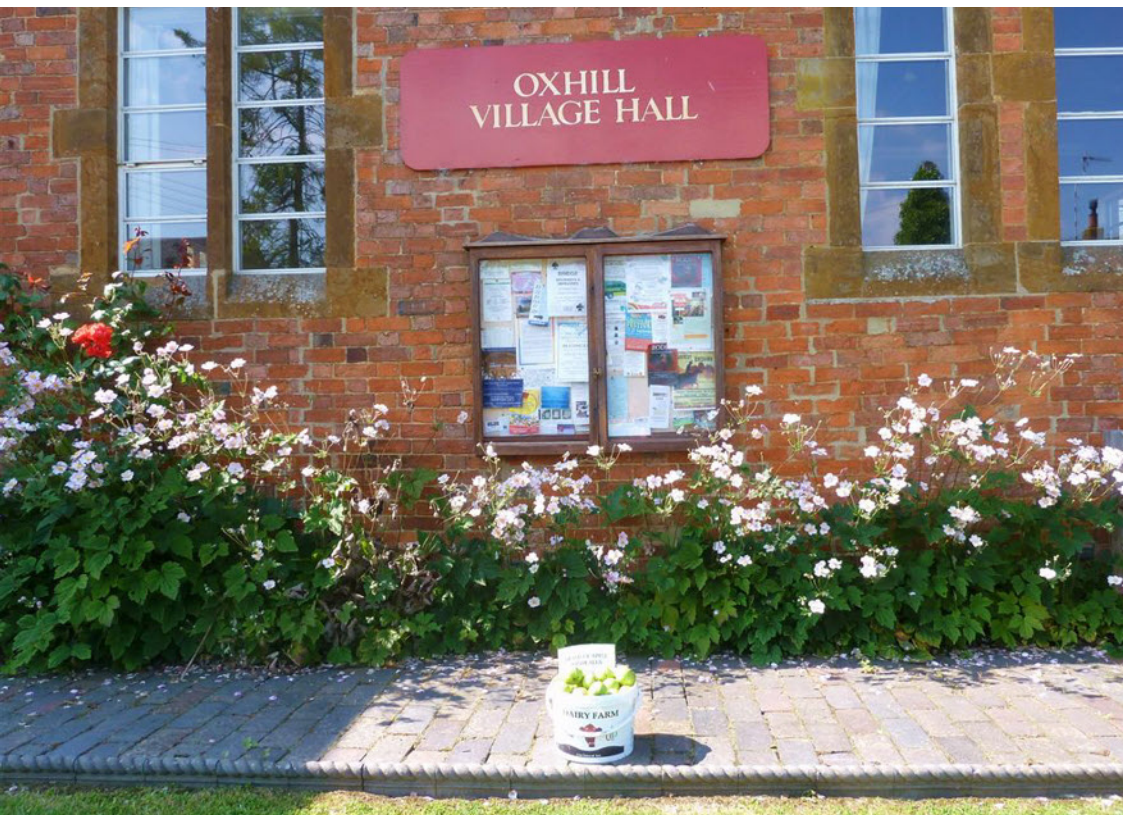

THE OXHILL NEWS

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Bramley apples for the taking - a closing sign of summer.

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The News is what we make it!!

The editors welcome any pictures, photographs, drawings, poems, puzzles, recipes, announcements or items of local news for possible inclusion in The Oxhill News. Please email news-editor@oxhill.org.uk or place paper contributions in the box labelled 'The Oxhill News' in the Church.

MOBILE LIBRARY

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

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill every 3rd Wednesday, stopping at the Village Hall at 10am and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Wednesday 11th September.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 10th and 24th September.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays 3rd and 17th September.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

The walk planned for September is:

September 27th – A 7.5 mile walk from Long Compton to Whichford and return with 700 feet of ascent. Lunch will be at The Norman Knight Whichford – Walk starts at 9.45am.

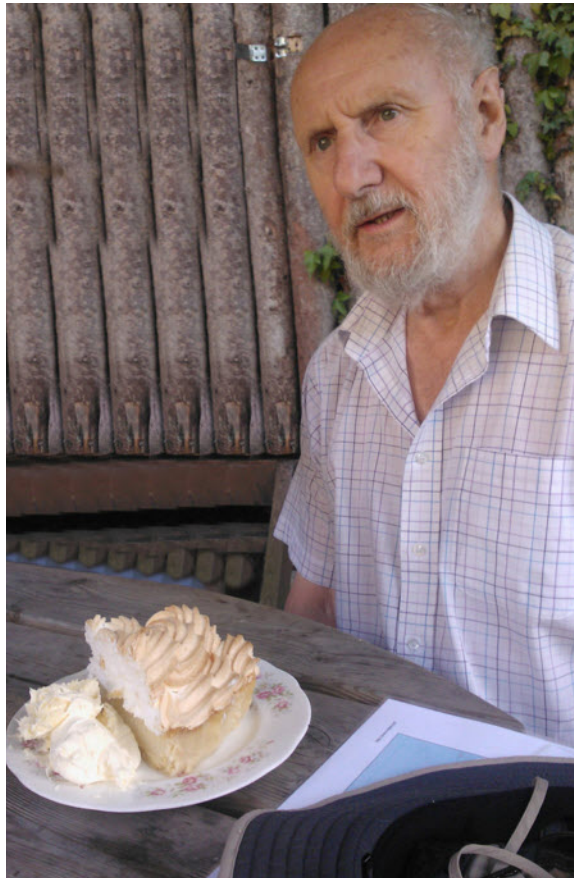
Due to the numbers on the walk we now will have to limit the total walkers to 28, so Jim Saxton will now take these on a first come first served basis, those booking too late being held in reserve. Unless otherwise stated meal decisions will be prior to walk. Those who wish to join us are most welcome, but please contact Jim Saxton on 01295 680613 or at saxton@talktalk.net before the Tuesday evening prior to the walk.

WEEKDAY WALKERS HOLIDAY

A big thanks goes to George Adams who took over the leadership of the **Weekday Walkers** as they tackled four very different walks from their base in Minehead, Somerset. These included Porlock to Minehead, Minehead to Watchet and two from Dunster Castle.

We tackled many hills during the three days and George kept up his energy by tackling mountainous Lemon Meringue Pies.

Jim Saxton



HARVEST FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 29th 2013

Just a reminder about harvest festival this year taking a slightly different form Tradition fresh produce or even flowers would be most gratefully received. For those who would prefer we are accepting all tins or package food for the Local Foodbank. Please leave your offerings in the church just before the 29th September. The service will be at 10 am and light refreshments will be served afterwards. Look forward to your support.



Carol Fox

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Sunday 1st Trinity XIV: 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 8th Trinity XV: 9.30am Sunday Praise (BR)

Sunday 15th Trinity XVI: 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 22nd Trinity XVII: 9.30am Family Service (NM)

Sunday 29th Harvest Festival: 10.00am Village Harvest Service –all welcome – please note time

For other benefice services see porch notice board

VICARAGE NOTES

As holidays for many draw to an end, we are mindful of the privilege of living in an age of travel with its opportunities of appreciating history, cultures and nature across the globe. There are sadly the risks – of exploitation, transfer of criminality inc drugs and arms, and the promulgation of extremism.

100 years ago in Oxhill, many were still employed on the land and there would have been a sense of self-sufficiency. No doubt there were stirrings in some circles about the political situation in Europe – but it was so far away.

The world is a very different place, but the life of faith continues, and the collect that the BCP sets for September 1st reads:

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope and charity;

and that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Most collects are one sentence, and this expresses our need to grow in the best of qualities, follow the 10 commandments and share the spirit of love. Seemple!

Harvest Festival

All are warmly invited to our special service this year. Tinned and dried foods will be donated to the Coventry Foodbank – fruit, veg, preserves etc will be auctioned after the service for “Farm Africa” to which the cash collection will also go.

Please support the rest of the day as well!

Best wishes and God bless,

Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230



Faith, Hope and Charity by J. Christensen

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

August 2nd: Remembered with thanksgiving ~ Nancy Parker Smith

DEANERY NEWS FOR JULY

I trust that you have had the blessing of a wonderful summer, whatever you were doing.

For those who did not have any news in August, you might like to know that on July 23rd the Cathedral was full for the funeral of Bishop Colin: it was an wonderful and incredibly moving service, celebrating his life and ministry and, most of all, the Resurrection, but also full of compassion and love for Veronica and his family and the very many who worked closely with him. We thank God for his amazing and inspirational ministry, which has touched the lives of so many, and we pray for Veronica and their whole family as they mourn, as we all do, a much loved man.

Looking ahead, the next Deanery Synod is on Tuesday, October 22nd at 7.30 pm in Tysoe. Greg Bartlem, whom many will remember as Diocesan Youth Officer, was ordained and has since grown a church from nothing among the deprived youngsters of the centre of Coventry. The church is called Urban Hope, and Greg is coming back to tell us about it.

Finally, please do remember in your thoughts and prayers the farmer among us, for a bountiful harvest after the most difficult of years!

Every blessing, Jill



THE SHENLOW SINGERS

Are coming to Oxhill

Date Sunday 29th September 2013

Venue St lawrences Church

Time 2 p m

*Followed by a Pig Roast (pork Bap) and
cream tea at the Old Chapel*

Tickets £10

Children half price

Obtainable from Carol Fox 1295 680223

Or Cath Pugh 01295 680958

Proceeds to the ongoing Church Restoration Fund

VOTE FOR OXHILL VILLAGE HALL!

That's the plea we are making to all residents, your friends, your relations. In fact anyone who knows you!

The village hall has been shortlisted in this year's Lloyds Bank Community Challenge, with the chance to win £3,000.

The Village Hall Committee has put together an application that would see the existing chairs replaced with a much-needed new range of smart, comfortable fabric covered seats.

We hope you agree that improved seating would make a huge difference to everyone's enjoyment of the hall.

But to stand a chance of winning the money we need your help.

Our application, '**Making the Village Hall the seat of Oxhill**', will be included in a public vote along with three other shortlisted applications from Stratford district. We need as many votes as possible to achieve our goal and we hope we can count on your support!



Ouch! Just why we desperately need new seating.

Voting starts on **23 September and continues until 1 November**. Votes can be cast on the website <http://communityfund.lloydsbank.com> from 23 September. Alternatively, there will be an opportunity to vote by text, the details of which will be published on the website on 23 September, or by filling in a voting slip in Lloyds Bank branches (we will be distributing forms, in due course).

All together, 400 communities will benefit from the fund this autumn. Please help Oxhill to become one of the winning communities!!!

N.B. We'll do a reminder on how to vote in the October Oxhill News but if you can support us from 23 September, that would be fantastic.

Thank you
Adrian

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – UPCOMING EVENTS

Mexican style Progressive Supper – Saturday, 21 September

This is always a great evening and one that is greatly enjoyed by new-comers to the village as it is a terrific opportunity to meet a lot of people in their own homes and this year to enjoy some Mexican delicacies.

The format is to meet in the Village Hall at 7.00pm for a pre-Dinner drink and then off to various houses throughout the Village for some interesting Mexican dishes and then on again to another couple of destinations for more varieties of super food before returning to the Village Hall for Puddings.

For the Mexican ‘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 but without the stress of cooking several courses to a tight schedule.

We are looking for hosts to provide a selection of Mexican dishes 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 good food and wine at host’s homes!)

If you would like to participate in this popular supper please telephone Diana Cronin on 680938 or Jude MacDonald on 680150 and let either of them know whether you would prefer to host a course of Mexican food (recipes/guidance is available if needed) or would like some tickets.

Indian Feast – *NOTE NEW DATE!!* - Friday, 11 October

Our ever popular Indian Feast Night is back and a selection of exotic Indian dishes will be available to tempt your taste buds on FRIDAY October 11th from the many and diverse regions of Oxhill. There will be tasty curries from South Oxhill, exotic Chutneys from Central Oxhill and delicious vegetable accompaniments from the furthest reaches of North Oxhill. Tickets are priced at £12.50 per person and food will be served from 7.30pm.

Tickets are available from Tricia Harbour on 680676

New Event – the Barbershop Trio: Quarto are here on Friday 15 November

We are fortunate to have secured **Quarto** to appear at the Village Hall on Friday 15 November. They have a varied and amusing act and are very popular. If you haven’t heard them yet, look them up on You-Tube, I’m sure that you’ll be entertained! This gig and one other are the only appearances in Warwickshire this year so order your tickets now! Refreshments will be available.

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL EVENT REPORT

On Saturday, August 10th, around 18 people came down to the Village Hall to help with our annual Maintenance Day (and some were good enough to come back on the Sunday to finish things off). We cleaned and filled, repaired and painted, scrubbed and polished, weeded and trimmed and all to good effect – I think that the Hall now looks very clean and smart.

I'd like to thank, in no particular order; Adrian & Belinda Marklew, Karen & Stuart Barker, Gaynor & Jo van Dijk, Katy & Stuart Whittaker, (Mr) Pat Crowther, Ken Bull, Jeff Reid, John McKail, Roger Goodman, Jay Roberts, Jane Smith, Jo Sweby (Ann Marshal's Daughter) and last but no means least, Robin Teall for his guidance and patience.

Some of the funding for the Maintenance Day was raised by Barbara Kenny's Oxhill Art Exhibition which was held in the Village Hall on 12 July, for which we are very grateful. The same event also raised funds for Aylesford Cancer Centre at Warwick Hospital.

I should also mention Gwyn Adams who kindly donated two thirds of a tin of very special floor polish that Tricia used on the parquet floor and it now looks wonderful.

Derek Harbour



KNIT & NATTER IS BACK!

Knit & Natter starts again on Thursday, 5 September from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Oxhill Village Hall and on alternate Thursdays thereafter.

Everyone is welcome, even if it is only for a cup of tea and a biscuit at the half way stage, to enjoy a chat and maybe exchange a good book.



OWLS WILDFLOWER COMPETITION

It has been lovely seeing patches of wild flowers around the village this summer. What a show they have been and it is a delight to see them humming with bees and butterflies. Hopefully more people will be inspired to grow some next year

as I'm sure many of you will agree that the neatly cut grass verge is less attractive than the more biodiversity rich flowers.



Seeds can be bought from many on line sites – www.meadowmania.co.uk being one that is recommended but anyone needing more information can contact Grenville or any of the Owls team.

Owls is offering three prizes to those they feel have given the best display so please send your pictures of them to ed@brachers.wanadoo.co.uk who will collate them ready for judging.

CHICKEN MANURE FOR SALE

We have a good amount of chicken manure for sale, it can either be fresh and dry or month old rotten manure. It is bagged in strong plastic bags suitable for transporting and (fairly) easy lifting.

We use either natural wood shavings or chopped straw as our base, the hens are fed on 100% natural feed with no drugs or chemicals added and use a 100% natural protection for red mite which is diatomaceous earth.

The bags are around 100ltrs and we charge £2 per bag.

If anyone is interested then please ask them to call me on 01608 683912 or pop in and see us at Edgehill Stud, Stratford Road, Kineton – large straw chicken on the road you can't miss us!!

Kind regards, Jude



CHERNOBYL CHILDREN'S COFFEE MORNING



The final few pics of summer!

A great day was had by all who attended Ann Marshall's perennial summer coffee morning in aid of one of Oxhill's favourite charity: Chernobyl Children Oxfordshire and South Warwickshire.

It's always great fun with fabulous bargains on plants, cakes and face paints.

Thanks to Mick Shepard for the pics!





PEACOCK EVENTS THIS MONTH

Quiz Night

The Peacock won't have a Quiz night on the first Sunday in September. Instead they will have a special Quiz night on the first Sunday in October when they will be raising funds for the church roof.

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on Wednesday 4th September at 10:30am and the village lunch is on Wednesday 18th September.



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL - PLASTIC CHAIRS AVAILABLE

We have acquired some folding chairs to replace the older, moulded Black Plastic ones so if anyone wants some of the older ones, please help yourselves – they are stacked behind the Village Hall.

We have already donated a number of the chairs to the Church.

If you do want some, then whilst it is not obligatory, a donation towards the upkeep of the Hall would be gratefully received.

Derek Harbour (680676)

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

As I write this we are looking forward to our summer outing to the Savill Gardens followed by a ride on the River Thames.

On September 19th we have Adrian Tysoe telling us about the Otmoor RSPB Nature Reserve and remember to hand in your entries for the photographic competition to me by the end of September. Please put your name on the back and the title of the class the entry is for. [Although I think we might be able to guess whether it is for Winter Garden or Summer Flowers.]

Ruth Gibson

PARISH MEETING
AT THE VILLAGE HALL
WEDNESDAY 25 SEPTEMBER AT 8.00 PM

Progress with the Parish Plan

Please come to this open meeting where Sue Hunt will provide feedback on the July suggestions box and explain what the Steering Group plan to ask in the Village Survey in October. Sue will also explain what was learnt from the housing survey.

If you care about the future of your village it is important that you try and come to this meeting.

Grenville Moore
Chairman – Oxhill Parish Council

OXHILL OIL CONSORTIUM

It's time to get ready for winter! If you require oil can you please order using oxhilloil@yahoo.com Orders must be to me by midnight on Tuesday 17th September. After this time and date it will not be possible to accept orders.

This email is specific for OIL ORDERS ONLY. The next date for ordering will be 19th November.

Mick Shepard
viper@viperrecovery.co.uk 07976289228

OXHILL OIL CONSORTIUM will be ordering. Please will those without Email availability let me have their need not later than Tuesday September 17th by 6 pm. Thank you.

Diane

SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

Please can I make you aware of a vehicle that was seen acting suspiciously in Brailes yesterday afternoon. The vehicle was a red Ford Transit registration BN51 HXT.

Please report any suspicious activity to the team regardless of how minor you might think it is.

Kind Regards

PCSO 6234 Hayley Ditchburn BA (Hons)

Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team

Warwickshire Police

Shipston Police Station

Tel: 01789 444 670

Extension: 4673

Mobile: 07879 608 696

BADMINTON PLAYERS WANTED

The Monday morning Badminton Group need mature players to join their happy band in Brailes Village Hall, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. (Male or Female)

If interested contact

Susan Ryles 01608 685015 OR Jill Dougall 01608 685858

Many thanks

Sue

susieryles@homecall.co.uk

Tel: 07779639447

ZUMBA CLASS IN TYSOE

Just to let you know that this class is ongoing at the village hall in Tysoe on Thursdays from 6pm to 7pm. Very friendly and all newcomers welcome. Easy to learn, good exercise and very enjoyable. Just turn up on the night. No need to book!



THE CARICE SINGERS AT HAMPTON LUCY CHURCH

The Caprice Singers, directed by George Parris, are giving a concert of music by English Romantic composers at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 7th September. Tickets £10, to include refreshments, at the door or ring 01789 - 740789.

The group, named after Elgar's daughter, consists mainly of Choral Scholars intending to pursue a professional career.

Ros Henry



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- Kenilworth Library, Thursday 3rd October 2013
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APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS TO SUPPORT RURAL BUSINESSES

Warwickshire County Council on behalf of Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership has received nearly £230,000 worth of applications in response to round one of its new grant scheme for small rural businesses.

The £500,000 scheme, which is funded by the Department for Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) and the Rural Development Programme for England, is part of the Warwickshire Rural Growth Network.

It is estimated that the projects submitted will create 47 jobs and safeguard another 28 as well as lever in over £400,000 of private sector investment.

Cllr Alan Cockburn, deputy leader of Warwickshire County Council with responsibility for economic development, said: “Part of both Warwickshire’s Going for Growth agenda and the CWLEP’s strategy is to stimulate the rural economy and the Rural Growth Network grant funding is helping to achieve this”.

“The grant scheme is part of a wider package of support including specialist advice, one-to-one mentoring, coaching, loans and property. We would encourage rural businesses in any sector and people looking to start their own business to contact us to find out how the Rural Growth Network can help.”

The projects submitted will now be assessed against the funding criteria before consideration by a grants panel.

The next deadline for applications is noon on the 27th September 2013. Applications are particularly sought from micro businesses operating in the manufacturing, digital media and low carbon sectors. Applications from women-led businesses are also encouraged.

Grants from £10,000 to £100,000 are available for eligible projects and applicants will be supported by Warwickshire’s Rural Growth Network Team and the University of Warwick Science Park’s Business Support team.

Warwickshire County Council is leading the Rural Growth Network on behalf of the Local Enterprise Partnership.

The micro-enterprise grants are part of a wider package of access to finance activities overseen by the Local Enterprise Partnership including Growing Places and the Regional Growth Fund.

For more information about the Rural Growth Network visit
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/ruralgrowthnetwork
or call Tel 01926 412709.

Kind regards

Amanda Wilson-Patterson

Localities & Communities Officer

Communities

Warwickshire County Council

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Website: www.warwickshire.gov.uk

For further information on the Stratford-on-Avon Area Office visit
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/stratfordarea



STOUR VALLEY LIONS

Stour Valley Lions, based in Shipston on Stour, are a group of like minded people trying to make life a little better for those less fortunate than themselves with activities which cover the Stour Valley Area.

We meet at the George Hotel, Shipston on Stour monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7-30 p.m. to plan our activities, including social events, and welcome like minded individuals, either male or female, who are prepared to put a little back into the community.

We welcome volunteers who do not necessarily wish to become members but are prepared to lend a hand when they can.

For more information on the Lions please contact::

Lion John Cavanah 01295-722287

e.mail:-john.cavana@btinternet.com

or visit our web site <http://e-clubhouse.org/sites/stourvalley/>

THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF WORLD WAR 1

2014 POPPY CAMPAIGN

We will remember them - the 16 million who died and the 20 million who were injured during World War 1.

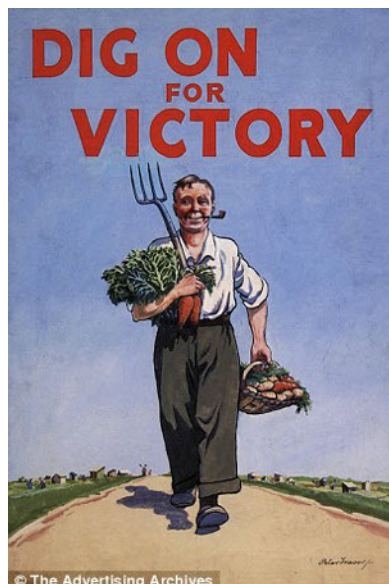
A section of the British Legion has started a campaign to encourage as many people as possible to plant poppies for the 100th anniversary – 4th August 2014. Seeds need to be sown in cultivated soil as soon as possible to get flowers for early August next year but they can then be sown from April through to June to get a continuous show. The Owls group are going to plant poppies in a small section of their wildlife area in the churchyard and it would be great if people planted patches in their verges or garden or even in containers in commemoration.

Seeds can be bought and more information found from www.realpoppy.co.uk and all proceeds will go to the British Legion.

DIG FOR VICTORY
SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 1PM - 6PM
CHERINGTON AND STOURTON VILLAGES
Nr. Shipston on Stour CV36 5HS
Everyone Welcome, Adults £5, children free

The South Warwickshire villages of Cherington, Stourton and Sutton-Under-Brailes are raising the flags and flying bunting. Planning permission has been granted for a new village hall adjacent to the playing field and the residents are celebrating by holding a 'Dig for Victory' event.

People will be welcome to join them to explore some inspiring gardens and allotments and a WWII Harvest Camp. Adding to the atmosphere will be a vintage vehicle display and a Forties Style Tea Room serving delightful refreshments. There are opportunities to 'Make Do and Mend' and plants, produce and preserves will be on sale. Visitors are invited to join the fun by coming along in forties dress. Drivers of vintage or military vehicles can claim a 'ration allowance' for free tee and cake from the 'Assembly Point' at the Village Hall.



WOT2Grow YOUR Community Orchard



We are all benefiting from the glorious weather we have had – the fruit is ripening at an amazing rate and the members are enjoying delicious fruit freshly picked at the orchard!

Everyone who comes to a working session goes away with some fruit, a thank you for coming and helping, and members get extra fruit on a regular basis. It will be a couple of years before we have fruit from the trees but in the mean time the soft fruit is just beautiful!

The sensory garden continues to be amazing!! In places you cannot see the weed suppressant material as the plants have filled out and spread as they were intended to do. The biggest sign is that it is teeming with bees, bumble bees, beneficial insects and butterflies so proving that we have produced a nectar rich environment for pollinators etc. It also looks very pretty which is an added bonus!

Our wild flower strips have been very beautiful and we look forward to them self-seeding as well as the perennial varieties becoming well established. More to come as we increase the areas substantially which, combined with the sensory garden and the wild flowers already present at the orchard, means we have a wonderful habitat for all sorts of “critters”.

We have had two very good sessions with John Edgeley on Pests and Diseases of Fruit Trees and Soft Fruit. They are invaluable for us at the orchard as well as anyone who has their own fruit trees. We spend an hour in the “class room” and then go to the orchard armed with hand lenses to ferret out any problems and learn how to put them right! We will have more sessions next year and non-members are welcome for a small fee.

Everyone is welcome at the orchard and any help given is gratefully received – please contact one of the team listed below for details of sessions at the orchard. Or just come and take a look!

See us at www.wot2grow.co.uk or contact

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080), Graham Collier (680127), Julia Stirman (01608 686776), Pam Bennett (01608 652 222)

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

September

Tuesday 3rd		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 4th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Thursday 5th	14:00	Knit & Natter - Village Hall
Tuesday 10th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 11th	10:00	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Tuesday 17th		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 18th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Friday 19th		Garden Club speaker - Adrian Tysoe from RSPB
Saturday 21st	19:00	Mexican-style Progressive Supper
Tuesday 24th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 25th	20:00	Parish Meeting Village Hall
Friday 27th	9:30	Weekday Walkers - see pg 2 for details
Sunday 29th	10:00	Harvest Festival - St. Lawrence Church
Sunday 29th	14:00	The Shenlow Singers and Pig Roast - Old Chapel

October

Friday 11th	19:30	Indian Feast - Village Hall
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November

Friday 15th		The Barbershop Trio: Quarto - Village Hall
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