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The Shakespeare Sisters serving tea to the many cyclists who stopped at the Village Hall on the Shakespeare Hospice 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.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The mobile library has books with **large print**, ordinary print, picture books, children's books, 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 **Friday (change from Wednesday)**, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30 and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Friday September 5th and 26th. For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays September 9th and 23rd.

The grey rubbish bins will be collected Tuesdays September 2nd, 16th and 30th.

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

PEACOCK EVENTS THIS MONTH

Quiz Night

Quiz night on Sunday September 7th at 8pm.

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on Wednesday September 3rd at 10:30am and the village lunch is on Wednesday September 17th.



NATURE NOTES FOR SEPTEMBER

The weather has already indicated that Autumn is on its way. Astronomically it is taken to be the period from the autumnal equinox to the winter solstice, around 23 September to 22 December, and is the time of maturity and harvest in the temperate zones. 21 September is St Matthew's Day and usually marks the beginning of Autumn. It is time to close the beehives for the year – 'St Matthee, shut up the bee', and to prepare for the darker nights ahead – 'St Matthew, get candlesticks new'.

Now is the time to tidy our gardens, but please leave some wildlife areas. A



"Just what a wellie would walk through - wild flowers, docks, snails, brambles, moss and elder."
Jess Main 1st prize Tysoe Show



Tysoe Show

whole world

exists in our gardens. While we're tucked up in the safety and comfort of our houses, thousands of tiny creatures are hiding all over our gardens, eating, mating, hibernating. If we are too tidy then we deny them this. We all benefit from natural pest control, improved pollination and healthier soil (and therefore plants). It is also enjoyable to watch and observe the birdlife on our feeders, the colours of the blue tits, gold finches and woodpeckers, the beautiful elegance of the young starlings before they take on the adult plumage. On the fallen fruit there is the flash of colour as the Red Admiral and Peacock butterflies feed.

We need to provide nooks and crannies, hedges and log piles for all our wildlife. The hedgehogs will be looking for hibernation areas soon and I am pleased to report that we seem to have had an increase in numbers this



year and many reports from all over the village, but please don't put out bread and milk, cat food is ideal. In my garden I have seen several grass snakes and for the first time in several years a young toad. The great-crested newts have done well and have all now left the pond and will be already hibernating. Observing and caring for wildlife has helped shape our culture and language and

caring for wildlife is therefore part of who we are – it is in our bones.

Did you know that the very large fat bumble bees you often see blundering about in late winter and early spring are actually queens looking for somewhere to set up a new nesting site to lay their first batch of eggs. They will also need nectar and if they can't find any they will die. One of the nectar plants she will be seeking out will be the crocus. To this end OWLS will be giving out free crocus bulbs at our 'insect house' making event – please come.

Grenville Moore



1st prize Honey for Oxhill's own Douglas Nethercleft at the Tysoe Show.



The littlest falconer



AFTERNOON TEA AND INSECT BOX WORKSHOP

21st September
4.00 pm in Oxhill Village Hall

£2.50 per adult
(includes tea and cake)

Come along and join the OWLS group for tea and cake and, if you wish, join in the workshop to make insect boxes.

Construction materials such as plastic bottles (with tops), corrugated cardboard, dry hollow stems or narrow tubes (bamboo, hogweed stems etc), wooden boxes, string and glue would be useful.

For further information contact Grenville 680664 or other members of Owls.

OXHILL OIL CONSORTIUM

The next oil order date is the 9th of September. Yes, this is the one that has been brought forward a week! All orders should be with us by 6pm on that day.

As usual the email address is oil@oxhill.org.uk

We have had a computer problem and have had to buy a new lap top and are having to build up the consortium email list again so we will pick up your email addresses as and when you order. Therefore, for the time being, some of you may get a reminder and unfortunately some of you may not.



Mick and Barbara Shepard

Tysoe Show



Oxhill's Rouse Village Carrier, circa 1900

VILLAGE LIFE IN OXHILL DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Oxhill in 1914 was still a wholly rural community, with most people employed on the farms, plus a few tradespeople such as baker, cobbler, blacksmith and carpenter. Agricultural wages were low, and the average family desperately poor. Evelyn Colyer, nee Gilks, was shocked as a child to visit a cottage with only bare flagged floor, table, a few crocks, a couple of wooden chairs and an old sack before the fire. Many villagers kept a pig, and grew their own vegetables in gardens or allotments, and the only meat poorer people saw was bacon and rabbit. The smaller cottages had only open fires to cook on, and bacon was boiled in a large pot, together with cabbage and potatoes in a net, supplemented with plain pudding of flour and suet. Water came from wells, the village pump, or for some directly from the brook.

Children were educated at the village school, leaving at 14, and the standard of education under the headmistress, Miss French was by all accounts good. Most of the children were poorly dressed, and attendance was not always consistent, but each child got individual attention, and although discipline was strict, the school had a happy atmosphere. The school photo of 1911 must portray some of the future casualties of war, the youngest of whom, Frank Gilks died at 19.



Oxhill School photo 1911

Sundays were special, people wore their best clothes, and both Church and Chapel were well attended, with each child in the village attending Sunday School twice a day.

There was a station then at Kinton, but transport generally was by the village carrier who drove his horse and covered van on set days to Shipston, Banbury and Stratford. Otherwise people got about on bicycle or on foot. Doctors came from Kinton or Shipston, but at 2/6 a visit, the poor used them only in emergencies. As there was no telephone in the village, someone had to cycle to fetch them, and they often came too late to help. Childhood illnesses could kill, and TB was also common. The mentally ill were dispatched to Hatton Asylum, and the elderly and infirm to Shipston Workhouse.

When wartime came, there was initial excitement in the village, and a rush to enlist. Evelyn remembered her great aunt rushing in with the news. Thirty one Oxhill men served in the Great War, and of these eleven were members of the Gilks family. There were seven casualties, three of them Gilks, including a pair of brothers, one of whom died on the first day of the Somme, when so many were mown down. A brother-in-law, Leonard Cornes, suffered a head wound, and lived thereafter with a metal plate in his head.

In early summer 1915 there was a further stir when a soldier on a motor-cycle arrived in the village, and after discussion with Evelyn's grandmother, Mrs



*"I trust the hats worn were securely anchored!"
Oxhill church choir outing on the river at Tewkesbury in 1913*

Bertha Gilks, (who was the blacksmith's wife), hung a Union Jack on her chestnut tree at the house since called Elmville, in the centre of the village opposite the Peacock). Then more soldiers arrived, said to be on manoeuvres, who gathered at tables and chairs on the lawn, and spent half an hour consulting maps, etc, before leaving again. (It is possible that this happened slightly earlier in the year, in March, when over 200 soldiers were billeted in Kineton.) Evelyn remembered how the village children came and peered through the railings, and how important it felt to be on the inside!

On the farms, many horses were commandeered for war use, their loss keenly felt. Women took over the men's work in the fields, and the village was scandalised when two of them wore breeches! Working parties were held at the Rectory, to make knitted items for the troops. As the war progressed and merchant ships were sunk, food shortages were felt, and a highlight came when the Rector's wife managed to obtain and distribute a barrel of pickled herrings.

The Armistice caused great rejoicing, and was celebrated with sports and teas. However the traumas of war, and the changes in agriculture and in social conditions meant that the village to which soldiers returned was not the same as the one they had left. A new era had begun.

Ann Hale, 2014



Myrtle with photos of her father, a merchant sailor during the war.

Firstly, my enormous thanks to all those who contributed to, took part in and came along to the WW! Vigil Service in Oxhill Church on August 3rd. It was an incredible act of worship, made very special by the gifts that everyone brought to it. There were specially made candles, flower arrangement, displays, works of art, music reading and memories, and wine for us all afterwards: every gift was special, but the sum total was even greater than the sum of the parts.

Secondly, there will be another chance to meet together over lunch and then reflect about God's meeting with us in our lives when Lunch Break meets again on Thursday, September 18th, and 12.30pm. This time we are meeting in The Old Chapel, Oxhill, and Tom Moffatt will be sharing with us some of the poetry of R.S. Thomas. The invitation is to anyone in the villages of Oxhill, Tysoe, Whatcote, Brailes and Sutton-under Brailes— please do come and join us. It is helpful, but not essential, to know if you are coming (see below), and as before there will be a high chair and toys for any younger visitors! It would be lovely to see you.



Jill

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Rev. Jill Tucker



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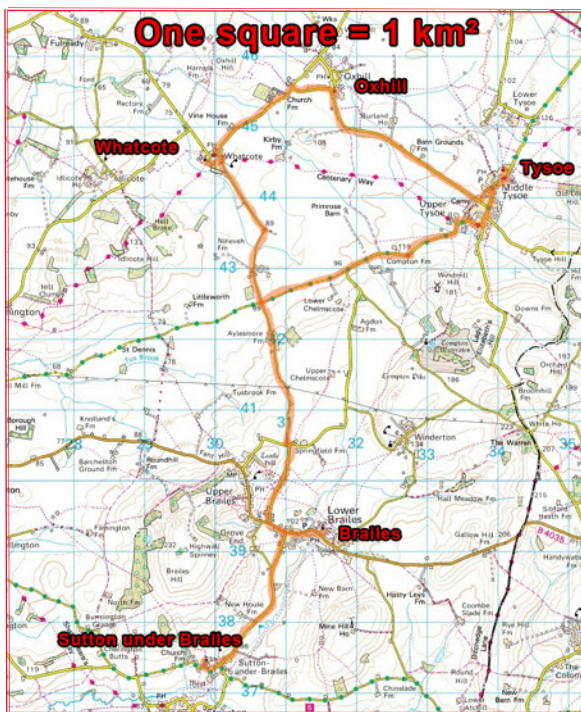
RIDE+STRIDE

Saturday 13th September 2014

I urge you to participate in this worthwhile fund raising and fun event. Further details and sponsorship forms may be obtained from www.warwickshirechurches.org.uk or from your local co-ordinators: Nadia MacCall (Oxhill) - Tel.680306, Alice Pennell (Tysoe) - Tel.680020 and June Wreford (Whatcote) - Tel.680294. A cycle route linking churches in the wider area is available from the former.

Of particular interest to our three villages is the triangular walking route mapped by Jim Saxton, details of which may be obtained from me – Tel. 680041. To make sure that no-one goes astray on the day, the route will be signposted!

Following individual registrations at 9.45am, Jim is leading a group walk* starting at 10.00 from St Lawrence's calling in at St Mary's and St Peter's for refreshments – to this end all three churches are being manned during the day for anyone taking part in the Ride & Stride event. It might suit you to walk perhaps just part of the triangular route, at a different time or, indeed, anti-clockwise – in which case register at one of the churches on the day. For those who have not sought sponsorship it is suggested that £5 would be an equitable donation to the cause.



The ride can be started at any point and in either direction. This route map will be available on the day from St. Lawrence's church.

Enjoy the day. I look forward to seeing you on the way round!

Douglas Nethercleft

*** Bring a packed lunch.**



THE GREAT SHAKESPEARE CYCLE RIDE

Dozens of cyclists on the Aug 17th Shakespeare hospice charity cycle ride, stopped at the Village Hall for tea, cake and conversation. We had many satisfied customers and loads of left over bananas!



OXHILL VILLAGE HALL – UPCOMING EVENTS

Village Hall Maintenance Day – Saturday, 13 September

We are having our annual Village Hall Maintenance day on Saturday, 13 September starting at 10.00am – volunteers with many or few DIY skills will be welcome.

Please contact Stuart Whittaker on 688194 if you are able to assist.

Progressive Supper – Saturday, 4 October

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 Moroccan delicacies. (I can taste those lovely Tagines now!)

The format is to meet in the Village Hall for a drink and then off to various houses throughout the Village for some interesting Moroccan dishes and then on again to another house or two for more food before returning to the Village Hall for Puddings.

For the ‘traveller’ you get to meet new people, see different houses and taste lovely delicacies and for the hosts you have all the fun of welcoming people into your home but without the stress of preparing and cooking several courses to a tight schedule.

We are looking for hosts to provide a selection of Moroccan 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 and let her know whether you would prefer to host a course of food (recipes/guidance is available if needed) or would like some tickets.

Mark Harrison Blues Band – Friday, 17 October

Another great gig brought to you by our favourite impresario, Pat Crowther, the Mark Harrison Band (www.markharrisonrootsmusic.com), fresh from the O2 Arena. Tickets @ £10 each will be available from Pat in September.



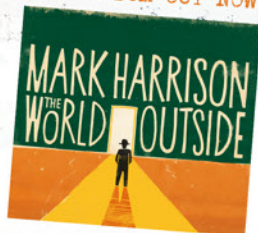
MARK HARRISON

THE MARK HARRISON BAND
WILL BE PLAYING AT:

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL
FRIDAY OCT 17

'WONDERFUL ROOTSY BLUES' (JAZZ FM)

NEW ALBUM OUT NOW



Village Food Festival – Saturday, 18 October

Apples, Pears, Plums, Vegetables, Jams, Chutneys, Bread & more – all from local sources – a great opportunity to show what you can do and to buy some great food!

The plan is to offer a table (or share of a table) to anyone who wants to sell, at a price that they can decide, for any of their home made produce for the donation of an item that can go into a raffle. We will then sell tickets at the door for £1 each to include a tea or coffee and a raffle ticket. The aim is NOT to make money for the Hall but to showcase and share some of the great fruit, vegetables, crafts, etc. that are grown & made in the Village. More details will follow in later issues of the News.

Derek Harbour

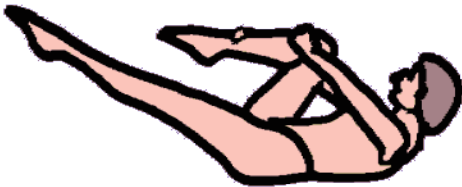
KNIT & NATTER IS BACK!

Knit & Natter returns after the summer break on Thursday, 11 September from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Oxhill Village Hall and from then onwards on every other Thursday. There will be an opportunity to catch up with friends and chat about your various exotic summer activities over a cup of tea, whilst knitting or pursuing other interests.

Everyone is welcome and we look forward to hearing your ideas for our autumn programme.

Tricia Harbour

PILATES



Pilates is a form of exercise that is suitable for everyone of any age or fitness. It helps to develop your core muscles which are essential for everyday life.

If you are interested in joining a small and friendly group for an hour on a Thursday morning from 9.30 till 10.30.

Please ring Barbara for details: 07976269090

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL

The recent Oxhill Village Plan asked residents what activities they would like to see take place in Oxhill and the Village Hall committee have reviewed that list and show below what we believe might be possible and what, because of space or other constraints, does not look to be able to be held in the Hall.

Already Occur:

- Pilates, Visiting Speakers, Book Clubs (there are 2 in the Village), Music events (currently 2 per year) and there is an Inter-Village cricket match between Oxhill & Tysoe is scheduled to take place in Tysoe on 30 August.

Possible:

- Activities for Children / Table Tennis / Bridge / Yoga / Zumba / Cycling or Similar Sports Clubs / Evening Exercise Club – The Hall is available for hire if anyone would like to start a club to do any of these.
- Film showings – There is a scheme run by Stratford Council that, in the past, we have participated in that provides all of the necessary equipment for a fee. However, they only make certain films available and these are voted on by local communities and the most popular one is then selected to run in various Village Halls. Historically, the film chosen has not proved popular in Oxhill and the events, which take quite a bit of setting up, often lost money. If someone would like to take the lead and organise these events, it is likely that some support could be available. Also, an occasional ‘Flicks in the Sticks’ event does occur in the Chapel.

Not Possible:

- § Badminton & Ballroom Dancing (Hall is too small), Cookery Club (Kitchen is too small).

If anyone wants to lead a group on any of the above ‘Possible’ activities, please contact Derek Harbour on 680676 to discuss the opportunity.

PLANNING APPLICATIONS IN OXHILL

If you would like to know about the Planning Applications for new housing developments in Oxhill, please go to the Stratford District Council website where you can leave comments on the proposed developments:

<http://apps.stratford.gov.uk/eplanning/AppSearchResult.aspx?searchby=monthlist&parish=070&month=08/14&date=Validated>

If you would like to keep informed of any updates to the planning applications, please join the Oxhill e-mail distribution list by emailing Mike Collins: mike.collins@btinternet.com

ST. LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Sunday 7th Trinity XII: 9.30am Parish Communion(ML)

Sunday 14th Trinity XIII: 6.30pm Thanksgiving Service for the restoration work

Sunday 21st Trinity XIV: 9.30am Parish Communion (ML)

Sunday 28th Harvest Festival: 9.30am Special Family Service (NM)

For other benefice services see porch notice board

VICARAGE NOTES

Special service 6.30pm September 14th "The Restoration Project"

All are warmly invited to the special service of Thanksgiving for the completion of the main part of the project – the renewal of the nave roof, extensive stonework repairs and conservation work on the south doorway. Repairs to the east window glazing have been completed as well. There remains the installation of stainless steel internal belfry guards and, of course, the internal re-decoration that's now required. The service will be a 40 min "Songs of Praise" – do come if you can.



Harvest 2014

We shall be celebrating Harvest Festival on the 28th at 9.30am – the collection and auction of fresh produce being for Farm Africa, with tinned etc going to a local food-bank. All welcome!

The Barn dance

Finally, don't forget the harvest Barn Dance on Sat. 27th – the final flourish of the the Restoration appeal – let's get the church decorated!

The Restoration Project Summary Accounts

As promised, we're able to include the summary accounts in the Oxhill News, and I'm delighted to show what has been achieved over the last 2 years. Well

ST.LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

Restoration Project - Summary

EXPENSES

Stage 1 Development Costs inc VAT	13,793
Stage 2 Nave roof, stonework repairs etc inc VAT	89,134
Stage 2 Architects fees inc VAT	5,564
Re-decoration and belfry guards(estimate)	6,000
Total	£114,672

INCOME

Grants receivable

English Heritage stage 1	9,000
English Heritage stage 2	48,000
Listed Places of Worship Grant (= VAT refund)	18,112
	<i>75,112</i>

National Church Trust	10,000
Warwick & Cov HCT	1,500
Allchurches Trust	1,750
Garfield Weston Foundation	5,000
Compton Charitable Trust	3,000
Jill Franklin Trust	500
	<i>21,750</i>

Fundraising and donations

Auction of promises 2012	4,111
Donations	982
Scarecrow Festival 2013	2,606
Marquee lunch 2013	850
Wedding 2013	667
Peacock Quiz	339
Carice Singers Concert	1,434
Lamb & Curry Lunch	712
Shenlw Singers	664
Village lunch and Barn Dance: still to be held	-
	<i>12,365</i>

Total £109,227

done, everyone – and thanks for all the support from English Heritage, other grant making trusts, friends from round about and you - the local community.

We are mindful, of course, that far less has been going into the General Fund over the this time, so there'll still have to be careful housekeeping!

Best wishes and God bless,

Nicholas Morgan 01608 685230

braileschurch@gmail.com

OXHILL HARVEST-TIME BARN DANCE

Saturday 27th September 2014

7pm 'til late

Willoughby Grounds Farm

Courtesy of Bill and June Fox

**Dancing to the Silver Bough
Ceilidh Band
+ Pig Roast**

A wonderful evening for all the family

Tickets £12.50

Children £7

Tickets can be booked with Carol Fox 01295 680223

e-mail e-ceafox21@aol.com

or Sue Hunt 01295 680419

e-mail sue.hunt@onebillinternet.co.uk

or Cath Pugh 01295 680958



**Proceeds to St Lawrence's Church, Oxhill
Restoration Fund**



DEANERY NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER

I hope you have been able to enjoy this glorious (most of the time) summer: and I trust too that the weather will carry over onto a fine day on **September, 13th** for year's Ride and Stride event taking place on **Saturday, September 13th**. This is a glorious opportunity to undertake a sponsored horse ride, bicycle ride or walk between the churches of this Deanery, many of whom will be open to provide refreshments and welcome. Do take the chance to enjoy our glorious countryside, visit our churches, and support the Historic Churches Trust.

Deanery Synod will be meeting again on **Tuesday, October 21st at 7.30 pm**, when we look forward to going to Cherington: our speaker will be Revd. Canon Edward Pogmore, who retired recently as Senior Chaplain at the George Eliot Hospital Trust in Nuneaton. Given that the role of any church is to preach the gospel and heal the sick, he will be asking 'What is a parish for?' and talking about the wholeness of healthcare and the healing ministry in a parish context. Anyone who has an interest in this is warmly invited, and I hope you will be able to join us.

In the meantime churches will be celebrating **Harvest** – a chance to thank God for his provision and care for us, and for those who work so hard to put food on our tables, but a chance also to commit ourselves to ensure that his provision is distributed equally across our world and reaches those who are in such desperate need.

Every blessing, Jill

HARVEST FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 28TH 2014 AT 9.30AM

Everyone welcome to come to this lovely service. We are hoping for gifts from you of fresh produce which will be auctioned after the service, the proceeds going to Farm Africa. For those of you who do not have fresh produce to bring we will be very grateful for any canned or packets foods which can be sent to the nearest food bank. If produce can be left in Church on the day before we can include it in our Harvest decorations.

Don't forget the Barn Dance on the Saturday night. See our advertising poster opposite.

Carol Fox

Oxhill Garden Club

At just before eight bells (or thereabouts!) on the morning of the 14th August in the year of our Lord 2014, the good ship 'Martins Coaches' set sail from Oxhill Village Hall with its motley complement of some forty souls on the Garden Club's latest voyage in search of botanical excellence, art and culture. After an uneventful passage we dropped anchor at Salisbury Cathedral where guides waited to lead us into the interior and show us the wonders of this magnificent structure.

In the cathedral, near the 106 beautifully carved oak 'Quire Stalls' with their coats of arms, is the seat of the bishop – the *kathedra* that gives the edifice its name.

The original cathedral completed in 1092 had by the thirteenth century effectively outgrown its walled, hilltop site. It was re-located / built anew some two miles away over a period of 38 years - being consecrated in 1258. In that age when it was believed that good



works in this life guaranteed one an exalted place in the next, labour and expertise, Chilbeck stone and Purbeck marble, together with wood and lead for the construction of the roof, were largely donated – making the project possible.

Gold leaf, stained glass images, and reliquaries of the saints made this Catholic cathedral - incorporating some thirteen dedicated chapels - a place of pilgrimage. Unfortunately in the thirteenth century Henry VIII fell out with the Pope and, removing all structural or pictorial references to the saints, appropriated a lot of the cathedral's wealth. What little that was left was stolen, destroyed or defaced by the Puritans in the Civil War. It was only in the eighteenth century that refurbishment started to take place leading, with millions of pounds still needing to be spent on restoration and conservation of the building's fabric, to the awe inspiring structure that we see today.

Of special note is the Magna Carta exhibition in the Chapter House where the best preserved of only four remaining originals dating from June 1215 is displayed in the company of gold and silver chalices and other beautiful objects of that era.

The crew having refuelled in the cathedral refectory, explored the town somewhat and bartered with the natives, the ship set sail for an anchorage some four leagues distant – Wilton House. But that is an adventure to be recounted at another time



STOUR SINGERS SEPTEMBER SINGING



Stour Singers and their audience alike were deeply moved by Brahms' Requiem, which they performed in St. Edmund's Church, Shipston, in May, with soprano Robyn Allegra Parton and baritone Quentin Hayes as soloists, and Fiona Brown and Sara Harris at the piano. As the choir approaches its fortieth anniversary year in 2015, Richard Emms as conductor and director since its inception continues to inspire and energise the choir to communicate both intimately and powerfully with the audience.



Stour Singers truly is open to all – whatever age, stage, or musical ability, and is a wonderful local opportunity to share in making music. If you have sung previously, or if the idea is new to you, and you would like to try singing with a friendly choral society, you would be very welcome. The choir meets in Shipston Primary School's Hall on Thursday evenings at 7.30.p.m., starting on 4th September, and you can find out more by contacting Yvonne Ridley (Co-ordinator) on 01789 269587, or by visiting the website: www.stoursingers.org.uk

We would especially like to invite students in secondary and further education to join us, (and for you, there is no cost). The Christmas Concert this year – on 13th December – features works by Michael Haydn, Joseph Haydn, Mozart and Buxtehude, together with carols.



YOUR COMMUNITY ORCHARD

What a great summer we are having! The sun has been great for the fruit at the orchard but does mean that the summer fruit has just about finished. Luckily the autumn raspberries are coming into their own so we will have lots more fruit for members and other beneficiaries. The rain from the remnants of hurricane Bertha whilst inconvenient has recharged the trees and canes and we are very grateful as it means we don't have to water by hand.

This year we have quite a lot of fruit set on the trees – not enough to distribute to the members but an inkling of what is to come as the trees get bigger and stronger. We have apples, damsons, greengages, quince, medlars and one cider apple tree with two apples! The birds are having a field day so we need to look at how to protect the fruit - hanging CDs in the trees is a possibility!



Merton Worcester apples



Grenadier apples

Don't forget our Open Sunday with Cream Teas on Sunday September 14th from 2:00pm with jam from the orchard fruit, honey from our bees and home made cakes for sale!

Also the great Apple Day on October 11th from 1:30 at the orchard when amongst other things you can get some juice or bring apples to get your own juice.

Do come along and see how well your orchard is doing. It is thanks to all the volunteers that things are going well as there is a lot of work involved in ensuring the orchard is maintained to such a high standard.

If you would like to join us/ find out more do come along to one of our sessions on a

Wednesday at 10:00 and a Sunday at 2:00 or contact one of the team

Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)
Julia Stirman (01608 686776)

PARISH CLERK

As you will know Angela Kean gave notice that next year she will be standing down as Parish Clerk after many years of loyal service. Thoughtfully she has given us early notice so we can find and train up a new clerk. The role and duties of a Parish Clerk include issuing the legal summons to elected members to attend meetings of the parish council and any of its committees, together with handling legal and financial matters, correspondence, and any publicity or events.

The Parish Clerk is the proper officer and statutory office holder. They are not an elected member but an employee of the Council. They are the executive office of the Parish Council and as such responsible for implementing the Council's decisions.

If this rewarding and fulfilling post interests you, then please contact myself or one of the other Parish Councillors. There is a small remuneration.

Grenville Moore – Chairman Oxhill Parish Council

DEAR READERS

The Oxhill News receives information that perhaps people in the village may like to see. Here is a link to the Shipston Safer Neighbourhood Team newsletter which is a police update of happenings in our area:

<http://www.safer-neighbourhoods.co.uk/your-neighbourhood/stratford-district/shipston/newsletter/shipston-snt-newsletter-31-july-2014/>

Vanessa, co-editor

UPRIGHT PIANO STEINHART

And piano stool. Needs tuning. Free to good home.

Please call Judy on 01295 688010

SUBSIDISED COMPOST BINS

In an effort to get more people composting, the Warwickshire County Council is offering subsidised compost bins for Warwickshire residents. The savings can be quite substantial - for example, compost bins for £5 that are normally £40.

To find out more please go to this website : www.wcc.getcomposting.com



MANY THANKS to all those friends and neighbours who attended our celebration party on the 27th of July. Thank you for all your good wishes, cards, presents and the generous donations for Cancer Research which totalled a fantastic £200.

It was a lovely evening which we will long remember.

Carol & Tony Beasley

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

September

Tuesday 2nd		Grey landfill bin collection
Wednesday 3rd	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Friday 5th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Sunday 7th	20:00	The Peacock - Quiz Night
Tuesday 9th		Deadline for Oil Consortium order
Tuesday 9th		Green & Blue bin collection
Thursday 11th	14:00	Knit and Natter - Village Hall
Friday 12th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Saturday 13th	10:00	Village Hall Maintenance Day
Saturday 13th		Ride & Stride
Sunday 14th	14:00	Cream Tea, Community Orchard
Monday 15th		OXHILL NEWS SUBMISSION DEADLINE
Tuesday 16th		Green & Blue bin collection
Tuesday 16th	20:00	Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 17th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Sunday 21st	16:00	OWLS Tea and Insect Box Workshop
Friday 26th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Friday 26th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Saturday 27th	19:00	Oxhill Harvest-Time Barn Dance
Tuesday 30th		Grey landfill bin collection

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Saturday 4th		Progressive Supper
Saturday 11th	13:30	Apple Day, Community Orchard
Friday 17th		Mark Harrison Blues Band
Saturday 18th		Village Food Festival