

# THE OXHILL NEWS

March 2025 No. 604



## **Tysoe Tennis Club**

Jasmine Fawcus, winner of the Tysoe Junior Tournament in September.

*Vanessa Druce, editor & Grenville Moore, consulting editor*

*Email: [oxhill.news.editor@gmail.com](mailto:oxhill.news.editor@gmail.com) Website: [oxhillcommunity.co.uk](http://oxhillcommunity.co.uk)*

# TABLE OF CONTENTS

ARTICLE	PAGE
Tysoe Tennis Club Junior Tennis	3
Snowdrops in the Churchyard	4
More Fishy Photos	5
Have Plane, Will Travel	6
Oxhill Village Hall	7
St Patrick's Day Supper	9
Funny Pet Pictures	10
St Lawrence Church	12
Quiz Night Dogs for Good	14
Auction of Promises	15
Friends of Oxhill Church, Games Night	17
St David's Day Pancake Supper	20
Notice of Planned Changes to the Church Interior	21
Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Bread	22
Tysoe Children's Group, We're Hiring	24
The Way We Were	25
Oxhill Parish Council Minutes of January 2025 Meeting	26
Wot2Grow Community Orchard	29
Shipston Flower Club	30
Dinner & Dancing at Primrose Hill Farm	31

## CLUB & GROUP CONTACT DETAILS

St Lawrence Church,	Priest-in Charge Rev. George Heighton, 01295 680201 Rev Canon Dr Jill Tucker 0973 994800 revjill.tucker@btinternet.com
Carers4carers:	kcarers4carers@gmail.com or tel: 07947 893504
Oxhill Village Hall:	Derek Harbour - Chair Ali Sayer - Hall Hire - 07970 922352 email: oxhillvh@gmail.com
Oxhill Pickleball	Peter Rivers Fletcher 07730 800729 rfn364@btinternet.com
The Peacock Pub	01295 675019
Tysoe Tennis Club:	Club Secretary: Carol Spencer email: carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk
Warwickshire Mobile Library:	01926 851031
WOT2Grow Community Orchard:	Miranda Forrester (680265); Paul Sayer (680451); Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)
talkdementia.uk	Paul & Heather Dowler Tysoe 688376 email: talkdementia@mail.com
2 Carer Support Service	



**Tysoe Tennis Club**  
[www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk](http://www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk)

## **TYSOE JUNIOR TENNIS**

Ahead of some exciting news next month from Tysoe Tennis Club, we asked one of our junior members, Jasmine Fawcus to highlight her tennis progression.

“I started playing tennis at Tysoe when I was 8 years old. I took part in Friday night sessions at the Club, and I tried to play as much as I could with my family. After a year of coaching, I started playing for the Tysoe Juniors in the Warwickshire Tennis League. This worked well as we started moving up the coloured balls and increased the size of the court, which slowly built up my confidence. I then had one to one session with Tom from the Club, where we worked on different aspects of my game. I now play lots of tennis at my school and I also play for and have lessons at Leamington Tennis Club. I still try to get to the Tysoe courts whenever I have time to play tennis with my family.”

**VERY EXCITING NEWS TO FOLLOW ABOUT COACHING FOR ALL AND COURT AND TENNIS ACCESSIBILITY TOO !!**



*Jasmine in action.*



# SNOWDROPS IN THE CHURCHYARD

*Photo by Jane Smith*





## MORE FISHY PHOTOS

Last month we shared the story of the pond raider (most likely an otter) who took Ray Dagg's koi fish from his garden pond.

We asked if anyone else had lost fish in this way and we had a reply (with photos) from Sue Britton:

*Found on the back lawn at Greenfields, Green Lane on 4th December.*

*~ Sue Britton*





# HAVE PLANE, WILL TRAVEL

## A TALK BY COLIN HALES

7pm Thursday 6th March



The aircraft in question is homebuilt, designed and built in garages and sheds around the country, and the journey is one of extremes: a journey around the world taking the aircraft and its pilot, our speaker Colin Hales, to places no plane like this has ever been to before. What is so special about this aircraft? Well, its size for one thing – so small it would fit inside many family homes. And the journey? How about travelling further than any similar-sized aircraft has travelled before and breaking down international boundaries that have stood since cold war days!

**Tickets £8**  
from Ali Sayer at [oxhillvh@gmail.com](mailto:oxhillvh@gmail.com)





## OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

**Peter Taylor's 'From XJ to F1'** talk on 6th February kicked off the month to great success. With a sold out audience, Peter charmed us all with his modest retelling of an exceptional career in the motoring industry which started out as a Jaguar Apprenticeship and culminated in a successful business advising car manufacturers around the world. As someone who has trouble remembering what I had for breakfast, I was particularly struck by Peter not only knowing the names of everyone he worked with, but bringing them to life with anecdotes about their personalities and their successes. The evening was a delight.

The next talk in our Talks@OVH series is **Colin Hales'** extraordinary around-the-world adventure in his tiny, self-built, single seater plane. I can't even begin to imagine what it must be like to have the kind of pioneering spirit that drives accomplishments like his - I'm hoping to get an insight on Thursday 6th March! The bar opens at 7pm. Tickets are £8 from Ali. Please note that you **must** buy a ticket in advance as spaces are limited and there are likely to be none available on the door.

The other big event at the hall in February was the **Auction of Promises**. At the time of writing, all I can tell you is that we have more than 40 lots which range from a bottle of whisky to a commission for an original oil painting by Giosué Larucci! I have no doubt it will be an entertaining evening as the marvelous Iain Macpherson will be our auctioneer, the bar will be open all evening, and some of the bidding is bound to become competitive! You can read how it went in next month's Oxhill News.



*Photos from Peter Taylor's talk 'From XJ to F1'.*

In March, we can look forward to Colin's talk and to our **St Patrick's Day Supper** on the 14th. The theme for the Supper is great food and great company. Supper will begin with potato cakes and smoked salmon, to be followed by a generous portion of Beef & Guinness stew or our take on an Irish bacon & cabbage pie, and then a choice of desserts. Our reasonably priced bar will be open from 7pm. *Please advise us of dietary requirements when booking. We will do our best to accommodate these.*

Finally a note on the improved offering of **fitness classes at the Village Hall**. Why not brush off that New Year's Resolution and give one a try? Please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

- Sam Fit's BodyFlow on Mondays at 7pm
- Sam Fit's BoxFit on Mondays at 7:45pm
- Barbara Shepard's Pilates on Thursdays at 9:30am
- Karen Clarke's Restorative Yoga on Thursdays at 7pm
- Sam Fit's Aerobics on Fridays at 10:30am

For more information on anything to do with the Village Hall, please email [oxhillvh@gmail.com](mailto:oxhillvh@gmail.com). To view our calendar and upcoming events, please go to our pages on the parish website: <https://oxhillcommunity.co.uk/village-hall>.

*Karen MacRae*







THREE COURSE

SUPPER

AT THE VILLAGE HALL



7PM FRIDAY  
14TH MARCH



Tickets from Ali Sayer on 07970 922352 or [oxhillvh@gmail.com](mailto:oxhillvh@gmail.com)

# FUNNY PET PICTURES

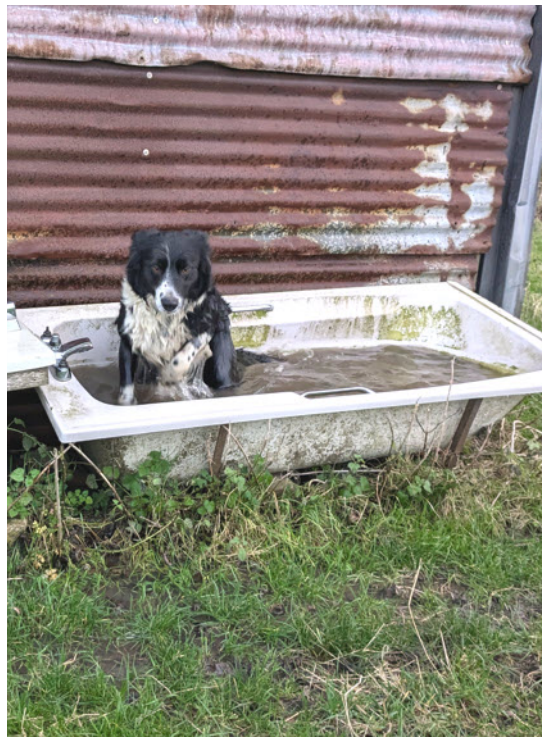
This month we have wonderful photos from Liz Finlyson and Lis Stuart of their funny dogs. Do you have any photos (or drawings) of your sweet pets? If so, we would love to share them. Please send your pictures to: [oxhill.news.editor@gmail.com](mailto:oxhill.news.editor@gmail.com)

*Thank you*



*Buddy needs to wear his glasses these days to watch the TV!*

*~ Liz Finlyson*



*Bess, the collie ~ Lis Stuart*



# ST LAWRENCE CHURCH

March begins with St David's Day, March 1st, and then Pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, March 4th, March 5th being Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. In Oxhill we will be celebrating them both together, with a St David's Day Pancake Supper on Saturday, March 1st.

David was a Bishop in the Celtic tradition; he founded several monasteries and lived a very simple life. So, it is not inappropriate that we remember him as we enter the reflective simplicity of Lent. The word 'Shrove' comes from the word '*shrive*', meaning forgiven. Lent is a time for reflecting on our lives, for stillness and quiet thought, and saying sorry to God for the ways in which we fail him and each other as we journey towards the events of Holy Week and Easter. The church is stripped of its flowers, and dressed in purple, to signify mourning and penitence – the exception being Mothering Sunday, on March 30th, when we are invited to gather to celebrate the 'Mother Church', and the love of each other.

It is a time for living simply, saying:

God of love and hope and life,  
at the beginning of Lent we come to you.  
We come to you seeking forgiveness.  
We come to you seeking strength for our journey  
We come to you seeking love.  
God of love and hope, meet us here. *Ruth Burgess, Spring*





**Church Services and other events in March**, in Oxhill unless otherwise stated.  
The Deanery Lent Services are entitled *By Way of the Heart: Poetry in Lent*.

**Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> Next before Lent**

9.30 am Holy Communion George Heighton

**Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**

11.00 am Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes, Brailes, Jill Tucker

7.30 pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes, Tysoe, George Heighton

**Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent**

9.30 am Morning Worship Jill Tucker

**Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Deanery Lent Service in Ilmington Church**

**Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

9.30 am Holy Communion Glynn Evans

**Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Deanery Lent Service in Ettington Church**

**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

6.30 pm Evensong Jill Tucker

**Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2.30 pm Deanery Lent Service in Whatcote Church**

**Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> Mothering Sunday**

3.30 pm Family Service Jill Tucker

*Every blessing, Jill*

IN AID OF THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE

**ST DAVID'S DAY**  
**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 1ST**  
**7PM**  
**THE OLD CHAPEL**  
**SUPPER**

**£15 ADULT**  
**£7 CHILD**  
**£40 FAMILY**  
(2 ADULTS + OWN CHILDREN)

**ASSORTED  
COTTAGE PIES  
FOLLOWED BY  
SWEET PANCAKES  
WITH A DONATIONS BAR**

**BOOK WITH RUTH MERCER, PLEASE CONTACT 07400615999**



# OXHILL VILLAGE HALL AND FRIENDS OF OXHILL CHURCH JOINT AUCTION OF PROMISES

On February 22nd, many people flocked to the Village Hall for the first collaborative fundraiser for over 6 years and to bid for a fantastic selection of lots donated by villagers and local businesses. Our excellent auctioneer, Iain Macpherson, worked his magic on the crowd in the Village Hall, extracting generous bids for every lot.

A massive thank you goes to everyone who generously made a Promise: without you, we would have had nothing to auction. We had such a diverse selection of Promises from around 40 people meaning there was something for everyone, a brilliant result. Thanks to the generosity of the bidders, we not only raised over £2500 for two village amenities but everyone who came appeared to be having a splendid time. Thank you also to all the people who helped deliver catalogues to every house in Oxhill - many hands make light work! Finally, we are so indebted to Iain, without whom the evening wouldn't have been half so entertaining.

We look forward to more fundraising collaboration!

*Derek Harbour and Ruth Mercer*







# FRIENDS OF OXHILL CHURCH

## GAMES NIGHT

On a cold and damp February evening, we welcomed a good number of people to our first Games Night in the The Old Chapel. There was a mountain of different games to choose, thanks mostly to Lis and Adrian, plus a few people brought along their favourite games, notably Ed Morgan's hand-crafted wooden Texas Shuffleboard and Peter Britton's hand-built wooden Shuttles game. Both of these games attracted a lot of attention and were played throughout the evening. After the first games, the players ate a buffet of many varieties of quiche and savoury flans, served with salad, cheeses and bread, followed by a large selection of cakes. It was lovely to see people mixing and playing games with different people after the buffet. We received such positive feedback that we aim to keep Games Night in our schedule of winter events.

A massive thank you to everyone who helped in any way, but particularly to Gaida, Carol F, Carol B, Lis, Kay and Linda for all their baking skills and tireless work in preparing, serving and clearing away the buffet, Linda and James for purchasing the bar stock, Jerry, Jon and Adrian for lifting, shifting, washing up and generally being there to help. Thank you again to Ed for lending us and transporting his shuffleboard to the Chapel and home - it's mighty heavy! Finally, thank you to everyone who supported the event. Thanks to you, we raised around £530 towards the Church reordering, which is scheduled to start at the end of April.

*Ruth Mercer*

*07400 615999 or [ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com)*







## **NEXT EVENTS**

### **ST. DAVID'S DAY PANCAKE SUPPER**

**SATURDAY 1ST MARCH 7 PM**

Don't forget to book your tickets for St. David's Day Pancake Supper! I'm sure that this will disappoint some, but we are reverting to the Oxhill Pancake Supper menu from last century when cottage pies of many varieties were served, followed by sweet pancakes. Because of the date, expect the odd leek to feature in the pies. There will be vegetarian options with gluten free available if you let me know in advance, plus plenty of sweet pancakes with a choice of toppings, all for the astoundingly cheap price of £15 per adult, £7 per child under 14. This year, we are offering an upgrade to Crepes Suzette for dessert at an additional cost of £1. (It covers the cost of the brandy!)

Please book your place as soon as possible: it is a popular event that is selling fast.

Ruth Mercer

07400 615999 or [ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com](mailto:ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com)



### **Dates for your diary**

#### **Oxhill's Big Weekend**

**June 14th and 15th**

We are in the very early stages of planning but would welcome suggestions, help, and offers to open gardens. Please contact me if you want to help or have ideas of what we can do to improve on last time.

### **Quiz Night**

**Saturday 25th October**

# QUIZ NIGHT

**Friday 28th March**

**In aid of Assistance Dogs Charity  
Dogs for Good**

**Kineton Village Hall**

Doors open 6.30pm  
Quiz starts 7pm

Tickets £5 each  
Teams of up to six  
Bar available

Tickets available

Jane Sargent  
07709872241  
mordy.sargent@gmail.com





# ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH

## NOTICE OF PLANNED CHANGES TO THE CHURCH INTERIOR

Three years ago, plans were made to improve the facilities inside the church. This was to be completed in three phases. After some delay we have now received Faculty approval from the Diocese to proceed with phase one, which will see the organ relocated to the front of the Nave. This will require the removal of one row of pews on both sides of the Nave aisle. The two current front pews together with the radiators will be moved into the resultant space with the heating pipework adjusted accordingly. Once the pipework is completed a new raised platform will be constructed across the east end of the Nave from the North to South walls and level with the current step. Once the platform is completed and carpeted, the organ will be moved to its new position on the North side of the Nave.

The work is expected to commence at the end of April and should take about 5 weeks. The two specialist contractors we have retained to carry out the works, will be supervised by the church architect, Steven Matthews. Whilst the church will remain open during the work, access will be restricted around the worksite.

The space vacated by the organ will be utilised for refreshments and storage space. Long term plans for phases 2 and 3 would include a Served in the Nave and provision of a toilet in the Vestry.

We look forward to village support for the long-term plans to bring the facilities of our lovely church up to date.

*Carol Fox*  
*Church Warden*



*My aunt Sally, who lives in Florida, is a great fan of Oxhill Cooks. My sister, Tara, who was visiting her, told me of a delicious pumpkin bread my aunt made. I asked them to please share the recipe for our magazine. So this month Ruth has a break and instead we travel to sunny Florida for a pumpkin chocolatey treat. Enjoy! ~ Vanessa.*



## **PUMPKIN CHOCOLATE CHIP BREAD**

*by Tara Plain and Sally Bleakley*

We started with the cooking pan, made sure to butter and then lightly flour. This will help with removal later. A sieve ensures a lightness and nothing gritty in the cake. We folded the mixture gently together, careful to fully mix the flour but to maintain a little bit of air for fluffiness. We went a bit heavier on the chocolate chips than the recipe suggested, because the chocolate melts slightly through the bread and really makes the taste standout. We did notice that the batter rises quite a bit in the oven, the last time we made this, so this time, we also made a few muffins on the side.

*~ Tara*

### **Ingredients**

- 1 3/4 cups plain flour
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
- 1/4 ground ginger
- 3/4 tsp salt
- 2 large eggs, at room temperature
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups pumpkin puree (canned or fresh)
- 1/2 cup vegetable oil, canola oil or melted coconut oil
- 1/4 cup orange juice
- 2/3 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips



1. Adjust the oven rack to the lower third position and preheat the oven to 180°
2. Grease a metal 9x5 inch loaf pan. Set aside.
3. In a large bowl whisk the flour, bicarbonate of soda, cinnamon, nutmeg, cloves, ginger and salt together until combined. Set aside.
4. In a medium bowl whisk the eggs, sugar and brown sugar together until combined.
5. Add the pumpkin, oil and orange juice to the egg mixture.
6. Add wet ingredients to dry and gently combine. There will be a few lumps. Do not overmix.
7. Gently fold in the chocolate chips.
8. Pour the batter into the prepared loaf pan.
9. Bake for 60-65 minutes, making sure to loosely cover the bread with aluminium foil halfway to prevent the top from getting too brown.
10. The bread is done when a toothpick inserted in the centre comes out clean.
11. Cool completely on a wire rack before removing and slicing.





JOIN US FOR

# DINNER & DANCING

*at Primrose Hill Farm*

## 22 March 2025

COCKTAIL ON ARRIVAL - THREE-COURSE DINNER  
DJ ANDY SAUNDERS - AUCTION & RAFFLE

7PM FOR DINNER AT 8PM

PRIMROSE HILL FARM, ARLESCOTE, OX17 1DQ

TABLE OF 10: £800 - TABLE OF 12: £960

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR TO BUY TICKETS:  
[WWW.SHIPSTONHOMENURSING.CO.UK](http://WWW.SHIPSTONHOMENURSING.CO.UK)



Registered Charity No 1162586

# The Way We Were

*Village historian Carol Clark sent us this Historic England photo of Main Street Oxhill. She believes the photo is from the early 20th century, judging from the ladies' costumes. Carol wrote that she loves the slabbed path, and noted the raised bit across the top of Back Lane to keep pedestrians above the worst of the mud. We also included a photo of the same view today. ~ Ed.*



**Oxhill Parish Council**  
**Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting**  
**held Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7.30pm**  
**in The Village Hall**

**Councillors Present**

Cllr Stuart (Chairperson), Cllr Connolly, Cllr Robertson and Cllr Storey

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles, County Cllr Mills (arrived later), District Cllr Littlewood and fifteen villagers

**25/01. Apologies for absence**

Cllr Rivers-Fletcher (personal) and John Bicknell

**25/02. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda**

No interests were declared.

**25/03. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

**25/04. Public Participation Session**

No matters were raised.

**25/05. To receive a report from the District Councillor**

The report from District Cllr Littlewood included:

*The Ellen Badger – Rehabilitation Beds – Consultation.* Cllr Littlewood noted that option A is the preferred option and he asked everyone to engage in the consultation.

*South Warwickshire Local Plan* – This is a joint plan and a lot of work has taken place between the County and District. With the change of government the housing numbers have increased in Warwickshire. It's a good plan and strengthens the existing Core Strategy. He encouraged everyone to read it.

*Devolution* – This is the abolition of District Councils. Nothing may happen until 2028-29. The workload will not reduce but savings will be made with senior managers. The full report will be put on the village website [www.oxhillpc.uk](http://www.oxhillpc.uk).

The Chair then read out the statement on local Government reforms in Warwickshire from Cllr Izzi Seccombe. Cllr Littlewood added that not all District and Borough Council's are in support. The next elections may be postponed which would save a lot of money and there is some sense in delaying them.

**25/06. To consider signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge**

Details were circulated and it was agreed to sign up to the Pledge.

**25/07. To discuss the filing of Parish Council minutes**

The minutes are filed in a hard back book but the book is nearly full. It was agreed that once the book is full the minutes can be stored in a lever arch file.

Cllr Chris Mills arrived at 7.55pm after attending another meeting.



**25/08. To receive an update on the current situation of sewage on Manor Fields and the village**  
There was one issue over Christmas and since then, there has been a dry spell of weather. Problems arise after periods of heavy rainfall. The latest update from Severn Trent is that they are monitoring wet weather forecasts in the area and implementing contingency intervention, with tankers located by the pumping station to cope with the increased volumes of sewage/storm water. This has been largely successful and has prevented eruptions from the manhole in the field and pollution of the watercourse. They have agreed access to undertake the proposed relining works and are confirming the schedule with their contractors. The work should start in the next 2 to 3 weeks and this should take 2 to 3 nights to complete.

**25/05. To receive a report from the County Councillor (continued)**

The report from County Cllr Mills included:

Quit Smoking in 2025, Warwickshire welcomes new safe accommodation strategy for victim survivors of Domestic Abuse, Energy bill support available this winter, Measles vaccinations, Flu vaccinations, Be better prepared for extreme cold weather, Improving school experiences for neurodivergent children, Becoming a childminder, Cabinet approves Warwickshire SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2024-2029, New Destination Work Programme, Leamington Town Vision, Unitary Authority. The full report can be found on the village website [www.oxhillpc.uk](http://www.oxhillpc.uk).

Cllr Mills added that the timing of the devolution announcement was not nice just before Christmas. There is a concern that the local voice will be lost. There will be teething problem and the aim is 2027-28.

**25/09. To receive an update on the Parish Plan and discuss the South Warwickshire Local Plan (SWLP) Preferred Options**

The SWLP consultation dates are 10<sup>th</sup> January to 7<sup>th</sup> March. The link to this is [South Warwickshire Local Plan Website](http://SouthWarwickshireLocalPlanWebsite). It's a joint plan to run from 2025 -2050 and will replace the last plan. The proposal is to build 28,256 extra houses by 2050. Priority areas have been identified and infrastructure will include education. It is hoped it will be adopted in December 2027. A Neighbourhood Plan would work in line with the Local Plan. A housing needs assessment is important and Oxhill have one. This gives some protection. Infill is inevitable.

**25/10. To receive an update on planning**

New

- 24/03189/TREE, Tree work at Oddcott, Main Street. It was agreed to support.
- 24/03140/FUL, Proposed alterations and extension at 4 Peacock Cottages, Main Street. It was agreed to support.

Older

- 24/01841/FUL, Alterations and extension to existing outbuildings to create ancillary living accommodation for family at Fern Cottage, Main Street. Granted by SDC.

An application was received after the agenda had been published.

24/03277/COUQ, Change of use of barn to single dwelling at Barn adjacent to, Stonecroft House, Kineton Road. Comments are due by 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Councillors to look at the papers.

**25/11. Financial Report**

*The following payments were approved*

- £600.00 to Oxhill Village Hall (grant)
- £194.39 to TEEC (hosting and domain for website)

*To consider making a further donation of £500.00 to Oxhill Village Hall to complete the refurbishment*

Work on the hall has been significant and a big step forward. However there is more work to be done including laying tarmac in the car park.

*Action: The Chair to send the Chair of the VHC a funding form which will be completed before a grant is authorised.*

*To set the precept for 2025/26*

Outgoing costs will continue to rise such as insurance, website, Clerks salary and the emptying of bins. Three Councillors voted for an increase and one abstained. It was therefore agreed to increase the precept by 5% and set it at £12,763.00.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to notify SDC.*

*To confirm the pay award for the Parish Clerk*

The new salary for the Parish Clerk, in accordance with the 2024/25 Local Government Services pay agreement, is LC1 17 and will be back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024. The new hourly rate is £15.58 based on her experience as a Clerk and her CILCA qualification. The salary will be reviewed annually.

*To agree new signatories for the bank and removal of old ones*

With the pending Councillor resignations of whom some are signatories, it was agreed to remove Cllr Storey from the mandate and add Cllr Robertson.

*Action: The Parish Clerk to action.*

**25/12. To receive the following correspondence (circulated)**

- Shipston First Responders, Recruiting. Details have been put on Facebook.
- Office of the PCC for Warwickshire, Police Budget Consultation. Details have been put on Facebook.

**25/13. Councillors Reports**

Footpaths were briefly discussed. Wood shavings are cheaper than wood mulch.

The new bridge can be slippery.

*Action: Cllr Connolly to look at putting chicken wire up.*

**25/14. To note next meeting date and time**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.30pm

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.



## WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Work in the community orchard has continued throughout January and February despite the cold and wet weather.

Members have been very busy pruning the apple trees. Many trees have been pruned from the top to enable the branches to be more easily reached for picking next autumn, as some had grown quite tall.

The main reasons for pruning are to get better fruit quality (we are not so worried about quantity as there are usually more than enough apples); to let light and air into the trees to ripen the fruit and blow away spores and disease; to keep the trees a smaller size as already mentioned, and to remove any dead, damaged or diseased branches.

When pruning a goblet shape is ideally formed, with the trunk being the 'stem' of the goblet. As apple trees fruit on their horizontal branches, the vertical shoots tend to be cut out first.

Membership of the community orchard is open to everyone living in Whatcote, Oxhill, Tysoe and surrounds, and members get fruit every week during the summer and autumn months. Please come and join us!

The orchard is next to the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe. Find out more from the contacts below or email: [mirandawot2grow@gmail.com](mailto:mirandawot2grow@gmail.com).

*Allie Aves*

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



*Pruned apple tree*



# **SHIPSTON FLOWER CLUB**

Presents

## **A Spring Wreath Making Workshop**



All materials and bulbs will be provided and optional plants will be available to purchase.

Just bring yourselves, an apron, scissors/secateurs and gloves.

Cost for Flower Club members £20 and non-members £25

On Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

7.00pm for a 7.30 pm start

At

Shipston on Stour Primary School,

Station Road,

CV36 4BT

To book your place and/or for further information  
please contact Julie on 07974 339830



# **We're hiring!**

## **Nursery practitioners**

Full or part-time,  
Rota basis 7.45am - 6pm

## **Early years practitioner Level 2/3 Apprentice**

## **Office assistant**

Part-time

Join our lovely team at our village  
based nursery in Tysoe, Warks.

Competitive pay

**Apply via**

**[tysoechildrengroup.co.uk/careers-2/](http://tysoechildrengroup.co.uk/careers-2/)**

---

# WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

## MARCH

Sat 1st	19:00	St David's Day Supper, The Old Chapel
Wed 5th	14:30-14:50	Mobile Library outside Village Hall
Thurs 6th	19:00	'Have Plane Will Travel' by Colin Hales, Village Hall
Tues 11th	19:00	Shipston Flower Club
Fri 14th	19:00	St. Patrick's Day Supper, Village Hall
Sat 22nd	19:00	Dinner & Dancing Primrose Hill Farm
Fri 28th	18:30	Quiz Night, Dogs for Good, Kineton Village Hall
Every Thursday	12:00	Coffee Morning, Peacock Pub

## PC MEETINGS

The date of the next PC Meeting is **Tuesday, 11th March 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](mailto: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 18th of each month for publication in the following month. Please email: [oxhill.news.editor@gmail.com](mailto:oxhill.news.editor@gmail.com)



S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

## BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR

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

Food waste Recycling

General refuse Garden waste