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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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Spring arrives at Brian and Liz's pool

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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 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 March 20th.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 3rd, 17th and 31st March. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 10th and 24th March.

## 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:

07748324934 or email [jimsaxton@btinternet.com](mailto:jimsaxton@btinternet.com)

## AT THE PEACOCK

### **Village Events**

The village coffee morning is on  
March 4th at 10.30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday  
March 18th at 12:30pm.



## DEANERY NEWS

Dear Friends,

At our Synod in January we were pleased to welcome Julie Bellamy, the Director of Finance, who was able to give us some practical advice and information on Parish Share and the principles behind it. Although we are naturally rooted in our local churches, the share system is one way in which we are connected to our brothers and sisters beyond our parish – and deanery – boundaries, and are able to be part of God’s work in the wider kingdom.

Lent is upon us now, and we turn our thoughts to preparing for everything that Easter holds for us. I pray that in the middle of busy lives, we will all find some space to journey with Christ again on that final walk to Jerusalem and beyond.

Our Lent services this year are on the theme of mental health, recognising that Christ came to offer us life in all its fullness. Please do come along – we have speakers who are experienced in the field in a number of areas and all should be very interesting to hear.

**All services start at 7:30pm.**

Tues 3rd March at Tysoe	<b>Depression and the Psalms</b> Rev. Ben Dyson
Tues 10th March at Tredington	<b>Making sense of our emotional responses to life’s path’</b> Stephen Bushell
Tues 17th March at Shipston	<b>Dementia–towards a spirituality</b> Rev. Jean Fletcher
Tues 24th March at Butlers Marston	<b>The me God made me to be</b> Rev. Ali Hogger
Tues 31st March at Ettington	<b>Prevention of Young suicide</b> Ged Flynn, CEO Papyrus
Tues 7th April at Long Compton	<b>Holy Week Eucharist</b> Ven. Barry Dugmore

*Blessings, Sarah*

Rev’d Sarah Edmonds Maguire, Rector of Shipston on Stour,  
Ilmington, Honington & Idlicote, Area Dean of Shipston

## **ST LAWRENCE CHURCH, OXHILL SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR MARCH 2020**

Tuesday, February 25th: **SHROVE TUESDAY**

6.30 for 7.00 pm **Pancake Supper** in The Old Chapel – Donations\*

Wednesday, February 26th: **Ash Wednesday**

7.30 pm Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday, with imposition of Ashes, George Heighton

Sunday, March 1st: **First Sunday of Lent**

9.30 am Parish Communion, Jill Tucker

Wednesday, March 4th

10.00 am Quiet Holy Communion in Oddcot, Jill Tucker

Sunday, March 8th: **Second Sunday of Lent**

9.30 am Morning Worship, Jill Tucker

Sunday, March 15th: **Third Sunday of Lent**

9.30 am Parish Communion, George Heighton

Also, in Whatcote at 6.30 pm: Celtic Evening Prayer by Candlelight

Sunday, March 22nd: **MOTHERING SUNDAY**

3.30 pm Mothering Sunday Service, with afternoon tea.

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

11.00 am Five Churches United Communion Service in **Sutton**.

### **Also happening:**

- Thursday, March 5th, at 7.30 pm at The Old House, **Coffee, Cake and Lent Conversation – God so loved the world.**

- Thursday, March 19th, at 3.00 pm at The Old House, **Tea Time for Lent: Conversations about the God of Love.** Afternoon tea, and space for reflection.
- Tuesday, March 31st, **Lent Lunch** in The Old Chapel, 12.30 pm – Donations\*
- Every Thursday morning, George Heighton will be in Church at 8.30 am for Morning Prayer.
- And looking ahead, **Messy Easter** will be happening on **Good Friday, 10th April**, between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon in The Old Chapel – a chance for children and their families to create an Easter Collage, and explore the meaning of Easter. There will be hot cross buns, cake and drinks, and anyone is welcome to come and see what is happening and have tea and cake!

\*All our donations this Lent will go towards the work of Papyrus, the UK charity for the prevention of young suicide, whose work will be highlighted in one of the **Deanery Lent Services** to be held on Tuesday 31st March at Ettington.

## CHURCH FUNDRAISING NEWS

By the time you read this, the Pancake Supper will have happened and we will be in Lent. Each parish in the South Feldon group of churches takes turns to provide a simple Lent lunch for parishioners, with Oxhill hosting on Tuesday 31st March, starting at 12.30pm at the Old Chapel. Donations from the lunch go to the Church's Lent charity. We eat simply so others can simply eat.

### Dates for your diary

#### May 16th

Early summer will be busy with the Church Fundraising Committee running a cake stall, supporting the **Village Hall Project launch Garden Fete** at Newborough House.

## **June 6th and 7th**

**Scarecrow Weekend** will be a joint village fundraiser involving as many villagers as possible. See elsewhere in the Oxhill News for requests for volunteers!

## **August 23rd**

Our next Church Fundraising event will be a **Summer Lunch** in a marquee in Jill and Colin's field courtesy of the Collins' family.

## **November 7th**

We will be holding another Old Chapel **Quiz Night** as last year's event was so popular. An Oxhill team had best win this time!

## **November 28th**

By popular request, **Made in Oxhill** will open its doors again.

If you have questions about any of the above events, want to attend or offer to help, please contact me.

Ruth Mercer

[ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com)

07400 615999

## **NOTE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL**

All the Parish Council meetings are open to the public. They start at 8pm and take place in the village hall. An agenda is put on the village notice-board and website one week before a meeting.

Please come along to raise any issues or find out what is happening.

The Parish Council can be contacted via email on [oxhillpc@btinternet.com](mailto:oxhillpc@btinternet.com) or on 01295 276229.

## **TWAM – TOOLS WITH A MISSION – APPEAL**

The charity TWAM provides trade packs and training in third world countries. The usual tools for kits

see [www.twam.uk/toolkits](http://www.twam.uk/toolkits) and [www.twam.uk/sewing-and-knitting](http://www.twam.uk/sewing-and-knitting).

TWAM is desperate for laptops Windows 7 and above. So for peace of mind, your old laptop will be completely cleaned of all data by the professional TWAM team.

Please contact Jim Saxton in Oxhill [jimsaxton@btinternet.com](mailto:jimsaxton@btinternet.com) 07748 324934

## ROAD CLOSED

I am appalled at the inability of large numbers of people incapable of understanding this statement.

As you are aware this closure was clearly publicized ahead and there are signs all along Main Street.

Anyone who inadvertently misses the message is signed to do a short detour round Back Lane.



They do NOT. Instead they drive at speed ON the pavement 30 cm from my front door. If anyone has the temerity to walk out of the door they literally take their life in their hands. The person would stand NO chance. I am very tempted to sit on a chair on the pavement but would no doubt get a lot of grief. Delivery drivers are not the only ones guilty (Tesco I am talking about you) as they are mainly car drivers speeding to an urgent appointment in Tysoe.

I will urge that next time the road is closed they actually do it and make drivers take a brief detour.

*Gwyn Adams*

## CARERS4CARERS

Friday 27th March 10.30 – 12 noon: **Carers4Carers monthly meeting** at Kineton Village Hall.



They'll be no speaker this month giving us more time for coffee, biscuits and chat. Do bring along any small art or craft projects to help you relax. Jasmin is bringing her harps to play with the Companionship Group. 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.

# **TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL – FEBRUARY UPDATE**

We were delighted to receive a letter from Nick Gibb, Minister of State for School Standards, congratulating the school on the high achievement of pupils in Maths. Tysoe is in the top 2% of Primary Schools in the country: a wonderful achievement! A special mention to Mrs Kathryn Smith, our amazing maths leader.

Give and it will be given to you. Luke 6.38

Our Collective Worship value this half term is Generosity. We have been thinking about ways we can be generous toward each other. We can give our time and effort to others or show care, concern and love. We have been reflecting on the reasons for giving and looking at ways to be generous at home and at school. It is lovely to see so many examples of generosity around our school.

As part of their History topic, Willow Class have had a Victorian day where they experienced what it would be like to go to school during the Victorian times. Children took part in activities such as reciting proverbs, handwriting and adding pounds, shillings and pence in Maths. During the afternoon, boys practiced their technical drawing while the girls did some cross-stitch.

Oak Class have been learning about ‘The Great Fire of London’ and were visited by The Freshwater Theatre Company who ‘took the children back in time’ to 1666. The children discovered that life in London was very different to how it is now. They were asked to act as a Pitch Worker, Thomas Farriner and the flames of the fire. The most popular part was when they had to pretend to have the plague! Thank you to Tysoe Utilities Trust for subsidizing this visit.

Visits from prospective parents are welcome. Contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295 680244.

*Paige Neale, Head of School*

## **OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL - A YEAR IN REVIEW: APRIL 2019 - MARCH 2020**

The Parish Council (PC) is the most local tier of government and Oxhill sits within the Ward of Red Horse, which in turn forms part of the Stratford District Council (SDC). Stratford also has a Town Council and all report up into Warwickshire County Council, each tier having their own Councillors.

Like most public institutions, the Parish Council budgetary year runs from April to March, so it is common to look back at the year during the winter months to celebrate successes, take on lessons learned and plan for the coming year. While District and Ward Councillors receive some sort of allowance it is always worth remembering that your PC team is entirely voluntary and give up substantial amounts of time to help the community with common issues.

Looking at the 2019-20 year in review there have been a great number of changes following the transition to a new Chairperson, building on successes from the previous year such as the defibrillator installation, etc.

As Chair, Cllr Derek Harbour has built a (relatively) diverse team, with Cllr Lis Stuart as Deputy Chair, Cllrs Peter Rivers-Fletcher and Malcolm Robertson co-opted earlier in 2019 and recently Cllr Reuben Connolly volunteering to join the committee before Christmas. Christine Coles is the Parish Clerk for Oxhill and a small number of other local villages and also joined during 2019.

Please remember that all PC meetings are public and members of the community are always welcome to attend. Each session has 10-15 minutes of 'open floor' time where people can raise any issues for discussion.

With all this in mind, what does the PC actually do and what have we achieved, particularly in the last year? Two thirds of PC time is spent reviewing planning applications against a backdrop of the county and country needing more and more housing, but there are many other areas to which we contribute:-

1. Traffic calming via improved road signage, i.e. the new 30mph and associated street painting, which is a constant reminder of the speed limits.
2. Improved village security via access to subsidised Smartwater kits and free marking of hand tools with involvement of the SDC Rural Crime team. *[If any of the people who have recently moved into the village would like to find out more about these items please contact us - see below].*
3. Responding to multiple Planning Applications with some limited success plus working with Enforcement on key development issues around the village.
4. Improving our understanding of Planning processes and criteria via improved communications with the SDC Planning team and targeted training courses.
5. Induction of three new Parish Councillors and a new PC Clerk, building a strong working ethos and developing ambitious plans for next year.
6. Improved budgeting and the establishment of an investment fund to enable us to implement improvements to the village infrastructure.
7. Developing closer working relationships with SDC Officers and Councillors who should ‘fight in our corner’ when required.

As the PC has to act as one entity rather than individuals and all decisions must be ratified in public at the bi-monthly PC Committee Meetings, it can take a while to see results on what might be considered as minor issues.

If you have an opinion on something or a new issue you want to raise, please email the Parish Clerk on the address below and it will be passed on to all Councillors appropriately. If you want to speak to a Councillor just ask and one will be assigned.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor in the future then please come along to one of the PC meetings and talk to an existing

Councillor or Clerk. Please note you must be officially resident within the Parish to do this.

You can find information about (and minutes of) PC activities on the following site: [www.oxhillpc.uk](http://www.oxhillpc.uk); and the Parish Clerk can be contacted via [oxhillpc@btinternet.com](mailto:oxhillpc@btinternet.com). The next meeting is on Tuesday 10th March at 8pm and is open to the public.

Please note: in the minutes of last month's PC Committee Meeting reference was made to 'slurry at the Kinton crossroads'. This is in no way related to the farm buildings either side of the crossroads but is in fact linked to a field further up the hill towards Kinton and as such has been raised with SDC.

## **DENE VALLEY U3A**

**Dene Valley U3A** will host a presentation by Jack Wilson on 'The Lunar Society'. This was a dinner club, based in Birmingham and comprised of prominent figures of the Midlands Enlightenment including industrialists, natural philosophers and intellectuals who met regularly between 1765 and 1813. The members included Joseph Priestly, Erasmus Darwin, Josiah Wedgwood, James Watt and William Withering. They are remembered as the 'Fathers of the Industrial Revolution'.

The presentation will take place at St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, on Tues 14th April 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.



# SCARECROW WEEKEND 2020 - JUNE 6TH AND 7TH

For those new to the village, Oxhill's first Scarecrow Weekend was in 2005 and has been happening fairly regularly ever since. It's always a pleasure to see visitors enjoying the scarecrows around our village. We get visitors who come back every year we hold the event. Historically, most villagers get involved in one way or another, either by making scarecrows, baking cakes, serving teas, car park marshalling or at the church: some villagers are involved in everything! One thing is for sure, we definitely need plenty of help for the event to be a success. If you would like to be part of a team or can volunteer just an hour or two during the weekend, please contact the relevant people:

**Parking** - Ruth Mercer will be drawing up a rota and can be contacted on 07400 615999 or [ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com)

**Tombola** - Caroline Keena on [keec30@hotmail.com](mailto:keec30@hotmail.com) if you have things that would be suitable as prizes for the children's or adults' Tombola.

**Made in Oxhill** - Lynsey Cleaver on 07960 783080 or [lynsey\\_cleaver@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lynsey_cleaver@yahoo.co.uk) for more information.

**Teas** - Ruth Mercer will be drawing up a rota and can be contacted on 07400 615999 or [ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com)

## **Scarecrow making session - date tba**

Planning continues apace with a meeting held on February 8th. This year, refreshments will be served at the Old Chapel throughout the weekend and the Made in Oxhill Pop-Up Shop will be in the Village Hall on Sunday 7th June only, due to a prior booking. If you are an Oxhill Maker and want to be part of the Pop-Up Shop, please contact Lynsey very soon as space is already getting booked up.

New to the Oxhill Scarecrow Weekend this year will be a flower arranging competition held in the church. There will be various classes including one for home-grown flowers, so plant your seeds now!

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 14th March at 3pm at The Peacock. If you can't attend, want to be involved or have any queries, please feel free to contact me by email: [lucymercerc@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lucymercerc@hotmail.co.uk).

# OXHILL VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

## 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, or contact the Lettings Secretary, Ali Sayer on [ali.sayer@btinternet.com](mailto:ali.sayer@btinternet.com) or 07970 922352, to make a booking,

## NEWS REVIEW

**Burns Night Supper on January 25th** was, as predicted, a most enjoyable evening. The formality which (we’ve heard tell) can characterise such events north of the border was entirely absent, and those who proposed the toasts had us all in stitches (as usual). Grateful thanks go to Andy Buchanan for ‘incentivising’ the speakers and pulling the affair together, and to all the



speakers, especially Andy Macdonald, and Iain McPherson, and Eileen McPherson who gave a spirited response on behalf of the ‘lassies’. To those too numerous to name who cooked or contributed delicious desserts: we thank you!

## Forensic Archaeology on February 11th.

This was a talk about the archaeology of modern murder, finding buried victims and bringing perpetrators to justice. The Hall was as full as it could be, and although a few of the slides were not for the faint-hearted, everyone appreciated hearing an absolute expert in his field explain the expertise that is brought to bear on investigations.

*The Committee wants to run more “talks” on a variety of subjects, so if you have any suggestions for topics or speakers, or you are willing to give a presentation yourself on a topic of general interest, please contact [gill@northside.me.uk](mailto:gill@northside.me.uk)*

### THE NEXT EVENT!

#### Saturday April 4th 8.30-11am Village Breakfast

Come to the Village Hall for a sociable and scrumptious breakfast!

*Full English:* Sausage, bacon, egg, beans, tomato & mushrooms or black



pudding & toast. (£8 per adult and £4 for children.)

*Continental:* Croissant, pain au chocolate, juice, toast & preserves. (£5 per adult and £2.50 for children.

All served with choice of tea, cafetière coffee or hot chocolate.

Please book your places (including choice of breakfast) by contacting Ali Sayer on 07970 922352 or [ali.sayer@btinternet.com](mailto:ali.sayer@btinternet.com)

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Friday 24th April 7.30pm Paella Evening

Our Paella Evening, using our specially bought pan and tools to make the perfect dish, has always been a hit. So here's another opportunity to enjoy good company over a delicious meal using fresh, quality ingredients. Look out for booking details, ticket price etc in April Oxhill News!



### Saturday 16th May 2-5pm Oxhill Family Garden Fete



You should have found a flyer in last month's Oxhill News announcing this event.

We are fortunate to be able to hold this event in the garden (or barn if wet!) at Newborough House, off Nolands Lane, which has a wonderful view over the Vale of the Red Horse.

We hope lots of villagers will come and have some fun, enjoy a cream tea and win some prizes through skill or luck! There will be a variety of stalls and attractions including bric-a-brac, tombola, cake stall, children's games, etc. and a raffle with quality prizes.

As well as providing an opportunity for enjoying ourselves, the Garden Fete will kick off the fund-raising activity which is essential, if we are to extend and update the Hall to make it accessible for everyone, responsive to the increased population of the village, and fit for the 21st century with new kitchen, toilet and heating facilities.



So please come along, bring family and friends, and support the Committee in their endeavours.



## **OXHILL GARDEN CLUB**

On Thursday 13th February the membership was given a talk by a Tysoe resident on pests and diseases. That statement doesn't do justice to a fascinating presentation by a leading World Authority on the development and application of Integrated Pest Management strategies for horticultural crops! Professor Rosemary Collier

currently leads the taught Masters courses at Warwick University on Sustainable Crop Production and Food Security. Within these she leads modules on the Challenges of Global Food Security and Organic and Low Input Systems. For us, however, she was pleasingly “down to earth” and “hands on” - see insert picture!

Rosemary trained as an entomologist and ‘bugs’ are her first love. She encouraged us to ‘live and let live’ in our gardens where we can. Not being too tidy and having even a small uncultivated area set aside for wildlife can pay dividends not only for the insects but also for the complex food chain of which they are part. Insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and the like have their place in the commercial world where their responsible application can sometimes be necessary to protect crops against pests and diseases, but, more and more, alternative ‘green’ solutions are being used. The natural predators of pests are being encouraged as are farming practices that minimise disturbance of the environment and denitrification of the soil which is key to the land’s productivity.

Global warming, population growth and change of land use were just some of the topics discussed in a talk that gave us much food for thought. On a practical note, we were shown pictures of brought in seed rich hay being used at St Mary’s, Tysoe to start their own ‘wildflower meadow’ in the churchyard. One can only hope that, one day it will match the glorious display looked after by OWLS that can be seen, in season, behind our own St. Lawrence church.

**The next meeting of the Garden Club is the AGM at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th March at the Village Hall** where the very future of this village institution is to be discussed.

You will know that the annual programme of talks and events has historically had an ‘environmental’ rather than a strictly ‘gardening’ theme.

Should you think that topics covered should cater for an even wider audience, the Committee is open to suggestions. More importantly, we ask for your support.

The opportunity to meet up, locally and socially, on a regular monthly basis with others is not something to discard lightly – whatever the talk, whatever the name of the institution.

Encourage friends and neighbours, especially those new to Oxhill, to attend this significant event in the life of the Village. We will be catering for a full hall!

*Douglas Nethercleft*

## **THE END OF THE OXHILL GARDEN CLUB ?**

Thursday March 19th (7.30pm at the Village Hall) is the new date for the Garden Club AGM, but this heralds a potential disaster for this long running and successful village club. If no new blood is prepared to join the committee, then it faces closure.

This is despite a reasonably stable membership and a full programme of meetings and activities. The lack of adequate attendance at recent meetings and the difficulty of getting sufficient support for some of the outings has caused the current committee to question whether the programme is meeting the wishes of its membership.

New ideas may need to be sought and the membership are being asked for their suggestions. Members and villagers are invited to attend the AGM so that decisions on the future of the club can be quickly made.

*Martin Hunt*  
Chairman

# **TYSOE TENNIS CLUB NEWSLETTER**

The Ladies A had a very hard-fought match against Wildmoor Spa and managed a draw. The team then travelled to Ilmington where Jude and Julie played some inspiring tennis and, together with Liz and Jo, secured yet another draw.

The team are currently 3rd in the Division.

The Ladies B played at Snitterfield but, despite some sterling play from Veronika and Jane, came away with a defeat.

Tysoe Mens B fought hard in their home matches against Byfield and Kings Sutton in recent weeks, but came away with rather less than we deserved on the balance of play. It can be the smallest of margins that settles the result of a match and, on both days, we came desperately close, but just couldn't get over the line. The team put everything they had into it and, as a result, undaunted, we go into our next match against Towcester with confidence, having narrowly beaten them in the return fixture earlier this season.

## **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](mailto:carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk)

Website – [www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk](http://www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk)

## WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

January saw the annual Wassail event at the orchard where around sixty people, including lots of children, gathered to take part in this ancient ceremony to encourage good crops for the coming year. A lot of noise was made by banging pans etc, gun shot rang out and the torchlight procession went through the orchard to the Wassail tree where they sang and threw cider over the tree and ground! Pancakes courtesy of the scouts, hot drinks and mulled cider and apple juice warmed people as they gathered round the big bonfire.



Despite the high winds and heavy rain work at the orchard has continued with volunteers putting in hours of effort! The autumn raspberries are cut back to the ground ready for the new canes to emerge for this summers fruit. The blackcurrants are pruned and fed and the old gooseberries which were not doing well have been removed! The blueberry beds have been weeded and the pruning started. The wind break hedges are still being cut back and need to be completed by March as that is the beginning of the bird nesting season and we can't disturb them.

We make our own liquid feeds so the essential comfrey bed has been weeded so the plants are ready to start vigorous growth that we can harvest for steeping in water!

We always need help with various tasks so why not volunteer to help out! It is surprising how much can be done in a short session and what a difference it makes to this beautiful, tranquil green space!



Contact us and see how to help and also learn new skills.

The Community Orchard is just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe and is open 24/7.

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)

or see the website [www.wot2grow.co.uk](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk)

## **Babysitter Available!**

Freya O'Donnell – Age 14, Year 10

Children aged 3+

Available weekends during term time, evenings in the week and all week during the school holidays.

I live in Oxhill so am local.

Please email me if you are interested:

[freyaod5@gmail.com](mailto:freyaod5@gmail.com)

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# EASTER FLOWER WORKSHOP WITH AMANDA LUTHER

**Wednesday 8th April**

By kind permission of Anthony and Sue Forsyth

9.30am Coffee

10.00am Demonstration

10.30am Workshop

Moorlands Farm, Little Kineton CV35 0EA

**£35 per ticket** - Materials, Goody Bags & Raffle - nibbles & drinks

A seasonal, floral design master class with talented local florist  
Amanda Luther.

**Limited places, please book early**

For more information, please contact Rebecca Mawle on  
01608 674929 or [rebecca.mawle@shipstohomenursing.co.uk](mailto:rebecca.mawle@shipstohomenursing.co.uk)

*Many thanks to Amanda*

Visit [www.shipstohomenursing.co.uk](http://www.shipstohomenursing.co.uk) for more details

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DAVID LOCKWOOD MEMORIAL

30 MILE HILLY RIDE STARTS 10AM

100KM CLASSIC RIDE STARTS 8.30AM

REGISTRATION

On-Line [www.shipstonrotary.co.uk/tour](http://www.shipstonrotary.co.uk/tour)

£15.00 Juniors (12-16years) £6

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Enquiries: [tour@shipstonrotary.co.uk](mailto:tour@shipstonrotary.co.uk)

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## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### March

Tue	3rd		Green & Blue Bin Collections
Wed	4th	10:30	Village Coffee Morning, The Peacock
Thu	5th	14:00 16:00	Knit and Natter, OVH
Tue	10th		Grey Bin Collection
Sat	14th	15:00	Scarecrow Weekend Planning, Peacock
Tue	17th		Green & Blue Bin Collections
Wed	18th	12:30	Village Lunch, The Peacock
Thu	19th	14:00 16:00	Knit and Natter, OVH
Thu	19th	19:30	Garden Club AGM, OVH
Fri	20th	14:30	Mobile Library, OVH
Tue	24th		Grey Bin Collection
Fri	27th	09:30	Weekday Walkers
Fri	27th	10:30 12:00	Carers4carers, Kineton VH
Tue	31st		Green Bin Collection
Tue	31st	12:30	Lent Lunch, Old Chapel

### April

Thu	2nd	14:00 - 16:00	Knit and Natter, OVH
Sat	4th	08:30 - 11:00	Big Breakfast
Fri	10th	10:00 - 12:00	Messy Easter, Old Chapel
Thu	16th	14:00 - 16:00	Knit and Natter, OVH
Fri	24th	19:30	Paella Evening
Thu	30th	14:00 - 16:00	Knit and Natter, OVH

**The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at the Village Hall on Tuesday, 10 March, 2020, starting at 8.00pm.**

**The meeting is open to the public**

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