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MOBILE LIBRARY

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill on Tuesdays, stopping at the Village Hall at 10 a.m. and staying there for 30 minutes.

In February the van will visit us on Tuesday 15th.

You can renew books between van visits by calling 01926 851031, or online at www.Warwickshire.gov.uk/wild.

Editor

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesday 1st and Tuesday 15th.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesday 8th and Tuesday 22nd.

Editor

WEEKDAY WALKERS

We have the following walks in February as follows:

Friday 11th February

This is a circular 5.5 mile walk from Wroxton with 240 feet of ascent and lunch at "The North Arms" Wroxton. We will leave Oxhill at 9:30 a.m.

Friday 25th February

This is a circular 5.0 mile walk from Stretton-on-Fosse with 300 feet of ascent and lunch at "The Plough Inn" Stretton-on-Fosse. We will leave Oxhill at 9:30 a.m.

Due to the numbers on the walk Jim Saxton now contacts regular members to get meal decisions by Wednesday evening. Those who wish to join us are most welcome, but please contact Jim Saxton on 01295 680613 or at saxton@tiscali.co.uk before the Tuesday evening prior to the walk.

MARCH ISSUE

Please could I have all copy for the March issue by Midnight on **Tuesday, 22nd February**? If you normally prepare your material using a computer, it would make my life easier if you could submit your offering in electronic form, though paper is, of course, fine. My 'official' e-mail address is news-editor@oxhill.org.uk if you wish to send me stuff that way.

George Adams, 680286

COVER PICTURE

Geoff Stewart claims, probably with good reason, that the fish in his pond were well protected from the heron. Me, I will stick to the magnificent cover that Robin Teall made as a birthday present for Gwyn. Many years ago now; both still going strong.

Editor

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

Forthcoming Events

Friday 4th March

Friday Night @ The Village Hall

We are continuing the popular Friday night theme with a simple meal and a chance to socialise with friends. This month it will be Sausage & Mash plus a pudding, all for £7.50 per head.

Food will be available from 8.00 p.m. until 9.30 p.m. Tickets are available from Tricia Harbour on 680676.

Friday 1st April

A Nautical Night (with Fish & Chips)

Oxhill may be as far away from the sea as you can get but don't let that stop you joining us for a night of nautiness. We have a talk and presentation by Belinda Marklew on 'Sailing the Southern Ocean - been there & done that', with, appropriately, a freshly cooked fish and chip supper.

Belinda took part in the BT Global Challenge Round the World Yacht Race in 2001 on board the yacht Norwich Union. She completed the arduous Southern Ocean crossing from Sydney to Cape Town in six weeks. Her yacht finished the leg in second place. "Never again" is what many sailors say of the Southern Ocean!

There will be slides, video and audio from the world's toughest yacht race.

More details on cost, time and tickets in the next edition of the Oxhill News.

Derek Harbour

AFTERNOON DELIGHTS

A reminder that we will be meeting in the village hall at 2.30 on Thursdays 10th and 24th of February.

For details of any special activities please look at the village hall notice board; that is the one on the corner of Main Street and Whatcote Road, attached to the fence.

Gwyn Adams

FIRST AMBULANCE RESPONDERS

How fortunate we are to have two Ambulance First responders in our village. When taken ill just before Christmas within minutes of dialling 999 Mike and Barbara Shepherd were present giving medical attention prior to the ambulance arriving and taking me to A & E. Thank you both for continuing to give your time freely on such a grand scale. It is so reassuring in today's climate of cuts to services.

Angela Kean

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

All are warmly welcome

Sunday 6th	Epiphany V	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (ML)
Sunday 13th	Epiphany VI	3.30 p.m.	Evensong (ML)
Sunday 20th	Septuagesima	9.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (ML)
Sunday 27th	Sexagesima	9.30 a.m.	Family Service (NM)

For other benefice services see porch notice board

DEANERY NEWS

Just in case you are reading this before the end of the month, may I remind you about our Instant Choirs for Evensong Workshop, followed by a Deanery Choral Evensong, on Sunday, January 30th at St. George's Church, Brailes. The Workshop, led by Julian Harris, will begin at 2.30 p.m.: Evensong, to which all are invited, will be at 6.30 p.m. Details from Jill Tucker (01295 688193)

Our next Deanery Synod is on Tuesday, February 1st at 7.30 p.m. in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston. We will be thinking about how best we can serve our young people and reach them with the Good News of Christ, especially in the light of threatened council cut backs to the youth service. Our speakers will be Greg Bartlem, Diocesan Youth Officer, and Matt Brown, Joint Churches Youth Worker in Shipston. This is something of deep concern to many of us, and we welcome any who share that concern.

An advance notice that our Deanery Lent Services will begin on Tuesday March 15th, at 7.30pm, at St. Gregory's, Tredington, when the speaker will be Revd. Stephen Wookey, Rector of St. David's, Moreton-in-Marsh, and a familiar face to many. The course this year will be based around Paula Gooder's book 'A Way through the Wilderness: Exploring God's help in times of crisis', which explores the help that God offers to his people in the remarkable chapter of Isaiah 40.

An even more advance notice is that, in this year of the 400th anniversary of the King James' Bible, Revd. Richard Cooke will be leading two sessions on Understanding the Bible in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston, on Saturday, May 21st and Saturday June 19th, between 9.30 and 3.30.

Finally, Bishop Christopher is visiting Shipston Deanery on March 8th; in the evening everyone is warmly invited to an open meeting at 7.30 p.m. at Ettington Village Hall, at which he will be speaking on the subject 'What is the Church for?'

I look forward to meeting many of you at these various events.

Jill Tucker, Rural Dean

BELATED THANK YOU

Many thanks to Judy and her team-both front of house and behind the scenes-for a really delicious Christmas lunch on December 13th.

Judging by the smiles and laughter, the general chit-chat and the clean plates, everyone else enjoyed it too.

We do appreciate this annual event, and in spite of the fact that most of the "staff" qualify for joining us at the table, we hope they will continue to spoil us in this way. Thank you again.

Ruth Gibson

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me to run in the Katherine House Santa fun run.

400 people, all dressed in Santa suits, took part in the run, which was started by Sir Ben Kingsley.

Thank you all again.

Owain

WELCOME

We bid a somewhat belated welcome to Matthew and Catherine Kimmins and their children, Olivia aged two and a half, and Charlie, six weeks.

They have moved into 'Merrilees' in Main Street from Shutford.

Editor

FOR SALE

Victorian five drawer traditional chest of drawers in solid mahogany

Very useful for so many things

£60.00

Also children's push chair, navy & yellow with all the covers etc.

Good condition £10.00

McKail, 680412

AT THE PEACOCK

The village coffee morning will be on Wednesday 2nd, starting at 10.30, with the charity quiz night following on Sunday 6th at 8 p.m. The village lunch will be on Wednesday 16th at 12.30.

Editor

NATURE NOTES

February comes in like a sturdy country maiden, with a tinge of the red, hard winter apple on her healthy cheek, and as she strives against the wind, wraps her russet-coloured cloak well about her, while with bent head, she keeps throwing back the long hair that blows about her face, and though at times half-blinded by the sleet and snow, still continues her course courageously The mellow-voiced blackbird and the speckle-breasted thrush make music among the opening blossoms of the blackthorn, to gladden her way; and she sees faint flushings of early buds here and there, which tell her the long miles of hedgerows will soon be green.

Chambers Book of Days, 1964

Nature begins to stir in our gardens now; snowdrops, crocuses, hellebore and celandines will push through and flower. If the weather warms up frogs will start spawning towards the end of the month. Newts too, can often be seen in our ponds – go out at night with a torch, shine it into the water and hopefully you will see the common (smooth) newt and many of you should also see the great-crested newt – not so rare in Oxhill. There are no records in South Warwickshire for palmate newt or for the adder, but the grass snake may be seen basking in sheltered spots when the sun comes out. Remember they are harmless and more frightened of you than you are of them.

One of the most definite signs of nature waking up is the reappearance of those butterflies which spend the winter months hibernating; the tortoiseshell, whose numbers have declined dramatically over the past few years, and later in the month the bright yellow brimstones should also start to make an appearance. Many of the normally migrating red admirals have started overwintering in Britain and also can be seen quite early on. I just hope the hard winter we have experienced has not taken its toll on these insects.

I am pleased to write that the severe weather did not take its toll on the kingfisher. Tom Heritage reported seeing one along our brook a couple of weeks ago – that is good news, but still no sighting of waxwings, supposedly all over the country, except Oxhill!

Many birds will now begin to pair off, especially the crow family. As I write this I can see the jackdaws sitting in the silver birch trees opposite out cottage. They are 'paired off' and leaning up against each other like couples sitting cuddling on benches in a park.

We have just had a full moon and a period of wonderful crisp bright moonlit nights. Late one cold clear evening I heard a dog fox bark, followed by silence, which was suddenly shattered by a scream – the tingling bloodcurdling yell of the vixen, and then a brief cacophony of yelps and barks and then silence. Where was this all happening? Right next to the phone box in the centre of the village!

February 9th is St Appollonia's day – protectress of dentists and invoked against toothache.

“A sure medicine for the toothache: Taketh the worms breeding under wood or stones and having many feet, and when they be touched they do cluster together like porkenicks. These pierced through with a bodkin and put into the tooth that acheth will allayeth the pain”.

The Homish Apothecary, 1561

Grenville Moore

OWLS

According to Butterfly Conservation, the British butterfly population is steadily decreasing and they are asking people to do surveys for 2011. They need to know when the first sighting is and what species you see in your garden, then keep a record through the year of what you see and when, and if possible the plant you see it feeding on. If you are unsure of either, please try to take a photograph. Also I can let anyone who is interested in taking part have an ID sheet. Towards the end of the year I will ask for any returns.

We will be running a “how to work your camera!” evening at the village hall – see announcement. This is aimed at this year’s photographic contest, which for 2011 will also include art or collage on the theme of wildlife and nature. Also in April we hope to have a speaker on Organic Gardening for Wildlife, details will be in the Oxhill News.

WEATHER FORECAST

February's ice and sleet

Freeze the toes right off your feet.

Michael Flanders

WANT TO TAKE BETTER PHOTOS?

If you feel frustrated because your photos never turn out to be quite as stunning as you hoped they would be, then you may be interested in the first of a series of informal presentations sponsored by the Oxhill Wildlife Society (OWLS).

Oxhill resident Josh Cooper, who was one of the winners of the 2010 OWLS photo competition, will be sharing hints and tips about how to take better photos. It doesn’t matter if you shoot digital or film or use a point and shoot camera, the latest SLR, or a camera phone - the presentation will be relevant to you. Josh not only guarantees that by the end of the evening you’ll be able to take better shots, but he also promises to stay well away from the techno talk that can make photography so mystifying!

The presentation will take place in the village hall at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday March 10th. There will be a nominal charge of £2 per adult, which will be used to support local OWLS projects.

NOTES OF A MEETING OF OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2011 AT 8.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Apologies were received from Brian Badger and Tom Heritage

MATTERS DISCUSSED

Finance

The precept for the year 1 April 2011 to 31 March 2012 was discussed. Expenditure included: statutory fees for insurance, annual audits and clerk's expenses; grants towards mowing the church yard and village hall grass, also continued support for the Oxhill News and kit insurance for First Ambulance Responders. A grant will be made to the Village Hall to upgrade kitchen hygiene and a sum of money in reserve for possible village celebrations for the Queen's Golden Jubilee next year. A precept of £2000 would be requested from Stratford District Council.

Parking

There is still a problem of parking by those attending functions at the Old Chapel. On two occasions recently the local bus service has been unable to get through and we are concerned should emergency vehicles need to get along Main Street. We have spoken to the Police who have advised that should vehicles be parked obstructing the highway then registration numbers can be taken and/or notes can be left on windscreens. In the meantime the owners of the Old Chapel will be asked to co-operate in solving this problem.

Planning

Permission has been granted to insert like for like replacement windows and door at Church Leaze Barn.

No objection was raised for erection of loose box at Church Farm and no objection raised to fell laburnum tree at Merrilees.

Flood Warning Service

Up to date information is available by visiting the web site at www.environment-agency.gov.uk/flood, or by calling the 24 hour Floodline number 0845 988 1188.

Horton General Hospital – The Better Healthcare Programme is still ongoing at the Horton General Hospital. All but one post has been filled for paediatrics and a new rota set in place for anaesthetics which address the concerns raised.

Highways

There are still a number of highway issues outstanding. The problem of running water down Beech Road is taking time to resolve but in the meantime a request has been made for a grit bin to be made available for winter use.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 8th March 2011 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Angela Kean, Clerk

LONDON TO PARIS CYCLE RIDE

in support of SportsAid

From the 6th to the 10th of July this year I will be undertaking the London to Paris (LTP) Cycle ride to raise money for Sports Aid. Covering approximately 500km in 4 days (final day being a rest day and journey back home), my route will take me from London to Calais on day 1 (hopefully without getting my feet wet), Calais to Abbeville for day 2, day 3 the journey continues from Abbeville to Beauvais and finally day 4 is the charge from Beauvais to Paris. Fortunately for the village you will have a rest from seeing my lycra clad frame being hauled around the place on my bike for a change, so your eyes will be spared the pain for a few days.

Why SportsAid, I hear you ask? Well SportsAid was established in 1976 with the sole purpose of helping our young talented able-bodied and disabled athletes to achieve their goals and ambitions by supporting them financially and through a series of support networks associated with the Trust. You can find out more by visiting their website at www.sportsaid.org.uk.

If you feel you can help by donating some money, then please visit my Charity web page at www.virginmoneygiving.com/DeanCheckley. Your help in raising much needed funds for our talented young athletes is greatly appreciated.

Dean Checkley, Silverdale

INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING

Shipston Beekeepers are holding an "Introduction to Beekeeping" day on Saturday 2nd April at the Old Free School, Brailes. The day will deal with the basics of beekeeping for the complete beginner or those with very limited experience of this craft.

Arrive at 09.30 for coffee prior to a prompt 10.00 start. Refreshments and a light lunch are included in the day's price of £20. The event is scheduled to finish at 15.00 approx.

Contact Douglas Nethercleft on 01295 680041 or djn0001@aol.com to book your place. Numbers are limited.

LIMERICK CORNER

Concerning the bees and the flowers
In the fields and the gardens and bowers,
You will note at a glance
That their ways of romance
Haven't any resemblance to ours.

VILLAGE HISTORY

Shoulder of Mutton Piece

At the end of the eighteenth century the farming and landholding system in England underwent a comprehensive change. Instead of the medieval open fields, in which villagers had held scattered strips, hedges were planted to create individual fields, enabling holdings to be more compact and farmed more effectively. These enclosures came to Oxhill in 1797, when the Commissioners, consisting of the major village landholders, the Rector, and two well-established Oxhill yeomen met at the Bell in Halford to deliberate. (Presumably Halford was chosen as it was on a coaching route for the one or two who came from a distance.) The resulting awards and plan of the allotments made can be seen in the Warwick Record Office.

One of the fields referred to is of particular interest, both for its distinctive curved shape, and for its aptly descriptive name "Shoulder of Mutton Piece". It is no longer a separate field, but now forms part of the long meadow by the brook, (reached by the footpath near the church), where not far down the meadow there is a large flat grassy depression with which many people will be familiar. Detailed study of the 1797 Plan reveals that trees (presumably willows) then studded the outer edge of this Shoulder of Mutton field on its Tysoe side, going in a wide arc across the present meadow. It seems likely that they had once fringed an earlier course of the brook, which perhaps took a meandering path here, though the map shows that by 1797 it already had the same straight course as it has today. Oxhill Mill - which was mentioned in Domesday Book but had gone before 1797 - stood in what are now the grounds of Bilton Cottage, bordering this field. It is possible that the brook could have been straightened in early times to quicken the current for the mill race, and perhaps the area of Shoulder of Mutton Piece could have subsequently become a pool or part of a series of pools connected with it. When the mill was finally abandoned, the area could then have been grassed over as pasture.

Shoulder of Mutton Piece was awarded to William Davenport Bromley of Baginton, part of a substantial award of land. He was the Patron of Oxhill Church, and already a major landowner here. The Award names no-one as Lord of the Manor, but William Davenport Bromley had been named as such in the Gamekeepers Deputations in 1792. Historically there had been two manors, (in the sense of major landholdings) in Oxhill in medieval times, although no resident Lord or Lords. The Shirleys of Ettington, held claim to the other manor lordship, and were also allotted considerable land in 1797.

When Shoulder of Mutton Piece stood alone it lay within Oxhill parish, protruding out into surrounding Tysoe land, but now that that land has engulfed it, it has been absorbed into Tysoe parish. The fact that it was once in Oxhill gives further weight to the suggestion that the field's outer edge marked the original course of the brook, since the brook is here the parish boundary. Old boundaries are customarily retained, even where waterways have had their courses changed, but perhaps in this case this has been forgotten over the centuries.

It seems rather too late for us to march on Tysoe to reclaim it, though the cry "Give us back our Shoulder of Mutton!" does have a certain ring!

Ann Hale

WI REPORT

Dairy farmer, Tim Price, came to our January meeting to talk about 'Muck and money'.

The Price family - Tim's great grandfather - started farming at Herbert's Farm in Tysoe after the First World War when milk was sold out of a jug from the back of a cart. They moved to Lower Farm, Whatcote, in 1968 and Tim now has 280 cows and a contract with Tesco.

Tim explained that most dairy farming in England is now intensive. Agriculture is a business, and farmers have to make it pay. He has invested a lot of money in expanding the herd, building bigger barns and a new milking parlour because he believes that intensive farming works if it is done well.

The yield per cow has doubled since 1970 but high-yielding cows need a lot of care - and good food. Tim uses a consultant to advise on the best diet for his herd and most of his days are spent on a JCB mixing tonnes of grass, silage, sugar beet pulp, wheat byproducts, bread, fat and minerals.

But what goes in must come out - and not just as milk. The muck has to be cleared out of the sheds twice a day - not easy last month when temperatures meant that it froze solid!

Although the animals are kept inside for most of the year, their movement is not restricted and the barns are big and airy. The cows can eat, drink and rest as they please and Tim says he can tell when his cows are happy. They are certainly well cared for - last thing at night he checks them all and even admits to giving his favourites a cuddle!

Diary dates

2nd February: 'Memories of Tysoe' A chance to share stories and reminisce

2nd March: Marguerite Bell 'Super soups' Please bring a bowl and spoon!

6th April: Sue Northcott 'Leonard Cheshire Disability'

Visitors are always welcome (£3) Just come along on the night.

Meetings are held in Tysoe Village Hall and start at 7.30 p.m.

Julie Smart

SHIPSTON HOME NURSING

Complementary Therapies Day

Saturday 26th February

Lower Farm Barn, Great Wolford

10am - 3pm

£20 / head to include coffee, tea, home-made soup
and 3 therapy sessions (15 mins each session)

Limited places available

Booking details below

Warwick Schools Foundation Wind Orchestra

(cond. Simon Hogg)

Warwick School Jazz Lab

&

(cond. Kevin Johnson)

Friday March 25th

Recently awarded a Platinum Award at the National Concert Band Festival
held at Monmouth School, the highest award given for performance.

At the end of March they will attend the final in Glasgow.

DONT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR THESE

TWO OUTSTANDING BANDS BEFORE THEY COMPETE IN SCOTLAND

7.30 p.m. at the Townsend Hall, Shipston on Stour

£10 per head to include a glass of wine and nibbles

For Tickets to either event please call Rebecca on 01608 674929

or email rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk

SHIPSTON SNT COMMUNITY SURGERIES

Shipston SNT Community Surgeries The Shipston SNT are holding Community Surgeries in both Tredington and Whatcote in February, so please come along to discuss any issues or concerns. Surgery dates, times and venues are as follows:

Wednesday 2nd February 2011, 5:00pm, Whatcote

Thursday 3rd February 2011, 8:30am, Tredington

Friday 4th February 2011, 8:30am, Whatcote

Just look out for a Police vehicle and your local SNT officers, who will be on hand to listen to any Policing concerns.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

Advice from Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards Service

The Digital Switchover

In the Central TV Region, the digital switchover is due to begin on March 30th 2011 (although the date will vary within Warwickshire).

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service is concerned that some rogue traders and dodgy sales people will use digital switchover as an opportunity to sell householders equipment, for example, new televisions, video recorders and aerials that they may not actually need.

They are also concerned that rogue traders may use the opportunity to falsely claim their property requires other work doing while 'installing' a new aerial, for example, roofing or guttering work.

If you only have analogue TV Services (four or five channels) any TV you want to keep watching after the switchover will need to be converted with a digital box. If you already have more than five standard TV channels on all your TV sets, then you are probably ready for switchover.

Trading Standards advises:

Most TVs can be converted by the use of a digital set top box - don't be conned into buying a new TV.

Your video / DVD recorder should still work but you probably won't be able to record one channel while watching another - to do this you will need a digital TV recorder.

If you're buying a new TV or recorder, look for the digital TV tick (to show it works with digital TV).

Don't be persuaded to buy a new aerial from a doorstep trader. Most aerials will continue to work - check the strength first by visiting teletext p284. If you do need to upgrade, make sure you choose a Registered Digital Installer.

For more advice on problems with shopping or buying services, contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06

HIGH VALUE CAR THEFTS

Police in Warwickshire have launched a high profile ANPR operation aimed at disrupting the activity of travelling criminals attempting to steal high value cars off driveways and car parks in Warwickshire.

In the last week, officers have noticed a slight increase in car key burglaries and officers are working closely with neighbouring police forces and increasing patrols at key locations throughout the county to disrupt the activity of would-be car thieves.

David Whitehouse, Head of Community Protection said "The stolen cars may be used to commit further crimes so it is extremely important that we work closely with the public now to help reduce further thefts.

"If you own a high value or high performance car such as an Audi, BMW or Subaru, please review your home security, consider fitting tracking devices and lock the car away in a garage when not in use. Most importantly, please do not put yourself in danger when confronted by car thieves.

"We have visited the owners of forty Audi RS4's to offer crime prevention advice and support. However it's not just Audis that are being targeted and information packs are available for anyone who is concerned."

Over the years motor vehicle manufacturers have made security a priority and now thieves are finding it harder to steal such vehicles in the conventional ways. With improved locking devices and sophisticated alarm systems the car keys have become as valuable as the vehicles.

Although Warwickshire remains a low crime area we are keen to work with car owners to reduce the chance of them becoming a victim. There are a number of ways that the thief will try and obtain the keys to the vehicle. A car key burglary is one of those ways.

Car Key Burglaries

This is where the house is broken into in order to steal the keys. Entry to the house can be as a result of following the driver into the house and grabbing the keys from the table, work surface etc. It may be that the keys are left on open display near a window or door, and so the window or door is forced to gain entry, quite often keys are fished out via the letter box from the hall table etc. In exceptional circumstances forced entry has been gained to the house and violence or threats of violence has been offered to the victim in order to obtain the keys. In some cases more than one vehicle has been stolen in the offence.

Reducing the risk

- If you have a garage, always make sure the car is parked in it overnight.
- Consider installing a home security system or updating your existing one. You've made a huge investment in your car you need to protect it.
- Consider access control to your driveway if appropriate.
- Invest in a tracking device so if your car is stolen it stands a better chance of being traced, and the offender(s) being prosecuted.
- When at home at night make sure car keys are not in view. However we do not advise keeping them in the bedroom. It's more important that you do not put yourself at risk.
- Vary your routes home, thieves will follow vehicles some distances to locate the home address.
- Be alert when you are outside - consider who is around you and where your keys are.
- Don't have your keys on view when going to the bank or paying for petrol especially if your key fob advertises the make of your car.

Car-jacking

Car-jacking has become a high profile crime over recent years and is another way of taking your vehicle.

Warwickshire Police are working with surrounding Forces to increase patrols in vulnerable areas at key times and monitoring arterial routes. Officers are deployed both overtly and covertly to target car thieves.

If you would like further advice on security then please contact the Community Protection Department at Leamington Spa on 01926 684036 or go to the Warwickshire Police Web Site: www.warwickshire.police.uk

Russell Brian, Warwickshire Police

ST. PETER'S CHURCH WHATCOTE

Christmas Pudding Sales 2010

It was in 2002 that I began the Christmas Pudding sales project for St. Peter's Church funds. Checking the records I am able to say that a grand total profit in excess of £4,000 has been added to the funds since the start. This could not have been achieved without my helpers bringing me orders from new and regular customers.

I find it interesting that puddings travel such great distances. This year included St. Andrews in Scotland, Weybridge in Surrey, Warminster in Wiltshire and one even went to Brazil.

So a big thank you to all who purchased a pudding which made a total of profit this year of £445.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and peaceful New Year.

June Wreford

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

February

Tuesday 1st		Green & blue recycling bin collection
	19.30	St. Edmund's, Shipston - Deanery Synod
Wednesday 2nd	10.30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
	17.00	Whatcote - Police community surgery
	21.30	Tysoe Village Hall - W.I - Memories of Tysoe
Thursday 4th	8.30	Whatcote - Police community surgery
Sunday 6th	20.00	The Peacock - Charity Quiz Night
Tuesday 8th		Grey landfill bin collection
Thursday 10th	14.30	Village Hall - Afternoon Delights
Friday 11th	9.30	Weekday Walkers - see inside front cover
Tuesday 15th		Green & Blue recycling bin collection
	10.00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Wednesday 16th	12.30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Tuesday 22nd		Grey landfill bin collection
	23.59	Copy deadline for the News
Thursday 24th	14.30	Village Hall - Afternoon Delights
Friday 25th	9.30	Weekday Walkers - see inside front cover
Saturday 26th	10 - 3	Shipston Home Nursing 'Complementary therapies, see page 11

March

Wednesday 2nd	21.30	Tysoe Village Hall - W.I. - Super soups
Friday 4th	20.00	Village Hall - Friday Night at the Hall - see page 2
Tuesday 8th	20.00	Village Hall - Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 10th	21.30	Village Hall - Do you want to take better photos?
Friday 25th	7.30	Townsend Hall, Shipston - SHN event - see page 11

April

Friday 1st		Village Hall - Nautical Night
Saturday 2nd	9.30	Old Free School, Brailles - Introduction to beekeeping
Wednesday 6th	21.30	Tysoe Village Hall - W.I. - Leonard Cheshire Disability

ACCIDENT and MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

FIRST CALL 999

THEN CALL

Ambulance Responders

MICK & BARBARA SHEPARD

07977149317 Mobile / 01295680644 Home

3, The Leys, Oxhill, Warwick, CV350QX