior club members and if you'd like to pick up a racket and join in too you'd be very welcome. We have a few spare rackets and you won't need to be a member.

Session Dates

21st July

28th July

4th August

11th August

18th August

25th August

We look forward to seeing you there and if you have any queries please contact **Liz Finlyson - Junior Co-ordinator 07796 264358/lfinlyson@live.co.uk**

Carol
Club Secretary



Henley Match

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TYSOE W.I.

We've enjoyed a day trip to Highclere Castle, home of Downton Abbey, and the craft and laugh group visited Wensleydale Rare Sheep Farm locally, finding out about production of wool from sheep to shop, where a few purchases were made!

There won't be a meeting in August as our members are off to Green and Gorgeous Flower Farm near Wallingford for a tour and floral demonstration followed by afternoon tea.

We are hosting a ladies evening on Wednesday August 28th, 7.15 for 7.30. Tysoe Village Hall. We are thrilled to be welcoming Annie Broe who will be demonstrating skin care and make up along with tips and advice, and ways to wear those scarves we all have in abundance. Wine and nibbles included in the price. £6 on the door or contact Dee on 07799584479 for more information. Open to all, do come along and enjoy a fun evening out.



Our next meeting is on Wednesday September 4th at 7.30, doors open 7.15, when our speaker will be Tanya Goodwin on "Digital Detox for Life."

Everyone welcome, join us for a glass of wine and chat.

This Autumn we are looking forward to visiting Forge Mill Needle Museum and Jinny Ring Craft centre in October, Gloucester Quays Victorian Christmas Market in November and Webbs Garden Centre, one of the biggest centres, in December.

Our membership continues to grow, so if you would like to know more about our W.I. or are interested in any of our events, trips etc please get in touch.

Email tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com or follow us on Facebook or visit our website www.tysoewi.com

Tysoe Church of England Primary School

Summer 2019

This is my last update as Head of School as I retire at the end of term. It has been my privilege to lead the great team of staff and fantastic children at Tysoe. I have striven to instil the core values of friendship, responsibility and perseverance, for the children to have fun in their learning and to gain skills for life. I will miss everyone including the many members of the local community who have been involved with the school and thank everyone for their support. I wish every success to Ms Paige Neale as she takes over the role in September.



Den Building at Ryton Pools

Recently, we held a week of outdoor activities across the school. Our Year 5 and 6 children went on a residential trip to Marle Hall for a week of adventure, including gorge scrambling, canoeing and rock climbing. Another group went to Ryton Pools to enjoy pond-dipping and den building in the woods. Oak Class went to Cotswold Wildlife Park and were very lucky to see a 4-day old baby zebra. Our youngest children had a fun day out at 'All Things Wild'.



Inside the Explorer Space Dome

We also had a visit from the Explorer Space Dome which is a mobile planetarium that enables children to experience the amazing world of space. The dome filled the school hall and the children had to crawl inside into the dark hole! The shows were tailored to the age of the children and included facts about stars, the sun, moon and planets.

At Sports Day, the older children showed excellent leadership skills by taking care of the younger members of their house teams. There were also good competition in the sprints and relay races. Sunrising gained the most bonus points for fair play. However, the overall winners were Edgehill.

The Year 6 children performed their leavers' show, 'The Next Big Step' which included many humorous moments, excellent singing and acting. It was a look back over the children's primary years and then forward to taking the big step into high schools. As I take the next step forward, I send my best wishes to everyone who has supported me and Tysoe School.

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WOT2Grow COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Well a bit of summer has been noticed over the last month and that has brought things on well at the orchard. The soft fruit is delicious, as always, and although not as much as last year there is enough to go round! The blueberries have needed watering every couple of days as there has been a distinct lack of good rain, not complaining! Raspberries, red currants, white currants, black currants and gooseberries are all giving the members fresh, organic fruit!



Common Toadflax with Grass Seed



Ox Eye Daisies with Knapweed

The stone fruit pruning will complete by the end of July and then it's on to some summer pruning of the largest apple and pear trees. This will not encourage more growth of these big trees but keep them at a manageable height and breadth. The July drop is necessary despite fears that there would be few apples and pears! Actually some of the early varieties have no fruit due to the frosts and winds but later varieties will have a good crop. But we do need some lengthy spells of rain, in between the sunshine, to help the fruit mature it a good size.

Mowing is always a major task and this year has been no exception. The mowing team have done a great job and even introduced an interesting chequer board approach by leaving patches of longer grass in between closer mown paths. This leaves more vegetation for wild life whilst maintaining hygiene under the trees. The main things is the dandelions have been kept under control!!!

Join us to support the environment as well as getting great fruit! Your Community Orchard just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe!

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Devils Bit Scabious with Knapweed

