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Ed Bracher with his family at Buckingham Palace received an OBE Honour.

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ED BRACHER RECEIVES OBE

Ed Bracher and his family had an amazing day in London last month when he received his OBE at an investiture ceremony at Buckingham Palace, officiated by Her Royal Highness The Princess Royal (Princess Anne), on behalf of His Majesty King Charles III.

Ed received his OBE in recognition of his services to disabled people, particularly for his work leading and growing Riding for the Disabled Association, but also setting up and chairing an organisation to help promote standards and regulation across the field of “Equine Assisted Services” (therapeutic activities for humans, involving horses) – a rapidly growing and important area of work. Ed is now the CEO of Dogs for Good – continuing to promote and support the value of the human-animal bond in enabling people to live happier and healthier lives.



It was a wonderful day and very special to be able to share it with the family and have a memorable experience (and long, celebratory lunch) together in London.

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH FOR AUGUST 2025

Phase one of the re-ordering of St Lawrence Church is now complete: the new space at the front has been created and carpeted, and the organ moved there, allowing a space at the back to be cleared for meeting and gathering. Huge thanks to all those involved in the organisation and preparation of the work, as well as the various workmen themselves. It does all look very beautiful.

Summer gives us a chance for a rest, even if right now it is cold and wet. Jesus often took time out to be with his Father, and to reflect and pray. We need to do the same. Listen to God's world around us, spend time in the company of those we love, recharge our batteries, and reflect on all the many things He gives us.



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

May bright summer flowers
speak to us of God's unending bounty.

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

May warm summer nights
speak to us of God's enfolding comfort.

May early summer dawns
speak to us of God's renewing hope. *Simon Taylor, in Summer*

Services in St Lawrence in August.

Sunday, August 3rd

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Susan Bowden-Pickstock
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Sunday, August 10th

9.30 am	Holy Communion	Glynn Evans
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Sunday, August 17th

9.30 am	Morning Worship	George Heighton
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Sunday, August 24th

6.30 pm	Evensong	George Heighton
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Every blessing, Jill

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OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

Oxhill might have been sweltering during much of recent weeks, but the heat of the midday sun had cooled to the perfect temperature for June's Summer Soirée and July's Family Barbecue.

The Soirée saw us all outside enjoying a lovely relaxed evening with excellent company. The Barbecue was also outside but rather than the clink of Pimm's glasses, it was accompanied by the clink of boules and the flushed faces of children playing football on the lawn. The food at both was, of course, every bit as good as ever, the committee and Friends of the village hall doing us proud with delicious canapés for the Soirée and a fine array of salads to go with the Barbecue's burgers and sausages. Our thanks go to all who helped make both events so enjoyable, with particular thanks to Derek Harbour for slaving over a hot grill and to Celena Mulhern for running the boules tournament.

Summer Soiree photos by Paul Roebuck







Oxhill Family BBQ photos

BOULES WINNERS

Many congratulations go to Olivia and Max Helmore (left) holding the Gardner Cup for their winning boules performance.





100 CLUB LOTTERY

We are coming to the end of the first year of our 100 Club lottery and the Chairman and Trustees would like to thank everyone who has participated in making this a huge success.

The funds raised have been utilised in many ways, for example, to pay for the new outside planters and flowers, the hanging baskets, a new heater in the bar area, and the security lighting installed after the recent robbery!

We thank all our subscribers for your continued support of the village hall, it is much appreciated.

Renewal to the 100 Club will be in September with the first draw taking place on Friday 19th. All existing members will be emailed in August to invite them to subscribe again for the coming year. The annual subscription remains at £60 per number. If you aren't currently a subscriber and would like more information or are interested in becoming part of the Club, please pick up an application form from the village hall or contact me on 07769 348844 or oxhillvh@gmail.com and I will forward one to you.

Sally Mannerings, Trustee

PLAY - SUPPORT - WIN

PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

This year's Progressive Supper will take place on Saturday 13th September. The format will be the same as in previous years, with welcome drinks and dessert at the hall and starters and main courses at various houses around Oxhill. It's one of the most complicated events to organise so please let Ali Sayer know as early as possible if you would like to attend and if you'd like to host a group of diners at your home for either the starter or main course. Tickets are free to hosts and £25 for guests. This covers a drink on arrival at the hall, a three course meal, and drinks during the first two courses. This year's theme is Caribbean so I'm already imagining jerk chicken, escovitch fish, goat curry, exotic fruit, rum punch and piña coladas... Or maybe a nice fish stew and a glass or two of white wine? Who knows what our creative cooks will come up with, but it's bound to be both tasty and memorable.

You can contact Ali on 07970 922352 or at oxhillvh@gmail.com.

100 CLUB LOTTERY

June's winners were Derek Harbour, Sally and Ian Broderick, and Grenville Moore. If you would like your chance to win and haven't yet joined the Club, please contact Sally on 07769 348844 or at oxhillvh@gmail.com.

Karen MacRae



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL
for our community

CARIBBEAN PROGRESSIVE SUPPER

**Saturday
13th September
7pm**

Three courses
Drink on arrival
Drinks at hosts' homes

Tickets £25
(free for hosts)

OXHILL
ST. MAARTEN
ARUBA
BONAIRE
BARBADOS
St. Croix
CAYMAN BRAC

Contact Ali on 07970 922352 or oxhillvh@gmail.com



Oxhill CC

June News

Completed Fixture Match Reports:

Thurs 19th June: Meon Vale and Quinton CC vs Oxhill CC-20 Overs: Oxhill won by 25 runs.

Team: Tom Wood, Dan Morbey, Alex Beaumont-Darke, Ed Frape, Adam Jordan, Will Gowers, Jon Simpson, Matt Chick, Jamie Farris

Oxhill CC travelled to Quinton on a hot summer's evening to play the return fixture against Quinton and Meon Vale. Having won the home tie earlier in the season, Oxhill were in confident mood despite being understrength. Oxhill batted first on a very unpredictable wicket. However, each Oxhill bat was able to make useful contributions to the total despite conditions. Dan Morbey scored particularly well; reaching 27 (ret.). The away side set Quinton 153 to win. The Quinton batsmen were never really on the required run rate and fell 25 runs short by the end of their innings. Young Jamie Farris was the pick of the Oxhill bowlers, taking 2 for 34 off 4 overs.

Thurs 26th June: Snitterfield CC vs Oxhill CC-20 Overs: Snitterfield won by 63 runs.

Team: Dave Whittaker, Neil Chick, Matt Walker, Matt Chick, Mike Salmon, Ryan Orgill, Michael Dawes, Will Gowers, Craig Walker, Jamie Farris, Adam Jordan

Snitterfield batted first. The home team scored well early on yet Oxhill felt like they were very much in the game; until the final few overs that is. Snitterfield's 10th and 11th batsmen scored 29 and 26 respectively, off very few deliveries, taking their team's total to an unsurmountable 192. Jamie Farris bowled well, taking 3 for 24 off 4. Adam Jordan bowled a

very useful spell too taking 2 for 14 off 4. Captain Dave Whittaker was much annoyed that his figures bore the brunt of the late Snitterfield scoring. He finished with 1-47 off 2 overs. Despite a valiant attempt by Walker, Salmon and Gowers who all retired after scoring 25, the Oxhill batsmen never looked like scoring the required runs and finished on 129 after their allotted overs.

Sunday 29th June: Warwickshire County Council CC vs Oxhill CC-35 Overs: WCCCC won by 26 runs.

Team: Cormac Thompson, Andy Teesdale, Jack Armstrong, Michael Dawes, Will Gowers, Rob Startin, Matt Chick, Jon Simpson, Adam Jordan, Ryan Orgill, Neil Chick

WCCCC won the toss and elected to bat. It was a very hot day and the wicket was dry and dusty. Oxhill bowled well, limiting the home side to 182



for 8 off 35 overs. Gowers (3 for 22 off 5) and Orgill (27 for 2 off 6) bowled well. The plaudits go to Adam Jordan however, who though only took 1 wicket, bowled very tidily-conceding a miserly 16 runs off his 7 overs. At tea, Oxhill were confident that they could chase down WCCCC's total. Things certainly started positively with each of Oxhill's first five batsmen scoring well. Dawes (27) and Teesdale (37) notably so. From there, things took a significant downturn. The last five wickets fell for a miserable 14 runs. The batting collapse of rarely seen magnitude meant that the away side ultimately fell 26 runs short of the required total.

Thurs 10th July: Oxhill CC vs Hook Norton CC-20 Overs: Oxhill won by 9 wickets

Team: Dave Whittaker, Mike Salmon, Michael Dawes, Craig Walker, Ryan Orgill, Neil Chick, Matt Chick, Jon Simpson, Will Gowers, Adam Jordan, Ed Frape

Hooky batted first and scored a useful 125 for 6 off their 20 overs. Gowers (2 for 21 off 4), Jordan (1 for 10 off 4) and Orgill (1 for 12 off 3) all bowled well. With the away team's decent bowling attack, the Oxhill lads were expecting to have to bat well. However, openers Ed Frape and Craig Walker knocked off the majority of the runs in short order. Frape retired on 50 and Walker was eventually dismissed for 44.

Salmon and Simpson saw Oxhill to the winning total with 4 overs to spare; meaning that both sides had plenty of time to enjoy a cider or two and watch the sun go down over Kineton.



Sun 13th July: Oxford University CC vs Oxhill CC-40 overs: Oxford University CC won by 53 runs

Team: Andy Teesdale, Ed Frape, Dan Morbey, Mike Salmon, Jamie Farris, Michael Dawes, Will Gowers, Adam Jordan, Matt Walker, Neil Chick, Dave Whittaker

The Oxhill lads arrived in Oxford on one of the hottest days of the year not really knowing what to expect of their opposition. The game was played at Baliol College. The wicket was brown and dry and the outfield was very parched. The opposition, as it transpired, were engineers, staff and alumni of Oxford Uni, and generally very good at cricket. Oxford Uni batted first reaching a total of 229 all out. The last wicket pairing put on stand of 52 that somewhat took the game beyond the away side. Matt Walker bowled well with figures of 3 for 37 off 5. Dave Whittaker, however, topped that with 3 for 16 off 6. With temperatures soaring and some players struggling with the heat, Oxhill never really looked likely to reach the home side's total and, in the end, fell short by 53 runs.

Salmon batted well to reach 47. Dawes played a useful cameo hitting 29.

Thurs 17th July: Ebrington CC vs Oxhill CC-20 overs: Ebrington CC won by 6 wickets

Team: Ed Frape, Matt Walker, Mike Salmon, Tom Wood, Dave Whittaker, Michael Dawes, Will Connors, Dan Morbey, Will Gowers, Adam Jordan, Ryan Orgill

Oxhill have never beaten Ebrington. The games are always played at Ebrington. They have an excellent batting wicket and they usually sequester some Chipping Campden batsmen to take full advantage of it. Oxhill batted first and scored well reaching 171 off 20 overs. Openers Frape (37), Walker (51 ret.) scored particularly well. Oxhill took to the field feeling hopeful of a maiden victory over the Yubby boys. The away side's bowling attack was strong and scoreboard pressure would work in their favour. Ebrington's openers both batted well and scored quickly; each retiring after scoring 50. The support cast did well enough to win the game for Ebrington in the final over. Wood bowled well taking 2 for 12 off 4. Oxhill's poor fielding was largely to blame for the loss. No fewer than 6 catches were put down. The Oxhill boys will have to wait another year for their first victory against Yubby.

Upcoming fixtures: Thurs 24th June: Welford CC (home), Sunday 24th July: Hockley Heath CC (away), Thurs 31st July: Bodicote CC (away), Thurs 7th Aug: Norton Lindsey CC (home), Sun 17th Aug: Tysoe CC (away), Sun 24th Aug: Long Compton CC (home), Sat 6th Sept: Bridgtown CC (away), Sun 7th Sept: Lynton and Lynmouth CC (away). 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.

RAINBOW

Bright and beautiful rainbow photographed on 21 July by Trisha Harbour.



OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING AT TYSOE

After eighteen months of planning and playing, Tysoe C of E Primary School completed a final Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) audit with our OPAL mentor, Rachel, on 9th July.

We won a PLATINUM AWARD!

Only 2% of OPAL schools around the country receive a Platinum Award needing to achieve more than 90% in the final audit.

We believe play is a right for all children as outlined by Article 31 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Together with our pupil representatives and our Governor Play Champion, our Play Team, led by Miss Simpson and Miss Burnett, have transformed playtimes at Tysoe. Our Play Charter was written by the children and is lived every day at Tysoe.

Play is a right.

We have the responsibility to make sure everyone enjoys playtime by:

Enjoying the sun,
Hoping for rain,
Getting muddy,
Taking risks,
Including everyone, and
Being inventive.

Paige Allister
Headteacher



FIRST CRIAS OF THE YEAR

Here are the first of the crias (baby alpacas) born this year into Lis and Adrian Stuart's alpaca flock. The top photo is little Emily and the bottom photo is Evelyn.





VISIT FROM EDGEHILL GLIDING CLUB

Pillerton Priors Cubs had a visit from James Giles, from the Edgehill Gliding Club, a few weeks ago. James explained many things about flight and also involved the Cubs in some flight activities.

This is not the first time that James has involved himself in the Pillerton Priors Cubs and his visit was most entertaining and informative. The Gliding Club welcomes visitors.

Pillerton Priors Cub Group has just 14 Cubs at the moment and they come from all surrounding villages including Oxhill. Unfortunately activities for scouting in general and other activities for youngsters are hampered by the lack of adults willing to lead them.

If you have some free time and would like to help us lead the Pillerton Priors Cubs, please contact Marlene Lander at landermarlene200@gmail.com





WOT2 GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

JULY 2025 NEWS

It has been a busy time in the community orchard as the soft fruit ripens - raspberries, red and blackcurrants, apricots and cherries. Last week a team of volunteers were able to pick enough apricots for eight punnets to be taken to Kineton Manor Nursing Home, as well as plenty of fruit to be distributed to members.

The orchard is looking good, despite the lack of rain, and the fruit trees are maturing well. Compare it to the photo taken ten years ago when the orchard had just been planted. Our thanks go to the members over the years who have put in so many hours to ensure it continues to flourish.

The orchard is next to the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe. For more information about membership please email: mirandawot2grow@gmail.com.

Allie Aves

Contacts: Miranda Forrester (680265); Paul Sayer (680451); Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)





Picked at the WOT2grow Community Orchard. Photo by Carol Taylor

DENE VALLEY U3A

Are you no longer working full time or retired, irrespective of your age? Ready for some new experiences or developing your interests? How about making new friends and generally just having more fun! If so, why not consider joining the Dene Valley u3a? We have over 450 members who are involved over 40 interest groups and enjoy our monthly speaker meetings.



Interested? Want to know more? Then come and find our stall at the Wellesbourne Street Fayre on Saturday 6th September where some of our members will be on hand to tell you much more about what our u3a can offer. Hope to meet you there!

SAVE THE DATE!

THE BIENNIAL RADWAY VILLAGE FÊTE

Sunday 14th September 2025
2pm to 4.30pm

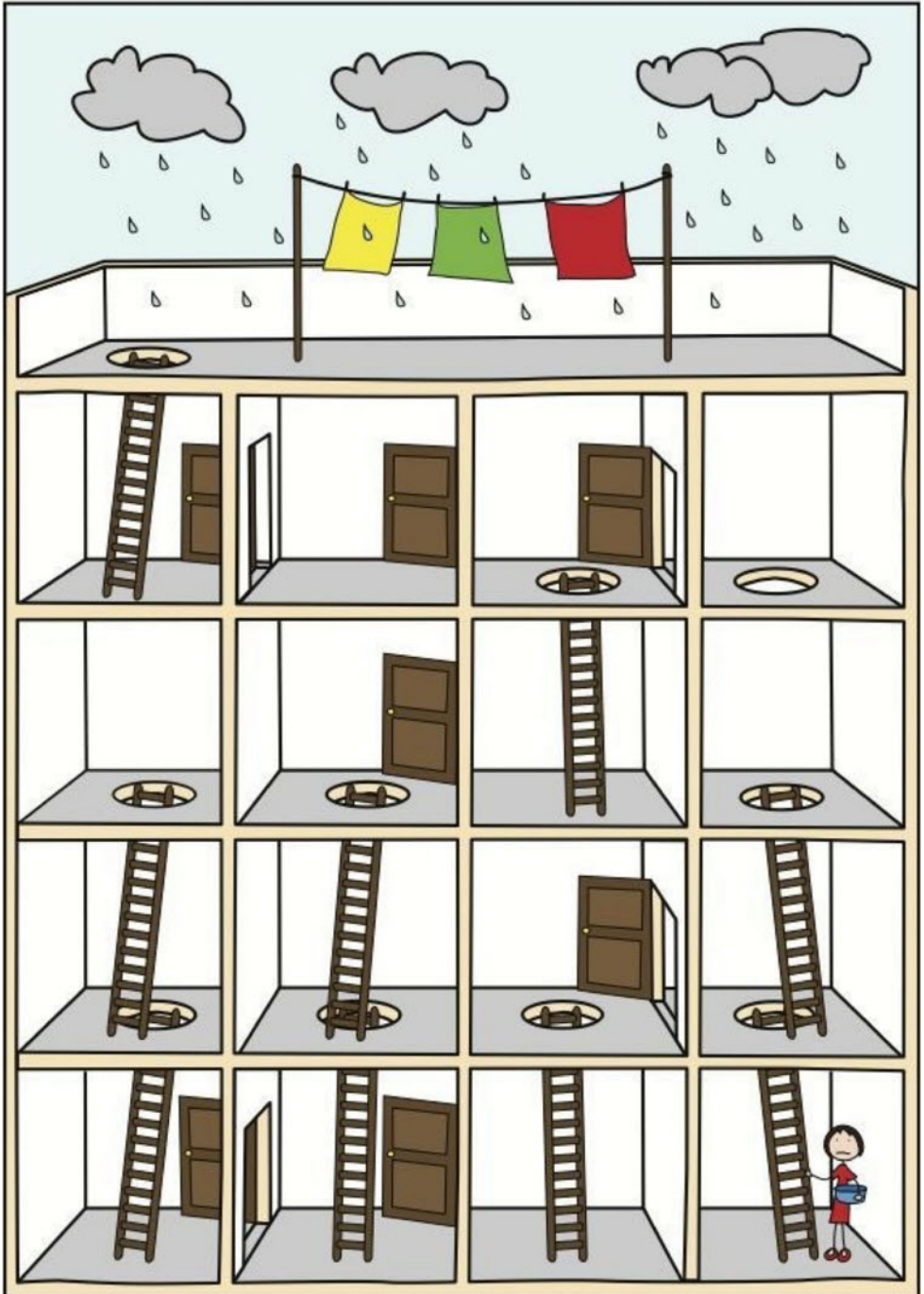
A Traditional English Summer Fête

Fun Dog Show
Bottle Tumbols
Raffle (Helicopter Ride 1st Prize)
Bric-a-Brac & Books
Skittles & Coconut Shy
Teas & Cakes
Pimm's & Beer
Children's Activities
.....plus many other attractions!

More details to follow in August.....

MAZE

Can you find the way up to the roof for the girl to get her laundry? You can climb a ladder and walk through doors. Answer is on the back page



WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

AUGUST

Wed 20th 14:30-14:50
Every Thursday 12:00

Mobile Library outside Village Hall
Coffee Morning, Peacock Pub

SEPTEMBER

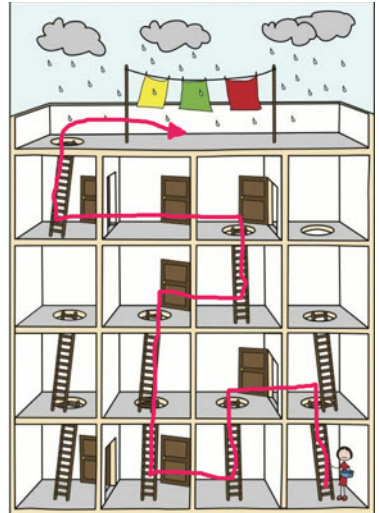
Sat 13th 19:00
Sun 14th 14:00-16:30

Caribbean Progressive Supper
The Biennial Radway Village Fete

PC MEETINGS

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting at **Tuesday, 9th September 2025 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.



BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR

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

