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If you would like to list your club or group in the Oxhill News please send details to oxhill.news.editor@gmail.com

#### CONDOLENCES



#### **BILL FOX**

It is with deep sadness that we heard that Bill Fox died on Tuesday, July 24th. Bill farmed around here for very many years, and was a much loved and respected member of our village community. As I write, the date of his funeral has not yet been arranged. Our thoughts and prayers are with June and their family—children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

#### BILL HERITAGE

Again with deep sadness we note that another of our farming families has died: Bill Heritage died on July 20th: his funeral will be on Friday, August 16th at 2.00 pm in Idlicote Church. Our thoughts and prayers are with his daughter Sheena, her family and Bill's extended family.



#### THERE IS NO NIGHT WITHOUT A DAWNING

There is no night without a dawning,
No winter without a spring;
And beyond death's dark horizon
Our hearts, once more, will sing

For those who leave us for a while have only 'gone away'
Out of a restless, careworn world
Into a brighter day.

Helen Steiner Rice





# SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!!

FULL POP UP PUB - Provided by Happy Wolf Pubs and The Peacock, Oxhill

GIN BAR - Local tasty gins supplied by Pinnock Distillery

HOG ROAST - With all the trimmings, Catering Angels

BBQ FEAST - Burgers & Hot dogs, The Peacock Oxhill

THAI STREET FOOD - Cooked and created by Private Chef Kim Fowler

FARMHOUSE ICE CREAM & SORBETS - Bee and Ridgeways

COFFEE SHOP - Artisan roasted coffee and fresh made cakes, Origin Eder

















Additional Services ... Childrens Activity Tent, Festival Face Paint & Tattoos Jalan Jalan - Boho, Festival style clothing Born in a Barn studios - Music Recording Specialists







Afterknights James Pullen

Frazer Lepford Aeneas Amber Liadan Solar Jam

MadThings





Music at the Manor 2023

#### MUSIC AT THE MANOR HOW IT STARTED

The Music at the Manor festival is returning for its second year on August 10<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success last year, so we sat down with founders Alastair and Debbie Welford to find out how and why the festival started. Our interview is abridged and edited for space. ~ ed.

Music at the Manor started when we met Jo Griffiths who told us that she had volunteered in Peru for street-rescued children in the past. She was interested in one of the projects we support because it was very similar to the work she had done.

Go forward a couple of years to the 2022 Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. At an evening event, called 'Oxhill's Got Talent' where we saw Jo's son, Archie, play in a band with three other lads and we were just blown away by their talent. They were 15 or 16 years old at the time when we asked where they practice, they said at school during term time, but have nowhere else to go during the holidays. We suggested they come down and practice in our barn.

While the boys were practising in the barn, we chatted with Jo about doing some kind of show. Villagers Lynsey Cleaver and Lisa Connolly also wanted us to do.

Time moved on until one day in the pub Jo suddenly said. "We keep talking about this. Are we actually going to do it?"

We couldn't be very involved last year because of a family illness, but we said if others would take it forward, they could use the field. Eight weeks later, we put on the first Music at the Manor.

We were grateful for the number of people in the village who came up with the goods – equipment, trailers and gazebos. Jo found bands for the festival by choosing from those she

had seen when she'd gone with Archie and the band to different gigs so we launched Music at the Manor 23 with five acts. One way or another, through begging and borrowing we put together this mini-festival and had a lovely afternoon and evening.

We thought if 70 people came, we'd be doing well, but in the end 323 people showed up, which totally blew us away!

Thankfully the weather came right because it was a bit iffy, like it is now and we're praying for good weather on the 10th of August this year.

Music at the Manor gave young people an opportunity last year to perform in a festive environment which was a fantastic experience for them in terms of boosting their confidence

and presentation. At the same time over 300 adults and families came and had a good time making it a win-win. We raised £4000 that helped young people by giving them a mentor. The purpose of our charity, Nicodemus, is to celebrate young talent and support young people.

Nicodemus operates in many English and Spanish-speaking countries including the UK and Latin America where we are working with over 200 projects. The charity works alongside churches and community groups to train people to be mentors who support young people to overcome their difficulties.



Music at the Manor 2023

A young person in their 20s who has come through a difficult childhood, with mentoring, can make a real, lasting difference to others. They have all the energy, the creativity, the ideas and the drive and suddenly they realise that although their past was bad, they can now use it for good to help others. It changes their self-perception and thereby changes their lives and others. To date, we now have approximately 40 young people we initially supported in Guatemala 13 years ago, fully trained as Mentors themselves. They have turned their bad start in life around to make an amazing difference in others in similar circumstance to which they were once in.

The money raised from last year's festival funded 360 young people to have mentors.

This all happened because a group of people in the village had a desire to do something to help young people. The festival aligns with the work of the charity in terms of its vision for the music and for championing young people which is so powerful!

We decided to do another Music at the Manor this year about two weeks after the event last year because many people were asking if we were going to do it again.

The date of this year's Music at the Manor is Saturday August 10th. There will be a lot going on. We have 13 bands performing this year and like last year the festival is a real opportunity for young people to gain confidence to perform in front of an audience.



Music at the Manor 2023

Music at the Manor

Tickets cost £15 for adults, £10 for children aged 5-14 and under-fives go free. There's going to be food - Thai, barbecue, pig roast, coffee, cakes, ice cream. But you can bring a picnic if you want to. And the Peacock is bringing a full bar. There will be Badminton and an Arts & Crafts tent. There'll also be the Nicodemus stand where people can go and find out more about the charity if they'd like to. We'll have big screens on either side of the stage where we will be showing short videos about the work Nicodemus does with young people and the performing bands will also be on the screens.

We are creating a family friendly event with plenty to keep everyone entertained.

However, we still need volunteers to man the gate or car park for one hour only between 11am to 7pm so volunteers aren't overworked. We would be SO grateful for any support you can give us!

If you can help, please email <u>matm@nicodemus.org.uk</u> or message Jo Griffiths.

# Volunteers needed

We are in need of some community support to man the main entrance for Music at the Manor on August 10th

If you feel you are able to donate 1 hour of your time between 11am and 6pm then please get in touch 🙏

Joanna mob: 07932636144 or message via fb





#### **AUCTIONED OXHILL HOUSE IDENTIFIED**

Last month we published a 1935 auction slip for an Oxhill house and we asked if anyone could guess which house was being auctioned. Dominic Connolly correctly identified the house as Gateways.

Dominic surprised us by using the Oxhill News as his reference. He wrote: "Re your question about the auction slips, would P8 of November 2021 Oxhill News answer it, as it refers to Willougby Gardner living at 'The Lawn'.

Sure enough on page 8 of the November 2021 Oxhill News is an article written Carol Clark about the history of Gateways house. The auction slip named the occupier as William Wiloughby as did the article. Well spotted Dominic!

"In the 1891 census, William Gardner, a retired farmer, was living in the property, referred to as The Lawn, although this is the only reference to this name I have found so far. His son Willoughby continued to live in the house until his death in 1935."

Can anyone guess the Oxhill house listed in this auction slip from 1945? Three lots were being auctioned but Robert Harper, whose grandfather was the auctioneer, believes only Lot 1 would still be standing. The slip is too long to fit on one page so it is divided between this page and the next.

Once again Robert, thank you, for sharing your grandfather's auction memorabilia.

Ed.



#### LOT 1. Detached stone and brick built, slated and thatched

#### **DWELLING HOUSE**

with small Lawn in front, and containing: Entrance Hall, Sitting Room, Dining Room with open fireplace and oven, Pantry with double cupboard and shelves, Kitchen with open fireplace, oven and dresser with shelves, furnace. Four Bedrooms. Lean-to timber and galvanised shed and e.c.

Two Stone and Brick-built and Thatched Cottages each containing 1 Room down with open fire place, Pantry, Landing and Bedroom. The Cottages could easily be converted into a convenient sized house.

Timber-built and galvanised Pigsties. Pump with well of drinking water.

EXCELLENT GARDEN, planted with choice fruit trees, running down to Oxhill brook, the whole extending to about 1r. 18p.

There is a side entrance from Back Lane.

The Village Water Supply is adjacent.

VACANT POSSESSION OF LOT 1 will be given on August 31st, 1945.

Small Land Tax.

#### LOT 2. Excellent Timber-built

#### SECTIONAL HUT

16ft. x 14ft. 2in. with double sides, boarded floor and roof (galvanised over, windows, door and spouting, erected on brick pillars on site of Lot 1. The hut was formerly used as a studio.

If the Hut is purchased for removal, it must be removed by August 31st, 1945.

#### LOT 3. Detached Stone-built and Stone and Blue-slated

#### **OLD HOUSE**

with interesting possibilities for conversion, containing 3 Rooms and Pantry on ground floor, with 4 Bedrooms and 2 Attics over.

Two timber and galvanised Buildings and stone building material.

Brick and stone-built and galvanised Shed, stone-built Building, stone-built and galvanised Pigsties, timber-built and galvanised Shed. Court Yard with Well of Water.

Highly productive LARGE GARDEN planted with choice fruit trees, the whole extending to about 1r. 14p.

The Village Water supply is adjacent.

VACANT POSSESSION OF LOT 3 will be given on June 24th, 1945.

The Purchaser of Lot 3 shall erect a wall, or permanent post and rail, or post and wire fence between Lots 1 and 3 along the line staked out on the South side of Lot 1.

Small Land Tax.

To View the Property, apply to Mr. Wm. Gilks, "Elmville," Oxhill, Warwick.

Further Particulars from the Auctioneers, Shipston-on-Stour (Tel. 2), or the Vendor's Solicitor—

#### MR. F. B. HANCOCK.

Shipston-on-Stour (Tel. 16).



# Oxhill CC July News

Sat 30th June: Hook Norton CC vs Oxhill CC-30 Overs

Team: Dave Whittaker (c), Mike Salmon, Neil Chick, Will Gowers, Jonny Simpson, Adrian Duke, Simon Farris, Jamie Farris, Ryan Orgill, Adam Jordan

Having missed a few games due to bad weather amongst other reasons, the lads were back out on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June against Hook Norton. Dave Whittaker won the toss for a change and chose to bat. Oxhill took advantage of a good batting wicket scoring 196-4. Farris senior got the Oxhill boys off to a solid start scoring a quick 22 before being dismissed dubiously for LBW by umpire Adrian Duke. Salmon and Whittaker also scored particularly well, hitting 47 and 45 respectively.

Scoreboard pressure told in the end. Hook Norton were only able to reach a disappointing 63 al-out in response to Oxhill's total. Gowers, Jordan and Orgill all bowled well, but young Jamie Farris took the plaudits dismissing 4 batsmen for just 20 runs off five overs. The Hooky batting collapse meant that Oxhill were back at the Peacock in time for the England kick off; lovely jubbly.

#### Thurs 4th July: Oxhill CC vs Norton Lindsey CC-20 Overs

Team: Mike Salmon, Matt Walker, Neil Chick, Will Gowers, Dave Whittaker (c), Simon Cuthbert, Jonny Simpson, Mike Bridgeman, Ed Fox, Adam Jordan

Oxhill CC's next outing was against Norton Lindsey in their first home fixture of the season played at Radway. Oxhill batted first on what looked like a tricky pitch with some variable bounce. Things looked particularly ominous when Salmon and Chick were both dismissed

cheaply. However, Walker, familiar with Radway batting conditions, took the Norton Lindsey bowling attack to pieces carrying his bat and scoring 94 in the process. Norton Lindsey bowler, Hall, picked up a hattrick in the final over. Oxhill finished on 147-7.

Given that most of the Oxhill batsmen had struggled to score in the first innings, Oxhill were in bullish mood heading out to field. However, Norton Lindsey's top order put on an excellent display falling just two runs short of the required amount. The only wicket was taken by Salmon and some excellent fielding from the Oxhill boys saw them over the line (just about).

#### Thurs 11th July: Oxhill CC vs Bodicote CC-20 Overs

Team: Matt Walker, Michael Dawes, Mike Salmon, Neil Chick, Simon Cuthbert, Dave Whittaker (c), Jonny Simpson, Will Gowers, Matt Chick, Ed Fox, Adam Jordan

Bodicote came to Radway on the 11<sup>th</sup> of July looking for revenge for their defeat earlier in the season. Bodicote won the toss and elected to field. Walker and Dawes opened the batting for Oxhill and both scored well and quickly, with Walker reaching 44 and Dawes reaching 21 before being dismissed. Salmon and Cuthbert both batted well making 23 and 43 respectively. After the allotted overs, Oxhill had made 147 for 4.

Bodicote were undone by a stodgy batting performance when playing Oxhill earlier in the season and so it was again in this return fixture. Despite losing only 3 wickets, the away side only managed 59 runs off their 20 overs. Gowers was the pick of the bowlers taking 2 wickets for 10 runs off 3 overs.

#### Thurs 18th July: Ebrington CC vs Oxhill CC-20 Overs

Team: Matt Walker, Michael Dawes, Mike Salmon, Neil Chick, Ed Frape, Dave Whittaker (c), Jonny Simpson, Will Gowers, Matt Chick, Adrian Duke, Adam Jordan

The Oxhill lads headed off to Ebrington on a warm summer's evening with hope of continuing their 5-match winning streak. Ebrington batted first on what was a fairly benign wicket. The Yubby lads made the most

of conditions, and batted well for their 156 runs for 7. Matt chick was the pick of the bowlers taking 3 wickets for 38 runs.

Oxhill knew they were up against it and that Yubberton's bowling attack would be strong. This proved to be the case, as although Salmon (31), Jordan (18) and Whittaker (22) all scored reasonably well, the run rate was never high enough for Oxhill to have a chance. The away side eventually fell 50 runs short making 106-5 off 20 overs.



**Upcoming fixtures:** Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> July: Oxhill CC vs Welford on Avon CC, Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July: Oxhill CC vs Claverdon CC, Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> Aug: Great Tew CC vs Oxhill CC, Sun 18<sup>th</sup> July: Tysoe/Oxhill/Balscote triangular tournament at Tysoe

Thursday games (20/20) start at 6pm. Sunday games (35/40 overs) start at 12pm or 1pm. Spectators are always welcome!

Will Gowers.

#### THE FLOWER SHOW CRICKET MATCH

# DON'T MISS! THE ANNUAL CRICKET EVENT AT TYSOE Sunday 18 August 2024 at 1pm.



The day after the Flower Show at the Playing Fields, Main Street, Tysoe, CV35 0SR TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT:

TYSOE, OXHILL AND BALSCOTE.

Call for volunteers: players, help with teas and refreshments, setting up on the day. Contact: frederickprice@gmail.com / 07956 397850

#### ST LAWRENCE CHURCH FOR AUGUST

Summer might just, finally, have arrived. The book *Summer*, from the Iona community, ends with a section on *Summer Blessings*: it speaks of the many blessings of summer which are simply part of God's created world. Mostly they cost nothing – they are simply all around us for us to see and enjoy. May our eyes be open to see the summer gifts that God give us.

May the birds fill the dawn of your day with song,

may the midday sun caress your face with warmth.

may honeysuckle scent the evening breeze around you

and may the summer stars shine bright above you.

May long summer days speak to you of God's enduring light.

May bright summer flowers speak to you of God's unending beauty.

May fresh summer fruits speak to you of God's continuing kindness.

May warm summer nights speak to you of God's unfolding comfort.

May early summer dawns speak to you of God's renewing hope.

And may God, the giver of summer song and stars, touch your life with beauty and fill your heart with joy. *Simon Taylor, Summer*.



#### **Church Services this month:**

Sunday August 4th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	George Heighton
Sunday August 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Jill Tucker
Sunday August 18th	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Jennie Rake
Sunday August 25th	6.30 pm	Evensong	George Heighton



#### By Ruth Mercer

I can't remember where my late mother found this recipe but it must have been well over 30 years ago. It has been a summer family favourite since we first tasted it. It's simple enough to make and we usually eat it with pitta bread or homemade ciabatta or focaccia if I'm making a bit more of an effort. The good thing is that the rump steak is padded out with mushrooms and apple so it is reasonable economical to make. Serve with a green salad and any other salad you fancy.



#### **COLD BEEF IN SOURED CREAM**

#### Ingredients – serves 6

1 ½ lb rump steak

1 large onion, chopped reasonably finely

12 oz mushrooms, preferably button mushrooms, sliced

1 1/2 tsp Dijon or French mustard

1 ½ tsp thyme, fresh or dried

2 eating apples

1 tbsp lemon juice

10 fl oz soured cream or crème fraiche

Salt and pepper

- 1. Cut the steak into thin strips, about 1½" long. Heat a large frying pan and add the steak. Fry quickly on a highish heat, stirring from time to time, until just coloured on the outside. Remove the strips as they cook and place in a bowl.
- 2. Add a tablespoon of oil to the meat juices and add the onions. Fry for about 5 minutes or until just soft.
- 3. Add another tablespoon of oil to the pan if needed and then add the mushrooms and stir for a couple of minutes.
- 4. Return the steak to the pan and stir in the mustard and thyme. Once all combined, empty the pan into the bowl. Leave to cool.
- 5. When cool, chop the apples into small pieces, sprinkle with the lemon juice and add to the steak mixture. Stir in the soured cream, season lightly and it's ready to serve.





#### VILLAGE HALL BBQ

On Saturday 20th July, in uncertain weather conditions, 32 adults and 10 children enjoyed a nice late afternoon of BBQ food and drink accompanied by some fun games on the field for the children. The adults ate yummy burgers, tasty sausages and platefuls of freshly made salads and coleslaw whilst sipping fully loaded glasses of Pimms and cold beers. The children ate chipolatas, rolls and ice lollies, between rushing around the grassy area.

Quite a number of villagers were away over the weekend but the four OVH Committee members were greatly helped by some of the guests, for which we are very grateful!

#### Derek Harbour

















#### WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

What could be a better way to spend a sunny July morning than kneeling in the clover and looking for redcurrants? Their jewellike colour makes them easy to spot – but also for the birds to find!

Therefore, they are safely enclosed in a fruit cage, which has to be regularly checked for gaps and tears in the netting. Even so, some birds still find their way in. These redcurrants are grown as free-standing bushes and need to be pruned each year to maintain their shape and to remove old and dead wood.

This summer there has masses of soft fruit to enjoy. This is shared among members and the surplus donated to care homes in the area. Anyone living in the villages of Whatcote, Oxhill or Tysoe are welcome to join and enjoy this wonderful harvest.

The membership fee of £25 until March next year includes fruit for the rest of the year

The orchard is next to the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe.

Allie Aves

Find out more from the contacts below or message us via the website: www.wot2grow.co.uk

Miranda Forrester (680265), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)





 $Delicious\ ripe\ red currants\ from\ the\ Wot 2 Grow\ Community\ Or chard.$ 





Get together a team of four for a fantastic day of golf in support of Shipston Home Nursing.

#### The day includes:

- · Coffee & bacon rolls on arrival
- 18 hole 'Texas Scramble' at 9am
- On-course refreshments
- On-course and off-course prizes
- Two-course lunch & presentations

£40 per person - Feldon Valley members £65 per person - Non-members

Enter online at www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/events or for further information contact fundraising@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk



Find out more



## **SUNDAY 8th September**

Walton Hall, CV35 9HG

Adult advance entry: £20

Child advance entry: £5 (age 16 and under)

Pre-registered runners will be electronically timed by Tempo

Adult on the day entry: £25

Child on the day entry: £5 (age 16 and under)

Medal included and hot roll at the finish line! Prizes from Warwick Sports Shop.

Registration: 8.45am Start: 10am

By kind permission of Sir Andrew Hamilton and Walton Hall.

For more information please email fundraising@shipstonhomenursing.co.uk

To enter, create your own fundraising page and for more details please visit www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk/events.

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Online entry closes Friday 30th August

With thanks to our event sponsors



HOAR CROSS HALL







#### WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

#### **AUGUST**

11:00-19:00	Music at the Manor
19:00	Shipston Flower Club: It's All in the Stars
14:30-14:50	Mobile Library outside Village Hall
19:00	Summer Soiree, Village Hall
12:00	Coffee Morning, Peacock Pub
	19:00 14:30-14:50 19:00

#### **PC MEETINGS**

The date of the next PC Meeting is **Tuesday**, **10th September 2024 at 7.30pm**. This meeting will be held in the Village Hall. The minutes and agendas will be posted on the Parish Council part of the Welcome to Oxhill Notice board, not the one by the pub.

If you want any request to be included for consideration at the above meeting please send details to the Clerk (oxhillpc@btinternet.com) at least 10 days prior to the meeting to ensure that it is included on the publicly visible Agenda.

#### 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. Submissions must be received by the 20th of each month for publication in the following month.

