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MARRIED FOR 50 YEARS



Pete & Cath Pugh (pictured with grandsons Caleb & Reuben) recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary with family and friends.

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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 oxhill@btinternet.com or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the Church.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

AEROBICS CLASS

Every Monday morning 10:00 - 11:00 at the Village Hall there is an aerobics class. The cost is only £1! Come join us!



WEEKDAY WALKERS

Weekday Walkers usually walk on the 2nd and 4th Fridays 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

REFUSE COLLECTION

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

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

THE PEACOCK

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

The village lunch is on Wednesday October 19th.





COULD YOU FILL A SHOEBOX AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO BRING HOPE TO THE POOREST FAMILIES IN EASTERN EUROPE?

Will you fill either a Family Shoebox, with small gifts for parents and children, or an Elderly Shoebox with small gifts for senior citizens? Full details of what to do will be circulated around the village, or available in either the Church or the Peacock.

They need to be done and delivered to either myself or the Church by the end of October, so that they can be taken out to Romania at the beginning of November, and bring Christmas smiles to families there.

It would be lovely to see the households of Oxhill linked with some of the most deprived households in Romania.



Very many thanks, Jill Tucker

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Coming next



Spooky Artwork by LIV KIMMINS. aged 8

Saturday 29 October- Children's Hallowe'en Party

Continuing the growing number of events for our younger residents, the village hall is getting in the spirit of Hallowe'en with a party for children. You won't be spooked at the price, just £2.50 entrance fee per child which (or is that witch!) includes cake and drink.

So float on down for 2pm to 4pm. You'll be in for a *pleasant* surprise!

To book tickets, please contact Jo Sweby on 07720 401691.

Saturday 29 October- Hallowe'en Night

And not to be outdone, it's the adults turn in the evening with our fancy dress Hallowe'en Night. Join us for a spooky evening with bangers and mash and good old apple pie, and did we mention Scary punch being created especially for the night! There will be a prize for the best fancy dress not to mention an atmospheric village hall for the evening. It's a 7.30pm for 8pm start.

To book tickets at £12.50 each contact Jay Roberts on (01295) 680030.



Coming soon...

Friday 18 November - Curry Night

Monday 5 December - Village Christmas Lunch

Friday 16 December - Beer and Bubbles

Saturday 21 January 2017 - Burns Night

Got an event idea?

We would love to hear from you. The Village Hall Committee will be event planning for the first quarter of 2017 soon and we would be pleased to hear your event suggestions. Perhaps something we haven't tried before which would appeal to villagers, or maybe an inspiring speaker to follow great talks we have run in the past.

Please contact Stuart Whittaker at s70art@me.com if you have any suggestions. Thank you.

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Sunday 2nd Trinity XIX 9.30am Holy Communion (ML)

Sunday 9th Trinity XX 9.30am Morning Worship (JT)

Sunday 16th Trinity XXI 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 23rd Trinity XXII 6.30pm Family Service (JT)

Sunday 30th celebrating All Saints/All Souls 9.30am United Benefice Eucharist

For other benefice services see porch notice board

VICARAGE NOTES

Retirement Beckons

While writing my last “Vicarage Notes”, I was looking ahead to the various retirement occasions, and also my final Harvest at Oxhill.

Looking back over the years, I have seen the end of an era, with the disappearance of generations who knew the villages from before the war, and of communities where everybody knew everybody else – for better or worse. It seems incredible that the entire digital revolution has happened on my watch. In 1979, when I arrived at Brailes, there were no domestic computers, no photocopiers, no answer phones, no mobiles, no satellite tv, and for some families, a walk to the phonebox to make a call. One or two still had a fear of the phone – refusing to use one even though it was in the house! A simpler life, about which I feel more nostalgic!

Thank you for making me a small part of this lovely community and for all the support given over the last 10 years. The life of the church has been the focus of my ministry – a church open to all and serving all parishioners, whether churchgoers or not, in times of sorrow and of joy. I feel privileged to have worked here.

I first visited this area on a cycle trip in 1978 from Southam. I sat in St. George's Brailes and was inspired by its beauty and pervading sense of a living Christian faith. I was soon being offered the parish by the then Archdeacon – a 3 week long process! 3 months later I was became the young, hairy, guitar playing, motorcycle riding Vicar of Brailes. Where has the time gone?

Sequestrators

During the vacancy, the churchwardens have a special duty to ensure the smooth running of the churches, together with the Bishop or his representative, the Area Dean, our very own Jill Tucker. They are the sequestrators. However, what is essential is that the PCCs, who are the main decision makers in the parishes, and all involved in the ongoing life of the church, share the different responsibilities.

As ever, it's all about good teamwork, so please offer to help in whatever way you can.

Services

During the vacancy period, Oxhill will continue to enjoy the presence of Martin and Jill - may I thank them for their continuing ministries.

Best wishes and God bless,

" **Nicholas Morgan**
revnjm@gmail.com
(new address!)



Thank you Nicholas for your warmth, kindness, generosity and easy smile - you have been a wonderful role model of Christian love and spirit. On a personal note, it was a joy having you preside over our wedding. May your retirement be full of joy, fun and good cheer. ~ Vanessa ed.

PCC MEETING 7TH SEPTEMBER 2016

A short Summary of the above meeting. Canon Reverend Nicholas Morgan chaired the meeting. Nine members of the PCC were present. This is the last Oxhill meeting for Nicholas who is shortly to retire. The churchyard gate has pretty much fallen apart so plans were made to get quotes for either a timber gate or a metal one. The faculty needed for the moving of the organ and installing a servery is to be extended to include a ringing floor (an upstairs in the tower to allow bell ringers to ring from there) so that the base of the tower is left free for installation of a disabled toilet. Naturally more fundraising will be required but PCC believe it is good to get a plan.

The present organ is out of order and it may not be possible to get it repaired. A keyboard will be used until a replacement can be found.

It was suggested that a working party be gathered before December to give the church a good clean to prevent it getting dusty and cobwebby again. November 25th and 26th were the dates suggested. An advert would be place in the Oxhill news to this effect.

Shoe boxes for the shoe box charity will be collected on October 30th.

A Christmas Nativity Service (as last year) was arranged for the 11th December in the Old Chapel

Deanery events will be in the Oxhill news separately.

Next meeting December 1st 2016

A Farewell to Nicholas evening took place at Whatcote Church on Sunday 18th September. Nicholas conducted the service and afterwards cheques were presented to him following donations from the three villages in our benefice. Very sad to be losing him but we wish him and Sirpa a very happy retirement.

Barn Dance on 17th September

This event was really well attended and much enjoyed by all. Thank you to Bill and June Fox for allowing us to use his very suitable barn and for providing big straw bales also. Thank you also to the bar tenders and to the ladies who manned the door and sold raffle tickets. A big thank you to Douglas who advertised the Barn Dance far and wide and did a lot of preparation and clearing up as did Gaida and Gerry. Mick Gibbs from Tysoe

loaned us small straw bales for sitting on so thanks to him for bringing them and also collecting them. The Silver Bough Ceilidh band did a really good job and got everyone dancing well. And finally thanks to all Oxhillians who gave their support and swelled the numbers. The sum of £1200 was raised for church funds.

Working party for cleaning the Church

Advance notice for November 25th and 26th. Please note these dates. Anyone who could spare some time to help would be most welcome. Coffee and cake/biscuits will be on hand to boost energy!!

WHATCOTE CHRISTMAS PUDDINGS - 2016



St Peter's Church, Whatcote is again selling Christmas puddings this year to help church funds.

The price for the 454g. (1lb.), pudding is £6.50 and the 908g. (2lb), pudding is £10.00. They are great puddings and make excellent Christmas gifts for family and friends.

Last year the puddings were all sold by early December, so please get your orders in without delay by telephoning me on 01295 680294, or you can e-mail me at junewreford@hotmail.co.uk

All the profit goes to the upkeep of St Peter's Church, Whatcote.

The puddings can be delivered by arrangement, or collected from me at Church Cottage, Whatcote.

June Wreford

DEANERY NEWS FOR OCTOBER

What is the General Synod for?

The Church has a system of Synodical Governance: at a local level, our Deanery Synod is made up of members from each parish church. In turn, the Deanery Synod elects members to a Diocesan Synod, which then elects members to a General Synod. This has members from all over the country, and meets twice a year, once in London and once in York, and makes the most major decisions of our church life.

Two of our General Synod members, Revd. Ruth Walker and Mrs. Yvonne warren are coming to speak at our next Deanery Synod, on **Tuesday, October 11th**, to explain a little about the workings of General Synod and the decisions it reaches, Everyone is, as ever, very welcome to join us: we shall be meeting at 7.30pm at St. Mary's Church, Tysoe, and there will be coffee beforehand.

Quiet Day with Bishop David Evans

Also on **Tuesday, October 11th**, Bishop David will be leading a Quiet Day at The Old Chapel in Oxhill, from 10.00 am until 4.00 pm. This is for anyone in the Deanery, whether clergy or laity – Readers, worship leaders, ministry team members and so on. You are welcome to come for all or part of the day. His theme will be:

Asa –9th Century BC King: All you didn't know you needed to know about Asa! The day will look at the topic of perseverance by using the material in 2 Chronicles chapters 14, 15 &16.

There is no charge for the day, but if you are staying all day you are asked to bring a packed lunch, and there will be a donations bowl for the costs of the Chapel and coffee etc.

Licensing Service for Ben Dyson

Later in the month, on **Saturday, October 22nd**, we shall be welcoming Revd. Ben Dyson and his family as he is licensed to his post as Pioneer Ministry in the SW7 Benefice. The special service will be at Cherington Church at 3.00pm.

Advent Course

Looking ahead slightly, in November there is to be a special Advent Course in Shipston. It looks to answer the questions: What's the point of Advent? Is it just the run up to Christmas or is there more? Come and join us this Advent as we rediscover the deep wisdom of this season and how themes of coming, waiting and expectation are presented in the Bible. Uncover the true meaning of Advent and how it characterises our life all the way through the year.

**Dates and Time: Wednesday evenings 7:00-9:30pm,
16th November – 14th December**

Venue: First three evenings at St Edmund's Church, Church Street, Shipston on Stour, CV36 4AP

Final two evenings at Shipston On Stour Methodist Church, New Street, CV36 4EN

To register, please go to: www.dioceseofcoventry.org/BCDMregister

It would be really helpful if you could register before the end of October!

Blessings, Jill





OXHILL ART GROUP EXHIBITION

Oxhill Art Group's exhibition in the Village Hall took place on Friday evening 16 September and Saturday morning 17 September. Prosecco and nibblys were dished out on the opening night and great fun was had by all, with comments along the lines of "this is their best exhibition yet" and "this looks like a professional exhibition" were well justified. There were indeed excellent pieces of work and, not surprisingly, several sales. I would like to thank all the artists for their effort in providing their work and in setting up the exhibition, and I hope all of you who came along enjoyed it as much as we did.

There is room for a few more students, no experience necessary. If you think you may be a budding Renoir or Picasso or you just fancy having a daub, please give me a ring on 680664. Classes will start again on 2 November and finish on 7 December, Wednesday mornings in the Village Hall, 10am till 1pm.

Grenville Moore





*Iain Lauchlan
looking very
chuffed having sold
his first painting at
Oxhill Art Group's
Exhibition.*

PRESERVING JARS

I have dozens of preserving jars and jam jars of all shapes and sizes for anyone who is short of any this preserving season.

Carol Taylor 01295688025

BABY GOLDFISH

Colin Houghton, in Blackford Way, has a very large number of baby goldfish, if anyone would like some for their pond.

If so, please ring on 01295 680620

OXHILL OIL CONSORTIUM

The next date for ordering oil is by 6 pm on Tuesday 18th October.

Mick and Barbara

VISIT TO SS GREAT BRITAIN & TYNTESFIELD

The art of a Chairman, both past and present, is to be all things to all men, preserving the ethos of the club and, with the help of the committee, devising ways to encourage and maintain an interest in all aspects of gardening, whether they may be minority interests or those of the majority of members. Through all this finely balanced role play he or she has to ensure economic viability if the club is to survive.

Reg Gethin with this trip, proved that as an expert in funambulism, he can walk a tightrope with singular aplomb. Some like the stately homes, some the garden and those with a hint of hedonism, like myself, vineyards and vegetable gardens. However, into this trip our master of ceremonies introduced anticipation, time delays and a hint of rally driving from our coach driver, necessary as a result of motorway holdups. The pressure brought about by thoughts of “Can we make the guided tour on time?”, when water pressure was distracting many of us before the tour was about to start, brought a certain frisson of anticipation.

The SS Great Britain is nothing short of fascinating but with its narrow access ways and the exhibits of how the sailors and immigrants had to live, cheek by jowl, with the merest hint of facilities it would take a minimum of an hour to get round this remarkable exhibit. The temperature was verging on uncomfortable until our guide told us that, without ventilation, for those of lesser financial means, the travelling temperature below decks was circa 40 degrees. The sheer logistics of feeding people, caring for their health during a trip brought back memories of nursery rhymes of vinegar and brown paper. The rats, prevalent in their day, apparently still have family members living on the ship now!

Our guide, with expert finesse, timed what we could see to perfection and, on the hour, we said our goodbyes to return to the coach for the next highlight of our day.



As with every good story this ended with us being left with the desire for something more and that fell to the genius of Isambard Kingdom Brunel. Beneath the ship, whose life was a history in itself, let alone that of the designer, was an item that we sadly missed but which was awe inspiring. Brunel decided pre-1854 that a propeller was a more efficient system of propulsion than a paddle wheel. Thus for the SS Great Britain he designed a six bladed screw which has fascinated scientists of today because following computerised analysis of every aspect they have concluded it could not be bettered. As he was an ardent cigar smoker, unfortunately they cannot use poetic licence and claim he did it on the back of a “fag” packet.

“All aboard” and once again the question of timing became paramount, with a strict entry appointment would we have time for lunch at Tyntesfield, which is a garden set in acres of space on a hillside of plateaus? The walk from the house to the vegetable garden and back alone must be close to a mile. The restaurant, which by now had become of singular importance to some, was in the Cow Barn Restaurant which is perhaps more reminiscent of a stable block and was, by then, very crowded but my modest repast was excellent, cut short by a need to inspect my motability chariot, the much vaunted Tramper.



Two of us, Angela Gethin and myself braved the examination to ascertain our fitness to drive these dangerous vehicles and, despite my unlimited size of motorbike licence, we passed muster. Now these un-braked “lethal weapons” are capable of speeds reaching almost half the pace of a sit upon mower, in Angela’s case Reg walked ahead with a red flag. One had visions of Ratty and Toad of Toad Hall, Poop Poop with the pair of us racing at five miles an hour. We were in our element, driving down “tweenies” passages at the back of the

House to get to the other side where we parted, as I was aiming for the vegetable gardens, almost a half mile from the house. There I was greeted by gardeners, young, older, male and female each only too willing to talk visitors through their special interest.

Having lifted a particularly small crop of onions at home this year I promptly stalled the Trumper when faced with a huge section of the walled garden with onions the size of small footballs. "They are small this year", said the young female gardener who had brought them on from seed. "So are mine" I humbly replied but these seem enormous in scale and she said 45 are the equivalent of 750 standard onions. The plethora of edible fruits and vegetables was fascination in itself but for me there, in the sheltered walled garden, was a profusion of one of my favourite plants in its multitudinous glory, the dahlia - which was just as well because, due to the distance back to the house, my knees had already waved a surrender flag at exploring, in all its Victorian Gothic splendour, I was about to head off to the formal gardens when The Ober Gruppenfuhrer arrived demanding that I show her the same vegetable gardens that I had just left. I really do like Dahlias.

Douglas Nethercleft, with his fine memory and erudite use of the English language, will resume his descriptive duties, hopefully soon, but for a day out this took some beating.

Alan Hedley

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Please keep Friday 18th November free as there will be another Coffee Morning and sale of cakes, gifts, jewellery, cards, books etc in Lower Tysoe. Proceeds to this worthy cause.

Contributions would be appreciated. More details to follow.

Jackie Thompson: 07811 794634 / 01295 680263



FUN & ADVENTURE COMES TO THE VILLAGE EACH MONTH

We are so fortunate to have the mobile library come to Oxhill each month bringing picture books, children's books, paperbacks, non-fiction, novels, sagas, crime, mysteries, adventures, westerns and romance. The books are in large print and ordinary print. The van even has talking books, cassettes and CDs!

The library van visits Oxhill every 3rd Friday of the month stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30 and staying there for 30 minutes.

The Mobile Library will visit us on Friday October 21st.

For more info please telephone: 01926 851031

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



KINETON ART GROUP

Kineton Art Group will be holding their Members Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings at Kineton Village Hall CV35 0LB on Saturday and Sunday, the 8th and 9th October 2016.

Doors will be open from 10-00 am until 5-00 pm each day.

Adults, 50p: Children, free

Please come and enjoy the variety of paintings by our members. Regular visitors look forward to the home-made cakes which are available throughout each day, along with other refreshments. We are pleased to say that we will be sponsoring *PAINTING FOR PLEASURE*, a not for profit organisation for disabled people and those living with or recovering from illness including carers needing some respite.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: www.kinetonartgroup.co.uk

If you need any other information please let me know.

e.mail enquiries@kinetonartgroup.co.uk

CORRECTION: DAVID WHALEY'S OBITUARY

We apologise to our readers for a mistake we made in David Whaley's obituary last month.

David was not survived by his wife Eve, who in fact died in February 2009. Thereafter David stayed on in the Old Rectory for some time, but when the fall of one of its chimneys necessitated major repairs, he moved for the last years of his life into a nursing home in Chipping Campden. Eve and he had lived in the Old Rectory since 1967, and he was at one time churchwarden, a post to which Eve later succeeded him.

David wrote his own obituary and submitted it to the Oxhill News years before he passed away. It is a bit too long for us to include in the printed version of the Oxhill News, but we will include it in the online issue of the Oxhill News available to read at www.oxhill.org.uk. David's story of working on important military aircraft will thrill anyone interested in aviation history.



CARERS4CARERS AFTERNOON TEA

On August 18th Carers4Carers served afternoon tea to guests at Kineton Village Hall. The group was assisted this year by a team of twelve 17 year olds from the National Citizen Service as part of their community challenge. Earlier in the month they had met with us to find out about the group, who we are, what we do and why we do it. They met members and learnt a little of what it is like to be a family carer. Three days before the tea, they held a campaign in Stratford-upon-Avon. They made members of the public aware of our group and talked to them about carer issues. They raised nearly £100 to pay for the costs of the tea. They asked those they met to write a message for carers which they then stuck on to a heart and brought along to the tea, something that our members really appreciated.

On the day of the tea they did the shopping, brought home-made cakes, prepared the sandwiches and set out all the other food, made a food hamper for a raffle, prepared the hall with all the tables and decorated it. They then served the tea, mingled amongst the guests and three of them entertained us at the piano. Everyone was extremely impressed by this wonderful team of youngsters who put their hearts and souls into their community challenge and helped us raise £350 which will enable us to treat our carers to an outing as contribute to our running costs.

Our next meeting will be held in Kineton Village Hall on Friday 28th October when Karen Swan, who also worked with our NCS team, will be helping us to 'Let off steam'. For more details about the group please contact Gillian Grason Smith phone 01926 640203 or 07947 893504 or visit our website www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk

Many thanks, Gillian

Carers 4 Carers

Gillian Grason Smith

01926 640203/07947893504

Kineton Surgery Market Square and Tysoe Surgery Main Street

Flu Season is Here So Please Book Your Appointment.

Below is some facts about flu.

Healthy people don't get seasonal flu. FALSE! Anyone can pick up the virus. Generally, 15-20 per cent of the population gets flu each year – healthy people included! If you can catch flu, you can pass it on to those who are at more risk of serious illness annually.

Flu is a mild illness so I don't need to be vaccinated. FALSE! For the majority of people who catch it, flu is simply unpleasant. For some, however, it is much more serious. Globally, seasonal flu accounts for about three to five million cases of severe illness and between 250,000 and 500,000 deaths.

The side effects of the vaccination are really bad. FALSE! For the most part, side effects of the seasonal flu vaccination are mild or often non-existent. For the jab, these are usually a slight soreness around the site of the injection and occasionally some aching of muscles or a slightly raised temperature. For the nasal spray flu vaccination, the most common side effects are a blocked or runny nose and feeling under the weather.

I've had a flu vaccine before so I don't need it again. FALSE! The viruses that cause flu can change every year, so you need a vaccination each year that matches the new viruses. The vaccine usually provides protection for the duration of the flu season that year.

I've had the flu already this autumn, so I don't need the vaccination this year. FALSE! As flu is caused by several viruses, you will only be protected by the immunity you developed naturally against one of them. You could go on to catch another strain, so it's recommended you have the vaccine even if you've recently had flu. Also, what you thought was flu could have been something else.

Appointments available.

Jenny and Raj on behalf of Kineton Surgery Your Local Family GP Practice

Minutes of a meeting of Oxhill Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th September at 8.00pm in the Village Hall

The meeting, chaired by Grenville Moore and was attended by Councillors Duncan Harper and Derek Harbour, apologies were received from Sue Hunt and Stuart Whittaker. 7 members of the public attended.

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

Matters arising

Foot path on Main Street – The date of the 3rd October 2016 has been given by Stratford District Council for the works to commence.

Western Power Distribution – have notified the Parish Council that some of the low voltage overhead power lines will be placed underground in the village, along Main Street, Beech Road and Back Lane. Works has been programmed to start on 7th November when there will be traffic lights on Main Street access will be maintained on Beech Road and Back Lane. Details of the works can be found on the village notice board.

Parish Council Website – Due to changes in legislation through the Transparency Fund it has become increasingly necessary for the Parish Council to have their own web site. There is funding currently available to facilitate this. It was agreed that this should be applied for and that the Parish Clerk would begin work to set up the website.

Leys Field Update – The Newt and amphibian fencing has been erected, the Archaeological survey will follow this in November / December. S106 – if the Parish Council becomes responsible for the proposed community space there would be funding available for maintenance from Stratford District Council. It will be at the next stage of planning, submitted by the developer that will confirm exactly the location and area of the space. Local companies have been approached to establish a rough estimate of the cost of mowing etc. and another company is liaising with the Chair person to provide ideas for a natural play space. Councillor Derek Harbour has also approached a company for a quotation to establish exactly where there is a flow of water by using sink holes at the field end near Main Street which will provide an independent survey for the village and provide information so that the excess water can be diverted to the retention pond rather than entering Main Street.

Benches and Planters- Having evaluated the space it was proposed that 2 additional planters and a large bench be purchased and positioned on the area opposite the Peacock Inn. This was Further research will be done to ascertain the type of bench purchased.

A vote of thanks was given to Doug Nethercleft for maintaining the trough.

Planning – Permission has been granted for: Arboricultural works at St. Lawrence Church, A single dwelling at Plot 3, Green Lane, Listed Building consent at Home Stead, Main Street, Redevelopment of the visitor centre at Redwings horse Sanctuary.

Planning was refused for outline planning for 5 dwellings on land adjacent to Short Meadow, Whatcote Road.

Planning pending – Appeal for 2 detached houses at the rear of Oak woods House, Green Lane, Arboricultural works at Auchneiven House, Whatcote Road and South View, Main Street.

A new applications has been received for comment for a separate drive way for Plot 2 Green Lane.

Finance

Sale of Flag Stones- Further funds amounting to £2650.00 has received for the sale of Flag stones that had previously been recovered when the path was replaced opposite the Peacock Inn.

Audit for the year ended 31 March 2016- has been certified and is available for inspection dates and times are available on the village notice board. All details will be added to the website when it is up and running.

Neighbourhood watch –£150.00 has been received by the SD NHW for the village neighbourhood watch, the parish council will act as executors for this money which will be used for good and services related to the neighbourhood watch scheme when and as necessary.

Mandate form- It is necessary to complete a new mandate form to ensure that signatures are up to date, the form will be circulated and the appropriate action taken to complete this.

Correspondence – The Parish Council has been contacted by the mobile library service with the request for ideas to promote the service. The library van visits the village once a month, a reminder of this date will be added to the calendar in the Oxhill News. Books borrowed can either be renewed at the next visit, taken to any other Warwickshire library or renewed on line. It was felt that this is a valuable service for residents and with current austerity measures needs to be supported if it is to be maintained. If there are further suggestions of how this could be promoted please contact Lis Stuart, Parish Clerk who will pass them on to the appropriate person.

Any other Business – Parish Council contacts- It was suggested that a google diary is set up to inform Councillors when each other is on holiday, this would be a closed group diary. The parish Clerk will explore and attempt to set up. Proposed by Derek Harbour and Seconded by Grenville Moore.

Pot holes on Main Street- A letter will be sent to the highways department at Stratford District Council highlighting this issue.

Dog Fowling – It was raised that there has been an increase in dog fowling which has become more obvious in the dry weather, the area along Main Street to the Church is particularly bad. The Council would like to remind dog owners that they are responsible for clearing up after their dogs in public places. Grenville Moore suggested that he would explore the possibility of obtaining disposable bags for this purpose which would be place at strategic places for the use of dog owners.

A thank you was given to Grenville Moore for facilitating the sale of the flag stones.

Matters raised by the members of the public attending – Speed of vehicles through the village – It has been noted that there are several vehicles which travel above the required 30 miles an hour along both the Whatcote Road and Green Lane. Several villages are clubbing together to purchase a community speed camera, however no idea of the cost has been agreed. It was felt that this was not the most effective way of dealing with the issue. A request to highways will be made for rubber strips to be placed on the road surface for a specified period of time to provide statistical evidence of the speed of traffic in the village, in order to facilitate further action.

It was also noted that this is often commercial vehicles – these can be reported to the haulage company responsible who will be able to identify the driver and take action.

Cherry Tree - An application is to be made for a tree preservation order, a resident is going to take this forward as initial investigations have been made.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm. Date of the next meeting 8th November 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Lis Stuart
Parish Clerk



PUBLIC NOTICE

WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14

TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF TYSOE ROAD, OXHILL

Warwickshire County Council has made a Temporary Traffic Order closing Tysoe Road, Oxhill, from Windmill Hill to a point outside Burland House Farm, to vehicular traffic.

The closure is required for to facilitate works for a short comm pipe repair.

The Order will commence on 17 October 2016 and will last for a period of 18 months, or until the works are completed, whichever is the earlier. **However, it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 19 October 2016.**

Pedestrian access to and egress from properties and land situated adjacent to the length of road to be closed will be maintained at all times. Vehicular access will be maintained where possible.

An alternative route will be signed and is available via: Main Street, Whatcote Road, Kineton Road, Banbury Road, Stratford Road, Tysoe Road, Lane End, Lower Tysoe Road (and vice versa).

The Council regrets any inconvenience that may be caused. The team dealing with this Temporary Traffic Order at Warwickshire County Council is Network Management (Tel: 01926 412515).

Any enquiries relating to the works being undertaken may be directed to the Contractor dealing with this matter on behalf of Severn Trent Water, Traffix (Tel: 0800 819 9001).

S Duxbury, Head of Law & Governance, Shire Hall, Warwick, 14 October 2016



TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL NEW ACADEMIC YEAR

We welcomed all the children back into school to another year of exciting opportunities. It was particularly special for the twenty new Reception children and also for several new families who have quickly settled in and made friends. The Reception Class are also lucky to be the first children to use the new toilet facilities built just for the youngest children. Many thanks to local builder Matt Hemmings (a former Tysoe pupil), for all his hard work to ensure they were completed on time.

It is also good to report that the teaching staff remains the same and this continuity and expertise helps Tysoe Church of England School build on its strengths. Our aspirations are clear for every child: "To be positive about me, my faith, our learning and our world." The Christian ethos permeates all aspects of school life and this is enhanced with a special value for each half-term, beginning this year with Service. In addition, the culture of the school is enhanced by extra-curricular activities, including the provision of a wide range of after school clubs.

We look forward to the Welcome Back Party, a social event organised by The Friends to help new families settle in and make time for existing families to catch up on news from the holidays. It is also a good introduction to the Friends Committee who support the school in practical ways and raise funds for a variety of projects, currently to provide the children with an outdoor quiet area.

Already we have started plans for the new intake in September 2017, so please let all your friends and neighbours with preschool children know, there will be an Open Morning on Friday 14th October at 9.30am for any prospective parents wanting to see the school in action.

Jenny Coates Head of School



WOT2Grow Community Orchard

We are well into harvesting the fruits of the orchard. The summer raspberries are finished but the autumn Joan J and All Gold are providing good fruit. They are not as prolific as in previous years but after some sun and rain the fruits are big and juicy. The yellow raspberries are still viewed with suspicion by many but they are truly delicious this year!

We have had several varieties of plums ripen but in very small quantities but at least they are fruiting. The pears have a small crop but as always the difficulty is knowing when to pick them before they are ripe as they go from ripe to rot in a very short space of time!



Tom Putt Cider Apples

The apples are the stars this year with bumper crops of various varieties. We have picked the early ripeners like Discovery, Worcester Pearmain, Ellison's Orange and Merton Worcester and even some of the cider apples are ripe and ready to gather in about a month early. We have many varieties that you won't see in the shops or even in gardens these days so it is lovely to find new tastes.



Michelin Cider Apples

Maintenance continues as always and we have tied in most of the new canes on summer raspberries and completed the logn and tay berry tying in. Pruning of the currants is next on the list! Summer pruning of the stone has been completed and was not a small task as some of the trees had grown enormously this year due to the weather conditions.

Always lots to do at the orchard and lots to learn about growing fruit! Why not join us and benefit from the harvest - if you need more info contact us Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer

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WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

October

Monday 3rd	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 4th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 5th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Friday 8th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Sat-Sun 8-9th		Kinton Art Group Exhibit and Sale
Monday 10th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 11th		Grey landfill bin collection
Thursday 13th		'Changing Peoples Lives - Vivienne Hayday, Women's Farm & Garden Association' - Garden Club
Saturday 15th	12:00	Charity Jewelry & Vintage Clothes Sale
Saturday 15th		Oxhill News submission deadline
Monday 17th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 18th		Green & Blue bin collection
Tuesday 18th		Oxhill Oil Consortium Final Order Date
Wednesday 19th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Friday 21st	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Friday 21st	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Monday 24th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 25th		Grey landfill bin collection
Friday 28th		Carers4Carers Kinton Village Hall
Saturday 29th	14:00	Children's Halloween Party Village Hall
Saturday 29th	19:30	Adult's Halloween Party Village Hall
Monday 31st	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall

November

Tuesday 8th	19:30	Oxhill Parish Council meeting
Friday 18th		MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning
Friday 18th		Curry Night Village Hall