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Janet Gardner celebrates her 102nd birthday.

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DOG ATTACK



On Easter Sunday morning we found 7 small lambs killed in one of our fields in what looked like a dog attack, nothing partly eaten like a badger or fox, just killed by biting for fun.

We are not pointing the finger at anyone. The dogs could have come from anywhere Tysoe, Whatcote, Oxhill or anywhere in between.

Naturally this has made us very upset, and if we catch any loose and unattended dogs in our sheep they will be dealt with.

PLEASE know where your dog is at all times, especially at night, and on a lead when near sheep.

Tom Heritage



Dogs Attacking a Sheep by Samuel Howitt (c.1765–1822)

We forget that our dogs are hunters by nature. When the lambs run, our dogs can become like wolves. Please take great care of your dog, for the sake of the lambs. ~ ed.

EDDIE BOWS

It is with sorrow that I announce the death of my husband, Eddie Bows, who has died after a short illness. We moved to Oxhill 40 years ago with two teenage daughters, a son in his 20s and our beloved collie dog Shep. We watched as the children fledged the nest and eventually Eddie retired from his career (and squash). We stayed in Oxhill and I can honestly say that Eddie loved living here for so many years of his life.



The family requests a Private Funeral.

Jenny Bows



DIANE HARPER 1933-2025

Diane was born in Earlsdon, Coventry, in 1933 and (as documented in a previous edition) later lived through the Coventry Blitz. After school, Diane enrolled in nurse training at Liverpool in 1949. Through her early career she nursed at Liverpool (recalling happy memories of exceedingly grateful North Walian farmers who didn't speak a word of English and her first experiences of Chinese food) followed by posts at Birmingham Children's Hospital, St Thomas's in London and also Hertford Hill.

Diane met her husband Graham on a railway platform in Birmingham when he offered to carry her bags onto the train, and the rest, as they say, is history. Diane and Graham were married on 1st September 1960 in Coventry. Married life started in Thornby Avenue, Kenilworth, and, in 1965, Elizabeth was born. The family moved to Oxhill in 1969, with Duncan arriving in 1970. Early years were consumed with child care and, with Duncan enrolled at school, Diane returned to her nursing career in 1975. When the children had grown

up Diane and Graham once more found themselves with time to attend St. Lawrence's, and so began a lengthy association for Diane.

Tragedy struck with Graham's untimely death in 1996, following complications after a car accident. Showing her renowned fortitude, Diane returned to work, retiring in 1998, aged 65. Retirement brought new opportunities and interests for Diane; a six-week trip to visit cousins in Canada; many holidays and day-trips with Martin's of Tysoe; joining Fenny Compton WI (thus maintaining the friendships she had built over her time working around the area as a district nurse); fun and friendship with the Oxhill Garden Club; running the Oxhill Oil Consortium for a time; attending NADFAS lectures at Stratford; in later years Shipston Blind Club; volunteering at Katharine House Hospice and Campden Home Nursing and, always, St Lawrence's and the wider village events. Then, having probably given up hope, the arrival of three grandchildren was a great source of delight for her.



At 80 Diane started finding the house and garden were becoming too much for her. After discussions, Duncan and family sold up in Tysoe and moved to Oxhill, buying the house from Diane and enlarging it so that she could continue living there. Diane stayed on in Oxhill for another 8 1/2 years but following a deterioration in her mobility and quality of life, she took the decision to move to Highmarket House Care Home in Banbury. Diane settled in well and was very happy with the room she was allocated and it pleased her when Elizabeth spruced up the patio outside her room with a selection of various plants in terracotta pots. Diane greatly appreciated the regular visits she received from her family, friends, and former neighbours whilst at Highmarket House. She passed away unexpectedly, but very peacefully, on 16th April, with Elizabeth and Duncan at her bedside.

Diane's funeral will be at St Lawrence's on Wednesday 21st May at 2pm followed by a family committal.





O'HILL GARDEN CLUB

PLANT SALE

The Garden Club's Spring plant sale will take place at the Village Hall on Saturday 10th May between 10.30 am and 12 noon. Please put the date in your diary.

The sale is a 'bring and buy' event, so please start to assemble any plants you can bring along. But do come along whether or not you have anything to bring with you. There will be plenty of choice – all at very reasonable prices!

All proceeds will go to the Village Hall.

Kate Nash



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH NEWS FOR MAY 2025

In these days and weeks after Easter we move away from the extraordinary events of Easter themselves to thinking about their effect on our every-day lives. In particular, we are invited to think how we might recognise the Risen Christ in our ordinary lives. Revisiting those times when the resurrected Christ visited his friends, Ruth Burgess writes:

‘Maybe he knew that
our ordinary lives,
our working, our sharing food,
our disappointments, our joys,
our questions, our wonder,
were the experiences in which we needed to recognise him,
needed to know that he would always be with us. *Ruth Burgess, Spill the Beans.*

There are some special things happening in May: look out for the events surrounding VE Day, and then Ascension Day at the end of the month.



Church Services in May, in Oxhill unless otherwise stated.

Sunday, 4 th May	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Jill Tucker
Sunday 11 th May	11.00 am	Shortened Holy Communion in Tysoe followed by APCM	George Heighton
Sunday 18 th May	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Susan Bowden-Pickstock
Sunday 25 th May	6.30 pm	Evensong	George Heighton
Thursday 29 th May	7.30 pm	Deanery Ascension Day Service, Whatcote.	

Every blessing, Jill

Friends of Oxhill Church

OXHILL'S BIG WEEKEND JUNE 14TH AND 15TH

This year, as in 2023, the theme for **Oxhill's Big Weekend** is sustainability and the natural world. The church will be decorated as befits the small country church that it is, the wildflower meadow in the churchyard will be looking fabulous and there will be an opportunity to reserve and buy the planters used to decorate the church. Don't forget to book a place to make a bug hotel! Follow the wildlife treasure trail around the village to see the Classic Vehicles at the Manor and visit the Artisan Market in the Village Hall, where Pimms will be served. The Old Chapel will be the place to head for teas, cakes, Ploughman's lunches, raffle and Tombola.

- Do you have a Classic Vehicle that you would like to display? If so, please email jamessynge@icloud.com for full details and to reserve your space.
- Have you anything that you could donate for the tombola or raffle?
- Can you bake a cake for the refreshments?
- Do you have an hour or two free to help in the Church, with refreshments, tombola, raffle, in the Open Garden or at The Manor with the Classic Vehicles?
- If you are interested in booking a stall in the Village Hall for the Artisan Market, please contact me straightaway as we are almost fully booked.

Please contact me if you can help in any way.

Thank you.

Ruth Mercer

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OXHILL'S BIG WEEKEND

14TH - 15TH JUNE

FOR OXHILL CHURCH

11AM - 4PM

ADMISSION - FREE

AT THE CHURCH:
FLORAL DISPLAYS
WILDFLOWER MEADOW
MAKE A BUG HOTEL

AT THE VILLAGE HALL:
ARTISAN MARKET
PIMMS

AT THE MANOR:
CLASSIC VEHICLES*

AT THE CHAPEL:
PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCHES
TEA & CAKES
TOMBOLA & RAFFLE

CHILDREN'S TREASURE HUNT....
LEADING TO.....OPEN GARDEN

*OXHILL WOULD LOVE TO WELCOME YOUR CLASSIC
VEHICLE, BUT BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. PLEASE
EMAIL [JAMESYNGE@ICLOUD.COM](mailto:jamesynge@icloud.com)

Friends of Oxhill Church

VE DAY 80TH ANNIVERSARY SUPPER AND BEACON

We will be commemorating this important anniversary with a two course Supper in **The Old Chapel from 6.45pm on Thursday 8th May** before walking up to the Beacon lighting ceremony at Kirby Farm. (Limited parking will be available for those unable to walk: please contact me to reserve.) There will also be a donations bar. Tickets are £15 for adults and £8 for children of school age. Our beacon is part of the countrywide Beacon lighting ceremony with lighting at 9.30pm so we intend to walk to the beacon from 9pm.

Ticket numbers are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

Ruth Mercer

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Message from Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster of VE Day 80

“This poignant anniversary is a time for us to remember and offer thanks to the millions of men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice for freedom across the United Kingdom and Europe. In the UK, it will be a day of commemoration, and remembrance of a time when the people of our four nations were able to breathe easily once more. The horror of warfare across Europe was behind us, while peace, reconstruction and hope lay ahead. Those who fought abroad and toiled in factories and on farms at home during one of the darkest periods in our history grow fewer each year, so let us make this 80th anniversary of VE Day an opportunity to thank them, and to pay tribute to the many who are no longer with us. Let us gather in the streets, in gardens, in clubs and pubs, in care homes and by our town and city halls to demonstrate our boundless gratitude to all the men and women who fought and worked for the peace we enjoy in the United Kingdom today, and to hope for peace in all the countries of the world in this troubled time.”

BEACON SUPPER

THURSDAY 8TH MAY
THE OLD CHAPEL
6:45PM



BEACON LIGHTING
KIRBY FARM 9:30PM

£15 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

FRIENDS OF OXHILL CHURCH



JANET GARDNER CELEBRATES HER 102nd BIRTHDAY

Several weeks ago a small contingent from Oxhill set off to Alveston Leys Care Home to attend a birthday party, no ordinary birthday party but a party to celebrate 102 years of the life of Janet Gardener, who as many of you will remember was a long established resident of Oxhill. Janet was in fine spirits and was surprised and happy to see a group of friends and relatives, including all the residents, arriving to help her celebrate. We were entertained by a wonderful female singer, dressed in beautiful vintage 40's style, who for an hour had us all, including Janet, singing along to many thirties and WW11 songs. I found it interesting that we all knew the words to all these songs, I wonder what old people will be singing along to in fifty years from now in care homes ? As the residents went off to the dining room for their lunch the party group enjoyed delicious sandwiches and baskets of chips followed by slices of Janet's tasty birthday cake, and I might add she did manage to blow all the candles out (not 102!). As we left Janet said she looked forward to seeing us all again next year....we'll drink to that Janet

Grenville Moore





OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

We held two events at the Village Hall in April. You'll have to wait until next month's issue of the Oxhill News to hear about Belinda Marklew's as it's happening after the print deadline but, having seen a few excerpts, I can say with absolute certainty that it'll be fascinating. The other event was a Quiz Night, ably hosted by Iain Macpherson with questions

compiled by Sue Philpott. The hall was packed and competition fierce! How *Teachers Pets* (Sheila, Tony, Ali, Paul, Nicki and Doug) managed to get 29 out of 30 for the cryptic music round I will never know! They certainly earned their first prize — three gardening gift vouchers.



See how you would have done on the night with a selection of the questions (answers below) ...

1. In which month is there a Hunter's Moon?
2. In which British newspaper did the first crossword appear?
3. What was the code name for the Allied invasion of Normandy?
4. Who served as Lord Protector of England once the English Civil War finished in 1651?
5. Which country has the most islands?
6. What ingredient gives Worcestershire Sauce its unique flavour?
7. Which football team has won the European cup the most times?



Sue and Ian

8. Well, nobody's perfect" is the final line (and punchline) from what classic 1959 comedy starring Marilyn Monroe?
9. In which fictional town was the sitcom Dad's Army set?
10. Which sport has a finish line that is not crossed?

Name the band or solo artist:

- a. Dorothy's dog
- b. Nimmo plays game at the local
- c. Two trips to the bathroom
- d. Attractive roof repairer
- e. Honey making horses
- f. Sleeping marquee
- g. Snowball fight

100 CLUB: MARCH WINNERS

This month's lucky winners were Sue Robins, Tony Philpott and Eileen Macpherson. Many congratulations to them all.

If you would like to join the 100 Club and have a chance to win £60 each month, please get in touch with Sally on 07769 348844 or oxhillvh@gmail.com.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This year's AGM will be held on Tuesday 27th May. The committee would love to share headlines from the past year with both old and new faces and to hear your ideas for the coming year so please join us for a complimentary glass of wine at 7pm. The meeting is scheduled to end at 8pm.

The village hall committee is a very friendly team of Oxhillians doing their best to contribute to the local community. If this sounds like something you'd like to get involved with, why not consider joining us for the coming year? Please speak to any of us for more information: Derek Harbour (chair), Sue Philpott (secretary), Ali Sayer (lettings/events), John McKail (treasurer), Sarah Bracher, Sally Mannerings, and myself, Karen MacRae.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next two events in our calendar are Paella Night on Saturday 17th May and Summer Soirée on Saturday 21st June. Tickets for delicious, authentic paella, Spanish orange cake and great company are £18 per person. For the 'Summer Soirée', imagine a warm summer


evening with entertaining friends, long glasses of something cool and delicious titbits and canapés - all for £15 per person.

Doors open for both evenings at 7pm. Tickets are available from Ali Sayer on 07970 92235 or oxhillvh@gmail.com.

We hope you can join us!

ANSWERS

1. October, 2. Sunday Express, 3. Operation Overlord, 4. Oliver Cromwell, 5. Sweden, 6. Anchovies, 7. Real Madrid, 8. Some Like It Hot, 9. Walmington-on-Sea, 10. Swimming
a. Toto, b. Derek and the Dominos, c. Lulu, d. Bonnie Tyler, e. Bee Gees, f. ZZ Top, g. Coldplay



**ANNUAL
GENERAL
MEETING**

Tuesday 27th May
7:30-8:00pm

Doors open at 7pm for a complimentary drink and your opportunity to talk to the committee before the meeting

All welcome!



PAELLA NIGHT

17th May, 7pm

Tickets £18

Ali Sayer

07970 922352

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SUMMER Soirée

**SATURDAY
21ST JUNE
7PM**

£15
*Includes canapés
& two drinks*

**Contact Ali on
07970 922352 or
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Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th May

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Brailes
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Ettington

Great Wolford
Halford
Ilmington
Kineton
Long Compton

Stretton on Fosse
Shipston on Stour
Wellesbourne
Whatcote
Whichford

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THE OFFICIAL WI RECIPE FOR VE DAY 2025 - ORANGE AND GINGER CAKE

by Ruth Mercer

This recipe has been supplied for use at VE Day 80 celebrations by the winner of the Great British Bake-off 2014, Nancy Birtwhistle, now better known for encouraging people to use fewer water-contaminating chemicals around the house in order to do less damage to the planet. The recipe is one that her grandmother used through two World Wars. It's a rubbed-in method cake so the batter won't curdle, even if you are in a rush, and requires no specialist equipment. I have tested the recipe and found it to be straightforward. I was surprised by the addition of stem ginger but maybe it was available during the War and not as expensive as nowadays.



Ingredients

80g / 3 oz stem ginger (from a jar in syrup)
200g / 7oz self-raising flour
Pinch of salt
40g / 1 ½ oz butter
40g / 1 ½ oz lard (or use all butter if preferred)
100g / 3 ½ oz caster sugar
1 tsp ground ginger
1 heaped tablespoon marmalade
Finely grated zest and juice of 1 large orange
1 egg
100 ml / 3 ½ fl.oz milk

Topping

1 tbsp Demerara sugar or sugar nibs

Or

3 tbsp icing sugar

1-2tsp orange juice or you can include a bit of syrup from the stem ginger jar with some orange juice

One 7" round tin, greased and base-lined

1. Preheat the oven to 180C / 160C fan / 350F / Gas Mark 4.
2. Prepare the ginger by washing under the cold tap, patting dry and cutting into small dice. Put into a bowl and stir in a tablespoon of the measured flour to dust the ginger. Set aside.
3. Put the rest of the flour into a mixing bowl, add the butter and lard (if using) and rub in with your fingertips as if making pastry, until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs. (You can use a mixer, ok, I used a mixer.)
4. Add the sugar, ground ginger, marmalade and the zest and juice of the orange. Stir together.
5. Add the egg and some of the milk. Mix together adding more milk very slowly until the batter reaches soft dropping consistency. (Apparently, you should need all the milk to achieve this but I had supplemented the juice from the orange with some orange juice as my orange was small and not very juicy. Maybe I added too much OJ as I didn't use all the milk.)
6. Finally, fold in the chopped stem ginger and then place in prepared tin. Sprinkle the Demerara sugar over the top unless you are going to put glacé icing on it after baking.
7. Bake for 35-40 minutes until springy and golden brown. Cool in the tin for at least 20 minutes before turning out onto a cooling rack until completely cold.
8. Wrap in foil and store in a cake tin for a couple of days, if you can wait that long before eating it.
9. Mix the icing ingredients together and drizzle over the top of the cake. (You will see from the photos that I didn't wait for the cake to cool as I was holding up the printing of the Oxhill News. The icing went on a warm cake and then I cut the slice still warm. It tasted good, though!)



HOOPOE IN OXHILL

by Grenville Moore



A week ago Oxhill had a visit from a rare exotic visitor, a Hoopoe was spotted by Thomas Fox up at Kirby Farm. The Eurasian Hoopoe (*Upupa epops*) is a colourful bird, Blackbird size, from Europe and Africa and is noticeably by their distinctive “crown” of head feathers which can be raised or lowered at will. They often arrive in small numbers along the south coast in springtime but this year because of the long warm dry spell apparently hundreds have appeared in Southern Ireland, the West Country and all the southern counties and seem to be progressing more inland.

I'm sure many of you will have seen them whilst holidaying in Europe and especially Spain where they are very common. They have a long black bill and are fond of lawns where they probe for insects, very similar to our Green woodpecker, their wings broad and rounded give the flight a slow butterfly-like quality.

The Hoopoe was a favourite of the ancient Egyptians who used it as a hieroglyph and featured it in many of their murals. Interestingly it tops the list of birds featured on stamps, which at the last count appeared in 43 countries. The scientific name is suggestive of its soft beautiful call- a soft, repeated, bottle -blown ‘pooo poop’ quite similar to the cuckoo. Lookout for them, who knows they become a regular if not permanent residents.



This is a still from a video of a Hoopoe bird seen by Carol Fox

AUCTIONEERING IN SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR

A fascinating exhibit of local Auction Memorabilia from
the 1800s onwards is
Now Open at the Shipston Museum



Old Clark House
West Street (next to the Shipston Town Council Building)
CV36 4EL

Opened Weekends & Bank Holidays
12 - 4pm from Easter to September
Free entry

GREAT WOLFORD
WARWICKSHIRE, 4 miles from Moreton-in-Marsh, 5 from Shipston-on-Stour, and 8 from Chipping Norton and Stow-on-the-Wold.

Highly Important and Unreserved Sale of Live and Dead FARMING STOCK.

BOSLEY & HARPER
(LATE FRANK PARSONS & Co.)

Have received instructions from The Messrs F. & H. E. BULL (who are retiring from Farming) to SELL BY AUCTION, on the Premises,
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30 PRIME FAT CROSS-BRED SHEEP
(SHEARHOGS AND THEAVES).

75 Head of exceedingly Well-bred SHORTHORN **CATTLE**
Consisting of:—21 grand down-calving and in-calf Cows and Heifers, 4 ripe fat Cows and Heifers, 30 two-and-a-half-year-old and two-year-old Steers and Heifers, 18 Yearling ditto, and 2 weaned Calves;

THE ENTIRE STUD OF
12 SHIRE HORSES AND COLTS
Comprising:—2 Mares with Foals, 3 Young Mares (served), and 5 grand 3-year-old, 2-year-old, and Yearling Fillies (Pedigrees in Catalogue); Capital bay Cart Gelding, 4 yrs., & chestnut Cob Gelding, 4 yrs., about 14-2;

COLLECTION OF
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS
BY BEST MAKERS;
CART HARNESS in first-class condition;
Excellent Four and Two-wheel DOG CARTS and Carriage Harness, Poultry, Cider (80 gals.), and other Effects.

The Auctioneers desire to call particular attention to this important Disposal. The Stud of Shire Horses, established by the late Mr. Heath Bull in 1887, are chiefly descended from the noted Stamford Park Stallion, "Hitchin Conqueror," have been very successful in the Show Ring, and are noted for their soundness. The Cattle are exceedingly well bred and include a grand lot of down-calving Cows and Heifers, and Young Stock. Full particulars in Catalogue, to be obtained at the place of Sale, the Hotel, Moreton-in-Marsh, Chipping Norton, and Stow-on-the-Wold; or of the Auctioneers, Shipston-on-Stour.

LUNCHEON AND REFRESHMENTS may be obtained on the Premises.
SALE TO COMMENCE AT 12-30 PUNCTUALLY.

C. G. COLEMAN, Printer, High Street, Shipston-on-Stour.—5753

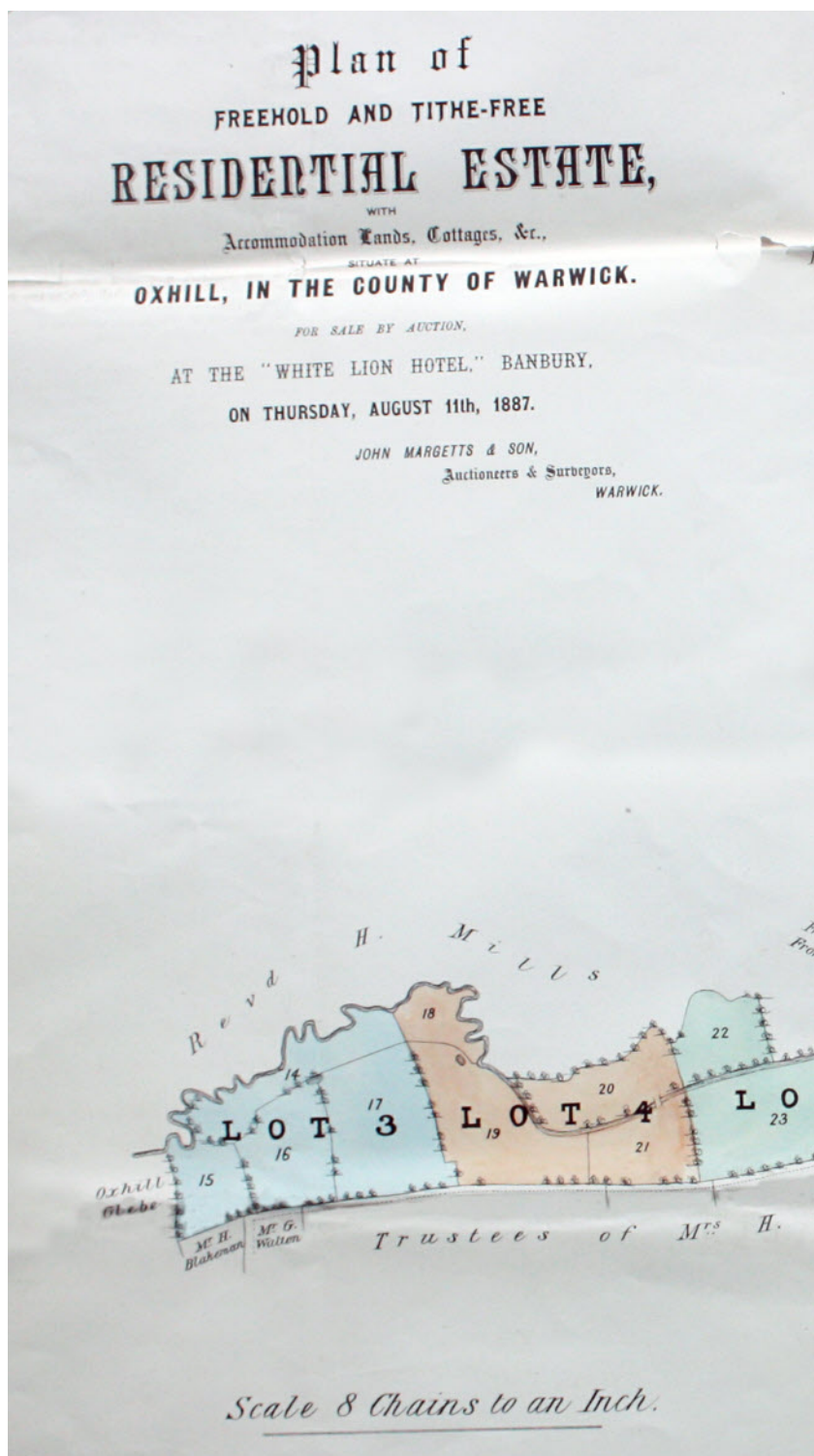
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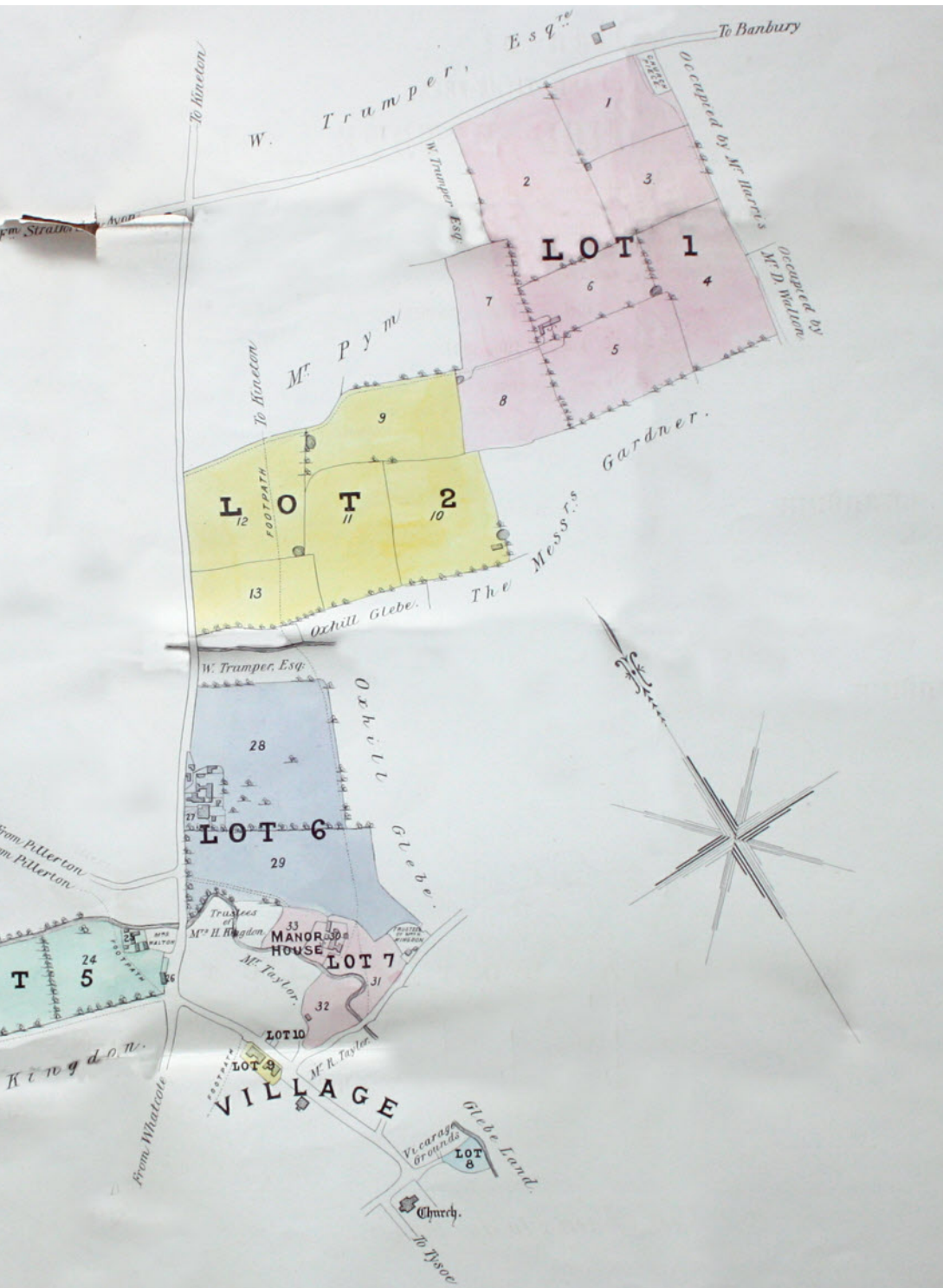
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With Vacant Possession of

THE AUCTION OF WHITEHALL HOUSE ESTATE 1887

In 1887 the Whitehall House Estate of Oxhill, was divided into lots and auctioned. The next few pages have excerpts from each of the auctioned Lots. Refer to the map to locate each Lot. The auction pamphlet with all of the Lot descriptions will be available soon to view. We will keep you informed.





LOT 1.

EIGHT CLOSES OF

FREEHOLD AND TITHE-FREE LAND,

SITUATE AT

OXHILL. IN THE COUNTY OF WARWICK,

And having an extensive frontage to the Main Road from Stratford-upon-Avon to Banbury, consisting of the

following Enclosures, and coloured Pink on Plan hereto annexed :—

No. on Plan.	Name.	Cultivation.	Quantity.	
			A.	P.
1	Eastlands ...	Permanent Pasture ...	10	0 0
2	Long Ground ...	Ditto	18	0 26
3	Broad Ground ...	Ditto	11	0 0
4	Sidlands ...	Ditto	13	3 8

5	Uplands	...	...	Arable	...	12	0	17
6	Yard Ground, Yard, and Sheds	...	...	Old Turf	...	8	2	3
7	Walton's Far Field	...	...	Ditto	...	7	3	34
8	King's Meer	...	...	Arable	...	9	0	5
						<hr/>		
						Acres	...	90 2 13
						<hr/>		

THE PASTURE,

Which has now been laid down some years, is of a very useful Dairy and Breeding description, and the Arable portion productive Corn Growing Land, all well Watered and Fenced.

There is a good Rickyard in No. 6, with Open Hovels, Implement Shed, Cow Pens to tie up eight Beast, and enclosed Farmyard.

The apportioned Land Tax on this Lot is £4 6s. od.

LOT 2.

ALL THOSE FIVE CLOSES,

Situate adjoining Lot 1,

Consisting of the following Enclosures, and coloured Yellow on Plan hereto annexed :—

No. on Plan.	Name.	Cultivation.	Quantity.	
			A.	P.
9	White Eight ...	Old Turf	11	0 38
10	Slade Pool Ground ...	Meadow	12	0 28
11	Middle Field ...	Arable	11	2 21
12	Long Lengths ...	Old Turf	15	1 32
13	The Butts ...	Arable	7	1 11
Acres ...			57	3 10

This Lot has an extensive frontage to the Main Road leading from Oxhill to Kineton; is well Fenced and Watered, and has a good Open Hovel in Field No. 10.

The apportioned Land Tax on this Lot is £2 3s. od.

LOT 3.

ALL THOSE FOUR CLOSES OF

Old Turf and Meadow Accommodation Land,

SITUATE NEAR TO THE VILLAGE OF OXHILL,

And consisting of the following Enclosures, coloured Blue on Plan hereto annexed :—

No. on Plan.	Name.	Cultivation.	Quantity.		
			A.	R.	P.
14	Pull-hill Meadow	..	..	5	0 20
15	West Furlong	..	..	5	0 32
16	Far Pull-hill	..	..	9	1 20
17	Pull-hill	..	..	13	2 0
Acres ...			33	0	32

The apportioned Land Tax is £1 19s. od.

LOT 4.

ALL THOSE FOUR CLOSES OF VERY PRODUCTIVE

OLD TURF & MEADOW ACCOMMODATION LAND,

Situate adjoining Lot 3,

And consisting of the following Enclosures, coloured Brown on Plan hereto annexed :—

No. on Plan.	Name.	Cultivation.	Quantity.		
			A.	R.	P.
18	Broad Hooks Meadow ...	Meadow	2	3	10
19	Broad Hooks ...	Old Turf	10	0	20
20	Second Meadow ...	Meadow	8	0	20
21	Second Brook Furlong ...	Old Turf	6	1	0
Acres ...			27	1	10

The Land Tax is apportioned at the sum of £

LOT 5.

ALL THAT SUBSTANTIALLY BUILT

STONE AND THATCHED COTTAGE, WITH GOOD GARDEN,

Enclosed Farm Yard, Cow Pens for five Beast, newly-erected Brick and Slated Carriage House, Stable, Fasting Pen, Open Hovel and other conveniences, and a well-built Carpenter's Shop, and

Three Closes of Rich feeding Old Turf and Meadow Land, situate adjoining Lot 4,

And coloured Green on Plan hereto annexed.

No. on Plan.	Name.	Cultivation.	Quantity.	
			A.	P.
22	First Meadow	...	5	0 32
23	First Brook Furlong	...	13	2 30
24	Fifers ditto	...	8	3 0
25	Cottage, Buildings, Yards, and Garden	—	—	—
26	Wheelwright's Shop	—	—	—
Acres ...			27	2 22

The Cottage is occupied by Henry Gibbins, at a Rental of £3; the Workshop by Richard Taylor, at £1; and a portion of the Buildings by William Mullis, at a Rental of £1 10s. per annum.

The Land Tax is apportioned at the sum of £1 19s. 6d.

LOT 6.

ALL THAT SUPERIOR MODERN BUILT

FAMILY RESIDENCE,

CALLED AND KNOWN BY THE NAME OF

'THE WHITEHILL HOUSE,'

SITUATE NEAR TO THE MAIN ROAD FROM OXHILL TO KINETON,

Together with the following Closes of LAND, coloured Purple on Plan hereto annexed:—

No. on Plan.	Name.	Cultivation.	Quantity.	
			A.	P.
27	Site of House, Buildings, Yards, Garden and Cottage	---	---	---
28	Whitehill Ground	Old Turf	18	1 3
29	Watts Leys	Ditto	14	2 11
Acres			32	3 14

This Lot will be sold subject to a Right of Way and Carriage and Drift Road from and out of the Highway from Oxhill to Kineton over No. 29 to Lot 7, as heretofore used and enjoyed by the tenants and occupiers of Lot 7.

THE HOUSE,

Which is pleasantly situated upon a commanding eminence, is of modern erection and substantially built of Red Bricks, with Dressings of Hornton Stone, and Stone Pillars at Front Entrance; is approached by a CARRIAGE DRIVE through the Pleasure Gardens and Lawn, which are studded with Evergreens and luxurious Shrubs.

Contains on the GROUND FLOOR, good Entrance Hall, three large, lofty Reception Rooms, Kitchen, Back Kitchen, Butler's Pantry, &c.

On the FIRST FLOOR, five good Sleeping Apartments, W.C., and approached by a second Staircase, a good Nursery, or Servants' Dormitory.

On the SECOND FLOOR are three Bed Rooms.

In the BASEMENT, which is perfectly Light and Dry, are two large Dairies, Larder, Pantry, Ale, Wine and Beer Cellars, and having Steps to them from the House and from a Flagged Courtyard at the rear.

The PREMISES are supplied with an excellent never-failing supply of Spring Water; also, in addition, there are two large Rainwater Cisterns, and adjoining is a good KITCHEN GARDEN, with small Vinery.

THE BUILDINGS

Consist of large Double Barn, Chaff and Fodder House, Open Implement Shed, Drill Houses, three-bay Wagon Hovel, two Ranges of Piggeries, Poultry Pens and Sheds, Coal and Wood Houses, enclosed Farm Yard, surrounded by Cow Pens to tie up thirty Beast, Loose Box and two-stall Stable, and Harness Room, with Granary over, Cart Horse Stable for six Horses, Chaff and Gear Room, with Loft over, and other conveniences, and approached by a Side Entrance is a Double Carriage House, two Loose Boxes, and a two-stall Stable; also near is a

COACHMAN'S COTTAGE,

Brick and Thatched, containing four Rooms with good Garden, Hovel, and Piggeries, at present occupied by William Gibbins, at a rental of £3 os. od.

THE OLD TURF FEEDING LAND

Surrounding the House and Premises is of very superior quality, and for Dairy purposes is the best in the neighbourhood; it is sound, well Drained, nicely studded with Ornamental Timber, and well Watered from a Stream. It has good Calf or Lambing Yard, with Wood and Thatched Hovels upon it.

The whole of the Premises are in good repair, the Buildings would readily convert into additional Stables, if required, and situate as it is in the centre of the best Hunting District in the County, is quite worthy the notice of anyone seeking a good Hunting Box or a quiet Country Residence.

LOT 7.

THE OLD OXHILL MANOR HOUSE

Together with the following

CLOSES OF RICH OLD TURF LAND,

ORCHARD, AND BUILDINGS,

Coloured Pink on Plan hereto annexed :—

No. on Plan.	Name.	Cultivation.	Quantity.	
			A.	R. P.
30	Site of Manor House, Buildings, and Orchard	—	1	0 31
31	Townsend Close	Old Turf ...	3	1 25
32	The Close	Ditto ...	3	0 3
33	Dove House	Ditto ...	1	2 30
			Acres ...	
			9	1 9

THE MT ANTOR HOUSE

Is substantially built of Stone, pleasantly situated near the centre of the Village, contains Entrance Hall, two Sitting and eight Bed Rooms, with numerous Domestic Offices, has near to it large Double Barn, Cart Stable, Piggeries,

LOT 8.

ALL THAT PIECE OF

Rich Old Turf Accommodation Land,

CALLED "ALLEN'S CLOSE," SITUATE NEAR TO THE CHURCH,

And coloured Blue on Plan hereto annexed, and containing oa. 3r. 39p., or thereabouts, in the occupation of Richard Taylor, at an apporportioned rental of £3 os. od.

Land Tax apporportioned at £0 1s. od.

LOT 9.

ALL THOSE

SEVEN OCTAGONS, WITH FARRNS,

SITUATE IN THE CENTRE OF THE VILLAGE,

LOT 10.

A L L T H A T

Freehold Garden or Piece of Building Land,

SITUATE IMMEDIATELY OPPOSITE LOT 9,

In the occupation of Alfred Blakenan, at a Rental of 5s. per annum; coloured Brown on Plan.

The whole of the Estate, except where otherwise described, is in hand, and possession of that portion will be given at Michaelmas next.

The Estate is Freehold and Tithe Free, subject only to a payment of £17 16s. Od. for Land Tax, which will be apportioned over the several Lots prior to the Sale.



WOT2 GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

NEWS FROM APRIL

These photos – taken by a member – are of the beautiful blossom on the damson trees in the community orchard.

Damsons are small plums and are often found in hedgerows and verges. The delicious fruit is perfect for jams and crumbles.

Volunteers have been busy in the orchard, continuing to prune the rest of the fruit trees and making a start on weeding round the soft fruit bushes, including raspberries, red and black currants, and blueberries.

To have access to plentiful fresh, organic fruit all through the summer and into the autumn is a real privilege. The price of membership more than covers the equivalent prices in the major supermarkets. Growing our own food, on whatever scale, buying local produce where possible, and supporting our villages small businesses seems especially important in these times.

Membership of the community orchard is open to everyone living in Whatcote, Oxhill and Tysoe and surrounding areas. 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.

Allie Aves

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





Blossom on Damson Tree.

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

MAY

Thurs 8th	18:45	VE Day 80th Anniversary Supper, the Old Chapel
Sat 10th & 11th	10:30-12:00	Garden Club Plant Sale, Village Hall
Sat 17th	19:00	Paella Night, Village Hall
Wed 21st	14:00	Diane Harper's Funeral St Lawrence Church
Tues 27th	19:00	Village Hall AGM
Wed 28th	14:30-14:50	Mobile Library outside Village Hall
Every Thursday	12:00	Coffee Morning, Peacock Pub

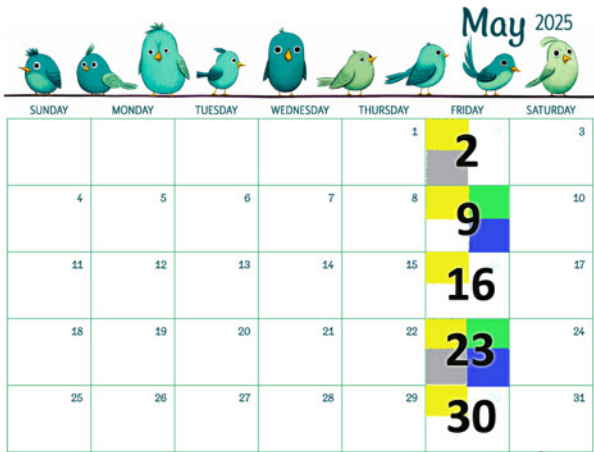
JUNE

Sat 14th & 15th		Oxhill's Big Weekend
Sat 21st	19:00	Summer Soiree, Village Hall

PC MEETINGS

The date of the Annual Parish Meeting at **Tuesday, 20th May 2025 at 7.30pm**, followed by Annual Parish Council meeting at 8pm. 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.

- Food waste
- Recycling
- General refuse
- Garden waste