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# THE OXHILL NEWS

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August has been a busy month in the fields

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## OXHILL BARN DANCE

An important September date for your diary! Saturday September 17th sees the return of the Silver Bough Band for the Barn Dance at Oxhill Grounds courtesy of Mr and Mrs Bill Fox.

It was a great success last time. All ages taking part.

There will be a Hog Roast as before and a donation bar.

So start booking your tickets now with Carol Fox  
01295680223  
or Cath Pugh  
01295680958



Ticket price £ 12.50 adults and £6 children under 16.  
Looking forward to a good turnout!!  
Start Time is 19:30.

## OXHILL PCC

The next meeting is on 7th September.

## FAREWELL TO NICHOLAS

On Sunday 18th September we will gather at Whatcote church for Evensong at 6.30pm followed by a farewell presentation to our retiring Priest in Charge Canon Reverend Nicholas Morgan. Nicholas has looked after our Parish for 10 years but has been Vicar of Brailes for 37 years. Everyone is welcome to attend the presentation. Please can you let us know if you wish to attend.

*Carol Fox 680223*



## **WOT2Grow Community Orchard**

All the trees at the orchard are doing well, apart from a couple of damsons, and the fruit is growing fantastically! More thinning has been done as well as a summer prune to shorten the heavily laden branches. We had a good crop of black currants, tay and logan berries but the gooseberries were not so productive having taken a year off after the prolific harvest of last year! Members have received fruit and also we have donated to the Tysoe Lunch Club, who were most appreciative. The care homes have had some fruit too to fulfil our mission with regard to elderly and infirm people.

We managed to water all the trees during a dry spell as well as the raspberries.

The water butts really are a boon as are the two we fill with comfrey and nettles to provide feed for the fruit.

The first of the apples are nearly ready to pick as well as a few plums. We will have some Warwickshire Droopers to pick if they are left to ripen on the trees and not removed too early. The Grenadier cooking apples are beginning to fall and they produce the fluffiest apples!

We do hope we get to pick our harvest before they are removed by the badgers, birds and two legged friends!!

The sensory garden has been a picture even if the path disappeared under the growth of the herbs! A very worthwhile project with Kineton Scout Group as it matures and grows.

So things are going well at the orchard but there is always lots to do and lots to learn about! Why not join us and benefit from the harvest - if you need more info contact one of us

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

## **GARDEN CLUB NEXT MEETING**

September 8th @ 7.30pm - Garden Club talk "Edgehill - Tales of Tea Gardens & Tragedy"

## SHIPSTON HOME NURSING

Please see the request below! No Bakeathon, as originally planned this year, so we are begging for any cakes, traybakes, biscuits, gluten free produce, garden produce or jams, to sell on Sunday September 18th at the Shipston Food Festival

Do hope you can support SHN by making something for us to sell !



### BAKE & DONATE AT HOME

SHN supporters please can you  
**Bake & donate** a cake/traybake/biscuits or pie's  
(sweet or savoury) for our stall at the  
Shipston Food Festival on Sunday September 18th

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**Please call Rebecca on 01608 674929  
for collection or delivery**

## YOUR LOCAL MOBILE LIBRARY IS JAM PACKED WITH FREE SERVICES...

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Did you know?? Warwickshire Mobile Library Service visits 277 rural and urban stops and serves over 2000 customers across the County and Metropolitan Borough of Solihull? To find out more visit [warwickshire/mobilelibraries](http://warwickshire/mobilelibraries) or telephone 01926851031.

For the rest of 2016, the Mobile Library will continue to visit Oxhill, on the Friday of every third week at 14:30 outside the village hall on the following dates:

September 9th and 30th  
November 11th

October 21st  
December 2nd and 23rd

## **MACMILLAN CANCER FUND RAISING 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*

## **DISCOVER VOLUNTEERING DROP-IN DAYS**

Ever wondered what it's like being a volunteer at a busy National Trust property? This is your chance to find out more! Here at Upton we're holding some Discover Volunteering Drop-In Days where you can gain an insight into how you can get involved.

Browse through our current volunteering opportunities to find your perfect role, and maybe even discover roles that you never knew existed. Chat to our current volunteers over a cuppa, and then follow them on an informal tour of the house and gardens to discover more about the property and what we do.

Our volunteers are at the heart of our operation and vital to our success. If you want the opportunity to try something new, where every day is different, where you can use your skills and inspire our visitors, volunteering at Upton could be perfect for you.

This is an informal event, so there's no need to book – just drop in any time between 11am and 4pm, 24-25 September. We look forward to meeting you!

Details of the event, as well as opening times and dates, are available on the website:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house-and-gardens>

Or take a look at the National Trust website for more information on volunteering with us:

## TYSOE W.I. NEWS AND EVENTS

Tysoe W.I. have enjoyed a busy summer. We had a fabulous afternoon travelling to Evesham on a 1948 bus, followed by an enormous tea whilst cruising along the river, with Pimms in the gardens of one of our members on our return.

We hosted a coach trip to Bournemouth which was enjoyed by members and residents, a great day out, even if it was an early start!

We took on the responsibility for tea and cakes served from the Pavilion at this year's Tysoe Flower show. A huge thank you to everyone who baked cakes and helped on the day, a great team effort.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 7th September at 7.30 - Dogs for Good, (formerly Dogs for the Disabled) with Andy Jenkins. Everyone welcome. Enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles.

Forthcoming events:

### **October 5th.**

Expedition Golden Orange, Mount Kenya and Mount Kilimanjaro with Alan Benjamin

### **October 12th**

Leaving Tysoe at 1.00, a visit to Guide Dogs centre at Leamington, a tour of the facility, with refreshments to follow.

### **October 13th**

We are hosting an evening with Steve Brooke's, a celebrity Gardner from TV and Radio, who has kindly agreed to come along and entertain us. Promises to be a good evening. Refreshments will be available. Ticket details in next month's Record, or check on our Facebook page for updates.

Email [tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com](mailto:tysoew.i.1917@icloud.com)

Follow us on Twitter and Facebook"

## DEANERY NEWS

Dear Everyone,

I hope you have all had a wonderfully restful and restoring summer, enjoying the sunshine wherever possible. As we come into Autumn, suddenly everything happens again.

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.

That same evening, Tuesday, October 11th at 7.30pm, Deanery Synod will be meeting in Tysoe, with Ruth Walker and Yvonne Warren talking about General Synod.

Many of you will know that Ali Massey, who was Curate in The Stourdene Benefice has moved on to become Rector of the Draycote Benefice in Rugby Deanery: she goes with all our blessings, and her installation there will be on Monday, 19th September.

Arriving in the Deanery shortly afterwards will be Ben Dyson and his family, who is joining the SW7 Benefice as Pioneer Minister. He will hopefully be moving into Stourton, and his licensing will be on Saturday, October 22nd. Please pray for both Ali and Ben and their families as they take up their new roles and settle into new homes and environments.

While all that is happening, enjoy the Harvest, and do take the chance to join in thanking God for all the riches that he gives to us.

*Every blessing, Jill*

Revd. Canon Dr. Jill Tucker, Rural Dean,

[revjill.tucker@btinternet.com](mailto:revjill.tucker@btinternet.com)

## LEYS FIELD UPDATE

Following the meeting the Parish Council had with the developer of Leys Field, his architect, and Miranda Rogers of Stansgate, I am writing to clarify the situation.

With the outline planning permission for 15 houses comes a 106 agreement which guarantees that the section of field behind Main Street and the lower part of Whatcote road will be a public area protected from further building, and that there will be five low cost/affordable and/or social houses included in the development, which will be offered first to residents of Oxhill or their relatives.

The Parish Council has no say on how many houses will be built on The Leys. An early enquiry from an unknown developer for an option for four houses never materialized. However, had this option been proposed, it would have rendered the 106 null and void, so the open space would not have been protected and the developers could at a later date come back with another four houses, and possibly another four after that, with no benefit at all to the village, and there would have been no provision for affordable houses, which the Parish Plan states the village needs.

The developer wishes to proceed with the outline planning permission for 15 houses and therefore the 106 agreement will come into effect.

It is still at a very early stage and there will be an archaeological survey and an amphibian survey taking place. The developers state that they are keen to work with the village on this site and will take on board suggestions on architectural design and on the layout of the public area. They will come back to the PC when they have formulated more ideas. The Parish Council will then have a village meeting to discuss the proposals.

I, like most of the rest of the village, never wanted development on the Leys Field. But we cannot reverse the planning decision. All we can do is to try to work with the developers to get the best deal for the village. I will keep you posted.

*Grenville Moore Chairman – Oxhill Parish Council*



# OXHILL ART GROUP



## EXHIBITION

**16 – 17 September 2015**

at the Village Hall, Oxhill

Friday 16 September – 6.30-8.00 pm–Drinks and Nibbles  
Saturday 17 September – 10.00 am–12.00 pm – Coffee/Tea

Entry £1.00

**THE BEST LOCAL APPLE DAY!** is at your WOT2Grow Community Orchard!!

This year we will be combining the open day and apple day at the WOT2Grow Orchard, behind the allotments off the Shenington Road in Tysoe.

Please put Saturday Oct 1st from 13:30 in your diary. There will be the usual apple juicing with all the fun of chopping the apples, scratting them (find out what this is!) and then producing juice in our large press.

You get to take home the best apple juice you have tasted as confirmed by many people who have joined us in previous years. Bring along your own apples and containers for the juice but we will have lots to keep the presses going!! Great fun for all, plus activities for children, refreshments and a home made produce stall.

Any questions get in touch with Liz Atkinson (680045), Paul Sayer (680451), Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)



## OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

You are invited to the  
Parish Council Meeting

To be held on

**TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**@ 8.00 pm**

In

Oxhill Village Hall

Come and find out what is currently  
happening!

**We look forward to seeing you there.**

## **BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING IN THE WORLD**

It is coming to Oxhill, since we are the centre of the universe! We are holding a Coffee Morning on Friday 30th September in the Village Hall between 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon in aid of Macmillan Nurses. I do hope as many of you as possible will be able to come for a coffee, cake and chat. Oxhill has a well deserved reputation for the most fabulous cakes so we would be delighted if you bakers out there (or anyone else) would be kind enough to donate a cake to this good cause. Cakes can be brought to the Village Hall by 10.00 a.m. on the day or I can collect on Thursday night if you are unable to attend. We hope to raise additional funds by selling off any surplus cakes. Please contact me if you can donate a cake and/or wish to attend so we can have some idea of numbers but would be happy to see anyone who can make it. See you on the 30th.

*Gaynor Van Dijk 680349*

## **OXHILL VILLAGE HALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS**

**Coming next...**

### **Monday 19th September - Sunday 25th September - Village Hall Maintenance Week**

Village Hall committee members and 'friends' of the Village Hall will be sprucing up the hall in our annual maintenance week, during mid-September. We hope you will appreciate the licks of new paint, tidied grounds and deep cleaning we are likely to undertake when you next use the facility.

### **Saturday 1 October - Progressive Supper**

The village Progressive Supper takes place at the start of October. This year the theme is Italian.

We gather in the village hall for drinks at 7pm, then split up into groups to enjoy starters and main courses in different houses across the village before returning to the village hall for puds. The cost to take part is £17.50 each but if you host a course there is no charge to take part.

This is a fantastic opportunity to meet one another in our homes and experience our warm and friendly village atmosphere, especially for newcomers to Oxhill.

**If you would like to participate as a host or want to be a guest please contact Diana Cronin by email at [dianacronin@icloud.com](mailto:dianacronin@icloud.com) or by text to 07817 362561.**

If you can host she needs to know: how many people you can accommodate (including yourself/ves) and which course you prefer to do: a starter or a main.

### **KNIT & NATTER IS BACK**

Great news - Knit & Natter re-starts on Thursday 8 September from 2pm to 4pm in Oxhill Village Hall!

PLEASE NOTE: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO KNIT

Just come along and enjoy a cup of tea and a biscuit with friends

If you want, you can bring along any craft like embroidery, crocheting, sewing, etc that you want to do.

We also have a selection of paperbacks that you can swap or borrow.

As in previous years, we will continue to meet every other Thursday afternoon so our next session will be on 22 September.

We look forward to seeing you all in September but if you want to speak in the meantime, please do not hesitate to **call Tricia Harbour on (01295) 680676.**

Myrtle watching Morris dancing on Saturday afternoon in miserable weather at Tysoe Show.



## ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF THE SOMME

At this time of remembrance for the fallen of the Somme, it was interesting to read in last month's News about the story of Charles Joseph Reason of Tysoe who died on 30th July, 1916 during that conflict. In Oxhill, we should also honour the memory of the two Gilks brothers from our village both killed on the Somme. I related their history some years ago in an article of August, 2006, but it is worth the retelling.

Both were sons of John Gilks, (full name Wheeler John), and his wife Elizabeth Ellen. Both were born in districts in the London area, (much more rural then), where their father was working at the time as a gardener. After he was widowed in 1902, John brought his family to live near his many other relatives in Oxhill, settling at Sunnyside, now Gilks Cottage in Gilkes Lane. His niece Evelyn Colyer later remembered him as a "landscape gardener" with his work mainly in larger gardens outside the village.

Arthur Wilfred Gilks was born in 1892, and died on 1st July, 1916, the first day of the battle of the Somme, aged 24, one of nearly 20,000 killed that day. He was serving in the King's Liverpool Regiment. He has no known grave, but his name is listed on the Thiepval Memorial to the missing of the Somme.

His elder brother John Frederick was born in 1886, and died on 12th October, 1916, aged 30, while serving with the 1st Battalion, Essex Regiment, (not the 12th Battalion as listed on our Roll of Honour). This was the time of the Battle of le Transloy, a major battle of the Somme, when on 12th October, the 1st Essex Battalion fought alongside the Newfoundland Regiment at the village of Gueudecourt, five kilometres south of Bapaume. John Frederick was buried in the Bancourt British Cemetery near Calais, which was designed by Edwin Lutyens, and largely formed after the war when burials were brought in from battlefields in the area.

Their father John lived on at Sunnyside until his death in 1936. He was survived by a further two sons and four daughters, of whom two, Minnie and Mabel lived with him and cared for him in old age. A newspaper report of his funeral dated 29th August, 1936 writing of the loss of his two sons, said that he "bore his affliction with patience and fortitude", and described him as a man of a quiet disposition who was held in high esteem.

*Ann Hale*

## GARDEN CLUB OUTING TO BRISTOL

On August 18th some 40 members of the Garden Club and colleagues from Tysoe and Kineton went on a most enjoyable visit by coach to Bristol. The morning was spent at the SS Great Britain. This fine old ship designed by Brunel is now in good fettle having been brought back from the Falkland Islands in the early 70s and since lovingly restored. Life was hard in those days and if you weren't travelling first class there were few comforts aboard.



Later in the day we progressed to Tyntesfield and had a chance to see the gardens and the old house which had belonged to the Gibbs family. They made their money shipping guano from South America to Britain where it was used as fertiliser.

*Roger Goodman*



Thanks to Reg for organising everything.

*Roger Goodman*

# **BOOTCAMP** **CLASS**

A fun circuit training class.

All welcome!

Oxhill Village Hall

7am-8am Fridays

£1 per person

For more information, please contact Jo on  
07720401691



## **SHIPSTON HOME NURSING SEPTEMBER FUND RAISING**

**SHN Golf Day**, Friday 2nd September 8am, Tadmarton Heath Golf Club,

£240 per team to include 2 course lunch

Kindly Sponsored by Technique Print Group

Please call Rebecca on 01608 674929 to enter a team

**Wolf Run**, Saturday-Sunday 3rd/4th September

Entry: £39 early, Standard: £49, Skin-of-wolf-Teeth Entry: £59

Welsh Road Farm, Warwickshire, Run and Raise money for SHN / be a volunteer on the day

For any more information or queries, please

email [info@thewolfmun.com](mailto:info@thewolfmun.com) or call 0777 3033 808 / 0740 306 6644

**Stratford BIG 10K**, Sunday 11th September, 9.30am Start

For more information please go to [www.tempoevents.co.uk](http://www.tempoevents.co.uk)

In association with Lidders Solicitors LLP

**NGS open Gardens**, Sunday 11th September 2pm onwards

Burmington Grange

Kindly hosted by Patrick and Fudge Ramsay, Teas served by SHN

**Bakeathon**, SATURDAY 17th September, 9am-9pm

Our Annual bake up for our stall at the Shipston Food Festival

Shipston Sports Club

**Shipston Food Festival**, Sunday 18th September

10am-4pm Shipston-on-Stour, Market Square





## Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre Open Day

**Saturday 1st October 11am-4pm (last entry**

Blindfold activities  
Sensory tunnel experience  
Puppy viewing from galleries  
Meet breeding stock and holders  
Dog demonstration  
Children's activities  
Guide Dogs gift shop & pet products  
Tombolas and raffle  
Hog roast, soup, home-made cakes



For more information contact:  
**Liz.Hinckley@guidedogs.org.uk** or call on **0118**

**Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre**, Banbury  
Road, Bishop's Tachbrook, Warwickshire, CV33 9QJ

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## **David Whaley, Engineer, Born 1922, Died 2016**

David Whaley lived in Oxhill for many years. He was educated at Eton where as a cadet he became involved with many types of aircraft. His career began in 1941 when he started working with jet engines. This completely new field kept him busy throughout the war, after which he worked for Rolls Royce, followed by many well known British engineering companies. David's career evolved and he became a Chartered Patent Agent where his knowledge of engineering proved invaluable.



After retirement David worked with the British Red Cross, and also did voluntary work at Warwick Hospital.

He was married twice and is survived by a son and daughter from his first marriage, and by his second wife Eve.

## **SHIPSTON HOME NURSING BAKE & DONATE**

If you'd like to keep up to date with all the latest Hospice at Home news and updates then like our Facebook page. We hope to see you there!

Raise funds when you shop with Easyfundraising and TheGivingMachine. Simply sign up and choose Shipston Home Nursing as your chosen charity and they will receive a percentage of your spend.

## CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE OXHILL NEWS

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

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF EVERY MONTH.

## MOBILE LIBRARY

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

The library van will continue to visit Oxhill, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30, staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on Fridays September 9th and 30th.

## REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 6th and 20th September. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 13th and 27th September.

## WEEKDAY WALKERS

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

## AT THE PEACOCK

### Village Events

The village coffee morning is on Weds  
Sept 7th at 10.30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday Sept  
21st at 12:30pm.



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## WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

### September

Fri	2nd	0700	Boot Camp Class, OVH
Tue	6th		Blue & Green Bins Collection
Wed	7th	1030	Village Coffee Morning, Peacock
Wed	7th	1930	Tysoe WI, Tysoe VH
Wed	7th		Oxhill PCC
Thu	8th	1400	Knit & Natter, OVH
Thu	8th	1930	Garden Club, OVH
Fri	9th	0700	Boot Camp Class, OVH
Fri	9th	1430	Mobile Library, OVH
Tue	13th		Grey Bins Collection
Tue	13th	2000	Parish Council, OVH
Fri	16th	0700	Boot Camp Class, OVH
Fri	16th	1830	Oxhill Art Group, OVH
Sat	17th	1000	Oxhill Art Group, OVH
Sat	17th	1930	Oxhill Barn Dance, Oxhill Grounds
Sun	18th	1000	Shipston Food Festival, Shipston
Mon	19th	all week	OVH Maintenance Week
Tue	20th		Blue & Green Bins Collection
Wed	21st	1230	Village Lunch, Peacock
Thu	22nd	1400	Knit & Natter, OVH
Fri	23rd	0700	Boot Camp Class, OVH
Tue	27th		Grey Bins Collection
Fri	30th	0700	Boot Camp Class, OVH
Fri	30th	1000	MacMillan Coffee Morning, OVH
Fri	30th	1430	Mobile Library, OVH

### October

Sat	1st	1100	Guide Dogs Open Day
Sat	1st	1330	WOT2Grow Apple Day at the orchard
Sat	1st		Progressive Supper
Sat	29th		Halloween Night, OVH

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