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Christmas Lunch at the Village Hall

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OXHILL NEWS

The editors welcome any pictures, photographs, drawings, poems, puzzles, recipes, announcements or items of local news for possible inclusion in The Oxhill News. Please email news-editor@oxhill.org.uk or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the village Church.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library has books with **large print**, ordinary print, picture books, children's books, paperbacks, non-fiction, novels, sagas, crime, mysteries, adventures, westerns and romance. The van has talking books, cassettes and CDs.

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30, staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Friday January 17th.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 7th and 21st January. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 14th and 28th January.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

This walking group usually walks on the 4th Friday of the month. If you are interested in joining or to find out further information, please contact Jim Saxton on 680645 or email jimsaxton@btinternet.com

AT THE PEACOCK

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on Wednesday January 1st at 10.30 am.
The village lunch is on Wednesday January 15th at 12:30pm.



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH DIARY FOR JANUARY 2019

As we move into a New Year, I trust you had a peaceful and blessed Christmas. Very many thanks to everyone for their hard work, support and donations in whatever form. We have supported The Children's Society, Carriers of Hope, The Shipston Food Bank and the Coventry Winter Night Shelter Project among others. For the New Year, the diary is slightly quieter, at least to begin with!

Sunday, January 5th **Epiphany** 9.30 am Parish Communion, Tom Moffatt

Sunday, January 12th **Baptism of Christ** 9.30 am Morning Worship, Jill Tucker

Sunday, January 19th 9.30 am Parish Communion, Jill Tucker

Also on Sunday January 19th there is a Celtic Evening Prayer in Whatcote Church at 6.30 pm, to which all are invited.

Sunday, January 26th 6.30 pm Evensong, Jill Tucker

Sunday, February 2nd **Candlemas, Presentation of Christ in the Temple**
9.30 am Parish Communion, Jill Tucker

For those who love to sing, there is a special event in **Tysoe Church** on **Saturday, February 1st, from 2.00 pm for 2.30 pm until 6.00 pm**, to mark Candlemas. Candlemas is a special point in the church's year, when we take a last look back at Christmas, and turn our gaze towards Easter.

The Royal School of Church Music is holding a **Come and Sing Candlemas Eucharist**, to which all who love to sing are invited: to learn some new music, and then sing and share the Eucharist together. All are welcome to join us for the service at 5.00pm.

Maddy Evans will be playing the organ, David Noble from Bilton will be leading, as he did last year.

Music provided, and also afternoon tea.
Suggested donation towards costs: £8

We hope you can join us: if you are coming, please tell
Maddy: maddy_evans1981@yahoo.co.uk
or Jill: revjill.tucker@btinternet.com

KNIT AND NATTER

The next Knit and Natter session will be in the Village Hall on 9th January at 2.00. Everyone welcome. Also meetings on January 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Our table at the Craft Fayre brought in £112 for the church and Guide Dogs. Due to that success we are planning on having another event in the New Year.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas.

Jane, 07530 629114

BLAST FROM THE PAST

Anyone who still remembers my mother, Vera Clark, late of Windrush, might be interested to know that I have returned to the motherland after over forty years, and am now living in Windmill Way, Tysoe.

I have already had the pleasure of reconnecting with some Oxhill residents at Tysoe WI, and look forward to catching up with more of you at some point.

Carol Clark

NOT ALL OF YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS.....

But on most Tuesday mornings when the weather is fine, a select group of us muster in front of the Peacock and then set off around the nearby villages on our bikes.

Fortunately we are usually led by Mike Druce who has a truly encyclopedic knowledge of our lanes. Do we want a hilly ride, how far should it be and where shall we have a coffee break?

He's also very patient with people like me who are at the back or last if you need to be precise. Sixteen to twenty miles is our usual distance and we really appreciate all the motorists who tolerate us slowing them down.

We've been out on the bikes most Tuesdays and the mileage does build up over the months. The picture below captures the moment when I came round a bend in Tysoe to find everyone had stopped in response to Derek's command. He was pouring a glass of fizz for everyone which allowed us to celebrate me completing my 1000th mile in 2019.



We're usually fine weather cyclists, and certainly I am a member of the Flat Earth Society, and also the Downhill Society, though on occasions have been known to conquer the gentler ascents of Edge Hill.

Roger Goodman

TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

DECEMBER UPDATE

Primary Maths Challenge

We are delighted to announce that once again Tysoe has taken part in this year's Maths Challenge. The top Gold Award went to Ernie and Angel. Silver was awarded to Charlie, Hattie, Lucia, Jake and Harry. There were 9 bronze awards and 8 children also received a certificate commending their participation. This is a great result! Well done everyone and thanks to Mrs Smith for preparing the children and organising the competition.

Christingle

On Tuesday 3rd December, Years 5 and 6 were lucky enough to contribute to the Christingle Service at Coventry Cathedral. Each school performed their own song or reading. Tysoe pupils sang 'Shine Jesus Shine'. The children learnt about the Christingle and were given oranges and candles to make their own at school. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Bell, Mr Rake and some of our parents for attending the service with us and to St Mary's Church PCC who supported the school with the cost of attending.

Christmas Plays

We have been delighted to welcome parents, family, friends and governors into school for our Christmas performances. Thank you to everyone who attended, they were fantastic performances. We would like to thank all of the staff for their dedication and hard work to produce each show. We are incredibly proud of all the children and thank our ever supportive parents and carers for providing costumes, learning lines and rehearsing songs.

Paige Neale
Head of School

CHRISTMAS LUNCH at the VILLAGE HALL

On December 9th the Village Hall hosted the Christmas Lunch. It was the full meal with all the trimmings, and the old hall reverberated with the buzz of happy conversation. The only time there was a lull was when the main course was served.



After lunch the entertainment was provided by Jim Henry.

Altogether an excellent start to the Christmas season..

The Village Hall Committee and friends did all the work that included shopping, cooking and washing up. All of which creates a lovely enjoyable day in Oxhill.

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th January, in the Village Hall at 7.30pm but do come along a bit earlier for a glass of wine.

Wendy Moore from our much appreciated local coach company, Johnsons, is hoping to dazzle you with the variety of gardens around the country that Johnsons can take you to. See you there !

ROAD SAFETY AND SPEEDING IN OXHILL

The increase in traffic and noticeable speeding in recent years has resulted in greater attention by the Parish Council and some recent actions to try to alleviate the situation.

Past actions

Community speed camera

In May 2016, a small group of villagers took part in this project.

Because of the signage and presence of the camera crew, the results showed that only 3.8% of drivers were over the limit, far from the true picture .

To make any significant difference the camera team would have to be constantly monitoring traffic.

Further speed checking.

Further checking was requested by the PC and over a two day period later in the year, speed monitoring via rubber strips in Green Lane and Whatcote Road were installed by the Council at a cost to the PC and speeds were checked again. Results showed, again, that the average speeds were 33 and 34 mph BUT there were also a number of vehicles that exceeded 60 mph.

Road marking

Discussions with Warwickshire Highways Department (WHD) resulted in the recent road marking with ‘Dragons Teeth’ and 30 mph surface signage throughout the village. The real effectiveness of this is difficult to measure.

Future potential action

WHD advise that nothing makes a significant change apart from physical restraints such as chicanes or speed humps. However, as a ‘dark’ village (ie one with no street lights) – Chicanes and Road Bumps are not permitted for safety reasons.

Other conventional methods such as village gates, more signage, and flashing signs have been considered but currently rejected on grounds of cost effectiveness.

Unconventional methods such as making Oxhill a one-way system, roadside placards, and dummy policemen have also been considered.

Physical barriers.

It has been suggested by Highways staff that parking cars in the road to form a chicane would be effective and this final suggestion has been the subject of further research by your PC.

Assuming that residents would be unwilling to park their cars on the road, night or day, one option would be to purchase two cars and equip them with satisfactory night time lighting, and front and back recording cameras. These cars could be moved to wherever was required.

A second, and much cheaper but also potentially as effective scheme is to use **trailers** instead of cars. Simple second-hand box trailers would be equipped with night time lighting, similar to cars, and would be locked in position where required to prevent theft. An amber light could be fitted at some height to emphasise the existence and a front and rear camera would record any collision.. This concept has been tested on-line by ‘Ask the police’ and it appears that it could be feasible and legal.

Funding

The parish council has approved funding for this concept which now needs further detailed considerations.

Action now

Since this scheme will be able cover all roads around our village, to progress this, we need to form a committee of helpers, of enthusiastic people with ideas, legal experience and practical skills. If you would like to be involved, please contact me.

Peter Rivers Fletcher
Barnacre, Whatcote Rd.
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07730800729

The Teddy Bear Dancers



As you may remember, at the start of December, Mrs Precious organised a raffle and some carol singing around Oxhill by the Teddy Bear dancers to raise funds for the Air Ambulance.

A combined total of £163 was raised from both events. Mrs Precious would like to thank everyone, who donated prizes, purchased tickets and/or rewarded the teddy bears with a donation, for their generosity.

PRECIS OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3RD DECEMBER 2019

Co-option of New Councillor

Reuben Connolly was welcomed and co-opted onto the Parish Council.

Minutes of last meeting held on 10th September 2019

These were approved and signed.

To receive a report from the County and District Councillor

Cllr Feilding noted there is little going on due to purdah and the General Election on 12th December. He has received contact details for an ORBIT property agent. Non UK residents will need to have legal immigration status to continue to live in the UK after Brexit. They have to register by 2021. Cllr Feilding to forward the details for the newsletter and website. Details of two community transport schemes were handed over, UBUS and VASA. To use VASA, the volunteer driver is paid 45p per mile and a £3 admin fee. Two hours of waiting time is included in the booking.

To discuss the drainage in Leys Field

There have been flooding problems following the heavy rainfall recently. A letter has been drafted and will be sent to Stratford District Council.

To receive an update on Traffic Calming

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher had circulated a paper. Speeding continues to be a problem but measures are limited without street lighting. An idea of lit up box trailers is being explored. It was agreed to allocate £1K to this project.

To receive an update on planning

New Applications

- *19/03143/FUL, Erection of car port at Cariad, Green Lane.*
The Parish Council objected to this but it has been withdrawn now.
- *19/03160/FUL, Proposed extension to reinstated garage and alterations to rear elevation at The Orchard, Rouse Lane.*

No objections from the PC.

- *19/02378/FUL, Demolition of existing garage and construction of new outbuilding to provide ancillary living accommodation (annexe) to existing dwelling and construction of new timber garage and store at Auchneiven House, Whatcote Road. No objections from the PC. A CIL document is missing from the application.
Action: The Parish Clerk to email SDC.*
- *19/03100/FUL, Proposed annex comprising ancillary bedroom accommodation at Homestead, Main Street. Under consideration.*
- *19/03206/FUL, Creation of hardstanding area enclosed by a 1.2m high precast concrete panels to be used for equestrian manure waste area linked to the equestrian use of the wider site. Creation of additional hardstanding to link the manure waste area to the existing track to provide access at Oxhill Centre, Banbury Road. No objections from the PC.*

Older Applications

- *19/02884/FUL, Demolition of existing lean-to and construction of single storey extensions to 3 sides at Oxhill Village Hall. Supported by PC.*
- *19/02108/TREE, Tree work at The Granary, Rouse Lane. No objection by SDC.*
- *19/02652/FUL, Installation of 2 wood drying kilns (retrospective) at Windmill Farm, Red Horse Vale Ltd. No objections by PC. Granted by SDC.*
- *19/02258/COUQ, Prior approval notification for the change of use of agricultural building into 3 no. Dwellings including associated operational development under Class Q (b) at Stonecroft House. Granted by SDC.*
- *19/02735/TEL28, Installation of fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus 1 no. 9 metre pole in Whatcote Road. For info only.*
- *19/01312/FUL, Demolition of existing pre-fab bungalow. Erection of new 4 bedroom dwelling at Armdale, Green Lane. Granted by SDC.*

- 19/01773/FUL, Full planning application for the erection of a storage building at Windmill Farm, Red Horse Vale Ltd, Banbury Road. Granted by SDC.
- 19/01774/FUL, Full planning application for the erection of an extension to the previously approved 10/01607/FUL B8 storage building at Windmill Farm, Red Horse Vale Ltd, Banbury Road. Granted by SDC.

Financial Report

The following payments were approved:

£19.76 to L Stuart (website)

£468.00 to Tysoe Childrens Group (newsletter printing)

£44.00 to Oxhill Village Hall (Repairs and renewals to the village notice-board)

£5.00 to WALC (purchase of Good Cllr Guide book)

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To consider a grant request from Oxhill Village Hall

A grant request had been received from Oxhill Village Hall to help with renovations costs. This is the first request for money from them. It was agreed to ask for more information about total planning costs and more detail of ongoing expenses and fees.

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

The current budget sheet was reviewed. The Parish Council are currently working to budget.

To look at Income, Expenditure and Plans for 2020/21

Ideas for plans and expenditure for the coming year include:

- Bench outside the church with a nameplate
- Purchase and installation of mobile chicanes to help with speed reduction
- More waste/dog bins located around the village
- Three new bus shelters on a 1 per year basis
- More proactive stance on flooding to include short term measures like acquiring a stock of sandbags and longer term actions of persuing the relevant authorities

- Review of documentation provided to new residents to potentially include a footpath map
- Small lockable filing cabinet for PC documents in the village hall
- Frequent updating of the village on security matters
- Assets of Community Value to be registered
- Review of Green credentials including piloting a collective scheme for solar panels on roofs of houses, a charging point for electric vehicles and the planting of wild flowers on the verges

These ideas and costs will form part of the budget discussions at the next meeting in January.

Councillors Reports

The poor condition of Gilks Lane was noted.

Action: The Parish Clerk to report.

Flooding at the top of the village was noted but this may be due to lack of ditches.

Action: The Parish Clerk to report.

Date of Next Meeting

14 January, 2020, starting at 8.00pm.

WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Wassail is happening again on Saturday 18th January from 4:30pm. This fun event is open to everyone so do come along and hear about the tradition we are keeping alive. Stout boots are necessary and bring a torch and something to make a noise to scare away bad things and be prepared for the gunshots that ring out over the orchard!!

The AGM is on Tuesday 21st January at 6:45pm in Tysoe Village Hall, again all are welcome as it is your community orchard.

More information?

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451),
Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)
or see the website www.wot2grow.co.uk



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

NEWS UPDATE

Stratford DC has approved our [application for planning permission](#) for the extension of the Hall. Thank you to all those who supported the application. The approval notice and all associated documents and plans can be viewed by using the following link:

<https://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppDetail.aspx?appkey=PZCRHAPMGGP00>

The challenge of fund-raising now begins in earnest, and the Committee would welcome ideas from you. Some small grants have already been obtained for incidental works, but having obtained planning permission for the extension, we now need to approach major grant-giving organisations, as well as raising funds in the parish itself.

The [OVH Christmas Lunch](#) was held on 9th December and very many compliments have been received from those who sat down to a traditional meal. Jo and Derek ran the kitchen, and a busy team of mainly non-Committee members served, cleared away, washed up, and sold raffle tickets. “Thank you” also to those who cooked food at home, including mince pies, apple pie, roast potatoes, vegetable mash, melon balls and bread rolls. All those people know who they are, and it just wouldn’t have been possible without their support. The Committee is also grateful to Brian Hobill for providing a gammon joint as an alternative to turkey.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Saturday January 25th: Burns Night Dinner at 7pm for 7.30 dinner.

A chance to share a traditional evening with friends. Tickets will be £17.50 to include 3 courses and a dram! This is always a really good night and this year will be no exception. To help with planning and catering, please book as soon as you can after receiving your Oxhill News.

To book, contact Gill Stewart on 01295 688199 or 07836 375161 or gill@northside.me.uk



Tuesday February 11th at 7.30pm: A talk about Forensic Archaeology by Prof John Hunter (Emeritus Professor of Ancient History and Archaeology, University Birmingham).



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This is a talk about the archaeology of modern murder, how buried victims can be located and excavated and how the evidence can be used to obtain convictions. Forensic archaeology is now used widely throughout the UK and in the investigation of genocide and war crimes overseas.

CARERS4CARERS MONTHLY MEETING



Friday 24th January 10.30 – 12 noon: at Kineton Village Hall.

Please join us for coffee, biscuits and a workshop led by South Warwickshire Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT).

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.

Sports Hall, Kineton Sports & Social Club

Shake off that late January gloom with a fun quiz evening featuring a wide variety of topics with something for everyone

QUIZ

Friday 31 January

Start 7.30pm

Bring your friends and your nibbles and enjoy the bar which will be open

£20 per table

Raffle

Organised by the Swan Singers of Kineton

TYSOE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER

Tysoe Tennis continues to thrive and still play matches through the winter with two ladies and two mixed teams in local leagues, sometimes in woolly hats, gloves and body warmers!

Tysoe Mixed A have had several matches postponed because of bad weather but recorded their second win of the winter against Byfield D. They now have 2 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss and are in 3rd position in the league.

The Mixed B managed to take 2 sets from top-of-the-table Deddington showing great spirit and competitiveness in a really enjoyable friendly match. They also recorded a hard-fought victory over Towcester winning 5 of the 8 sets, spending 3 hours on court and ending with a tiebreak under the lights.

The Ladies A are now second in Division 5 and only two points away from the top team.



Junior Activity

The Sunday morning junior sessions are also running through the winter and are run by parents 09.30-10.30 weather permitting. If your child wants to come along and give it a go, we provide rackets and balls and are open to all ages from 4 upwards. Membership is not required to start with but, if you are keen to carry on playing after trying us out, we will ask you to join.

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

Contacts:

Club Secretary – Carol Spencer 07708 412767 /
carolspencer234@hotmail.co.uk

Junior Tennis – 07796264358 / lfinlyson@live.co.uk

Website – www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

DENE VALLEY U3A

Dene Valley U3A will host a presentation by Andy Jenkins on the activities of the 'Dogs for Good Charity' which trains dogs to support people with disabilities in either a personal or family capacity. Dogs are also trained to work alongside personal handlers to work in schools, hospitals and in social care settings. Come along and find out more about what this great charity is doing!

The presentation will take place at St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, on Tues 11th February starting at 2.30pm. Non-members are welcome to attend at a nominal charge of £2 which includes refreshments. If you would like to know more about us and possibly even consider joining our organisation, then please visit our website at <http://www.denevalleyu3a.btck.co.uk> or go to our Facebook page.

Dene Valley U3A - On the 2nd Tuesday of every month our organisation hosts a presentation on a topic of general interest starting at 2.30pm in St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne. All welcome. Non members £2 which includes refreshments.

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

January

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| Wed | 1st | 10:30 | Village Coffee Morning, The Peacock |
| Tue | 7th | | Green & Blue Bin Collection |
| Thu | 9th | 14:00 | Knit & Natter, OVH |
| Thu | 9th | 19:00 for 19:30 | Garden Club, Oxhill Village Hall |
| Tue | 14th | 20:00 | Oxhill Parish Council Mtg, OVH |
| Tue | 14th | | Grey Bin Collection |
| Wed | 15th | 12:30 | Village Lunch, The Peacock |
| Wed | 15th | | OXHILL NEWS Submission Deadline |
| Thu | 16th | 14:00 | Knit & Natter, OVH |
| Fri | 17th | 14:30 | Mobile Library, OVH |
| Sat | 18th | 16:30 | Wassail, WOT2Grow Orchard |
| Tue | 21st | | Green & Blue Bin Collection |
| Tue | 21st | 18:45 | WOT2Grow AGM, Tysoe Village Hall |
| Thu | 23rd | 14:00 | Knit & Natter, OVH |
| Fri | 24th | 10:30 - 12:00 | Carers4Carers, Kineton VH |
| Sat | 25th | 19:00 for 19:30 | Burns Night, Oxhill Village Hall |
| Tue | 28th | | Grey Bin Collection |
| Thu | 30th | 14:00 | Knit & Natter, OVH |
| Fri | 31st | | Weekday Walkers |
| Fri | 31st | 19:30 | Quiz, Sports Hall, Kineton |

February

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| Sat | 1st | 14:00 for 14:30 to 18:00 | Candlemas at Tysoe Church |
| Fri | 7th | 14:30 | Mobile Library, OVH |
| Tue | 11th | 19:30 | Talk about Forensic Archaeology, at OVH |

**Next Parish Council Meeting is: 14 January 2020
starting at 8.00pm.**