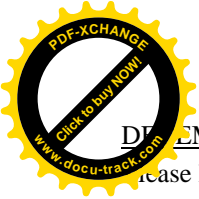


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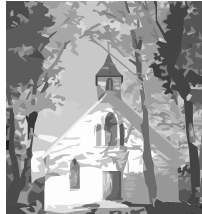
Please let me have contributions for the
December newsletter
by Thursday 10th November

Many thanks, Valerie Adams,
12 The Pightle, Oving 640296
Email:- val_adams@oving.org

Methodist Services	
06-Nov	Revd A. Varker
13-Nov	At Parish Church
20-Nov	Revd F. Ireland
27-Nov	Advent service at Whitchurch

Sunday School - November

**Sunday School will be held on the 27th November at the
Parish Church between 11.00 and 12.00.
All children between the ages of 5 – 11 are welcome.**



**If you would like more information then please contact
Jeremy Shields on 641020.**

Oving Book Club		
Month	Book Title	Venues
03-Nov	Social Evening at the Black Boy	
Contact Jo Scott - Church View, Hardwick. Tel: 641644 Newcomers welcome		

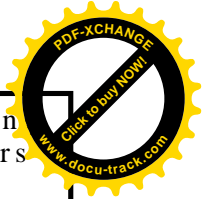
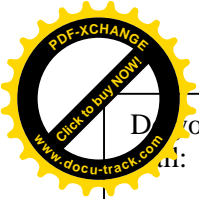
LADIES NIGHT

(Quilting, stitching, knitting, or
whatever takes your fancy)
Or just come for a chat

The next meeting will be on
Wed. 9th November at 7:30 pm

Newcomers welcome.

Call Val on 640296 for info



Do you need a Babysitter?
Call:

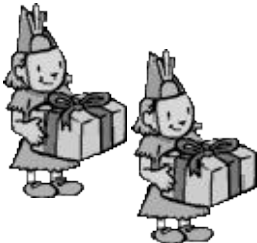
Annelise Waldron	641656
Rachel Williams	641159
Hayley Parrott	641472
Rachael Watson	641796
John Watson	641796
Christopher Roberts	640511

Whitchurch and Oving
Parents and Toddlers
(Babies Welcome Too)
Every Wednesday
British Legion Hall
10am - 12pm, Oving Road
£2.00 Whitchurch
Tel. Jenny on 641513
or Zantie on 640427



ADVENT BIBLE STUDY

The Revd. Andy Bell will be leading Advent Bible Studies on
Monday evenings in November at 7:45 for 8:00pm at
Heather and Paul Bowen's house at 10 The Pightle, Oving



GIFT AID SERVICE

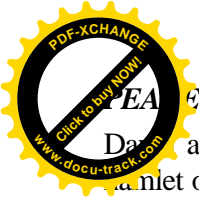
SUNDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AT 11:00am
OVING ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Please bring your completed shoe boxes along to this special
service in aid of the Christmas Child Appeal.

We have had up to 160 shoe boxes donated in the past. Let's see
if we can beat that target this time.

Mant thanks Sharon Larman
And
Caroline Jenner





ON THE PELION



David and Jo Smith of Oving took two weeks out in August to visit the hamlet of Damouchari on the Pelion peninsula. They stayed at the Damouchari Hotel, an attractive and peaceful abode split into studios, apartments and rooms.

Why did you choose that destination?

3 years ago, we had read about the Pelion peninsula and how picturesque and quiet it was. We harboured the desire to go there until we could wait no longer! The first half of this year had been hectic for us both, with our daughter's wedding amongst other things, and the peninsula with its beguiling bays, the calm and collected waters lapping over the brilliant white pebbles, was altogether too tempting!

Describe your accommodation

The hotel was basic but relaxing. Our apartment had a kitchen, a bedroom and a bathroom plus a balcony which had a vine growing up it. When we weren't lazing by the freshwater pool or supping on local beverages in the bar, we would perch on our balcony, picking grapes! The staff were very friendly and helpful.

What was Damouchari like and other nearby resorts?

The hamlet of Damouchari was small - about 30-40 houses - with two shops and four tavernas, which served okay food, but nothing special. Not far up the road was Aghios Ioannis, a much bigger resort with a multitude of restaurants, bars and hotels. The local beach was absolutely stunning with brilliant white pebbles contrasting against the almost jade green sea.

What native dishes and drinks did you try?

The seafood was extremely nice but also fairly expensive. We had some very nice grilled seabass fresh from the sea, plus various stuffed items (aubergines, tomatoes, vine leaves) and, of course, lots of Greek salad! The wine wasn't terribly nice - mostly Retsina which is made in pine barrels; the wine absorbs the resin, hence the name, and it has a distinctive taste. Like Marmite you either love it hate it! (David) I stuck to the beer.

Did you go on any excursions, and if so, what were they like?

The main focus of the holiday was rest, and the remote setting of the hotel provided exactly that, but we did attempt one excursion - a boat trip from the east coast of the peninsula. Unfortunately, the seas were too choppy that day and we aborted the trip, but we did take a nice stroll up to Aghios Ioannis and Jo visited Tsangarada, well known for its 1000 yr old plane tree, and a traditional Greek pottery. Aside from that, our general days consisted of me (David) going off to the sea to snorkel in the crystal clear waters and dive-bomb like a crazed child off the craggy white rocks, whilst Jo soaked up the sun and basked in pure serenity by the pool!



However, holidaymakers up for some of the local sights can visit a beautiful monastery - the Meteora (where a scene from a James Bond film was shot) - with its tall pillars of rock stretching into the sky. Until recently, the monastery was only accessible by rope ladder or basket. Fortunately for today's visitors there are steps carved into the stone. It dates back to the 11th century, and yet even to this day it is still possible to see the monks in traditional dress, crossing the deep valleys in a small basket dangling on rope! Another excursion in the area is the Mountain Train Journey – a little train re-opened after 25 years – which winds its way up the steep mountains to the village of Milies, where one can visit the historic church library full of old manuscripts, some dating back to 1821.

What were the other holidaymakers like?

The majority of tourists were Greek - this is where the natives like to holiday. Always a good sign! Our hotel had British residents, although not many as there were only 20 residences to offer.

Were there any bad experiences?

No, not really. The 8 hour delay on the return journey could have been horrendous, especially as the local airport, Volos, was essentially there for military reasons rather than travel orientated and therefore was not particularly well equipped. Luckily the travel operator, Tapestry, had the foresight to move us all to a beach resort where we lazed in the last remnants of decent sunshine before our return to England. They also treated us to our last Greek feast, which became a very memorable part of the holiday as it was Jo's birthday, and not only did the Brits on our table start to belt out 'Happy Birthday to you' but the entire restaurant joined in! Rather embarrassing but also endearing!

How was the weather overall?

We only had one day of drizzle, which we used for the walk to A.Ioannis. The rest of the time the temperature was around the top 30's coupled with a gentle breeze that made it very comfortable and pleasant.

Would you return there?

Yes (David states without hesitation). Not immediately - not probably for another 3 years or so but as soon as we need a well earned rest again (so perhaps not too far in the future...?!).

Overall rating

9 out of 10.

By Mrs Rachel Williams, Rectory Cottage, Oving. (Not to be mistaken with the babysitter!)



Green Scene

Eating crisps may be destroying the home of the orang-utan



What has a packet of crisps got to do with the destruction of the rainforest? Crisps, like thousands of products including soap, cosmetics, confectionery, ice cream, biscuits and margarine frequently contain palm oil. Actually one in ten supermarket products contains palm oil. Production of this oil is the single largest contributor to rainforest destruction in South East Asia, which is the main habitat of the orang-utan.

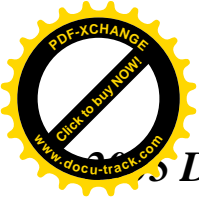
The production of palm oil is fuelled by the insatiable demand of western markets for cheap vegetable oil. In Indonesia and Malaysia millions of hectares of rainforest have been cleared to make way for vast palm tree plantations. There has been scant regard for either the rainforest or the people who live there. A rainforest is teeming with wildlife, from orang-utans to tigers to elephants - it is their habitat that is being destroyed. The human cost of rainforest destruction is also large. Land has been taken from indigenous peoples by the Governments of Indonesia and Malaysia and handed over to palm oil companies to convert to plantations. There is a serious imbalance of power, as forest communities have no formal right to their traditional land.

Friends of the Earth wrote a report called '*Greasy palms*' exposing the damage and human rights abuses of this practice and sent it to all major UK retailers involved in the industry. Many workers on palm oil plantations suffer from appalling working conditions and low wages and their protest has led to human rights abuses including torture of local community activists. In Papua New Guinea the oil palm tree is known as 'the slave tree', a name which speaks for itself.

Hundreds of UK companies are involved in importing and selling palm oil from destructive sources. At the moment UK supermarkets, importers and manufacturers are refusing to take action to source sustainable palm oil. Government intervention is now urgently needed and corporate responsibility must be enforced. We are asking you the customer, to put pressure on supermarkets and to write to your MP asking him/her to work on the necessary changes to Company Law and corporate responsibility.

If you would like further information on this issue see www.foe.co.uk/campaigns/corporates/news/orangutan_report.html. My FOE group will be outside Aylesbury Civic Centre on Sunday 6th November from 10-1pm, where the Festival of Well Being is happening. Please come and sign a postcard to send to your MP and pick up more information.

Rachel Gershon – Aylesbury Vale Friends of the Earth
Tel: 640967 Email: info@avfoe.org.uk



5 Dahl Concert Ticket Order Form



Raising money for the Roald Dahl Foundation, to provide practical support for children with brain, blood and literacy problems

Hurry, hurry, hurry, tickets for the very popular **Roald Dahl Christmas Concert, Saturday, 17th December** are now available. Venue - parish church of Great Missenden, **St Peter and St Paul**. Concert starts 7.30 pm and doors open 7.00 pm. Car parking available near church.

The evening will be a mix of Celebrities, Christmas carols and music, prose and Dahl rhymes. We are delighted to welcome back The Hendon Young People's brass band of the Salvation Army. The concert programme is suitable for children from 12 years and there is a concessionary seat price of £12.50 for children between 12 and 16 years. During the interval mulled wine and shortbread will be served.

I would like Seats @ £15.00

I would like Seats @ £12.50 and enclose my cheque for £

Cheques made payable to "FRDF" please

I enclose a stamped addressed envelope for the return of my tickets.

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone:	

Please return to Jo Smith, Roald Dahl Foundation, 81a High Street, Great Missenden, Bucks HP16 0AL

Email: fundraising@roalddahlfoundation.org



Garden Farm: Autumn

Henry Fearnley-Whittingstall has a lot to answer for – not least the length of his name. If you have yet to discover his River Cottage series of television programmes and books you won't know what I'm on about. Think "The Good Life", in the country, for the 21st century.

It started when I received The River Cottage Cookbook for Christmas a few years back. Somehow the ethos worked its way into me and I started to take an interest in the food I ate, and in producing more for myself.

We had a good start. In the garden we have four varieties of apple, walnut, hazelnut, quince, greengage, plums, damsons, raspberries, rhubarb and mulberries. Now I dislike rhubarb intensely – have done since school days – but I still grow it! Other people like it and that's good enough for me. Naturally the squirrels eat the walnuts and hazels. I don't want them to, but stopping them seems to be easier said than done. And this year we had no quinces where last year we had a glut – and some very fine quince jelly.

We can add to that the hedgerow produce that grows all around us – much of which rots before any man or animal can use it. Last year we made hedgerow jelly, bramble jelly, quince jelly, plum and apple jelly – you might get the impression that we like jellies and not jams! In fact we made so much that we still have 8 jars of bramble jelly left – and as they say the devil has spat on the blackberries now. We also made sloe gin, damson vodka (this year we made mulberry vodka – it is already a beautiful deep crimson colour).

The problem is that that we have virtually all fruit. We needed more choice. So this year we made some raised beds and grew some vegetables. The children got involved for a while – but the choice between a fast moving computer game and a slow growing pumpkin was always going to be easy. I learned from experience and the children made the right noises every so often.

Potatoes were our biggest hit. We started with some new potatoes from Tesco which had developed some serious shoots having been forgotten in the garage – by the time we noticed a small forest of white shoots was growing through the top of the container. I pulled



these off, dug a trench and planted them deep under a ridge of soil. I also planted some seed potatoes going cheap at the garden centre (late MAY!). I know now I planted them a bit late – just like everything else. I also know we ended up with a large sack full of two varieties of potato!

I won't list all the failures – there were more than a few. The crop of peas was eaten whilst I stood by the canes – lovely and sweet, straight from the pod. I ate all six pods in one go. The pumpkins and squash worked well and as the nights draw in and get cooler, they continue to grow in their jungle of oversize leaves.

And still I want more. So next on the list will be chickens. I know they are very “trendy” at present and I know that it is not a cheap way to get eggs. I just like the idea of providing something else myself.

And then there are the bees. I've wanted to keep bees for a while, so this year I helped a friend in Weedon with his bees – to get a feel for them, to learn and to make sure I didn't run away. So coming soon are two hives. The friend has promised me my first brood. I've joined the local beekeepers association and will do a beekeeping course in late winter in preparation for the spring. I'll tell you all about that another time!

A.P.R.E.

Autumn 2005

apre@oving.org

New contributions

I hope you all like the articles kindly given to me this month in response to my request for help in September. I hope these talented contributors feel inspired enough to continue with their efforts on a regular basis. Do let me know what you think of them as I know they would appreciate some positive feedback.

How about sending an email with your thoughts or ideas to: - val_adams@oving.org.

Also, have a look at the recipe for Sloe, Damson, Mulberry Gin or Vodka on page 12 and do let me know how you get on if you try it.



Recipe for Sloe, Damson, Mulberry Gin or Vodka:

Ingredients:

1 pint Gin or Vodka or mixed – the Gin smell will go anyway so I use Vodka

1 pint fruit – I use the same recipe for all – try raspberries as well

½ lb sugar

Put sugar and fruit into a 1-litre spirit bottle – you may have to crush them slightly to push through the neck (use a wooden spoon handle - just cover the neck with your hand as the juice tends to go a long way!) Sloes should traditionally be pricked with a thorn from the blackthorn bush where you got the sloes. A needle will do. The lazy way is to store them in the freezer which tends to split them. Damsons should be split slightly. Pour on the spirit – it should fill the bottle. Shake the bottle once a day for a month, once a week for a month and once a month thereafter.

Sloes take the longest – you normally start in October and it's ready by Christmas of the following year. Damson and soft fruits take a couple of months – you usually start in September and it's ready for Christmas!

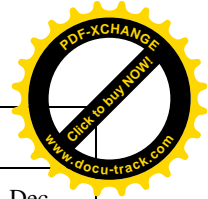
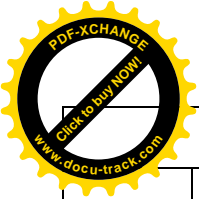
When the time comes, pour out the spirit through a double muslin cloth to filter out the bits and bottle – if you use a clear bottle it will get darker due to the light. Drink slowly if you can!

NEW FEATURE POSSIBILITY

It has been suggested that there might be a wine connoisseur in the village who would be interested in starting a monthly wine tasting followed by a regular report for inclusion in the newsletter?

Alternatively, there may be those who would like to become more familiar with the different wine labels etc. and would like to just have a meeting to share a bottle of wine occasionally and discuss it.

Do let me know what your thoughts or ideas are. You never know we might get something off the ground.



ROTAS

	06-Nov	13-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	04-Dec
11.00 am	Family Service	Sunday School	Family Communion	Sunday School	Family Service Christingle
Sidesmen	C.Roberts R.Goss	S.Hodges J.Brunswick	R.Firth N.Shields		C.Jenner J.Goss
Readers at 6.00pm	United at Chapel H.Bowen	D.Midwinter 1.Thess. 5, v1-11	United at Chapel J.Brunswick	Advent Service at Whitchurch	United at Chapel M.Ponsford
Chancel	N.Law	N.Law	C.Roberts	C.Roberts	J.Brunswick
Nave	C.Jenner	L.Watson	S.Berriman	H.Fone	D.Hilton-Jones
Path and Bins	P.Berriman	J.Peeters	D.Smith	D.Goss	A.McGinn

Glass collection day in November is Wed 16th

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?"

Shelley

A good walk in the Country

If you fancy fresh air and healthy exercise every now and then why not join us on the first Friday of each month for a good walk and a pub lunch.

We'll pick a different walk of around 6 miles each month, ending at a pub, but suggestions would always be welcome

The next walk will be on Friday 4th November

If you're interested phone Jack or Mary on 641738 or email

j.peeters@btinternet.com



WELCOME

I would like to extend a welcome Peter Janaway, ex University of Westminster and Vanessa Wiggins, ex British Waterways, both retired, to our village. They moved here from Harrow in Middlesex to Elmscott on August 3rd. We hope they will be very happy here.

I would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone if they would make sure that I am aware of any other newcomers to the village so they can be given a welcome too.



John Bridles Hall Hardwick

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 19th November
10am to 12 noon

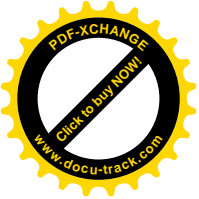
Raffle **Tombola**

Crafts



**Teas
and Mince
Pies**





~ All Saints' Church, Oving. ~

DECEMBER, 1888.

BAPTISTERY WINDOW-FURTHER SUBSCRIPTIONS

	£.	s.	d.
Mrs. Young (North Moreton Rectory)	0	5	0
Ditto, for Catherine Mary and Henry Taylor Deane Young (deceased).	0	2	0
Annie Cleaver	0	2	0
Mrs. Eliza Clark (collected by)	0	4	0
Mrs. Fryatt (London)	0	1	0
Ann Wilson (for Wallace Clark)	0	1	0

DIOCESAN INSPECTION OF DAY SCHOOL.

October 29, 1888.

Dear Sir,-I forward you herewith a copy of the Report I have made of my Inspection of your School.

I am, dear Sir,
Your faithful Servant,
H. A. DOUGLAS-HAMILTON,
Diocesan Inspector of Schools.

To the Reverend J. Hill.

" Oving School, Examined Oct. 23, 1888.
[REPORT].

"The School has passed, on the whole, a fair examination, but for the weakness of Group 2, and Standard IV. in Group I, the result would have been " Very good."

The Infants answered brightly and intelligently, especially in the New Testament.

"The Upper Group has received careful and systematic teaching. The answering in all the subjects presented for examination was very general and accurate."

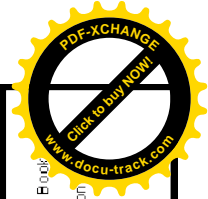
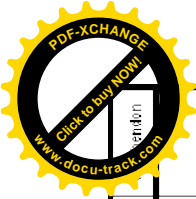
Diocesan Prize-Gertrude Clark.

Highly Commended-Melitz Marks, Jane Cannon, Alice Clark, Frank Ward, Elizabeth Bradshaw.

AYLESBURY COTTAGERS' CHRYSANTHEMUM AND VEGETABLE SHOW.

Parishioners will be glad to know that William Carter obtained the first prize (5s.) for honey; the third he has obtained at different shows this year.

EPIDEMIC OF MEASLES. On Monday, November the 5th, the School was closed en account of the general prevalence of measles in the parish. Scarcely a house escaped where there were children. At the time of going to press something like 100 children had been attacked, and two of tender age had died, and one or two others were seriously ill.



	Grangeville	N Merston	Oving	Dunton	Hoggeson	Hardwick	Whitchurch	Quanton	Waldersdon	Wreston
6 Nov	8.00 HC/PB AB									
3 before Advent		10.00 FS DH	11.00 FS AB		9.30 HC/PB DM	9.30 HC/PB AB	11.00 FC DM		11.00 FC SD	9.30 HC/PB SD
Red or Green	6.00 TAIZE SERVICE AT QUANTON									
13 Nov										
2 before Advent		9.30 AB Remembrance		9.30 HC DM		11.00 MS JB	10.45 DM Remembrance		8.00 HC/PB LW	
Red or Green			6.00 HC AB					6.30 ES JB		
20 Nov										
Christ the King		9.30 FS AB	11.00 FC AB		11.00 MS SS	9.30 HC SS	11.00 FC DM		11.00 ES SD	9.30 FS SD
Red or White	6.00 ES AB		6.00 UM					6.30 ES LW		
27 Nov										
Advent	11.00 FS AB	9.30 HC AV			9.30 FS JB At Walsdon		11.00 MS DM		11.00 FS+B LW	9.30 MS LW
Purple	6.00 TEAM ADVENT CAROL SERVICE AT WHITCHURCH									
4 Dec										
Advent 2	8.00 HC/PB AB						8.00 HC/PB DM			
Purple		10.00 FS DH	11.00 JB		9.30 HC/PB AB	9.30 HC/PB DM	11.00 FC DM		11.00 FC LW	9.30 HC/PB LW
	6.00 AB Christingle		6.00 UM						6.30 HC SD	

**Holy Communion at Walsdon Schoolroom
Thursdays at 10.00 am**

9 Nov DM	10 Nov SS	17 Nov AB	24 Nov LW
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Rev David Meakin Rev Andy Bell Rev Liz Wellets Rev Simon Dickinson Janet Bakly Rev Ann Vasker David Heffer	541 806 670 298 655 069 655 069 655 038 670 245 423 363 670 273	HC Holy Communion FC Family Communion FS Family Service at Parish Church UA United Service at Parish Church UM United Service at Methodist Church +B With Baptism
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Prayer Book Matins Evenson		
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