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Sitting outside on the Whatcote Road

No traffic, and everyone at least 2 metres apart

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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 07748324934 or email jimsaxton@btinternet.com

AT THE PEACOCK

Village Events

The village coffee morning and the Village lunch are both postponed during May.



FROM ST LAURENCE CHURCH

John's Gospel recounts the time when Jesus, after his resurrection, went to reassure Thomas that he was, indeed, still alive. John writes: 'Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them.'

Our doors are firmly shut: most of us are isolated at home, to a greater or lesser extent; our pubs, schools and shops have shut their doors; and even our churches, which were for many a haven for peace and prayer, are firmly shut.

Nonetheless, Jesus comes and stands among us. Our task is to recognise it: to open our eyes enough to see it. He stands among us in the face of each person who gives with love to another – in whatever way.

In an issue which is dedicated to the extraordinary things that are happening, there are probably too many to list individually, certainly without omitting someone vital! So, a huge thank you to everyone for all that you are doing, and for showing the face and love of Jesus to a world that is finding itself to be a little bit vulnerable, or scared, worried, or simply lonely.

In very general terms, thank you

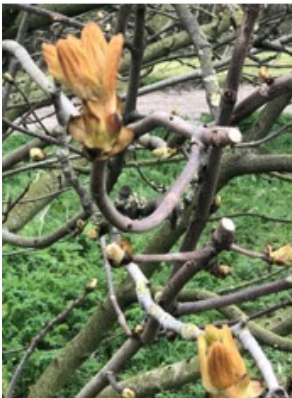
- To those who keep filling up the Food Bank box in the church porch – there are many families relying on this
- To those who shop and run errands, and deliver food in various forms
- To those who decorate their windows each week to produce a treasure trail for the children
- To those who keep in contact, by phone or over the fence.
- To those who are actively caring for someone
- And to those who are keeping the infra-structure of our village going.

The church has not shut up shop: far from it – we are busier than ever in different ways. Sunday worship is now by Zoom at 11.00 am: we are no longer confined by geography, so on Easter Day about 100 joined in. We are meeting up for Coffee and Prayer on Wednesday mornings at 10.00 am, also by Zoom.

You can come with coffee in hand, and come and go at will! If you would you join us, let me know and I will send you the joining instructions – it isn't that hard (most of the time!).

And The Grapevine has become a thrice weekly blog – if you would like to receive it, let me know.

There will be many other photos in this edition: these show how God's created world just keeps going (from the tree in the lay-by at the top of Green Lane) on the 1st, 5th and 14th April respectively – and we are part of that world.



Take care, and keep safe,

Every blessing, Jill

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‘CORONA CORONETS’

Throughout the weeks of the lockdown there have been many examples of people going ‘above and beyond’ their own needs in order to help others. We are most fortunate in Oxhill to benefit from all their efforts. The list below highlights just some of the terrific things that are happening:

- Paul Sayer (Veg Box, flowers & Beer sourcing) and his team of delivery volunteers
- Ali Sayer, Lynsey Cleaver & Helen West for devising different window displays to help keep the kids amused and exercised as they tour the village
- Jill Tucker for ensuring that the elderly and single people in the village are looked out for
- Mike Collins for ensuring that Sunday Papers are available to the village
- Patrick O ‘Donnell for collecting food, etc from Tysoe and delivering to people in the village
- Mark Farrell, Sarah and Christian from The Peacock for starting up a great ‘Take-Away’ service
- Reuben Connolly for transporting PPE to local Medical Centres and Hospitals
- Jane Smith, Ruth Mercer and their many helpers who are making PPE for the local medical community
- Ruth Mercer and Gaida Webb for making cakes for the elderly across the Easter period
- Roger Goodman and Vanessa Plain for keeping the Oxhill News going in these difficult times.

And the countless others who help their neighbours and contribute to the unique and wonderful Oxhill community spirit – Well done to you all!

LOCKDOWN UPDATE

We might all be in Lockdown but that hasn't dampened the spirits of the residents of Oxhill! Despite the down side, lots of positives are coming out of this situation. Many people are enjoying the peace and quiet, the slowing down of normal life and meeting others in the village who they hadn't come across before. Lots of conversations are going on even if they are happening between people 2 metres apart! People are out enjoying walks and bike rides in our beautiful countryside – I'm convinced the birds are singing more loudly this year!



The children and parents (and some adults without kids) have been walking around the village, looking in windows for rainbows and then teddy bears (thanks to Helen for starting this off.)

This was followed by an Easter Egg hunt organised by Lynsey and Helen – numbered Easter eggs could be seen in windows, on trees, hedges and fences and the children had a tick list designed by Lynsey to use. Val and Barbara B very kindly put out real Easter eggs for the kids. This week we moved onto hunting for things around the village beginning with A and next week it will be “I spy with my little eye something beginning with B!” Many people are hoping that we don't get to Z!



Some ladies in the village have been busy sewing scrubs, laundry bags, headbands and ear relievers for the NHS (well done Ruth, Lisa, Jane and Rachel) Lots of other people have found sheets and pillow cases to be converted.

Paul has been busy taking orders for vegetable boxes and delivering them around the village, with the assistance of a few willing helpers. He has also done a couple of collections and deliveries of beer from Hook Norton Brewery.



He is also happy to mend anyone's bike if he is repaid in cake, wine or beer!

Many people have been enjoying take-aways from The Peacock – thanks to Mark, Sarah & Christian for making this possible.

Most of the above has been communicated on the **Oxhill Village Community Page on Facebook**. It has come into its own during the Lockdown period – there are a lot of virtual conversations going on! I put up a post about the letter B hunt to start next week and it received 90 comments in 24 hours. Who would have thought we'd ever be arguing about bears, bees and bluebells! The virtual Peacock is a regular occurrence on a Friday night – people post a picture of their drink, with a comment and plenty of banter.



If you are not on Facebook and would like to get involved with any of the activities I've mentioned, please let me know by text or e-mail and I will put you in touch with the relevant people.

Stay safe and sane!

Ali Sayer

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VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebrations

STAY AT HOME STREET PARTY!

Friday 8th May 2020

DECORATE YOUR HOUSE RED, WHITE
AND BLUE AND ENJOY A PICNIC
IN YOUR FRONT GARDEN

*Commemorate the end of WW2 by celebrating with your family,
friends and neighbours!*



**STAY
HOME**

STAY AT HOME STREET PARTY

There is a Facebook Oxhill Village Community page which has been really brilliant over the last few weeks for helping each other out at this difficult time. There has been a wonderful display of Rainbows, Teddy Bears, Easter Egg Hunt and now we are playing, I Spy!

Lots of people in the group like the idea of a “Stay at Home Street Party”, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day! it would be an uplifting thing to have a stay at home street party to lift us all at the moment. We can be proud to be British and we can decorate our houses with Union Flags and red, white and blue.

Ruth Mercer and myself think it would be a nice idea to have tea and cake in your front gardens at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. All of us must abide by the governments recommendations of social distance and keep at least 2 m apart from each other.

There are lots of people in the village living on their own. Ruth and I will coordinate with each other to make sure those that would like cake, have a slice delivered.

Please contact Ruth on 07400 615999 or myself, Elaine Morgan on 07780 706433.

TYSOE TENNIS CLUB

Due to the Coronavirus, all remaining winter tennis matches and summer fixtures have been abandoned and Tysoe tennis courts are now out of bounds. We would like to thank everyone for their support in not using them at this time.

Hopefully, we will be able to hold our AGM in the near future and try and get back to some normality.

Contact:

Club Secretary – Carol Spencer 07708 412767 /
carol.spencer234@hotmail.co.uk

Website – www.tysoetennisclub.co.uk

JUST A BAG OF APPLES

An old man came to us today, we sadly had to send away,
He'd heard we weren't too well you see, we told him that he should not be,
Near us right now for his own good, he looked at us and said he should,
He'd brought us things to make us well, a bag of apples not to sell,
Protested we it's us not him, who should be looking after kin,
And kith for we are not at risk, he said you're looking rough at best!

The case in point we shoed him off, before we start to sneeze or cough,
He told how he was eighty eight, would not be nannied by the State,
He'd been through worse (though seen much better), this generation needed leather!
Or cane at least to put 'em straight, their shopping trollies filled with hate,
For fellow man who should be brother, they'd probably rob their own mother,
So off he'd been to shops and stalls, to find supplies to fill his shelves...

But when he got to where he goes, there wasn't much to tempt his nose,
The place he usually buys his gear, was emptied out their shelves were clear,
But still he soldiered on regard-less of the selfishness abroad,
And down the market found a man, who'd held some stock back in his van,
For whom those elder years affect, not out of pity just respect,
For without them we'd not be here, think this is bad? You don't know fear!

So his response to lockdown thus, just try to stop him board his bus,
He'd rather stay there down the bookies, than hole up in his home with cookies,
Or other rubbish all stocked up, in kitchen cupboards full to glut,
No thanks he says but if you can, a pinta from the online man,
We're gonna need a mug of tea, to pull us through this brief melee,
But have you seen the news we said, I'll catch up on the news in bed!

But Michael sir you must take care, we'd hate to see this take the air,
That's in your lungs you get the gist? Pneumonia's a real risk!
This virus is the worst to date. The virus? It's the selfish waste,
It's not CoViD-19 that kills, it's selfish fools stockpiling pills!
And calling 111 when they, could go online instead and say,
Find out that they have nowt to fear, just leave the NHS to care!

For those in need right now need help, and not some moaning, whining whelp,
Taking their bed, taking their nurse, and leaving them to fear the hearse,
So think before you pick the phone, and think of Michael all alone,
Locked up at home with nowt to eat, though still went out and marched his feet,
To get some fruit for his young friends, a bag of apples makes amends,
So which are you a red or green, or that bad apple in between?

JUST ANOTHER DAY ON THE WHATCOTE ROAD



LOCAL FOOTPATHS AROUND THE OXHILL AREA

As discussed at the December and January Parish Council meetings (and covered in the January and February editions of the Oxhill News) we have been working on publishing some of the local area footpath maps within these hallowed pages.

Guidance from Stratford District Council (SDC) is that we should only use the official ‘Definitive Map’ as that contains all of the updates and diversions that have been legally adopted since any publications of Ordnance Survey maps etc. While somewhat unwieldy the Definitive Map does provide the latest versions of the footpaths although it is worth noting that their existence on the page does not guarantee that they are easily accessible in the real world, particularly where they have fallen into misuse over the years.

Following the suggestion of the inclusion of a local footpath map in the newsletter we have had some wonderful offers of assistance to pace out the walks and beat back any weeds or brambles, but given the current Coronavirus crisis we have not been encouraging any further activity in this regard due to the risk of minor injury and the potential need for medical treatment.

However that does not detract from the value of reminding local residents where the footpaths exist and also where they do not! Some local land owners contacted the Parish Council after the idea was publicised and asked for some clarifications. One particular example is highlighted below and we of course welcome any further feedback although any concerns over accuracy need to be raised with the SDC themselves, after the crisis is under control.

With all this in mind we are including three maps herein. The main one is the Definitive Map of Oxhill and the area towards Pillerton. We also have a zoomed-in version of the village SECTION but we are yet to get a copy of the Tysoe side.

PLEASE NOTE: FOOTPATH SS40 NEAR BURLAND HOUSE SHOULD BE IGNORED AS WE UNDERSTAND IT HAS BEEN

CLARIFIED WITH SDC THAT THIS FOOTPATH HAS NEVER EXISTED AND SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE MAP.

Additionally, the map of Permissive Footpaths around Oxhill Manor has kindly been provided by the Welford family for use by Oxhill residents. This matches the maps you will find near the stiles in most entrances to the fields with the red and yellow routes you might already be familiar with.

PLEASE DO KEEP TO THE MARKED ROUTES ONLY AROUND OXHILL MANOR AND ON ALL OTHER LAND. WE ARE FORTUNATE TO HAVE ACCESS TO PERMISSIVE FOOTPATHS AND IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO SEE THEM REVOKED.

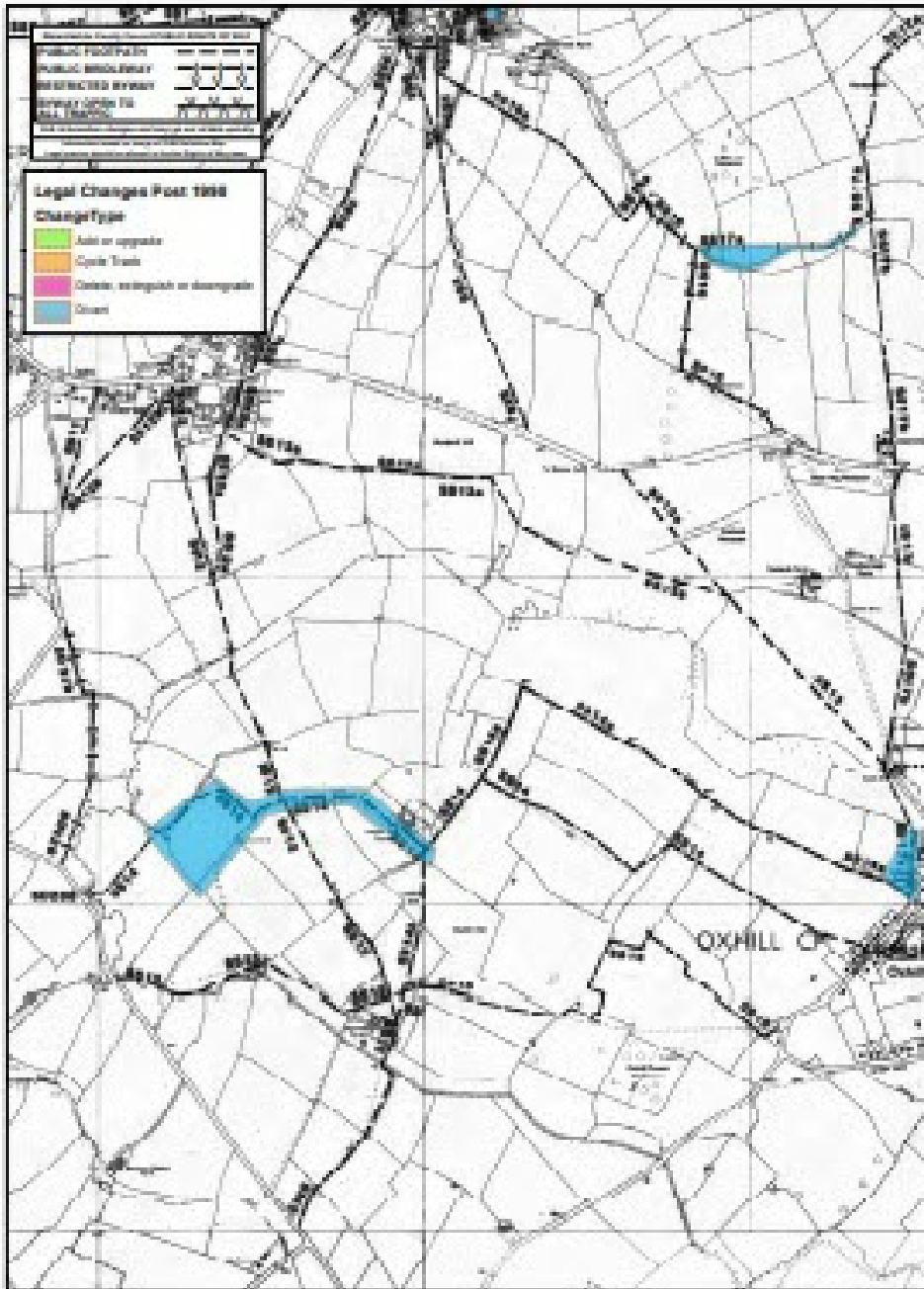
Given the large amount of wildlife in the area and the need to carefully manage deer populations etc., it is very wise to stick to the defined footpaths only to avoid crossing the field of view for any local rifles. Please always keep your dogs under close control, which means that if you cannot stop them chasing small animals via verbal commands alone, they need to be on the lead - especially during lambing season. Please also **PICK UP AND TAKE AWAY** any mess left by dogs on paths or in fields and keep them regularly wormed to protect the local livestock.

The maps themselves have a key to explain the markings, but the areas to watch out for are the agreed diversions in blue. One side of the diversion will be the original dashed line of the footpath and the other side will show the revised route. If you would like any clarification please contact any of the Parish Councillors and they will try to help or refer you to someone who can.

For details of Oxhill Manor please see the next article specifically discussing the conservation work and tree planting at Oxhill Manor, which Mr. & Mrs. Welford have kindly put together. In future months we will aim to publish additional sections of the Definitive Map as we gain permission to reprint those also.

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OXHILL PARISH DEFINITIVE MAP





Source: Esri, DeLorme, NAVTEQ, Swisstopo, UGC, AeroGRID, IGN, Esri, Data Design

PERMISSIVE WALK – OXHILL MANOR

We are very much looking forward to living in Oxhill and have so appreciated the welcome we have had from “Oxhillians”. The time taken with the listed building planning process was not what we expected, but we are nearly there with the Manor renovations and will soon be moving in (covid restrictions permitting!). The old stables will become offices and a training area for Nicodemus, a charity we founded 9 years ago, that works in the UK, Guatemala and El Salvador, supporting many community groups, schools and churches. The training for our projects will be broadcast from here and if anyone would like the use of such facilities you would be welcome as this would support the work of Nicodemus.

We are pleased to see people enjoying the Permissive Walk around The Manor fields and want to explain why it is located on the route that it is. Our intention is to allow access in areas where the best views can be seen from, hence the route on the maps at the stiles, and at the same time leave the land in the middle either side of the river undisturbed to encourage and allow for more access to local wildlife.

The Oxbow pond, adjacent to Beech Road, has a footpath on 2 sides – we request that walkers will keep to these routes to allow the opposite sides to be places of refuge for undisturbed wildlife when people walk by – this will mean wildlife can be seen up closer and hopefully not overly disturbed at the same time. This spring the pond and island will be planted with marginal plants, the banks with a wild-flower mixture and various shrubs intended to create a good habitat for wildlife. We hope this will mature into an area that wildlife will be safe and undisturbed in and walkers will be able to observe wildlife from a closer range. Otter prints have been seen on the island, so at some stage building an Otter Holt would be good! Please be aware of newly planted areas around the pond.

Between the Manor and the Kineton road are 3 ponds and wet, boggy land creating a diversity of deep and shallow water that will be planted in a similar manner to the Oxbow pond. Again we would prefer this area to remain undisturbed by walkers, hence the permissive walk not going

through this area. We will be working with OWLS to organise guided incursions for local people, children and various groups into the more protected areas once they are more established. Keeping to the permissive walk around the edge of the big field on the boundary furthest from the village, not only has great views but also protects wildlife from disturbance in the valley.

The trees are planted (all native species) so there is an opportunity to experience woodland from the permissive walk in a variety of ways – through the woodland in one place, behind it and down the side of it. Please keep to the paths by and through the woodland as in the future we hope they will become routes that join woodlands together with the valley. This will allow safer passage to the valley for wildlife and we hope eventually, with the valley having quieter pockets, there will be more wildlife for us all to enjoy from a distance. We plan to keep the paths mown during the Spring and Summer which will then make the routes clearer and easier for walker to determine (we will also be dealing with the muddy areas around the stiles that showed up this last winter!). Please bear with us!

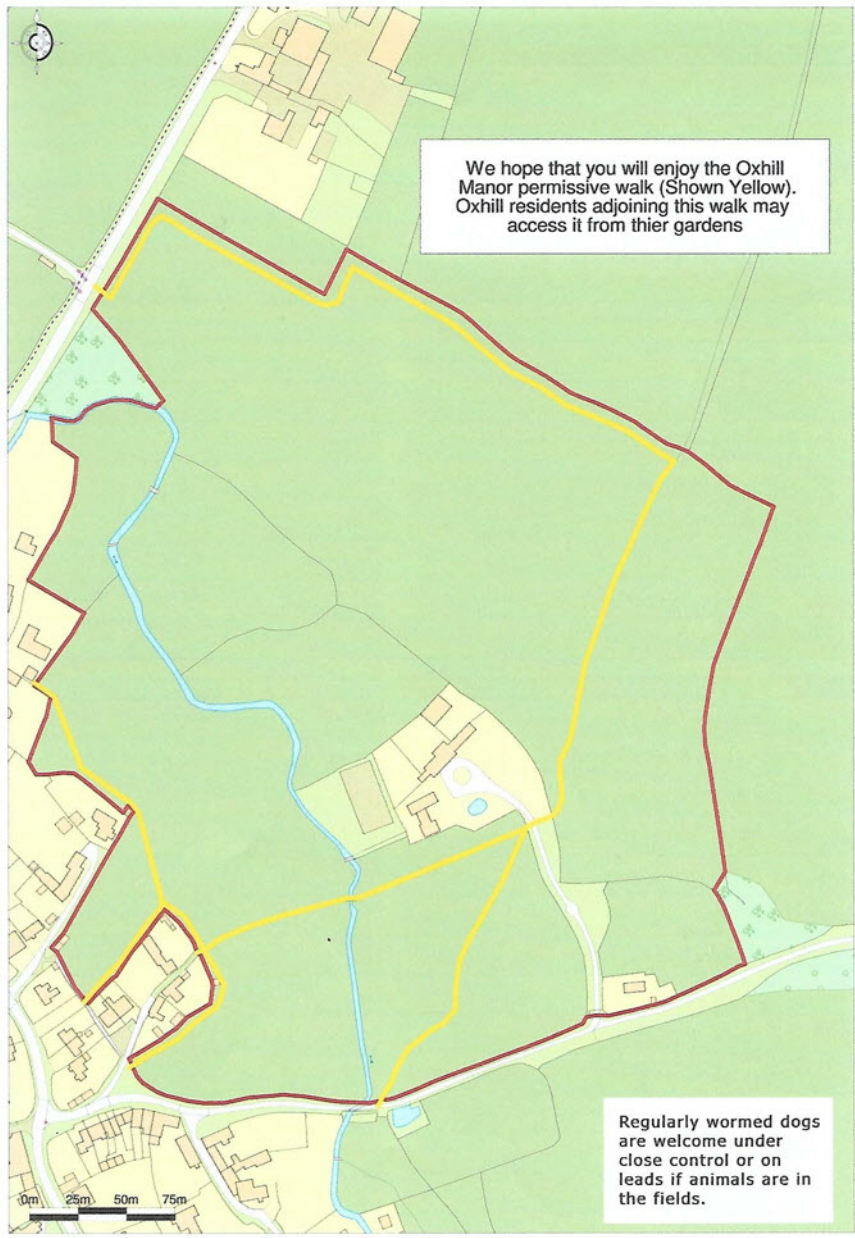
We will also be planting specimen trees in the fields during the autumn, so if any families would like to help plant a tree and then watch it grow then please contact us.

Thank you again for a wonderful welcome to Oxhill and we hope you will continue to enjoy this beautiful valley as much as we do!

Alastair & Debbie Welford,

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The Weirford Family in co-operation with Oxhill Parish Council
and OWLS (Oxhill Biodiversity Action Plan Group)

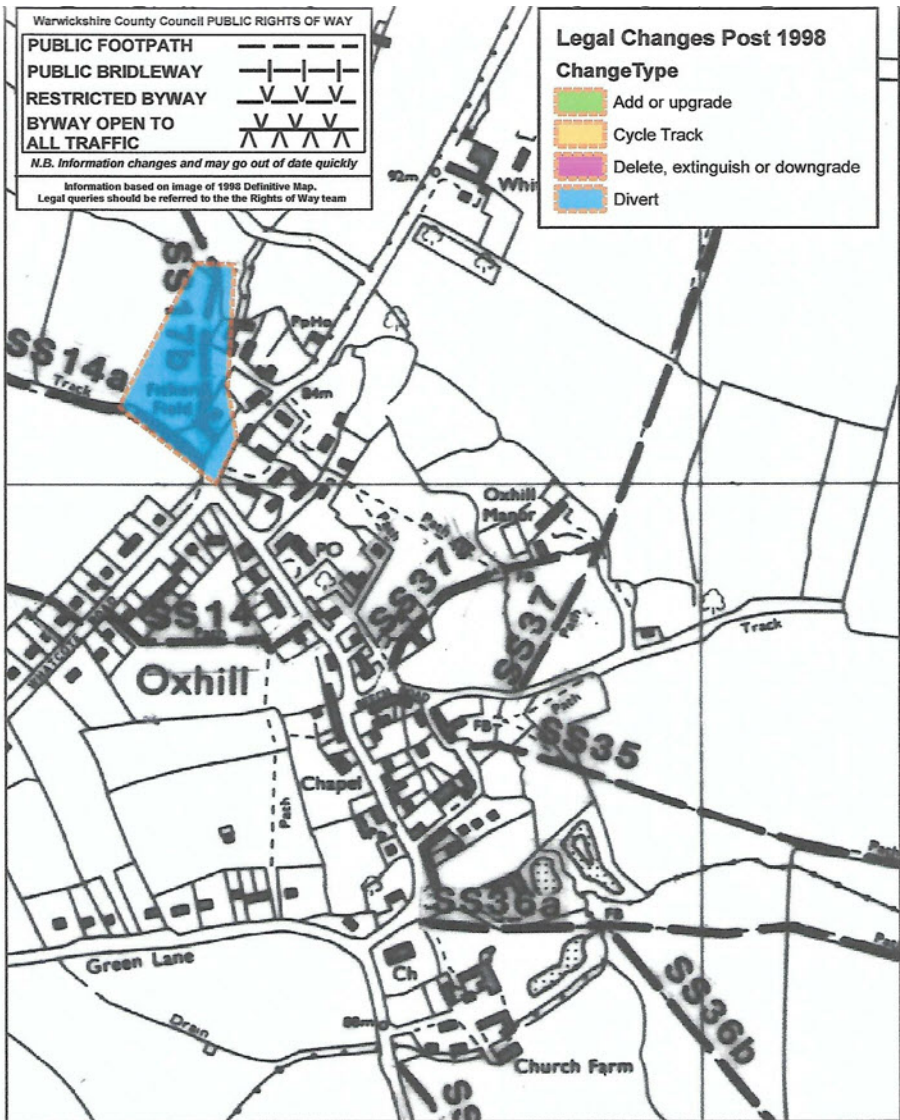


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Our roving reporter enjoying a restful moment



Barbecuing Sunday Lunch at The Peacock

A few letter 'B' pictures plus Wallace and Grommit



A PREVIOUS CORONA VIRUS? OR UK BLACK DEATH?

The field upon which I look from my cottage garden is called “Town Close”, which presupposes that this, along with the Peacock was once the centre of the “town or village” as we know it.

What happened to the residents who lived or died leaving behind a field of humps and hollows rendering it unsuitable for ploughing?

On account of underlying foundations and rooves of houses, these humps and hollows fill with water from the torrent of Oxhill (yes indeed) when it floods or there is heavy rain.

Clearly no builder or developer has been interested in this field and it must be impossible to plough.

What happened to the occupants of these houses? Clearly they left in a hurry, but why?

One possibility was some disaster overtook them!

One wonders if some plague or virus, such as we are now experiencing, overtook them with no cure.

They simply died in their hundreds.

This may cause some to think of those days when parents helplessly watched very slowly 8 out of 10 children succumbing to some infection when they were unable to help them.

Finally,

The Ancient Britons among us learned long ago to “Keep Calm and Carry On” through disasters both God and man made. This time thankfully there are no bombs.

Meanwhile this time I’m isolating like everyone else.

So, I will end with this little ditty by Bob Hope and Bing Crosby from the 1952 film “Road to Bali”

We’re busy doin’ nothing
Workin’ the whole day through
Tryin’ to find lots of things not to do
We’re busy goin’ nowhere
Isn’t it just a crime but
We never do have the time

THE LOCKDOWN

The lockdown has changed the way that we all live but we are so grateful to be living in Oxhill at this time.

People have behaved sensibly when out and about maintaining the 2 metre distance and so many more people have been seen out and about round the village. The wonderful weather has certainly helped lift our spirits but it is the Oxhill Spirit that has helped us all to cope.

From the cheery chats, to the items displayed in windows for children and adults to find, to the sheets to record their finds. The take away meals from the pub delivered by Mark, and compost and oil deliveries from Red Horse Fuels. People are going out of their way to be supportive and helpful to all their neighbours.

Mick and I would like to give a special mention to Patrick O'Donnell who has collected shopping for us and others. We do really appreciate his time and commitment. It has made life for us so much easier now we are Shielding.

Well done Oxhill! Let's keep it up for as long as it takes!

Mick&Barbara Shepard

Carers4Carers is a peer-led group for unpaid family carers who meet to support each other. We also support carers whose loved ones are in residential care and continue to offer support when caring comes to a conclusion. Taking place on the fourth Friday of each month, we meet at Kineton Village Hall, Mill Street, Kineton, CV35 0LB, 10:30 - 12 noon. We always start with time for coffee and chat and then, if a speaker or workshop is scheduled, this will usually begin at about 11:00. Come when you can and stay for as long as you are able. With advanced notice, we are also able to look after your loved one in our Companionship Group.

In line with Government guidelines with regard to the outbreak of Coronavirus, it is with regret that we have had to **cancel** our monthly meetings until further notice. In the meantime, please take a look at our website www.carers4carersonthefosse.org.uk, email kcarers4carers@gmail.com or call 07947 893504 for more information about our work and to request a copy of our newsletter.

For online support you might also like to take a look at the Carers UK forum at www.carersuk.org/forum and the local Carers Trust forum at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/870251836784890/>.

ZINC AND BICARBONATE ARTICLE

I noticed in the April 2020 edition of the Oxhill news that there was an article regarding the use of zinc and bicarbonate to help alleviate coronavirus, and thought I'd inform you that the source of information is misinterpreted.

I am a second year medical student at the University of St Andrews and I have been studying the effects of bicarbonate on the body and its excretion in the urine. I have also emailed my lecturer about this article regarding its content.

Essentially the argument that a high pH fights coronavirus may be true, however the body needs to maintain a pH between 7.35-7.45 otherwise enzymes will not function properly and it can lead to major imbalances within the body, which can lead weakness, comas, seizures and other symptoms depending on which extreme of pH your body has gone to.

It would be ill advised to take bicarbonate as a supplement as this directly affects the pH of the blood, so in order to maintain the homeostasis within the body, the kidneys would choose to excrete it in order to maintain the pH of 7.35-7.45. It is especially concerning due to the fact that someone who may have kidney dysfunction may not be able to excrete all of the bicarbonate in the urine which would lead to them having a very high pH and reduced ability to correct it, leading to serious medical implications.

In terms of the quote that states that you can measure your pH using pH strips, I assume that it is talking about urine dipsticks. Due to the fact that the kidneys would excrete the excess bicarbonate, it would appear in the urine which would mean that of course your urine would have a high pH, however this has nothing to do with the functionality of your immune system, considering the coronavirus is a respiratory disease and not a urinary one, so the virus that remains situated within the lungs will not be affected by a high pH within the urine.

Talking about the zinc levels in the body, I do have less of an understanding about this, however there is a quote from Dr Simon Clarke at the University of Reading in the 'Express and star' news online which states that the claim that high zinc concentrations in the blood helping deal with infection is

'absolute garbage'. This is due to the fact that although zinc does help the immune system, it too has to maintain a certain level within the blood otherwise you will experience the effects of a zinc overdose. There are also no papers anyway that discuss the evidence of zinc directly affecting coronavirus, as it does state within your article that it 'weakens the intensity and duration of coronavirus, and its effects'. Although your immune system does help against the coronavirus, zinc will not help directly. The only circumstances in which you should be taking zinc are to keep your levels of zinc at the normal level, and supplements should only be taken if you have a disease which means you don't absorb zinc as well.

Perhaps medical articles need to be checked with a person within the medical profession before publication.

Isaac Roberts

CORONA VIRUS ARTICLE

Just wanted to drop you an email to tell you of my concern on the article you published in this April's Oxhill news.

'Natural remedies for coronavirus '

I'm sure the lady that wrote it did it with best intentions to help us all but suggesting that any of these supplements are a remedy for coronavirus are potentially dangerous.

We are being warned by the government to only listen to science and not to ideas such as these which only have anecdotal evidence.

Had the article been titled 'how to boost your immune system' I would have been much less concerned.

I have a nursing background and truly believe science is what will get us through this.

Fiona Franklin

OXHILL VILLAGE HALL NEWS UPDATE

Sadly we had to close the Village Hall at the beginning of the lockdown & all events to date have been cancelled. The Family Garden Fete at Newborough House planned for May is now postponed & will hopefully take place in September. Please watch this space for news of future events.

In the meantime the VH committee are pushing ahead with the rebuilding plans & are progressing the working drawings ready to go out to tender with local builders.

Grant applications are also in progress & 3 applications are pending decisions by funders. These are also on hold due to the Coronavirus but we hope for a positive result in time.



We look forward to being able to reopen the hall as soon as possible & inviting everyone to join us to celebrate.

For future bookings please contact Ali Sayer on 07970 922352 or ali.sayer@btinternet.com

Jo Collings
Chair of OVH Committee

SAXTONS BUSY IN NEW ART STUDIO

Ann and Jim have turned their time to being creative in their new Art Studio, Ann with Easter bonnet; silk scarfs, greeting cards and wood carving. Jim starting out on new hobby of leaded stained glass.



Keep Safe and Healthy

Jim Saxton, 07748 324934

SCARECROW WEEKEND - POSTPONED

During these strange and uncertain times, the decision has been made to postpone the 2020 Scarecrow Weekend in Oxhill.

We will look to regroup in October/November to begin preparations for a 2021 festival instead, so keep an eye in the Oxhill News for details of our first meeting.

I would like to thank everyone that attended committee meetings, put ideas forward and volunteered their time - it is very much appreciated and I hope we can all get together again later in the year to finish what we started!

In the meantime, stay safe.

Lucy Mercer

WHAT'S ON IN & AROUND OXHILL

May

Tue	5th	Grey Bin Collection
Tue	12th	Blue & Green Bin Collection
Wed	13th	Possible Parish Council Mtg, (see note below)
Tue	19th	Grey Bin Collection
Tue	26th	Blue & Green Bin Collection

The next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for 13 May at 8.00pm in the Village Hall but it is currently unclear as to whether that meeting will be permitted to go ahead. Please see the Notice Board by The Peacock for an update closer to the time.