

THE OXHILL NEWS

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Tilly (left) brought Val's book 'Validated!' to the 'Evening with Val Garland' at the Village Hall and was delighted when author Val (right) signed her book. Tilly is now setting out on her career in beauty & theatrical make up, so she gained inspiration from the evening and talking to Val and her team. ~ photo by Tilly's mother

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CLUB & GROUP CONTACT DETAILS

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| talkdementia.uk | Paul & Heather Dowler Tysoe 688376 |
| Carer Support Service | email: talkdementia@mail.com Website: talkdementia.uk Tysoe Village Hall every Friday from 10am |

A decorative border of watercolor illustrations surrounds the text. It includes various green leaves, ferns, and flowers in shades of pink, red, yellow, and blue. The style is soft and painterly.

O'XHILL GARDEN CLUB

PLANT SALE

The Garden Club's Autumn plant sale will take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 28th September, from 10.30 – 12.30. Please put the date in your diary.

The sale is a 'bring and buy' event, so please start to assemble any plants you have spare or any you can dig up and divide to bring along. All contributions welcome – ideally labelled please.

All proceeds will go to the Village Hall.

Kate Nash

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH FOR SEPTEMBER

*Then you shall celebrate,
with all the bounty that the Lord your
God has given you.*

It's Harvest time; the activity around here is palpable, fields are shorn, bales of straw are stacked high, and farmers are working in a frenzy to get it all done. So, after a difficult year we gather in our churches to thank God for all that he gives us – not only the land and the crops themselves, but the farmers and all those who work in the food chain to keep us fed.

Do join us for our **Harvest Celebration**
in St Lawrence Church on Sunday,
September 22nd at 3.00 pm.



CHURCH SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER:

Sunday September 1st:

United Service to mark Revd Heather Parbury's retirement, 3.00 pm in Brailes Churcher, followed by afternoon tea.

Sunday, September 8th

9.30 am Morning Worship Jennie Rake

Sunday, September 15th

9.30 am Holy Communion Susan Bowden-Pickstock,

Sunday, September 22nd

3.30 pm **Harvest Celebration** George Heighton

Sunday, September 29th

11.00 am United Benefice Service, here in Oxhill.

The image features a light beige background with a subtle, repeating floral pattern. On the left side, there is a vertical decorative border composed of various autumn leaves in shades of orange, yellow, and red, along with small red berries. The bottom of the image is also decorated with a cluster of pumpkins and autumn leaves. The pumpkins include a large orange one, a smaller green one, and a small yellow one. The leaves are scattered around the pumpkins and along the left border.

**OXHILL
ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH**

HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Sunday 22nd September 2024
3.30 pm**

If you have produce, fresh or canned,
please bring it to church on Friday 20th or
Saturday 21st. Just leave it on the porch or
inside the church.

Thank you

Do come and join us in singing the
wonderful harvest hymns and enjoy the
Auction of Produce and a glass of wine,
tea or coffee and cake



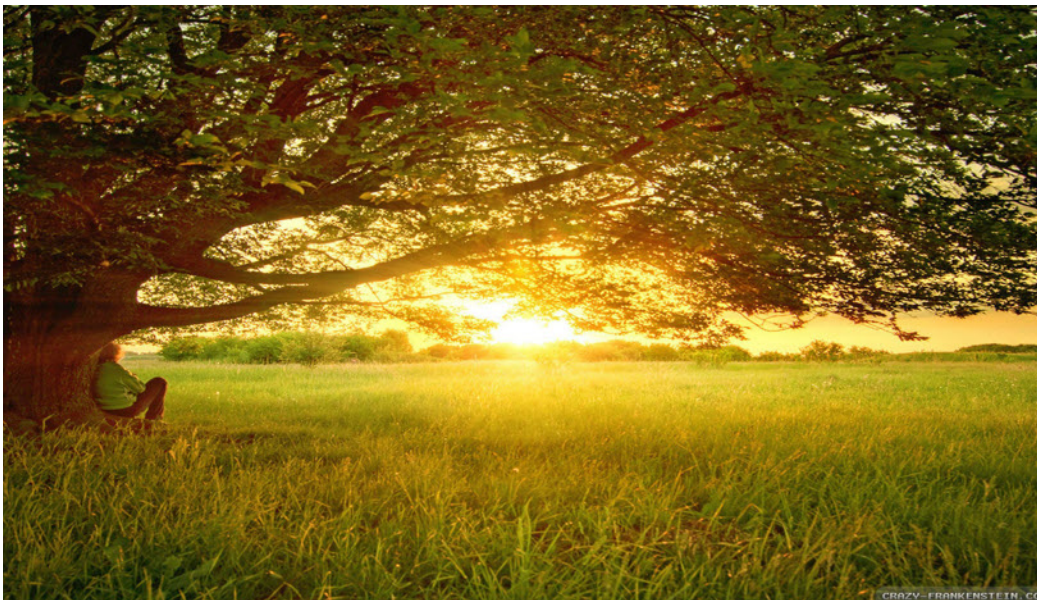
BILL FOX

The church was packed to overflowing, with a large number in the churchyard (mercifully sunny) for Bill's memorial service, as we celebrated the long life of one of our own farmers, and a great character - and one who was very much part of our harvest celebrations. Rest in peace, Bill. We shall miss you.

Let us
till the earth gently,
fish the seas wisely,
tend the animals lovingly
share with the hungry generously,
pay the worker fairly,
enjoy the food thankfully,
praise the Giver abundantly.
So may God bless our lives with goodness
and guide us in generous living.

From Autumn, Wild Goose Publications

Jill Tucker





Kineton Regent Club Charity Evening.

Taking place on Thursday 24th October 2024, the club are pleased to announce that this year's speaker will be Sir Graham Meldrum CBE. H.M. Chief Inspector of Fire Services (retired).



His talk will be on the theme of "Do you want to know a secret" and will be based on "Personal Tales of Personalities"

It promises to be a very interesting evening and we hope that you will be intrigued and interested in joining us for an enlightening time, which will not only include the talk, but also drink and canapes.

The venue is, Kineton Village Hall, with arrival from 7.00pm, the talk commencing at 7.30pm and drink and canapes served around 8.30pm.

The aim this year, is to raise much needed funds for The Fire Fighters Charity and tickets are priced at £20.00 each.

Tickets are available through, Flower Thyme in Kineton, other Regent Club members and locally from Tony Wyatt, Harefield, Whatcote Road, Oxhill. Tel: 01295 680335.





MUSIC AT THE MANOR '24

We at Nicodemus, are thrilled to report that Music at the Manor '24 went off really well on it's second year, after a lot of hard work and the generous support of our musicians, sponsors, suppliers and volunteers.

This year we swapped a truck bed for an all singin' and dancin' stage that included stunning lighting, acoustics and 2 huge screens showcasing the musicians as they played, our wonderful sponsors and the work of Nicodemus. There were 4 choices of locally supplied food outlets including Catering Angel Jenny providing a pig roast, chef Kim offering tasty Thai Street Food, mouth-watering Farmhouse ice creams and sorbets from Bee and Ridgeways along with a full pop-up bar and BBQ from Happy Wolf Pubs, Oxhill's local The Peacock and a gin bar finely executed by Pinnock Distillery. As if that wasn't enough, we had artisan roasted coffees and teas provided by Alison with amazing cakes from Origin Eden.

The line up on stage this year included 12 different genres of music to suit all tastes, performed by local young people who not only entertained us superbly, but through their generosity, gave up their time freely to raise awareness of the work of Nicodemus. They also generated much needed funds towards the mentoring of vulnerable and at-risk young people in the UK, Latin America, the Caribbean, USA, Canada and New Zealand. We are so grateful and proud of the young musicians who used their talents and compassion to make such a huge difference to the lives of other young people across the world who would otherwise be living without any hope of being able to break their generational cycle of poverty.

Music at the Manor allowed Nicodemus to give 390 (343 in 2023) marginalised and at-risk young people in the UK and Latin America a trained mentor over 2 years, helping them to achieve a healthy, safe and confident transition into adult life. For many young people the gift

of establishing an authentic and trustworthy relationship with a Mentor enables them to, for instance, learn how to budget, achieve a full education or overcome mental health issues, leave street-living, escape grooming and gang influence. Transition support for prison-leavers, successfully finding and keeping employment or being supported through the destructive effects of abuse and trafficking can also be achieved as the stories of young people shown on the big screens testified to. Nicodemus believes everyone has a purpose and though they may have had a difficult past, that can be turned around and used as a positive influence to help others. In fact, we find that many of the young people who are mentored, with the Nicodemus mentor training and equipped by their life experiences, they are able to effectively speak into other's lives in a positive manner. They are a living example that someone CAN change!



Thank you SO much to all who attended MATM24. Again, a BIG thank you to all who volunteered to make the day what it was! You know who you are and we appreciate you all so very much! Especial gratitude must go to Jo Griffiths who put enormous time and effort into pulling off this fabulous event, along with the rest of our core team: Julia Sibun, Iain Lauchlan, Martyn Davies (from Kinton) and Greg Arcielo from The Music License. We simply couldn't have pulled it off without any of you. Oxhill is an amazing community and it's residents are great at pulling together, getting involved and having fun! Thank you to all of you who gave up time: painting a bespoke stage backdrop, putting up posters, gazebos and signage; and too many to mention who volunteered to hand out fliers, be on the gates, direct parking and pick up very little litter the next morning (some even coming from as far



away as Wales, and The Lake District!) You made it possible to put on this event that will have far reaching positive ripples into the future for many young people and their communities!

Debbie & Alastair Welford (Photos from Facebook and Debbie & Alistair Welford)

An original painting by Giosue Larucci is to be won in a prize draw in support of Nicodemus. The competition is open until 10th September. Find out more from the advert below:



**YOUR CHANCE TO WIN AN
ORIGINAL ARTWORK BY
PROFESSIONAL ARTIST GIOSUÉ
LARUCCI**

- ENTRIES FROM AS LITTLE AS £5
- ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE DONATED TO THE NICODEMUS CHAIRY WHO HELP DISADVANTAGED YOUNG PEOPLE
- BUY YOUR TICKETS BETWEEN 12TH AUGUST & 10TH SEPTEMBER FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN



WIN THIS ORIGINAL PAINTING FROM AS LITTLE AS £5.

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO SUPPORT THE NICODEMUS CHARITY



PAELLA NIGHT

7th September, 7pm

Tickets £18

Ali Sayer
07970 922352
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AN EVENING WITH VAL GARLAND

Where to start?! This was simply the most fantastic event! We must all know that Val doesn't just have a house in Oxhill

— that she is something special in the world of make-up too — but, oh my heavens, what a life, what joie de vivre, what an extraordinary talent and, oh my goodness, what stories!

The fifty ladies who managed to bag a ticket for the fastest ever selling-out event at the village hall arrived with emotions ranging from curious to beside-themselves-excited about meeting their heroine. Without a doubt, every one of them was riveted as Val's assistant, Paula, asked the Glow Up star about her early career, her best and not so best moments, how the BBC show came about, and more. Next, Val did a make-up demonstration on our very own Gaynor Fila, all the while answering more questions from the audience and from Paula. (Who knew that foundation doesn't go on first?!) We'd planned a short interval to allow everyone to refresh their glasses, to move the furniture so the braver amongst us could whip out our make-up bags and have a go at copying Val's techniques, and for Val and Paula to have a rest, but after bare moments they were right back, giving generously of both their time and expertise. Val even donated eight copies of her book *Validated* for a raffle in aid of the hall and stayed beyond the finish time to make sure that each lucky winner had their prize signed.



Of course, events don't plan themselves and, being a first of its kind at the hall, none of us had a clue exactly what it might involve when a casual conversation in the pub evolved into a firm yes from Val. Would the hall's new AV system cope? How many people would come? Could we somehow project a zoomed-in image of the demonstration onto the screen so everyone could see? Would we need lights? What about a special chair for Gaynor? What about mics? What about cabling? What about advertising? What about, what about, what about...

Needless to say, it took a team to deliver the evening, but special mentions must go to: on camera, Steve MacRae; on sound, lights, and



cabling, Iain McPherson; on raffle duty, Clare Essex and Maureen, Val’s oldest friend; as model, Gaynor; and, of course, to Val and Paula without whom it would never have happened.

Did you miss out on a ticket? Don’t worry, we’re working on it!

Ali & Karen

SUMMER SOIRÉE

We may not be able to bank on the weather, but we can always bank on great company at village hall events and the Soirée was no different. Add a touch of glamour, plenty of fizz and delicious canapés, and it was a perfect way to while away a summer evening. As always, we couldn’t have done it without our amazing Friends so huge thanks go to those who prepared food, ran the bar, loaned gazebos, and who helped set up and clear up. I’m sorry there aren’t many photos to share — we were too busy having fun!

Karen





KNIT AND NATTER

The group will be starting again on 2nd October in the village hall from 2.00 to 4.00 pm and then on the first Wednesday of each month.

Our charge at present (includes tea and biscuits) is £2.00 but this might have to be reviewed.

Anyone welcome regardless of crafting abilities!!

Jane 07530 629114



*The Oxhill
Progressive
Supper*

**Saturday
5th October
7pm**

**Tickets £20
(free for hosts)**

**OXHILL VILLAGE HALL
for our community**

Contact Ali on 07970 922352 or oxhillvh@gmail.com



Tysoe Tennis Club
www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk



ANNUAL TYSOE TENNIS CLUB TOURNAMENT

August sees the conclusion of the tennis league season, and a small number of fixtures are still to be completed by the ladies and mixed doubles teams - next month we can report on the season end standings.

Our annual Club Tournament took place on a blisteringly hot August Sunday, under the watchful eye of Brian White who organized the format, kept scores and the tournament moving along at pace. Thank you Brian!

Twelve members took part, and the format allowed everyone to play against each other throughout the day in a mixed doubles format. There was some very good tennis, close scoring and a competitive day was played in a wonderful spirit. After nearly 4 hours of play, Brian totted the scores and announced Irene Beever as Ladies champion and Colin Wilson as the Men's winner

It was pleasing to see some spectators, both canine and human, wander down to cast an eye over proceedings. The legendary buffet was a huge success and of course, the Pimms and Lemonade with strawberries went down very well!

Wimbledon it may not have been but great fun was had by all, and a highlight for members of our friendly club!

Colin Wilson

OXHILL HOUSE & FARM AUCTION SLIPS

In last's month's Oxhill News we published an auction slip from 1945 for 3 lots in Oxhill. Dominic Connolly sent us information about the owner of the lots, Charles Taylor. Dominic sent us a screenshot of evidence from a probate search and wrote:

"Last month I found out during my research that Charles Taylor was quite a wealthy man when he died during WWII."

TAYLOR Charles of Oxhill **Warwickshire** died 19 March 1944
Probate **Birmingham** 26 February to Leonard - George
Cornes farmer. Effects £4693 5s. 7d.

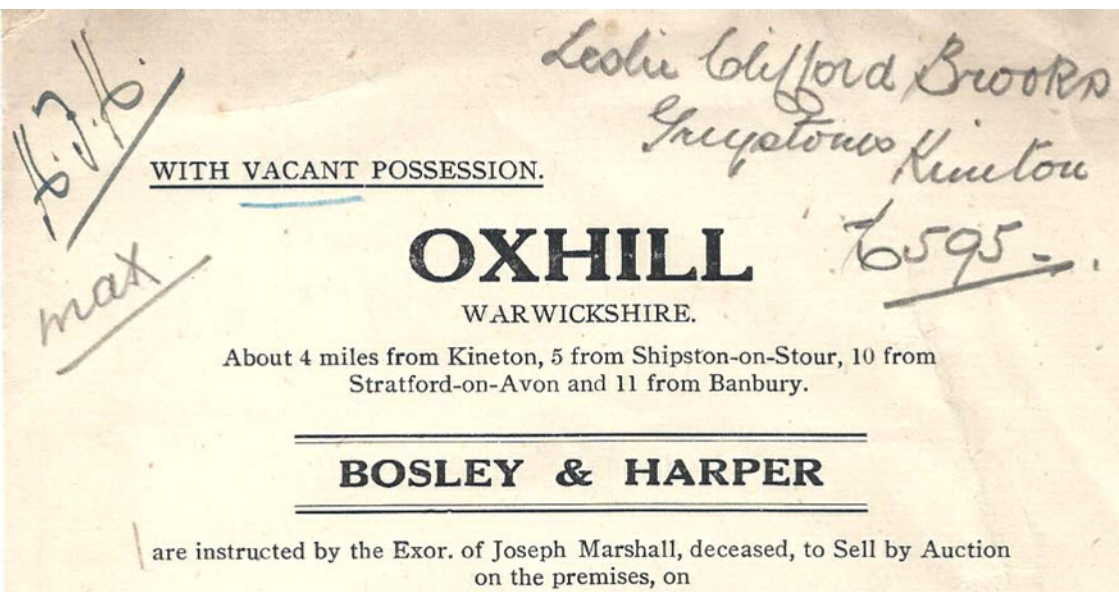
Robert Harper, whose grandfather auctioned the Oxhill properties, believes the lots belonging to one home: Fexloe House, located on Main Street. Since 1945 the property has been divided and new homes have been built along Back Lane.

Below we have another Oxhill property auctioned in 1945. We know it was sold for £595 to Leslie Clifford Brooks from Greystones, Kineton as written in the top right corner. How strange to think that in 80 years the property has grown in value to perhaps a 1000 times more - so much increase is so short a time.

Can you guess which Oxhill property this may be?

Thank you again to Robert Harper for sharing these very interesting and historical auction slips from his grandfather auctioneer, Henry Francis Harper from the company of auctioneers, Bosley & Harper

~ ed.



**FRIDAY, 7th SEPTEMBER, 1945,
at 3 o'clock,**

and subject to Conditions of Sale to be then produced,

THE DETACHED FREEHOLD

Cottage Residence

(formerly 2 cottages), with Flower and Kitchen Garden, Garage and Outbuildings, pleasantly situate adjoining the Kineton Road.

The Cottage, is brick-built (part cement faced) and slated and contains Kitchen with oven grate, sink and furnace; Larder with cupboard and shelves; Scullery; 2 Sitting Rooms with oven grates; 4 Bedrooms (all on the first floor).

There is a spacious lean-to brick and galvanised GARAGE, Stable and Cart Shed, also brick and slated Hovel, Pigstye and Outbuilding.

The galvanised water tank and garden produce will be included in the purchase.

There is a well of water on the Property and the Village Water Supply is adjacent.

VACANT POSSESSION on Completion of Purchase.

Land Tax, 6/-

TO VIEW, apply to Mrs. Marshall on the premises.

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

MR. F. B. HANCOCK,

Shipston-on-Stour (Tel. 16).

N.B.—THE SALE OF FURNITURE

including Antique Oak Corner Cupboard, Oak Dining and Deal Tables, Sideboard, Couch and Easy Chairs, 4 Bedsteads, Bedding and Linen, Elm Chest, 2 Chests of Drawers, Kitchen Utensils, American Clock, Oil Stove &c.

**will take place immediately following the
Sale of the Property.**

10-4 Sat 7 & Sun 8 Sept 2024

GRAND OPENING

of our new LWMRS club facilities
over two floors

Celebrate with us over 2 days, meet our groups with award winning layouts in scales: N, 2mm-FS, OO, P4, EM, O and on our outdoor tracks: scales 1 and G.

Additional **Outdoor Live Steam** event on Sun 8 Sept with special guests: The Midlands Group of the G1 Model Railway Association, showing a vast array of live steam models and rolling stock.

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MODEL RAILWAY
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New House Farm, Knightcote, Southam, Leamington CV47 2EQ

HOMEMADE TOMATO SOUP / SAUCE

We grow a lot of tomatoes and this is how we like to prepare them. This recipe is more procedural than measured, because over the years we've learned to do it by eye.

1. Gather tomatoes
2. Include other vegetables from your garden: onion, celery, carrot and bay leaves



3. Remove skins from tomatoes by placing each tomato in boiled water for 30 seconds (approx) and then plunge the tomato into iced water. The skins should peel easily.
4. Quarter each peeled tomato.
5. Rough chop remaining vegetables and fry gently in pot with olive oil.
6. Add tomato puree and stir.
7. Add tomatoes.
8. Add stock and season.
9. Cook until vegetables are soft.
10. Ladle into blender.



11. Whizz blender until tomato mixture is smooth.
12. Return to pot.

If you want to eat the tomato mixture as a soup, you may need to add water to the mixture if it is too thick. If you want to eat the tomato mixture as a sauce (my favourite on pasta) then you may need to reduce it to thicken. Soup or sauce can be frozen.

Enjoy!

~ *Vanessa, ed.*



GOLF DAY AT FELDON VALLEY



FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20th 2024

Feldon Valley Golf Club, Brailes, OX15 5BB

8:30am - 3pm

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

Find out more



£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

GALLAGHER
DEVELOPMENTS

Registered Charity No 1162586



10k RUN / WALK AT WALTON HALL

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.

Online entry closes Friday 30th August

Registered Charity No. 1162586



With thanks to our event sponsors





SHIPSTON FLOWER CLUB

Presents

Autumn Treasures

A demonstration by

Claire Bond

Tuesday, 10th September, 2024

7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

at Shipston on Stour

Primary School

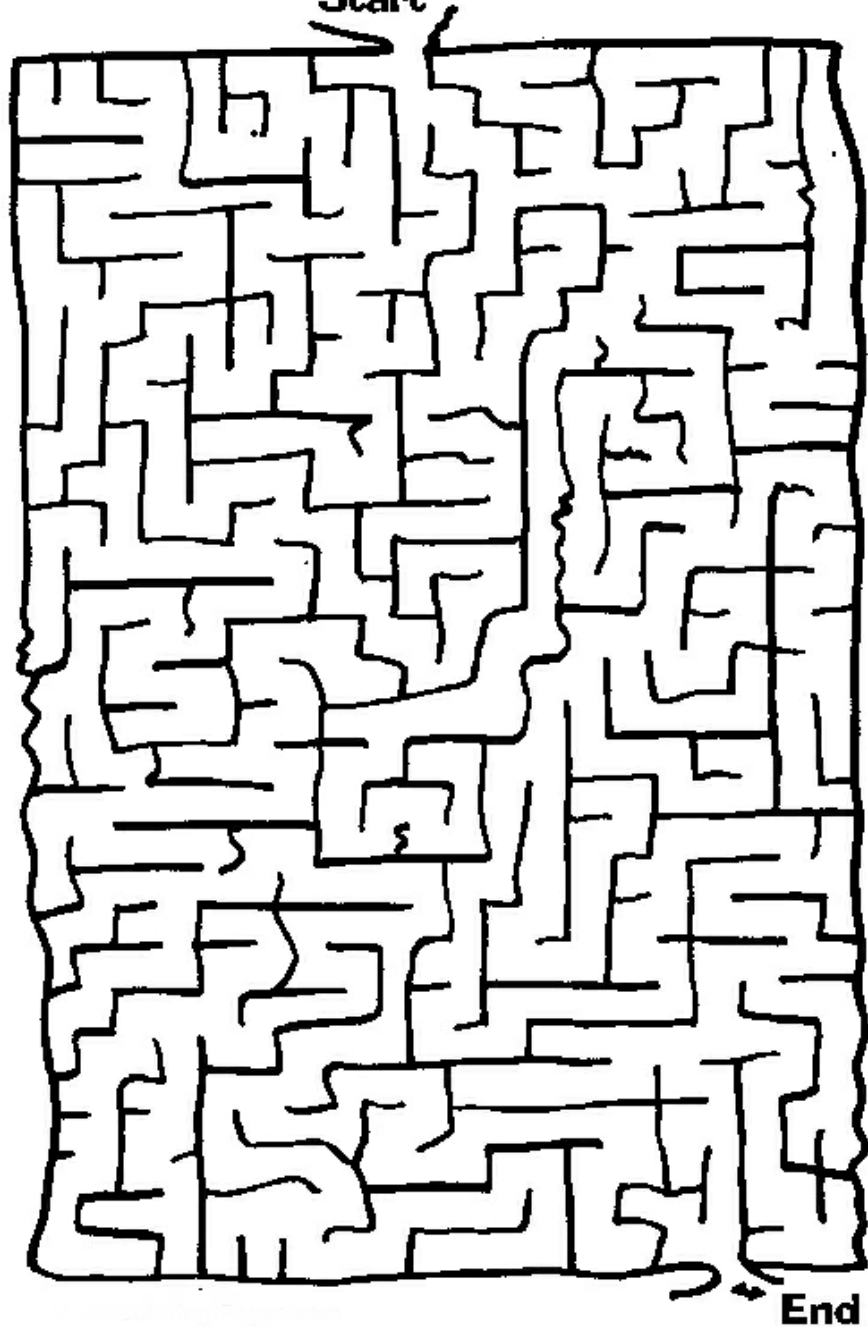
Station Road, CV36 4BT

Visitor Entry £6

Maze!

This maze is hard ! Can you make it to the end?

Start



WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

SEPTEMBER

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| Sat 7th- Sun 8th | | Grand Opening, Leamington & Warwick Model Railway Society |
| Sat 7th | 19:00 | Paella Night, Village Hall |
| Sun 8th | Reg: 8:45 Start 10:00 | 10k Walk/Run Walton Hall, SHN |
| Tues 10th | 19:00 | Shipston Flower Club: Autumn Treasures |
| Wed 11th | 14:30-14:50 | Mobile Library outside Village Hall |
| Fri 20th | 8:30-15:00 | Golf Day at Feldon Valley, SHN |
| Sun 22nd | 15:30 | Harvest Festival, St Lawrence Church |
| Sat 28th | 10:30-12:30 | Oxhill Garden Club Plant Sale, Village Hall |
| Every Thursday | 12:00 | Coffee Morning, Peacock Pub |

OCTOBER

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| Sat 5th | 19:00 | Progressive Supper, Village Hall |
| Thurs 24th | 19:00 | Kinton Regent Club Charity Evening |

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.



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| 29 | 30 | | | | | |

BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR

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

- Food waste
- Recycling
- General refuse
- Garden waste