
THE OXHILL NEWS

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The WOT2Grow Community Orchard at Tysoe.

The Wassail ceremony will take place
on January 19th at the orchard.

The AGM is to be held at Oxhill Village Hall on January 22nd.

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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 21st.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesday 11th December. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 4th and 18th December. Please Note that there will be no bin collections on Dec 25th and January 1st 2019

WEEKDAY WALKERS

This walking group usually walks on the 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 admin@jimsaxton.co.uk

AT THE PEACOCK

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on December 5th at 10.30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday December 19th at 12:30pm.



DEANERY NEWS FOR DECEMBER

The year has sped by, and now we come to Advent. Deanery events take a back seat as we stop to ponder, perhaps in a quiet space of stillness, and discover the joy and anticipation of the coming birth of Jesus. Perhaps, in the frenetic busyness of Christmas planning, we could take a little time each day to invite God enter our lives afresh, and to visit us in peace. Then at Christmas, just as Christ was born into muddle and chaos, may we invite him into the muddle and chaos of our lives, to bring new hope and joy.

After Christmas, two events:

- For those who like to sing, another **Come and Sing** event from the Royal School of Church Music: a Candlemas Eucharist, on **Saturday, February 2nd in St. Mary's Church, Tysoe**, probably from 2.00pm onward. This is a repeat of the event last year in Brailes, and will again feature music that is accessible for our small church choirs. Full details nearer the time.
- The next **Deanery Synod** will be on **Tuesday, February 12th at 7.30 pm in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston**. This Synod will focus on Green Issues, and in particular the ways in which we as individuals and churches can be environmentally friendly.

Finally, for Advent:

Maybe

Maybe it is in the waiting for God,
not in the wandering from store to store,
that we find our way.

Maybe it is in the friendship of God,
not in the frenzy of the crowds,
that we are led to the manger.

Maybe it is in the steadfast love of God,
and not in the pile of stuff under the tree,
that we find what we have been searching for all our lives.

Maybe, just maybe, God of Advent,
this year will be different.

Maybe, just maybe,
we will let you lead us to Bethlehem.
Thom M Shuman

Every blessing, Jill

Church Fundraising Committee Auction of Promises

Our joint fundraiser with the Village Hall Committee was a great success. Not only did we raise around £2200 but everyone who came appeared to be having a splendid time. Our excellent auctioneer, Iain MacPherson, arrived straight from Pantomime rehearsal and he continued to work his audience-participation skills on the crowd in the Village Hall, extracting generous bids for every lot. The Village Hall Committee provided liquid refreshment and nibbles as well as the venue for the event. Many people from the Church Fundraising and the Village Hall Committees were involved in making the evening a success and deserve thanks. A massive thank you goes to everyone who generously made a Promise and all those who bid for the lots. We had such a diverse selection of Promises from around 50 people meaning there was something for everyone, a brilliant result. Thank you also to all the people who helped deliver catalogues to every house in Oxhill - many hands make light work! Finally, I am so grateful to Iain, without whom the evening wouldn't have been half so entertaining.

Next Church Fundraising event will be Afternoon Tea on March 17th at the Old Chapel. It's a long time off so I'm not hassling people to help yet!

Ruth Mercer 07400 615999 ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com

KNIT and NATTER

Knit and Natter will start 2019 on 3rd January at 2.00.

Everyone welcome.

Jane Smith

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH ADVENT and CHRISTMAS

Services during Advent and Christmas: all are in St. Lawrence Church apart from the Nativity Service, and there are always refreshments afterwards.

Sunday, December 2nd, 9.30 am Holy Communion for Advent Sunday (JT), with launch of the Travelling Nativity.

Wednesday, December 5th, 10.00 am Informal Holy Communion at Oddcot (JT)

Sunday, December 9th, 9.30 am in The Old Chapel, Main Street. Nativity Service (JT), with lots of help (we hope) from the children, and perhaps a visit from you know who.

Sunday, December 16th, 9.30 am, Parish Communion (GH)

Wednesday, December 19th, 7.30 pm, Carols by Candlelight, followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Sunday, December 23rd, 6.30 pm. Evensong (JT)

Christmas Day: Tuesday, December 25th, 9.30 am, Family Holy Communion for Christmas Day (JT)

Sunday, December 30th, 11.00 am in St. Lawrence Church (GH) – United Service for all five churches.

During Advent there will be a **Reverse Advent Calendar in Church.** Rather than opening a window and taking a piece of chocolate each day, could we, between us, give something each day? There will be 24 paper bags laid out in church, and you are invited to pop something into one of the bags one day during Advent (or more if you wish!) Items could be tinned or packaged foodstuffs, toiletries such as shampoo or toothpaste, or small toys or items for children. These would then be given to the Food Banks attached either to Stoke Aldermoor in Coventry or to Willenhall.

And again, at the Nativity Service, we would like to give rather than receive, so instead of Father Christmas distributing presents, we will be invited the children bring a present to go into his sack for giving to a child who might not otherwise go without. It would help if gifts were labelled (e.g. for a 6 year old boy/girl), and Father Christmas may just possibly have chocolate santas to give out. Gifts would be sent either to the food banks above or to Carriers of Hope.

Have a wonderful Christmas.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to all those who sent their prayers and good wishes during my recent stay in Warwick Hospital. Thanks too for the support received by George, Richard and Simon. I am now home and discovering I am not quite as invincible as I thought I was!! However my surgeon assures me I will be ready for gardening in the Spring so that is what I am aiming for. Meanwhile you may see me walking out in the village, the aim being a little further each day.

Thank you all again.

Gwyn



FRIDAY 14TH DECEMBER

10.30 – 12 NOON:

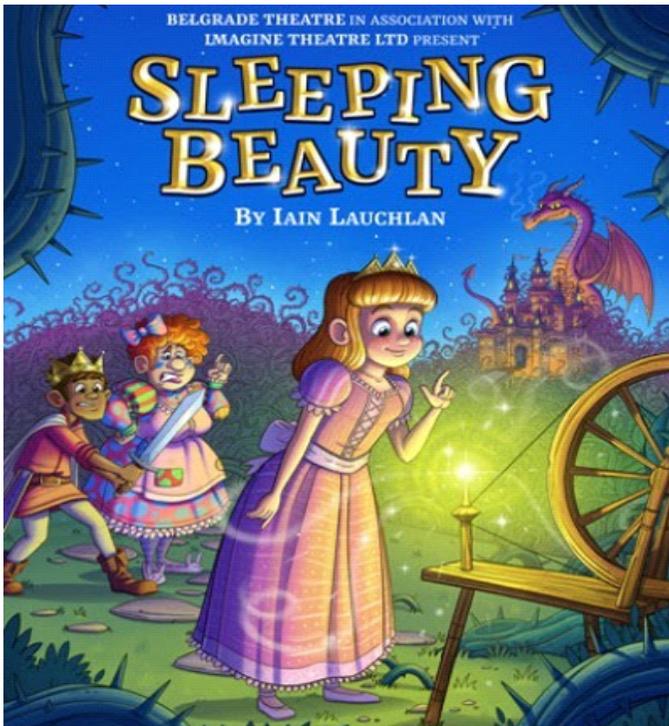
Carers4Carers festive meeting at Kinton Village Hall. Come and join us for seasonal treats and chat. Anita will be on hand to offer some pampering and TLC. Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group. For more details, including help with transport, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

Lisa, Assistant Co-ordinator, Carers4Carers

Oh yes we are....

A group of us are planning to go to the Pantomime (Sleeping Beauty) at the Belgrade Theatre in Coventry on January 5th, 2019 for the 7.00pm performance. Iain McPherson (or to use his stage name; Iain Lauchlan, otherwise known as the star, writer and director of the show) has reserved 90 tickets and we have had many of these tickets booked already by people who have attended the show in previous years. However, there are a few left and if you are interested in attending, please contact me (see below). We have organised a couple of coaches departing from outside of the Peacock at 5.30pm and we should be back in Oxhill by around 10.30pm. The cost of the Panto tickets is £22.75 per adult and a seat on the coach will cost £7.50 per person. There will be a small reduction for under 19 year olds but at the time of going to press, we do not know what this cost will be but it will cost less than the adult tickets.

Derek Harbour (01295 680676 or dandt@laurelhardy.co.uk)



“OXHILL LAAAAADIEES”

PUB QUIZ

IN AID OF:



OXHILL LADIES PREPARE TO TAKE ON THE 100K BIKE RIDE

**JOIN US FOR A FESTIVE EVENING OF PANTO FUN WITH
QUIZ MASTER WIDOW TWANKEY AND HER COMPANIONS.**

SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2018, 8PM

THE PEACOCK, OXHILL

**TEAMS OF 4
£5 PER PLAYER**

**PRIZE FOR THE WACKIEST CHRISTMAS JUMPER AND THE MOST
INVENTIVE PANTO TEAM NAME!**

**REGISTRATION REQUIRED
PLEASE REGISTER YOUR TEAM BY 5TH DECEMBER**

ENQUIRE AT THE BAR FOR A REGISTRATION FORM

JOINING the OXHILL LAAAAADIEEES

QUIZ NIGHT

Registration forms and entry money to

- Caroline Keena (Ferndale, Green Lane 07843 765263) or
- Catherine Kimmins (Merrilees, Main Street 078111 95345)

by Wednesday 5th December.

If you are unable to make the quiz but would like to donate, please visit www.justgiving.com and search for Oxhill Ladies.

Thank you!!



The poster features a festive wreath with red berries and orange ribbons. A circular logo for Shipston Home Nursing Hospice Care at Home is in the top right. The text is as follows:

FESTIVE WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

Friday 7th December
9.30am-2.00pm
The Hall Cherington
CV36 5AG

£60 per ticket - including 2 course lunch

9am - arrival & coffee
10am - 1.00pm - Wreath Making Workshop & lunch

Limited places, please book early

To book call Beverley on 07866 988355 or email beverleybeaumont@gmail.com

For more details go to www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk

Many thanks to Bumble and Wild and Amanda Luther Floral Design

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Instead of sending Christmas cards this year, we will be making a donation to Great Ormond Street Hospital. We wish our friends and neighbours a merry Christmas and happy new year.

Anne, Jo, Mike, Milo and Felix

Jo Sweby

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

On Thursday 8th November the owner of Little Oak Vineyard, Chipping Campden - Steve Wilson - gave a talk titled 'Making an English Vineyard'. Steve explained that the warm summers of the early 2000s and press coverage of the increasingly successful growing of grapes in the UK excited his interest and gave him the idea of having vines on a south facing hectare of his land.

An initial 400 whips planted in 2006 resulted in a small harvest in 2009. With subsequent additions Steve now has over 1500 mature vines which yielded some 14,000kg of grapes in 2018 - translating to 13,000 bottles of wine. He readily admitted that getting into viticulture has been a steep learning curve with several years producing little or no harvest. Frost, wasps and mildew caused setbacks and strategies have had to be devised to combat these and other problems encountered along the way.

The company's ethos has always been to work organically as far as is practicable and never to compromise on quality. The main grape grown at this our local vineyard is *Siegerrebe* which produces a unique and very special wine from the Cotswold limestone derived soil. The grape *Seyval Blanc* is used for the production of sparkling wine using a secondary fermentation in the bottle à la méthode champenoise. Readers are invited to visit www.littleoakvineyard.com to learn more.

Steve was accompanied by his Admin. Manager - Gemma Riley – who gave a slide show of pictures taken of the operation and vines at different stages of their growth. She told members about a scheme whereby one can lease a particular vine and benefit to the extent of a couple of bottles of 'own label' wine therefrom. A great present for a friend or relative! Gemma also dispensed glasses of various types and vintages of Little Oak wines and, strangely enough, there was little call for 'time out' for tea / coffee at the end of the meeting.

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The next event in the Club's calendar is the members' Christmas Party on Thursday 6th December – names and commitment to items for the 'bring and share' buffet to Pauline Wyatt please. The next meeting is scheduled for 10th January, 7.00 for 7.30pm, when Duncan Coombes will give a talk *Searching for Plants in China*.

Douglas Nethercleft

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

HIRING THE VILLAGE HALL

If you want to check the availability of the Hall, you can see an online calendar by going to: www.oxhill.org.uk/VillageHall.htm Click on “events calendar here” to view the diary. Alternatively just input Oxhill Village Hall and click on the website to find the calendar. To make a booking contact Ali Sayer in the first instance on **07970 922352** or email her at ali.sayer@btinternet.com but if Ali is not available, Tricia Harbour is the person to contact on 01295 680676 or dandt@laurelhardy.co.uk

BOOK SOON.....

When you read this, there will only be about 20 more ‘sleeps’ till Christmas! Wind down after the end of work, or maybe it’s just another Friday for you, but in either case start the festive season in earnest on: **Friday 21st December at 7.30pm – Beer and Bubbles Night.** A chance to get dressed up (black tie or lounge suits for the men, and posh frocks for the ladies) and catch up with friends old and new whilst enjoying cocktails (or beer) and a wide selection of canapés. Tickets cost £12.50 each and include a drink and canapés.

*To book tickets, please contact Ali Sayer on **07970 922352** or email her at ali.sayer@btinternet.com*

SAVE THE DATE:

Friday 25th January –Burns Night We are fortunate to be able to announce that our annual tribute to the other bard is being organised and fronted by Oxhill’s own Scots residents this year. This guarantees top-notch entertainment with a traditional Burns Night Supper. More details in the January Oxhill News.

A FINAL REMINDER – DON’T MISS THIS

The Oxhill Village Christmas Lunch is on Monday December 10th starting at 12.30pm. Drinks will be available on arrival, followed by a traditional 3 course Christmas Lunch, mince pies and entertainment. Transport to the Village Hall can be provided if necessary. The lunch is open to anyone aged 65 or over, and their spouse/partner whatever their age. There are still some places left, so please contact Tricia Harbour on 680676 if you would like to attend.

VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES



The hall was recently given a new coat of paint, and the curtains were washed and ironed, ready for a new season of events. This was made possible thanks to Ed and Elaine Morgan who lent their builders' tower.

ANNUAL CURRY NIGHT



On November 23rd the annual curry night was held at the village hall.

Thirtyfive guests enjoyed seven curries made by committee members and friends of the village hall.

Oxhill Parish Council
Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 13th November 2018 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

Councillors Present

Cllr Harbour (Chairperson), Cllr Harper, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Moore and Cllr Stuart

Clerk to the Council, Mrs C Coles and two villagers

18/42. Apologies for absence were received from
County Cllr Chris Williams

18/43. To receive Declarations of Interest under the Council's
Code of Conduct relating to business on the agenda
There were no interests to declare.

18/44. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on
11th September 2018
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

18/45. To note any matters arising from the minutes not included
on this agenda for report only
Area outside the pub - Cllr Moore and Cllr Harper have measured the area outside the pub for the placement of a bus shelter and planters. A drawing of how the area could look was circulated at the meeting. No planning permission is required but an accurate floor plan will be needed for Highways to check underground services. A proposal was suggested to place a smaller version outside the village hall but they have requested that nothing is fixed to the wall. They may consider the idea in the future. £3K has already been ring fenced for the work. Cllr Moore has requested a quote from a local supplier for completing the work and will chase this up.

18/46. Public Participation Session
Mr Connelly who is new to the area has set up a Whats App group which is fast and real. He comes from an area which had a crimewave problem and thought it was a good idea to set one up here. He has sent the information to the editor of the Oxhill News.

18/47. To receive a report from the County and District Councillor

There were no reports to read out.

18/48. To discuss the Oxhill News which is funded by the Parish Council

The item was on the agenda as the newsletter is funded by the precept and public money. A discussion took place on several aspects relating to the Oxhill News and everyone agreed that there should continue to be no advertising.

Action: The Chair to meet with the Editors to discuss what guidelines, if any, they might want and a potential disclaimer.

18/49. To discuss and agree the new street name for the development on Whatcote Road

The developer has put forward the name of Leys Field.

Everyone was in agreement to accept this name.

Action: The Parish Clerk to reply to Stratford-On-Avon District Council

18./50. To receive a report on the meeting with Warwickshire County Council Traffic Department

The Chair had met with Jo Edwards of Warwickshire County Council Traffic Department and circulated a report.

The County Council operate in a difficult environment between the Department for Transport and the police who all have significant budget constraints. A tour of the village took place and areas for potential improvement were identified. Jo Edwards said during her visit that the County Council (CC) could produce a draft design to help with traffic calming for £200 that could then be considered prior to any changes being made.

Action: It was agreed to proceed with the cost of £200 for the CC to produce a draft design.

18/51. To discuss forthcoming Elections in May 2019

There will be Parish Council elections on 2nd May 2019. There will be costs involved for any type of election whether contested or uncontested. The cost for uncontested is £100.00 but the costs for contested are unclear as some costs will be shared. Costs will have to allocated when the budget is set in the New Year.

Action: The Parish Clerk to seek more clarification with regard to costs from SDC.

18/52. To receive an update on planning

New applications

Older Applications

18/02878/TREE, Fell poplar at the Old Church House, Main Street. No objections by PC.

18/02591/TREE, Tree work at The Fellows House, Back Lane. No objection by SDC.

18/02352/FUL, Construction of one new dwelling and all associated works at Land Off Church Lane. Objections raised by PC.

18/02915/VARY, Condition 2 of 18/01357/FUL at Plot 2, Land on north side of Green Lane. Comments made by PC.

18/02905/FUL, Proposed barn to replace barn destroyed by fire at Church Farm, Whatcote Road. No objections by PC.

18/01935/FUL, Single storey extension at The Old Church House, Main Street. Granted by SDC.

18/01651/FUL, Erection of equine food store and an extension to the previously approved 10/01607/FUL. Granted by SDC.

New application

18/02938/FUL, Proposed single storey side extension and internal alterations at Gateways, Main Road. Under consideration.

The Parish Council had contacted the Enforcement Team at SDC about Tehidy on Green Lane. Approved plans show the property as a 3 bedroom property but it is being advertised as a 3/4 bedroom property. The developers are leaving it open to potential purchasers to use the room as a dressing room or bedroom. Internal changes to dwellings do not constitute development as defined at Section 55 of the Town and Country planning Act (1990). There appears to be no breach of planning control but the file has not been closed yet. SDC are investigating the windows which are not in accordance with the approved plans.

Action: There is concern that Highways had not approved a 4 bedroom house as there are insufficient parking spaces and this would be pursued with Enforcement.

18/53. Financial Report

a) *To review the 2018/19 Budget*

The budget sheet was circulated prior to the meeting. The Parish Council are working to budget.

b) *The following payments were approved under statutory powers:-*

£390.80 to Tysoe Children's Group Ltd (printing of Oxhill news)

£19.76 to L Stuart (website)

18/54. To receive the following correspondence

The following correspondence had been circulated:

WALC AGM on 17.11.18

Warwickshire County Council, Winter Service

Warwickshire County Council, Minerals Plan Publication
Consultation

18/55. To receive Councillors Reports

Cllr Moore reported mud on the road outside the Whatcote Road building development. One of the planning conditions is to keep the road clear. The Parish Clerk to report to the Enforcement team at SDC.

The condition of Rouse Lane and Green Lane was discussed. Councillors felt that the District Councillor was going to look at Green Lane. The Parish Clerk to make contact with him before speaking to Highways.

Councillors discussed the letter from VASA who provide community transport. They are asking for funding to help them continue with their work. Councillors were unsure who would benefit from this. There may be one villager who uses community transport. The Parish Clerk has asked for more specific figures.

A discussion took place about a welcome pack which was put through the door of new houses. The person who has done this in the past is moving out of the village. It could include trades people, opening hours and contact details. Cllr Moore to look into this.

18/56. To note meeting dates for 2019

The following meeting dates were agreed:

8th January

12th March

14th May

9th July

10th September

12th November

There being no other business to discuss, the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

TYSOE WI

Firstly, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who made poppies, helped put up displays, made cakes and helped in church on Saturday. We've received so many compliments, well done everyone! It was wonderful to see so many people in the church on Saturday 10th and again on Sunday 11th. With people coming from surrounding villages and further afield. Everyone's generosity with donations, buying poppy merchandise and raffle tickets was amazing, we hope to let you know how much was raised next month.

It's not long to our **Christmas Party on 5th December, 7.30 pm** and if it's anything like last year, it will be a very jolly affair!

We are asking that everyone brings a wrapped present to value of £5 for the secret Santa plus a plate of food to share.

Feel free to don your Christmas jumper or sparkly top or anything festive. Non members welcome, £5

We are hosting a Burns Night in the village hall on **Saturday 26th January 7.00pm** for **7.30pm** £15 pp.

Includes: Three course traditional Scottish meal (other options available), whisky toast, dancing and games with prizes, and raffle with proceeds going to Myton Hospice. Full bar. This is open to all.

Tickets are limited so buy as soon as you can to avoid disappointment.

For tickets or more info contact Alison 07866426188

Full Kilt hire including shoes for men is available too at a cost of £10.

Book early to ensure your outfit. Contact Alison.

We've enjoyed a very busy and enjoyable year and are now preparing for 2019, so watch this space.....

For more information email tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com

Visit our website tysoewi.com or follow us on Facebook

TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NOVEMBER UPDATE

Recently there has been a special focus on literary events in school. Willow Class has been reading Shakespeare and visited the Swan Theatre in Stratford to watch Comedy of Errors. The children were enthused by the trip and gave their reviews. Jemima said, ‘The play was humorous and inspiring’ and Marcel commented, ‘I enjoyed the performance of actor Lewis Griffin because his great passion for acting shone through.’

All of KS1 children enjoyed Beki Benjamin’s visit to read her story of Mo and his special present, a Massey Ferguson tractor. Beki told the children that her inspiration for writing the book was a boy who loved the farming way of life. It was also a pleasure to welcome Josh Welsby, a former pupil of Tysoe School, who did the illustrations. Also popular was Story Night when over half the school returned to school in pyjamas and onesies to hear stories and to enjoy drinking chocolate.

Once again older pupils have taken part in this year’s Primary Maths Challenge. Two children attained the top Gold Award and five children gained Silver. There were also nine Bronze Awards and eleven further children received a certificate commending their participation. With his great passion for Mathematics, Mr Hancox, a longstanding friend and former pupil of the school, returned to share some of his memories and to see the school in action.

We are most grateful to generous funding from Tysoe Utility Estate which has provided monies for swimming lessons and enabled us to continue to offer a huge range of curriculum opportunities, including many visits and creative experiences like a sculptor in school and a falconry display. With this additional funding, the range of activities has been extensive.

The Christmas Fayre is on Saturday 1st December in Tysoe Village Hall. Please join us!

If you are a prospective parent and would like to visit, please contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295-680244.

Jenny Coates, Head of School

School Council Raises £125



Poppy Wreath in St Mary's Church, Made by the Children



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

This year, instead of sending Christmas cards, we are going to donate to Cancer research in loving memory of our Daughter Karen and our Daughter-in-law Jan. We would however, like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Love and hugs., Ed and Elaine xxxx



FRIDAY 21st DECEMBER

7pm

St Edmunds Church, Shipston, CV36 4AP

£15 per ticket includes glass of wine and canapès

Stratford Musical Theatre Company Choir, Daniel O'Brian - Cello, Jesamine Dempsey & Hannah Connelly - singers, Jessica Friend - singer

For more information please call Rebecca Mawle on 01608 674929

Registered Charity: 1182286



WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

We are well into the end of the year work at the orchard. There are apples still on the trees due to the amazing autumn weather, weeding the trees is complete and the glue is round the trees

to catch the winter moths.

It has been a wonderful growing year and we have had bumper crops, produced lots of apple juice and the cider and perry are gentling maturing for drinking in the new year!

All that we do now makes sure we have fruit next year so it is really important we get the maintenance done including pruning all the apples and pears.

WAES-HAEL DRINK-HAEL!!!

Yes, we will be holding the Wassail ceremony at the orchard on Saturday 19th January 2019 from 4:30pm onwards. The traditions will be observed and there will be lots of singing and keeping warm around the big bonfire accompanied by food and drink! Kinton scouts will be there with hot food and drink and we will also have mulled cider and apple juice. Again there will be live music from Donald to accompany the singing! Do reserve the date and watch out for posters with the details! It is suitable for all ages so come along with the whole family but stout shoes or boots needed.

Do come along to see us, maybe help out, and enjoy your community orchard behind the allotments along the Shenington Road in Tysoe! Why not join us and enjoy the fruit we grow.

Contact one of us for more information

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)

or see the website www.wot2grow.co.uk

WOT2Grow AGM 2019

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at 8:00pm at Oxhill village hall.

Do come along and have your say about your community orchard, everyone is welcome and you don't have to be a member to attend!



Warwickshire Libraries Home Delivery Service

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KADS breaks new ground with “A 1940s Radio Christmas Carol”

Step back to 1940s New Jersey with sing-along carols, period radio commercials and audience participation!

Kinton Amateur Dramatic Society is busy rehearsing its next production, “A 1940s Radio Christmas Carol” which runs in the first week of December.* In a KADS first, the light-hearted production features sing-along carols and live music, punctuated with period radio commercials for everything from Lucky Strike cigarettes to war bonds ‘to support our men at the front.’

Following KADS’ highly successful spring production of “*Suffragettes!*”, director Sefton Steggalls decided to tackle something very different but equally challenging. Cut to Christmas Eve 1943 and the Feddington Players are performing their unique take on Charles Dickens’ classic “*A Christmas Carol*”.

However, in cash-strapped wartime New Jersey not everything goes to plan, with noisy plumbing, power cuts and slowly-unravelling veteran stage actor William St. Claire forcing the company to improvise a new ending to the classic, featuring a hardboiled detective, a femme fatale and the daring rescue of Tiny Tim from the clutches of a suspiciously Hitler-esque villain named Rudolf!

“I’m really asking a lot of the cast and crew this time round,” said Sefton. “Singing is one thing but doing it in an American accent is another, plus we’re performing it all live, right down to the piano playing. The audience doesn’t get a free ride either, with period signs prompting them to laugh and applaud, just as they did back in the day. It’s a lot of fun and very different.”

Featuring delightful period songs and swing arrangements of many Christmas standards,

“A 1940’s Radio Christmas Carol” runs from Thursday 6th to Sat 8th December at Kinton Village Hall.

Ticket Prices: £7.50 or £6.50 concessions (Thurs & Fri only).

Tickets available from Kinton Community Library or by contacting Yve Rivers-Fletcher on 01295 680487 or email: yve@rivers-fletcher.com

STOUR SINGERS PRESENT HAYDN'S "CREATION"

On Saturday evening, 15th December, at 7.30.p.m., St. Edmund's Church in Shipston-on-Stour will resound with the uplifting sounds of Haydn's masterpiece, "The Creation". The music vividly paints a picture of the creation of the world, from chaos to light, from disorder to a "new-created world", full of beauty. The three soloists tell the story, and the chorus burst with praise, joy, and thanks. In the final uplifting chorus, "Sing The Lord, Ye Voices All", soloists and chorus interweave to glorious effect.

At the first performance, at the end of the 18th century, the audience members were so deeply affected by the musical depiction of the creation of light, that the performance had to be halted, to allow them to recover! The work is thought to be the first bilingual composition (in German and English), since Haydn was very happy in England, and it was here he found the libretto. This performance will be in English.

Stour Singers, directed by their founder Richard Emms, are delighted to welcome Making Music's recent award winner (Young Concert Artist) Raphaela Papadakis, soprano, Richard Dowling, tenor, and Alan Fairs, bass-baritone as soloists, together with Queen's Park Sinfonia, the Birmingham-based chamber orchestra which was set up to offer opportunities to talented young musicians.

Tickets for the concert cost £12.50 (with no cost to accompanied children) are available from A. Clarke in Shipston's High Street.

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WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

December

Sat	1st		Tysoe School Christmas Fayre
Tue	4th		Grey Bin Collection
Wed	5th	10:30	The Peacock, Village Coffee Morning
Wed	5th		Xmas Party, Tysoe WI
Thu	6th	19:00 for 19:30	Garden Club Xmas Party, OVH
Thu	6th, 7th, 8th		1940s Radio Xmas Carol, KVH
Sun	9th	20:00	The Peacock, Oxhill Laaadiieeee Quiz Night
Mon	10th	12:30	Oxhill Village Xmas Lunch, OVH
Tue	11th		Green and Blue Bin Collection
Fri	14th	10:30	Carers4Carers, KVH
Sat	15th	19:30	Stour Singers, Haydn's Creation St Edmunds Church, Shipston
Tue	18th		Grey Bin Collection
Wed	19th	12:30	The Peacock, Oxhill Village Lunch
Fri	21st	14:30	Mobile Library, OVH
Fri	21st	19:30	Beer & Bubbles, OVH
Fri	21st		Shipston Home Nursing Concert St Edmund's Church, Shipston
Fri	21st	21:00	The Peacock, Christmas Fancy Dress Disco

January

Thu	3rd	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH
Sat	5th		Belgrade Theatre Pantomime
Tue	8th	20:00	Parish Council Mtg, OVH
Thu	10th	19:00 for 19:30	Garden Club, OVH
Thu	17th	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH
Sat	19th	16:30	Wassail, WOT2Grow Orchard
Tue	22nd	20:00	WOT2Grow AGM, OVH
Fri	25th	20:00	Burns's Night, OVH
Thu	31st	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH
