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After the snow..the flood



After the flood....the sun!! Photos by Andrew Stewart

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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 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 Friday April 13th.

REFUSE COLLECTION

Recycling and green waste bins (blue and green bins) will be collected on Tuesdays 3rd and 17th April. The grey rubbish bins will be collected on Tuesdays 10th and 24th April.

WEEKDAY WALKERS

This walking group usually walks on the 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

AT THE PEACOCK

Village Events

The village coffee morning is on April 4th at 10.30 am.

The village lunch is on Wednesday April 18th at 12:30pm.



TRYING SOMETHING NEW AT ST. LAWRENCE'S.

We are making a slight change to the service times at St. Lawrence's Church changing the start time of the 09:30AM services to 09:15AM. I realise it may not seem a great change to you but there is a reason behind it. Across the benefices the service times in the different churches are 08:30AM, 09:30AM and 11:00AM. This doesn't leave much time for an itinerant priest to get to know people over a cup of coffee after the service before galloping off to the next one. So we agreed to try moving all of the 09:30 services to 09:15. I realise this could be challenging to get out fifteen minutes earlier but we hope you will give it a try and come along so that I can get to know you better.

In addition we moved the family service to 3:30PM to enable those with children who have other activities in the morning to come along and have a service in the afternoon and again stay and have a cup of coffee and probably cake again so I can get to know you better.

We would love your feedback on these changes and any other ideas you might have.

George

Revd. George Heighton

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OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL

A new e-mail circulation group is being established to provide a means of communication and information circulation, to keep people up to date with important issues and to conform to the new Data Protection legislation.

Consequently, in order to give permission for your e-mail address to be included and stored, you have to either Contact the Parish Council by e-mail to clerk@oxhillpc.uk or give it to the clerk or any Parish Councillor.

DEANERY NEWS FOR APRIL

April, of course, begins this year with Easter Day: so, may you know the joy of the resurrected life in Jesus Christ this Easter.

Easter is a time when early Christians were baptised, so it is appropriate that soon after Easter, on Sunday April 15th Bishop Christopher will be conducting a Deanery Confirmation Service at Long Compton at 5.00pm. At the beginning of May, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby is visiting the Diocese for a few days, to mark both the Centenary of the Diocese, and also the quarter Centenary, 25 years, since his own ordination as priest. Justin was of course ordained in Coventry diocese, and served here for many years, as curate, vicar and Canon for Reconciliation. As part of the celebration, everyone is invited to come to all or part of a Centenary Festival with the Archbishop at the Cathedral on Saturday, May 5th. There is also an invitation, especially to younger adults and teenagers, to bring a friend to an evangelistic event and hog roast over in Southam deanery on the Thursday evening, May 3rd. Full details will be available over the coming weeks.

Finally, Thursday, May 10th is Ascension Day, and there will be a special Deanery Communion Service for Ascension Day at Preston-on-Stour at 7.30 pm that evening. Weather permitting, we always aim to start outdoors, and Rev Canon Christopher Lamb will be preaching that evening.

A Prayer for Easter Day:



On this morning

let us see you
in every stranger;

let us hear you
in the whispered
hopes of hungry children;

let us welcome you
into our empty hearts.

*Thom M Shuman. Lead me into life with
you.*

THE DORFDEPT VENDING SHOP

For several months now the Parish Council and Stratford District Council have had top secret meetings with the German company Täushen Dich GmbH who manufacture the Dorfdept vending shop. This dispensing unit contains high-end patented technology with the added bonus that locals can check stock and stock levels with an app from the comfort of their own home before setting out to make a purchase. The plan is to install one of the units, as soon as the old phone box is removed, on the corner opposite the Peacock Pub. The PC are convinced the excellent design will really contribute to the appearance of the centre of the village. There will be no need to jump into your expensive motor car and dash to the nearest town, causing havoc to local traffic and adding to your already very large carbon footprint.



With the Dorfdept vending shop able to sell up to a 200 product selection, it really does offer supermarket shopping on the street corner – ‘wild shopping’! Product examples include brillo pads, darning mushrooms, duffle coat toggles, anti-tarnish cream, knicker elastic, and many ready to eat meals such as liver and prune pies, tripe and onion tarts, vegan roast chicken, vegetarian steak and kidney pasties, and delicious desserts including the double clotted cream cannelloni surprise.

Gosh we can hardly wait!!

The Parish Council

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

As you have all probably seen, the new bright yellow cabinet for the Defibrillator is now fixed onto the wall of the Peacock (see photo) and the Parish Council would like to thank all that contributed to achieving this milestone. Training in how to use the Defibrillator is being provided, free of charge, on Tuesday May 8th at 2.00pm in the Village Hall.



Photo of “definitely box “- wrongly named by predictive text

We can have up to 30 people at the training session and if you are interested in attending, please call me (see below) to reserve a place – spaces on the course will be allocated on a ‘first come – first served’ basis because of the space restrictions.

On completion of the course, participants will be given the code to open the Defib Cabinet.

Derek Harbour (680676)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

This will take place in the church on Tuesday 17th April at 7.30pm. Light refreshments are included.

Carol Fox

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OXHILL PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 13th MARCH AT 8.00PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

The meeting, chaired by Grenville Moore was attended by Councillor, Duncan Harper and Derek Harbour apologies were received from Sue Hunt. Councillor John Fielding, and Councillor Chris Williams Members for Kineton & Red Horse Division also attended.

Minutes – Minutes of the previous meeting were read, agreed and signed.

Matters arising

New Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) draft for consultation- Having read the document the Parish Councils feel that the document is comprehensive and therefore will not submit comments for the consultation. Proposed by Derek Harbour and Seconded by Duncan Harper.

Data Protection Fee – This has been introduced and will need to be paid annually in May. The fee for Oxhill Parish Council will be £40 due to number of employees and turnover. The registration process will be completed in due course. Due to changes in legislation the Parish Council will no longer be able to use Mike Collins as a conduit for information. Therefore, if you would like to be kept up to date with important issues please contact the Parish Council by email clerk@oxhillpc.uk giving your permission for them to store your email address and contact you or post your email contact details and permission through one of the Councillors or clerk door. We will then add your details to the contact list. Proposed by Duncan Harper and Seconded by Grenville Moore.

Road name on Green Lane for houses at the rear of Stablecroft- The Parish Council have proposed that the name Groves be included in the name due to the long family connection with the village and this piece of land in particular.

Clerks Position- A new clerk for the village has been appointed and will start over the next few months. WALC congratulated the Parish Council on the quality and professionalism of their advert.

Phone Box- Over the next few months the phone will be removed, the electricity disconnected and the box removed – no date has as yet been set. The Parish Council will then look to erect a bus shelter in this location.

Leys Field- Problems with flooding have been reported along Main Street. The Parish Council has spoken to the planning officer who have stated that they are not happy with the planning application and that they will approach the developer before it goes to consultation. It has been requested that the planning officer liaise closely with the Parish Council so that they can make appropriate response. Councillor John Fielding will also liaise with the appropriate people in this matter.

Planning – Permission has been approved for: Position of dwellings on Plot 3 Green Lane, Repainting the timber on Church Leaze Barn, and A vary of permission at Applegrove.

Planning pending: Land adjacent to Oxbourne House, Land at Short Meadow, Oak woods House- Green Lane, Trees at The Old Rectory, Re-roofing at the Manor and Reserved Matters on the Leys Field.

Finance

Payments were made for the following : –

£19.76 for the Website/ email quarterly charge – Freeola Proposed by Grenville Moore and Seconded by Duncan Harper

£324.00 for the printing of the Oxhill News from October to February– Tysoe Children’s Group Ltd proposed by Grenville Moor and Seconded by Derek Harbour.

£200 for the Mowing of the Village Hall – Oxhill Village Hall Committee – Proposed by Grenville Moore and Seconded by Duncan Harper.

£600 for the mowing of the Church Yard – St Lawrence PCC – Proposed by Grenville Moore and Seconded by Duncan Harper.

£526.80 for the Defibrillator Box - The Defib Pad – Proposed by Grenville Moore and Seconded by Duncan Harper.

Audit – Due to the size of the Parish and precept amount the Parish Council can apply for an exception from the external audit which would cost £200. The usual internal audit will take place and accounts will be posted on the website in line with transparency code. Proposed by Grenville Moore and Seconded by Derek Harbour.

Defibrillator – The defibrillator code will be held by the landlord of the pub residents in the immediate area and those residents who attend the training on its use. The Parish Council will need to allocate funds for replacement pads should the need arise for it after use. Proposed by Derek Harbour and seconded by Grenville Moore.

Any other Business

Gilkes Lane – It has been reported that the road surface on Gilkes Lane in is a very poor condition Councillor Chris Williams will pursue the matter.

Footpath Bridge – Further damage to the bridge has been reported, and the area taped off. The landowner has been contacted to rectify the situation.

Foot path behind the houses on Main Street – As this is impassable the Parish Council will investigate reopening this so that it can be included in the manor walks.

Report by Councillor John Fielding– A full report was distributed to all Councillors. A summary of the main points is;

- In Warwickshire there were many GP's reaching retirement, leading to vacancies which is a concern.
- South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group will focus on 3 main areas - Out of Hospital, Personalisation, Specialist Provision
- A report given by the Warwickshire Police and Crime Commissioner stated that prevention of crime was crucial, as was the Gypsy and Traveller Protocol

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- The council tax will increase by 4.99% this year.
- This year there will be no reduction in front line services.
- Highways – some roads have deteriorated significantly due to the recent bad weather. Please use the pot hole hotline areas requiring repair.
- Well- being and health remain a priority for Warwickshire Health and Well- being board.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30 pm. Date of the next meeting 8th
May 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

Lis Stuart, Parish Clerk

THE HUNGRY HEDGEHOG

As I write this we have just experienced the coldest February on record. As the weather just prior to it had been getting milder, hedgehogs may have been beginning to rouse themselves from their winter hibernation. Hibernation is challenging enough for our hedgehogs without the weather playing havoc with the cycle. Let us hope most of them survived so we can enjoy their antics through the summer. Those that have survived will be out and about very soon and will be very hungry. Mums and their hoglets will be desperately searching for enough to eat so please help them. A shallow bowl of water should be available all the time. They do seem to drink a lot. Plenty of mealworms, dog/cat food, not fish, and hedgehog food should be out regularly. They will also eat peanuts. If they know there is always food available in your garden you will have regular visitors. Make sure there is a 7" hole under your fence or in a wall to enable the hedgehogs to come and go. They do like to roam over a fair distance during the night. Thank you to the many of you who have been feeding our prickly friends. It was so wonderful to see so many in my garden last year of all shapes and sizes proving there is a growing healthy population of hedgehogs in the village. Keep up the good work

Gaynor Van Dijk

TYSOE W.I.

Tysoe W.I. have enjoyed a busy March, in addition to our monthly meeting where we learnt all about Joseph Ashbys's Warwickshire, we have enjoyed a felting workshop, visited behind the scenes at the RSC and collected bags of items to donate to the Myton Hospice. We also donated nearly 40 twiddlemuffs Knitted and crocheted by our craft and laugh group, for dementia patients in local care homes.

We are looking forward to visiting Kelmscott Manor in April and attending a sausage extravaganza at Talton Mill, where we will watch a sausage making demonstration and have a go ourselves before sitting down to a bangers and mash supper.

We are also visiting Myton Hospice for a behind the scenes tour.

Our speaker for our April 4th meeting is Helena Boschi on 'How to get the best from our Brain'

As always visitors are welcome at our meetings, so come along and enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles and join in the fun.

There are still some seats available for the coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum on May 15th, departing Tysoe at 8.45am. Cost £15 p.p. This trip is open to all, you don't have to be a W.I. Member. For more info or to book your seats, telephone Dee 680971

We will be enjoying another coach trip to Marlow and Henley on Thames on Thursday 19th July. More info next month.

Tysoe W.I. For friendship and fun

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OXHILL VILLAGE HALL UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came to the latest Big Breakfast on 10 March. We sold out, with 50 villagers attending, to enjoy great food and company in a very welcoming environment. Thank you if you supported us. Watch out for the next one!

Coming next...

Monday 9th April – Annual General Meeting

As mentioned, this year's AGM takes place in the village hall at **8pm**. There will be cheese and wine provided for all attendees from **7.30pm**. There will be a few committee positions to fill as some of the committee are stepping down having made some excellent contributions to village life over recent times.

Could *you* fill one of these roles, or would like to join us as a 'Friend of the Village Hall' where you contribute on certain events only? Why not give it a go? We are a very friendly bunch and are supported, not least, by some fabulous 'Friends'.

Do chat to a current committee member to find out what's involved if you are interested. The current committee names can be found at <http://www.oxhill.org.uk/VillageHall.htm>

Friday 20 April – Paella Night

Our paella making evening, using our specially bought pan and tools to make the perfect Spanish dish, has been a hit everytime we have run it. So here's another opportunity to enjoy more, great company over a community organised meal using fresh, quality ingredients.

The cost is £12.50 per person. The event kicks off at **7.30pm**.

Tickets are now available from Tricia Harbour on (01295) 680676.



THE 'OXHILL LAAAAADIEEES' PUB QUIZ, SUNDAY 18TH MARCH.

On a blustery Sunday evening, villagers gathered in the local ale house to partake in the biggest event in Oxhill of the year (so far) ...the Oxhill Laaaaadieees charity quiz of course! As the snow continued to fall, the ever-glamorous Quiz Mistress, Katy Dowding delivered six rounds of questions. After the first three rounds, the scores were close, with a three-way tie for third place! "The Adams Academicals" were triumphant in the end with the top score, whilst the "Umbrians" did their utmost best, but placed last. The raffle was drawn, the prizes distributed and a good night was had. We raised £385 for the 3 women's cancer charities we're riding for, which means we have now totalled over half of our funds needed. Thanks you to Katy, for being a fab MC, Barney Porter for the use of his PA system (and setting it up!) and everybody that donated prizes to the raffle. With just over a month to go until the big 100km bike ride, we are motivated more than ever to succeed. We'll keep you posted on how we do!

Catherine Kimmins, Caroline Keena, Katy Dowding and Suzanne Hall

OXHILL GARDEN CLUB

On Thursday 22nd March for just the normal £2 collection at the door, some thirty Garden Club members socialising at the Village Hall were treated to a large glass of wine at the beginning of what turned out to be a very convivial evening. The evening concluded with a sumptuous spread comprising hot sausage rolls, cheeses and paté with all the trimmings. Oh, and by the way, there was an AGM in the middle.

Full minutes of the latter will appear in due course, but suffice it to say that the Club had had a very successful year with active member participation. Finances were sound and the existing Committee were re-elected *nem con* strengthened by the addition of two other members stepping up to the mark – namely Mary Baker and Margaret Rivers-Fletcher.

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The next meeting is on Thursday 12th April, 7.00pm for a 7.30 start, to hear a talk on *Bees of Britain* by Stephen Falk author of a seminal work on the subject and also of a companion book *Wild Flowers of Warwickshire*. Be prepared for a great evening!

Douglas Nethercleft

CARERS4CARERS

Friday 20th April 10.30 – 12 noon: Carers4Carers meeting at Kineton Village Hall. Following last month's "Five ways to wellbeing" we'll be offering a creative wellbeing workshop led by Penny Vigers, community artist. Come and join us for coffee and a chat. Please let us know in advance if you would like us to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group. For more details, including help with transport, please phone Gillian on 01926 640203/07947 893504.

Lisa Barnett, Assistant Co-ordinator, Carers4Carers

NATURE NOTES FOR APRIL

April is the Roman month of Aprilis from the verb aperire – to open. Seems to fit well with the feeling of the month, buds opening creating that soft haze of lime green covering the hedgerows and dark winter branches, doors and windows flung open letting in that sweet smell of growth and warmth. Brimstone butterflies are already on the wing, soon to be joined by Peacock, Speckled Wood and Orange Tip butterflies.

Last month I wrote about the young male buzzard I had rescued from the plough. Interestingly I have found out that another buzzard has also been recovered in the village under almost the same circumstances and about the same time, but this one was taken to the RSPCA and I believe has recovered. Back to ‘Billy’ as we called him – I had taken him over to the Vale Wildlife Sanctuary where they have the food and facilities to look after him. I had kept in touch, phoning every few days. He steadily began to put on weight, but was unable to fly for some two weeks. By the third week he had come up to full weight and was flying well in their outside aviary, so arrangements were made to go and collect him and release him more or less where I had found him. On arrival at the centre I was told not to try and handle him; he was larger and very feisty, and the box that contained him was securely taped up! On the way home he tried several times to burst out of the box, now on Jane’s lap. I have to say I did for a minute have a vision of two adults and one small dog all trapped in a car by a ferocious wild buzzard flying round and round in that small space. Thankfully we managed to keep the lid down and arrived safely back in the village. We carried the box down the long meadow behind the church and got set to release him. Well, all I can say is he erupted out of the box the minute the tape came off – he looked HUGE close up!



He flew across the field and settled into a tree and immediately crows started mobbing him, but within a minute there was a mewling* call from across the field and in came a female adult buzzard closely followed by the adult male. The parent birds had seemingly come to collect him, and



all three lifted on the wind and soared off across the fields. I have to say it was for some reason very emotional and I think all five of us who had come to see him off had a bit of a tear in our eyes. Let's hope that now the severe weather

is over they will all be able to find food. Buzzards are mainly carrion scavengers. The other day I also picked up a meadow pipit that was grounded, but once warmed and fed, flew away.

This month look out for the Lyrid meteor shower from 16th to 25th. They radiate from the constellation Lyra but will appear all over the sky. Also look out for the arrival of the first swallows, and later in the month swifts, and although not yet at full volume, the dawn chorus is increasing all the time. Spring is here.

Grenville Moore

* The call a bird of prey makes comes from the cage or building used to house trained hawks, especially while they were moulting. These buildings were often next to or part of the stables/carriage house and that's where we get the name for mews in towns.

TALES FROM MAD HATTER'S TEA PARTY – RAISING FUNDS FOR THE AFRICAN OYSTER TRUST

Scores of scones, dozens of dollops of jam, cream by the jug load and that's before any mention of sandwiches and cakes. Ninety-four teas were served over two sittings. Plus, a great time was had by all!

Thanks to all the cake bakers, musicians, our fabulous face painter, our young Wonderland waiting staff, kitchen caterers and tea-cup washers-up, White Hyacinth for the fabulous Mad Hatter Cake, Cotswold Marquees for loaning the tables, Rev Jill Tucker for the use of The Chapel, Clearway Promotions for sponsoring the print and *everyone who helped to make the Mad Hatter's Tea Party such a success.*



It was all rather WONDERFUL and a great example of how a local community can pull together to support a good cause, albeit in a distant, faraway land like The Gambia. Between us we raised the fabulous total of £1,400 for the African Oyster Trust. Particular thanks go to St Mary's Church Tysoe for its very generous £250 donation (offered as match funding).



The money raised will be used in the Gambia to support the work of the Trust. One of the first jobs will be to replace the roof of Jappineh Health Centre as the last one has been *eaten by termites!* The plan is for the director, Lady Kira Dalton, to give a talk in Tysoe about the latest projects when she returns

to the UK during the Gambian rainy season. Watch this space for more details.

All of which just goes to show that a touch of MADNESS can pay! Once again thanks for all your generosity, time and efforts.

Shirley Cherry, Voluntary Fundraiser for the African Oyster Trust

PS If any readers would like to make a donation, please visit www.africanoystertrust.co.uk and go to the 'Support Us' tab.

TYSOE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL – MARCH UPDATE

We celebrated World Book Day later than planned because of all the snow! The children had a dress-up day as book characters which was popular, including with the teachers too! Recently The Friends gave over £2000 to buy a new reading scheme which has been well-received, especially the graphic novels and non-fiction books. As part of this focus on reading, we held a Book Fair and any commission earned will supplement the new scheme. The feedback at School Council was all very enthusiastic.

Year 3 children spent a whole day immersed in the Vikings, led by the Longship Trading Company. They looked at artefacts, dressed up and listened to stories of the Vikings and their gods. Everyone was so excited and it was a fantastic way to learn history. The children all had different favourite parts, a sign of a good day!

Success in sport has continued with a team of eighteen swimmers from Willow Class taking part in the Shipston Swimming Gala. The Year 5 relay team won their race and there were also another five first places achieved by children in a variety of strokes including butterfly. As a new venture, children have chosen to join a yoga club to learn stretches and to begin relaxation exercises.

Pupils who learn guitar and drumming with our music teacher, Mr Dibbens, gave a concert which showed just how talented they are. They

performed a wide range of items: groups playing on drums, soloists on the full drum kit, guitar ensembles with singers and strummers. Mr Dibbens inspires the children to get involved in music, including rock! It was a most enjoyable performance and had everyone clapping to the beat.

Prospective parents are always welcome to visit, just contact the office on 01295-680244.

Jenny Coates, Head of School

KADS MARKS CENTENARY OF WOMEN GETTING THE VOTE BY STAGING '*SUFFRAGETTES!*'

First regional performance of all-new production following its successful UK premiere

This April, KADS (Kineton Amateur Dramatic Society) is staging the first regional production of Paul King's critically-acclaimed new play '*Suffragettes!*' marking the centenary of women getting the vote.

'Suffragettes! tells the story of the Pankhurst family and the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), which employed shocking tactics in order to be heard. Suitable for all ages, this large cast production combines drama, comedy and music hall ditties to tell the story of the suffrage movement and its struggle to secure the vote.

"Staging this play has been both enjoyable and a real eye-opener into the uphill battle the women faced and the tensions among the Pankhurst women who fundamentally disagreed on the tactics to be employed," explains the play's director Deborah Deeley. "*Suffragettes!* is both entertaining and educational, not least to see what our forebears went through to get us the vote."

Performances will run on April 26th, 27th & 28th in Kineton Village Hall. The licensed bar will be open from 7pm and all profits from the nightly raffle will go to charity.

Tickets available from:

Call **01295 680487**

Nifty Needle, Banbury St. Kineton

Or book them at: Kineton Community Library in Kineton Village Hall.

Open Mon & Weds 2 till 5pm & Sat 9.30 till 12

noon.

www.kads.org.uk



WOT2GROW COMMUNITY ORCHARD

What an interesting month weather wise! The snow was fortunately brief and dry so the orchard did not suffer any damage but the buds on the fruit trees certainly stayed put in the bitter cold. The rain was plentiful but not too bad as the soil is very free draining and the winds did not wreak havoc on the trees!

March heralded a very busy time as we try to complete all the soft fruit pruning, weeding and feeding round the fruit trees and doing the initial spraying for fungal and aphid infestations. With over 180 trees that is a lot of work and some of it will spill over into April, mainly the soft fruit feeding and weeding.

April heralds the early blossom which always lifts the spirits but makes us wary of frosts, the openness of the site does lead to sharp temperature drops and we have lost plenty of blossom in the past. But as most of the trees are now well established they can withstand a lot more harsh weather. The windbreak trees are growing well and are bushing out so will help to break some of the gusts that sweep off the hills and across the orchard. They will not be allowed to grow too tall but will provide protection and habitat for birds and wildlife. We have seen such an increase in biodiversity since we started at the orchard and hopefully we can encourage even more species.



Bulbs in Sensory Garden



Pruned Cider Apple Trees



Catkins and Bay Tree

Lots to do so why not come and help us? We are off the Shenington Road behind the allotments and are working, weather permitting, on Wednesday and Sunday mornings. Members also share in the fruit we produce!

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



AT LAST - Oxhill has its own speed camera , or something like it ! Fed up with the constant speeding of traffic down Whatcote Rd, and waiting for the district council to act , one resident has assembled the item in the picture. Lets hope that people take notice .



***Afternoon Tea and
Prosecco***

At

The Old Chapel

Sunday 15th April 2018

3pm

***Come and enjoy a leisurely afternoon
tucking into dainty sandwiches little
cakes, meringues and scones with jam
and clotted cream***

Tea and coffee

Donation bar and Raffle

Price £10.00 Children £5.00

Book your places now with Carol Fox 01295 680223

Email ceafox21@aol.com or

Proceeds to Oxhill Church

Something for everyone at ChipLitFest 2018

Interested in politics, fiction, food, health and fun? There's an event for you at ChipLitFest 2018

At the Theatre

Terry Waite CBE • Lionel Shriver, author of *We Need to Talk About Kevin* • TV presenters Richard Osman and Reggie Yates BBC Radio 2 stars Jeremy Vine and Liza Tarbuck

TV journalist Robert Peston.

Celebrating the NHS at 70 (and the suffragettes at 100!) Joseph Jebelli on Alzheimer's: the search for a cure
Stephen Westaby: the life of a heart surgeon • Medic-turned comedian Adam Kay • *Rise up Women!* by Diane Atkinson. Food

Brunch • Vietnamese cooking • Afternoon Tea with Lucy Mangan and Laura Freeman • Dinner with Dickens! Fiction feast
Rachel Joyce • Joanna Cannon • Kit de Waal, and book club talks on Muriel Spark and Barbara Pym. Children's and family fun

King Flashypants • Winnie the Witch • Dave Pigeon
Dylan the Dog • Sir Charlie Stinky Socks
A New Map Of Wonders • Write a Festival Song!

Plus: poetry • nature writing • writers'

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CHIPPING NORTON
LITERARY FESTIVAL

26 - 29 APRIL

TICKETS: 01608 642350



WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

April

Monday	2nd	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tuesday	3rd		Green and Blue Bin Collection
Weds	4th	10:30	Village Coffee Morning, Peacock
Thurs	5th	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH
Monday	9th	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Monday	9th	19:30 for 20:00	OVH AGM
Tuesday	10th		Grey Bin Collection
Thurs	12th	19:30	Oxhill Garden Club, OVH
Friday	13th	14:30	Mobile Library, OVH
Sunday	15th	15:00	Afternoon Tea & Prosecco, Old Chapel
Monday	16th	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tuesday	17th	19:30	PCC AGM
Tuesday	17th		Green & Blue Bin Collection
Weds	18th	12:30	Village Lunch, Peacock
Thurs	19th	14:00	Knit & Natter, OVH
Friday	20th	10:30	Carers4Carers, Kineton VH
Friday	20th	21:30	Paella Night, OVH
Monday	23rd	10:00	Aerobics, OVH
Tuesday	24th		Grey Bin Collection
Friday	27th	09:30	Weekday Walkers
Weds	26th		ChipLit Festival, Chipping Norton
	to		
Sunday	29th		
Weds	26th	19:00	Suffragettes Play, Kineton VH
	to		
Friday	28th		

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Tuesday	8th	14:00	Defibrillator Training, OVH
Tuesday	8th	20:00	Parish Council Mtg, OVH
