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Nativity Play and Father Christmas
In the Old Chapel on December 13th

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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. Please email news-editor@oxhill.org.uk or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the village Church.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library has books with **large print**, ordinary print, picture books, children's books, paperbacks, non-fiction, novels, sagas, crime, mysteries, adventures, westerns and romance. The van has talking books, cassettes and CDs.

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30, staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Friday December 11th.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 1st, 15th and 29th December. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 8th and 22nd December.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

This walking group usually walks on 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. If you are interested in joining or to find out further information, please contact Jim Saxton on 680645 or email saxton@talktalk.net

AT THE PEACOCK

Village Events

Christmas Lunch on December 2nd at 12:30.

No Coffee morning in December



SURGERY INFORMATION

Dear Patients,

Christmas is coming so can we please just remind patients that the surgeries at Market Square, Kineton and Main Street, Tysoe will be closed from 5.00pm Thursday 24th December until 8.00am Tuesday 29th December and from 6.00pm Thursday 31st December until 8.00am on Monday 4th January 2016. Please note that there will be cover from our GPs on Christmas and New Year's Eve until 6.30pm for patients requiring medical help and advice.

If you are not on our repeat ordering system we would like to remind you that the last ordering day to ensure collection before Christmas is Monday 21st December and for New Year Monday 28th December.

Please remember we have our late night opening for Doctors appointments, Dispensary and Reception services until 8.30pm every Tuesday. Just to let our patients know, we are also providing more surgeries to cope with winter pressures so we now have 29 sessions each week with 15 bookable appointments. This is an increase of 33%.

Winter is coming so please if you are eligible and have not yet had your flu vaccination please book your appointment on 01926 640471.

Our PPG are running a Surgery Quiz from beginning of December. Entries are £1.00 and all proceeds will be going to 2 local charities The Myton House Hospice and The New Cancer wing at Warwick Hospital. A poster with details and prizes will be in the surgeries from 1st December 2015.

If you have any comments or ideas on how we can continue to improve our services please let us know via our comments box, Facebook or Friends and Family Test.

Thank you for helping us be a voice in the community.

Lesley Source, Practice Manager, Vale of The Red Horse Health Care Centres

01926 642629

AUCTION OF PROMISES

A very big thank you to everyone in the village who gave promises and also to those who came along to make bids and purchases. There were over 70 promises given, all very varied and interesting making for some surprising bids. By the end of the evening a sum of approximately £2,000 was raised which will go towards the current redecorating project. Thank you all.

Also reminder for

CAROL SERVICE ON 17TH DECEMBER

We look forward to a good gathering in our newly redecorated church. The outside and porch lights are currently working to light your way up the path. Remember torches are a good help inside the candlelit church to read the carol sheets. Mulled wine and mince pies to follow! A wonderful opportunity to sing all the favourite carols.

Carol Fox

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Nobody has objected to us becoming Neighbourhood Watch Coordinators for Oxhill. We have made enquiries about how to proceed with this. Once we have officially joined the scheme we plan on assembling a Neighbourhood Watch Pack of information which will be delivered to every house in the village.

Mick & Barbara Shepard

OXHILL OIL CONSORTIUM DATES 2016

The oil order dates for 2016 will be as follows:

5 th January	9 th February
22 nd March	7 th June
6 th September	18 th October
29 th November	

We have added two more dates as some people found that they needed more oil during the colder months.

Mick and Barbara

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Thank you to everyone who came to the Oxhill Playgroup Halloween Party. The Village Hall was packed with witches, ghosts, skeletons and other spooks!

The event was a lot of fun and very well attended, not only by families from Oxhill but also Ettington, Tysoe and Stratford. We hope to see you all on 13th December.



Dads in the "Best Mummy Competition"!

Tysoe WI Invite You To A Christmas Fayre

Come and get into the Christmas Spirit!

When: Wednesday December 2nd 7 pm

Where: Tysoe Village Hall

Local Merchants

Entry: £5

includes first glass of wine

Enjoy a glass of mulled wine
while you browse for your
Christmas cards and gifts.

raffle prizes

cards

Find us on Facebook

the WI
Tysoe Village Hall

Tysoe and Wellesbourne Schools Federation

Autumn Term update

Tysoe school had an Ofsted inspection in September, and in case you haven't heard the result I am delighted to report that the school had been judged **Good in all areas**. The Inspector recognised the good teaching, learning and behaviour across the school and that all groups of pupils make good progress. The pupils social, moral, cultural and spiritual development is well catered for.

The Leadership Team have worked swiftly to unite the staff and provide a clear focus for learning. They have established high expectations for what pupils can achieve.

The Autumn Term has been very busy, and recently the children in classes 4 and 5 have been focusing on Remembrance. Mr Adams from the British Legion came to an assembly and spoke about Remembrance Day and the importance of poppies. Classes 4 and 5 visited the War Memorial



in the village at 11am on the 11th for a short service. Here is one poem showing their use of emotive language and demonstrating their understanding of War.

On the battlefield there were
The sorrowful sounds of spitfires overhead
On the battlefield there was
A fallen family picture left on the ground
Soft tears falling down dirty cheeks
On the battlefield there was
The taste of cracking bones
The battlefield was made of
Bloodied bones in the shadow of night

The voices from hell
A shimmering pool of tears
The painful punch of firing guns
An echo of heart-ripping explosions
A painful shot in a cold heart
The sound of sudden death

Man`s saddest creation

The School Council (pupils) are hoping that you will have an over- supply of pansies or wallflowers for the school gardens .They also hope that someone may be interested in helping a small group of children once a week to tend the garden area outside reception. If you can help with either of these please let Mrs Horrocks (school admin) know. 680244
Gill Roache -Governor Tysoe and Wellesbourne Federation

PROPOSED OXHILL AND TYSOE CLASSIC CAR REGISTER

I have been surprised that there are so many owners of ‘classic’ cars both in Oxhill and Tysoe. Having chatted to a few of these owners there seems to be the view that some form of low key register could be useful for contacts and advice, local services information, help and information about local get togethers and meetings - all done via email and perhaps a website – hopefully at virtually no cost.

The definition of ‘Classic’ should probably include ‘unusual ‘and ‘enthusiasts’ cars and we would need to form a small committee to set this up.



If anybody would be interested in pursuing this further, please would you contact me either by phone or email. If you don’t get an immediate reply it probably means we are away!

Peter Rivers Fletcher
01295 680396rfn364@btinternet.com

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL - UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Coming next...

Monday 7 December - Oxhill Christmas Lunch

We are just days away from one of the highlights of the village year: the Oxhill Christmas lunch. A reminder that the lunch, in the Village Hall, starts at 12.30pm. The event is open to villagers aged 65 or over and their spouses/partners. Served up will be Christmas lunch, mince pies, wine with the meal, followed by festive entertainment.

Call Gaynor Van Dijk on 680349 if you have any last minute queries.

Friday 18 December - Cocktail Night

Cocktail Night is the perfect way to celebrate the Christmas season, with delicious canapés which can be washed down with some bubbly, cocktails or a glass of beer. The Hall will be specially decorated to reflect the season and appropriate mood music will be playing softly in the background for this special posh frocks and black tie (or suits) event.

The price will be £12.50 per head and includes a selection of canapés and two drinks. Additional drinks will be available. The evening will start at 8pm.

Tickets, which should be ordered in advance, from Tricia Harbour on 680676.

Coming in the New Year...

Saturday 23 January – Burns Night

Scotland won't be at the European Football Championship in 2016 but the Scots know how to get the year off to a great start! Join us for haggis, tatties, neeps and whisky in the Village Hall as we honour Robbie Burns. Gather at 7pm for the 7.30pm start.

Tickets, which cost £15 per person, need to be ordered and paid for in advance as this is always a sell-out. They are available from Tricia Harbour on 680676.

Saturday 30 January – Village Big Breakfast

If you like a cooked breakfast, juices and croissants and would like to start your Saturday in the sociable company of fellow villagers, then our first Village Big Breakfast is just for you.

Breakfast will be served in the Village Hall between 9am and 11am. Come and chat to friends or read your newspaper and magazines. What better way to start the weekend!

To help with catering requirements, please let Jay Roberts on 680030 know you are coming. Full breakfast will be £5 per adults or £3 per children.

Future of your Village Hall

A small group of Village Hall Committee members is looking into the future of the Village Hall. With various options on the table, ranging from carrying on as now with the existing building, to perhaps demolishing the Hall and building a new hall on the site - grant funding permitting - there's a lot to consider.

The recent temporary closure of the Village Hall to allow for urgent repairs to the roof only serves to bring into focus that the long term future of our village hall does need attention, if we are to safeguard this important community asset.

It's very much early days in the discussions, but whatever the Committee does eventually recommend, it will be for the whole village to agree on the Hall's future, as stipulated in the Village Hall's legal documents following the transfer of the Hall to the village by the former Ministry of Education.

Watch this space for updates in 2016.

KNIT & NATTER

Our November sessions have been a little down on numbers so it would be nice to get them back up if there is an interest for this in the Village.

In December we have meetings on Thursdays, the 3rd and 17th, starting at 2.00pm.

Any Mums with babies are welcome to join us, even if it's just for a cup of tea and a change of scenery.

Please feel free to come along for a cup of tea and to 'Knit & Natter'. Also don't forget the BOOK EXCHANGE. If you'd like to know more, then call Tricia Harbour on 680676 or just turn up and join in.

Tricia Harbour

TYSOE MARIONETTE GROUP
brings Julia Donaldson's classic book to life in
“THE PUPPET GRUFFALO”
at TYSOE VILLAGE HALL
for TYSOE VILLAGE HALL
SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY 2016
THREE Matinees at 2pm, 3pm, & 4pm
Children (3+ years old) £4 Adults £6
TICKETS on sale in DECEMBER from
TYSOE VILLAGE STORES
(Costcutter)

31 Main Street, Tysoe, CV35 0SE 01295 688333

and

GREENHILLS STORES KINETON

3 Banbury Street, Kington, CV35 0JS 01926
640360

Visit: <http://TysoeMarionettes.webplus.net>



St Peter's Church Whatcote.

If you haven't yet made or bought your Christmas pudding – we still have some puddings available. The 454gm pudding costs £6.00 and 908gm is £10.00. Give me a ring on 01295 680294 or email me at junewreford@hotmail.co.uk.

Delivery can be arranged.

June Wreford

St Lawrence Church and the Village of Oxhill

Christmas Open House

For EVERYONE

Sunday 13th December in the Old Chapel, Main Street

From 9.30am until 12noon

Beginning at 9.30am with our Nativity Play
and Carols,

Followed by Mince Pies, Cakes and Drinks

Ending with a special visit from Father Christmas

Please Drop in for a Mince Pie – all ages welcome

To book your child's place to meet Father Christmas please call

Jo Sweby on 01925 680411

**PS All our children are invited to come and take part in the Nativity
– no speaking parts!**

**If possible, come to a practice and collect a costume on Friday, 11th
December at 6.00pm in The Old Chapel.**

Then, in the Church, everyone is invited to

Carols by Candlelight

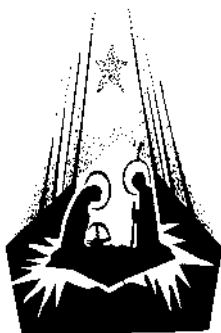
Thursday, December 17th, at 7.30 pm

Followed by mulled wine and mince pies

And

Christmas Day Holy Communion

Friday December 25th, at 9.30 am





Other news from St. Lawrence:

Wednesday, 2nd December, there will be a short service of Holy Communion in Oddcote, Janet Gardner's home, at 10.00 am. On Wednesday 9th it will be in Tysoe, Wednesday 16th in Whatcote and Wednesday 23rd in Tysoe, always at 10.00am

On Monday December 7th the Together in Fellowship group will be meeting in the Old Chapel, to continue its look at The Lord's Prayer. Anyone who would like to know more about this wonderful prayer is warmly invited. In January we start meeting twice a month, on Monday January 11th and 25th.

THE GROVES FAMILY

Shaun and Dannielle Groves have had a baby, Ellis Andrew Timothy Groves on Wed 28th October. He was 9 lbs 6.5 oz. This is the 5th generation of Groves to be born in Oxhill.

Sunday
13th December
Nativity begins @
9.30am - 12.00 noon
The Old Chapel
Main St

St Lawrence Church
and the Village of Oxhill

Christmas *Open House* *for EVERYONE*

Nativity Play and Carols
Followed by
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To book your child's
place to meet

Father Christmas

please call Jo Sweby
on
01295 680411



All Welcome
please drop in for a Mince Pie

All children are welcome to take part in the Nativity Play, practice on Friday 11th 6pm
Costumes provided no speaking parts

ST.LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL
SERVICES IN DECEMBER
All are warmly welcome

Sunday 6th Advent II

9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 13th Advent III

9.30am Nativity & Crib Service (JT)

Thursday 17th

7.30pm Carols by Candlelight (NM)

Sunday 20th Advent IV

9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Christmas Day

9.30am Christmas Communion (ML)

Sunday 27th Christmas I

11.00am United Benefice Communion at Tysoe

For other services in the benefice please see Benefice leaflet.

VICARAGE NOTES

Dear friends,

The Auction of Promises

Many thanks to Carol Fox and all the social and fundraising team for arranging a splendid evening at the Old Chapel. Thanks also to the donors of 70 lots and all who came and bid! Nearly £2000 of much needed funding for St.Lawrence's was raised!

Thought for the month

We're nearly at the end of another calendar year, although the Christian year has begun already in this season of Advent – a preparation for the coming of our Lord both as the holy child of Bethlehem and also as the risen Christ in glory.

We see in the world a fracturing of the political and economic order, with a huge challenge to governments of varying political hues to end the barbarism of muslim extremists and look towards reducing the vast differences in standards of living.

The Christian message offers the world a hope that is God-given and the principles that would direct the changes!

With a warm welcome to all our special services, and on behalf of Martin, Jill and myself, may I wish everyone....

a happy and peaceful Christmas,

God bless,

Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230

braileschurch@gmail.com

DEANERY NEWS FOR DECEMBER 2015/JANUARY 2016

We think of him as safe beneath the steeple,
Or cosy in a crib beside the font,
But he is with a million displaced people
On the long road of weariness and want.
For even as we sing our final carol
His family is up and on that road,
Fleeing the wrath of someone else's quarrel,
Glancing behind and shouldering their load.

Refugee, by Malcolm Guite, in 'Waiting on the Word'

As I write this, the Diocese has just been granted, subject to the outcome of the consultation period, permission for change of use to allow us to use Offa House as a short-term welcome centre for refugees from the Syrian refugee camps. This will allow us to open Offa House as a place of Christian welcome and hospitality, safety and refuge, for those whose lives have been marred by dreadful atrocities and hardship – some of 'the million displaced people.....fleeing the wrath of someone else's quarrel'.

At Christmas God gave us a baby, and so gave us himself, as a vulnerable, open and dependent baby, who experienced and in present in every human situation.

God was saying, 'Here I am, and I love you, and I am with you' – you and I and the 'million displaced people'. In Advent we look with longing and perhaps impatience for God to join us: as Christmas we celebrate the fact that he has.

Please pray for the negotiations surrounding the future of Offa House, the 'million displaced people', and also for ourselves, that with them we may know the immense joy of Jesus being among us.

The next Deanery event is the Deanery Synod on Tuesday, February 2nd, at 7.30pm in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston. That date is Candlemas, when we turn away from Christmas and turn towards Easter. We are really looking forward that evening to welcoming Barbara Lang, who spent many years as a Salvation Army Officer working in South Africa – and we look forward to welcoming all who would like to meet her.

Have a very blessed Christmas. Jill

A MESSAGE FROM SEVERN TRENT RE: COOKING FAT & OIL SOLIDIFYING IN DRAINS

As we left the house on 1st November there was a strong smell of 'the drains' in the air. We quickly discovered that this was being caused by effluent flowing out of an inspection chamber and onto our drive. YUCK! That chamber is part of a shared drain and is above the line where the outflow from our property joins the system. Severn Trent responded to our request to attend and kindly cleared the blockage. It turned out to have been caused by cooking fat being deposited into the drain system. They showed us two big white plugs of cooking fat which they had extracted and explained that in 35/40% of callouts to blocked drains, cooking fat is the problem.

They asked us to pass on to the community their guidance that any large amounts of cooking fat should be drained into a jar or tin (and preferably taken to a recycling depot) and that any excess cooking fat deposited on cookware, plates, utensils etc. should be removed with kitchen paper and deposited in the bin before washing please.

Having experienced the consequences, we fully support their suggestions!

The Harper Family, Whatcote Road

LOCAL MUSIC EVENTS

Keeping you up to date with local gigs.....

Monday 7th December Jim Crawford

One of favourite singer-guitarists is back.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T279xSJ5-CI>

9pm The Norman Knight, near Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire

Now an outlet for The Stratford Brewing Company

Free Entry

Monday 21st December Christmas Special Show

Big Boy Bloater, Al Gare (Imelda May band), and Dean Beresford (Richard Hawley band)

Hold tight. Never fails to be a hell of a night with these suspects in mufti from their proper jobs playing in big theatres.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9KQGjo73zhs>

9pm The Cherington Arms, near Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire

Chef Jean-Michel will have a Music Night menu available.

Free Entry

And finally a note from Mark Harrison after he played in Oxhill...

" Brilliant night Ed Hopwood and I had at Oxhill Village Hall last night. Thanks to everyone who came, filled the place and made such a terrific audience, and thanks to everyone concerned for organising it and looking after us. "

Pat Crowther

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

On Thursday 19th November members of the Garden Club and their guests (friends and relatives are always welcome at meetings) met up in the Old Chapel (courtesy of Jill whilst the Village Hall ceiling was being repaired) and were transported the length and breadth of the UK and beyond in words and pictures by our speaker Graeme Mitchell of Brightwater Holidays. Graeme (the spelling of his name gives a clue to his origins north of the border) and his wife set up the Company working out of their garden shed in Fife armed only with an old typewriter and an answerphone. A fortuitous meeting with the then editor of the Daily Telegraph resulted in favourable publicity for their arranged tours of noteworthy gardens at home and abroad – some well known like Monet's garden in France, others off the beaten track and only accessible because of Graeme's connection, often friendship, with the owner of the property concerned.

The wonderful photographs, mostly taken by himself, shown of gardens included in his firm's itinerary now and in the past served as a flowing backdrop to Graeme's seamless recounting of the company's development over the years interspersed with personal, often humorous, anecdotes about favourite places visited, head gardeners met and the influence that they had on the acreages that they managed, developed and cared for.

The name 'Brightwater Holidays' adopted by the Company was taken from the title of the book 'A Ring of Bright Water' and some of the freshness and sparkle of the coastal waters in that story was evident in the talk that those attending enjoyed so much.

Other than making brochures available to those present, Graeme, true to his word to Peter R-F who booked this excellent speaker, never did push the sales of his RHS endorsed UK tours and ABTA approved visits to an eclectic mix of beautiful gardens worldwide. You, however, might like to take a mini winter break sitting in front of your own log fire by viewing www.brightwaterholidays.com and, as a result, perhaps visit one or more of the very special gardens featured on this website in 2016. The next Garden Club event is the Christmas Party on Tuesday 8th December at The Old Chapel starting at 7pm. The normal programme of meetings at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month resumes in January (the 21st) when Sue and Mike Sanderson will give a talk on 'Establishing Our Tysoe Walled Kitchen Garden'.

Douglas Nethercleft



CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN SHIPSTON



Richard Emms and Stour Singers will be bringing a feast of Christmas music to Shipston-on-Stour this December, with two very different concerts.

On Saturday 12th December, at 7.30.p.m. in St. Edmund's Church, you will be able to enjoy J.S. Bach's Christmas Oratorio, parts 4, 5, and 6. Bach brought together 6 cantatas, written when he was Director of the Leipzig Collegium Musicum, as the Christmas Oratorio, first performed between Christmas 1734 and Epiphany 1735. The music is festive, and reflects the virtuoso vocal talents of the international soloists – Robyn Allegra Parton (soprano), Clare McCaldin (mezzo-soprano), Nathan Vale (tenor) and Njabulo Madlala (baritone), together with the Queen's Park Sinfonia.

Tickets for this concert cost £12.50 and there is no cost to accompanied children or students.

Then, on Thursday 17th December, there is "The Great Carol Sing" at 7.30.p.m. in the Townsend Hall, when children from Shipston Primary School will be joining Stour Singers to sing a beautiful variety of Christmas music – both poignant and joyful - with lots of opportunities for the audience to join in and sing favourite carols. The ticket cost of £5 includes seasonal refreshments, and there is no cost to children.

Tickets for both events can be obtained from R. Clarke, 27 High Street, Shipston, from choir members, and from Shipston Primary School. Enquiries to Yvonne Ridley – Choir Co-Coordinator – 01789 269587.

MUSIC AROUND OUR VILLAGES

We are very fortunate in our quiet corner of South Warwickshire in having just a few miles away , in Shipston on Stour, two outstanding music societies. I have joined them and enjoy both the listening and performing. Shipston Music Society was founded in 1989 .Initially it featured recorded music. From 2002 it has provided ten live performances each year.

On December 11th at the Methodist Church on London Road ,Diva Maria Jagusk will sing operatic arias as well as songs from the musicals. Tickets on the door are £5 for non members. Membership costs just £25 for the year with ten free performances which includes The Orchestra of the Swan performing at Townsend Hall. Refreshments are provided and both the church and the Hall provide an excellent acoustic and a delightful venue. The range of music is wide , the audience appreciative and the relative youth , talent and enthusiasm make for a most enjoyable evening .

The Stour Singers founded by Richard Emms forty years ago is celebrating its Ruby Anniversary with a Performance of Bach's Christmas Oratorio on 12.December in St Edmunds Church , Shipston on Stour. In addition to the four renowned soloists , there is orchestral backing for the eighty singers. All conducted by Richard .

We rehearse each Thursday from September to December , January to May at Shipston Primary School. There are no auditions and everyone is made most welcome by our part leaders . For £60 a year we have a cosy venue, interesting background talks and scores provided. To help learn our parts.

Richard provides CDs on which he plays piano notes in place of the Bass or other part. You don't have to be able to read music. I joined the Singers in 2004 and a few weeks after my first Performance as an Alto, an acquaintance described to me the fantastic evening she had enjoyed in Shipston ! I asked her where and when this had taken place. It took me a while to realise that she was referring to the Stour Singers Concert!!

Both of these societies have excellent websites easily accessible by googling their names. Why not sample one if not both?

Ann Holland

WASSAIL IN TYSOE!

Last year we had lots of people, including children, joining us for the Wassail celebration which was a great success and we will be holding another at the community orchard in Tysoe on Saturday 16th January 2016.

We will be gathering from 4:30pm and will start the procession at around 5:00pm. We will be singing traditional songs, beating pans and drums and carrying “flaming” torches to a tree in the middle of the orchard as our Master of the Wassail leads us all including the Wassail Bowl bearer. There will be some very loud bangs as gun fire is let off over the trees to scare away any evil that might be lurking – lots of noise but definitely firing blanks! Cider is thrown over the trees and bread is hung in them – all of this is from a very old tradition which we want to continue whilst adding our own twists.

We will be serving up mulled cider and apple juice to keep the cold at bay and ensure everyone is in good voice and a large bonfire will keep the extremities warm!

Kinton Scouts will be there providing hot food – bangers and burgers etc – and drinks. They do this as part of their fund raising and we are delighted to help in this.

A great way to see and join in a very old English tradition. Do come along, stout shoes or boots are needed as well as torches also anything to make a noise! Find the Wassail at the community orchard behind the allotments in the Shenington Road Tysoe.

Contacts for more information Mike Sanderson (01295 688080) Liz Atkinson (01295 680045)

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR AND AREA U3A

The Open Day Fair held in October was universally voted a success. Entrance was free, not only to members but also to the public, including tea, coffee, cookies, and even, if you visited the Wine Appreciation table, tasters of wine from both the Old and New World.

The whole of the Townsend Hall was buzzing, not only in the Main Hall but the Holden Room, Kitchen and Served as well. As visitors arrived everything got under way.

Marion, our Town Crier, gave us the benefit of her voice at the opening, then the Recorder group struck up and later the Fosse Way Orchestra would be rehearsing and playing. Table tennis was being played in the Servedy, games of Chess, Bridge and Scrabble were going on, Family History was being researched on the computer, while the Crafts group made Christmas gifts and decorations. All groups were displaying their aims and interests, showing what they could do, and what they had done during the year, including destinations and outings.

Eleven new members signed up on the spot and many more took away forms to complete. Members circulated the hall and many signed up for extra groups, so the result was a renewal of enthusiasm with a getting-together of members in a party atmosphere.

If you are semi-retired or retired, age is not a consideration, and would like to find out more about the Shipston on Stour AREA U3A then please contact the membership secretary Jackie Finlay Tel.No 01608-663413 or e.mail jandb@64finlay.fsnet.co.uk

Joe and Emily at the Remembrance Day Service in the Old Chapel





Hospice at Home
in Shipston, Wellesbourne
and Kineton

invite you to a
**Christmas Fair
at Home**

**FRIDAY 11TH DECEMBER
at Stourton House 10am - 3pm**

by kind invitation of Roger & Liz Maycock
Stourton House, Stourton, Shipston-on-Stour
Warwickshire, CV36 5HG

STALLS

Scented candles - Victoria Stockton

Hand-painted porcelain - Caroline Stockton

Plants & Wreaths - Indigo Garden Design

Cakes - Jane Voepel

Aloe Vera, cakes, books, ceramics, watercolours by local
artists and other unusual stalls TBC

Raffle - Donations - Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

December

Tuesday	1st		Green and Blue bin collection
Wednesday	2nd	10:30	The Peacock - Christmas Lunch
	2nd	19:00	Tysoe WI Christmas Fayre
Thursday	3rd	14:00	Knit and Natter, OVH
Monday	7th	12:00	Oxhill Christmas Lunch, OVH
Tuesday	8th		Grey Bin Collection
Friday	11th	14:30	Mobile Library
Friday	11th	18:00	Collect costumes for Sunday
Saturday	12th	19:30	Christmas Music in Shipston
Sunday	13th	09:30	Christmas Open House, Old Chapel
Tuesday	15th	23:59	COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS
Tuesday	15th		Green and Blue bin collection
Thursday	17th	14:00	Knit and Natter OVH
Thursday	17th	19:30	Carol Service
Friday	18th	20:00	Cocktail Night , OVH
Tuesday	22nd		Grey Bin Collection
Friday	25th	09:30	Holy Communion
Tuesday	29th		Green and Blue bin collection

January

Sunday	3rd	14:00	Tysoe Village Hall
		15:00	The Puppet Gruffalo
		16:00	shown as 3 Matinees
Thursday	21st	19:30	Garden Club, OVH
Saturday	23rd	19:00	Burns Night, OVH
Saturday	30th	09:00	Village Big Breakfast, OVH
