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Getting ready for the Big Weekend

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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 July 7th and July 28th.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 11th and 25th July. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 4th and 18th July.

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 July 5th at 10.30 am.

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



ST LAWRENCE NEWS FOR JULY 2017

Dear Everyone,

We come into summer, and a chance to rest and celebrate all that God has given us.

By the time you read this, George Heighton will have been licensed as Incumbent of this group of five churches: he and his wife Drina will be living in Tysoe Vicarage, and in time a second associate minister will be appointed who will live in Brailes Vicarage. We look forward to joining together in the ministry of Christ's church in these villages – the sharing together, both in what we say and what we do, of the good news of Jesus Christ and God's immense and unending love for us.

On the day of his licensing, we went around the churches in an act of dedication, and we used these words:

We dedicate ourselves to God's service:

As we come together in the churches of these villages,

may we know your presence, living God.

as we travel with one another in pilgrimage,

may we be open to new companions on the way

as we pray together

may we discover the depths of unity in Christ

as we share our gifts with each other

may we be ready to receive as well as give

as we worship together,

may your Word come alive among us

as we laugh with one another

may we see things from the perspective to joy

as we carry one another's burdens

may we keep the law of Christ.

Have a wonderful summer, Jill

Services at St Lawrence's Church, Oxhill

July 2nd 9.30am **Songs of Praise** for the Scarecrow Festival (Tom Moffatt)

July 9 th	9.30am	Morning Worship (Jill Tucker)
July 16 th	9.30am	Parish Communion (George Heighton)
July 23 rd	9.30am	Family Communion (tbc)
July 30 th	9.30am	United Benefice Service (George Heighton)

Jill Tucker

DEANERY NEWS

Deanery activities take something of a break over the summer, but there are none the less some significant events.

We shall be welcoming two new incumbents: George Heighton is being licensed as Incumbent of Brailes, Sutton-under-Brailes, Tysoe, Oxhill and Whatcote on June 28th, so will be getting to know everyone over the summer. Sharon Goble is to be licensed as Rector of the Stourdene Benefice (i.e. Ettington, Pillerton Priors, Butlers Marston, Halford, Newbold and Alderminster) on Wednesday, August 20th at 7.30pm in Newbold Church. We welcome them both to Shipston Deanery, and pray for God's blessing on their ministry here.

There are also concerts, fetes, Open Gardens, barbeques galore over the summer: marks of the richness of our community life. But as I write this, we are once again being asked to 'Pray for our Community' – the people of London devastated by the fire in the Grenfell Tower in London. Once again we weep for our brothers and sisters who are bereaved, injured, traumatised and homeless. And once again we rejoice to see God's love in action in the support of people everywhere.

So a prayer for the summer, and those in our world who are shattered and weeping:

Gracious God,
from the rising of the sun to its setting,
you are God.

Your mercy streams over all the earth.
Like the summer sun
you pour your forgiveness upon us
without reserve.

All nations bask in your rays;
all peoples share your blessings;

All the world's children
are equally loved and valued by you.

We bring before you, Lord,
our confusion, despair and helplessness:
the tears of sorrow,
the cries for help,
the vulnerability of pain.

Hold those who are in such distress in your arms of love,
and pour into their hearts the gentle balm of your Spirit.

Adapted from The Word in the World, Donald Hilton.

Jill Tucker

HOWZAT?!!

OXHILL VS TYSOE CRICKET MATCH

Don't miss the annual cricket match between Oxhill and Tysoe which takes place on Sunday 20th August (the day after the Tysoe Flower Show). Last year the weather won, but Oxhill are keen to get their revenge for the narrow defeat in 2015.

A new feature this year will be the ladies rounders match which promises to be a highly competitive fixture. Come and support your village!

12.00pm Ladies rounders match to start proceedings

1.00pm Lunch

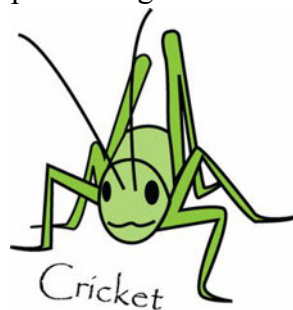
2.30pm Mens Cricket

All-Day Bar

Lunchtime - Hot beef rolls and hot dogs

Teas - from 3.30pm

Kwik cricket for kids in the afternoon



If you would like to play:

Cricket: Stuart Whittaker (07713621067) or Adam Jordan (07590 960992)

Rounders: Catherine Kimmins (07811195345)

TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL – JULY UPDATE

Children enjoyed a week of multi-cultural events when each class focused on a different country, including finding out the beliefs and customs of the predominant religion. We hosted visits from Mrs Johnson, who shared personal experiences of the Jewish faith, and Jemima's Granddad talked about Nepal and his experiences of climbing Mount Everest. There was also a special menu with food from across the world to give a taste from different cultures. Information about each country now makes a colourful display in the library.

Regular assemblies celebrate the children's learning. Recent topics include the Ancient Maya, following a trip to the tropical rainforest of the Stratford Butterfly Farm; the Victorians, including a reworded song: Living in an Industrial World, and Africa, including a story set in Kenya about Mama Panya's Pancakes. Parents enjoy watching these performances and it is lovely to see the children's enthusiasm for their topics.



Another recent highlight was the Aviva Women's Cycle Tour when the whole school went outside to cheer and wave flags. We are really proud that Abbie in Year 6 won the competition to design the trophy for the Stage 3 winner and she was honoured to present the trophy to Chloe Hosking at the finish.

The School Council has worked closely with the village group to contribute to the Tysoe Neighbourhood Plan and we have now received the copy for feedback by 30th June. Involvement with this community project has been a good achievement for the school.



Reception Class holds an Ugly Bug Ball

We would love to welcome you to our Summer Fete and Dog Show from midday on Saturday 15th July. Come and see the Maypole Dancers perform. More details are available from the school office.

Prospective parents are always welcome to visit, just contact the office on 01295-680244.

Jenny Coates, Head of School

TAP YOUR TOES TO 1920s JAZZ at UPTON HOUSE

Andy Kirkland and the Swinging Bass Band will be joining us again this summer for our annual Jazz party on the lawn. Celebrate the tunes and delights of the 1920s with us on Saturday 29th July.

It's a great evening for all the family.

Tap your toes along with some 1920s jazz in the open air on the lawn of Upton House. Be entertained by our experienced musicians, and maybe even join a short jazz taster class with our 1920s dance teachers. Bring a picnic, treat yourself to a drink from the bar and relax on the grass on a lovely summer evening.



The gardens will be open from 6pm for picnics and garden strolls so arrive in good time and settle in for a lovely evening. The event runs from 7-9.30pm.

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.

Please see www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house-and-gardens.

Haidee Williams, Visitor Services Manager, said “The summer jazz event is always an event to remember, this year sees the return of The Swinging Bass Band; ever popular with our visitors and we can’t wait to strike up the tunes and get dancing!”



Friday 28th July 10.30 – 12noon:
Carers4Carers meeting at Kinton
Village Hall.

Come and have a chat over coffee and biscuits and learn about energy efficiency for your home from Act on Energy in Wellesbourne as well as the chance for a little TLC (manicure). We can look after your loved one in our Companionship Group where we'll be offering an art and pet therapy session; please request this in advance. For more details, including help with transport, phone

Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

BARNEY'S BAND IN THE BARN



September 2nd in Bill Fox's barn,
Willoughby Grounds, Oxhill

Barney's band "Wired" has a terrific sound and is very popular so make a date in your Diary!

First Saturday in September. It will be a great night, not to be missed.

More details will follow in the August OHNews.
Watch out for Posters and Flyers.

A WALK WITH NATURE

INCLUDING
BUTTERFLIES & OTHER
WILDLIFE

(Weather dependant)

Open from 12.00 Noon to 4.pm

£5.00 Adult Entry (Includes Prize Draw)

All Proceeds to Shipston Home Nursing

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1061405

Children up to 14 Free

(Accompanied by an Adult only)

Approx 1 mile stroll along Wagtail Brook and meadows

REFRESHMENTS

PICNIC AREAS

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

CHILDREN'S NATURE QUIZ

SATURDAY 8th JULY

At

BLACKBERRY FARM

HALFORD, CV365DL

Tel. Richard Gray. 07977 587911



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Coming next...

We are delighted that the Village Hall will be playing host to a **Whisky Evening on Friday 14 July** (as highlighted elsewhere in this Oxhill News); and on **Sunday 13 August** will be one of the rest stops/feeding stations for **The Great Shakespeare Ride** in aid of the hospice (we have been praised in the past as one of, if not the best, stopping places en route!).

It's really great to see that the Village Hall remains at the heart of our small community, and long may it continue.

Sunday 16 July - Boules competition

The popular Boules competition returns this month! It's a great opportunity for everyone in the village to come together and take part in 'friendly' rivalry to win the prestigious Gardner's Cup.

Join us for Oxhill's celebration of this classic communal game, when there will be authentic French food including cheeses, pates, salads and drinks for sale including French beers and wine.

The event will be getting underway from 3pm (PLEASE NOTE THE LATER STARTING TIME THAN PREVIOUSLY STATED IN THE JUNE OXHILL NEWS).

Tickets cost £10 for adults, £5 for 13 to 19 year olds, and free for children 12 and under. **Please book your tickets asap by contacting Ali Sayer on 680451.** This is always a popular event, so don't delay submitting your team.

Dates for the diary

Sunday 3 September - Village Hall Maintenance Day (all welcome to help spruce up our hall)

Saturday 23 September - Progressive Supper

Saturday 7 October - Village Big Breakfast

Friday 10 November - Annual Curry Night

Monday 11 December - Village Christmas Lunch

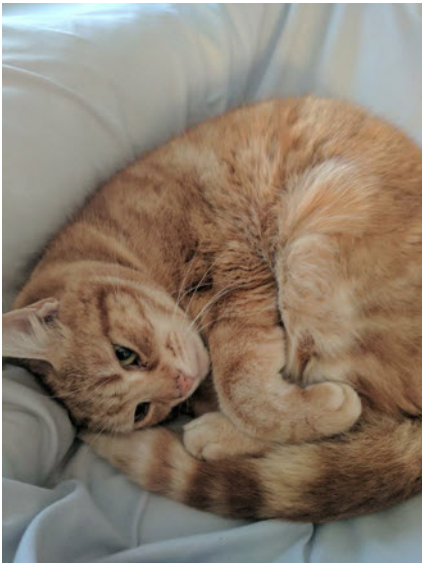
Friday 22 December - Beer and Bubbles Night (posh frocks and black and white/lounge suits/jackets)

Saturday 27 January - Burns Night

Paella pan for hire

Following the success of our second Paella Night, we now have a shiny new Paella pan for hire, which has been purchased by the Village Hall. If you would like to cook your own Paella at home or elsewhere, the pan can be hired for £30. Please get in touch with a village hall committee member if interested.

NEW HOME NEEDED



Hi. I'm Harley and I currently live at the White House, Oxhill, but am in need of a new home, preferably in the village.

I'm a 12 year old, neutered (not my idea) Ginger Tom and a very good mouser!

Please ring Liz Finlyson on 07796 264358 if you can help.

Thank you

Just a week to go - the scarecrows are coming!!



Everything is
fitted carefully
together

Yet
sometimes.....

You can't be sure if it's
going to be the right way up





Watch out for the 'spot the scarecrow' competition!!

OXHILL**SCARECROW****Saturday 1st July 2017**

Refreshments

Continuous events

Entertainment

Scarecrows

Car park open – 09.00 – 17.00

Morning

09.15-11.15Breakfast in the
Village Hall***09.30 – 16.30***

Village Market

Art Exhibition

Children's
entertainment in
the pub gardenOn display
09.30-17.00

Afternoon

11.15 – 16.45Tea and cakes in
the Village HallFloral Displays in the
ChurchScarecrows inside and
outside of the Church

Plant Sale

Tombola

Open Gardens

Treasure Hunt

at

10.45-11.15***11.45-12.15******13.45-14.15******14.45-15.15***

Evening

from 18.30
Music in the pub

V WEEKEND

Sunday 2nd July 2017

Refreshments

Continuous events

Entertainment

Scarecrows

Car park open – 09.00 – 17.00

09.15-11.15

Breakfast in the
Village Hall

09.30 – 16.30

Village Market

Art Exhibition

Floral Displays in the
Church

Scarecrows inside and
outside of the Church

Plant Sale

Tombola

Open Gardens

Treasure Hunt

09.30-10.00

Songs of Praise

Children's
entertainment in
the pub garden
at

10.45-11.15

11.45-12.15

13.45-14.15

14.45-15.15

from 15.30

Jazz in the pub

On display
09.30-17.00



OXHILL LADIES MIGHTY HIKE UPDATE!!

The Quiz! What a night! On the 28th May, many villagers descended on the Peacock for the Mighty Quiz. It was a warm evening and we had a full house! Iain MacPherson was the perfect quiz-master and we rattled through the first couple of quiz rounds. A quick break ensued where some headed for the garden for a burger, before kicking off the auction. A couple of last minute auction lots were kindly donated courtesy of Edd Fox and Matt Tofts and the bidding was tight!



The final three rounds of quiz followed and we ended up with a tie-breaker situation! It was pretty close but the quiz champions were Lisa, Reuben, Jo, Mike, and Ed! The evening ended with the drawing of the raffle!



In the lead up to the event, many of you would have been harassed by us to buy raffle tickets. In total, we sold almost 1400 raffle tickets, which completely exceeded our initial expectations!

Every single penny we took before and during the event was for Macmillan. In total, we raised £2267. That is over half of the £4000 minimum we need to raise.

We'd like to thank EVERYONE that turned up to support the event and play the quiz as well as all the people that bought raffle tickets and bid in the auction.

Special thanks to Iain MacPherson, for being an excellent host with the most! Thanks also to Barney Porter for letting us borrow his PA system for the night and Mark and Sarah and all the staff at The Peacock, for putting up with us.



On to other matters, we've still got to complete the walk! Our Mighty Hike is on the 22nd of July. We are getting out and training as much as we can, with some of our team getting some miles in along the Cotswold Way. We've come to realise that we're so incredibly lucky to have such a vast network of public footpaths around the area as it means we can start in Oxhill and then finish in Oxhill, all whilst getting a lot of miles done! On the day of the walk, we will have stops every 5-7 miles so we've been practicing that by visiting a few different pubs in the area! We've been increasing our longer walks gradually but have been advised not to walk any further than 20 miles (on one walk) before the day.

It's not too late to donate! If you'd like to support our cause, there's a multitude of ways you can donate. Either, visit www.justgiving.com and search for 'Oxhill Ladies' to donate online; pop into the pub and leave your donation in the boxes in the bar, or find one of us and give us some cash!

Macmillan Cancer Support is a brilliant charity and every single one of us taking part in this challenge is walking either in memory of someone close they lost to cancer, for someone they know that's been through it, or for someone they know currently suffering. There are 2.5 million people suffering with cancer in the UK alone, with numbers having risen by 400,000 in the last 5 years. That number is unfortunately increasing. So please, help us raise as much as we can to support those affected.

The Oxhill Ladies

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

The annual Garden Party took place on Thursday 15th June at *Barnacre* courtesy of Peter and Margaret Rivers-Fletcher. The Chairman, Martin Hunt, opened the event by welcoming new members whose recent influx had resulted in a record Club membership. With the Kensington tragedy very much in mind, the Rev. Jill Tucker led grace prior to Peter's invitation to 'tuck in' to the wonderful spread prepared by the Committee and other stalwarts.

The food was great, as was the company and conversation - the whole event enhanced by the backdrop of our beautiful Warwickshire countryside and the setting sun.



Future events:

Thursday 13th July -

Half-day garden visit to Langdale, the garden of Adrian and Sheila James in Offenham, just this side of Evesham. Our exclusive tour starts at 2.30pm. The cost is £3.50 a head which includes tea/coffee and cake! Further details and directions will be circulated before the event.

Tuesday 8th August -

Day trip to Barnsdale Gardens incorporating Rutland Water cruise.

Johnsons executive coach pick up at Oxhill, Tysoe and Kineton starting 9am, arriving at Barnsdale 11am. Home approx. 6pm. Cost: £29 each person - includes Coach, Barnsdale and Cruise.

Interested parties re the above should contact Peter Rivers-Fletcher ASAP on 01295 680396 or via his e-mail rfrn364@btinternet.com

Douglas Nethercleft

THE SHAKESPEARE BIKE RIDE RETURNS

Oxhill again welcomes The Great Shakespeare Ride 2017, on Sunday 13th August. Cyclists will make their way through Oxhill as part of the Great Shakespeare Ride.

The Ride is in aid of The Shakespeare Hospice and attracts hundreds of cyclists every year from all over the country. The event raises money to help provide care and support to families in need of Hospice care in South Warwickshire and the North Cotswolds.

Starting from Stratford Manor Hotel at 9am, the ride offers longer sportive distances of 100 miles and 100 kilometres for more proficient cyclists and a flatter 40 mile route for the less experienced.

To join in the cycling experience visit www.thegreatshakespeareride.org.uk to sign up!

As part of the 40 mile route there will be a feed stop at Oxhill Village Hall to give the cyclists energy for their next stint !

If anyone can help man the feed station on Sunday morning from 9.45am to midday or can provide a cake please contact Tricia Harbour on 680676.



WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Topsy-Turvey is the best way to describe the weather this last month, the warmth then cold weather, high winds, torrential rain, grey skies and then periods of really good sun shine!! Despite all of this the orchard has survived.

We only had one branch broken in the winds but quite a few twiglets were removed. It is good to see how well the young trees have settled in with strong roots which saved them from more damage.

The cold caught the blossom and small fruitlets and a lot of leaves have been turned brown with the wind/cold. The apples have been affected more than the stone fruit and pears and this year's crop will be way down on last year's good harvest. Despite this the "June Drop" has started and



we are removing the small and crowded apples to ensure that what we have get a good chance to grow well and not put too much strain on the trees. Due to the high winds spraying was impossible so the aphids have made the most of it throughout the orchard. Luckily the trees are mainly very strong and should be able to withstand the aphid attacks. However the positive is we have many, many ladybirds in all colours, sizes and with a

wide range in the number of spots. They have been very busy ensuring we have a lot more ladybirds to come!! The larvae are very distinctive and not what would be expected so are an interesting find.



The new fruit cage is up and protecting the red and white currants, hopefully it will ensure we have some good fruit to turn into jellies, compotes and add to pies and puddings. The blueberries are doing well even though they need a lot of watering to ensure they get established, we are looking forward to a crop in the next year or so!

The bees are buzzing and they have been feeding on the summer raspberries, good news!

Do go and see this wonderful haven, we had a beautiful young hare join us recently, behind the allotments along the Shenington Road in Tysoe.

Contact one of us

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

“NOT JUST POTATOES AND ONIONS!”

Garden Cottage and Walled Kitchen Garden in Upper Tysoe is opening for the National Garden Scheme on Saturday and Sunday July 22nd and 23rd from 2 pm to 6 pm.

Come along and see the acre of walled garden that has been developed over the last 10 years with lots of organically grown fruit and vegetables, including some heritage varieties, as well as flowers, shrubs and artistic installations.

Not just potatoes and onions but more unusual vegetables and fruit are grown including okra, mouse melon, achocha, Chilean Guava, jostaberry and artichokes along with many brassicas, courgettes, beans, tomatoes, peppers and much more.

A sedum roof, recycled slate seat, willow fedge and experimental fruit tree grafting are some of the more unusual things to see in the garden.

Plants propagated from those in the garden are for sale. Then why not enjoy the views in the garden and the windmill beyond with a cup of tea and a piece of homemade cake?

Bridget Norton

TYSOE WI NEWS

Tysoe W.I. enjoyed a visit to the studios of James Butler the sculptor on Wednesday 7th June, followed by a trip to the Rose and Crown.

The following day saw 16 of us visiting Laskett Gardens at the home of Sir Roy Strong and his Late wife Julia Trevelyan Oman. Despite the torrential rain, everyone was spellbound at the beautiful gardens designed and planted with love. We even met the man himself!

Our July meeting takes place on Wednesday July 5th at 7.30 in the village hall. Our speaker is from Charlecote Park, a national trust property. Everyone welcome. Come and join us for a glass of wine.

Our membership continues to grow, and we now have 47 members, which is wonderful and we look forward to lots of exciting events as we move forward. We will be limiting our membership to fifty as we feel this is a manageable number, the risk is to over expand and lose the friendliness and interaction we currently enjoy. We are always happy to see visitors though both at meetings and events.

Our next **BIG** event is our Service of Thanksgiving, Commitment and Re-dedication on Sunday July 2nd. at 4.30. Do come along and join us, it promises to be fun for all the family. Refreshments will be available afterwards.

We have organised a Coach trip to Portsmouth and Southsea on July 27th. Leaving Tysoe at 8.00am. £15 per person. A great day out for all, there is so much to see and do, catering for everyone's taste. See details in this edition of the record.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter. For more information on any of our events email us at

HISTORIC
DOCKYARD
HMS VICTORY
HMS WARRIOR
THE MARY
ROSE
MUSEUMS
JUTLAND 1916
EXHIBITION
WATERBUS
TO
SUBMARINE
MUSEUM
PORTSMOUTH
CITY MUSEUM
PORTSMOUTH
CATHEDRAL
OLD
PORTSMOUTH
CHARLES
DICKENS
BIRTHPLACE
ROUND TOWER
SOUTHSEA
CASTLE
THE SPINAKER
TOWER
GUNWHARF
SHOPPING
OUTLET
SOUTHSEA
PIER
BEACH

DAY TRIP BY COACH TO PORTSMOUTH AND SOUTHSEA

JULY 27TH 2017
DEPARTING TYSOE
8.00 AM

Drop off & collection points
The Hard (by Dockyard)
Southsea seafront

£15 PER PERSON
(No Concessions)

Organised by Tysoe W.I.
Open to **everyone**

To book your seat/s

Telephone Dee 680971
Or
Email

Tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com
Payment by 1st July please

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AQUARIUM
SPLASH POOL
BYCYCLE HIRE
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CENTRE
SPICE ISLAND
TREASURE TRAIL
MANY
SHOPS
RESTAURANTS
BARS
GOSPORT
CATAMARAN TO
ISLE OF WIGHT
FUN FAIR
AND
MORE.....



Shipston Home Nursing invites you to a

JAZZ EVENING

Saturday July 15th 2017

A tribute to the Great American Songbook

The Peter Long Quartet, formed
from the cream of UK jazz talent
featuring guest international vocal
star Georgina Jackson in a night of
unforgettable melody and rhythm

By very kind invitation of
Bridget Barker and Simon Herrtage,
Whichford House, Whichford CV36 5PG

Gardens open 5.30pm
Concert in amphitheatre in garden - under cover
6.30pm concert starts
8.30pm two course dinner
Wine, dinner and entertainment included in
the ticket price

£50 per head
Call Rebecca on 01608 674929 to
book your tickets

OXHILL WHISKY APPRECIATION SOCIETY (OWAS)

Friday 14th July will witness the inaugural meeting of the Oxhill Whisky Appreciation Society (OWAS) at Oxhill Village Hall and everyone is invited because as it stands there is no such society (although if this goes well it could be the start of something)!

Curated by Reuben Connolly and ably assisted by his lovely wife Lisa of Cotswold Distillery legend, this event will take you on a voyage of discovery around seven predominantly malt whiskies from around the world, however none of them are English...

Taking off and landing back in Scotland, our virtual tour will see us fly to Ireland, India, America, Japan and even Australia - covering 35,000 miles in three hours - tasting the best they each have to offer in the c. £40-50 range of whiskies.



Proceedings will begin at 7pm with a brief introduction to the distilling process with a classic blended whisky to arouse our palates, before moving through the delictation of six 25ml measures of 43-50% ABV spirits before closing at 10pm.

Tickets are keenly priced at £15 per head for tasting (or £5 per non-tasting friend, including their first house drink) and have been set at a level to

just break even and as such represent fantastic value for money and a rare opportunity to taste so many!

Sales will be on a first come, first served basis and payment in advance is strongly recommended to ensure you don't miss out. Seats at the tasting table are limited to 24 but non-tasting tickets are unlimited if you just want to come along and listen.

If successful this might become a regular event in the village calendar, perhaps looking at a more traditional Scotch Whisky tasting in the autumn and something really unusual in the winter, so come along now and show us your support...

Should you be interested in purchasing tickets for this event then please contact Lisa Connolly at Meadow View on 01295 680 091. If the event is sold out then tickets will be issued to those who have paid their entry fee first.

Just to be absolutely clear this is a drinks-only event apart from the odd cracker or oatcake to cleanse the palate between whiskies, so given the strength of these spirits please ensure you eat something before you arrive!

The bar will be open for the duration of the event so that non-tasting guests can keep themselves entertained, but during the brief spiel that will accompany each whisky everyone's attention will be appreciated.

We are really excited by this event and as you can see from the picture we have already got the whiskies lined-up ready and waiting for you all to enjoy on the night, assuming we can wait that long... see you there!

Reuben Connolly, 07968955987



Working for a
**stronger
voluntary and
community
sector in
Warwickshire**

Are you interested in volunteering
and making a difference in
Stratford on Avon District?

If you would like advice
please text/call our
Volunteering Coordinator
on 07966 380288 or email:
stratfordinfo@wcava.org.uk

www.wcava.org.uk
Strengthening Warwickshire



DBLE BOARD 260x185mm

SWAN SINGERS

Kinton's own thriving mixed choir under the direction of Gary Beman and accompanied by Gustavo Schafaschek of Birmingham Conservatoire, welcome everyone to an informal afternoon of traditional and classical songs for summer.

"Summer of Song"

On Saturday 8th July at 3pm at Kinton Village Hall

Followed by plenty of Tea & Cakes.

The concert is free with a retiring collection.



Bringing U closer together

UBUS is 3 Years Old

The UBUS community transport service has been running for 3 years now. Previously known as Community Links, UBUS came into effect in June 2014 and since then an amazing 30,000 journeys have been made across the

district by over 800 registered users.

UBUS is a ring and ride community transport service operating within Stratford District.

UBUS is available to anyone in the district who struggles to access public transport due to mobility issues, health problems or who lives in an area with no, or infrequent, public transport.

Passengers can travel between 9:30am and 2:30pm.

UBUS will collect passengers from their door, drop them off at their destination, pick up again at the agreed point and drop off back at home. Drivers can assist passengers to get on & off the bus and will help with up to 3 shopping bags or a trolley if necessary.

All UBUS vehicles can accommodate a wheelchair.

Depending on where residents live in the district a single journey costs £2.10, £2.70 or £3.40. Return journeys £4.20, £5.40 or £6.80.

Residents living in an Orbit property are eligible for a £0.60 discount on their journey.

Journeys need to be booked in advance. Passengers can book up to seven days in advance.

UBUS provides transport in different parts of the district on specific days.

- West of Stratford - Operates on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
- East of Stratford – Operates on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays
- South of Stratford – Operates on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
- Stratford Town - Operates on Mondays to Fridays
- Southam & Surrounding area – Operates on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays

UBUS can be used to visit friends, attend social groups, leisure activities or go shopping. It cannot be used to attend medical appointments.

Residents interested in registering with the service should ring 01789 264491. For further information contact Marie Darwen at Stratford District Council on 01789 260 108.

UBUS is supported by Stratford District Council, Warwickshire County Council and Stratford Town Trust.

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

July

Sat 1st & Sun 2nd			Oxhill Scarecrow Weekend
Tues	4th		Grey bin collection
Weds	5th	10:30	Village Coffee Morning, Peacock
Fri	7th	14:30	Mobile Library, OVH
Sat	8th	12:00 - 16:00	Walk with Nature, Halford
Sat	8th	15:00	Swan Singers, Kinton VH
Tues	11th		Blue and Green Bin collection
Thurs	13th		Garden Club visit to Langdale
Fri	14th	19:00 - 22:00	Whisky evening, OVH
Sat	15th	from 17:30	Jazz Evening, Whichford
Sun	16th	15:00	Boules Competition, OVH
Tues	18th		Grey Bin Collection
Weds	19th	12:30	Village Lunch, Peacock
Sat	22nd	14:00 - 18:00	Tysoe, National Garden Scheme
Sun	23rd	ditto at	Garden Cottage & Walled Garden
Tues	25th		Blue & Green Bin Collection
Thurs	27th	0800	Tysoe WI visit to Portsmouth
Fri	28th	14:30	Mobile Library, OVH
Fri	28th	10:30 - 12:00	Carers4Carers, Kinton VH
Sat	29th		Upton House Jazz

August

Sun	13th		Shakespeare Bike Ride, OVH
Sun	20th		Oxhill Tysoe Cricket Match

September

Sat	2nd		Barn Dance
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And later in the Year

Sunday 3 September - Village Hall Maintenance Day (all welcome to help spruce up our hall)

Saturday 23 September - Progressive Supper

Saturday 7 October - Village Big Breakfast

Friday 10 November - Annual Curry Night

Monday 11 December - Village Christmas Lunch

Friday 22 December - Beer and Bubbles Night (posh frocks and black and white/lounge suits/jackets)

Saturday 27 January - Burns Night