

THE OXHILL NEWS

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**Oxhill Ladies Rounders Team
Glorious in victory: 27.5 v 24**

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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 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 every 3rd **Friday**, stopping at the Village Hall at 14:30 and staying there for 30 minutes. The van will visit us on September 7th and 28th. For further info please telephone: 01926 851031

REFUSE COLLECTION

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

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

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

THE PEACOCK

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

The village lunch is on Wednesday September 19th.





Friday evening rainbow outside the Peacock. Photo: Andy MacDonald

CHURCH HARVEST EVENTS



Ride and Stride Saturday September 8th

Don't forget to order your sponsorship forms from Warwickshire Historic Churches Trust.

We hope to have some in church in August. There will be light refreshments in church to fuel you on your way.

Harvest Festival September 23rd at 6.30 pm

The church will be decorated on Saturday 22nd. We look forward to receiving fresh produce, flowers and tinned and packet food. After the service there will be light refreshments and an Auction of Produce, the proceeds of which will be donated to charity. All tinned and packet food will be donated to a local food bank. We hope you will be able to support us with donations of the above items.

Please note the service is at 6.30 in the evening.



Thank you, Carol Fox

TEA PARTY

Jill Tucker's Tea Party for Toddlers and Parents on August 8th was wonderful. The cakes were plentiful and delicious, the children tired themselves running around the large garden and playing hide and seek, while parents shared Prosecco (just a drop) and laughter.









OXHILL VILLAGE HALL NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

HIRING THE VILLAGE HALL

If you want to check the availability of the Hall, you can see an online calendar by going to: www.oxhill.org.uk/VillageHall.htm Click on “events calendar here” to view the diary. Alternatively just input Oxhill Village Hall and click on the website to find the calendar. To make a booking contact Ali Sayer in the first instance on **07970 922352** or email her at ali.sayer@btinternet.com but if Ali is not available, Tricia Harbour is the person to contact on 01295 680676 or dandt@laurelhardy.co.uk



Cyclists stopping in at the Oxhill Village Hall on the Shakespeare Hospice Charity Ride on August 12th.



Oxhill ladies providing needed nourishment for the cyclists.

SATURDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER – PROGRESSIVE DINNER

The time has come when the organisers, who have the unenviable task of sorting out who eats where, need to know if you want to participate in any way. If you would like to participate in this event or get further information about how it works, contact **Ali Sayer (details above)** or **Sarah Bracher on 680927** or email sarahbracher01@gmail.com



THE GIANT OXHILL GARAGE SALE - SEPTEMBER 2nd 2PM-5PM

There will be 21 garage sales happening on this Sunday afternoon. It is impossible to predict how busy the village will be on the day, but obviously we are hoping to attract buyers from outside the village, so you may well notice a higher level of activity than usual on the village roads. We will do our best to encourage considerate parking.

LOOKING AHEAD.....

Saturday 27th October – Big Breakfast in the Village Hall These events just keep getting better and better so save the date!

Friday 23rd November – Curry Night Ever popular so keep the date free.

NEW IDEAS?

If you have any suggestions about the sort of event you would like to see happening in the Village Hall in 2019, please email the Chairman (itsjocollings@gmail.com) or Secretary (gill@northside.me.uk), or speak to a Committee member in person!

DEANERY NEWS FOR SEPTEMBER

As I write this, the sun is still shining, after the much-needed rain. So we look back over a wonderful summer, and look ahead to Harvest mindful of all that the weather has thrown at us, and once again celebrate God's provision for us. For many there are also new beginnings - a new school year, perhaps a new school, and a return to work. So in the middle of all that, some dates for your diaries.



Help, I'm a Churchwarden.....etc

We have been welcoming many newcomers to roles in our churches, so there will be a special Deanery Meeting for Church Officers, PCC members, clergy and anyone else who wants to discover a little of the mysteries of the Diocese, on Wednesday, September 12th at 7.30 pm, St. Mary's Church, Tysoe. Anyone is welcome, and we will do our best to explain things.

Help, we have no organist.....Saturday, October 13th



Knowing that many of our churches struggle with making music, there will be a special Singing/Cantor Workshop for anyone involved in leading worship with limited musical resources, with Miles Quick of the RSCM, on Saturday, October 13th at St. Edmunds, Shipston, between 2-5 pm.

Deanery Synod on Tuesday, October 16th

.....with Sue Field, Archdeacon Pastor, 7.30 pm Pillerton Church. Beforehand, their newly re-hung and re-dedicated bells will be rung for us to enjoy.

We take an apple from a tree and eat it,
forgetting your gift of creation.
We pour milk from a jug and drink it,
forgetting your gift of creation.

We throw excess food away from our plates,
forgetting those who need it.
We let water run down the drain,
forgetting those who need it.

We pause when faced with abundant variety,
forgetting those who have no choice at all.
We decide which is our favourite food today,
forgetting those who have no choice at all.

Loving God, forgive us.
Help us to be generous in our giving.

~ From Seasons and Celebration, Donald Hinton.

Every blessing, Jill

Yemen crisis



21.2 million
people are in need of
humanitarian assistance



Over 2.8 million
people have been forced
from their homes



14.4 million
in need of food



Over 6,400
people have been killed

*OCHA figures

The United Nations considers Yemen the world's worst humanitarian crisis of 2018. For those who are inspired to help:

- The Red Cross
- Unicef
- Save the Children
- Oxfam

~ ed.

OXHILL CHURCH FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Autumn Supper

Preparations are underway for the next fundraising event at 7 pm on Saturday 6th October in the Old Chapel. Tickets are selling well so please reserve yours very soon to avoid disappointment, £12 for adults and £6 for Primary School-aged children. A choice of delicious home-cooked main courses and puddings will be served, so we expect demand to be high.

To reflect the time of year, there will be a raffle for three beautiful hampers. All donations of items that we can put in the hampers would be most gratefully received, along with offers of help to set up or clear away the event. Many hands do indeed make light work.

Please contact Ruth Mercer on 680407 or email ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com for ticket sales and offers of help.

Auction of Promises

This is a joint fundraiser for the Village Hall Committee and the Church Fundraising Committee, to be held on Saturday 10th November in the Village Hall. There is a Promise form on the opposite page. When completed, please return to me at Struan, Whatcote Road. I can also supply more forms if you run out! Ideas for promises are:

Food hamper
Window cleaning
Sport coaching
Complementary tickets
Man with a van
Tour guide
CV writing help
Lawn mowing
Meal for two
Decorating
Pet care
Computer help
Babysitting
Car valet
Lift to the airport
Slave for a day
Garden vegetables
Holiday accomodation
Language lesson

Again, feel free to contact me on 680407 or ruthc.mercer@btinternet.com. I am looking forward to a flood of varied Promises arriving very soon.

AUCTION OF PROMISES

SATURDAY 10th NOVEMBER

In aid of

Oxhill Village Hall and St. Lawrence's Church, Oxhill

Thank you for offering to donate a Promise to the Auction of Promises. Please complete the form below in block capitals and return as soon as possible. If you are promising on behalf of a business, a Compliments slip with the company's details attached to this form would be helpful.

Name (individual or business)	
Address	
Email address	
Contact telephone number(s)	
Full description of Promise Please include: - Dates available - Dates not available - Maximum number (if applicable)	
Additional comments	
Signed	
Date	
Name and job title (if applicable)	

Please return this form to Ruth Mercer - Struan, Whatcote Road



ST LAWRENCE CHURCH SERVICES SEPTEMBER

Sunday, September 2nd	9.30 am	Parish Communion,	Jill Tucker
Sunday, September 9th	9.30 am	Morning Worship,	Jill Tucker
Sunday, September 16th	9.30 am	Parish Communion,	Jill Tucker
Sunday, September 23rd	6.30 pm	Harvest Festival	George Heighton

Please note that service times have reverted to 9:30 am.

And also:



Sunday, September 9th: Sunday Lunch, for all those who would like some company at Sunday Lunchtime, or simply meet some new faces, in The Old Chapel on Sunday, September 9th, at 12.30 for 1.00pm. There is no need to sign up, (and no charge), but it would be helpful for numbers if you could let either Carol Fox or myself know:

Carol: 01295 680223 ceafox21@aol.com

Jill: 01295 680663 revjill.tucker@btinternet.com

Saturday, September 22nd: Messy Harvest in The Old Chapel, on Main Street, between 10.00 am and 12 noon. This is an opportunity for even the youngest members of the village, along with mums and dads, to come and explore Harvest, to make a huge collage to be put up in church, and eat and drink together. All are welcome, to join in or see what is happening and share refreshments. And then if you are able, to join us for the Harvest Festival the next day at 6.30 pm.



And for those who are Church Officers: **Wednesday, September 12th**: Realising that we have been welcoming many newcomers to roles in our churches, there will be a special **Deanery Meeting for Church Officers**, PCC members, clergy and anyone else who wants to discover a little of the mysteries of the Diocese, 7.30 pm, St. Mary's Church, Tysoe. Anyone is welcome, and we will do our best to explain things.



Carers4Carers

Finding support through supporting each other

Carers4Carers monthly meeting, Friday 28th September, 10.30 – 12 noon at Kinton Village Hall. We will be hosting a MacMillan Coffee Morning. The Companionship Group for those our carers care for will meet as usual.

For more details, please look out for posters, ring for more details 01926 640203/07947 893504 or visit the website www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

Lisa Barnett

Assistant Co-ordinator

Carers4Carers

KNIT & NATTER

Knit and Natter will start again on Thursday 27th September - 2.00 to 4.00pm in Oxhill village hall.

£1 per person which includes a cake and cuppa.

There's no need to knit/sew/whatever if you want to just come along but we usually have a small project or two on the go if you want something to do.

Everyone welcome.

Any queries please contact Jane on 01295 688364



VILLAGE HISTORY - PARLIAMENTARIAN CAVALRY CAMP IN OXHILL 1644

Our local Royalist, Daniel Blackford, lies in a place of honour in the aisle of Oxhill Church. However the other side did not go unrepresented here, and on the nights of 25th and 26th June, 1644, Oxhill was the site of a Parliamentary encampment of horse. King and Parliamentary forces criss-crossed the Midlands that summer, destroying bridges as they went, and depleting local food supplies. In June, 1644 (two years after the battle of Edgehill) Waller's army, marching from Stow, reached "Shipston-on Stower," where the exhausted foot soldiers were quartered, while his cavalry came on to Oxhill.



Modern reenactment of the feared Parliamentary cavalry.

It is probable that the church was used as accommodation for horse or men, as often happened, and it would be surprising if a visit over two days had not left some marks. There is an old local legend told to me by Bert Bloxham that might apply here, although it has been assumed to relate to the battle of Edgehill two years earlier. The story goes that soldiers sharpened their swords on the smaller window on the south (far) side of the church chancel. I have always been uncertain of the Edgehill connection, as there was to my knowledge no large band of soldiers in the village at that time. Local combatants such as Daniel Blackford would probably have borne pikes, and in any case would have had their

own whetstones at home for any swords. Nevertheless, the window's mullions are quite noticeably flattened, and if this is due to sword sharpening it seems to me more likely that it would have been done by the troops quartered here in 1644.

Another thought. A month before they visited Oxhill, Waller's soldiers had torn down the old market cross at Abingdon. I wonder if it was they who destroyed the top of Oxhill's preaching cross, whose stump remains to the right of the churchyard path? Could be!

**Ann Hale
July, 2008**

(Ann Hale provided the Oxhill News with fascinating and important historical stories of events in and around our village. Though sadly Ann is no longer with us, we are honoured to continue to publish her wonderful work. ~ ed.)



The poster features a background image of a busy car boot sale with cars parked on a grassy field and people browsing. In the top right corner, there is a circular logo for Shipston Home Nursing Hospice Care at Home, which includes a green house icon with a white heart inside. The main text 'COUNTRY CAR BOOT SALE' is written in large, bold, white letters across the middle. Below this, the event details are listed in a green box with white text. At the bottom right, there is a cartoon illustration of a green car boot with a smiling face and eyes. The website address 'www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk' is printed in green at the bottom left.

COUNTRY CAR BOOT SALE

Sunday 23rd September
Honington Hall Estate, Near Shipston-on-Stour CV36 5DP

8.30am for General Public, 8.00am gates open for Car Booters.
Book in advance or pay on the day.

**To book a slot or for more information please call
Rebecca on 01608 674929**

One car space £15, One small van space £20, One large van space £25
Table Hire £5

www.shipstonhomenursing.co.uk

SHIPSTON HOME NURSING
HOSPICE CARE AT HOME

By Anne Cherry, 13/02/06



WOT2Grow Community Orchard

All our crops have benefited from the wonderful hot spell of weather and even the trees seem to have coped with the lack of water. We have watered the blueberries as they are bog plants but everything else has managed without any watering!



Beautiful Peach!

As autumn approaches and we start to get some welcome rain the grass and weeds are growing again so plenty to keep us active. We will be picking apples and using the windfalls for Apple Day which is 20th October and will be held at Tysoe village Hall.

A big plea to all dog walkers please pick up your dog's poo and dispose of it at home, there is an awful lot of it in the orchard and it is most unpleasant. The last thing other people need is to tread in your dog's poo. We love the fact that anyone can walk in the orchard and it would be a shame if we had to ban dogs and their owners.

This is the first year we have had peaches ripen on the trees and also apricots, definitely helped by the heat and sun. The All Gold yellow raspberries have produced their best fruit and have a beautiful strong flavour, as attested to by visitors to our stall at the Tysoe Flower Show! We have also had a good crop of plums so far with more to come and the first of the apples are just ready to pick. A busy time but the members are helping with the picking and enjoying the results.



Goldfinch nest in a plum tree.



WOT2Grow table at the Tysoe Show.

We are off the Shenington Road behind the allotments and are working on Wednesday and Sunday mornings from 9:30 for a couple of hours.

Contact one of us for more information :

Liz Atkinson (680045),
Paul Sayer (680451),
Sue and Mike Sanderson (688080)
or see the website www.wot2grow.co.uk



WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

September

Sunday 2nd	14:00-17:00	The Giant Oxhill Garage Sale
Monday 3rd	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 3rd	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 4th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 5th	10:30	The Peacock - Village Coffee Morning
Friday 7th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library
Saturday 8th		Ride and Stride
Monday 10th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 10th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 11th		Grey landfill bin collection
Friday 14th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Saturday 15th		Oxhill News submission deadline
Monday 17th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 17th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 18th		Green & Blue bin collection
Wednesday 19th	12:30	The Peacock - Village Lunch
Saturday 22nd		Progressive Dinner
Sunday 23rd		Country Carboot Sale, Honington Hall
Sunday 23rd	18:30	Harvest Festival, St Lawrence Church
Monday 24th	8:30	Morning Prayer, St Lawrence Church
Monday 24th	10:00	Aerobics Village Hall
Tuesday 25th		Grey landfill bin collection
Thursday 27th	14:00-16:00	Knit and Natter, Village Hall
Friday 28th	9:30	Weekday Walkers
Friday 28th	10:30-12:00	Carers4Carers Kineton Village Hall
Friday 28th	14:30	Village Hall - Mobile Library

October

Saturday 6th	19:00	Autumn Supper, Old Chapel
Saturday 27th		Big Breakfast Village Hall

November

Saturday 10th		Auction of Promises
Friday 23rd		Curry Night Village Hall