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Drawing of the church door of St Lawrence Church by Daniel Hale.

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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**



Oxhill Garage Sale

Sunday June 23rd
10am - 2pm

If you live in Oxhill and would like to take part and host a stall, please call Jo on 07720401691
£10 donation to Shipston Home Nursing



Visitor parking in the field next to The Old Chapel
Map of stalls available at parking or the Village Hall
Tea, coffee and cake on sale at the Village Hall



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ST LAWRENCE CHURCH FOR JUNE

The gardens, fields and countryside are looking fabulous right now, and they ask this question: ‘How does the beauty of all this show God’s love for all of us?’.

It speaks to us of God’s gift in creation, the masterpiece of all that he has created. Plants, birds, insects and earthworms: they are all there, dependent on one another, masterpieces of creation in their own right. What God has made is truly awesome: it is his gift to us.

It may look still, but underneath it is extremely busy: God is busy, even when we can’t actually see him working. He can bring new life out of the deadest of shoots; he can grow things in the tiniest of cracks. The garden tells me that he is the God of the impossible, and he is the God of life, which he longs to give to you and me.

A garden speaks of the seasons of life – but also says that each season has its own usefulness. When leaves fall and decay, they provide food and shelter for the insects. If a branch falls, it too provides a new habitat and food. And it is a place that reminds us of his presence: God is not a God of remoteness: he is here and now, standing with us in whatever garden we find ourselves.

An Ambition

Recently the Spirit decided
to give me an ambition.

It was a breathtaking vision:
one that in the end
would have even the billionaires
weeping
with envy.

I was told
quite simply
to go
and plant
a garden.

*Gideon Heugh: Rumours of
Light.*



Church Services in June

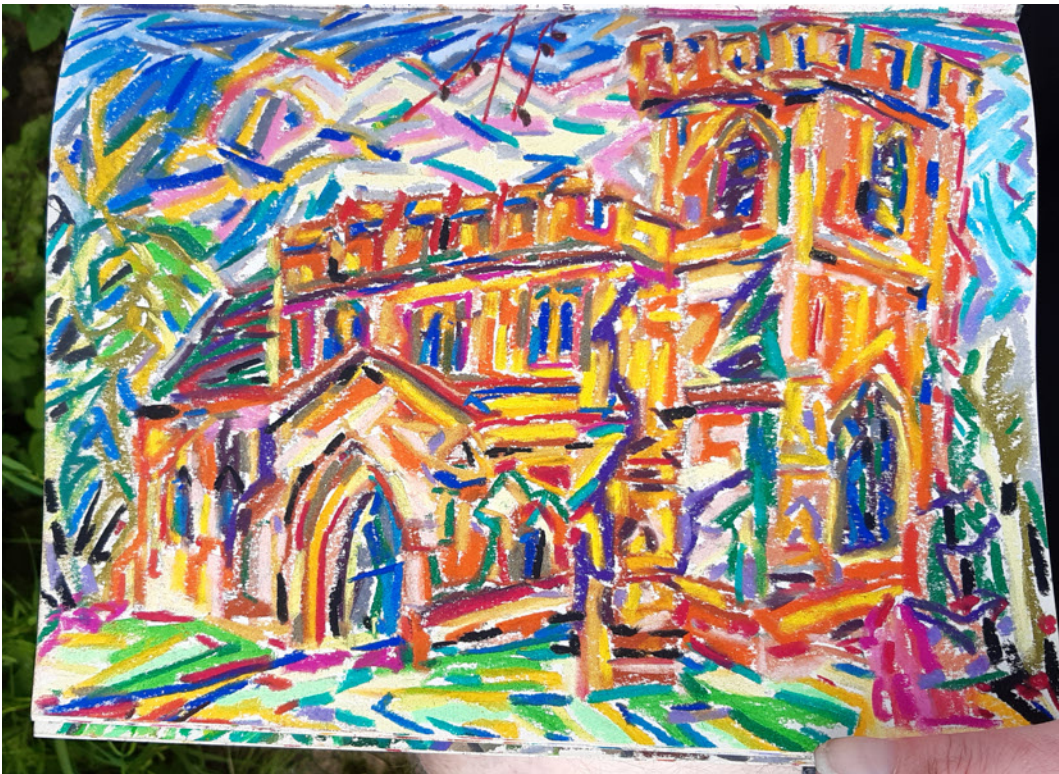
Sunday, June 2 nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion	George Heighton
Sunday, June 9 th	9.30 am	Morning Worship	Jennie Rake
Sunday, June 16 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	George Heighton
Sunday, June 23 rd	6.30 pm	Evensong	George Heighton
Sunday, June 30 th	11.00 am	United Service in St George's, Brailes , Heather Parbury	

On June 4th, Tea and Conversation (What is Prayer all about) at The Old House at 2.30 pm, and on June 6th, look out for the D-Day Beacon Supper in The Old Chapel, at 6.30 pm

Have a wonderful summer.

Blessings, Jill
revjill.tucker@btinternet.com

Drawing of St Lawrence Church by Daniel Hale.



CHURCH FUNDRAISING NEWS

AFTERNOON TEA REPORT

Thank you to everyone for their understanding of our need to postpone the Afternoon Tea from its original date due to illness. Village events seldom get postponed or cancelled: the last one I can remember is the Christmas Party Caribbean Night in the Village Hall, planned for early December 1990 and cancelled due to heavy snow and a 4 day power cut. There was an awful lot of Caribbean chicken to eat!

We were fortunate that most of the bookings we had for the original date were able to make the new date, and we gained a few new bookings too. As usual, the variety and quantity of cakes and sandwiches was amazing. The weather was glorious and some enjoyed sitting outside in the sun eating a delicious tea, while others chose the cool and pleasant Old Chapel in which to partake of their Afternoon Tea. Thanks to all who supported the event, we managed to raise over £500 for Church Funds.



No Church Fundraising event would be possible without the tireless work of the dedicated team of volunteers. Many thanks to Barbara Shepard, Jo Collings, Anne Marshall, Gaynor Fila and Celia Fawcus who generously baked cakes and scones. Special thanks go to Gaida and Jerry Webb, James and Linda Synge, Lis Stuart, Carol Beasley, Carol Fox and Alice and Jon Mercer for working so hard making sandwiches, baking cakes, preparing scones, serving drinks and cakes, washing and clearing up, donating items for the raffle prize and shifting chairs and tables.

Ruth Mercer





CHURCH FUNDRAISING TEAM

D-DAY 80 BEACON SUPPER AND BEACON LIGHTING **THURSDAY 6TH JUNE** **SUPPER 6.30PM, BEACON LIGHTING 9.15PM**

Oxhill is joining the National Beacon Lighting Ceremony to commemorate the 80th Anniversary of D Day. In preparation for the lighting at 9.15pm, we will be serving a two course Beacon Supper of home-produced French and English delights in The Old Chapel at 6.30pm on Thursday 6th June. There will also be a donations bar. Tickets are £12.50 for adults and £8 for children of school age. Beacons across the country will be lit at 9.15pm so we intend to walk to the beacon from 8.45pm. Although we won't be using wartime rations to prepare the supper, feel free to dress for the 1940s era if you would like, but it's by no means compulsory!



We have already received plenty of bookings for the Supper. There are a few tickets remaining but please book straightaway to avoid disappointment.

Villagers who aren't attending the Supper are very welcome to join us at the Beacon, but please bear in mind that it is a private village event and that you are responsible for your own safety walking to and from as well as at the Beacon. There is very limited parking available on Kirby Farm track and it is reserved for security vehicles and the disabled only.

Don't forget to bring an electric torch as it will be dark when we walk back home!

Ruth Mercer
07400 615999 or email ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com

Autumn Quiz: Saturday 19th October

Made in Oxhill: Friday 29th and Saturday 30th November

BEACON SUPPER

THURSDAY 6TH JUNE
THE OLD CHAPEL
6:30PM



BEACON LIGHTING
KIRBY FARM 9:15PM

£12.50 ADULTS
£8 CHILDREN

DRESS FOR THE ERA IF YOU
WOULD LIKE, BUT IT'S BY NO
MEANS COMPULSORY!

TO BOOK, CONTACT RUTH MERCER: 07400 615 999

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

We recently learned that Canva, the graphic design software people, allow charities to open a free professional account so we had a go at designing a new logo for the Village Hall. What do you think? Can you think of a better 'strapline'? Please send your ideas to Karen MacRae at oxhillvh@gmail.com.

The second Village Hall event of 2024 was held on April 27th.

More than 50 Oxhillians sat down to a fabulous meal of homemade **'Pies & Puds'**. The pies included Steak & Ale, Cottage, Fish, Vegetable, Ham, and Barbara Bicknell's super popular Chicken & Leek. The fruit crumble, bread & butter pudding, lime & ginger cheesecake, Spanish almond cake, banoffee pie and chocolate mousse were equally as delicious. We really are spoiled with the standard of cooking in Oxhill!

A big thanks to all who helped make this such a successful evening.



(Other Pies & Puds photographs courtesy of Tricia Harbour.)

EVENTS IN THE PIPELINE

- Kan's Kitchen at the Village Hall
- Family Barbeque
- Garden Party

- An evening with Val Garland
- Paella Night
- Progressive Supper
and more!

And don't forget the AGM on Thursday 30th May. Why not come along at 7pm to enjoy a free glass of wine and chat about our plans for the year ahead?

Guest of honour, Dr Jill Tucker, (pictured below left) accepting flowers given as a token of our appreciation for her allowing us to use the Old Chapel while the Village Hall was closed for building works.





FALCUTT HOUSE GARDEN VISIT

THURSDAY 13TH JUNE AT 2.30 PM

We still a few places left for this visit and we need to know who is coming so that the owners can be prepared.

We have also arranged for a lunch prior to this visit at the New Inn in Middleton Cheyne. Its on the A422, postcode OX17 2ND.

From there, this is about 15 minutes drive to Falcutt House. Lunch would be at 12.30pm and we do need to know who wants to include this. A copy of the menu is available and we have to order in advance because of the size of our party. Please let me have your orders by the Monday before the event.

We should be able to organise lifts for anyone who does not want to drive there on their own. Direct from Oxhill should take 35 minutes. Its vital that you use the post code in your sat nav. NN13 5QZ. This takes you right to the house.

I have visited the house recently to check details with the owners and can assure you of a really interesting afternoon.

Peter Rivers Fletcher

0773 0800729



LAURA'S TRACTOR RUN MAY 2024

Photos of the tractors going through the village by Ruth Mercer









Oxhill CC

May News

Thurs 9th May: Moreton in Marsh CC vs Oxhill CC-20 Overs

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

After what felt like a very long winter, the team were excited to be back in action on a beautiful Thursday evening in the season curtain-raiser at Moreton. Moreton won the toss and elected to bat. Oxhill did well to reach 107/6 after 20 overs, on a green wicket, against a handy bowling attack. Openers, Matt Walker and Mike Salmon scored well reaching 21 and 19 respectively. Walker hit the only maximum of the innings; a huge shot over mid-on. Captain Dave Whittaker put on a useful 15 before being run out by Will Gowers. Ed Frape also batted well making 15 before he was caught out.

Oxhill were confident that 107 could be defended and looked to be in the driving seat after dismissing the first five Moreton batsmen for a total of 31 runs. Adam Jordan was the pick of the bowlers taking two wickets for only four runs off his allotted four overs at the beginning of the innings. Whittaker bowled well taking four wickets for 21 runs off four overs. Will Gowers and Michael Dawes also took wickets.

Adrian Duke held on to a difficult catch in the covers and wicket-keeper Neil Chick's quick thinking led to the stumping of Moreton's fourth batsman. Things got tense towards the end of the game when the well-set sixth batsman hit multiple boundaries; eventually reaching a score of



49. Ultimately, Whittaker's intelligent field placement enabled Oxhill to hold out with Moreton falling 5 runs short of the 108 required.

Thurs 16th May: Bodicote CC vs Oxhill CC-20 Overs

Team: Ed Frape, Will Gowers, Mike Salmon (c), Jon Simpson, Matt Walker, Neil Chick, Alex Beaumont-Darke, Adam Jordan, Ed Fox

The forecast looked grim, but the rain held off for Oxhill's second game of the season at Bodicote. Oxhill lost the toss and were put into the field. Bodicote's opening batsmen both scored well reaching 35 and 20 each. Slow scoring and some excellent fielding, particularly from Ed Fox, did for the home side in the end with Bodicote reaching 99 off their 20 overs. Spinner Beaumont Darke and pacemen Walker and Simpson took good wickets; Simpson with the first ball of his spell! Also, of note was Frape's run out of Bodicote's sixth batsman with a direct hit from square leg.

Gowers and Frape opened the batting on a good batting wicket, in confident mood. Gowers was dismissed for one by an unplayable delivery from Bodicote's opening demon quick bowler. Once Bodicote's opening pair had been seen off, a limited bowling attack was taken apart by the Oxhill boys. Frape retired on 30, Simpson contributed a flashy five and Beaumont-Darke and Salmon also scored well. Walker killed off any remaining Bodicote hopes with a quick 30, including a massive six over the large oak tree in the outfield. Oxhill made the required runs with seven overs to spare.

Upcoming fixtures: Sun 26th May: Oxhill CC vs Snitterfield CC (12pm), Thurs 13th June: Chipping Campden CC vs Oxhill CC, Sun 16th June: Oxhill CC vs Hockley Heath CC (1pm), Sun 23rd June: Hook Norton CC vs Oxhill CC (12pm). All home games are played at Radway.

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

Will Gowers.



WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

A morning spent in the community orchard always gives me time to appreciate anew what a wonderful place it is; for people and wildlife alike. The trees and bushes are humming with insects while skylarks call in the neighbouring fields. Research shows

that being close to nature and growing food contributes to our well-being in many ways, as well as supplying us with local, sustainable food.

So with these benefits in mind the prime purpose of the orchard is to produce food. And this it does in abundance. This month the blossom is setting on the fruit trees and lots of berries are already forming on the gooseberry and currant bushes. The raspberry canes have been cleared of weeds, as they were in danger of being swamped by goosegrass (cleavers), and some paths through the long grass and around the bases of the trees are soon to be cut, leaving the rest for pollinators (otherwise no fruit!) and other wildlife.



COME JOIN US!

The membership fee of £25 until March next year includes fruit (such as apples, pears, cherries, plums, currants and raspberries) for the rest of the year. This supports the orchard to buy the equipment and resources needed for the effective maintenance of the orchard. Volunteering at the orchard is not a requirement of membership, but any time that you can give is always appreciated and is an opportunity to meet other members.

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)



Wildflowers round the trees



New currants on bush



A new path between raspberry bushes

KAREN MACRAE'S PLANK CHALLENGE FOR THE GREAT ORMAND STREET HOSPITAL



My grandson had his first major epileptic seizure when he was two. Several months later, he was referred to Great Ormond Street Hospital by his local hospital as they didn't know how best to help. Eighteen months and a load of tests later, he now has a diagnosis and a big team of specialists looking after him; a team that my family would be lost without. And that's why I'm doing this challenge: to say

thank you to the amazing people at GOSH for everything they do, much of which is funded by the public because NHS funding doesn't go anywhere near far enough to keep them going.

The challenge is to do a two minute plank every day in June. And not only do I hate planks, I am rubbish at them! In fact, the photo of me here looking all serious and professional is a total con - it was taken when I was about 20 seconds in. If Steve had taken it at 40 seconds, I'd be shaking, at one minute, I'd have been shaking and grimacing, and at one and a half minutes, I'd probably have been flat on my face! But I'll get there. For my grandson.

If you can, a donation would be wonderful. If you don't have a QR code reader, you are welcome to pop into The Paddocks (Green Lane) or perhaps add your spare change to the donations box in The Peacock.



Wish me luck!

Karen MacRae





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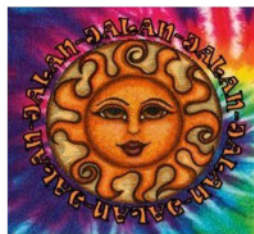
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Amber Liadan

James Pullen

Aeneas

Solar Jam

Mad-Thingz



Information from your Stratford District Safer Neighbourhood Teams (SNTs)

The police encourage all residents to report any policing issues directly to us, as a direct report from a resident is logged onto our database and builds evidence for resources to be applied to issues.

Social media conversations do not contribute to this important data base and reports made by emails to others often delay the recording, action or update on what the police are actively doing to try to deal with incidents, reduce crime and tackle anti-social behaviour.

We would like to signpost and encourage the below ways to best contact us:

Points of contact

999

This is the number to ring if there is an emergency incident happening right now that needs an immediate police presence – if life is at risk, people are injured, offenders are nearby or a crime is in progress.

Reporting online

This is the preferred method to contact police and report any non-emergency issues that do not require an immediate response. This also includes reporting non-emergency collisions and anti-social behaviour. Online reporting is available 24/7 and can be accessed at <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/ro/report>

Just reporting

If you simply want to provide information or intelligence without speaking to anyone, this can be done online at <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/tua/tell-us-about/>

Operation Snap

You can report and submit digital footage showing potential moving traffic offences online at <https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/operationsnap>

101

If you are unable to report an issue online but have concerns that do not need an emergency response, this is the number you can use. Please be aware that you may have to wait if the lines are busy, but make sure you have (or receive) an incident number.

Police Station

Stratford Police Station front counter is now back open seven days a week.

Opening times are:

09.00 to 17.00 – Monday - Friday

09.00 to 16.00 – Saturday

11.30 to 14.00 - Sunday

This information is also available on the Warwickshire Police website and is updated regularly at

<https://www.warwickshire.police.uk/area/your-area/warwickshire/stratford-on-avon-district/stratford-town/about-us>

Crimestoppers

0800 555 111

If you want to report something anonymously, you can contact Crimestoppers. They are an independent charity working to help communities and your anonymity is guaranteed. Search for them online or visit their website at <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Contacting your Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT)

If you have information or intelligence and you would rather speak to someone in person, you can speak to any of our SNT while out and about, during one of our station surgeries or public engagements or by emailing your relevant SNT team directly:

Wellesbourne - SNTWellesbourne@warwickshire.police.uk

(Note – Please do not email report of crimes.)



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District Neighbourhood
Watch Association**

Chairperson: Keith Hicks
watch4sonad@gmail.com



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Scan the QR code to contact Crime Stoppers anonymously

999 in an emergency
101 to report info

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TENNIS COACHING SUMMER 2024



Tysoe Tennis Club
www.tysoetenniscub.co.uk

BOOKINGS

mbcoachconsult@gmail.com

Mark: 07710 087934

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24th & 31st July
14th, 21st & 28th August

Tysoe Tennis Club, Main Street, Tysoe,
CV36 0SR

Camp timings: 10:00 – 15:30, £30 per day
(£25 if you book 3 or more days per child)

WEEKLY JUNIOR GROUP COACHING SESSIONS

RED STAGE	4.15 – 5.00pm (5 - 8)
ORANGE STAGE	5.00 – 6.00pm (8 - 9)
GREEN STAGE	6.00 – 7.00pm (9+)
YELLOW STAGE	7.00 – 8.00pm (12-14)

Equipment Provided if required



OUR VENUE: Tysoe Tennis Club,
Main Street, Tysoe, CV35 0SR



ADULTS: FRIDAYS 10.30am 7 June 24



Tysoe Tennis Club
www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

On the opposite page are details of our planned activity for younger, budding tennis players this summer. In addition, we will also be running a "cardio tennis" session for adults on Friday 7th June at 10:30-full details to be found on our website www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

SHIPSTON FLOWER CLUB

PRESENTS

Car Boot Collection

A demonstration by

Lynn Sharp

On

Tuesday 11th June, 2024

7.00pm for 7.30pm start

At

Shipston on Stour Primary School,

Station Road, CV36 4BT

Visitor Entry £6.00

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

JUNE

Thurs 6th	18:30	D-Day Beacon Supper & Lighting, The Old Chapel
Tues 11th	19:00	Shipston Flower Club
Thurs 13th	12:30	Falcutt House Garden Visit & Lunch, Garden Club
Wed 19th	14:30-14:50	Mobile Library outside Village Hall
Sun 23rd	10:00-14:00	Oxhill Garage Sale
Every Thursday	12:00	Coffee Morning, Peacock Pub

PC MEETINGS

The date of the next PC Meeting is **Tuesday, 9th July 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.



BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR

Check the date on the calendar to identify which bins go out for collection.

- Food waste
- Recycling
- General refuse
- Garden waste