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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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The Village Breakfast in full swing on January 30th. Attended by villagers of all ages it was a big success

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## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OXHILL NEWS

The editors welcome any pictures, photographs, drawings, poems, puzzles, recipes, announcements or items of local news for possible inclusion in The Oxhill News. Please email [news-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.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

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

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30, staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Friday March 4th.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 8th and 22nd March. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 1st, 15th and 29th March.

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

This walking group usually walks on 2nd and 4th Friday of the month. If you are interested in joining or to find out further information, please contact Jim Saxton on 680645 or email [admin@jimsaxton.co.uk](mailto:admin@jimsaxton.co.uk)

## AT THE PEACOCK

### Village Events

The village coffee morning is on March 2nd at 10.30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday March 16th.



**NEW CLINICS** at Vale of the Red Horse Healthcare Centres, Kineton and Tysoe Surgeries.

From March we will be running an **After work - Women's Health Clinic**, once a month on a Tuesday Evening. The clinic will be run by Dr Catherine Spencer Hammon alongside one of our Practice Nurses. In this clinic you can book a smear, discuss contraception, ask about breast examination, have a Coil / Implant fitted or anything in regards to women's health.

**One Stop Nurse Clinic** - We are aware our patients have to take time out of their busy schedules just to see a doctor. If then that GP requests a blood test or ECG, you have to take further time off later in the week to get in again. The 'One Stop Nurse Clinic' – will be starting off in March and have 3 One Stop nurse slots each morning, that only doctors can book for tests that they have requested during Your consultation.

We hope this will be more convenient for our patients and minimise further time off work.

**Medical Clinic for Young Adults.** This clinic will be held weekly from April. We can offer our younger adult population help and advice on a wide range of clinical issues that are important for the health and wellbeing of our young people and teenagers. Please look at our website in early March for more information.

We would like to introduce our new staff members to you. A new GP & new Practice Nurse. Dr Ferdinand Daley Morris joins us for 6 months from 3rd February 2016. Dr Daley Morris is a fully qualified doctor who is now undertaking GP Training. He will be full time. Janet Twizell is our new Practice Nurse. Janet will be working on a Monday and Tuesday.

Please don't forget that you can order and collect medication up until 8.30pm on a Tuesday evening.

We hope that you will like the new clinics and any feedback in how we can continue to offer a first class service to you our patients will be gratefully received.

Regards, Drs Layton-Henry and Kanwar

*Lesley Source, Practice Manager.* T: 01926 640471; F: 01926 640390;  
D: 01926 642629

## TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL – SPRING TERM UPDATE

All the classes took part in an oral story-telling competition using different voices and puppets to bring the stories to life. Paw prints appeared in the Reception Class and the children took us on an exciting Bear Hunt in their performance assembly to retell this tale. Well done to the winners who received book tokens.

Several classes benefited from safety talks given by the Fire Brigade. Harry in Class 1 wrote, 'On Tuesday morning Class 1 met a fire fighter. He talked about good and bad fires. He said to never play with matches because they are extremely dangerous. If our clothes catch fire: Stop Drop Roll. We talked about smoke alarms. If there is a fire we should call 999.' Please heed the children's advice and check your smoke detectors now.

Class 2 went back in time to the Victorian Age when they visited St John's Museum in Warwick. Roseanna and Emily said, 'The whole day was fun. We learnt how to use a spelling book with old-fashioned writing, how to recite the alphabet and use slate boards to try out the curly letters like H.' Archie was a really good actor and entered into the old-fashioned ways when he was made to wear a back-straightener for slouching.

As part of a topic to find out about wool, the youngest children had a classroom visit from two lambs. This was followed up by a visit from a weaver who showed the children a fleece and simple steps so they could try weaving for themselves.



The Christian Value of the term has been Responsibility so it was a real joy to receive a sizeable donation of coats for project Coats2Syria. Thank

you to everyone who contributed to help the Syrian refugees in desperate need of protection from the winter weather.

There is always the opportunity for any prospective parent to visit and see the school in action. Please contact Mrs Horrocks on 01295-680244 to make an appointment.

*Jenny Coates, Head of School*

## **ST.LAWRENCE'S CHURCH, OXHILL** **SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH**

*All are warmly welcome*

**Mothering Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Holy Communion (JT)

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Lent V**

9.30am Family Service (ML)

**Palm Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> Easter Day**

9:30am Easter Eucharist (ML)

*For other services in the benefice please see Benefice leaflet.*

### **VICARAGE NOTES**

Dear friends,

**Mon. March 7<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm – now at St.Mary's, Tysoe**

As part of the planning for the future, the Diocese asks that all the PCCs and parishes reflect on the Diocesan Strategy to meet the challenges of today. Morris Rodham is to introduce what the Diocese call “The 8 Essential Qualities” – these help to form the Parish Profiles which will be needed as the search for a new incumbent is planned. Members of all the churches are warmly invited!

### **Lent and Easter**

The Deanery Lent Services continue each Tuesday evening and bring us to reflecting upon the themes of Holy Week and then of Easter, the “Queen of Festivals”. As well as the Sunday services listed, there are the special occasions to share both in Oxhill and our sister parishes – please see Jill's notes.

**God bless,**

**Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230**

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

## DEANERY NEWS FOR MARCH

As we journey through Lent, we are inviting everyone to join us for one of our **Deanery Lent Services**, which are taking place on Tuesday Evenings throughout Lent. This year we are looking at some of the big questions of our faith, giving our speakers time in the context of our worship to explore one of these questions with us each week.

Each service starts at 7.30 pm, and we hope folk will be able to join us as we travel round the Deanery, enjoying each other's hospitality as we move towards Holy Week and Easter. The final service is the Holy Communion of Holy Week, at which Bishop Christopher will be both preaching and presiding.

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March                      St. David's Church, Newbold  
Rev. Canon Christopher Lamb, 'Islam and the Gospel and the People of Violence'

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March                      St. Peter & St. Paul, Long Compton  
Katherine Walakira, 'Is Prayer Superfluous?'

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March                      St. George's Church, Brailes  
Rev. Stuart Allen, 'Did Jesus really have to die?'

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March                      St. Gregory's Church, Tredington  
Eucharist of Holy Week, with Bishop Christopher, 'Why does God allow bad things to happen?'

### **Deanery Small Grants**

The Deanery Pastoral Committee have set up a Small Grants Fund, to enable parishes to apply for a grant of no more than £150 for outreach projects. If you would like to apply for such a grant, please would you get in touch with me – [revjill.tucker@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:revjill.tucker@tiscali.co.uk)

May you have a Holy Lent and a Blessed Easter.

Every blessing, Jill

## NEWS EXTRA FOR OXHILL

Thank you so much to all those who supported the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, especially those who cooked and brought along mouth-watering trays of pancakes, sweet and savoury. We raised a wonderful total of £264 which will go off to Christian Aid to support their work with Syrian refugees, especially the children.

We will continue that theme, and to support their work, at a **Lent Lunch on Monday, 15 February, at 12.30 pm, also at The Old House.** This will be a simple lunch of bread and soup: living simply so that others may simply live. Please do join us if you are able.

Before that, in the middle of Lent, comes **Mothering Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>.** We will celebrate it in Church at 9.30am that day with a special service for families of all sorts, with flowers all round, and drinks and cake afterwards.

Then on **Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup>,** also with children in mind, there will be another **Messy Easter** in The Old Chapel between 10.00 am and 12noon. This is for all / any of the children (and their parents, grandparents etc) who would like to come and help us make an Easter Garden and display for the church, and generally explore the Easter Story. Hopefully there will be Hot Cross Buns and drinks for all - and anyone is welcome to pop in and see what is going on.

Finally, for those who are singing on Good Friday in Tysoe (March 25<sup>th</sup>, 7.30 pm), rehearsals are on Wednesdays in March, beginning in earnest on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7.30pm in The Old Chapel.



*Blessings, Jill*

## **DO YOU LOOK AFTER SOMEONE WHO IS ILL, DISABLED, ELDERLY OR FRAIL?**

Carers4Carers is a self-support group run as its name suggests, by carers for carers. We support rural carers living in Kineton and the surrounding villages and rural area, those whose loved ones are in residential care and former carers. We meet on the 4th Friday of the month (3rd in March as the 4th is Good Friday) at Kineton Village Hall from 10.30 until 12 noon. Come when you can and stay as long as you are able.

We are here to provide information and help with skills through a programme of specialist speakers and an extensive library of leaflets from a wide range of organisations. Members are often heard to say 'If I hadn't come today, I wouldn't have found that out'. We intersperse our speaker-led meetings with some without speakers which gives carers more opportunity for that much needed talking space over refreshments and to enjoy some TLC in the form of mini-therapies from our lovely Anita.

We are one of the few carer support groups in the county which offers care for your loved-one alongside our main meeting, in our Companionship Group. If you are able to bring them along to the village hall, then they will be looked after by a qualified care assistant, supported by a volunteer retired nurse and enjoy refreshments, friendship and activities appropriate to their abilities. We do ask you to book this in advance.

At our meeting on March 18th, Len Mackin from Healthwatch Warwickshire will be discussing mental health provision in the area and he's anxious to learn about your experiences if you've had to access them. We publish a monthly newsletter so if you are unable to come to a meeting, we can still keep in touch.

If you look after someone who is ill, disabled, elderly or frail – whether in your home or elsewhere – then you are a carer and we would love to hear from you to see how we can help. For more information, to book the Companionship Group, request the newsletter or help with transport, please contact Gillian on 01926 640203 or email [kcarers4carers@gmail.com](mailto:kcarers4carers@gmail.com)



## WOULD YOU LIKE TO KEEP BEES?

A lot of people keep bees because they produce honey, one of the healthiest and most natural foods and a substance which has been valued by man since prehistory as a sweetener and medicament. Others keep bees because they are interested in the study of bees and of their habits; bees are fascinating creatures and there is always something new to learn about them. With no means of dealing with the ubiquitous varroa mite that is now present in all UK honey bee colonies, a feral honey bee nest is unlikely to remain viable for more than a couple of seasons; it is only managed colonies that can survive to carry out the essential pollination of our food crops. Beekeeping is an enjoyable open air hobby bringing you in contact with people from all walks of life. Bees can be kept by almost everyone except a very small minority who are allergic to bee stings.

In accordance with our Charitable Objects of promoting and following the craft of Beekeeping and advancing the education of the public in the importance of Bees in the environment, Shipston Beekeepers are holding an "Introduction to Beekeeping" day on Saturday 16th April at Stretton-on-Fosse Village Hall, GL56 9QX. 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 / tea prior to a prompt 10.00 start. Refreshments, a light lunch and, to see if you are comfortable handling bees, a practical session the next day at The Gate Apiary, Brailes OX15 5AX are included in the price of £50 / £80 per couple. The Saturday event is scheduled to finish at 15.30 approx.



*Douglas Netherclef* on 07850 352905 or [djn0001@aol.com](mailto:djn0001@aol.com) to book your place. Numbers are limited.



***Lamb and Curry Lunch***  
***Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> 2016***

***At***  
***The Old Chapel***  
***12.30 for 1pm***

***Come and enjoy the flavours of whole  
Roast lamb and various home made  
curries including vegetarian.  
Followed by delicious home made  
puddings***

***Donation bar and Raffle***  
***Price £12.00 Children £6.00***  
***Book your places now with Carol Fox 01295 680223***  
***Email [ceafox21@aol.com](mailto:ceafox21@aol.com) or Cath Pugh 01295 680958***  
***Or Sue Hunt 01295 680419***  
***Email [sue.hunt@onebillinternet.co.uk](mailto:sue.hunt@onebillinternet.co.uk)***

***Proceeds to St Lawrence's Church Oxhill***

## LEAVING

It is with great sadness we have to announce that we will be leaving the village. As you will have seen by the "For Sale" sign, our rented property - "Whitecroft" - has been suddenly put on the market. We have loved being back in the village - so many familiar faces, happy waves and greetings on dog walks, the most excellent pub, and, of course, the Oxhill Village News! There is much to miss. If anyone knows of any other dog-friendly rented accommodation available in the area then do please let us know.

*Sophie Peachey and Richard Williams*  
07921 682885

## SCARECROW FESTIVAL (JOINT EVENT)

It is possible that due to Village Celebrations of the Queens 90th Birthday on June 11th or 12th we may have to put the Scarecrow event on hold. However if we can't do it this year perhaps we could ask for volunteers to join Iain MacPherson and myself to form a joint committee (Church and Village Hall) in the near future to plan a really good event for next year.

*Carol Fox*

## KNIT & NATTER

In March we have meetings on Thursdays, 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March starting at 2:00pm.

Any Mums with babies are welcome to join us, even if it's just for a cup of tea and a change of scenery.

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 or have some suggestions for the next few months, then call Tricia Harbour on 680676 or just turn up and join in.

## MY PET HATE

I really, really hate seeing a tirade in a local newsletter from a rabid dog hater about the prevalence of dog mess. Most dog owners are responsible and pick up after their animals. However in the last couple of months fouling has become a real problem in Oxhill.

When walking with a fellow traveller along Main Street the other day I asked her why she was walking in the road. "The pavement is covered in dog shit," she replied. "I prefer to take my chances in the road."

You may, or may not, know that I am a compulsive picker-up of litter and take the opportunity when walking my dog Jesse to pick up that largely, I suspect, thrown out of van windows by persons delivering packages purchased on-line by village residents or otherwise speeding through our rural idyll. Just today I filled yet another carrier bag with discarded beer cans and bottles, cigarette packets, fast food packaging, and general human detritus – perhaps some fifty items in a mile walk 'around the block' and only a week since the last daylight exercise.

I am relatively happy to keep our streets, lanes and byways free of unsightly litter dropped by the great unwashed, but I do object to being faced with the task of picking up a fellow villager's dog's excrement – something that I have done on half a dozen occasions this week alone.

The main mess problem is in Main Street, bordered on both sides by houses and with pavement, as opposed to a grass verge, for most of its length. Dogs off the lead are invariably trained enough to 'go' on command or at a time and place well known to the owner who will be prepared for such an eventuality. The owner of a dog on a lead cannot but be aware that his / her animal is defecating and has no excuse for not picking up what is unsightly, a potential health hazard and socially unacceptable – be it in town or country, on the pavement, verge or recreation area. Indeed I would go as far as to say that local farmers grazing their livestock object strongly to the health of those animals being put at risk by exposure to dog faeces left on their land. In today's supposedly educated western society it should be the norm for dog owners to carry poo bags, clear up after their pets, wherever, and put the offending item in the next litter bin or take it home for disposal.

Some thirty dog owners in the village will throw up their hands and say "Not me, Douglas. I always clear up after my dog", but someone isn't and needs to be told that their, not their dog's, behaviour is unacceptable.

Please, everyone in the village, keep your eyes open and make my, your, our feelings known should you see the miscreant. Follow the Country Code and leave nothing behind save your footprints – hopefully in the future free of excrement.

*Douglas Nethercleft*

## TYSOE W.I.

Come and join in the fun at Tysoe W.I. with our ever growing group of ladies of all ages.

Great speakers, wine and nibbles, competitions, workshops, day trips out.

March meeting Wednesday March 2nd. 7.30 Health and Nutrition with Saira Salman.

Our competition will be Easter Bonnets, as wacky and unusual as you like.

For more information email [tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com](mailto:tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com) or tel. Jacqui 680051

## KINETON FARMERS MARKET.

One of the very few local markets that support local producers, especially organic foods with minimal food miles.

The market is run by volunteers and is held four times a year.

The dates for Kineton Farmers Market in 2016 are :-

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September

The Farmers Market is held in the Market Square, Kineton CV35 0LP from 1000-1230.

*Tony Watkinson ([www.gettingkinetongrowing.org.uk](http://www.gettingkinetongrowing.org.uk))*

## OXHILL VILLAGE HALL - UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

### **Coming next... Friday 18 March – Celtic Night**

After celebrating with the Scots to mark Burns Night, we turn our attention to Irish and Welsh culture on 18 March with our ever popular Celtic Night, the night before both teams take part in the final Six Nations rugby matches. Irish Stew will be on the menu. We start the Craic and Hwyl from 7.30pm.

Tickets are £10 each from Jay Roberts on 680030.

### **Coming soon... Another Big Breakfast?**

Our first village breakfast was a great success with over 40 people descending on the village hall to take breakfast at different times during the morning of Saturday 30 January, so much so that we are considering making this a regular fixture three or four times a year!

The event had a real community feel, helped by cosy settees, and great organisation and cooking skills from committee members. Thank you Jay for organising it so brilliantly! Watch this space...

### **Friday 22 April – Fake Thackray**

Folk legend Jake Thackray sadly passed away in 2002 but you can hear the next best thing in April when tribute performer Fake Thackray takes to the village hall 'stage' to perform Jake's songs.

It's quite a coup to persuade John Watterson (aka Jake Thackray) to come and play for us on his current UK tour. In 2013 he appeared at the legendary Cropredy Festival

John first saw and met Jake in 1975. His interest in Jake's music blossomed so much so that members of the Thackray family are now actively supporting John's research to write a biography of the great man.

**'We can't have Jake back but this is the next best thing - a real tribute'**

*Mike Harding.* Tickets are £10 each and are available from Pat Crowther on 680705.

7.30pm for an 8pm start.

## **Wednesday 27 April – Village Hall AGM**

It's that time of year again when we invite you, over wine, to hear what your village hall committee has achieved for Oxhill over the past 12 months. We elect a new committee and we are always on the lookout for new members to join us.

Committee participation is good fun if you enjoy helping to organise or could contribute to our lively events programme, as part of our friendly team. Plus we are always open to new ideas and ways of working to develop and improve this key village asset.

Come and find out more or just come and hear what we have been doing. 7.30pm with an 8pm start for the AGM.

*Adrian Marklew*



## **WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD**

What a lot of rain we have had! As the orchard is free draining, unlike the surrounding clay soil, this is not too much of a problem for the trees however this has made working at the orchard very hard and in some cases impossible. So we are hoping that the few odd days when it is dry will allow us to get going and keep up with all the tasks.

The grass hasn't stopped growing, the weeds are all thriving and some of the plants have very fat buds already! A strange winter but we can only react to the conditions and hope it all comes good in the next month or so. If you want to help out or for more information about the orchard do contact one us.

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



## OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January (a week later than scheduled) the door of Oxhill Village Hall opened at 7.15pm to accommodate a trial ‘glass of wine before the speaker’ social quarter of an hour. This went down well (literally) and members were in a relaxed (somnambulant?) state to enjoy Sue and Mike Sanderson’s talk on ‘Establishing Our Tysoe Walled Kitchen Garden’. Sue and Mike had long dreamt of creating a Victorian walled garden and, eight years ago, started to make their dream a reality by buying what used to be Tysoe Manor’s gardener’s cottage with its, then relatively untended, acre of ground.

On the ‘plus’ side there were old (very) fruit trees and a glass house; on the ‘minus’ side the roughly rectangular plot was only bounded on two sides by a (rather essential to a walled garden) brick wall! Sue and Mike remedied this quite early on and could then better plan which parts of the garden were sheltered from the prevailing winds and benefited from the wall’s reflected heat. The whole garden ‘resurrection’ scheme was to be eco-friendly and planted up with self sufficiency in mind, but sheer practicality meant that the various projects within the overall design had to be tackled piecemeal. Three ponds ‘appeared’ over time, as did pergolas, box hedging and a re-built glass house.

A series of slides showed members ‘before’ and ‘after’ views of the garden as re-instatement or new-build took place. Rectangular plots were dug over, vegetable seeds sown and fruit bushes planted according to the household’s culinary needs and Sue and Mike’s desire to grow something new or ‘different’ for the dinner table. ‘Exotics’ grown include Achocha, Mouse Melon and Inca berries in addition to an amazing variety of ‘normal’ fruits and vegetables – any seasonal surplus appearing for sale at very reasonable prices on a delightful little costermonger’s barrow at the back gate!

Those attending the meeting were amazed at the transformation of such a large area of Tysoe garden by just two people in such a relatively short period of time and most appreciative of the chance to be present at such an inspiring talk.

A report on the February 18<sup>th</sup> talk to members and friends by Sue Burns on our local Batsford Arboretum will appear in the April Oxhill News.



The next Garden Club event is the AGM on Thursday 17th March starting at the earlier time of 7pm. The normal programme of meetings at 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month resumes in April (the 21st) when Diane James of the Warwick University History Department is giving a talk on the Historic Gardens of Warwickshire. All are welcome.

*Douglas Nethercleft*

## **A YEAR OF VICTORY AT UPTON HOUSE AND GARDENS!**

Last year we launched our ‘Banking For Victory’ exhibition, showing visitors what happened during WWII when the family owned bank and the staff moved to Upton House to live and work for the duration of the war. This year, in the final year of the exhibition, we will be telling the story of the end of the war and celebrating victory! There will be new displays in the house and lots of brilliant events in the summer celebrating VE day.

We would love the local community to get involved again this year by helping us to knit for our exciting new ‘make do and mend’ project which will be announced in February after which we will give more details!

### **Mother’s Day Beauty Studio 6 March**

Experience a 1940s hair and beauty demonstration from an expert! £8 per ticket, booking essential.

### **1940s Cinema: Dumbo 21 March – 3 April**

Film was often used to lift the spirits of the nation during WWII, enjoy this family favorite screened in our Squash Court Gallery. £2 per seat, booking advisable.

**For more information or to book a ticket visit [www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house)**

# THE CARICE SINGERS MESSIAH

**Monday 28th March 2016, 7.00pm; St Mary's Church, Banbury**

Tickets available from The Mill Arts Centre (01295 279002)

**Tuesday 29th March 2016, 7.00pm; Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick**

Tickets available from the Royal Spa Centre (01926 334418)

The Carice Singers are excited to be performing Handel's Messiah in Banbury and Warwick this Easter. The choir will be joined by four gifted young soloists as well as a superb baroque ensemble of young professionals, all under the assured direction of Oxhill local George Parris. With such an impressive range of talent, these performances are bound to sparkle with youthful energy and vibrant musicality. George and the choir would be delighted to see any of their Oxhill supporters at either concert!

## OXHILL BECOMES FIRST 'FUEL PROTECTED' VILLAGE in WARWICKSHIRE.

Following a number of heating oil thefts in 2014 and 2015, Mick and Barbara Shepard our local Community Safety Ambassadors have run a program to triall a number of safety devices in Oxhill. The picture shows members of the team holding the new sign designed to act as a deterrent that will appear at the entrances to the village.



In conjunction with Warwickshire Police, and Red Horse Vale Fuels, who delivered crime prevention information packs, and local residents, it is hoped that this new crime prevention initiative will contribute to a reduction in heating oil theft.

## **Shipston Home Nursing Events in March**

**WYATTS 20% of Plant Sale receipts** on March 5th go to Shipston Home Nursing

***Hill Barn Farm; Great Rollright; Chipping Norton; Oxfordshire;  
OX7 5SH***

### **Whichford's Annual Marmalade Festival**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March 10-30am, St Michaels Church Whichford  
Please do bring YOUR jar of marmalade for tasting on Thursday March  
3rd 2.30-4.30pm at St Michael's Church Whichford.  
Hilary Bryan will be judging, there are many categories!  
Geraldine Holt will be talking on Saturday March 5th 10.30am  
£5 entry

For more information please call Sophie Corlett 01608 684 369

### **Vintage & 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Clothes Sale – Free Entry**

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March; 9.30am - 11.30am  
Sheldon Bosley Hub CV36 4DQ  
£20 per table to sell your own merchandise  
For more information please call Rebecca 01608 674929

### **Complementary Therapies Day**

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March; 10.30 - 4.30pm  
The Butts, Cherington CV36 5HZ  
Kindly hosted by John and Beverley Beaumont  
Home-made soup artisan bread and biscuits served  
Cost for 3 sessions £25  
To book your sessions call Rebecca 01608 674929

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## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### March

Tuesday	1st		Grey bin collection
Wednesday	2nd	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Friday	4th	14:30	Mobile Library
Tuesday	8th		Green and Blue bin collection
Thursday	10th	14:00	Knit and Natter, OVH
Friday	11th		Weekday Walkers
Saturday	12th	10:00	Kinton Farmers Market
Tuesday	15th	23:59	COPY DEADLINE FOR THE NEWS
Tuesday	15th		Grey bin collection
Wednesday	16th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Thursday	17th	19:00	Garden Club AGM
Friday	18th	19:30	CelticNight , OVH
Tuesday	22nd		Green and Blue bin collection
Thursday	24th	14:00	Knit and Natter
Friday	25th		Weekday Walkers
Tuesday	29th		Grey bin collection

### April

Sunday	10th	12:30	Lamb & Curry Lunch, Old Chapel
Friday	22nd	19:30	Fake Thackeray, OVH
Wednesday	27th	19:30	Village Hall AGM