

THE OXHILL NEWS

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Manor Field Cows

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MOBILE LIBRARY

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

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill every 3rd **Friday**, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30 and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on June 14th. For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays June 11th and 25th.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays June 4th and 18th.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

Weekday Walkers usually walk on the 4th Friday of each month. If you are interested in joining or to find out further information, please contact Jim Saxton on 680613 or saxton@talktalk.net

THE PEACOCK

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

The village lunch is on Wednesday June 19th.



THE NEW PLANTERS that are on the pavement area opposite the Pub are an absolute delight, with the fresh herbs that have been planted. Not only do they really enhance the area but we are sure they will attract Bees and Butterflies too.

A huge amount of gratitude and thanks to Grenville and Jane Moore, for their hard work in making them look great.

Neil & Angela Chick



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

REPORT FROM THE AGM

There was a good turnout for the Village Hall AGM on 30 April. As chair for the past 12 months, Jo Collings reported on another successful year which included a mix of old favourites including arguably the best Burns Night to date and a Village Christmas lunch which saw 55 people dined and entertained and a further 15 lunches delivered to homes; as well as new events including a Garage Sale and a Children's Family Tea Party.

During the year the village hall also accommodated groups for Aerobics, Pilates, Knit & Natter, Children's Dance classes, the Garden Club, an Art group and Parish Council meetings, and the hall was let out including to Cotswold Chickens on a regular basis and for occasional private events and celebrations.

A new committee was elected for 2019/20 as follows:

Jo Collings – Chair

John McKail – Treasurer

Gill Stewart – Secretary

Derek Harbour

Adrian Marklew

Sarah Bracher

Ali Sayer

Dominic Connolly

There was a presentation at the meeting on the results from the Village Hall Survey organised by Sarah Bracher and assisted by Ed Bracher to analyse the results.

THE VILLAGE HALL SURVEY

There were 42 responses from 128 surveys issued making for a decent response rate of 33%.

45% of respondents attend regular events but 19% said they didn't attend regular events.

43% attend events more than 5 times a year and 67% attend at least 3 times a year.

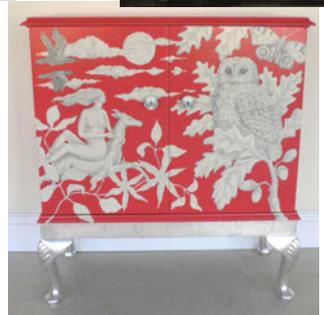
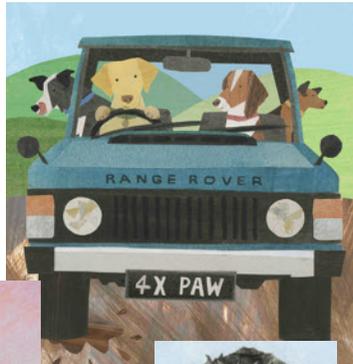
ART EXHIBITION

AS PART OF WARWICKSHIRE OPEN STUDIOS



JILL JEFFREY ALICE MERCER GRENVILLE MOORE

THE OLD CHAPEL, OXHILL, CV35 0QU
15 – 23 JUNE 2019
10.30 AM – 5.30 PM MONDAY – SATURDAY
11.00 AM – 4.00 PM SUNDAYS



43% have hired the hall at some time and 81% of this total reported it was a good experience.

People like the way village hall looks and feels, with location (33%) attracting the highest score then appearance next (24%).

As to be expected, the facilities and practical matters were the highest dislikes – heating a dislike (for 40%), size (33%), damp (21%), toilets (24%) and the kitchen (21%).

Needing to be addressed, according to respondents, are primarily the kitchen/bar and heating followed by the toilets. In fact seven areas to tackle have been identified which also cover capacity, layout, access and storage.

A large number of suggested events were mentioned that could be held at the village hall, with the highest scoring being live music (5), badminton (4) and film nights (3). These apart, people do like the role the village hall has in bringing friends together.

In other comments we had 6 people proposing demolishing the hall and rebuilding it and 3 people highlighting the need for better parking. 62% of respondents feel the external appearance of the hall is important, demolished and rebuilt – or not!

FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE HALL

All of the above leads us on to the subject of the future of the village hall which was discussed at the AGM.

Drafted plans were on show of how a reconfigured village hall with an extension at the rear of the building could create a new kitchen and bar area and new toilets including for disabled use. The idea would be to transform the hall so its width is 'opened up' by removing the internal wall.

Essentially, the village hall has a very sustainable programme of events and activities and income successfully meets the running costs and has managed to provide funds for regular maintenance, but the reality is that the building itself is no longer sustainable especially when you bear in mind the population of the village is set to increase and the current costs involved in managing the heating system and keeping on top of damp issues and the plumbing.

Therefore your village hall committee is going to work up a plan for the following, going forward:

Join us for a taste of The Gambia

St Mary's Church, Tysoe
Friday 7th June 7pm-9pm.
Gambian inspired 'paella' fish supper +



'Drums Aloud' a talented group of musicians will be performing West African drumming (djembe, dundun & balafon)

Come and try drumming!

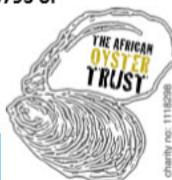
Tickets: £10 each includes fish supper, glass of wine or soft drink.

Children £2.50 each. To book call: 01295 680793 or

email shirleymgcherry@gmail.com

Raising funds for the African Oyster Trust, providing healthcare and pre-school education in The Gambia, West Africa.

www.africanoystertrust.co.uk



charity no: 1116298

- The renovation of the current building – to create a reconfigured and extended village hall which would include a new floor, kitchen, bar and toilets and also provide an increase in capacity; and which would resolve the current heating and damp issues.

What next?

We will now work with an architect to draw up detailed plans which we will make available for everyone living in the village to see and pass comment on, alongside an indication of the costs to renovate the village hall.

We are not sure when this will be but it will certainly be during the year. More details will be provided when known.

COMING NEXT...

THURSDAY 6 JUNE - THE WARMINGTON HOARD

We have arranged to have a speaker on a topic of local interest, namely the discovery in 2008 of a hoard of 1,141 Roman coins near Warmington. The subsequent discovery of another significant hoard has only recently been made public as you may have read in the local press. David Freke, a local archaeologist, is coming to tell us about both of these exciting discoveries and how they fit into the pattern of Roman occupation of this area.

So do come along for a **7.30pm start**, and learn about the Roman occupation of our locality.

A small entrance fee of £2.50 will be charged to support further archaeological investigations, and liquid refreshments (chargeable) will be available, if required.

COMING SOON...

SUNDAY 14 JULY - FAMILY GAMES, BOULES AND BBQ

Come along for an afternoon and evening of fun and good food! The Gardner Trophy will once again be up for grabs, currently held by Jo and Richard Collings. And there will be childrens' games as well. This traditional event has been blessed with good weather in recent years and we've put in an order for more of the same (but if wet, we will keep calm and carry on anyway!). We **start at 4pm** and the cost is £10 for adults; £5 for 13-19 year olds, and FREE for 12 and under.

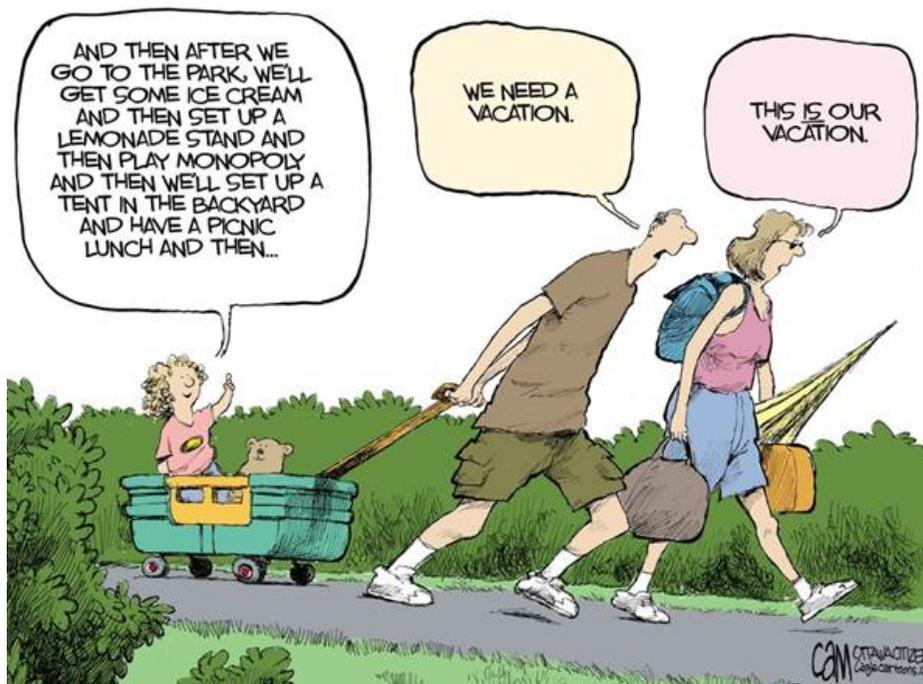
Please book your place by calling Ali Sayer on 07970 922352 or email ali.sayer@btinternet.com

SUNDAY 28 JULY – THE GREAT SHAKESPEARE RIDE

Once again Oxhill will be providing a feeding station for the many riders who take part in this charity bike ride raising funds for The Shakespeare Hospice.

Could you help out by providing cakes for the hungry riders or serving refreshments and cakes on the day? If so please **contact Jo Collings** (itsjcollings@gmail.com).

N.B. Oxhill is consistently one of the riders' favourite stops which probably won't surprise you!



PLOUGHMAN'S & PUDS

Sunday
9th June
12:30pm



In aid of
St. Lawrence's
Church,
Oxhill

ADULTS: £12

FAMILY TICKET: £30

or join us for a cream tea from 3:30pm: £3.50

at 'The Old House' garden (Old Chapel if wet)

by kind invitation of Colin and Jill Tucker

TOMBOLA • PRODUCE STALL • GAMES

Donations bar serving

PROSECCO, PINTS & PIMMS

(plus soft drinks & Rosé)

To book,
call Ruth Mercer
07400 615999

CHURCH FUNDRAISING EVENT

Ploughman's and Puds Summer Lunch

There won't be scarecrows in Oxhill this year, but we are hoping for the sun to shine on us at 12.30pm on Sunday 9th June, when we are holding a Summer Lunch and mini fete in the beautiful gardens of The Old House, by kind invitation of Colin and Jill Tucker. (If the weather is challenging, it will be in the Old Chapel). Join us for Ploughman's and Puds, all suitable for a lovely Summer's day, washed down with Pimms, Pints and Prosecco (or Rosé and soft drinks). The talented Oxhill cooks will be hard at work to provide the high quality and excellent value cuisine expected at such events. Tickets are only £12 per adult with a family ticket costing £30, which includes two adults and their school-age children. Preschool-age children eat for free. There will also be a Tombola and a home produce stall, along with games for the children. Please book your tickets well in advance by calling or emailing Ruth Mercer (details below).

Later in the afternoon, we will be serving **Cream Teas** at £3.50 for anyone who has room for more food or for people who can't join us for lunch.

As we are a very small committee, we would welcome all offers of help: even if you can only spare half an hour, all help is greatly appreciated. There will be tables and chairs to move, plus setting up and clearing away as well as the Tombola, produce stall and games to arrange.

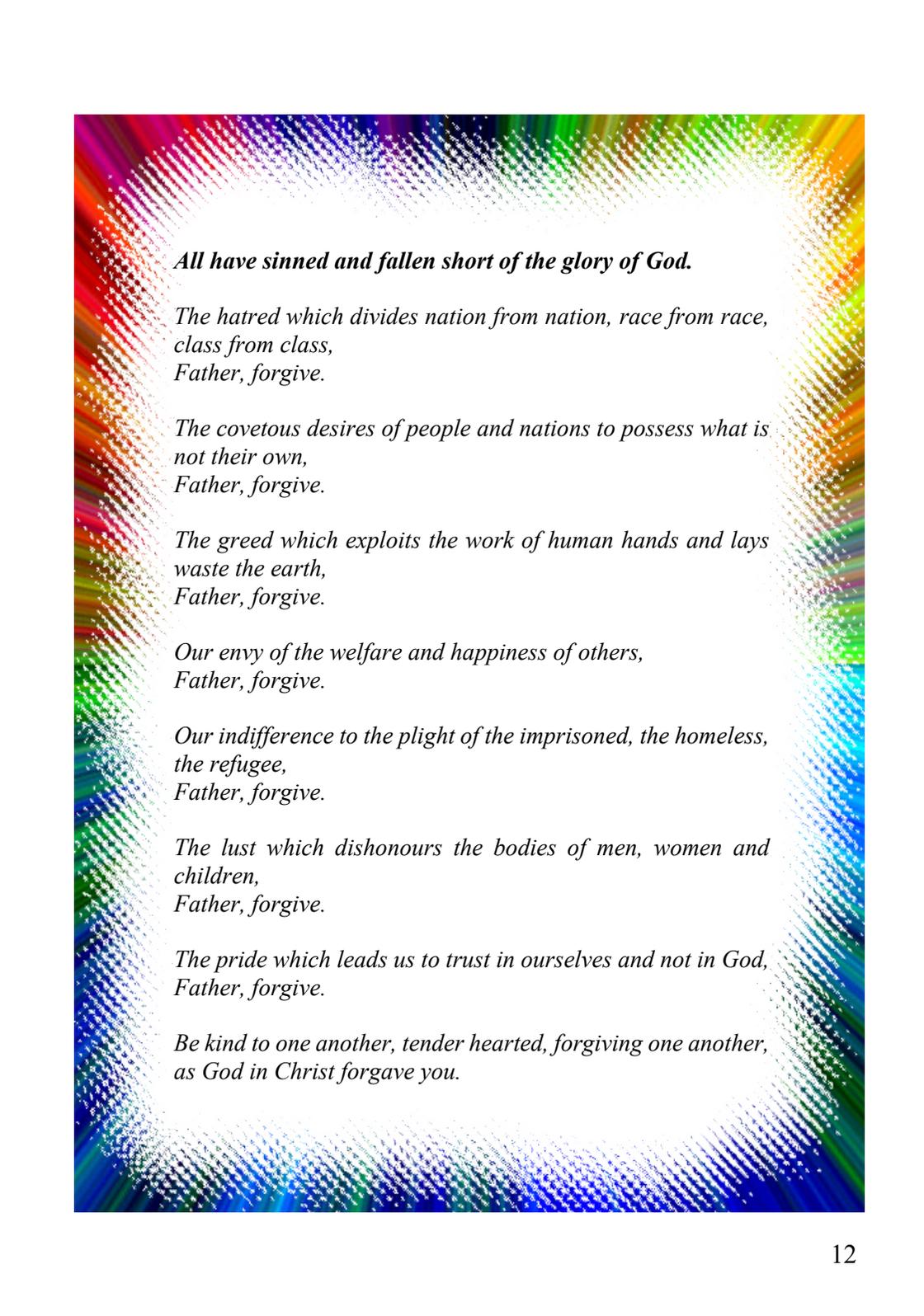
Do you have anything that we could sell on the home produce stall, or that would be suitable for the Tombola? Please contact Ruth Mercer if you have things to donate.

Ruth Mercer 07400 615999 or ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com

DEANERY NEWS FOR JUNE

Not quite in June, but if this reaches you before the end of May, don't forget the **Deanery Ascension Day Service**, on Thursday, May 30th at 7.30 pm, which this year is in Stretton, with Bishop John preaching and presiding. As ever, if the weather permits, we will start outside for the first few minutes.

There will be a **Confirmation Service**, led by Bishop Christopher, on **Sunday, June 23rd at 4.00 pm** at Tysoe Church.



All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God.

*The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race,
class from class,
Father, forgive.*

*The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is
not their own,
Father, forgive.*

*The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays
waste the earth,
Father, forgive.*

*Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Father, forgive.*

*Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless,
the refugee,
Father, forgive.*

*The lust which dishonours the bodies of men, women and
children,
Father, forgive.*

*The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God,
Father, forgive.*

*Be kind to one another, tender hearted, forgiving one another,
as God in Christ forgave you.*

Finally, there is a Deanery Synod on **Tuesday, June 25th at 7.30 pm** in **Long Compton Church**. Richard Cooke was hoping to come to speak about Luke, but he has had to re-schedule his visit, and hopefully will be with us in the autumn. This Synod is my last Synod as Area Dean, so we are going to take the chance to celebrate the life of Shipston Deanery, to look back over the last decade, and also to look ahead to the needs of our Deanery, and the wider world, for the next decade or more. It also gives us a chance to welcome Sarah Edmonds, Rector of Shipston, as the new Area Dean. I do hope you will be able to join us.

Every blessing, Jill

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS, JUNE 2019

Sunday, 2nd June	9.30 am Parish Communion	<i>Tom Moffatt</i>
Wednesday, 5th June	10.00 am in Oddcot , Holy Communion	<i>Jill Tucker</i>
Sunday, 9th June	Day of Pentecost	
	9.30 am Morning Worship for Pentecost	<i>Jill Tucker</i>
Sunday, 16th June	9.30 am Parish Communion	<i>Jill Tucker</i>
Sunday, 23rd June	We support those who are being confirmed: 4.00 pm Confirmation Service in Tysoe with Bishop Christopher	
Sunday, 20th June	11.00 am Five Churches United Service in Whatcote , with Rev Pam Howell, Vicar of Willenhall, Coventry	

And also: **Sunday, June 9th, Pentecost Sunday**, a Pentecost Summer Party in the gardens of The Old House. Weather permitting, there will be a Summer Lunch and mini fete in the garden. There will be a ploughman's lunch, afternoon tea and games etc, raising funds for the church. (It will move to The Old Chapel if the weather is horrid.)



TYSOE NGS OPEN GARDENS
SATURDAY 1ST & SUNDAY 2ND JUNE 2019
2.00 - 6.00PM

Once again a group of 10 gardens in Tysoe will be celebrating the start of June by opening their gates on behalf of the NGS charities. Could you please give us a mention in your village news?

We can't guarantee perfect weather, but we can promise a warm welcome, a good afternoon's stroll (or free bus ride) round an interesting variety of gardens, and an excellent WI tea in the village hall.

More information at www.ngs.org.uk/find-a-garden/garden/33230/

SWAN SINGERS

Sonnets & Spirituals, an afternoon concert followed by Tea & Cakes, with the Swan Singers and Omnium Gatherum on **Saturday 8th June, 2.30pm in Kineton Village Hall.**

This is a free concert with a raffle and retiring collection. Everyone is very welcome to join us on this informal summer afternoon.
 Tel: 07852970049 for further details.



OXHILL GARDEN CLUB AND VILLAGE DAY TRIP

AEROSPACE BRISTOL AND DYRHAM PARK

Thursday 8th August



Bristol Aerospace Museum

Our annual day trip is open to all the village and this year will be a coach trip to the recently opened **Aerospace Bristol Museum** which features the last Concorde and many other exhibits, followed by a visit to the **Dyrham Park** house and gardens.

Johnsons are providing the coach and we need a minimum of 35 people to make this viable.

Coach pick-ups will start from Oxhill at 8am, and follow through Tysoe and Kington if necessary.

Arriving at Bristol at 10.15 am, there is plenty of time to see all the exhibits and walk through Concorde in its full passenger ready state. Take a look at the museum website to see all the other attractions. Time for lunch at one of the eateries before leaving at 1pm for Dyrham Park which is only 40 minutes away. This is a National Trust property and if you are not a member you will have to pay for this. Please see their website for details. There is transport from the car park to the house for those who don't fancy the 15 minute walk. Leaving the Park at 4.30pm we arrive back home at about 6.30pm.



Dyrham Park

Both venues have wheelchair access to all parts.

The cost is £33 per person.

We need to have your booking by the end of June latest, and payment by mid-July.

The sooner we know you are coming the better, so please contact me at any time from now on.

Peter Rivers Fletcher

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GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE

The Garden Club Plant Sale is a popular event in the village, even when it rains as it did this time in May.

As co-editor of the Oxhill News I would like to extend my thanks and well-wishes to Douglas Nethercleft who has given the News wonderful and colourful articles about Garden Club for years. We wish Douglas and Anne all the best for their future where ever they may go. ~ ed. *Vanessa*



DRAFT PRECIS OF OXHILL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES HELD ON 14TH MAY 2019 AT 7.30PM

Report from Parish Council

Another busy year with the main drivers being Planning Applications to review and comment upon, speeding in the village concerns and the ongoing saga of Leys Field.

The Parish Council had something in excess of 20 Planning Applications to review and comment upon. The proposed development at Church View consuming considerable effort and external expertise as it came around a few times as the owner of the land refused to accept both the PC view and that of SDC that it was an undesirable development. The other Application that the PC saw several times was that of various phases of the Manor's reconstruction but this time the Applications were for positive improvements.

Speeding in the village, largely but not solely, by outsiders, occupied a considerable amount of time as the PC debated amongst themselves and with professionals from Warwickshire County Council (WCC) Traffic Department what could be achieved. The PC have agreed a scheme with WCC, had it costed and placed an order for some new signage in the village and hope that work will be completed this summer. The PC consider this scheme to be a 'base' solution and expect that they shall have to do more to try to slow down traffic in the village, the issue will continue to be discussed and new solutions implemented.

The development on Leys Field continues to cause concern amongst the PC. It appears as though the development was approved under some old set of rules that seems to allow the Developer to make changes, to the scheme that he submitted and was approved by SDC, without the need for any further approvals, which is very disappointing. The PC will continue to monitor the situation and make representations wherever possible.

The developments by Piper Homes on Green Lane and Whatcote Road have also required monitoring, attention and correspondence as that Developer continues to flout the few rules that they were given (SDC 'forgot' to include in their Planning Approval certain rules that would have required them to 'manage' the site in a better manner!).

Two prominent Councillors decided to stand down at the end of the fiscal year, Grenville Moore and Duncan Harper. Both of these gentlemen made strong contributions to the PC's work over the last several years and the PC are grateful to them for the time they have expended on behalf of the village. The Chair was pleased to welcome both Peter Rivers-Fletcher and Malcolm Robertson to the PC to join Lis Stuart, Sue Hunt, Christine Coles (Clerk) and himself.

Report from County Councillor Chris Williams

Introduction – The past year has been routinely administered and Oxhill has avoided some of the pressures that have been experienced elsewhere in the county. During the past year Warwickshire County Council (WCC) has restructured the Children's Centres. Some have been closed and others have had the focus of their operations rewritten. Five senior Officers are retiring from the County Council before the end of April and with Brexit uncertainties and the political purdah as a result of the forthcoming District Council elections in four of the five County's District Councils in May the routines of the Council has been altered.

Finance - The Budget was set by the full council for the next financial year on 7th February 2019. The overall riding strategy has been two-fold: to grow the economy and look after the most vulnerable in our community. The economy in Warwickshire is strong and is now recognised to be the fastest growing region in the country. At 30% growth since 2009, this is double the rate in England and 10% higher than the midland region. The unemployment figure is at a record low of 1.8% and the employment rate is also at a record high of 80.7% which is 5% higher than the national figure. The task facing the local authority is to create an environment that is pro-business and an attractive place to live and work. By working with their partners and the districts and boroughs as well as maintaining excellent relationships as a non-constituent member of the West Midlands Combined Authority the County Council have been very successful in attracting businesses and people to Warwickshire.

One example of this wider influence is the £80 million investment in the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre located on the Coventry/Warwickshire border which translates into jobs and rateable value for Warwickshire. In the autumn statement announced by the government Warwickshire will receive a one-off Social Care grant of £6 million plus £1.2 million for vulnerable pupils. With the principle of protecting the most vulnerable in our communities and the investment that requires we have increased the Council Tax by 3% with an additional Social Care precept of 2%. There have been no controversial reductions in the budget spending for next year.

WCC are about to start the third year of a three-year plan which was originally set in 2017 where WCC mapped out how they were going to deliver services to the high standards the residents were used to and at the same time making savings of £67 million. To date they have achieved this target. Be assured that Warwickshire County Council has a sound financial basis and problems that have affected authorities such as Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire will not occur in Warwickshire.

The County's revenue finances are in a healthy state with sufficient contingency reserves to cover any foreseen events. Future income streams are unknown as the movement away from Government Grants towards Business Rates as a source of funding is continuing with pilot schemes in some authorities. Council Tax continues to be capped although ring-fenced increases are allowed to meet specific budgets. The capital budget is mainly allocated to Schools and Highway projects to meet the population increase.

Public Health and Adult Care – The County Council held a Public Interest Debate recently on the subject of combined working between Health and Adult Services. This topic has been on the national agenda since Public Health was transferred back to local government nearly 10 years ago. It was clear that one of the major problems is communicating between authorities and the conflict between sharing information and breaching personal privacy (Human Rights). There are moves towards integrated working which will need support and legislation from the government.

Schools - The County Council's responsibility with respect to education, has been diluted since the introduction of Academies and Free Schools. It is the County's responsibility to ensure there are sufficient school places to meet the needs, that pupils can access their local school and that there is sufficient provision of "Good" education for those with Special Education Needs. There are only two Secondary Schools in the County that are not Academies. One of these is Kineton High School.

The Fire Service – The County Council is the Fire Authority for Warwickshire and the recent inspection report is being assessed. Most of the areas of concern relate to administrative and HR areas. The fire prevention and operations are rated Good. A new Chief Fire Officer has joined the County Council. Over the past years there have been initiatives to link up the Fire Service provision with adjacent authorities. Any merger is complex and this one has proved difficult. WCC are presently looking at a form of collaboration with West Midlands Fire Service. At present there is a national debate regarding a combined Blue Light service between the Police, Fire and Ambulance Services.

Highways - It is noticeable that a number of road closures and traffic disruptions are currently taking place. There are a large number of housing developments, all requiring additional utility services and road improvements, which are adding to the congestion.

Cllr Williams ended his report on a good news story in as much as Warwickshire County Council has been named the Country's Joint Top Performing County Council for Highway Maintenance. Warwickshire was among 113 highway authorities, including 28 County Councils, which took part in a national independent survey which looks at satisfaction with Highways and Transport Services.

Warwickshire came out joint top for public satisfaction amongst County Councils for Highway Maintenance, condition of road surfaces and the quality of repair to damaged roads. The Council also ranked amongst the best in other areas, including condition of road markings, speed of repair to damaged roads, keeping drains clear and dealing with potholes.

This is an excellent result and reflects the continued hard work and commitment of Warwickshire County Council's Highways Staff.

Open Forum

Cllr Hunt asked if the Parish Council are doing enough to welcome and involve new residents. The Welcome Pack is ongoing and should be ready for the summer. The village hall put on lots of events which are communicated via the newsletter. Cllr Williams added that a lot of other villages are going through regrowth.

TYSOE W.I.



A group of us visited Pure - Ettington Recycling centre, where we all were amazed at what happens to our rubbish. We heard all about the plant, how it started and how it operates, the staff, the world markets, and most importantly how we can all do our bit!

Washing out plastic bottles, cans, food trays so as not to contaminate the lines., and s just one small difference we can make. Our area is pretty good and only produce around 8-10% of waste that hasn't been recycled to be passed on to be used in new products etc. Well worth a visit, they welcome groups. Of course we followed this by the obligatory tea and cake, at Monkeybean cafe at Shenington.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday June 5th , 7.30pm when we welcome Lady Kira Dalton who will be speaking on The African Oyster Trust. Visitors welcome. Come and join us and enjoy a glass of wine.

We have a few spaces for our Willow Weaving Workshop on Saturday June 8th at 3.00pm. This will be a three hour workshop when we will be making a willow obelisk, ideal for climbing plants. £35 for non members, inc. refreshments. Email tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com to book or for more information.

We also have a few spaces left for our Group outing to Highclere, the home of "Downton Abbey" on Tuesday July 16th, £23.50.

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DRAFT PRECIS OF OXHILL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON 14TH MAY 2019 AT 8PM

New Councillors were elected in early May for a four year period. The Councillors were introduced as follows: Cllr Harbour, Cllr Hunt, Cllr Rivers-Fletcher, Cllr Roberston and Cllr Stuart.

Elections

Cllr Harbour was elected as Chairperson. Cllr Stuart was elected as Vice-Chairperson.

Minutes of 12th March 2019

These were approved and signed.

Matters Arising

The recent litter pick was well attended.

Report from County Cllr Chris Williams

April is the last month of the council year and is very quiet. Steps are being taken to implement new procedures and all Council members are getting to know new Officers. Add to this the uncertainties of Brexit and the political purdah as a result of the forthcoming District elections in four of the five District/Borough Councils. No decisions have been taken that would impact Oxhill.

One important issue that the County want resolving is the long awaited Green paper by parliament on the importance of social care. The issue of guidance has been delayed for two years during the domination of parliamentary time due to Brexit. Warwickshire has the highest ageing population which is increasing.

Update on Traffic Calming

A scheme has been agreed with Warwickshire County Council. The total cost of the project is £5.7K. Cllr Chris Williams has agreed to give a grant of £3K. This leaves a balance of £2.7K to be paid by the Parish Council. Thanks was given to Cllr Williams. An order has been placed with the contractor.

Training for Councillors

There is free training available for Councillors and a planning workshop in September.

Objectives for the year

There is sufficient money in the budget to look at future projects.

The following objectives were agreed for the year:

1. Professional planning advice if needed.
2. Additional traffic calming measures.
3. Bus Shelter.

Finance

The following payments were approved:

£797.75 to Marshalls Landscape Products (Planters) – 18/19 payment
£19.76 to L Stuart (website)
£16.00 to SLCC (Clerks membership)
£103.44 to Jane Moore (herbs for planters)
£126.00 to WALC (membership)

Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2018/19 Part 2

To approve and sign the Certificate of Exemption. The form was approved and signed by the Chair and RFO.

To approve and sign Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement. The form was approved and signed by the Chair and RFO.

To approve and sign Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2018/19. The form was approved and signed by the Chair and RFO.

Councillors reports

It was agreed for Grenville Moore to continue liaising with Stratford District Council about the illegal tree felling in Church Orchard and represent the Parish Council for matters to do with the Leys Field.

The Chair gave an update on the security marking event held recently. The response was very pleasing and a lot of kits were purchased.

Date and time of next meeting, 9th July 2019 at 8pm in the village hall

DENE VALLEY U3A

On the 2nd Tuesday of every month our organisation hosts a presentation on a topic of general interest starting at 2.30pm in St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne. All welcome. Non members £2 which includes refreshments.



THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

Dene Valley U3A will host a presentation by John Mayell on the "Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway - Past, Present and Future". John and some of his volunteer colleagues will provide an insight into the tremendous work that has been accomplished and describe the scope of what is currently being undertaken to enable these giants of steam travel to keep on running for the enjoyment of us all.

This will take place at St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne, on Tues 9th July starting at 2.30pm. Non-members are welcome to attend at a nominal charge of £2 which includes refreshments. If you would like to know more about us and possibly even consider joining our organisation, then please visit our website at <http://www.denevalleyu3a.btck.co.uk> or go to our Facebook page.



Carers4Carers

Finding support through supporting each other

Friday 28th June 10.30 – 12 noon: Carers4Carers monthly meeting at Kineton Village Hall.

Sophie Huddleston from Sophie's Seasonal Plants (what used to be the Red Road Nursery in Little Kineton) will be sharing some of her brilliant ideas for easy gardening. Do come and join us for coffee, biscuits, and a chat. Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group.

For more details, including help with transport, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL - MAY 2019 UPDATE

We started this term with a visit by the new Reception children who will join us full-time in September. Hannah and Lyra, currently in Beech Class, did a brilliant job meeting and greeting the new children and their parents. We look forward to a series of visits so the children can make the transition with confidence.

Like all schools in the country, May is a busy time for seven and eleven year olds as they take their SATs. We are proud of our children who were calm and well-prepared so they were able to approach the tests with confidence. We now look forward to different challenges both in and out of the classroom. Writing continues to be an important focus and there will of course be exciting trips, performances and whole school projects like multi-cultural week to motivate children.

Music plays an important part in the curriculum at Tysoe and this year we have introduced piano and keyboard lessons taught by Mrs Belcher. In their first concert, eleven children played either a solo or duet in front of the whole school. Everyone successfully conquered their nerves to play skilfully.



Our curriculum is enriched by creative activities. Following their visit to the British

Museum, Willow Class have successfully designed and decorated clay pots, now displayed in our library. Children in Silver Birch Class have

enjoyed making pesto pasta. The aroma of basil, garlic, pine nuts and lemon juice was very appetising.



Soon, we are having a focus week to give children aspirations. Parents in a variety of occupations will talk about their chosen careers. We hope to inspire the children to see the value of their school learning as steps in a wider picture. The younger children have also been motivated to take up new challenges by the National Trust leaflet '50 things to do before you're 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ years old'.

Visits from prospective parents are welcome. Contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295 680244.

Jenny Coates, Head of School





SHIPSTON HOME NURSING

Here is a list of Shipston Home Nursing Fundraising June events to support the wonderful and vital charity of Shipston Home Nursing.

Find out more on the SHN website: www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk

June 2019

June Restaurant Scheme

June 1 @ 9:00 am - June 30 @ 11:30 pm

*The Bower House, Market Place
Shipston on Stour, Warwickshire CV36 4AG + [Google Map](#)*



Local restaurant The Bower House will be supporting our Restaurant Scheme this month. Paul & his team are looking forward...

[Find out more »](#)

June walk with Ian McConnel

June 4 @ 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*Red Lion, Main Street, Long Compton
Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire CV36 5JS United Kingdom + [Google Map](#)*

Donations



Date: Tuesday 4th June

Time: 6pm

Location: The Red Lion, Long
Compton

[Find out more »](#)

Summer Shopping Day at Cider Mill Barns

June 13 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cider Mill Barns, Long Marston Road
Pebworth, Warwickshire CV37 8GF United Kingdom + [Google Map](#)

£5



Date: Thursday 13th June
Location: Cider Mill Barns, Pebworth,
CV37 8GF
Time: 10am-3pm
Costs: Lunch £10 per person

[Find out more »](#)

Bottle Stall Wellesbourne

June 15 @ 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm



Saturday 15th June Wellesbourne
Summer Street Fair 12.30-4pm A fun
day out for all the family. More
information soon. Follow...

[Find out more »](#)

Garden Flowers in a Trug

June 18 @ 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Ashorne Village Hall, Ashorne
Warwick, CV35 9DR United Kingdom + [Google Map](#)

£45



Date: Tuesday 18th June
Location: Ashorne Village Hall
Time: 6.30pm
Cost: £45

[Find out more »](#)



WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

Still unsure if it is summer!! Warm May days have had cold, even frosty, nights and the plants have been doing the hokey-cokey! The early blossom turned brown but new blossom has appeared on many of the apple trees and some of the pears. The Bramley apples have had their best show of blossom for a few years so that is positive! There is no sign of any plums, greengages or damsons which is such a shame after last year's promising harvest.



Cowslips doing well

The apricots have suffered badly with 80-90% of the foliage blackened and dead but new leaves are appearing as the weather improves. So no fruit after last year's wonderful taste of a few sun ripened apricots!

We have had a great month of pruning the currants and gooseberries and getting the mypex in place but again it looks like a smaller crop this year. The blueberries are doing their best having lost a lot of blossom but looks like we have a reasonable set, all they need is water which has been a bit short in the form of rain in the last month.

The mowers have been active and managing to keep the dandelions at bay and all the wind breaks have been cut back and are beginning to form a good hedge on two sides of the orchard, should eventually break that ferocious wind that comes down from the hills!!

Summer pruning will start in June when we can cut back the plum family, cherries, peaches and nectarines.

Why not help out and support the environment as well as getting great fruit! We are just behind the allotments on the Shenington Road in Tysoe!

More information?

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080) or see the website www.wot2grow.co.uk



Frost and Wind Damage on Apples



New Foliage on Apricot in May

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

June

Sat-Sun 1st-2nd	14:00-16:00	Tysoe NGS Open Gardens
Monday 3rd	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 4th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 5th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Wednesday 5th	19:30	Lady Kira Dalton, The African Oyster Trust, Tysoe WI
Friday 7th	19:00	The Gambia, St Mary's Church, Tysoe
Saturday 8th	15:00	Willow Weaving Workshop, Tysoe WI
Thursday 6th	19:30	The Warmington Hoard, Village Hall
Saturday 8th	14:30	Swan Singers, Kineton Village Hall
Sunday 9th	12:30	Ploughman's and Puds, The Old Chapel
	15:30	Cream teas, The Old Chapel
Monday 10th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 11th		Green & Blue bin collection
Friday 14th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Saturday 15th		Oxhill News submission deadline
Saturday 15th- 23rd		Art Exhibition, The Old Chapel
Monday 17th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 18th		Grey landfill bin collection
Sunday 19th		Village Lunch, The Old Chapel
Monday 24th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 25th		Green & Blue bin collection
Friday 28th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Friday 28th	10:30-12	Carer4Carers Meeting, Kineton Village Hall

July

Tuesday 9th	14:30	'Gloucestershir & Warwickshire Steam Railway - Past, Present & Future', Dene Valley U3A, St Peter's Church, Wellesbourne
Sunday 14th	16:00	Family Games, Boules & BBQ, Village Hall
Tuesday 16th		Group outing to Highclere, Tysoe WI
Sunday 28th		The Great Shakespeare Ride, Village Hall

August

Thursday 8th		Aerospace Bristol & Dyrham Park, Garden Club
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