## THE OXHILL NEWS July 2016 No. 500



Our youngest reader

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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 <u>news-editor@oxhill.org.uk</u> 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, 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 every 3rd **Friday**, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30 and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on July 8th. For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

## **REFUSE COLLECTION**

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays July 12th and 26th. The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays July 5th and 19th.

## 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



The Peacock Tent at Sugafest

## THE PEACOCK

The village coffee morning is on Wed. July 6th at 10:30 am. The village lunch is on Wed. May 20th.



#### OXHILL VILLAGE HALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

#### Coming next...

#### **Sunday 17 July - Boules Competition**

The annual Boules tournament, played for the Gardner's Cup, is here again. There will be authentic French pates, cheeses, breads, salads, dessert 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 as we can do that for you. Put the date in your diary NOW!

The event kicks off at 12.30pm and tickets are £10 per adult, children (up to the age of 12) are free, and £5 for 13 to 18 year olds. The cost covers the food and entry to the competition.



Crack shot Mrytle

#### To book your places contact Stuart Whitaker on 688194.

#### Saturday 30 July - Afternoon Tea

If it's England and summertime, it has to be Afternoon Tea! Join us for this quintessential occasion, at the Village Hall between 2.30pm and 4.30pm on



30 July. On the menu will be delicious homemade scones with jam and cream, sponge cake, chocolate brownies, finger sandwiches, washed down by a glass of Prosecco (and cups of tea, of course).

Tickets are £10 per adult and are available now. *Contact Jay Roberts* on 680030 to book and agree the time slot you want to come and take tea.

#### ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Trinity VI 9.30am Holy Communion (ML)
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Trinity VII 9.30am Morning Worship (JT)
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Trinity VIII 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Trinity IX 9.30am Family Service (NM)
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Trinity X 11.00am United Benefice Communion at Tysoe

For other benefice services see porch notice board

#### VICARAGE NOTES

Dear friends,

All the parishes enjoyed the Queen's Birthday celebrations in different ways – though I suspect Oxhill's was the most impressive. Thanks go to Lilian and all the team for decorating St. Lawrence's and to Jill & Colin Tucker and team for hosting the super luncheon. Well done, all!

#### I wonder what the vote will have been.

Ultimately it's not the political system that matters, but rather the standards of public and personal morality that are being upheld in nations and communities: in the case of our country - the basic Christian values that are at the heart of our society..

A few words such as honesty, generosity, kindness, gentleness, responsibility (for self and for others), and peace should echo around, rather than crime, greed, indifference, cruelty, selfishness, jealousy and violence. No doubt, it's all been politically fascinating, but, whatever the outcome, is our society going to be a better place?

We have been singing the hymn "I vow to thee my country the service of my love". The best of our country and the kingdom yet to come are expressed in the last line, "her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace"

Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230 <u>braileschurch@gmail.com</u>

## DEANERY NEWS FOR JULY

With the celebrations for the Queen's 90th Birthday now but a glorious memory, the Deanery Year is now beginning to slow down before coming to a rest for the summer.

If this reaches you before the very mend of the month, could I remind you that Bishop John will be leading a service of healing for those from across the Deanery on **Thursday June 30th at 7.30 pm** in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston. Anyone from across the Deanery is very welcome, as Bishop John explores the ministry of healing in all its many forms.

The next day, on **Friday July 1st** we are delighted that Amici a group of singers from Coventry Cathedral, will be giving A Summer Concert of inspirational choral music and readings at All Saints Church, Honington at 7.30 pm. This is a wonderful venue for a wonderful choir: if you would like to come, tickets are £15 each to included drinks and canapes at the interval, available from:

Clare Cecil, 01608 661670, or <u>bhew@honingtonhall.plus.net</u>

After that I trust you will all have a glorious summer, until we meet again on October 11th. Two thing happen that day:

- During the day, +David Evans is leading a Quiet Day at Oxhill Chapel for both clergy and laity, to which members of the Deanery are warmly invited. This will run from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm, and for this there is a fee of £20: tea and coffee will be provided, but please bring your own lunch.
- That evening, at Tysoe Church, will be Deanery Synod at 7.30pm. Yvonne Warren and Rev. Ruth Walker will be there to tell us about what has been happening at General Synod.

In the meantime, may you know God's blessing and some rest over and renewal over the summer.

Blessings, Jill

### FAMILY FUN DAY AT SUGAFEST 2016

We had fabulous fun at Sugafest Family Fun Day Out at the Sugarswell Business Park on June 18th. There were children's entertainers, music, magic, fun rides and bouncy castles, cake and candy floss.











#### Tysoe Church of England Primary School Summer Term Update

This is always an eventful term and, after a week-long break, everyone was busy finding out about the Commonwealth. Every class chose one specific country, each from a different continent, so from Ghana to

Canada, Pakistan to Jamaica, and New Zealand to Guyana. The display boards will soon reflect all of this exciting new learning.

Children also enjoyed learning about the Queen and the Royal Family as part of the 90th birthday celebrations. The whole school had a royal event and children came dressed colourfully



in red, white and blue. Each class was responsible for preparing one food item (in bulk!) to share at the street party in the afternoon. A special assembly was held at which the School Councillors were presented with commemorative coins for everyone, kindly donated by Tysoe Utilities Trust. St Mary's Church also presented the children with informative booklets, 'The Servant Queen'. The school orchestra played the National Anthem and Year 2 performed the maypole dance. Everyone enjoyed this lovely occasion and luckily, in sunshine!

The maypole dancers also danced skilfully at the St Mary's Church Fete and again dry, warm weather helped this occasion. Thank you to everyone for your support.



Three teams have taken part in cricket matches held at Stratford Cricket Club as part of the Warwickshire County Cricket Tournament. Tysoe School has performed really well so far, with the Year 4 team winning their tournament and Year 6 achieving the runner-up award. The last team have not played yet, so follow the latest cricket news on our school website in the newsletter section.

There is always the opportunity for any prospective parent to visit and see the school in action. Please contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295-680244 to make an appointment.

Jenny Coates Head of School



Delicious sandwiches, scones with jam and cream and cakes

Raffle

Tickets: £6.50 or £12 for two people

Phone: 01926 640203 Email: kcarers4carers@gmail.com



## KINETON SURGERY MARKET SQUARE

Dear Readers,

We are looking at setting up a hub collection point service for our patients who have difficulty in accessing the surgery to obtain their medications.

Our PPG are working with us in this endeavour and we would welcome any volunteers or ideas to make this a reality. Any volunteer who works with us would require a DBS check which the surgery would arrange and we would also require you to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Any patient who would like to sign up for the Hub when it is operational will be counselled on how we are running the service and they can then make an informed decision as to whether they would like to access this service. We are governed by Data Protection and Information Governance and patient information protection is paramount.

We would like to see Hubs in Lighthorne Childrens Centre, Brailes, Gaydon Village these are ideas as a starting point but if any other patient has an idea to aide or improve this service then please contact Lesley Source on 01926 642629.

Kind Regards, Jenny and Raj GP Partners Kineton Surgery

Lesley Source Practice Manager Vale of the Red Horse Healthcare Centres Kineton and Tysoe Surgeries T: 01926 640471 F: 01926 640390 D: 01926 642629



# OXHILL FAMILY SPORTS DAY SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2PM OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

## COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN FAMILY SPORTS DAY WITH RACES FOR ALL AGES!

SACK RACE, WHEELBARROW, EGG AND SPOON, TUG OF WAR!

WE WILL BE SELLING TEA, CAKE, PIMMS AND RAFFLE TICKETS! ALL VILLAGERS, SPECTATORS AND COMPETITORS WELCOME!

## ENTRY £3 ADULT £1 CHILD

ENTRY FEE COVERS I SOFT DRINK OR TEA/COFFEE AND RACE ENTRIES FUNDS RAISED GO TO VILLAGE HALL AND GOSH!

TICKETS AVAILABLE IN ADVANCE FROM JO 680411 OR 07720401691 ALSO CONTACT JO IF YOU CAN DONATE A RAFFLE PRIZE OR CAKE!

#### TYSOE W.I.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th at the Tysoe Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

## "The Real CSI"

A serious informative talk interspersed with funny anecdotes by Paul Taberner. This is open to everyone, including men!



We will be starting the evening with a glass of wine, so come along and join us.

If you would like to know more about our W.I. including forthcoming workshops, events and trips, telephone Dee 680971 or

email tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

## OXHILL BARN DANCE

An important September date for your diary! Saturday September 17th sees the return of the Silver Bough Band to Oxhill for the Barn Dance at

Oxhill Grounds courtesy of Mr and Mrs Bill Fox. It was a great success last time. All ages taking part. There will be a Hog Roast as before and a donation bar. So start booking your tickets now with Carol Fox 01295680223 or Cath Pugh 01295680958 Ticket price £ 12.50 adults and £6 children under 16. Looking forward to a good turnout!!



### SUPERFAST BROADBAND PROJECT - PROGRESS

The recent roadworks by the Church facilitated the install of the new cabinet required to support the delivery of superfast broadband to the village. Subsequently an engineer who was connecting the existing circuits to the new cabinet confirmed that the necessary power supply had been installed but the fibre

cable connection back to the exchange in Tysoe had not yet been provided.

The following advice is included on the CSW Broadband project website. Now is the time to register interest if we are to convince the project to extend the fibre around the village to give us the very speeds available.



So once my new cabinet is in place does that mean I can get superfast broadband?

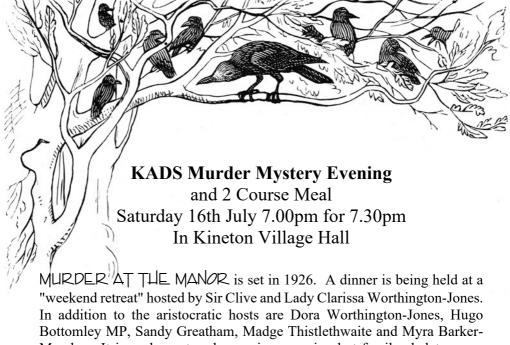
Not immediately. Standing the cabinet is only a very small part of the process to bring superfast broadband to our communities. Once the cabinet has been stood it needs a power supply, and this entails a different contractor who will probably work to different timescales. It will also require a connection to the existing cabinet. By far the biggest job – or at least the one with the highest number of



variables and potential pitfalls is the fibre connection back to the exchange. There are often problems with blocked or broken ducting, tree roots and other issues to overcome before the fibre can actually be connected through. Once the fibre is in place it has to be connected to the main spines and tested before the new service is ready to accept orders.

The best thing is to register for more information through our website. We will send you our e-newsletter, which comes out once a month and contains project updates, information about local meetings and events, broadband news, FAQs, competitions and more. By providing us with your landline number and address we can also send specific information as we learn more about what is happening in your area. You can register here: www.cswbroadband.org.uk/register Please use the link and register.

Mike Collins mike.collins@btinternet.com



Mowles. It is a pleasant and engaging occasion but family skeletons are revealed and some very dubious business arrangements come to light which eventually lead to two murders!

The audience are invited to dress up for the occasion if they so choose. Prize for the best dressed!

Raffle for the Children's Society. Bar. **Price: £12.50.** All tickets must be pre-booked through Jane on 01789 841730 one week before the event please.



## You couldn't make it up....

Hello, Stratford Council, how may I help you?

Hello, my name is Eileen MacPherson and I live in Oxhill and am concerned about the weather forecast of flash flooding because our house



is vulnerable to flooding and I want to get some sandbags – can you help?

OK, just a minute, I'll get a phone number for you.

Thanks.

Hi, thanks for waiting, you need to call 01295 680676 and speak to Derek Harbour.

I know Derek – does he have sandbags?

I don't know, but his is the contact number for Oxhill Village Hall – you know, just in case!

## AEROBICS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Don't forget every Monday morning from 10 - 11 am we have Aerobics in the Village Hall. Everyone welcome and the cost is only £1 !! That's right, you can change your life for only £1! Well... maybe not your life, but certainly your health, fitness and body shape. Come join us!!



## OXHILL SPEED GUN RESULTS

Further to last month's article, we can now report on the results of our efforts. A total of 337 vehicles were logged and just 13 of these were over the limit – 3.8%.

Eight of these were on Green Lane and five on Whatcote Rd. Those caught over the limit will receive letters from the police but no prosecution. The small group of volunteers were out checking the speed a total of ten times during the month of May, usually in early morning or late afternoon.

We were well aware that a higher percentage of motorists driving over the speed limit may well have been recorded if the camera warning signs we were obliged to put up in both directions of travel could have been omitted. However, the police who gave us the training have strict rules for the operation of the gun. We believe that had we operated "incognito" then the picture may well have been different. These signs did seem to make many drivers slow down, so more people may now be aware of the possibility of being caught.

The Whatcote Rd 'Drag Strip' is still a problem to those who live on this road, and we will be exploring other means of slowing the traffic.

Alternatively, of course, the data could be interpreted that most people driving in, or through, the village are content to drive at around the speed limit. We would be interested in how others perceive the speeding in the village. Although plans for future speed monitoring are not yet finalised, we would be interested in hearing from other volunteers. The only requirements are some

enthusiasm and the completion of short а training session in Shipston. If vou are interested. please contact Phil Bunyan on 680093.

The Speed Gun Team



### NOTES OF THE OXHILL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10th MAY 2015 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

#### Parish Councillors:

Grenville Moore – Chairman Carol Taylor – Vice Chairman David Hill, Sue Hunt, Stuart Whittaker – Parish Councillors

#### **MATTERS RAISED**

#### The Leys Field

This is being advertised weekly in the local papers. There will be a contribution of approximately  $\pounds 26,000$  under the 106 legislation which will be used to enhance a public space at the bottom end of the field near the footpath and behind dwellings on the Whatcote Road.

#### <u>Highways</u>

The white lines on the Green Lane – these are to be reinstated as part of resurfacing works on the Green Lane this summer. The Parish Council has been assured by the Highways department at Stratford District Council that the foot path on Main Street has been allocated a works number and will be repaired during this financial year. Highways will be contacted yet again with regard to this matter.

#### <u>Radar Gun</u>

4 members of the community have been trained and will during the month of May using the equipment that has been delivered to monitor people's speed through the village at several intervals. A report will be provided for the Oxhill news from the group.

#### Lorries passing through the Village via Main Street

Highways will be contacted to see if there is a legal weight limit through the village to see if this can be prevented.

There were no further matters raised.

## Minutes of a meeting of Oxhill Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th May at 8.00pm in the Chapel.

The meeting, chaired by Grenville Moore and was attended by Councillors David Hill and Sue Hunt, apologies were received by Stuart Whittaker and Carol Taylor. 14 members of the public attended.

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting were read, agreed and signed.

Matters arising -

**<u>Rural Housing Questionnaire</u>** - A copy of this will be put on the village website, a summary will be published in the Oxhill News and can be viewed by contacting Lis Stuart, Parish Clerk at Oak View, Green Lane, Oxhill. The survey reinforces the findings of the previously published Parish Plan, which is positive.

Highways – Several near misses have been noted on the corner of Green Lane highways will be contacted to ensure that the white lines are to be reinstated this summer.

**<u>Planning</u>** – Donna Savage attended the meeting to present proposed drawings for Plot 3 on the Green Lane, she has been consulting with Stratford District Planning department to find a suitable design for the third submission. The Parish Council were in agreement that the latest design was much better and when considering the information presented in principle would be in favour but would need to consider the other documentation when it was submitted in full before committing to a decision.

Mark Blackman also attended and presented a design for Fithers Field. There is no application submitted to the District Council currently as he and his client wished to consult with the Parish Council before doing so. The proposal was to take down the existing dwelling then to erect several dwellings in a courtyard design. As much of the land lies outside the curtilage of the village the consensus was that the Council would object to an application as on several previous occasions. Councillor Moore also brought up the matter that as a LSV Category 4 village the requirement was to absorb 32 new dwellings before 2031 and that Oxhill currently has 44 applications in the system currently an increase of more than 33%.

Applications refused for the carpenters shop, Plot two on the Green Lane has been passed.

#### Finance

An insurance quote had been received from Zurich as this showed a large increase the Clerk will contact them and challenge the proposal.

Receipts and Payment Book for the year ended 31 March 2016 was signed by the Chairman. Audit account and Bank reconciliation were presented and signed by the Chairman.

A cheque for £30 for the account audit was signed.

#### **Resignations**

Resignations have been received and accepted from Councillors David Hill and Carol Taylor after many years of service. Grenville Moore thanked David Hill who was present for his years of service on the Council and extended his thanks to Carol Taylor who was not present.

A notice has been displayed advertising the vacancies in accordance with legislation.

There be no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date of the next meeting Tuesday 12th July 2016 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Lis Stuart Parish Clerk



# PUBLIC NOTICE

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#### WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

#### **ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14**

#### TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF D6471 GREEN LANE, OXHILL

Warwickshire County Council has made a Temporary Traffic Order closing D6471 Green Lane, Oxhill between the junction of Whatcote Road and the junction of Main Street, to vehicular traffic.

The closure is required to facilitate new water connection works.

The Order will commence on 11 July 2016 and will last for a period of 18 months, or until the works are completed, whichever is the earlier. However, it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 13 July 2016.

Pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.

An alternative route will be signed and is available via: C108 Main Street, C53 Whatcote Road (and vice versa).

The Council regrets any inconvenience that may be caused. The team dealing with this Temporary Traffic Order at Warwickshire County Council is Network Management (Tel: 01926 412515).

Any enquiries relating to the works being undertaken may be directed to the Contractor dealing with this matter on behalf of Severn Trent Water, A Hand Services (Tel: 01952 684755).

S Duxbury, Head of Law & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick, 8 July 2016

## OPEN AIR JAZZ PARTY AT UPTON HOUSE & GARDENS

Here at Upton House we are starting to get busy as the weather warms up. The gardens are blooming beautifully, and our events programme is packed with things to do.

We are also welcoming some new volunteers. As we get busier we are looking for new capable, friendly volunteers to help with all kinds of things. From photography to making tea, there are plenty of ways to get involved. If you are interested in a new challenge, meeting new people, supporting our charity or expanding your experience



have a look at http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house-and-gardens and click on "get involved".

In early July we are very excited to be running our Jazz Party again:

#### Victory Jazz Party, Saturday 9 July 2016, 7pm-9.30pm.

The Jazz Party at Upton has been a fantastic event for the last few years, really



bringing the community together and very popular with local residents.

The fantastic Debbie Arthurs' Sweet Rhythm is back again to entertain the picnickers, and dancers from "Hoppin' Mad" are going to entertain you with some

demonstrations, and maybe even encourage you to get up and dance the night away. The gardens will be open from 6pm for picnics and evening strolls, so you can take advantage of the evening opening hours to have a walk in Upton's beautiful summer gardens before the music begins.

Tickets are £15 for adults or £7.50 for children if booked in advance. If bought on the door adult tickets are £17.50. Booking is advisable. There is also a special offer on groups: buy 10 tickets for the price of 9!

Details of all events, opening times & dates are on the website. www.nationaltrust.org.uk/uptonhouse Tour d'Innington Tour d'Innington David Lockwood Memorial Ride Sunday 3rd July 2016 Sunday 3rd July 2016 Io.30 Start from Newbold on Stour

> 20 Mile Hilly Ride

Village Hall refreshments available Entrance Fee £10 Adults £5 Juniors (12-16)



Parkinson's UK Graham Fulford Trust Rotary Charities



**SECCOMBES** 

Call Bob Armstrong 07855 744868 email bob.armstrong@clara.co.uk







#### **WOT2Grow Community Orchard**

The orchard is coming into its own as the warmer weather arrives accompanied by some very heavy rain showers! As the

soil is free draining the rain is most welcome but mulching means the nutrients are not washed through too quickly.

The blossom has been really good as the trees mature and grow into good sized specimens. We have a lot of fruit set on the apples, pears and cherries but yet again the damsons, plums and greengages were all affected by the late cold winds and very chilly nights. The apricots, peaches and nectarines suffered most from this very late cold spell and show no signs of fruiting this year.



Medlar Flower

The currants are laden with fruit and good growth so we are building support systems to keep them off the ground and the gooseberries have a reasonable set too. The summer and autumn raspberries are growing despite the



Doyenne de Comice Pears

we will have some honey this year.

competition from the grass and weeds and hopefully they will be strong enough to give us good crops yet again. Also the logan and tay berries are looking good with lots of flowers.

The bees are doing well have benefited from the local supplies of nectar so hopefully

The volunteers have done a great job of mowing, weeding , feeding and mulching so hopefully the fruit harvest will be good this year – just a bit more sun needed!

What a beautiful space and amenity for everyone to enjoy!

Why not join us and benefit from the harvest - if you need more info contact one of us - Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)

## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### July

Saturday 2nd	14:00	Sports Day Village Hall
Sunday 3rd	10:30	Tour d'Ilmington Cycle Ride
Monday 4th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 5th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 6th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Wednesday 6th	19:30	The Real CSI, Tysoe Village Hall
Friday 8th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Friday 8th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Saturday 9th	19:00	Jazz Party Upton House
Monday 11th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 12th		Green & Blue bin collection
Tuesday 12th	19:30	Oxhill Parish Council meeting
Friday 15th		Oxhill News submission deadline
Saturday 16th	19:00	KADS Murder Mystery Evening
Sunday 17th	12:30	Boules at the Village Hall
Monday 18th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 19th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 20th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Thursday 21st	14:00	Garden Club half-day visit to Batsford Arboretum
Friday 22nd	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Monday 25th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 26th		Green & Blue bin collection
Saturday 30th	14:30	Afternoon Tea Village Hall

#### September

Saturday 17th

Barn Dance