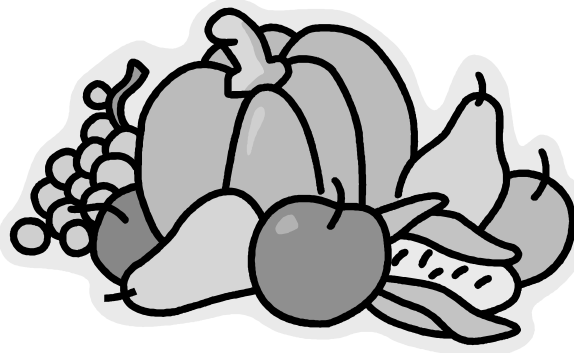


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please**

Many thanks,
Valerie Adams,
12 The Pightle, Oving 640296

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. September 10th at 7:30pm

Newcomers welcome
Call Val on 640296 for info

ROTAS						
	11:00am	Sidesmen	Readers at 6:00pm	Chancel	Nave	Path and bins
07-Sep	Family Service	R.Goss D.Jones		M.Hodges	H.Fone	P.Berriman
14-Sep		J.Brunswick S.Hodges	T.Cleaver Romans 14, v1-12	M.Hodges	S.Berriman	D.Goss
21-Sep	Family Communion	T.Baker K.Ryle		J.Brunswick	L.Watson	P.Goss
28-Sep	Family Harvest Festival	H.Bowen J.Goss		J.Brunswick	J.Smith	R.Smith
05-Oct				K.Couper	C.Jenner	D.Smith

OVING CHURCH
A HISTORY OF THE VALE OF AYLESBURY AND
AREA

by **MR RICHARD BIGNALL**

19 SEPTEMBER 7.30pm

Tickets £7 including Cheese and Wine

Tickets from Tessa Baker 641301

Or Janet Brunswick 641399

CHURCH NEWS

Our Harvest Supper is to take place on September 27th and the Harvest Festival Service will be at 11:00am on the 28th.

Please come and help to decorate the Church at 10:30am on the 27th. All gifts of flowers, fruit and vegetables will be very welcome.

There will not be a service on October 5th.

Tickets are now available for the Harvest Supper from Tessa Baker on 01296 641301

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE RAILWAY CENTRE **EVENTS SEPTEMBER 2008**

“Static” Viewing with limited facilities most days, with Steam Train Rides, Museum, Full Refreshment facilities and Miniature Railway (small charge) on Sundays until end of October.

www.bucksrailcentre.org or telephone 01296 655450 (recorded info.) or 01296 655720 (weekdays 9.30>4.30)

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th September

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS & FRIENDS

“NEW” All-inclusive charge – Pay once, stay all day! Rides behind “Thomas”, see his “Friends” and on the Miniature Railway, meet Sir Topham Hatt the Fat Controller, Magic & Punch n’ Judy Show; “Thomas” Video Theatre, Children’s Roundabouts. Fairground Organs. Plenty of Picnic Areas. Museum; Visitor Centre with interesting exhibits, hot & cold refreshments, gift shop. Book ahead by 29th August to save £2 per ticket.

Monday 15th September

Telephone Bookings open for Santa’s Magical Steamings – weekends in December. See web site for details from this date.

Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st September

STEAM & VINTAGE VEHICLE RALLY

Inclusive admission charge for Rally and Railway Centre. Traction Engines, tractors, fire engines, veteran cars and commercial vehicles in display and in action. Working demonstrations, stationary engines; craft show and trade stands. Fairground organs. Free “Standard” and Vintage Train Rides. Miniature Railway rides (small charge).

OVING RECREATION AND PAVILION FUND
FUNDING GROUP MEETING NO 8 – MONDAY 28.07.08
AT 7pm
IN THE READING ROOM, BOWLING ALLEY, OVING

Present	David Smith	Apologies:	Roger Ball
	(Temporary Chairman)		Roger Hawkins
	Adrian Wilson		Susan Hawkins
	Mary Peeters		Stephen Stokes
	Lynne Hillston		Jo Smith

1. The Note of **Funding Group Meeting No 7** was approved for circulation.
2. **Future events**
 - a. Roger B had left some sponsorship forms for people taking part in the Great Oving Run on 14th September (possible 8 runners so far; route map now available).
 - b. The Salsa night is now an Abba night and will take place at the Italian restaurant in Grendon Underwood in October. May have children's bit early on. Adrian to contact lady who did party for Ryans for music.
 - c. Lynne has been investigating the car draw and has met several stumbling blocks with AVDC. Also done some research with what people are prepared to pay for a ticket. One possibility would be to sell fewer tickets at £100 each, for example. We will all ask friends what they would be more likely to go for. Can't fit a stand in at the County Show but we do have an offer of free tickets as possible raffle prizes. Pondered asking the Parish Council about buying our own marquee.
 - d. Christmas Carols/mulled wine evening – Mary has asked Margaret Hodge who is thinking about it.
 - e. Roger B reported via David that Maxine and Clive Myatt would be delighted to host the Valentine's Ball next February.
3. **WRG bid.** Well done to Roger. Through first stage, fingers crossed for next stage.
4. **AOB** Discussion about another possible event based on music / open mike idea, worked well in Weedon. Could link to a Barn dance.
5. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 1st September 7.00pm in the Reading Room.

DS 28.07.08

THE GREAT OVING RUN

**Sunday 14th September 2008
At 11.00h**

**Raising funds for the Oving
Recreation and Pavilion Fund**

**If you are fit enough for a road run
around Oving Parish, then please
contact Brenda Ball on
01296 641345 or Roger Ball at
rogeratmelbreak@tiscali.co.uk for
a route plan and sponsorship
form.**

**If you are not fit enough, please sponsor
Brenda by phone or e-mail.**

**The total distance of the undulating
route is about 6 miles, starting in the
Car Park and finishing at the Pavilion
on the Recreation Ground, Oving, where
refreshments will be available for
runners and supporters.**

**Certificates will be awarded to all
participants.**

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

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 5th September

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
Sept 4th	Trish	641154
Oct 2nd	Polly	641721
Nov 6th	Radha	641191
Dec 4th	Christmas Meal	
New book lovers welcome.		
Reading list details available from anyone in the above list.		

GARDEN FARM – SUMMER

As we reach peak produce production, it's interesting to see how we change our cooking habits to fit in with the seasonal vegetables. There are only so many ways you can cook a courgette – and our four plants are producing 6-8 a week! In fact when I'm asked what the easiest things to grow are I would say potatoes, courgettes and runner beans are the ones I've found easiest and most productive.

The odd courgette has grown on to become a full grown marrow – the traditional solution being the old stuffed marrow – basically an interesting meat based stuffing in a fairly boring and tasteless cooking vessel. Courgettes have a bit more flavour and can be more interesting – sautéed, cooked in stews, made into “zucchini” bread (a cake similar to carrot cake and my favourite – tempura courgette strips.

Leaving aside the regular herbs & spices (parsley, thyme, chives, rosemary & bay) we have had a bumper crop in the last month: lettuce, chillies, courgettes, potatoes, cabbage (sort of – see below), spinach, salad leaves and French beans. The runner beans were planted VERY late – but they are now flowering and we'll see beans soon enough so I expect we'll be eating those in September.

Last month I tried an experiment with an old wash tub – and I have to say it has been quite successful – we have already cropped spinach and salad leaves, and the Lollo Rossa lettuce are coming on strong. The tomato was planted late and we may not see fruit, but it is growing well – the ones in the greenhouse have a lot of fruit on them and are starting to ripen. Similarly the chillies in the greenhouse are turning red – making them stronger and therefore more interesting to me! The washtub has 4 spinach plants, 4 salad leaf plants, 6 Lollo Rossa and one tomato plant. The spinach & “leaves” are cut and come again plants – as soon as you eat some they produce more leaves. If I had started 6 weeks earlier (as I will next year) I would probably have tomatoes by now. So if you want to have a go, and keep things simple, now you know what can be done in a small space. Even an old bucket with a few holes in will allow you to plant up some salad bits. I have to say it's been the easiest produce growing I've done – the small size means that there is virtually no weeding (once the plants grow they shade out the weeds) and remarkably productive. Let me know if you have your version of the same thing.

Of course we have been helped by the regular rain, which has kept all the water butts topped up and meant that I haven't had to water the vegetables except for the hot dry spell in July.

The bees are just getting on with their thing. I inspect them as regularly as I can – not as often as I should but such is life. The last inspection included a spell clearing all the weeds around the hive to give them a clear path in and out – they don't like it when the entrance is surrounded by plants. I have to say that after a very promising initial spurt they have not added greatly to the honey, probably due to the amount of rain. It can actually be more productive to keep bees in town where there are far more pollen bearing flowers and plants (and for much longer in the year), and as we move through August I doubt we'll see much more honey added. There is probably enough there for 20 jars and I will leave some for the bees to reduce the amount of feeding I'll have to do in Autumn. Given all the problems some beekeepers have had recently I am just glad to have a viable colony – next year I plan to bring the second hive back into production – and move them to a more convenient location.

The current hive is still a bunch of "Mr Angrys" – whilst clearing around the hive they took offence and despite some smoke and quick action on my part when opening up the hive they made a right fuss and tried their hardest to keep me away. I do find them a bit intimidating sometimes, and always try to inspect when the weather is calm (thunderstorms on the horizon is a sure sign to stay away!). However when the weather is warm and you are in a bee suit and veil it's warm work!

Our chickens have red mites in the hen house – as do virtually everybody else's in the area – so much so that Willow Brook Farm has run out of mite treatment and we have to get it from the vets. The chickens don't seem too bothered and continue to pop out 4 eggs a day. They do take lengthy dust baths – they have dug little hollows in the ground where they sit flicking dust up onto their backs (when it's not raining). In fact they sit in the hollows for quite a while like feathery land mines waiting for you to tread on them and explode!

Oh, and not to forget the accidental cabbage. I did assume that the boys would be picking up a little self-sufficiency as we go along so it was a surprise when I sent one of them off down the garden with instructions on how to pull a lettuce and he came back proudly holding a very large but immature cabbage! I resisted the temptation to put it in a salad and fed it to the chickens who love the leaves but leave all the stalks.

A.P.R.E apre@oving.org

<p style="text-align: center;">GLASS RECYCLING SEPTEMBER Collection date this month is Wed. 17th</p>

DON'T TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED

An English country pub, The Black Boy has a lot of history, olde world charm and fantastic views from a splendid, tranquil garden. It is a congenial place to meet with friends and acquaintances and for those new to Oving, a good place to gain introductions to other people without having to join a club.

The Black Boy is welcoming to villagers and passers-by alike. Many come knowing of the pub's excellent reputation; others are opportunists, guided to the pub by the signs on the Pitchcott road. Simple signs that extraordinarily in my view seem to be causing concern to the Highways Department. It's this misplaced concern that has provided the motivation for this letter, which I hope will touch a chord with others.

In the present economic climate, pubs are very vulnerable; it is said that at present in England, approximately eight pubs are closing every week. For anybody using the Black Boy, it could not go unnoticed that the pub relies heavily on passing trade. If it were no longer there, the effect on the local community, from the point of view of somewhere to meet or take friends would be catastrophic. It is the main social focal point of the village, and is completely non-exclusive. The pavilion project is still just a project, which hopefully will come to fruition and offer villagers an alternative and occasional place to get together. However, the pub has been in Oving since the 16th century and is available to all, six days a week, summer and winter.

The Highways Department seek to preserve the sanctity of their verges; they do not care if The Black Boy survives or not. We should, because once it is gone, it will never come back. If this means a small blackboard on a stretch of open road that says, "We are here!" it does not seem a high price to pay. (And I really don't think that anyone could seriously consider it to present a potential health and safety risk, which seems to be the usual fatuous reason given for stopping almost everything these days.)

As much as it is up to us to get the pavilion built – if WE want it to happen – then it is also up to us to protect the only pub in the village.

Lyn Wood

KIT's TRAVELS (continued)

Day ninety-one

Today I arranged to meet up with Beverley, Helen, Julie and Rob to go on the “toy-town train” to the end of the world. This is the train that Michael Palin took on his travel programme. It is a narrow gauge railway with a dinky steam engine and carriages. This line was used by the convicts held in Ushuaia 100 years ago. Just as England sent her criminals to Australia, Argentina sent theirs to Ushuaia for hard labour in the surrounding forests. From 1902 until 1947 they had to cut down the trees to supply fuel for the town. Conditions in the winter were harsh, with temperatures well below freezing, hundreds died. The train was packed with tourists, this felt strange as I feel I am a Traveller not a tourist. The reason we took this trip, is that there is a notice board in the national park, stating the distance from Alaska to Ushuaia 18,079 kms and the four I was with had completed this incredible journey in the last six months, whereas I have only done the southern sector. We were there for a photo shoot, as was everybody else. So being polite British folks we waited for a clear space and I started to take the photographs with five cameras. A group of Argentinians arrived and starting pushing and shouting that we were taking too long. Evidently not understanding the concept of queuing. One “lady” was really offensive and stood directly in front of me so that I couldn't complete taking the pictures, I did consider hitting her with an armful of cameras, now that would have caused an incident! Evidently last year a group leader said something unflattering about the Falklands war and he ended up in prison for six months. This incident confirms that certain Argentinians are anti-British even after twenty years. We then visited a an active beaver dam and lodge. I had not realized how big and wide they are, causing flooding of the up river section and killing all the trees.

Day ninety-two

I spent about two hours in the post office sending a large carton back to Oving. My luggage has increased, so I am sending my sleeping bag/thermorest and gifts back to reduce the load. The luggage allowance at Ushuaia airport is only 15kgs and I'm way over that, so I will have to pay excess baggage charges. Had lunch with Helen and returned to the hotel to relax and pack my bags ready for tomorrow.

Day ninety-three

Helen came to my hotel to await our pick-up for our Antarctic trip. We had to go through a customs check, as we were officially leaving Argentina, however the Argentinians regard Antarctica on their maps as theirs. Officially seventeen countries claim rights and this is covered by the world treaty, signed by 43 countries to preserve the ecology, conserve and cause no harm to this area of our planet. First close up of our ship, the Akademik Sergey Vavilov, (named after the Russian nuclear physicist) a white Russian, specially designed scientific research vessel, built in 1989 for the Sciences Institute of Oceanology to receive long distance submarine acoustics capable of “silent ship” operations; (it is suspected that she has been used on spying operations). The scientific usage is the primary function, but she is contracted for four trips a year, two in Antarctica and two in the Arctic. There are 93 passengers this trip, seventy of whom are doctors from Australia and America, on a convention investigating the physical effects of extreme climatic conditions. We found our cabins, I am sharing with Beverley, whilst Helen has a cabin to herself, next door. We three are sharing an adjoining shower and toilet. However as we have all been travelling together for the past three months, we know each very well! We went down to a welcome buffet, where the guides introduced their CV's. Dinner at 7.30pm food excellent, but could cause serious weight problems. We are going to cross the Drake Passage tonight. The crossing lived up to its reputation, 45 knots, gale force winds, it was like being on a roller-coaster, absolutely brilliant, really exciting.

Day ninety-four

Helen next door is really ill with sea-sickness, groaning in bed. Went down to breakfast, there were only nine people present, everybody is ill, the ship's doctor is having a busy time, but he did attend to Helen. There is nothing much to help, until we cross the Passage. Beverley is now beginning to be affected by the rough conditions. On the daily log we are given one Russian word to learn and use if we see any of the crew – Pree-viet –Hello, Spa-see-ba – Thank you. I have signed up for the classes with the resident artist, and then attended lectures about Southern Ocean seabirds we are likely to see, the formation of ice, and the penguins we will encounter, Adele, Gentoo, and chinstrap.

Continued overleaf

The information we are receiving is excellent. I went up to the bridge, (which we are allowed to visit 24/7, but no talking) the decks are out of bounds because of the waves. I was the only visitor and it was incredible seeing the horizon disappear as the ship ploughed through the storm and the waves smashing over bow, some were so powerful they came over the bridge. The captain and crew thought I was a nutcase squealing with delight when the ship lurched and my stomach was in my mouth. I saw majestic albatrosses soaring and battling against the wind. Their wing-span can be twelve feet, and they spend months at sea without landing. Visited the library, an extensive collection of beautiful books about Antarctica. After dinner, there were a few more faces present, but not Helen and Beverley, sat with five Australian male doctors and thoroughly enjoyed myself. The doctors on board attend their medical seminars at 7.30am 8.30pm which we are allowed to attend, after that, they are free to join in with all the other activities/lectures going on. We then retired to the bar for drinks and a presentation on the 1901-1903 Swedish south Polar expedition.

To be continued

QUAINTON MEMORIAL HALL
Station Road, Quainton, Buckinghamshire
Quainton Memorial Hall Appeals for Clubs

Quainton Memorial Hall has launched an initiative to promote the use of the hall by local groups and clubs.

Built in 2005, the Quainton Village Hall offers a range of facilities, including a meeting room 8m x 4m able to accommodate up to 30 people, and a smaller room which could be used for interviews. This room, used weekly for doctors surgeries, is also equipped with two sinks, one of which for hair-washing, and the Hall Committee is hoping to attract the regular services of a local hairdresser to provide hairdressing and possibly beauty treatments on a monthly basis to Quainton residents.

The main hall is 17.5m x 9m, and can accommodate up to 200 people comfortably. This space is currently used by several clubs, including an evening badminton club and a line dancing club. During the day, the Quainton Day Centre for the elderly meets on Mondays, the local toddler group use the main hall every Tuesday morning, and during one afternoon a week the Quainton Bridge Club meet for an afternoon of socialising and bridge. However, while popular with ad hoc users, for the most part, the hall remains under utilised by regular groups, and the two smaller rooms are available much of the time.

The hall committee is appealing to anyone looking for a venue to establish a regular meeting group or club. Committee Chairman Patrick Croker commented; "Quainton Hall is a lovely light, airy venue, with outstanding facilities. We are keen to see the village community benefit from more clubs and services available in the Hall".

If you are interested in booking any of the Memorial Hall rooms, or would like to visit and view at first hand, please contact Katherine Richardson on 01296 651994, or by email on villagehall@quainton.net

PHOTO: Quainton Memorial Hall – main hall



SCHORNE TEAM OF CHURCHES - SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2008

	Granboro'	N Marston	Oving	Dunton	Hoggeston	Hardwick	Whitchurch	Quainton	Waddesdon	Westcott	Winchendon
7 Sept	8:00 HC/PB AB										
Trinity 16		10:00 FS DH	11:00 FS AB	9:30 HC/PB PDM	9:30 HC DM	9:30 HC/PB PJM	11:00 HC PJM		11:00 FC LW	9:30 HC/PB LW	
Green	6:00 1 st Sunday							6:30 HC PDM			
14 Sept									8:00 HC/PB LW		
Trinity 17		9:30 HC LW				11:00 FS+B PJM	11:00 FC DM	9:30 FS PDM	11:00 Sing & Praise		9:30 FS AB
Green			6:00 HC AB					6:30 ES PDM			
21 Sept								8:00 HC/PB PDM			
Trinity 18		9:30 FS AB	11:00 FC AB		11:00 FS PJM	9:30 HC DM	11:00 HC DM		11:00 FS LW	9:30 FC LW	
Green	6:00 ES AB							6:30 ES PDM			
28 Sept							8:00 HC/PB PJM				
Trinity 19		9:30 HC AB	11:00 Harv PJM	6:00 Harv DM		9:30 FS At Weedon AV	11:00 MS DM	9:30 FC PDM	11:00 UM		9:30 MS LW
Green								6:30 ES PDM	4:00 ES LW		
5 Oct											
Trinity 20		10:00 Harv DH	11:00 FS PJM			9:30 HC/PB PJM	11:00 Harv? PDM			11:00 Harv LW	4:00 Harv LW
Green	8:00 HC/PB PDM				6:00 Harv PJM			6:30 HC PDM			
Green	6:00 1 st Sunday										
<p>Holy Communion at Weedon Schoolroom Thursdays at 10.00am</p>											
4 Sept	AB	11 Sept	DM					HC	Holy Communion	PB	Prayer Book
18 Sept	PDM	25 Sept	PJM					FC	Family Communion	MS	Matins
								FS	Family Service	ES	Evensong
								UA	United Service at Parish Church		
								UM	United Service at Methodist Church		
								+B	With Baptism		

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