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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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The Old Chapel celebrates its 200th birthday!

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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](mailto:news-editor@oxhill.org.uk) or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the 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, paterbacks, 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 every 3rd **Friday (change from Wednesday)**, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30 and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Friday July 4th and 25th. For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

## REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays July 1st, 15th and 29th.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays July 8th and 22nd.

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

Weekday Walkers usually walk on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. If you are interested in joining or to find out further information, please contact Jim Saxton on 680613 or [saxton@talktalk.net](mailto:saxton@talktalk.net)

## PEACOCK EVENTS THIS MONTH

### Quiz Night

Quiz night on Sunday July 6th at 8pm

### Village Events

The village coffee morning is on Wednesday July 2nd at 10:30am and the village lunch is on Wednesday July 16th.





## FAMILY COFFEE MORNING FOR CHERNOBYL'S CHILDREN

Saturday 5th July 10am – 12 noon

The Old Church House, Oxhill (or The Old Chapel, if raining)

Homemade produce, cakes, plants, toys, DVDs and  
other stalls plus raffle and a silent auction.

Face painting and games for children (weather permitting)

*Please put the date in your diaries  
to come and join us*

For more information please phone Anne Marshall 01295 680411



*Fun from the Family Coffee Morning for Chernobyl's Children 2013*

# DAVID SHEPHERD WILDLIFE ARTIST OF THE YEAR



*Vulture Club by Martin Buffery was personally chosen by David Shepherd as his favorite in the competition.*

Oxhill artist Martin Buffery has won the prestigious David Shepherd Choice award, at the recent David Shepherd Wildlife Artist of the Year Awards held in London at the Mall Galleries.

Here is the link to a BBC News articles detailing the awards for those who wish to read more and see the overall competition winner:

[www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-27664083](http://www.bbc.com/news/entertainment-arts-27664083)



*Martin, pictured left, at the awards ceremony with his daughter Eleanor.*





*Myrtle, Ruth and Roz - Oxhill's Spice Girls - singing at the 2013 Oxhill Village Christmas lunch*

## RUTH GIBSON

Those who knew her will be saddened to hear that Ruth passed away on June 17th. It is hoped that a more comprehensive obituary will follow in due course.



## QUIZ NIGHT AT THE PEACOCK

The quiz on Sunday 1st June raised £304 for Cruse Bereavement Care. Many thanks to Pam and Yvonne at the Peacock for running the event, for Robin for doing the quiz, to those who sold raffle tickets before the day and to all who came along to support the event.

*Jane Moore*

# OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – UPCOMING EVENTS

## Boules Day – Sunday, 13 July

Another date for your diary and this popular event also includes the children. In addition to the Boules Tournament, played for the Gardner's Cup, we provide authentic French pates, cheeses, breads, salads, desert and beverages. If you haven't tried this before come and join us; we shall make you feel most welcome. We take precautions to ensure it can take place whatever the weather and you don't have to come in teams we can do that for you. Put the date in your diary NOW!

The event kicks off at 12.30 pm and tickets, which can be obtained from Tricia Harbour on 680676, are **£8** per person & Children (up to age of 12) are free. This cost covers the food & entry to the competition.

## Village Hall Maintenance Day – 13 September

We are having our annual Village Hall Maintenance day on Saturday, 13 September starting at 10.00am – volunteers with many or few DIY skills will be welcome.

Please contact Stuart Whittaker on 688194 if you are able to assist.

**Please Note that Knit & Natter will next take place on 11 September.**



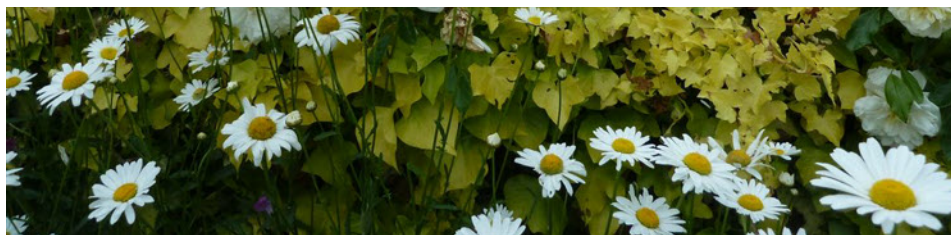


## SPECIAL VILLAGE LUNCH AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (25 August)

### St. Lawrence Church & Oxhill Village Hall Joint Event

St. Lawrence Church PCC & the Village Hall Committee have been kindly offered the opportunity to use a Marquee (that is being erected for Colin & Jill Tucker's Daughter's Wedding) to raise funds for their organisations. We will provide a 2 Course Lunch of Salmon Salad and a choice of Dessert at 12.30pm on Bank Holiday Monday, August 25th. Tickets will cost £12.50 for an adult or £11 per adult for a table of 10, tickets for Children, up to the age of 10, will cost £6.50 each. There will be a donations bar, a raffle, a quiz and depending on the weather some children's games to pass away the afternoon.

Tickets will be available from Carol Fox (680223) & Tricia Harbour (680676) from 1 July, but please put the date in your diaries now!



# ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Trinity III** - 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Trinity IV** - 9.30am Sunday Worship (BR)

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Trinity V** - 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Trinity VI** - 9.30am Family Service (NM)

*For other benefice services see porch notice board*

## VICARAGE NOTES

### **Restoration Project**

Thank you for your support at the Lamb and Curry Lunch, and to Lillian, Carol and the social and fund-raising team for all their hard work!

The roof repairs are well nigh complete and the stonework repairs and conservation continue apace. The new stone has been selected from the Great Tew Quarry – a close match to the old Hornton but a better quality. The pointing used throughout is a traditional lime-mix and far better than the potentially damaging cement mixes used in late Victorian and early 20th century repairs. Essential glazing repairs to the east window have been agreed and the contingency part of the contract is being fully utilised! I am confident that with our share of the village lunch in August and the Barn Dance on September 27th we will have raised our part of the cost.

Having written that, it is clear that our reserves will be reduced by general expenses as our fund raising is directed to the restoration. I hope that when all this work is complete we will be still able to attend to the re-decorating and new belfry louvre guards (possibly with swift boxes) as the “icing on the cake”!

Nearly there!

The next Family Service will be in the school holidays, but I may assure everyone, of all ages, a warm welcome on July 27th – 9.30am!

Best wishes and God bless,

**Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230**

**[braileschurch@gmail.com](mailto:braileschurch@gmail.com)**



## DEANERY NEWS - JULY AND AUGUST

As I write this the season of Summer Fetes' Garden Parties and Open Gardens is in full swing, as is, hopefully, the very important opportunity for some rest and relaxation. For many, one much appreciated part of that rest is to take time out with God in peace and quiet.

There will be an opportunity to do that at our next **Quiet Morning**, which Elisabeth Ashworth is organising on **Thursday, July 17th** at the Free School in Brailes (just across the churchyard from the Church). Clare Wells is leading it, thinking about 'The Value of Daily Listening'. The morning runs from 10.00 am until 1.00 pm: coffee will be available from 9.30 am, and a light lunch will be served afterwards, but do feel free to pop in and out as time permits.

Depending on when you receive this magazine, there may be time to remind you that we are continuing our support for Urban Hope, in Coventry, by praying for them for an hour on the morning of **Saturday, June 28th**, at The House of Bread in Birmingham, beginning at 9.00 for 9.30 am. We will also, that same day, have been supporting and celebrating with Ali Massey, curate in the Stourdene Benefice, as she is ordained priest in Coventry Cathedral.

Please also pray and support the various Holiday Clubs and summer events, for both our younger and our more senior citizens, throughout the Deanery this summer.

Additional News for Oxhill:



Firstly, a very big thank you to Carol Fox and her team who provided a most marvellous tea for our Methodist friends on June 11th, as we marked the bicentenary of The Old Chapel.



Secondly, we realised at that tea just how wonderful it was to be using pretty tea plates, rather than the Chapel's more utilitarian china. It would be lovely for the Chapel to have its own stock, for future tea parties. We wonder, therefore, if there are any pretty, unused, tea plates out there, lying and collecting the dust, and cluttering up a cupboard. If so, and you would like to donate them to the Chapel, could you either let me know, or drop them round to the back porch of The Old House? It would be much appreciated.



Finally, you will know that August 4th is the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War. As an Act of Commemoration, there will be a **Reflective Vigil Service** for Remembrance, Peace and Reconciliation in St. Lawrence' Church on the evening of **Sunday, 3rd August, at 6.30 pm.** It will be an opportunity for us to hear our own stories of WW1, and it would be good therefore if people were able to bring along any photos or memorabilia that they may have, that can be displayed in the Church that afternoon and evening. If anyone has a particular story that they would like to share, would you get in touch with me?

Enjoy your summer, in the glory of God's creation.

*Blessings, Jill.*

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## LAMB AND CURRY LUNCH

The PCC wishes to express a big thank you to all who supported the event on June 16th. and helped to raise the princely sum of £710 towards the church Restoration Fund. More thank you's in next issue.

The next fundraiser is the joint event with the village hall on 25th August. We look forward to your support for this event which should make for a very pleasant way to spend Bank Holiday Monday.

*Carol Fox*



*The catering crew who produced a fabulous lunch!*



*Drawing the raffle.*









## YOUR COMMUNITY ORCHARD

May and June have been busy months getting the orchard ready for the summer growing season. Volunteers have been busy clearing grass from around the trees and soft fruit where the mowers cannot reach.

All the plants have been fed and we are keeping an eye on the water situation as the soil dries out quickly.

A good amount of apples have set and the first “June drop” has been done to remove the weak ones with another thinning at the end of the month. Although small the trees that blossomed have had really good pollination thanks to the masses of bumblebees as well as our honey bees.

We harvested our first honey, which is initially available to members of the orchard, and reports are that it is delicious! A good milestone to celebrate in the progress of the orchard from field to local produce.

As the trees and plants grow and enjoy the warm and damp weather so do the pests and bugs. We are logging everything and taking photos of as many as possible as this will enable us to build a picture of what we face at the orchard!

Our wild flower annual and perennial strips along with our sensory garden are established and we are seeing them growing strongly which will encourage the good ones too!

We continue to engage with the local schools and will have our picnic for the children on July 10th where they get to know the orchard, water the plants and can be measured to see if they have grown more than our “measuring” tree!!

If you would like to join us/ find out more do come along to one of our sessions on a Wednesday at 10:00 and a Sunday at 2:00 or contact one of the team listed at [www.wot2grow.co.uk](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk)



*Caterpillar of the Magpie Moth*

## THANKS TO ALL

May I thank all of those kind people of the village who have taken a decision not to use their mowers, strimmers, drills and other noisy stuff during summer after six p.m. at week-ends, so that everyone can enjoy a peaceful evening in their gardens (assuming that the weather is going to allow us to do so). It is very nice of you to consider your neighbours.

*Tranquil of Oxhill*



## TYSOE VS OXHILL CRICKET FESTIVAL

Some very good news for all cricket lovers. The Tysoe versus Oxhill cricket festival on Saturday 30th August is ON! Oxhill have been challenged by Tysoe to a one-off event and we have taken that up that challenge eagerly. A trophy has been donated for the winning team. Behind the scenes people are ensuring that there will be splendid refreshments and entertainment to make it a truly joyful village occasion. So please keep that day free and join us on Tysoe Playing Fields for some good family fun.

What we need now are players who would like to take part. At the moment we are planning two games on the day. One for young people (girls play too!) under the age of 13. The other an adult match. We do not expect the standard to be too high and anyone wishing to partake would be welcome.

Ed Fox (680223 or [ceafox21@aol.com](mailto:ceafox21@aol.com)) and Catherine Kimmins (680452 or [catherine\\_kimmins@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:catherine_kimmins@hotmail.co.uk)) are taking names so contact one of them if you (or one of your family) wish to play. If we can manage to arrange some "kwik cricket" for the children we will do so.

Our one final problem is to get the ground fit enough to play some decent cricket so any offers of help and expertise on that front would be gratefully accepted.

All we need now is a sunny day and your support.

*Catherine Kimmins (on behalf of the organising group)*

# HOWZAT?!

## TYSOE v OXHILL CRICKET FESTIVAL

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August, Tysoe Playing Fields  
A fun family day out



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Morning – Under 13's match  
Barbecue lunch  
Afternoon – Seniors match

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### PLAYERS WANTED – DIG OUT YOUR CRICKET WHITES

**TYSOE TEAMS** Tom Moffatt, tel: 688030 [revd.tom.moffatt@gmail.com](mailto:revd.tom.moffatt@gmail.com)

**OXHILL TEAMS** Ed Fox, tel: 680223 email: [ceafox21@aol.com](mailto:ceafox21@aol.com)

This is a non-profit making activity, any proceeds will be put towards community activities.

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## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### July

Tuesday 1st		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 2nd	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Friday 4th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Saturday 5th	10-12:00	Family Coffee Morning Chernobyl's Children
Sunday 6th	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 8th		Grey landfill bin collection
Friday 11th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Sunday 13th	12:30	Boules Day, Village Hall
Tuesday 15th		OXHILL NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Tuesday 15th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 16th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Tuesday 22nd		Grey landfill bin collection
Friday 25th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Friday 25th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Tuesday 29th		Green & Blue bin collection

### August

Sunday 3rd	18:30	Reflective Vigil Service St Lawrence Church
Saturday 30th		Tysoe vs Oxhill Cricket Festival
Monday 25th	12:30	Special Village Bank Holiday Lunch

### September

Saturday 13th	10:00	Village Hall Maintenance Day
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