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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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Cake, cake and more cake!  
Happy faces at Diane Harper's 80th birthday party at the village chapel.

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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OXHILL NEWS

### **The News is what we make it!!**

The editors welcome any pictures, photographs, drawings, poems, puzzles, recipes, announcements or items of local news for possible inclusion in The Oxhill News. Please email [news-editor@oxhill.org.uk](mailto:news-editor@oxhill.org.uk) or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the Church.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library has books with **large print**, ordinary print, picture books, children's books, paterbacks, non-fiction, novels, sagas, crime, mysteries, adventures, westerns and romance. The van has talking books, cassettes and CDs.

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill every 3rd Wednesday, stopping at the Village Hall at 10am and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Wednesday 19th June.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 4th and 18th June.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays 11th and 25th June.

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

The following walks are planned for June:

June 7th – A 6.25 mile walk from Ebrington to Ilmington and return with 400 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Red Lion Ilmington – Walk starts at 9.45am.

June 21st - A 6.9 mile walk from Brailes to Whichford and return with 390 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at the Norman Knight Whichford – Walk starts at 9.45am.

Due to the numbers on the walk we now will have to limit the total walkers to 28, so Jim Saxton will now take these on a first come first served basis, those booking too late being held in reserve. Unless otherwise stated meal decisions will be prior to walk. Those who wish to join us are most welcome, but please contact Jim Saxton on 01295 680613 or at [saxton @ talktalk.net](mailto:saxton@talktalk.net) before the Tuesday evening prior to the walk.



## OUTGOING OXHILL NEWS EDITOR - PAULA BUFFERY

Our beloved co-editor Paula has decided to retire from editing duties because of increasing work and family commitments. She will be missed!! Paula has been at the helm for over 2 years and her artistry, superb organisational abilities and can-do attitude have been a joy to share. We wish her the greatest success and happiness in her future!

*Vanessa x*

## LAMB AND CURRY LUNCH

Thank you to all who turned out to support our April event. Thanks also to the Ladies who prepared the curries and vegetables. It was a very good turnout and we raised nearly £700 towards the Church Restoration Appeal.

## SPRING LUNCH

This event will have gone by when this edition of the News is published but thanks very much to all those who booked in for the lunch. We were very pleased to see so many wanting to come. A good number showed support again and for this we are very grateful. It is heart warming to see the response to the extra fund raising that we are needing to do to get this important repair work carried out, hopefully next year.

*Carol Fox*

# ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

**Sunday 2nd Trinity I:** 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

**Sunday 9th Trinity II:** 9.30am Sunday Praise (BR)

**Sunday 16th Trinity III Scarecrow Weekend:** 4.00pm Songs of Praise: a “pop – in” service!

**Sunday 23rd Trinity IV:** 9.30am Family Service (NM)

**Sunday 30th Trinity V** 9.30am Benefice Eucharist at Whatcote

*For other benefice services see porch notice board*

## VICARAGE NOTES

It's been a joy to share in some happy occasions over the last weeks around the parishes – baptisms, weddings and birthday parties! On the subject of birthdays, the proverbial three score and ten being the “days of our age” comes to mind. It is, of course, a Biblical phrase from Psalm 90 and is much remembered - however, the next phrase suggests that anyone who reaches fourscore is very strong indeed. Quite a few strong folk in Oxhill, then!



*Diane Harper's 80th birthday party*

Sharing celebrations is one of the most memorable parts of family and community life. As we go into the Trinity season in church, the green colour of the frontal and robes represents all of life in creation - in which God is ever present.

May we be fully appreciative of the life of our villages and the countryside about.

Another June has arrived with the challenge of the Scarecrow Festival – thanks to all the team who are so busy at the moment and all the wonderful support received from Oxhillians. Congratulations to the Lunchers too!!

Best wishes and God bless,

**Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230**

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

## DEANERY NEWS

Well done to the goodly number of you who managed to find Tidmington Church and join us in celebrating Ascension Day! It was a wonderful celebration, and lovely to have Anthony Wells speaking to us. The collection that evening will go to Christian Aid, and currently stands at £120.

The next Deanery Synod is on Tuesday, June 11th at 7.30 pm in Alderminster Village Hall. Alyson Spence, who is a trainer with the Alzheimer Society, will be speaking about the way we care for those who suffer from dementia in our communities, and we hope that Kay Dyer will also be there to tell us about events at General Synod.

Finally, you might like to know that the total collections during the Deanery Lent Services came to almost £1000: this is going to be shared between the Bishop's Lent Appeal, to provide a vehicle for Bishop Josiah in Kaduna, Nigeria, and support of the Joint Churches Youth Worker in Shipston.

Across the Diocese the total for the Bishop's Lent Appeal reached almost £12,000 – enough to buy a good second hand vehicle for Bishop Josiah. Thank you so much to all who contributed, both via the Deanery services and their local church.

*Every blessing, Jill*

## VILLAGE HISTORY

### HANDING IT IN ON A CHURCH PLATE

John Bishop, Una Hill's brother, whose family has ancient connections with Oxhill, has kindly sent me a reference he has found of a Survey undertaken of church goods by Commissioners in 1552.

Checking this out, I find the date falls at the end of Edward VI's reign, and therefore at the height of the Reformation. Edward, Henry VIII's only son, ruled from the age of nine until his early death aged fifteen in 1553. He was much influenced by his Protestant advisers, and his reign saw more sweeping reforms to the actual forms of worship than were made by his father, who retained many of the old ceremonies. He soon ordered that images be abolished, altars taken down, walls whitewashed, and Mass books and breviaries surrendered.

The survey of 1552 marked a move to go further. Churches were to yield up any remaining articles relating to the old rites, (the sale of which would helpfully replenish the much depleted royal coffers). The communion service was henceforth to take place at a long trestle table with benches in the body of the church, with a wooden cup or a glass replacing the chalice, and the minister robed in a simple surplice rather than a cope. Surplus plate and other articles, together with bells, were to be surrendered. (Our bells now all date from later, two from 1701, together with a small one of similar date, and the remainder from 1878.)

In the survey, Oxhill churchwardens declared a chalice, eight bells (four large, two small) two copes, a velvet cushion, six altar cloths, a brass pyx (for holding the Sacrament), some towels, tin “cruets” for water and wine, some streamers (for processions), a brass basin, two brass candlesticks and a brass processional cross. (Also “Tow tan clothes” – (two? leather cloths?))



*Young King Edward VI*

Apart from the chalice, presumably silver, the other items were brass or tin, but the vestments were still fine, and the pyx, cushion and streamers suggest some remaining ceremony. All were now to be handed in. After Edward’s death the following year, Catholicism was to make a brief return under Queen Mary, (when presumably the church would have been re-equipped), before Elizabeth reinstated Protestant worship of a more moderate kind. During the civil war in the next century, the occupation of Oxhill by parliamentary troops in 1644 would have seen the plunder of any existing church goods, and the destruction of any stained glass and early memorials, and may well account for the plainness and simplicity of the church interior today.

The monarchy was restored in 1660, and with it the established Church of England. By 1664 our churchwardens were able to declare that “we have all our Church books and ornaments”: and later, in 1682, they itemised “a silver cup and pewter flagon for the communion.” This year falls within the long period when Nicholas Meese was our Rector, (to be followed on by his son Walwyn). The Meese family seem to have felt the old plate insufficient, as Nicholas himself was to present a silver tankard, presumably to replace the pewter flagon, and his family later presented a chalice dated 1716, thought to commemorate Nicholas’s death the year before. This is still in use today.

Parishes had suffered considerable disruption and expense throughout these religious changes, as church goods were first disposed of and then bought anew. The calmer religious waters of later centuries are perhaps reflected in the fact that our church plate and two of our bells have been with us now for the last three hundred years.



# BIODIVERSITY IN OXHILL CHURCHYARD



Many of you may have noticed the wild area at the back of the church in Oxhill which OWLS is beginning to develop for its wild flowers and biodiversity. So far, we have recorded 56 different wild flowers as well as many grass species and several species of butterflies have been seen.

Developing a wild flower meadow can be done in different ways depending on the desired flora. Regular monthly cutting with a break in late Spring/early Summer can result in fine grasses and a good show of wild flowers or just one cut in the Autumn can encourage tussocky grasses and those tough flowers that can compete well. Last year, OWLS did the latter and, along with the wet year, the grasses went truly wild. Thus the last cut was difficult and raking off the cut vegetation was a tough job! Removal of the cut material is important to help reduce the nutritional value of the ground



which encourages plants to flower. This year it was decided to do a Spring cut as well as the later one and we are delighted to see that a bank of cowslips has appeared. We are now extending the wild area further along both sides and the two new areas will be cut more frequently to find out how the flora varies under a different management regime.

Some maintenance will be needed throughout the year as well as the final rake off and it has been suggested that people outside of the OWLS group might enjoy helping with that. We are holding our first maintenance day on Sunday 7th July starting at 11.00am. If you are interested just come along with gloves (thistle removal is one job!!), secateurs, shears and rakes or contact Grenville Moore for further information (01295 680664). Children will be welcome.

# OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – UPCOMING EVENTS

## **BBQ – Saturday, 8 June**

A Barbecue is planned for Saturday, 8 June – keep your fingers crossed for good weather. Tickets will cost **£8** each (reductions for children) for Barbecued Meats (veggie option available) and salad plus dessert. In addition to the BBQ itself, Iain McPherson has agreed to play guitar and sing some songs for us. The evening will start at 6.30pm and tickets can be obtained from Tricia Harbour on 680676.

## **Boules Day – Sunday, 14 July**

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 **£7** per person & Children (up to age of 12) are free. This cost covers the food & entry to the competition.

## **Village Hall Maintenance day – Saturday, 10 August**

We are having our annual Village Hall Maintenance day on Saturday, 10 August starting at 11.00am – volunteers with many or few DIY skills will be welcome.

## **Progressive Supper – September**

We are starting to plan for our ever-popular Progressive supper in September and more details will follow in the next editions of the 'News'. This is always a great evening and one that is greatly enjoyed by new-comers to the village as it is a terrific opportunity to meet a lot of people in their own homes.

## PEACOCK EVENTS THIS MONTH

### **Quiz Night**

Quiz night on Sunday 2nd June at 8pm

### **Village Events**

The village coffee morning is on Wednesday 5th June at 10:30am and the village lunch is on Wednesday 19th June.



For the village Scarecrow Weekend we will have a tent in the back garden, on both the Saturday and the Sunday, to host entertainment for kids and adults. Children's entertainment will be from 2.30 till 3.30 and family entertainment from 3.30 till 5.30pm.





## HELEN WATSON & MARK CRESWELL AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Helen & Mark put on an excellent show on Friday 10 May to the delight of the large crowd, approx. 60 people, who attended the event. Helen has a marvellous voice with



a terrific range which she demonstrated as she cantered through hits by Bruce Springsteen to songs from Peggy Lee. Mark matched Helen for versatility and had guitar enthusiasts in the audience in raptures as he demonstrated his range and ability. It was a great evening and enjoyed by all who were present.

*Derek*

*Derek Harbour - Bon vivant and Village Hall committee centre forward celebrates his birthday at the concert. He's joined by - moi! (Vanessa) - Oxhill ed. at large.*

## OXHILL VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE AGM

This year's AGM was held on April 25th and John McKail, Treasurer, reported another satisfactory year whereby the funds in the Bank were almost equal to last year despite the expenditure of a couple of thousand pounds on improvements to the Hall.

Derek Harbour, Chairman reported that we had enjoyed another year of great support from the Village with good attendances at a variety of different events almost every month. Attendances at the Knit and Natter group that meets alternate Thursdays during the winter months have also stayed at a reasonable level. Being a registered charity, all of the 'profit' made at all the events from tickets sales, raffles, etc. goes towards maintaining and improving the Village hall facility for the villagers.

Derek recorded his thanks and appreciation to Una Hill, Diana Cronin and Jude MacDonald who all retired from the committee this year having made excellent contributions.

The new committee is as follows:

Chair: Derek Harbour; Secretary: Gaynor van Dijk; Treasurer: John McKail; Bookings Secretary: Tricia Harbour plus Karen & Stuart Barker, Ken & Annette Bull, Pat Crowther, Roger Goodman, Adrian Marklew, Audrey Reid, Jay Roberts and Stuart Whittaker

Tysoe School PTA invite you to a

### **BARN DANCE AND SUMMER FESTIVAL**

Friday 14th June 2013, 5-8pm - Dancing starts at 6pm  
*Bar & BBQ, Local Ice Cream, Tombola, Raffle & Stalls*

**LOCAL CEILIDH BAND**

Adults £5 Children £2 In Advance

Tickets: Rebecca Lock 680259 or [rmelock@aol.com](mailto:rmelock@aol.com)

All proceeds to Tysoe School PTA



*Diane, her daughter Liz and grandson Owen cut the cake.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY DIANE!!

Half the village turned up to celebrate Diane Harper's 80th birthday and rightly so! Diane is one of our best loved Oxhillians. It was a wonderful party.

*Vanessa ed.*

I would like to say thank you to everyone who joined me and my family on Sunday for my 80th birthday buffet, which I hope you all enjoyed. But a very special thank you for the very generous donations.

*Diane*



# CHERNOBYL'S CHILDREN COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 29th June 2013 - 10.00 am – 12 noon  
At The Old Church House, Oxhill  
(In the Old Chapel, if wet)

We would be delighted if you and your family could join us to support this worthy charity. There will be coffee and homemade biscuits and various stalls available including cakes, plants, DVD's and tombola. There will also be face painting and children's games. If you would like to make donations of cakes, jams, chutneys, plants or raffle prizes please contact Anne Marshall.



*Entertainment from the Chernobyl children  
at the 2011 Coffee Morning*

It is over 25 years since the Chernobyl disaster and people in a wide area surrounding the site are still suffering its after effects. The younger generation are particularly affected and Chernobyl's Children aims to offer a month's holiday to these children in a country far from the difficult conditions they live in. These holidays have long term health benefits to the children and the more visits they have, the better their overall health. The children are delightful and you will be able to meet this year's group from Belarus at the coffee morning.

We are always in need of new host families. The children come for a month in June/July each year. Two of the children are hosted in Oxhill and it is a wonderful and rewarding experience for them and indeed for the host families too. If you would like to know more details regarding supporting the charity or possibly hosting a child please contact Anne Marshall or Gaynor Van Dijk. We will be happy to discuss our experiences with you. Oxhill has always been very generous in its support of the charity and for this we are most grateful. Thank you all.

*Anne Marshall (680411)*

*Gaynor Van Dijk (680349)*



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# OXHILL OIL CONSORTIUM

## *Significant Changes - Short History*

I was approached by Diane Harper approximately 4 years ago to collate the oil order information onto a computer programme and email it to the main Oil Coordinator for the area. His job then was to contact the oil companies to get the best price and put together all the orders from the other coordinators and send that list to the oil company for delivery. When this started there were 150 customers for the whole of the area and over the years this has grown to over 400. The size of the group has now become a problem in respect that there are only a few oil companies that can handle such a large order in one go and so it was decided by the main coordinator to break up into smaller groups as this means that more oil companies can quote, giving us the best price for the order.

## *Moving Forward*

Diane Harper has decided that this is an appropriate time for her to take a back seat and I am sure that we all would like to thank her for her sterling work over the years saving us all a lot of money.

I am prepared, as a volunteer, to take on the role of Oxhill's Oil Coordinator in its new format but as you can understand I am not willing to accept liability should a mistake occur and you have oil delivered that you have not ordered or that you fail to receive oil that you have ordered. In the past four years I have not made a mistake and I always check meticulously but it could happen. If you are not prepared to accept this limited risk please let me know and I will remove your name from the Oxhill Oil Consortium List.

Oil companies give us a discounted price because they can then supply the customers in the most efficient way possible. This however, is not achieved when they are requested by customers, who have allowed their tanks to get very low, to be supplied first.

Most people now have access to computers and so in order to make the process more efficient and easier for me please Email your order in the format shown below. This is important as I cross reference these details on the order programme. When the best price has been found I will send out an Email to you all giving the price per litre and the name of the company. Diane Harper has already spoken to the few customers that do not have access to computers.

Please email: [oxhilloil@yahoo.com](mailto:oxhilloil@yahoo.com)

## **Format for September Order**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Home Telephone Number</b>	<b>Amount of Oil</b>
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*Mick Shepard, 3 The Leys, Oxhill, Warwick, CV35 0QX*

**IMPORTANT  
ORDER  
INFORMATION!**





## STOP THE PRESS! OXHILL NEWS EDITOR NEEDED

We are looking for someone to edit 4 issues a year. You don't need any expertise, if you know Word you can do this! We'll give you the program, the templates, the instruction and the encouragement. If you would like to know more, please give me a call on 07972 240818.

*Thank you, Vanessa*

## OXHILL ARTISTS - SUMMER EXHIBITION

FRIDAY JULY 12TH – 7.00PM TO 9.00 PM  
AT OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – ALL WELCOME.

You are cordially invited to join us for this annual evening event of art viewing, nibbles and wine. Many attractive pictures are available for sale on the night.

Entrance fee is £2



*Summer exhibition 2012*

All proceeds go to the Aylesford Cancer Centre, Warwick Hospital and Oxhill Village Hall.

## WARWICKSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS

### FOUR ARTISTS AT OXHILL

Jill Jeffrey \* Grenville Moore \* Linda Rasa \* Paul Hitchman

Pastel   Acrylic   Mixed Media   Art Furniture   Stained Glass

THE OLD CHAPEL, OXHILL  
Saturday 6 July – Sunday 14 July 2013

Daily 11.00 am – 6.00 pm

Teas available



## JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR DREAMCOAT

The performances and singing by the Tysoe Amateur Dramatic Association were outstanding, professional and just brilliant fun! Congratulations to all! We look forward to any and all new productions. Below is a short extract from Deb Tuite's blog:

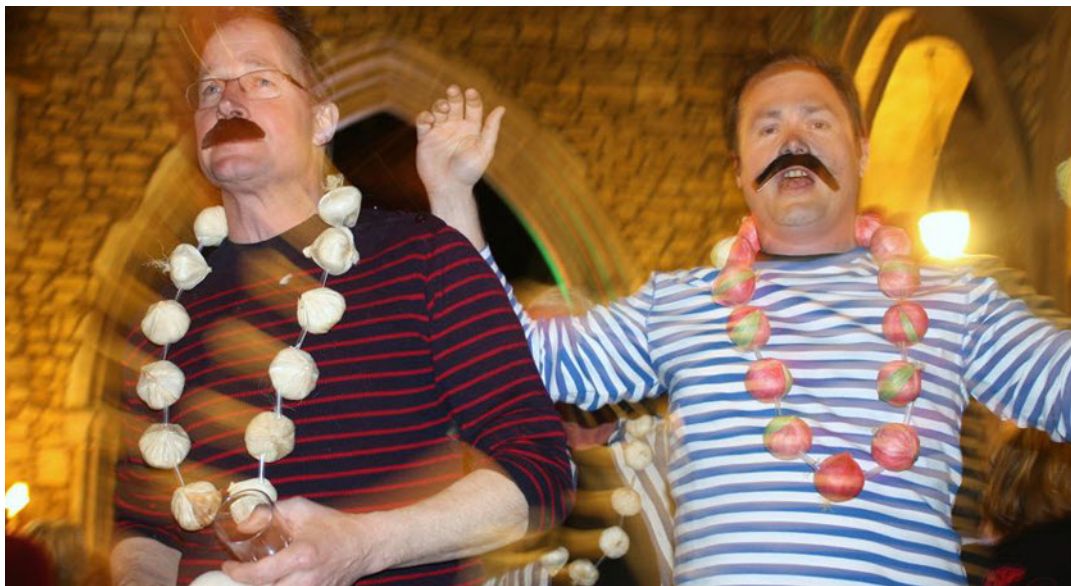
"The lion's share of singing goes to an ebullient package of twelve testosterone-driven thundering boys and men who make up the brothers, three Josephs and a Pharaoh. And Jacob's beard - it's real!! Along with the singers, the piano player and cast members, hoards of heroic villagers have volunteered endless time for the much appreciated behind-the-scene labors.

Like me, most members have no training or experience, and it's been a tough haul for many of us. We started rehearsing back in February and sounded a bit ragged at first. But a love for music, a surprising amount of talent, strong community spirit and of course endless enthusiasm, has driven us to be a class act."









*Director par excellance Alice Pennell with Joseph # 1 Kyle Dibble*

# SCARECROW WEEKEND 15TH-16TH JUNE 2013



It will soon be here!

The straw will be at the side of the Village Hall from the end of May, so just go along and help yourselves we look forward to seeing your creations !

Donations for the Bric a Brac and card stall can be taken to

Diane Harper's (Hillox Whatcote Road) Donations of plants can be taken to Janet Gardner's or we can arrange collection.

If anybody would like to open there garden we can add you to the list. Volunteers who can spare an hour on car park duty please contact Jo Van Dijk.

If you usually park your car on Main Street please would you mind parking in the carpark over the weekend , this will avoid congestion and deter our visitors from parking on the road side.

Many many thanks for all of the offers of help so far. We look forward to a good weekend. If you need to contact me call 01608 686765

*Lilian*

## SCARECROW FESTIVAL TEAS

As the 2013 Scarecrow Festival approaches, we are in need of your help to make a success of the weekend. We will be serving refreshments in the Village Hall all weekend, so will need as many people as possible to bake those wonderful cakes, scones and biscuits that draw the crowds to Oxhill. We will also need a posse of helpers to serve the hungry hoards!

If you are able to help on Saturday or Sunday, please contact Gaynor on 680473 or Ruth on 680407 or e-mail us at [oxhilljubilee@live.co.uk](mailto:oxhilljubilee@live.co.uk) It doesn't matter if you can only spare an hour: every bit of help is very much appreciated. Please deliver cakes to the Village Hall from 9.30 a.m. on the Saturday or Sunday.

A BIG THANK YOU in advance

*Gaynor Fila and Ruth Mercer*

## CALLING ON ALL OXHILLIANS!!

Sadly I'm not here for the Scarecrow weekend so I won't be able to take any photos for next month's Oxhill News. I'm pleading with all Oxhillians to please please send me your pics of scarecrows, cakes, smiling children - all of your best!! I'm planning a 4 page spread! Big thank you!!

*Vanessa ed.    news-editor@oxhill.org.uk*





## SURVEYING FOR PARISH PLAN ABOUT TO BEGIN

The next stage of the Oxhill Parish Plan Project (which in future will be referred to as 'Oxhill's Future – Your Say') is about to take place. It will be a visual survey of all of the buildings in the village.

This is part of work to create a Village Design Statement, which will attempt to describe the physical look and style of our built environment, and capture what characterises Oxhill. Village Design Statements are commonly used to help local authorities, conservation bodies and planning officials to make decisions for or against any proposed new developments.

Not having a statement can put neighbourhoods at the mercy of inappropriate building styles, such as the introduction of four storey houses built in modern brick when all existing buildings are one and two storeys high and built using local stone, to give an extreme example.

Volunteers from the steering group will be photographing the exterior of a range of buildings in the parish from roadsides and arranging these as 'street scenes' to show Oxhill in its current appearance. They will be using a simple survey form to record basic information about each building such as the type of house, building construction, estimated date of construction and the type of boundary surrounding the property (if any). No personal household information will be collected or gathered nor any photography taken of the rear of individual premises.

If you see villagers with clipboards and cameras in the coming weeks, they will be part of the survey team. They will be happy to answer any questions you may have, if approached.

*And look out for a leaflet on the project and how you can get involved with your suggestions. It will be posted through your letterbox soon.*

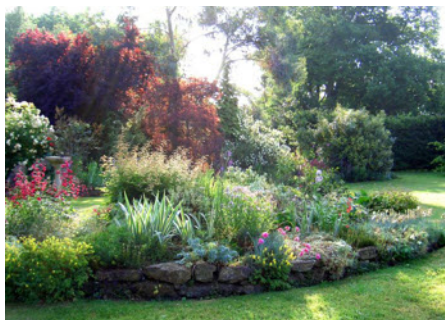
If you have any comments or concerns please feel free to contact [parish.planning@oxhill.org.uk](mailto:parish.planning@oxhill.org.uk) or Sue Hunt at Eudon, Whatcote Road (the Steering Group's Co-ordinator).

Thank you for your support.

# OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

By the time you read this the Plant Sale will have taken place and hopefully will have been a success. Dates for your diary now are:

June 20th at 7 pm the Garden Party for members and their partners at Sue and Alan Hedley's.



July 10th at 10 am, meet at South Newington House, Barford Road OX15 4JL [off A361] A 2 acre garden full of unusual plants, shrubs and trees. Cost for the visit to include a talk and refreshments is £6 for charity. If you fancy lunch afterwards The Horse and Groom or The Duck on the Pond at Milcombe are recommended-book first.

June 26th, visit to Ettington Recycling Unit at 10.am or 12 noon whichever you booked for.

*South Newington House Garden*

August 21st our day trip to Savill Gardens and the boat trip on the River. More details later but please let Reg have your £28.85 before the end of June-cheques payable to Oxhill Garden Club

What a lovely time the Garden Club has - why don't you join?

*Ruth Gibson*

**St Peter's Day Concert** at St Peter's Church, Whatcote.  
on Sunday June 30th at 7.30pm

## **ADDERBURY ENSEMBLE QUARTET**

Playing Dvorak, Haydn & Borodin

This concert is in association with Shipston Proms.

Tickets £12.50, accompanied children free, available  
from

Sue Price, 01295 680007 or e-mail

[susan.price@ukgateway.net](mailto:susan.price@ukgateway.net),

or on the door.





## WOT2GROW YOUR COMMUNITY ORCHARD

What a difference a month makes!! We have had such changeable weather that the poor plants haven't known if it was winter, spring or summer! Despite this we have been working at the orchard and made great progress on weeding, feeding and mulching. Members have taken time off from their gardens to work at the orchard and the results are obvious. We also have a great team of mowers who are doing their best to keep on top of the weeds, especially the dandelions.

The orchard is looking splendid! All but a couple of trees are in leaf and flower buds are breaking on the early fruit trees, like the Merton Worcester apples, and the cherries have been in flower for a couple of weeks. Our only casualties are from our grafting session early in 2012 – we need to practise a bit more!

The Red and white currants are setting fruit and the rest of the soft fruit is growing well so we hope for a great harvest this year.

We are working with the Kineton Scout Group to make a sensory/nectar garden to encourage bees, bumble bees and beneficial pollinators into the area. This is a great initiative and the designs from them are having a major input to the plan. They will also be doing planting and are sowing seeds in preparation, they are doing their bit so why not come along/join us and do your bit!!!

Evening sessions, from 7:00pm, will be held on Wednesdays 12th and 26th June and afternoon sessions, from 2:00pm, on Sundays 9th and 23rd June. The other sessions will be as now at 10:00am on Wednesdays and Sundays.

See us at [www.wot2grow.co.uk](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk)

*If you would like more details please contact one of the following: Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080), Graham Collier (680127), Julia Stirman (01608 686776), Pam Bennett (01608 652 222)*

# NOTES OF THE ANNUAL OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th MAY 2013 AT 8.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

The meeting, chaired by Grenville Moore, was attended by Parish Councillors Carol Taylor, David Hill Tom Heritage and Brian Badger.

## **MATTERS DISCUSSED**

### **Draft Core Strategy**

Carol Taylor gave a report of the progress being made by the Steering Committee. The Parish Council is fully supportive of this Steering Committee and has formally informed Stratford District Council that the Parish is now undertaking the production of a Parish Plan.

### **Planning**

Permission was granted at Church Farm that the use of the land and buildings, permitted, shall only be used for the purposes of specialist sheep housing, laboratory and veterinary facility for the purposes described in the application or for agricultural purposes only and for no other purpose (including any other purpose in Class B1 of the Schedule to the Town & Country Planning (use Classes) Order 1987.

Application for demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling at “The Maples”, Main Street was discussed and returned with no objection on planning grounds but with serious concerns regarding the water table to the rear of the property.

### **Finance**

Receipts and Payment Book for the year ended 31.3.13 was signed by the Chairman. The Annual Return for the year ended 31.3.13, Accounting statements and Annual Governance statement were signed by the Clerk and Chairman and now be passed for Audit.

The Clerk accepted an honorarium of £150 for the year, which included expenses. Mandatory Insurance cover was renewed at a premium of £201.03  
The sum of £178.77 was reclaimed from VAT.

### **Highways**

Repair to the cattle grid Nolands Road has again been requested, this is in a dangerous condition. Pot holes on the Whatcote/Shipston road have been notified for repair and a question asked about the length of time being taken to carry out work on the Whatcote/Brailes road.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 9th July 2013 at 8.00 pm in the Village Hall.

*Angela Kean, Clerk*

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 7th MAY 2013 AT 7.30 P.M. IN THE VILLAGE HALL

This meeting chaired by Grenville Moore, Chairman Oxhill Parish Council was attended by one member of the village and Parish Councillors.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, agreed and signed.

There were no matters arising.

Item discussed was concern about the water table to the rear of "The Maples".

*Angela Kean, Clerk*

### CHERINGTON, STOURTON AND SUTTON OPEN GARDENS IN JUNE

Cherington, Sutton and Stourton will be hosting an Open Gardens event

Sunday 23rd June and Sunday 30th June

1pm until 6pm

Open Gardens, plant sales, teas and cakes, ice-cream and summer fruit punch  
and art displays

£5 entry (*under 12s free*)

Come along and join in the fun!



Hearty congratulations to Katy Dowding and Stuart Whittaker on their wedding on 25th May! Stuart is very active in the Village Hall committee as well as being one of our Oxhill News couriers.

May your honeymoon never end!!





## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### June

Sunday 2nd	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 4th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 5th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Friday 7th	9:30	Weekday Walkers - see pg 2 for details
Saturday 8th	18:30	Village Hall - BBQ
Tuesday 11th		Grey landfill bin collection
Friday 14th	17 - 20:00	Tysoe School Barn Dance and Summer Festival
Saturday 15-16th		Scarecrow Weekend
Tuesday 18th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 19th	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Wednesday 19th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Thursday 20th	19:00	Oxhill Garden Club party
Friday 21st	9:30	Weekday Walkers - see pg 2 for details
Sunday 23rd	13 - 18:00	Cherington, Stourton and Sutton Open Gardens
Tuesday 25th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 26th	10 or 12:00	Oxhill Garden Club visit to Ettington Recycling Unit
Saturday 29th	10 - 12:00	Chernobyl Children Coffee Morning
Sunday 30th	13 - 18:00	Cherington, Stourton and Sutton Open Gardens
Sunday 30th	19:30	Adderbury Ensemble Quartet

### July

Saturday 6 - 7th	11 - 18:00	Four Artists at Oxhill at the Old Chapel
Sunday 7th	11:00	OWLS churchyard maintenance day
Tuesday 9th	20:00	Oxhill Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 10th	10:00	Garden Club visit to South Newington House
Friday 12th	19 - 21:00	Oxhill Artists Summer Exhibition
Sunday 14th		Village Hall - Boules Day

### August

Saturday 10th		Village Hall Maintenance day
Wednesday 21st		Oxhill Garden Club trip to Savill Gardens