
THE OXHILL NEWS

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Celebrating the end of last years
Land's End to Oxhill cycle ride.

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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 or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the Church.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill every 3rd Wednesday, stopping at the Village Hall at 10am and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Wednesday 14th September. (Apologies for incorrect date in August's Oxhill News }

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

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 13th and 27th September.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays 6th and 20th September.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

The following walks are planned for September:

September 9th – A 4.5 circular walk from Shenington going close to Hornton with 390 feet of ascent. Lunch at The Bell Shenington – Leaving Oxhill at 9:45am.

September 23rd – A 6.9 mile walk from Brailes to Whichford with 390 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Norman Knight Whichford. – Leaving Oxhill at 9:45am.

Due to the numbers on the walk Jim Saxton now contacts regular members to get meal decisions by Wednesday evening. Those who wish to join us are most welcome, but please contact **Jim Saxton on 01295 680613** or at saxton @ tiscali.co.uk before the Tuesday evening prior to the walk.

CYCLE OXHILL TO PARIS

We're at it again! Oxhill's favourite cycling team: Liz, Hugh, Brian, Steve, Mike and Vanessa, are cycling from Oxhill to Paris this month, in aid of a long standing popular village charity - **Chernobyl's Children Oxfordshire and South Warwickshire**.

Our trip is over 300 miles in 6 days! Follow our progress on our blog: **CycleOxhillToParis.blogspot.com**

We'll be updating every day on the trip, so log on and see how we're doing. **And please donate!** Donations can be made on the website or in a box at the Peacock Pub.

Vanessa Druce



OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

The new programme for monthly meetings includes:

September 15th: The Archaeology & History of Tysoe – Kevin Wyles

October 20th: Mushrooms & Toadstools. Beware! –Christopher Scotter

November 17th: Climbers & Wall Shrubs – Janet Cropley

December Christmas Party: date and venue to follow later.

Meetings take place in Oxhill Village Hall at 7.30pm, unless stated otherwise.

GARDEN CLUB PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Summer is here and the flowers are out!

Start snapping your entries for the Club's photographic competition. Entries should be no bigger than 7x5 in, unmounted, name on reverse, please.

Compositions should be:

- single flower portrait, may include leaf or leaves; OR
- a general floral composition

Bring your entries along to the 29th September meeting or get them to Ann Saxton (Medway, Green Lane) by 29th September.

RURAL DEAN'S GARDEN PARTY

It was lovely to be able to welcome so many friends there from across the Deanery, and to meet some new faces: to thank everyone for their cakes, and the sterling band of washer-uppers, and Bill Rolfe for his wonderful clock game (it wasn't a fix, honestly!). As well as an afternoon of great pleasure, we raised £168 to go to Tear Fund's work with those who have nothing in The Horn of Africa. Well done, everyone.

Jill Tucker





WOT2GROW APPLE DAY 2011

Following last year's fun packed Apple Day, we will be holding another one this year on Saturday October 15th in Oxhill Village Hall. There will be the usual activities including apple pressing, fun things for children to do and apple products to buy. More details next month but do put the date in your diary!

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER

All are warmly welcome

Sunday 4th Trinity XI: 9.30am Holy Communion (ML)

Sunday 11th Trinity XII: 6.30pm Evensong (NM)

Sunday 18th Trinity XIII: 9.30am Holy Communion(ML)

Sunday 25th Harvest Festival - Trinity XIV: 9.30am Family Harvest Service (NM)

DEANERY NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER

Dear Friends,

I hope that everyone has had a good summer, and enjoyed some rest and relaxation. As we enter the season of Harvest, there is one significant Deanery occasion. On Tuesday, October 11th at 7.30pm in St. Edmund's, Shipston the Deanery Synod will meet to consider the current moves towards the Ordination and Consecration of Women to the Episcopate: i.e. women bishops. The meeting will be given over to examining this matter in some depth, so that the views of our Synod are known ahead of the Diocesan Synod on November 5th when a formal (Diocesan) vote will be taken. All are very welcome.

Talks about the Bible, in Tredington

This year is the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the English Bible. To mark it, Gordon Kuhrt is to lead four sessions on the Bible, to be held in the Chancel of St. Gregory's, Tredington, and everyone from the Deanery is invited.

Wednesday October 5th: How was the Bible assembled?

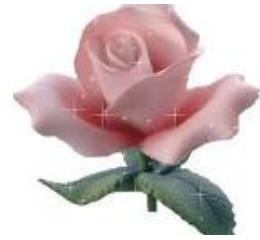
Wednesday October 19th: How is the Bible to be interpreted?

Wednesday November 2nd: How is the Bible translated?

Wednesday November 16th: How is the Bible to be used?

*Every blessing,
Jill*

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS



Baptisms: welcomed into God's family on July 31st:
Eleanor Rose Lily Buffery

Paula and Martin would like to thank everyone who helped to make Eleanor's Baptism Day so special.

VICARAGE NOTES

Dear friends,

St.Lawrence's Day – August 10th

I was pleased that a good congregation was able to share in and enjoy our patronal Festival Service. Do book August 12th next year – we'll try and make this day a regular occasion.

Harvest Festival

All are very welcome to the special service on the 25th and gifts towards the decoration of the Church are much appreciated.

National concerns

In Brailles Parish News 1911, the Vicar expressed concern about industrial unrest across the country. As the awful scenes of a few weeks ago remind us, the lessons of history have not yet been learned. It's easy to pontificate – solving the problems is going to be a huge challenge – the breakdown of family life, the lack of respect for people and property and the disappearance of the guiding principles that should create a healthy society.

The “send in the troops” reaction may produce some short term security, and, certainly, human rights must be balanced by human responsibility. However, the government (of any political opinion) needs to re-inforce the founding (and Christian) principles of our nation through educational, social and financial guidelines and legislation.

100 years ago, the Vicar expressed the prayer that all should live together in a spirit of mutual respect and understanding – working together for the common good. Nothing changes!

*God bless,
Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230*

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL MAINTENANCE DAY & BBQ

On Saturday, August 20th, we had our annual maintenance day and members of the committee were joined by some doughty volunteers to carry out some much needed tasks. These included high level cleaning, painting and gardening. I would like to thank all that turned up and helped out, your efforts are much appreciated.

In the evening we had a BBQ with some great salads, again generously given by various volunteers and despite the variable weather, we had a very pleasant evening.

Stuart Whittaker



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL - UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday Afternoon Socials – 15 September

This very popular event that was a success last winter is re-starting on Thursday 15 September from 2.00pm till 4.00pm and will take place every alternate Thursday until next spring. The format is very relaxed and if you come along you will see that there are opportunities to join in with the selected 'craft' of the week or just have a cup of tea and a chat with your friends.

Please try to make the first meeting because we will be discussing the format of future meetings and what people want to do during these sessions.

A Tapas Safari – Saturday 24 September

A new take on an old favourite – meet your friends in the Village Hall from 6.45pm for a pre-Dinner drink, accompanied by some Spanish music and then off to 3 different houses in the Village for some interesting plates of Tapas and accompanying drinks before returning to the Village Hall for Desert, Coffee and possibly a nightcap.

For the Safari traveller you get to meet different people, see different houses and taste different delicacies and for the hosts you have all the fun of welcoming people into your home to taste your creations but without the formality of 'sitting round a table' to eat on a tight schedule.

We are looking for hosts to provide a selection of Tapas for 4 to 10 guests and for those who wish to join in but are unable to host a course; tickets are available at £17.50 per head, (a bargain for a variety of food and wine at host's homes!)

If you would like to participate in the progressive supper please telephone Diana Cronin on 680938 and let her know whether you would prefer to host a round of Tapas (recipes/guidance is available if needed) or would like some tickets.

Friday Night at the Village Hall – 14 October

Our popular Friday Night at the Village Hall returns on October 14th with a meal of Normandy Pork and vegetables followed by an Apple based desert for the bargain price of £7.50. This is an ideal lead-in to the Apple Day that takes place, courtesy of the WOT2Grow Orchard Group and the OWLs Group, on Saturday 15 October. Tickets for the Friday night event are available from Tricia Harbour on 680676

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND

JUBILEE - JUNE 2012

On the 3rd August a second meeting of those interested in celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee took place at the Village Hall. More villagers were present and Pam and Yvonne at the Peacock have pledged their support. The enthusiasm shown at the first meeting was again evident and the meeting decided to go ahead and start to make arrangements.

The consensus was again that a two day programme of events would be appropriate and after much discussion we arrived at an outline programme.

This commences on Sunday 3rd June 2012 around midday with a Church centred celebration. We will then participate in the National Big Diamond Jubilee Lunch along Main Street. Children's field games will follow during the afternoon and the early evening will hopefully see some home grown entertainment. It was suggested that the Festival Choir might come together and that the many talented musicians in the village might be encouraged to form a scratch band to entertain us! The evening will conclude with a 'bring your own picnic / barbeque' and music from the last 60 years to dance too.

All events will be centred on the field adjacent to the Old Methodist Chapel. There will be a marquee in the field.

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th June 2012 are official Bank Holidays and therefore on the Monday a full day of events is



planned to start at 2pm with the gathering of the Oxhill Derby Hobby Horses in the parade ring for judging! Racing will follow with classes for all ages. Some form of display and afternoon teas will follow. There will be more field games including a Tug-O-War and the now traditional Family Water Volleyball tournament. The main food event of the day will then commence which will centre on a pig roast with vegetarian alternatives! The evening will continue with live music and at some point in the evening a loyal toast will be given and some form of light event will be coordinated with the timing of the lighting of local beacons.

The next stage of planning is to establish a budget and understand what it will cost to deliver the programme outlined above. The next meeting will be held at 8pm on Wednesday 7th September at the Village Hall. If you want to help make it happen and haven't been involved yet then please come along and volunteer to help make the Diamond Jubilee weekend a memorable one for Oxhill.

Once we have an idea of ticket costs we intend to survey the village visiting every house and hopefully getting you to commit to the event and provide a refundable deposit for your tickets. The event will be a private function open only to the village and we will endeavour to ensure that all Villagers will be able to attend. All events over the weekend will be available for an all inclusive price but it will be necessary for tickets to be booked well in advance as numbers must be limited. Now is the time to start organising your family and friends to come to Oxhill to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee and make your ticket requests.

Any questions at this stage please contact Mike Collins on 680564.

COMPUTERS AVAILABLE

The Village potentially has the opportunity to obtain a couple of personal computers for the use of Villagers to enable them to learn, in a risk free way, how to use them, how to access the internet or how to use Skype, etc.

Before we go through the process of trying to obtain them, we would like to know what the likely usage would be. If you think that you, or a friend or neighbour would make use of such a service if it was available, please call Tricia Harbour on 680676

Derek Harbour

KINETON ART GROUP

We will be holding their Annual Group Art Exhibition and Sale of Paintings at Kineton Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday, the 8th and 9th October 2011. Doors will be open from 10:00am until 5:00pm each day. Refreshments including tea and home-made cakes will be available throughout each day.

If you need any other information please let me know. You can telephone me on 01295 788890 or send an email: gail@kinetonartgroup.co.uk.

Gail O'Dell

SHOPPING IN SHIPSTON

In March Transition Shipston members carried out a shopping survey, comparing prices in Stratford Tesco's with prices at Shipston's independent shops and Co-ops. The analysis showed, based on an Internet shopping basket selection, that it need cost no more to shop in Shipston, even before you take into account the high petrol costs of driving to Stratford or Stow or Banbury.

Now there is even better news about shopping in Shipston! Following pressure from local residents, the larger Co-op (previously Somerfields) has lowered its prices to match the price band of the Stratford Tesco's, resulting in 1000s of price cuts over a variety of goods. They now have a shelf sticker saying 'Family Value' for all items which have been reduced by 10% or more to help shoppers identify the best value as a result of the reductions. The smaller Co-op is exploring whether it can match these price reductions, and we hope all this will lead to more people shopping locally. This will help keep all the independent shops thriving too, and they offer an amazing variety of food, clothes, hardware, flowers, gifts, craft products which people who live far away often seem to appreciate more than those of us who actually live around this very special market town.

Helen Winnifrith

HARVEST FAYRE

**a local celebration of local food and
local produce**

**on Sunday 25th September 2011
in the Square, Shipston On Stour**

11am till 4pm

**Come and see our amazing Eco Tower,
Music, stalls, crafts, eco ideas & local produce. . .**

Transition Shipston
and surrounding communities



THE PEACOCK

Quiz Night

Quiz night on Sunday 4th September at 8pm, this month supporting the Chernobyl's Children for the Oxhill to Paris cycle ride.

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on Wednesday 7th September at 10:30am and the village lunch is on Wednesday 21st September.



Bordeaux Night!

It's Bordeaux Night on Wednesday 28th September. Come join us for a buffet of delicious French dishes accompanied with 4 different wines, finished with a selection of savoury French cheeses. All this for £29.95.

Winner of the Great British Pub Award from Morning Advertiser Freehouse of The Year for East & West Midlands. The national final is on September 8th at Hutton Parklane. Good luck Yvonne and Pam!

GIFTS GALORE - EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!

In aid of St. Lawrence Church and the Air Ambulance come do your shopping early! 28th & 29th October in the Old Chapel, Oxhill.

Julia Stirman

SKITTLES & PIG ROAST EVENING AT VILLAGE HALL

To raise funds for St. Lawrence Church we are holding a Skittles & Pig Roast at the Oxhill Village Hall on 1st October 2011. Tickets are £7.50 from Lilian. Contact: 680468

VILLAGE HALL ART EXHIBITION

The very successful Art Exhibition that was recently held in the Village Hall resulted in a donation of £75 for the Village Hall and the committee would like to record its thanks to Barbara Kenny and her team of helpers.

Derek Harbour



WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

At the end of June the WOT2Grow Community Orchard Community Interest Company held its first AGM, it didn't seem possible that we had been going for a year! The Management Team were delighted to welcome members to the meeting and were able to explain what had already happened and what was going to be needed over the coming year especially the work to plant the fruit trees. The Management Team were all re-elected.

The first major working weekend of the summer was held on July 30th and 31st. The boundaries were cut back using a topper on the Saturday morning and then in the afternoon an intrepid team tackled the footpath and the fence area. A large quantity of weeds and nettles were strimmed or cut back by hand and put on the compost heap and a bramble mountain was created in the middle of the orchard ready to be disposed of on a suitable day. The old blackcurrant bushes beside the allotments were cut down along with more brambles and weeds and added to the compost heaps. Having had cow muck delivered for mulching round the fruit bushes we started to spread that after watering the plants and then watered that in too.. All the bushes and canes were watered as despite some rain the ground was pretty dry.

On August 6th more water was delivered to the orchard and the final bits of boundary clearing were completed by willing helpers. Again every plant was watered and the autumn raspberries were mulched with green waste compost. We also measured the boundaries and marked out the provisional site for the workshop which is dependent upon getting planning permission.

A very big thank you to everyone who came and helped out – it was a fantastic effort!

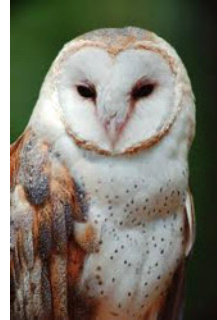
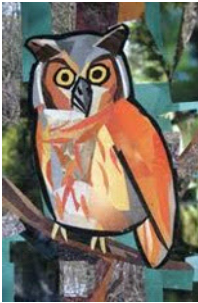
Do visit the web-site: www.wot2grow.co.uk

If you require more information please contact one of the team

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Derek Harbour (680676), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080), Graham Collier (680127), Julia Stirman (01608 686776)

OWLS

Photographic and Art Competition 2011



It's time for all you creative Oxhill people out there to get busy!

This year we are inviting you to submit any creative media such as paintings, collages, sculptures or photos.

There are two categories:

- Local nature: Oxhill wildlife, landscapes and people in their natural environment
- British nature: wildlife

Open to 2 age groups (12 & under and adults).

Entries, which cost 50p each, should be submitted to Rhian, Weavers Barn, Rouse Lane, Oxhill (680574) or to any other OWLS member. (Please state which category you are entering!)

Entries will be exhibited and judged in the Village Hall on:

Sunday 9th October, 4pm till 6:30pm.

Cream teas will be served!



Hosted by OWLS

KINETON OIL CONSORTIUM

Will be ordering again! The cut off date for orders is September 14th at 6pm.
Contact Diane Harper 01295 680529

FREE ELECTRIC BLANKET SAFETY TESTS FROM WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Warwickshire Trading Standards Service will provide electric blanket tests **FREE OF CHARGE**, for people aged 50 or over, between Monday 3rd October and Friday October 7th 2011.

Don't miss this opportunity. Old or damaged electric blankets cause a number of fires each year, which can result in injury or death. These can be avoided by simply getting your electric blanket checked.

Testing, by appointment only, will take place at the following venues around Warwickshire:

Leamington Town Hall, Monday 3rd October
Rugby Library, Tuesday 4th October
Nuneaton Fire Station, Wednesday 5th October
Kenilworth Library, Thursday 6th October
Stratford Fire Station, Friday 7th October

To book an appointment, call the Trading standards Service on:
01926 414004 (Monday to Friday, 9am - 5pm)
or email : ebtesting@warwickshire.gov.uk

COUNTRY CAR BOOT SALE

for Shipston Home Nursing, 4th September 2011 at Honington Estate

Gates open at 9:00am!

Public entry fee £2 per person, max £5 per car.

Car booters by application only. £15 per car/£20 per small van/£25 per large van

For more info call Rebecca 01608 674 929
or email: rebecca@shn-fundraising.co.uk

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

SHIPSTON FUN RUN ,WALK AND CYCLE RIDE

25th September at the Shipston Leisure Centre, 9:00am start

For more details call Gilda Gardner: 01789 740083 / 07970 177951

FREE ADMISSION - RETIRING COLLECTION

The Carice Singers will be in residence in Oxhill, rehearsing in Oxhill Chapel over the two days of Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September. Anybody is more than welcome to pop in and listen to us while in rehearsal free of charge!

George Parris

'Faire is the Heaven'
Choral Music of the English Romantics
A Recital of sacred and secular anthems and
part songs given by the brilliant young voices of
The Carice Singers
FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER
7.30PM
St. Peter's Church, Whatcote
Including music by:



Retiring Collection

Refreshments Provided

QUENTIN BLAKE - AS LARGE AS LIFE

Compton Verna, Saturday 15 October – Sunday 11 December 2011

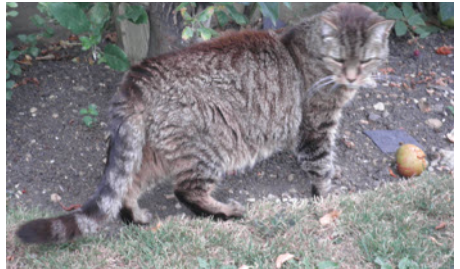
Quentin Blake is one of Britain's best-loved and most successful illustrators, having won countless awards and appointed Britain's first Children's Laureate. He is known by young and old alike, his name having been synonymous with his illustrations for Roald Dahl's books.

Recently Quentin has been commissioned by hospitals in the UK and abroad to produce works which have a therapeutic effect on their residents. *Quentin Blake - As large as life* brings together over 60 works for the first time at Compton Verney, for visitors to experience their effects for themselves.

NOTICEBOARD:

Would you like to recommend any trades people, handy men or businesses that could benefit others in the village? Anything you would like to sell, trade, give away? **Let us know!** The noticeboard will change each month but all the entries will be kept permanently on the Oxhill Village website anytime you need it: www.oxhill.org.uk

This cat that has been around for about 6 weeks in the Main Street, Gilkes Lane area of the village. We think it may be a stray. Does anyone recognise it or know anything about it. If so please contact Ian and Sally on 01295 688167.



Oxhill OWLS Calendar 2012 is now ready!

In spite of increased costs, the price will be the same as last year's at £8.00 or £7.50 for two or more. Copies can be purchased from any of the OWLS or contact Gren (01295 680664).

Free upright Piano

Archibold Ramsden, Leeds, upright Piano in need of a new home. Family owned from new, purchased about 70 years ago. Little used, sadly no longer able to accomadate.

Anyone interested please ring Ian and Sally on 01295 688167



WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

August

Tuesday 2nd		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 3rd	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Wednesday 3rd	20:00	Village Hall - Queen's Diamond Jubilee Meeting
Sunday 7th	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 9th		Grey landfill bin collection
Friday 12th	09:30	Weekday Walkers - see page 2 for details
Saturday 13th	15:00 - 17:00	The Old House - Deanery Garden Party
Tuesday 13th	20:00	Village Hall - Parish Council Meeting
Monday 15th		COPY DEADLINE FOR THE OXHILL NEWS
Tuesday 16th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 14th	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Wednesday 17th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Saturday 20th	13:00	Village Hall Maintenance Day & BBQ (starting at 18:30/19:00)
Tuesday 23rd		Grey landfill bin collection
Friday 26th	09:30	Weekday Walkers - see page 2 for details
Friday 26th	22:00	The Peacock - Karaoke
Saturday 27th		The Peacock - 60's Dine & Disco
Sunday 28th	15:00	The Peacock - Jazz Duo in Garden
Sunday 28th	20:00	The Peacock - Frank Sound (local band)

September

Sunday 4th	9:00	Honington Estate - car boot sale for Shipston Home Nursing
Thursday 8th		Stour Singers Rehearsals start - Shipston High School
Thursday 15th	14:00-16:00	Village Hall - Thursday Afternoon Social
Saturday 17th		Village Hall - Skittles and Pig Roast
Saturday 24th		A Tapas Safari - see page 17 for details
Wednesday 28th		The Peacock - Bordeaux Evening
Thursday 29th	14:00-16:00	Village Hall - Thursday Afternoon Social
Thursday 29th		Closing date Oxhill Garden Club photographic competition

October

Sunday 9th	16:00 - 18:00	OWLS Photographic and Art Exhibition
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STOUR SINGERS The 36th Season

Stour Singers, Shipston-on-Stour's Choral Society, is devoting the forthcoming season to the music of Handel & Haydn. On Saturday 3 December 2011 at 7.30pm a performance of Handel's *Messiah* will be given in St Edmund's Church, Shipston with the Cherwell Orchestra and distinguished guest artists: Cheryl Rosevear (soprano), Shelley Coulter-Smith (mezzo-soprano), Nicholas Hawker (tenor) and Rodney Clarke (baritone.) The conductor, of course, is Richard Emms, the society's founder-director, who has developed the Singers from small beginnings to recognition as a major choral force today. Make a note of the date in your diary now – an opportunity to hear *Messiah* live in Shipston is a rare treat.

The Spring concert, also in St Edmund's with the Cherwell Orchestra conducted by Richard Emms, is on Saturday 5 May 2012 at 7.30pm. The programme includes Handel's Chandos Anthem No.11 ('Let God arise') and the main work is Haydn's *Creation Mass*, not perhaps as well-known as the oratorio of similar name but very lovely hear – and to sing. The guest soloists for this event are: Robyn Allegra Parton (soprano), Cathy Bell (mezzo-soprano), Julian Forbes (tenor) and Jon Stainsby (baritone).

Ticket price has been held at £12.50 for this new season (accompanied children free) and tickets may be obtained 4 weeks before each event from choir members, R. Clarke, 27 High Street, Shipston, & at the door on concert days.

Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings from 7-9pm in the Community Lounge of Shipston High School, Darlingscote Road, Shipston starting on 8 September 2011. **There are vacancies in all 4 voice parts - no auditions!** So if you have always wanted to sing *Messiah* do come along then. It is a friendly choir. Richard Emms has a rare ability to include novices together with experienced singers to everyone's enjoyment so 'be not afraid'! School students wishing to gain experience of a choral society (with parental consent) are welcomed as members free of charge.

For further details please contact Vic Twyman (choir manager) on tel: 01451 870361