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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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A welcome first sign of Spring

Thanks to Gaida and Jerry Webb

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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 village Church.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

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

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill, stopping at the Village Hall at the new time of 14:30, staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Friday March 21st.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

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

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

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

This walking group usually walks on 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month.

If you are interested please contact Jim Saxton on 680645 or email [saxton@talktalk.net](mailto:saxton@talktalk.net)

## AT THE PEACOCK

**Quiz Night** on Sunday 2nd March at 8pm.

### Village Events

Village Lunch on March 19th at 12:30.

The Village Coffee morning will be on Wednesday 5th March at 10.30am.



# ST.LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL

## SERVICES IN MARCH

*All are warmly welcome*

<b>Sunday 2nd Quinquagesima</b>	9.30am Parish Communion (ML)
<b>Ash Wednesday 5th</b>	HC at Brailes (9.30am) and Tysoe (10.30am)
<b>Friday 7th</b>	10.30am Womens World Day of Prayer area service at Shipston Methodist Church
<b>Sunday 9th Lent I</b>	9.30am Sunday Praise (BR)
<b>Sunday 16th Lent II</b>	9.30am Parish Communion (Rev George Warner)
<b>Sunday 23rd Lent III</b>	9.30am Parish Communion (NM)
<b>Mothering Sunday 30th</b>	9.30am Special Family Service (Rev Jill Tucker)

This day will be marked at St Lawrence at 9.30am with a special service celebrating the family, with posies of flowers all round, and refreshments afterwards. Everyone is very welcome.

*For other services in the benefice please see porch notice board*

## FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

**Weddings: congratulations and best wishes to**

Feb.14th Hannah Robbins & Wayne Ashpole

## VICARAGE NOTES

Please do join us for a **PANCAKE SUPPER**

On Shrove Tuesday, March 4th, 6.00pm til 8.00pm ish.

At The Old House, Back Lane, Donations towards Christian Aid

### Lent 2014

All are warmly invited to the Deanery Lent Services again this year, especially the first at Tysoe on Tues. March 11th at 7.30pm. Full details are in the Deanery notice in the News.

Lent is, of course, the time that Christians have used for centuries to consider their faith – its importance to them and the best way to put it into action – not so much by saying no, but in saying yes in ways that will reveal compassion and care. The communion prayer for Lent I seems just right:

*O Lord our God, who hast renewed us with the living bread from heaven,  
and dost nourish our faith, increase our hope and strengthen our love:  
incline our hearts always to hunger for him who is the true and living bread  
and give us grace to live by every word that proceedeth out of thy mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Restoration Project

Please support the concert next month by the Carice Singers – a highly professional choir - in aid of the appeal. The scaffolding and temporary hut should be erected this month and work on the roof begin. There will be some inconvenience, but the contractors, Croft Conservation, will try and keep it to a minimum.

### In our prayers

We remember all whose lives have been turned upside down by the severe weather and flooding, particularly farmers whose livelihoods have been put under great stress. The church supports the “Farming Community Network” a charity that provides advice and support across the country - a worthy recipient of donations this Lent.

Best wishes and God bless,

*Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230*

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

## DEANERY NEWS, MARCH 2014

As ever, we welcome everyone to join us at one of our **Deanery Lent Services** held at Churches across the Deanery. This year we shall be studying the Beatitudes, using the book Life Attitudes by Robert Warren and Sue Mayfield, copies of which are available for those who wish to continue the theme of the services into their various small groups. All services are on Tuesdays at 7.30pm:

March 11th, Tysoe **Living well** – Introducing the Beatitudes,  
Matthew 5:3-10. Revd. Canon Dr Richard Cooke, Principal, Diocesan  
Training Partnership

March 18th, Shipston **Living Openly**, Matthew 5:3,4 Revd.  
Canon Katrina Scott, Vicar of Willenhall, Dean of Women's Ministry

March 25th, Ettington **Living Purposefully**, Matthew 5:5-6 Revd.  
Stuart Allen, Rector SW7 Benefice

April 1st, Brailes **Living Lovingly**, Matthew 5:7,8 Revd.  
Canon Martin Saxby, Healthy Churches Development Mentor

April 8th, Pillerton **Living Differently**, Matthew 5:7-9 Revd.  
Daniel Pulham, Minister of Stour Valley Baptist Church

April 15<sup>th</sup> Long Compton: **Eucharist of Holy Week**, Ven. John  
Green, Archdeacon Pastor.

Our **Ascension Day Service** this year will be at Darlingscott, at 7.30pm  
on Thursday, May 29th: our preacher will be Revd. Andrew Coleby,

Rector of Shipston.

An advance notice that **Instant Choirs** is back, on Saturday, May 17th, from 2.00 pm until 5.15pm (registration from 1.30 onwards) in St. Gregory's Church, Tredington. We are delighted that Julian Harris has completed and is teaching us the whole of the Shipston Mass (we used parts for the Archbishop), so the day will end with a short Eucharist using the Shipston Mass setting at 5.30pm, finishing at 6.15pm.

Finally, new **Deanery Synod Representatives** will need to be elected at the year's Annual Parochial Church Meetings. My thanks to everyone who has served so faithfully for the last three years.

*Blessings, Jill*

## SHIPSTON HOME NURSING

Saturday March 22nd 9.30am-12.00 noon

## SPRING VINTAGE & 2<sup>nd</sup> HAND CLOTHES SALE

Sheldon Bosley Hub. Shipston-on-Stour CV36 4DQ

To book a rail please call Rebecca 01608 674 929, please call soon to avoid disappointment

Or we would be grateful for any clothes in perfect condition to sell on to raise funds for the Charity.

## THE CARICE SINGERS

Our Spring fundraiser this year is an evening with the Carice Singers. The choir is led by George Parris, grandson of Ros Henry. They are very talented and have a good following in South Warwickshire. The date is Saturday April 12th at 7.30 pm and the venue will be St Mary's Church in Tysoe. We anticipate a larger audience than we have seats for in Oxhill church and Tysoe has readily agreed for us to use St. Mary's. The 19 strong Choir members come from all over the UK and we will need to provide 2 nights accommodation. We have already had offers but need more so if anyone feels that they could take one or two members for the 11th and 12th could you please let me know.

*Carol Fox 680223*





**Are we going to see anything like this before winter ends?**

## WHATCOTE ROAD DRAIN REPLACEMENT WORKS

As a resident of Whatcote Road I naturally take great interest in the progress of the drain replacement project. Now that they have got past Main Street it is again easy to get in and out of the Village, though as expected, there will be a couple of days when you can't get the car on or off the drive.

We have been most impressed by the care and consideration shown to us by the workers who have endured some grim winter weather over the past few weeks, and commend their cheerfulness under these circumstances. Here they are having



a coffee break while Whatcote road residents show their appreciation to the contractors who are replacing the sewage pipe. Coffee and cake were served for elevenses. The carrot cake was made by James and Freya..

*Mick Shepard and Roger Goodman*

## INTRODUCTION TO BEEKEEPING

Shipston Beekeepers are holding an "Introduction to Beekeeping" day on Saturday 29th March at Oxhill Village Hall, Main Street , Oxhill CV35 0QU . The day will deal with the basics of beekeeping for the complete beginner or those with very limited experience of this craft.

Arrive at 09.30 for coffee prior to a prompt 10.00 start. Refreshments, a light lunch and a practical beekeeping reference manual are included in the day's price of £45. The event is scheduled to finish at 15.30 approx. Contact Douglas Nethercleft on 07850 352905 or [djn0001@aol.com](mailto:djn0001@aol.com) to book your place. Numbers are limited.

*Douglas Nethercleft*

## OXHILL OIL CONSORTIUM

Just a reminder that if you need oil it must be ordered by 6pm on 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Please order using [oil@oxhill.org.uk](mailto:oil@oxhill.org.uk)

*Mick & Barbara Shepard*

## OXHILL ART GROUP

The Art Group has just completed its first six-week term. After a short break the group will start again on Wednesday 26 March from 10.00 am to 12.00 pm. We run for six-week blocks. The cost is £50.00 for the six-week course or £10.00 a session if you can't do the full course. We have some available places, so come and relax for two hours and explore your inner creativity. All welcome.

*Grenville Moore – 01295 680664*

## KNIT & NATTER

Our February sessions have again been very well supported and in March we have meetings on Thursdays, the 6th and 20th at 2.00pm.

The group have been busy knitting and crocheting blankets, teddies and babies' clothes for our charity 'Greenfields for Africa'. These will be shipped out to Africa where they are distributed to clinics in Uganda and Western Kenya. The organisers are at present out there visiting the clinics. We always welcome donations of double knitting wool.

One of our group, Sue Robbins is courageously learning to make 'pillow' lace being taught by Janice of Tysoe.



Please feel free to come along for a cup of tea and to 'Knit & Natter'. Also don't forget the BOOK EXCHANGE. If you'd like to know more, then call Tricia Harbour on 680676 or just turn up and join in.

Thanks to Joyce and Katrina McKail for pictures and information.



## OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – UPCOMING EVENTS

*Please note that The Village Hall will continue to operate as normal during the Sewer Renewal works in Whatcote Road. Residents of Whatcote Road are welcome to use the Car Park at their own risk but please be mindful of classes and events that are scheduled to take place therein. The Hall is used every Monday evening between 6.00pm and 8.00pm, every Wednesday between 9.30am and 12.30pm, every Thursday morning between 9.00am and 11.00am plus the events listed below.*

### **A Celtic Friday Night @ The Village Hall – 14 March, 2014**

A welcome return for one of our casual Friday Night events with a Celtic theme comprising of a Welsh Lamb Casserole followed by an Irish Dessert, all for £8.50 per person and doors will be open from 7.30 pm onwards.

Tickets will be available from Tricia Harbour on 680676

### **An English Friday Night @ The Village Hall – 11 April, 2014**

Another casual Friday Night event but this time with an English theme; Shakespeare's Birthday & St George's Day on the 23rd of April makes this a good reason to celebrate being English with a very English Supper of Cottage Pie and Vegetables (a Veggie version of Cottage Pie will be available) plus a pudding and a quiz all for £9 per person. Food will be available between 8.00pm and 9.30pm and the quiz will be held at a convenient point during the evening.

Tickets will be available from Audrey Reid on 688148

### **Village Hall Committee AGM – Tuesday, 29 April**

The Village Hall Committee AGM will take place on Tuesday, 29 April at 8.00pm and this is an opportunity for new ideas to influence the way that the Village Hall is run and the sort of event that is available. If you would like to join the committee please let me know in advance of the meeting. However, even if you do not want to stand for a committee post, please come along and enjoy a glass of wine, get to know more about our finances, our challenges and let us have your thoughts on how you would like to see the Village Hall develop.

*Derek Harbour on 680676*

# **OXHILL VILLAGE**

Oxhill Village Hall is run by the Oxhill Village Hall Committee made up of:

Derek Harbour – Chairman (680676)

John McKail – Treasurer

Gaynor Van Dijk – Secretary (680349)

Tricia Harbour – Lettings Secretary (680676)

## **OXHILL VILLAGE HALL**

### **EVENT**

Tysoe Tappers (children's Tap classes)

Art Classes

Knit & Natter

Pilates

Garden Club

Parish Council

### **CONTACT**

Ann Precious

Grenville Moore

Tricia Harbour

Barbara Shepard

Reg Gethin

Angela Kean

Village Hall events

Tricia Harbour

The Village Hall Committee organise various events on a monthly basis (www.oxhill.org.uk).

The various clubs and classes detailed above are held in the Village Hall.

Oxhill Village Hall is available for anyone from the village to hire for private functions. Contact the Lettings Secretary for charges and availability.

Crockery, cutlery, glassware, tables and chairs are also available to hire for private functions. Contact the Lettings Secretary for charges and availability.

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## THE VILLAGE MEETING

On Tuesday 11 February a village meeting was called and Sue Hunt gave very professional and eloquent presentation of the Parish Plan. Considering the weather, we had a terrific turnout of approximately 80 people and I thank all of those of you who turned up. It is my intention that every household will receive a copy of the plan. It was decided at the meeting that the village should adopt the plan and consequently I have presented a copy to Stratford District Council. This is not a Neighbourhood Plan, so holds no legal weight, but does show to Stratford District Council and developers the feelings of the village about our future. It is worth noting that 83% of the residents completed the survey, which is a very high percentage. It is interesting to see that the majority hold similar views as to why we all enjoy living in Oxhill. I would like to thank all of you on the Steering Group who put in so much time and effort to produce such a comprehensive and informative document. Special thanks to Sue Hunt, who chaired and compiled the plan, and to Gill Stewart, for her guidance and expertise in planning practice.

I have received information that Stansgate Planning Consultants are developing a planning proposal for The Leys Field on behalf of the landowners. As I write this, their proposal is to develop an estate of 20 – 25 houses with an open ‘green space’. They have requested a meeting with the parish council and then to present a development plan to the village. The parish council will, of course, keep everyone up to date on this proposal.

*Grenville Moore*

## AMBULANCE SERVICE COMMUNITY RESPONDERS

Many people will know that Mick and Barbara Shepard recently retired from the Ambulance Service Community Responders after nearly 11 years service.

We wish to recognise the level of commitment they gave over all this time and to thank them for the service they provided to our local area.

*Oxhill Residents*

## SPORT RELIEF CHARITY FUND RAISING

Stuart Whittaker and I are taking part in a team challenge for Sport Relief, by doing an Olympic Triathlon in London on 23rd March. It is part of a wider team called LeaderBoard and we aim to raise £500,000 for great causes both in the UK and overseas. Working for a charity in the UK, I know firsthand about how important this is, as we have received generous grants from Comic and Sport Relief that have enabled a lot of people with disabilities to benefit from riding therapy.

So we're swimming 1500 metres, cycling 40k and running 10k - those of you who may have seen me wobbling round the village in lycra will know this is not my natural environment, so it would be fantastic if anyone wanted to support our efforts. If you can spare a few minutes and a few pounds you can donate at:

<http://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/edbracherleaderboard> or

<http://my.sportrelief.com/sponsor/stuartwhittaker>

Many thanks. Your support is really appreciated and I know it will make a difference.

*Ed Bracher*

## HOST FAMILIES

Host families are required for secondary age French/German children visiting our area on school trips. Hosts are required to provide bed, breakfast, packed lunch, evening meal and transport to and from Shipston each day. Visits are usually 3/4 nights during the week (not weekends) and you are paid to provide the accommodation. Students are out on visits all day and usually have to be in Shipston by 8.00/8.30 and are picked up about 6.30 pm. You can choose which weeks you would like to offer accommodation but obviously the busiest time is April to September. It is not necessary to speak either French or German as these are language students who want to practice their English on you. If you would like more details please contact me.

*Gaynor Van Dijk (680349)*



## PCC MEETING FEBRUARY 6TH 2014

The following items were discussed:

### 1. Financial report

Update on Repair fund: After English Heritage, other grants and fund raising events so far, we now need to raise £21,000.

### 2. Church and churchyard

The porch roof needs to be repaired after theft of lead. Approximately £5,000 met by insurance. There are more rotten roof timbers than at first thought. This will cost another £1,800 which will be covered by a grant.

### 3. Social and fund raising

The tickets for the April concert are now available. See separate notice. Tickets can also be obtained from Tysoe Post office. Printing of posters is still in the pipe line. Hopefully by the end of March.

4. The Lamb and Curry lunch is to be rescheduled for 15th June (not 22nd).

Bill Fox has kindly offered his barn for a Barn Dance at Harvest time. Douglas Nethercleft is sourcing a suitable band.

### 5. Deanery Report

A meeting was held on February 4th in Shipston at St Edmunds church. The main speaker was Canon David Porter who is the director for Reconciliation at Lambeth Palace. He is also now the Coventry Diocese Canon for Reconciliation. Kate Dyer (General Synod member) spoke of the efforts to reconcile differences among Synod members on the subjects of human sexuality and religions.

### 6. Date of next meeting

This will be the AGM in church on April 3rd at 7.30pm.

*Carol Fox*

## YOUR COMMUNITY ORCHARD



The gales and rain have continued and at the orchard we wonder how much longer we will have to cope with these conditions. The trees, canes and bushes have all survived but need attention which we are having some difficulty in giving. Without the frosts and cold weather all the pests have survived and are just waiting to start their spring attack. Now is the time we are also looking to feed all the orchard as well as spraying with organic solutions for pests and diseases, but we need some dry days with low wind speeds!!!

We have managed to cut down the seven rows of Autumn raspberry canes and burnt them to ensure we get rid of any virus that might have been on the canes. We have also started to edge the rows to contain the “wandering” canes!!

To ensure we get good fruit we also need to lay matting to prevent saw fly on the gooseberries and currants, so there is lots to be done that needs no expert knowledge just practical skills. Other tasks are really just like gardening at home so if you would like to be involved we would be delighted to see you.

Help and advice is available if you are not sure of any aspect so why not come along and contribute to your Community Orchard.

If you would like to help do come along to regular working sessions on a Wednesday at 10:00 and a Sunday at 2:00, weather permitting.

Or contact one of the team which you can find at [www.wot2grow.co.uk](http://www.wot2grow.co.uk)  
[There are many lovely photos of the orchard and events on the site so do see what we are doing.](#)



## SHIPSTON ON STOUR COMMUNITY FORUM

The next Community Forum is to be held at Ettington Village Hall on Tuesday 4th March at 6.30pm. Community Forums are an interactive event enabling residents to learn about issues big and small affecting their area, get answers to questions and influence local decision-making. Anyone with a question about a local issue can go along and put it to officers from a range of organisations.

Community Forums are part of a countywide initiative involving Warwickshire County Council, District and Borough Councils NHS Warwickshire, Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire Together partners. There are 30 forums across Warwickshire which bring together elected representatives across all tiers of local government-County, District, Borough and Parish, together with a range of other community representatives.

This is an ideal opportunity to bring up any issues regarding policing or council issues. You also get to hear how the police have got on with the priorities identified at the last Forum and also issues that were raised for the Local and District councils. If you want to put forward any issues to be voted on as priorities for the police you can do this on the Safer Neighbourhood Website or contact the WCC Stratford Area Office on 01789260133.

*Mick and Barbara Shepard*

Community Safety Ambassadors Shipston on Stour and District.  
shipston@safetyambassadors.co.uk

## LIFT WANTED

Does anyone Work in Leamington Spa? If so would they like to give me a lift?

I have just started an Admin Apprenticeship in Leamington and I currently have to catch a bus from Kineton at 7am to get to Leamington.

I will pay towards fuel and it will only be until I pass my driving test (6mths ish).

*Thanks, Sammy*

*01295 680161 or mobile 07975 987838*

**IN CONCERT**

***In aid of St. Lawrence Oxhill Restoration Fund***

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***Director George Parris***

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***Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2014***

***St. Mary's Church Tysoe***

***7.30pm***

***Tickets £15***

*Includes free glass of wine and light refreshments*

***To book, please telephone Sue Hunt 01295 680419  
or e-mail [sue.hunt@onebillinternet.co.uk](mailto:sue.hunt@onebillinternet.co.uk)***

*Carol Fox 01295 680223*

*E-mail [ceafox21@aol.com](mailto:ceafox21@aol.com)*

*Cath Pugh 01295 680958*

# HANCOCKS OF OXHILL AND OTHER PARISHES IN SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE

I am putting together a regular newsletter, to be sent out by email around every 2 or 3 months with current research including information on wills, and transcripts, interesting stories, queries even blind alleys and anything else that might interest Hancock researchers.

I would suggest that the newsletter will be of interest to those with research interests in Hancock, Hancocks, Hancox and other derivatives of the name originating in and around around the villages of Brailes, Butlers Marston, Combroke, Ettington, Kineton, Oxhill, Pillerton Hersey, Pillerton Priors, Wellesbourne including Walton in South Warwickshire and other areas such as Birmingham, Stratford upon Avon, Tredington and villages over the border into Oxfordshire. Recent Hancock research by myself and others has included:

1. Looking at the 16th and 17th century wills for Hancocks at Pillerton, Brailes and Tredington.
2. Isabella Hancox of Tredington and the Hancocks at Pillerton and her connection to the Hathaway family. She married Bartholomew brother of Ann Hathaway Shakespeare's wife.
3. The early origins of the Hancocks of Oxhill.
4. Early maps of the area.
5. The Hancocks of North West Oxfordshire near Oxhill & Brailes.
6. Newspaper cuttings.

If any readers wish to receive a copy of this newsletter and / or contribute please let me know. I would look to producing the first newsletter by the end of March. It would be sent by email, free of charge. It will probably go out to between 15 to 20 interested parties. If you or any one researching the Hancocks of Oxhill wish to contact me regarding their Hancock family tree that would also be fine.

*Roger Hancock, [roger@silverdigital.com](mailto:roger@silverdigital.com)*





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# **THERAPIES DAY**

**Saturday 8th March**

**10.30 - 4.30pm**

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**Pilates Introductory Session**

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## WHATS ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### March

Sunday 2nd	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 4th		Grey bin collection
Tuesday 4th	18:30	Community Forum, Ettington
Wednesday 5th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Thursday 6th	14:00	Village Hall, Knit & Natter
Tuesday 11th	19:30	Oxhill's Future - Village Survey Update
Tuesday 11th		Green & Blue bin collection
Tuesday 11th	20:00	Village Hall, PCC Meeting
Wednesday 12th	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Friday 14th	19:30	Celtic Friday Night@ The Village Hall
Sunday 16th	23:59	COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS
Tuesday 18th		Grey bin collection
Wednesday 19th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Thursday 20th	14:00	Village Hall, Knit & Natter
Thursday 20th	19:00	Village Hall, Garden Club
		British Butterflies
Tuesday 25th		Green & Blue bin collection

### April

Thursday 3rd	19:30	PCC AGM in Church
Friday 11th	19:30	English Friday Night@The Village Hall
Saturday 12th	19:30	Carice Singers, St Mary's Church Tysoe
Tuesday 29th	20:00	Village Hall Committee AGM

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