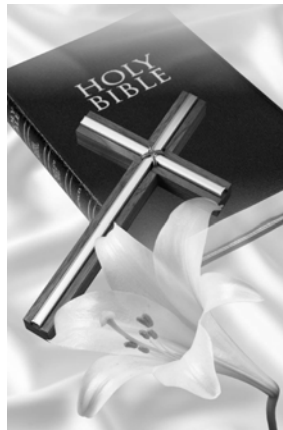


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MAY 2006 CONTRIBUTIONS

Please let me have contributions for the
May newsletter
by Monday 10th April

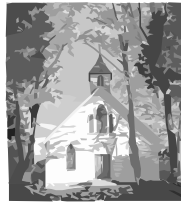
Many thanks, Valerie Adams,
12 The Pightle, Oving 640296
Email:- valadams@waitrose.com

METHODIST SERVICES

The last service in the Methodist
Church will be conducted by
Mr A. Sara on Sunday, April 30th

Sunday School - April

Sunday School will be held on the
9th April 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.

*Glass collection
day in April
is Wed 5th*



Church News

The annual meetings to elect the Churchwardens and members to the Parochial Church Council will take place, in the Church, on Sunday 23rd April at 6:45 p.m. after the Evensong service. Everyone is welcome to attend and those on the Church electoral roll are particularly encouraged to participate.

St. George's Day (April 23rd) - Please join us for a 11:00 family service to celebrate St. George's Day and to dedicate our restored flagpole.

ROTAS						
	02-Apr	09-Apr	16-Apr	23-Apr	30-Apr	07-May
11.00 am	Family Service		Easter Family Communion	St George's Day Parade Service		Family Service
Sidesmen	C.Jenner R.Goss	J.Goss S.Hodges	N.Shields J.Brunswick	AM: J.Shields C.Roberts PM: H.Bowen D.Midwinter		C.Roberts R.Firth
Readers at 6.00pm	United at Chapel J.Brunswick	T.Cleaver Hebrews 5, 5-10	United at Chapel E.Corbett	R.Parrott Exodus 14, 10-31 M.Ponsford John 20, 19-31	United at Chapel N.Shields	
Chancel	J.Brunswick	M.Hodges	M.Hodges	K.Couper	K.Couper	N.Law
Nave	S.Berriman	D.Hilton-Jones	C.Jenner	J.Smith	L.Watson	H.Fone
Path and Bins	A.McGinn	R.Smith	P.Goss	S.Taylor	D.Goss	P.Berriman

Oving Book Club		
Month	Book Title	Venues
06-Apr	Property Valerie Martin	Kit 14 The Pightle
11-May	Arthur & George Julian Barnes	Venue TBA
08-Jun	The Farm Richard Benson	Jo Scott Church View, Hardwick
Contact Jo Scott - Church View, Hardwick. Tel: 641644 Newcomers welcome Meet 8:00pm		

LADIES NIGHT
(Quilting, stitching, knitting, whatever takes your fancy)
Or just come for a chat
The next meeting will be on Wed. 12th April at 7:30 pm
Newcomers welcome.
Call Val on 640296 for info

**OVING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
TUESDAY 7TH MARCH**

At this meeting the Parish Council discussed the following issues: -

1. The new speed restriction for the Whitchurch – Long Crendon road is due to come into force on the 31st March and new signs are currently being erected. The police are to be contacted to request that they vigorously enforce these new limits.
2. Having visited the various exhibitions and meetings on the matter the parish council has supported the ‘roundabout with intelligent lights’ option at the Watermead junction of the A413 by way of improving traffic flow and limiting the use of local roads.
3. The pavilion development plan was reviewed and an update given on progress ahead of the next planned meeting on the 20th March. The aim is still to present options and recommendations to the village annual meeting on the 11th May
4. A report was taken on the cluster meeting of local parish councils which was organised by Bucks CC Quintin Ing Chambers. The meeting focused on local transport issues and gave the opportunity to reiterate our position on these points.
5. Following a request it was agreed to support the provision of a cricket net on the rec, fundraising being led by local boys to meet the majority of the costs. It is hoped that the net will be available for use this summer.
6. The accounts were reviewed and a number of planning applications noted.
7. The next meeting is the Parish Council Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 9th May followed by the annual village meeting on the 11th May.

Ambrose McGinn
Chairman Oving parish Council
Tel: 641026
E: Ambrose_mcginn@oving.org



THANK YOU

"Ronald and Rosemary Mason would like to thank those who made them so welcome on their move to Oving in December, and look forward to playing their part in the life of the village."

Green Scene: You pay for your tap water, so please drink it

Have you ever been in a restaurant, asked for a glass of tap water and been refused? It happened to me whilst on holiday in the Pyrenees, where there was no excuse for poor water quality. Unfortunately there is still a stigma attached to asking for tap water in the first place. I am hoping this article will make you bolder to do so and you will understand why this is a wise move. The mark up for bottled water is huge and it is thousands of times more expensive to produce than tap water.

Research has shown that bottled water is no safer or healthier to drink than tap water. Bottled water may have added minerals and salts, but even these are not always such a great thing if you are on a low salt diet. The taste of the bottled water may even be inferior to tap water and contain undesirable bacteria; I urge you to have a blindfold taste test to compare and find out for yourself. In the UK we are luckily that we can drink the water that comes out of our taps, it hasn't been standing in bottles for months and if you want to purify it a bit you can put it through a filter jug or add a special filter to a sink tap.

The environmental damage caused by bottled water is large indeed, and it contribution to climate change significant. To supply the two billion litres of bottled water that is consumed by Britons, of which a quarter is from overseas, results in a massive production of CO₂. Most of the environmental damage is from transporting these heavy bottles and then you have to add the cost of producing the bottles and disposing of them afterwards.

The discarded bottle is usually made from PET, which is a crude oil extract. It will take about 450 years to break down in a landfill or sometimes they are incinerated producing toxic chemicals and CO₂. Aylesbury Vale DC collects PET bottles for recycling, but most UK councils do not as their tiny weight means that they contribute little to a council's recycling targets. The UK has an undeveloped plastic sorting and reprocessing business and about 50% of the plastic is shipped to China. Better not to buy the bottles in the first place.

So in my opinion, there is nothing worthy about buying water in a bottle. There appears to be no overwhelming health or taste reasons to do so in most Western countries and it's a definite no, no for the environment. If you need to take a bottle of water out with you, refill one from your own tap. This is an easy green initiative to adopt and you can spend your money on tastier drinks, like a frothy cappuccino or a nice glass of wine.

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

Garden Farm: Spring

As I write we are just coming to the end of a cold snap at the start of March. Thanks to a patient friend I have had the use of a mini-tiller for the last few weeks, although I have been unable to use it much except at weekends, and not at all for the last five days. The ground has been frozen solid to a depth of several inches – especially where I have already tilled. Still the new vegetable garden is almost finished – all the earth broken up to a depth of ten inches (25.4 centimetres if metric is your thing).

It has taken a lot longer than I expected. According to the Mantis web site a plot 30 ft by 50ft will take 30 minutes. Well maybe if it has already been done! My ground was hard packed and absolutely full of several years nettle growth. I now know that nettle roots make fine string and will tie up a mini-tiller every 20 minutes!

One pleasant surprise was how fine the soil was underneath. I found the remains of three compost heaps which naturally helped, but the underlying soil is a lovely tilth and once the debris from nettles, old bonfires and large stones is raked out should make a good growing medium.

I have had a slight change of heart with the fencing. Aside from keeping the rabbits and other destructive wildlife out of my vegetables, the plot is prone to wind so I think some hurdles will provide a good looking barrier and a wind break.

Frost and nettles aside, the ground is just about ready to be set into beds and my first crops (potatoes) planted. We had great success last year in a small amount of space – a sack full of potatoes from three short rows – so I have high hopes for this year.

Three of our four chickens are thriving and have been laying eggs every day. Egg consumption has gone up to match. The fourth chicken – Doris (we think) – is not quite right. She's been inspected by local chicken keepers and they agree. Don't panic yet – its not bird 'flu. She is a bit solitary and has taken to standing under a bush. She doesn't seem broody and hasn't completely stopped eating. We'll have to see how she goes but my friends tell me she'll either recover or "fall off her perch".

The girls are let out of their run every day and have done a good job of clearing weeds, plants, bulbs and pulling apart a compost heap. The latter will need a new pallet across the front to keep everything where it is supposed to be. On the positive side they have exposed lovely compost at the bottom of the pile – that will get put on top of the veg. plot.

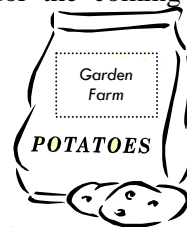
Aside from a bee keeping course which is nearly finished, another major step has been taken – I've decided where to put my hives! The problem has been meeting all their needs and keeping them away from my neighbours and pedestrians. Ideally the hives should face south, catch the morning sun, avoid the midday sun and be sheltered from the wind. Add to that easy access for me, not facing footpaths and walkways, away from the neighbour's garden (washing, grandchildren) and it was starting to look impossible.

However a chat with another beekeeper solved the problem. If I site the hives so the entrance points into the field and up a bank the bees will naturally "rise up" as they leave the hive and then look for pollen and nectar. This faces the south, there is no footpath and my hurdles will provide shelter from the wind. The midday sun is a problem so some shade will be required.

I met my beekeeper mentor last week to discuss transferring my first brood – he has split one of his hives in two. By April I should have my first bees! Just for good measure I am actually planning to start with two active hives (and a back up spare just in case of swarming).

I have also been buying seeds for bee friendly plants and as the evenings get lighter (and hopefully the days will get warmer later this week) I can read through all my seed catalogues and plan for the coming planting season.

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March 2006
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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

I am looking into the ancestry of the Humphris family and have traced back as far as my Great-great-grandfather William Humphris (born 1794) who married Sarah Kilpin (born 1796) on 25 December 1822 at Newport Pagnell. The 1861 Census shows Sarah's birthplace to be Oving and I would ask if anyone has information of the Kilpin family prior to or after that date. The Humphris family was resident in Thame at that time and Sarah moved there to live.

Can anyone who has information please e-mail to chris@humphris.com?

Family Easter Egg
Hunt

Holy Saturday 15th April
St John's Church
2 pm to 4 pm

Adult £1.50
Coffee
& Hot Cross Bun

Children £1.00
Squash
Cake and Egg Hunt

EVERYBODY WELCOME



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, Whitchurch

£2.00

Tel. Jenny on 641513

or Zantie on 640427

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 7th April

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

j.peeters@btinternet.com

COFFEE MORNING

There is to be an informal coffee morning on Friday 28th April
In aid of The Association for Young People with ME (AYME)

Venue: No 17 The Pightle from 10-12:00am

Hostess: Pam Heeley Tel:- 01296 640158