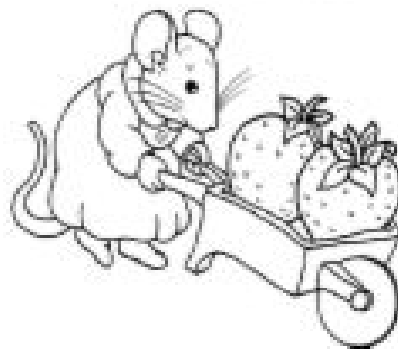


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Newsletter



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**By 10th
June please**

Many thanks,
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LADIES NIGHT

Bring along your sewing or knitting
or whatever else you like to do and
relax with other like minded ladies.

The next meeting will be
Wed. Jun 11th at 7:30pm

Newcomers welcome
Call Val on 640296 for info

ROTAS						
	11:00am	Sidesmen	Readers at 6:00pm	Chancel	Nave	Path and bins
01-Jun	Family Service	T.Baker R.Goss		J.Brunswick	L.Watson	P.Goss
08-Jun		S.Hodges J.Brunswick	T.Cleaver Romans 4, v 13-25	J.Brunswick	J.Smith	R.Smith
15-Jun	Confirmation at Whitchurch			K.Couper	D.Hilton- Jones	D.Smith
22-Jun		H.Bowen D.Midwinter	Taize Service	K.Couper	H.Fone	J.Peeters
29-Jun	Family Communion	D.Jones K.Ryle		C.Roberts	S.Berriman	A.Mcginn
06-Jul	Family Service	J.Goss K.Hinds		C.Roberts	C.Jenner	S.Taylor

Please note that there will be no service here on 15th June.

The Team Confirmation Service will take place at 11.00am on that day.

The Family Communion service has been moved to 29th June.

Instead of Evensong on 22nd June we are having a Taize Service.

On 29th June Rev'd Paul Mansell who has been working as a Curate in the
Team will be ordained a Priest at a service at Whitchurch at 5.00 pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - JUNE

Sunday School will be held on the 8th & 22nd June
at the Parish Church between 11.00 and
12.00am. All children between the ages of
5 - 11 are welcome.

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



Annual Church Meeting held on 27th April

The following people were elected to serve on the P.C.C.;

Church Wardens	Jeremy Shields Janet Brunswick
Secretary	Linda Ponsford
Treasurer	Nicky Batson

J. Bayly E.Conway R.Firth S.Hodges C.Jenner D.Jones L.Nicholls and K.Ryle.

Grateful thanks were extended to Val Adams for her hard work in editing the news letter, a job that has grown considerably since she took it on!

Also to Robert Day, the outgoing treasurer and to all the many volunteers who give such great service in keeping the churchyard tidy, the paths swept, the church neat and clean and providing flowers throughout the year. Your efforts are really appreciated!

If anyone is willing to help with these tasks please contact Margaret Hodges
Tel: - 641391 and she will include you in the Rota

Church Fete, June 27th

Bottle Stall, all donations of bottles, large or small, edible or interesting would be gratefully received, before the day at Lynholme, Bowling Alley or can be collected, (641472)
Many thanks Colin & Sally Parrott

Cake Stall

All donations of cakes or home produce for the cake stall would be very welcome on the day at Caroline Roberts, Crossways, (640511) or Louise Watson at Keepers Cottage, or at the fete
Many Thanks Caroline & Louise

Competition corner

There will be a Competition corner for children (and adults) at the Fete, but two need to be prepared beforehand.

A garden on a dinner plate, with classes for younger and older children - depending on number of entries and why not one for adults as well?

A decorated cake competition for anyone who would like to enter

<p>GLASS RECYCLING JUNE Collection date this month is Wed. 25th</p>
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7.Date of next meeting: -
 Tuesday 27th May 2008 at 7pm in The Reading Room.

**WHEN THE PAVILION QUESTIONNAIRE WAS CIRCULATED
 LAST YEAR, MORE THAN 70 RESIDENTS INDICATED THEIR
 WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST WITH FUND-RAISING.**

WE NOW REQUIRE YOUR HELP.

**PLEASE CONTACT EITHER ROGER BALL ON 641345 OR DAVID
 SMITH ON 641621 IF YOU WISH TO BECOME INVOLVED.**

THANK YOU.

Cycling for Oving Church

**Here's a chance to help our local church, see some lovely
 countryside, and feel fitter all at once.**

**All you need to do is join in the annual sponsored cycle ride in
 aid of Bucks Historic Churches on Sept 13th. You can ride as far
 as you like. All you need to do is visit other churches on foot, by
 bike (or by horse!) Sponsorship is per church visited.**

**It's a great day out so if you fancy it please let me know and I
 will give you all the information.**

**If you can't ride but would like to help, why not join the rota to
 spend an hour in the church, welcoming visiting cyclists.**

Look forward to hearing from you.

Jack Peeters 01296 641738

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V I N	Did you make a New Year resolution to get fit and stay healthy?	V I N
	Are you looking for something local, offering value for money?	
	Why not come and visit us at our newly refurbished courts?	
	We are a relaxed, friendly club who cater for all abilities and ages	
	Whether you want a friendly game or team matches we can help	
N	Club sessions on a Sunday morning or Wednesday evening	N
	What are you waiting for? - ring Chris on 07952 499736	
G	CLUB	G

**OVING PARISH COUNCIL
RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held in the Reading Room, Bowling Alley, Oving
at 7pm on Tuesday 22nd April 2008.**

Present: Roger Ball (Chairman)
Ambrose McGinn (Chairman, Oving Parish Council)
Jack Peeters (Chairman, Oving Tennis Club)
Philip Shuffill (Oving Football Club)
Richard Parrott (Oving Villages Cup)
Clive Swindlehurst (Walton Wanderers FC)

1. Apologies for absence: None.
2. Declaration of interest in items on the Agenda: None
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 25th September 2007.

Matters arising:

A bronze plaque in memory of Peter Tombs was unveiled in the pavilion by his widow, Mollie, before the Oving Villages Cup Final on Easter Monday, 24.03.08.

Other matters are covered by this Agenda.

4. Recreation Ground usage and safety.

The football pitch and pavilion have been used regularly throughout the season by Oving FC and Walton Wanderers FC. Occasional requests from North Marston FC to play friendly matches have also been accommodated. It has been agreed that Granborough Charter Fayre may play a charity match on 1st June at a discounted fee of £40.

The pitch has been in poor condition in recent weeks due to abnormally heavy rainfall, but is now drying out. The floodlights failed a month ago, and **Philip** is investigating the cause.

A lady Tennis Club member slipped on the railway sleeper at the entrance to the courts during the wet weather, and had to be taken to hospital with spinal injuries. She is expected to make a full recovery. Roger visited her at home, and she is not contemplating any legal action. Gripper rails were immediately nailed onto the sleeper, and it was agreed that no further action needs to be taken.

Ambrose suggested that the football posts should not be taken down during the summer so that local youngsters could make use of them informally. As the Football Club would like to re-seed the goalmouths, it was suggested that the posts could be sited at the far end of the pitch near the corner flag. This will require the construction of new sleeves for the posts. **Roger and Philip agreed to investigate costs.**

It was noted that a tree-house had been constructed at the far end of the Recreation Ground. No action required at present.

5. Up-date on proposed new pavilion.

Jack reported that his Location and Design Group had met nine times, and hoped to be in a position to make a firm recommendation to the Annual Parish Meeting on 20th May. The likely cost is in the region of £300/350,000. Roger will be applying for major grants from WREN and the Football Foundation. In the meantime, local fund-raising events are being organised. A most enjoyable race night at Quainton has raised £1,700.

6. Apportionment of Recreation Ground running costs.

It was agreed that contributions towards running costs for the season 2008-2009 would be as follows:

Oving Tennis Club	10% of pavilion costs (water, electricity, telephone)
Oving Football Club	single payment of £315 (increase of 5% on current year)
Walton Wanderers FC	£50 per match (same as current year)

Invoices will be issued in September to OTC and OFC.

7. Football pitch mowing and maintenance.

Roger is now keeping a record of all future fixtures on the football pitch, and this makes it much easier for him to arrange mowing when appropriate. Jack asked that strimming of the play area should not take place on Wednesday evenings (Club nights) and **Roger will arrange this.**

Richard will arrange for weed-killer to be applied within the next few weeks.

8. Oving Football Club and Oving Villages Cup.

Philip reported that the Club had suffered a poor season, with a recent string of defeats leaving them on 5 points at the foot of the table. However, the Club has an enthusiastic squad with some promising youngsters coming through. There is some talk of re-structuring the league following the withdrawal of a number of teams.

Richard reported that Steeple Claydon won the Villages Cup 6-0 against Long Marston on a poor pitch on Easter Monday. The Committee appreciated the gesture of the bronze plaque for Peter Tombs. A minute's silence was observed by players, officials and spectators before the match in memory of Peter and Fred Rickard, a Vice President of the Competition.

9. Oving Tennis Club.

Jack reported that the courts have been re-surfaced, and there is a proposal to build a modest new club-house adjacent to them, with water, electricity and drainage facilities. This follows some opposition to the proposed siting of the new pavilion.

The matter was addressed by Jack and Ambrose at a special meeting of the Tennis Club Committee, and it is hoped that members have now been reassured that the new pavilion would be of considerable benefit to them.

10. Walton Wanderers Football Club.

Clive reported that the Club is likely to finish mid-table in its first season. Facilities at Oving have been much appreciated, and it is hoped to continue playing here next season. The Committee was pleased to agree to this request.

11. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 23rd September 2008 at 7pm in the Reading Room.

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 6th June

If you're interested phone Jack or Mary on 641738 or email j.peeters@btinternet.com

BOOK CLUB – 1st THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

DATE	HOST	PHONE NO
June 5th	Elaine	641516
July 3rd	Ann M	641322
July 31st	Ann R	641314

New book lovers welcome.

Reading list details available from anyone in the above list.

LOCATION AND DESIGN GROUP MEETING NO. 9

7th April 2008

ACTION NOTE

Present

Jack Peeters (chairman), Elaine Conway, Kit Couper, Stuart Taylor, Paul Waldron, Philip Shuffill, Julian Bamford.

Apologies Frank Bennet advised he would be arriving late

Notes of previous meeting

Paul Brett was also in attendance at the previous meeting otherwise these were agreed.

Matters Arising from previous meeting

Philip, Elaine and Paul Brett had met as agreed and produced two revised layouts for further consideration. Jack and Stuart had also met to consider the external appearance of the proposed building.

However before these were discussed the group considered the resignation of Paul Brett. Philip & Elaine expressed surprise as there had been no indication earlier in the week (when they had met) that Paul was considering his position. Jack had also spoken to Paul and thought he had managed to persuade him to remain in the group. Jack thought Paul's contributions had been very helpful and hoped that Paul would be prepared to contribute again on specific points if requested.

Fundraising

Roger Ball (Chairman of the Fundraising Group) joined the meeting to advise on progress.

The Race Night at Quanton was a great success, enjoyed by everyone who had attended and had raised between £1,000 and £1,200.

Other functions are in the pipeline.

- Potential sources of funding are:
- The WREN Communities Challenge Fund – up to £250,000 may be available subject to a bid which needs to meet a 30 May deadline
- A £50,000 grant may also be available via WREN (not the Challenge Fund) but this requires a third party fund who will contribute 11% of the monies needed. This could be AVDC as they had made a contribution to a project in Whitchurch in similar circumstances. Advice had been received from AVDC which suggests that as the Methodist Chapel was no longer available, the village would be in a better position to seek funding for a meeting room.
- The Football Foundation. RB advised that he had viewed the website some time ago but would contact them again to verify the way forward.

Action RB

- Some discussion took place on issues of VAT and whether the building would be subject to Business Rates if it was to be available for third party functions. **RB agreed to investigate further.**

Design Considerations

Julian presented a computer generated 3D version of an earlier layout to show what can be achieved with the software now available. He also suggested that if we wished to employ his friend/colleague to develop this further it would probably take 1 or 2 days at a cost of £300 per day.

The Layout Options 1 and 2 were discussed in detail.

Concerns were raised that we needed to keep the building “in scale” with its function and that we should keep in view the reaction of villagers to the previous proposal in that it was thought by some to be “too big”.

However it was accepted that the size of the building was being driven, in part, by the need (and wish) to comply with the requirements of the Football Foundation (the likely major funding partner) and the desire to provide a Village meeting room.

It was also the consensus that we should arrive at a scheme that meets these requirements and is one that we can recommend to the village. It should not be presented as a fait accompli.

It was agreed that we should move forward with Layout 1 but the group was aware that amendments can be made to increase/decrease the size of the meeting room and relocate the boiler room/plant room.

Discussion also took place on the relative width of the veranda. Some suggested 2.4 metres (8 feet) was appropriate, others thought 2.0 metres (6 feet) would be more acceptable. A vote of 4:3 in favour of the 2.4 metre veranda was the resolution.

Jack and Stuart presented their proposals for the design of the front elevation, the roof, the veranda and preferred choice of materials.

The indicative drawing is very similar to the pavilion at Great Tew with a roof pitch set at 30° and extending over the veranda area. The building is shown to be raised on a plinth some three steps above the level of the pitch and the elevation divided into an odd number of bays with a pediment over the central bay/bays. The group was happy with the general approach but the roof will also be “hipped”, rather than having gable ends, to reduce the bulk and visual impact.

Initial thoughts on construction materials suggest that building should be of brick or stone outside, depending on cost, and block construction inside (no studwork/plasterboard internal walls) and a slate or tiled roof.

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Jack to produce a revised drawing of the elevations to reflect the outcome of the discussion. **Action Jack**

Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 28th April 2008 @ 7.30pm in the Reading Room. The main item on that agenda should be the presentation of our work at the annual parish meeting in May.

Thanks to Paul and Jan for their hospitality

Perfect Village Sunday

Quinton Green

Sunday 8th June, 2-5 p.m.

Great Horwood Silver Band, Children's Entertainer

Cream Teas, BBQ, Children's Rides, Bouncy Castle

Maypole Dancing, Plants, Cakes, Bric-a-Brac

If weather is inclement as many attractions as possible will transfer to the Memorial Hall.

The Friends of Whitchurch Surgery

Will be holding an

Outdoor Table Top Sale

Saturday 14 June 2008

From 11.00 to 1.30pm

Whitchurch Surgery, Oving Road, Whitchurch

Anyone interested in booking a pitch should contact Sally

Lincoln on 01296-641384 – Cost £6 per pitch

Bookings ONLY - Bring your own table

Tea & coffee will be available

Friends of Whitchurch Surgery Charity No.1064109/0

OVING PAVILION
LOCATION AND DESIGN GROUP MEETING NO. 10
28th April 2008
ACTION NOTE

Present Jack Peeters (chairman), Elaine Conway, Kit Couper, Stuart Taylor, Paul Waldron, Steve Baker, Philip Shuffill, Julian Bamford, Frank Bennet

Apologies None. Regrets were expressed that Paul Brett had felt unable to continue

Site visit We started by pegging out the position and size of the building so that we could better visualise the subject of our recommendations. We agreed that the buildings outline could be pegged out again for villagers to inspect, once the proposals had been explained at the annual Parish meeting.

Appearance As previously requested by the group Jack had redrawn the front elevation to illustrate a roof with hipped ends rather than gables. All agreed this would be an improvement and the group expressed its approval to the concept.

Layout Philip had made some minor changes to the layout to reduce slightly the tea and officials area between the changing rooms. Some discussion took place about the size of the clubroom. Some would prefer it a little larger while others felt it too large. It was agreed to retain the size for the consultation with the village.

Funding Frank had obtained some guidance from building colleagues and felt that the building could be provided for less than the previous estimate of £350,000, but this did not include demolition of the present pavilion. We agreed that our best guess at the present time would be in the region of £350,000 for the project.

Presentation at the village meeting We agreed to divide the task of presentation of our recommendations between a number of group members as follows:

Jack:	Introduction and summary
Paul (or if unavailable Julian):	Location
Philip:	Layout
Stuart:	Visual appearance
Kit/Elaine:	Consultations with villagers
Frank:	Cost

Because of the number of presenters each would be asked to restrict him/herself to three minutes.

Next meeting 8 pm Tue 10th June at Frank's House

ALL SAINTS CHURCH

SUMMER FÊTE

Friday 27th June

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Oving Recreation Ground

Children's Pet Show

Plant Stall

Teas and cakes

BBQ

Chocolate Fountain

Please contact Tessa Baker 641301 with offers of help or donations

Garden Farm – Summer

I missed last month – Val sent me a gentle reminder but I just couldn't do it. Sitting here in May in warm sunshine it's hard to remember what I would have written at the beginning of April – when we were still having snow and frosts and the garden looked early spring-like with daffodils and forsythia in flower.

However there were things then that were a surprise – you may recall I overwintered some vegetables and they have survived the snow – more on them later. My one remaining hive survived and is thriving. So apart from the change in the weather some things still remain newsworthy.

Of course, the first 10 days of May have seen the most amazing growth spurt thanks to a combination of longer days, warm days and not too cool nights and the odd heavy downpour. Thankfully, despite not working from home as much as I expected, I have managed to stay on top of most things and at least get the staples in the ground – potatoes and onions.

As already mentioned, I did manage to keep some vegetables going through the winter. I haven't grown Celery before, so I assume that at the end of the season you are supposed to compost what's left. I left mine in the ground, cut the tops off after the hardest frosts ended and they have come up beautifully. I have Celery ready to pick now. No doubt I have been lucky with the weather – but you make your own luck! The Celeriac didn't take last year but it has started this year strongly, and the Leeks made it through the winter just fine, although a couple have now bolted. The Swiss Chard also survived and I've picked some already, as well as Chives.

In fact we have two Chive plants on the go because we've planted a small herb bed near the kitchen. I had to dig down 18 inches to get through the sand and aggregate - down to bare earth. I filled the hole with soil and compost from one of our heaps – which I think was a bit rich for the basil, but we have our first herbs! Just Basil, flat-leaf Parsley and Chives but we already have well established Rosemary and a Bay tree so that's a good start.

The hive that survived is doing well but I do have a problem. I should be checking the hive regularly (weekly) but the bees are just the most aggressive bees you can imagine – any hint of my opening up the hive and they come out en-masse and mob me (and sting me – but I'm getting used to that). I'm concerned that they will swarm away this month and I'll be left with no bees – but opening and checking the hive has become very tiresome. I have managed to do basic maintenance and keep the hive entrance clear of growth, but I think I need some additional (padded) bee gear!

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I have mentioned before that so-called rule books about gardening should be taken with an ounce of scepticism (and a pound of disregard). With vegetables you can generally try all sorts of things, but I learned a new lesson from breaking the rules this month – you can make very good compost out of grass clippings. We have a largish area of grass and have collected clippings for some time in a pile. Most winters I try and “stir” it but there is always slimy stuff at the bottom. Recently though – before I really started mowing this year - I noticed that the grass pile was drying out – it does stand on free draining, limestone based soil. I collected most of the pile up because basically it had converted to dry, crumbly manure-like compost – wonderful stuff for adding to the soil for some organic content.

I have just added a new compost section to my pallet based system – so far three bays, but one as filled with woody stuff waiting for me to fix the petrol driven shredder (will have to take it off for servicing at Browns). The other two have filled up nicely, so I’ll take the tops off and put them in the new bay and sift the bottom layers of compost to remove big stones and sticks – it is wonderful stuff! I also have a black compost bin which came free from the council and I’ve moved that into the vegetable plot.

So apart from keeping on top of the explosive growth, all is well at present – if I can tame my bees and keep them here I’m hoping for more honey this year. And I suppose I had better mention the greenhouse. All I can say is that putting it together was a learning experience I wouldn’t rush to recreate, but it is assembled and cleaned and is waiting for me to replace the rubber seals and fit the glass. I’ve built a base for it so I’m close!

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KIT's TRAVELS (continued)

Day eighty-four

Today the rest of the group are going to trek up the middle leg of the W. At the base there is a very grand hotel with all the facilities you could wish for. The trek was steep and the route was timed at six hours. I was still tired from our previous trekking, so I only walked for an hour up and an hour down and returned to the hotel for a rest and a drink. Beverley also turned back early and we had a very expensive lunch at the hotel and then stretched out on two settees and watched a National Geographic film about the pumas of the Torres del Paine. It was so hot and comfortable we fell asleep. By 6.00pm most of the others had returned and we retired to the bar. By 7.00pm everybody was down from the mountain and a mini-bus took us back to the campsite. I cooked the rice for the evening meal as I am the only person whose rice is separated and fluffy, the others serve rice pudding. So folks, I can cook rice for 20 people at a time but not manage it for four.

To be continued

