
THE OXHILL NEWS

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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-editors@oxhill.org.uk or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the village Church.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 5th and 19th June.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays 12th and 26th June.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill every 3rd Wednesday, stopping at the Village Hall at 10 am and staying there for 30 minutes.

The van will visit us on Wednesday 20th June.

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

WEEKDAY WALKERS

There will only be one walk in June:

June 22nd - A 7.5 mile walk from Great Rollright the Hook Norton with 425 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Pear Inn, Hook Norton - Leaving Oxhill at 9:30am.

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.

JULY ISSUE

The copy deadline for the July edition is midnight on the 15th June 2012, please email contributions to news-editor@oxhill.org.uk or place paper based contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the village Church.



Queen's Diamond Jubilee Report - May 2012

3rd - 4th June 2012

We're almost there!

It's been a long time in the planning, work started over a year ago, and now all we need is fine weather! I would like to thank the team of helpers who have been working hard since last September to make this weekend a success. They in turn have been

supported by you, the village, who have parted with deposits and paid for tickets well in advance enabling orders to be placed for all the facilities that will appear over the next few days.

So it is now over to you all to enjoy the programme of events that have been arranged and join in as much as possible and make it a memorable Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

Badges

You will shortly be receiving badges for the tickets purchased. They are your personal souvenir and must be worn at all times to access the event. Please ensure that your guests wear their badges so as to avoid embarrassment as we will monitor those on site and will be challenging those not recognised or not wearing badges. The event has not been advertised outside of the village and is in effect a private function mostly taking place on private land and those unidentified will be asked to leave.

So remember - no badge no food!

If you haven't received badges that you are expecting by Friday 1st June please contact Mike Collins on 680564.

Security

Please be aware of strangers and do not be afraid to challenge them particularly in unexpected circumstances. If in doubt please contact one of the event stewards. Details of stewards will be included in your event programme and on notices around the site.

We have measures in place to ensure that our environs and all those attending the event remain safe and secure throughout the weekend.

Special Needs & Medical Emergency

Always call 999 for any medical emergency but then call our own First Responders, Mick & Barbara Shepard (07977 149317) who will be available all weekend and usually onsite.

If anyone considers they or any member of their party have special needs please make these known to Sue Robbins on 680496.

Road Closure

Main Street will be closed completely to all traffic from 8am on Sunday morning until late, from 9:30am until at least midnight on Monday and on Tuesday from 9am until approximately 2pm.

Access will be maintained to all properties on Main Street at all times for emergencies but we would respectfully ask residents living between The Peacock, towards the Church as far as the junction with Back Lane, to remove cars from the street during the periods of closure.

This is particularly important on Sunday as tables for the Big Diamond Jubilee lunch will be installed from 9am. If you will need to use a vehicle parked in a garage or on a drive during Sunday please consider moving it elsewhere before we start erecting the tables.

Weather

This is one thing we are unable to control but we have powerful allies at work!

If the weather is inclement the event **will continue as planned** although some of the outside activities will be curtailed. The Big Diamond Jubilee Lunch will go ahead but will be split between the marquee and the Old Chapel. The Pig Roast and the live music will go ahead in the marquee on Sunday.

Art in the Chapel

The art class under the leadership of Barbara Kenny have been working on a theme of the Queen and diamond jubilee subjects this year. Their work will be on show throughout the weekend in the Old Chapel.

Catering and Drinks

You do not need to bring anything to the Big Diamond Jubilee Lunch. We have sufficient tables and chairs for everybody to sit down for lunch. The tables will be suitably decorated and disposable plates and cutlery will be provided. If you want to eat off your best dinner service you are free to bring it along at your own risk. If you want to bring your own cutlery please do so but you will remain responsible for it at all times.

You are free to bring drinks of your own choice to the lunch. Please bring your own drinking containers. We would prefer that glass is not used for obvious safety reasons.

The Peacock will provide a normal bar service throughout the event and will be offering specially brewed Diamond Jubilee celebration ales from the barn.

You are free to bring your own drinks for consumption at any events held in the marquee and within the field boundary. Other than the Big Diamond Jubilee Lunch, consumption of your own drink elsewhere will be discouraged. Clearly it will be unacceptable on the licensed premises of the Peacock Inn.

Programme of Events

All events and timings are subject to change without notice.

Sunday 3rd June

8am Build up breakfast at the Old Chapel – a breakfast briefing for stewards and muscle men who will help with lifting and shifting during the event. First job is to erect tables on Main Street for decoration to commence at 9:30am. Bacon and / or sausage rolls will be available. (That's a bribe!)

12 noon bells ring to announce the start of our celebrations and Church service which will start at 12:15pm. 1pm – dedication of OWLS Church Yard commemorative planting. Those gathered at Church will then process to Main Street for the 'Big Diamond Jubilee Lunch'.

Tables will not be reserved but obviously family groups will expect to sit together.

One of the principle purposes of the Big Diamond Jubilee Lunch is to get communities to mix so please respect this objective and meet someone new!

You are requested not to sit at a table until invited to do so!

Tables will be formed to accommodate 30 people. Serving commences at 1:45pm with a menu of ham, salmon, new potatoes and salads followed by a pudding.

(Vegetarian options available). A table head will be appointed by the catering team and a ham will be carved at each table. Sides of salmon will also be delivered to the tables for serving.

A variety of field games mainly for the children will start at approximately 4pm, followed by 'Has Oxhill Got Talent?' home grown entertainment (approx 5:30pm).

Big Diamond Jubilee Quiz (New)

The evening will continue from approximately 7:30pm with the Big Diamond Jubilee Quiz. This will comprise general knowledge questions about the last 60 years, pictures, and music questions and interludes. Thanks to Adrian Marklow for agreeing to write the questions.

The quiz is free to enter and depending on demand will take place in the marquee or if there are only a limited number of entries, at the Peacock.

Please register your team of 4 on the day so that we know how many answer sheets to prepare and whether the marquee needs to be set up for the quiz.

Monday 4th June

Commencing at 2pm – The great red hobby horse races and best dressed competitions will be held in the field and the parade ring. We need lots of entrants to make this a success. Not racing? Come in your best fancy dress racing attire. Open to all ages and it is not too late to enter, please contact Ed Bracher on 680927 or e-mail hobbyhorse @ oxhill.org.uk or just turn up harnessed up! The prizes for this event are sponsored by Red Horse Fuels Limited.

Children's field games will again be available from approximately 3:30pm. Afternoon teas will be available from the marquee from about 3pm until approx 4:30pm.

What is Family Water Volley Ball?

It's traditional in Oxhill or has become that way over the last few major events. Two teams of four hold bed sheets, one in each corner, on either side of a volley ball net. A water filled balloon is placed in the one team's sheet and they serve it over the net. The other team catch it in the sheet and toss it back. Simple! Otherwise its like volley ball! Starting about 4pm. Entries in advance preferred to Andy Buchanan on 688112.

Evening Entertainment

Presentation of prizes to winners for all the events will take place at approximately 6pm. From 6:30pm we will commence serving the pig roast. From 8pm we have live music with Pascal's Triangle. We will break at dusk (approximately 10:15pm) to launch 60 red, white and blue lanterns (subject to suitable weather conditions). Live music continues until midnight.

Tuesday 5th June

Clean up the site from 10am until finished. Retire to the pub garden for the Breakdown BBQ and paella pan in the garden of the Peacock. Food available but not included in the ticket price but wear your badges!

The British Library Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 2012 Special Collection

The British Library has selected a number of key websites of research interest to form the basis of a collection on Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, 2012. It is their intended aim to download selected websites during 2012 to cover the development of this historic event, and subsequently make them available to the public via our website at <http://www.webarchive.org.uk/>.

I am please to be able to announce that the Oxhill News website has been selected for inclusion in this collection. Consequently the July edition of the news on the website will be extended to contain a photographic record and commentary of our celebrations.

Make the event fun and successful.

The weekend celebration is organised 'In the village, by the village, for the village'. It is now over to all those participating to make the event fun and successful.

A great big thank you to all those who have been work hard to make the event happen.

The team that have planned this extraordinary village event hope you all enjoy the Oxhill Celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Main Contact Details

Should any residents have any concerns about the event then please contact Mike Collins on 680564 or by e-mail to [diamond.jubilee @ oxhill.org.uk](mailto:diamond.jubilee@oxhill.org.uk).

ROYAL CONNECTIONS

My story begins with a very cross 9 year old, my mother, who was selected to dance round a Maypole for the Coronation of Edward VII dressed as a poppy when she wanted so much to be a cornflower. Marguerites were the white flowers



I was 7 when George Vth died and was briefly succeeded by the uncrowned Edward VIII before George VI, his brother, was crowned in 1936. My mother and older brother and sister experienced this momentous occasion in the Mall. No TV then.

But I digress. I had just started my post as Occupational Therapist in January 1952, at the Warneford in Leamington Spa, when the King died the next month. I well remember that on the day of the funeral **EVERTHING** stopped. I was on a bus going home when the driver and all passengers got out and stood silently in the road.

Then came the excited preparations for the coronation of his daughter Elizabeth, a young mother of only 27. So I was determined to follow tradition and be there to experience this special event at first hand.

A friend and I went by train to London to join crowds who thronged the city to see the spectacular decorations in The Mall. There were triumphal arches in gold and blue with enormous crowns suspended underneath, unfurled standards on the lamp posts, flags and bunting everywhere and banks of spectator stands.

We spent the night on the very hard floor of the Metal Box Co. head office, where my friend's fiancée worked. With so many other people squeezed in it was like a refugee camp. But not for long. At 4a.m. we set off to stake our claim for a good view in Whitehall at the entrance to Old Scotland Yard (Remember Whitehall 1212?). No one had tents and camping equipment in those days, we just jostled in the ever bulging happy crowd. It poured with rain but no one cared. Oh! the joy of policemen looking across the street at each other for there would be no trouble. Happy days!

The first excitement was the arrival of the dust carts to sweep the streets--- loud cheers--- official cars drove up and down and then newsboys circulated calling out the splendid news, rippling through the crowd, that Edmund Hillary and Tensing

Tensing had conquered Everest ----Much louder cheers. Then, with rising excitement, the jangle of harnesses and thrill of military bands starting far away and gradually nearing Trafalgar Square we could almost see the start of the procession of Presidents and Potentates, Kings and Princes resplendent in uniforms and National Costumes streaming past keeping dry in carriages. All that is except the 6ft2" Queen Salote of Tonga accompanied by a miniscule Indian dignitary in an open landau---- she must have been soaked!!!We were. And then the crescendo roar as the State Coach came into view and our first sight of the young Queen and Prince Philip. (You have all read about the rest).

Many had curious shaped cardboard periscope things to see over peoples' heads and there was much clicking of box cameras and Baby Brownies and then she was gone, but not before reports by loud speakers of what subsequently happened when she arrived at the Abbey and the service relayed outside. Afterwards, damp but in high spirits we surged up the Mall, after the police, to see the balcony scene and fly past.

WHAT A DAY and then to the train in the small hours for work at 9a.m. next day Waiting for the 'bus in the Kenilworth Rd. I fell asleep on the pavement only to be rescued by the radiologist on his way to the Hospital, I was just so tired.

That was my Coronation story and I would not have missed the experience of being there for the world.

LONG LIVE THE DIAMOND QUEEN

Myrtle Knight



WHO ELSE WATCHED THE CORONATION ON TELEVISION IN OXHILL?



In response to Ann Hale's piece about the Coronation, televisions and Bert Bloxham in the May edition of The Oxhill News.....

I lived in the village from 1947 until 1969 and then again from 1976 until 1988. At the time of the Coronation Ron Mosedale lived with his mother at Cornerways (currently the home of Mrs. Marion Swann). There was certainly a television there - I spent the day there with my mother and sisters fascinated by the little box in the corner of the room.

Julia Stirman

AT THE PEACOCK

Quiz Night

Quiz night on Sunday 3rd June at 8pm - this will be a special Jubilee Quiz.

Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday

The Peacock will be open all day for food on Monday 4th June and will also have an all day BBQ on Tuesday 5th June.

Village Events

The village coffee morning will be on Wednesday 6th June at 10.30am. The village lunch will be on Wednesday 20th June at 12.30pm.

Warwickshire Young Jazz Orchestra

The Warwickshire Young Jazz Orchestra will be playing at The Peacock in the garden from 4pm on Sunday 17th June.

Congratulations to Pam and Yvonne and the team for winning Pub of the Season, awarded by CAMRA



BELL RINGING AT OXHILL



The bells of St Lawrence's are to ring out at 12pm on Sunday 3rd of June marking the beginning of Oxhill's celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee event.

By the time this month's edition of the Oxhill News goes to print, I am hoping to have gathered a band of Oxhill's resident campanologists, ready for the big day!

If you are a church bell-ringer, current or lapsed or indeed a non-ringer with an interest in learning to ring, I would love to hear from you. Do give me a ring (no pun intended!) on 680452.

Catherine Kimmins

Oxhill Jubilee Celebrations presents:

THE SUNDAY SHOWCASE!

***An evening of Oxhill's finest home grown entertainment,
including performances by:***

The Junior Band

Various Soloists

AND

The "OMG" Choir

Sunday 3rd June, in the marquee

Starting around 6pm

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL

SERVICES IN JUNE

All are warmly welcome

Trinity Sunday 3rd 12.15pm Village "Diamond Jubilee" Service (NM)

Sunday 10th Trinity I 9.30am Sunday Praise (BR)

Sunday 17th Trinity II 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 24th Trinity III 9.30am Family Service (NM)

For other services in the benefice please see porch notice board

VICARAGE NOTES

Dear friends,

I write my modest contribution just before the main events – still looking forward to the lunch and the Jubilee celebrations!

Carol is putting folk in the picture about the APCM, but may I add my voice to the thanks for all the work that people contribute to the life of the Parish Church. The latest job has been the spring clean – St. Lawrence's looks much improved. We will have to wait for the walls to be thoroughly dry before any lime wash is applied.

I am currently completing the English Heritage Grant Application Form with the PCC's help – and we hope, in years to come, to renew the nave roof and crumbling stonework around the whole church. Our architect, Mr Stephen Matthews, feels fairly confident of success. The form has to be in by the end of June and we should know the result by the end of the year. These things do not happen in a hurry!

During the long season of Trinity in the Church's year, the liturgical colour changes to green – the sign of growth and life. It is the constant prayer that the Christian family will remain faithful to its calling in serving God and others. HM the Queen at her coronation made solemn oaths to lead the nation, and indeed the Church of England, in the same duty. May we all continue to do our best.

Best wishes and God bless, *Nicholas Morgan* 01608 685230

DEANERY NEWS

Dear Friends,

As I write, the Pentecost Eucharist has yet to happen, so at this stage all I can do is to extend a massive vote of thanks to all those who are working so hard on this event, particularly of course the church family St. Gregory's in Tredington. They have been invaded and disrupted to an extraordinary degree, and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude. Julian Harris has been working beyond even his usual frenetic level to compose music for us and rehearse choirs. Then there are those who will have made sashes and cakes, printed documents and arranged flowers, parked cars, arranged chairs and helped out massively on the day, loaned us their silverware and taken part in the service, plus things I am bound to have forgotten. Thank you all.

The next Deanery Synod will be on Tuesday, 17th July (postponed from June), at 7.30pm at Whatcote. Martin Kirkbride, Diocesan Learning Advisor, will talk about the new format of the Bishop's Certificate in Discipleship.

Finally, the Deanery Garden Party will once again be happening at The Old House, Oxhill, on Saturday 4th August between 3 and 5pm. This year we will be specifically aiming to raise funds to support parish ministry in some of the financially poorer parts of our diocese. Everyone from the Deanery is welcome: gifts of cake are welcome too!

Every blessing, Jill



We would like to say a big 'Thank You' to all of those who supported our Cruse Bereavement Care fund raising event on 28th April in Oxhill. We were very grateful for the wonderful cakes, beautiful craft items and help on the day. It was good to see so many people there in spite of the foul weather. Together with the raffle, we raised just over £2600 which will help the South Warwickshire branch.

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Annual Boules Tournament – Sunday, 15th July 2012

Another date for your diary and this popular event 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 cost will be £6 per person & Children (up to age of 12) are free. This cost covers the food & entry to the competition. Please call Gaynor Van Dijk (680349) for tickets.

Talk on Restoration of Chedham's Yard in Wellesbourne – Friday, 20th July, 2012

There will be a talk by David Close who is closely involved with the Chedham's Yard project. Since winning the BBC's £1million Restoration competition in 2006, work on restoring Chedham's Yard has been underway with the restored Yard due to open to the public this Spring. Five generations of Chedham family were connected with the yard before it closed in 1965. The restored Blacksmith's and Wheelwright's 'shops give an insight into the crafts of a bygone era and are an intriguing 'time capsule'.

Doors will open at 7.30pm, Tickets will only cost £2 each & refreshments (not included in the ticket price) will be available. Call Tricia Harbour on 680676.

Oxhill Artists Exhibition – Wednesday, 25th July pm & Thursday, 26th July am

The annual Oxhill Artists Summer Art Exhibition will take place on Wednesday, July 25th from 7.00pm to 9.30pm for viewing, a glass of wine and some nibbles & Thursday, July 26th for viewing, coffee & biscuits from 10am to 12.00 noon.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL AGM

Results of the Elections held in church on 24th April 2012:

Chairman Rev Canon Nicholas Morgan

Church Wardens Carol Fox 680223

Charles MacCall 680306

Janet Gardner Church Warden Emeritus

PCC James Synge Treasurer

Linda Synge Secretary

Nadia MacCall

Diane Harper Electoral Roll Officer

Belinda Marklew

Sue Hunt

Martin Hunt

Jo VanDijk Clerk of Works

Gill Rodwell

ex officio Douglas Nethercleft Deanery synod representative.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

A big thank you to all who turned up for the Big Clean on 29th April. 3 hours of hard work later the church was transformed and is now nice and cobweb free. We hope to get a new coat of paint sometime to cover over the areas where damp spoiled the walls. Thanks to everyone.

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL - NOTICES

Don't forget that The Village Hall can be hired or many of the items like tables, chairs, crockery and even the BBQ (assuming that we ever get any warm weather) at very reasonable cost. Contact Tricia Harbour on 680676 for details or www.oxhill.org.uk .

We have two sets of goal posts (5 a-side size) that we would be pleased to see go to a good home for a reasonable donation to our building fund. Contact Derek Harbour on 680676 for further details.



OWLS were delighted with the talk about swifts given by Gillian Westray on 24th April.

The £72 of donations given during the evening would pay for:

- 2000 large silent crickets,
- 2000 large banded crickets and
- 1500 wax worms.

These would provide 350 meals for juvenile swifts!!!

OWLS - Oxhill Wildlife Society - are delighted to present

UCKY MAGIC!!

or how to turn rubbish into goodness.

Every household generates lots of waste material and we are all used to putting the muck in the "bin" for the council to take it away.

But much of what you throw away is useful in your garden and you are missing a trick if you just throw it in the bin as it can be valuable!!

Come along to a talk from the OWLS where Liz Atkinson, a committed guerilla composter, will help you to

- ♣ produce great compost for your flower and veg beds
- ♣ reduce what goes in your "grey" bins
- ♣ use different composting methods to cope with different materials
- ♣ enjoy the fun of producing Mucky Magic!

So come along and share your problems, tips and anecdotes!

The talk will be on 19th June at 8:00 in the Oxhill Village Hall - entry £2.00 and refreshments available.



WOT2Grow COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Well, we have had April Showers in abundance!! Which all gardeners will tell you was what we needed but it has caused a few issues with being able to work at the orchard. The grass and weeds have loved the conditions but we have had to cancel weeding and mulching sessions as it was pouring with rain, apologies to those who really wanted to come and help at these sessions!

However you are most welcome to visit the orchard whenever you like to pull up the weeds.

This is now the time when growth is needed and the bushes and canes are getting ready to produce our harvest for 2012. The trees are getting established and will not produce fruit for a couple of years but they have transformed the site from a field to showing the way it will look in the future. You need a bit of patience to start an orchard from scratch!!

We are having an **Open Day at the Orchard** on **Sunday August 12th** when you will be able to see what we are doing at the orchard, talk to us, enjoy a delicious cream tea and pick some soft fruit! Bring the whole family to enjoy the lovely environment and learn more about your orchard! Everyone is welcome - you don't have to be a member to enjoy the orchard! Look out for more details in the coming weeks.

Check us out at www.wot2grow.co.uk where you will see details of what we are doing and lots of photos of our progress. Even better, just come down to the orchard and see for yourself whilst enjoying the beauty of the location!

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Derek Harbour (680676), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080), Graham Collier (680127), Julia Stirman (01608 686776)



THE IDLICOTE ART EXHIBITION

11th Exhibition and Sale of Art at The Stableyard, Idlicote House, Idlicote
Nr Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire CV36 5DT

SATURDAY, 30th JUNE 2012

SUNDAY, 1st JULY 2012

10.30 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.

Free admission

In aid of **SHIPSTON HOME NURSING** and **THE FRIENDS OF
IDLICOTE CHURCH**

Sponsors:

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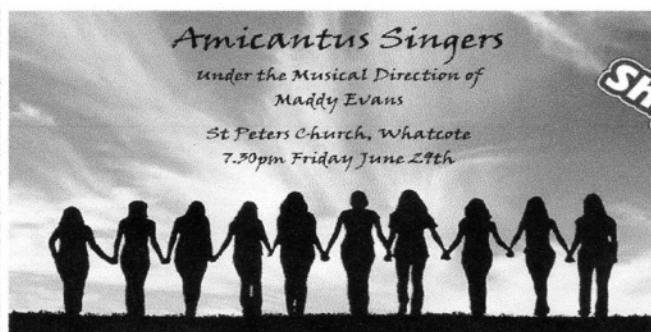
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Mr & the Hon Mrs R Waley-Cohen



St Peter's Day Concert at St Peter's Church, Whatcote.
on Friday 29th June at 7.30pm

An evening of songs from the shows, pop songs and light classical
music.

This concert is in association with Shipston Proms.

Tickets £10, accompanied children free, available from
Sue Price, 01295 680007 or e-mail susan.price@ukgateway.net

CHERNOBYL'S CHILDREN Oxfordshire and South Warwickshire.

Ten children from Belarus will be arriving in the UK on 20th June. The children will stay for a month with host families in the area. They will be given full medical, dental and eye tests and any necessary treatment.

This month away from contaminated air and food and their poor living conditions gives their immune systems an enormous boost and can lengthen their lives.

If you would like to know more about the charity or would be interested in hosting a child, please get in touch with me on 01295 680411

The children will be attending the Coffee Morning so please come along and meet them.

COFFEE MORNING

IN AID OF CHERNOBYL'S CHILDREN
AT
THE OLD CHURCH HOUSE
OXHILL
(If wet in The Old Chapel)

SATURDAY 23rd JUNE 2012

10am---12noon

CAKE, PRODUCE AND PLANT STALLS. RAFFLE AND TOMBOLA.

CHILDREN'S BOUNCY CASTLE AND GAMES.

Any donations of cakes, produce, plants etc will be most welcome.

Anne Marshall 680411 Angela Emmerson 680565

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

On a cold wet April evening it wasn't hard to imagine how colourless the lives of the Elizabethan peasantry were. In contrast, Tamsin Rosewell gave the Garden Club an animated, enthusiastic insight into how richly coloured the original gardens, created by Robert Dudley at Kenilworth Castle, were. Greatly architectural, with large gaudy structures, the planting seems insignificant to modern gardeners. However, the gardens were created from continental pattern books, probably most inventive at the time. The statements in the gardens were symbolic, making personal political expressions as well as being sensual; exclusively fashioned just for the creator – a splendid ego trip for a very ambitious man's attempts to influence his queen.

Future dates:

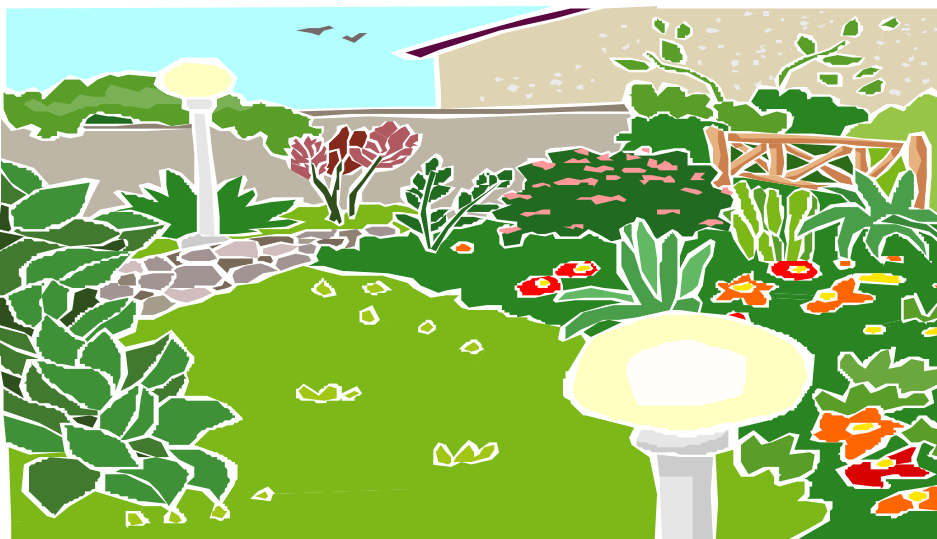
- 21st June Garden Party 7pm, by kind permission of Ruth Gibson
- 12th July afternoon visit to Janet Cropley's garden 2.15pm
- 22nd August day visit to Wells

All of the above could be opportunities to get snapping for the 2012 photographic competition:

One entry, 7x5ins, unmounted for "Summer Flowers" or "Winter Garden".

Closing date October meeting.

Ann Saxton Tel: 680613 e-mail ann.saxton@tiscali.co.uk



TYSOE SPORTS PAVILLON

WINDMILL RUN

**SATURDAY
9TH JUNE 2011**

**APPROX
10K CROSS COUNTRY RUN
OVER 16 YRS
ENTRY FEE £6.00/PERSON
(£8.00 ON THE DAY)**

**OR
4K FUN RUN/WALK
ENTRY FEE
£4.00/ADULT
&
£2.00/CHILD**



**10AM START TO BOOK
RING JO 01295 680449**

DOGS TO BE KEPT ON LEADS AT ALL TIMES

WARWICKSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS

TWA CORBIES ART EXHIBITION

Jill Jeffrey * Grenville Moore * Linda Rasa

Pastel Acrylic Mixed Media Art Furniture

THE OLD CHAPEL, OXHILL

Saturday 30 June – Sunday 8 July 2012

Daily 12.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Teas available at weekends



NOTICE BOARD

Does anyone want:

- A sideboard
- An old style dressing table
- A large wooden car trailer

Ripplesdale, Green Lane – 01295 680677

ACCIDENT

Would the lady who bumped my parked silver sports car with her 4x4 at the surgery in Tysoe recently, please get in touch. There is damage to pay for after all which was not obvious at the time-not horrendous but it would be appreciated if she did the right thing. Thank you.

01295 680420

23 New Park Cottages
Lower Brailes
Banbury
Oxon
OX15 5JD

01608 686934

11.05.2012

Dear Friends of Oxhill.

A very very **BIG** Thank you for the kind gift you gave me.

I have so many items that I need to purchase for my new home so I can assure You that your generous donations will be put to good use.

I have settled well in my bungalow and am happy, warm and cosy. I do of course miss my many good friends that I have made over my 60 years and all or part of 7 decades as an Oxhill resident! How things have changed over those years.

I am grateful for your support as a village in the fund raising events for the church especially the scarecrow weekends.

I do hope that you will continue to support the fund raising in my absence it is vital to keep the lovely church in good repair.

I will see you from time to time when popping over to visit, or at the doctors, shop or post office in Tysoe and you are always welcome to visit me here in Brailes.

Once again grateful thanks for your kindness and generosity.

Regards always

Lilian

TYSOE TENNIS CLUB

Team news

The Ladies A team managed to draw their last game of the winter season to finish 1 point ahead of their nearest rivals in Division 5 and avoid relegation. Our B team came second in Division 7 with 24 points, only 3 behind the winners, Stratford D, so win promotion to Division 6.



The Mixed A team finished mid-table in Division 3, a good result given the quality of the opposition. The Mixed B finished 4th in Division 4.

Thanks to everyone who commits to playing, whatever the weather, and to our captains, Julie Smart, Les Carter, Maggie Higgins and Alison Sayer who have the unenviable job of rounding up enough players every match.

Summer league matches started at the end of April. A shortage of players means that we are fielding only one mixed team for the first time in many years. We have two ladies teams thanks to the commitment of a small pool of players who play most Saturday mornings. If you've played tennis before and are tempted to join us, you'd be very welcome. (Ring club captain Julie Smart on 01295 680554)

And if you would just like to play for fun then come along to one of our mix-in sessions on a Tuesday evening (7pm) or Sunday morning (10.30am). For more information, ring secretary Carol Spencer (01295 680659) or visit our website:

www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

NOTES OF THE OXHILL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th MAY 2012 AT 8.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Apologies received from Brian Badger and Tom Heritage.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

David Hill, Chairman since 2002, stood down for re-election in line with the new adopted policy on period of Office. David was thanked for all the work he has done whilst in this Office.

Grenville Moore was elected Chairman

Carol Taylor was elected Vice-Chairman

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PARISH MEETING

Faster Broadband Connection

Balvinder Heran from Stratford District Council gave a presentation to the Parish Meeting, re the above. 10mb will be guaranteed in rural areas. Although funding is available from Broadband UK and DEFRA the District Council has to match pound for pound costs incurred. Lottery funding of £10,000 is available to parishes upon application and we agreed to apply. There is also a need to find out what the interest and up-take would be for this faster connection. More information on this will be available following the July meeting. Mike Collins has agreed to spearhead this project for the Parish Council.

Shipston Forum – Live Link

This is a meeting on local issues at which anyone can attend. Warwickshire County Council is running a pilot for a live link of the meeting. This is due to take place on 12th June.

MATTERS DISCUSSED

Finance

The second instalment of £344 for hiring a marquee was paid to the Diamond Jubilee Event as agreed. The Clerk accepted an honorarium of £150 that included all expenses for the year to 31st March 2012. A cheque for £225 was signed for annual renewal of mandatory insurance cover.

Audit Account, Annual Governance Statement, Bank Reconciliation, Variation to the A/c and Notes to the A/c were signed by the Chairman. Receipts and Payment Book was also signed. These documents will now be sent for audit.

Planning

Permission has been granted to erect a two storey extension at Binswood Cottage and demolition of outbuildings. Permission also granted for temporary agricultural workers mobile home on Land at Field Forge Farm and permission granted for retrospective change of use of annex at Short Meadow.

Chestnut tree Damage

It has now been established that this tree and verge are the responsibility of WCC Highways. If they agree that it should be taken down they will apply to Stratford District for planning permission. It has been agreed that should it be taken down an Oak Tree to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee can be planted in its place

Mowing Grass Verges

The request to mow grass verges in the village in line with the Biodiversity Group to help promote the growth of wild flowers has not been taken up by the Stratford Council due to cost and type of machinery used by contractors.

New Opening Times for Shipston Police

These new opening times are for police reporting at the Shipston Library.

Mon, Tue, Thur - 9.30 - 12.30 and 1.30 - 5.30.

Wed, Fri, Sun - closed. Sat 9.30 - 12.30

Highways

Kerb Setts had been put in place along Main Street. A large pot hole needed filling in at the bottom of The Peacock's drive. White lines by the pig farm approaching the A422 needed re-painting, and a section of the roadside verge was falling away halfway between Whitehill and the A422.

Street Signs.

Stratford District Council to be contacted again to replace "Main Street" signs.

Parish Council Notice Board

George Adams has agreed to refurbish the notice board

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th July 2012 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

Angela Kean, Clerk

NOTES OF THE OXHILL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 8th MAY 2012 AT 7.30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Seven people attended the meeting chaired by David Hill, Chairman of Oxhill Parish Council.

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

AGENDA ITEMS

Faster Broadband Connections for Rural Areas

A presentation was given by Balvinder Heran, Stratford District Council. Funding was available to the Council via Broadband UK and DEFRA which then has to be matched pound for pound by the District. Money was available from the Lottery of £10,000 per Parish which has to be applied for and put into the “pot” of the District Council. There was a need to get as many people as possible interested in receiving a faster broadband connection. Discussion took place and question answered.

Shipston Forum - Live Link

A representative from Warwickshire County Council informed the meeting of a pilot scheme to connect the Shipston Forum local meeting by a live-link. This is scheduled for 12th June. More information will be sent to the Parish Council.

There was no other business meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Angela Kean, Clerk

Fun for all the Family!

At Shipston Home Nursing's

Midsummer Mayhem

WITH FREE
LIVE THEATRE!
Playbox Theatre present
The Sorcerer's Apprentice

Dodgems / Bouncy castle / Games / Music and more*

Sunday 24th June



Mount Sorrell, Todenham GL56 4PP

From 12.30pm - 5pm. Refreshments available - including tea, coffee, cakes and ice-creams - bring your own picnic lunch
Entry: Adults £5, children £2.50. To book your tickets please call Rebecca on 01608 674 929 or pay on the gate.

* Dodgems, Face Painting and Sumo Suits - £1, Bouncy Castle - 50p, all other attractions - FREE!

WHATS ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

JUNE

Sunday 3rd - Monday 4th		The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebrations
Tuesday 5th		Green & blue bin collection
Wednesday 6th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Saturday 9th	10:00	Tysoe - Windmill Run
Tuesday 12th		Grey landfill bin collection
Friday 15th	23:59	COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS
Sunday 17th	16:00	The Peacock - Warwickshire Young Jazz Orchestra
Tuesday 19th		Green & blue bin collection
Tuesday 19th	20:00	Village Hall - Mucky Magic
Wednesday 20th	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Wednesday 20th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Thursday 21st	19:00	Garden Club Garden Party
Friday 22nd		Weekday Walkers - see page 2 for details
Saturday 23rd	10:00	The Old Church House - Coffee Morning in aid Of Chernobyl's Children
Sunday 24th	12:30	Mount Sorrell, Todenham - Midsummer Mayhem
Tuesday 26th		Grey landfill bin collection
Saturday 30th - 8th July	12:00	The Old Chapel - TWA Corbies Art Exhibition
Saturday 30th	10:30	Idlicote House - Idlicote Art Exhibition

JULY

Sunday 1st	10:30	Idlicote House - Idlicote Art Exhibition
Thursday 12th		Garden Club visit to Janet Copley's garden
Sunday 15th		Village Hall - Annual Boules Tournament
Friday 20th	19:30	Village Hall - Restoration of Chedham's Yard
Wednesday 25th	19:00	Village Hall - Oxhill Artists Exhibition
Thursday 26th	10:00	Village Hall - Oxhill Artists Exhibition

AUGUST

Saturday 4th	15:00	The Old House - Deanery Garden Party
Sunday 12th		WOT2Grow - Orchard Open Day
Wednesday 22nd		Garden Club visit to Wells