

Oving with  
Pitchcott  
Newsletter



*November 2008*

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**CONTRIBUTIONS**



**By 10th  
November  
please**

Many thanks,  
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**LADIES NIGHT**

The next meeting will be at Val's house  
on Nov 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm

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

Newcomers welcome  
Call Val on 640296 for info

BOOK CLUB – 1 <sup>st</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH		
DATE	HOST	PHONE NO
Nov 6th	Radha	641191
Dec 4th	Christmas Meal	
New book lovers welcome. Reading list details available from anyone in the above list.		

ROTAS						
	11:00am	Sidesmen	Readers at 6:00pm	Chancel	Nave	Path and bins
02-Nov	Family Service	J.Goss T.Baker		N.Law	L.Watson	P.Berriman
09-Nov	Remembrance Service at 10:45	J.Brunswick D.Midwinter		N.Law	J.Smith	D.Goss
16-Nov	Family Communion Gifts	R.Goss C.Jenner		M.Hodges	C.Jenner	P.Goss
23-Nov		S.Berriman S.Hodges	J.Peeters J.Brunswick	M.Hodges	D.Hilton-Jones	R.Smith
30-Nov	Family Service	D.Jones K.Ryle	Advent Service at Whitchurch	J.Brunswick	H.Fone	D.Smith
07-Dec	Family Service	H.Bowen K.Hinds		J.Brunswick	S.Berriman	J.Peeters

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY .**

November 8<sup>th</sup>

A "Fettling" day, led by David Jones will take place in the Churchyard. The Church is an important part of the village community, so it is hoped that everyone who is interested in the maintenance and upkeep of the churchyard will come. Your help will be much appreciated.

We are meeting at 10:00am. Please bring gloves and tools. Coffee on the job!

Our Gift Day will be on November 16<sup>th</sup> this year. The leaflets have been distributed so we hope to receive lots of shoe boxes filled with presents for children in Eastern Europe.

### **THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL 2008**

The Remembrance day parade will take place in  
Oving this year on 9<sup>th</sup> November.

The Poppy Appeal is the major single source of revenue for the Royal British Legion benevolent fund and each year more people come to the Legion for help and the cost of that help is continually increasing. Daily we see and read of young Servicemen and women employed in peace keeping duties in many parts of the world, often in considerable danger and this means that there will always be a need to provide help for them and their dependants when they themselves no longer can. That is why it is so important that the Legion can continue with its vital work.

The Whitchurch Branch includes Oving, Hardwick, Pitchcott, Weedon & Cublington) We have a very good record of support for this appeal and last year all records were broken to the sum of £2725.25. As in previous years collectors will be calling on door to door basis in your area from the 26th Oct to 8th Nov 2008. Thank you on behalf of those who will benefit from your support.

Yours Sincerely, Harold Newman 614328  
Poppy Appeals Honorary Organiser.

<p><b>GLASS RECYCLING NOVEMBER</b> Collection date this month is Wed. 12th</p>
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**2009 Calendar  
Scenes of Oving and Pitchcott  
only £4.99**



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Buy for yourself or as presents for your friends!!  
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***A HEALTHY WALK AND A PUB LUNCH***

Every first Friday of the month a group of Oving villagers go for a good walk, in or around Bucks, and end up at a pub for lunch. We do a different one each time and have seen some beautiful countryside and eaten some great pub food.

Last month eight of us did a walk in pleasant countryside around Gawcott and Hillesden Hamlet, on a sunny, breezy day and ate lunch in the newly refurbished Crown Inn at Gawcott. This turned out to be a lucky find with beautifully presented food, in tasteful surroundings and at reasonable prices.

Next month, on Friday 7th November we will be walking in the Chilterns around Wigginton and hopefully witnessing spectacular Autumn colours. In December we plan to go up to the Three Locks near Soulbury. Anyone is welcome to join us. We meet outside no 5, The Pightle at 9.30am. For more information phone 641738.

**FUNDING GROUP MEETING NO 9  
MONDAY 01.09.08 AT 7pm  
IN THE READING ROOM, BOWLING ALLEY, OVING**

<b>Present</b>	<b>Roger Ball (Chairman)</b>	<b>David Smith</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	<b>Brenda Ball</b>	<b>Jo Smith</b>	<b>Stephen Stokes</b>
	<b>Adrian Wilson</b>	<b>Sally Parrott</b>	
	<b>Mary Peeters</b>	<b>Ambrose McGinn</b>	
	<b>Lynn Hillston</b>	<b>Roger Hawkins</b>	
	<b>Francesca Bateman</b>	<b>Susan Hawkins</b>	
	<b>Nicola Hale</b>		

1. The Note of **Funding Group Meeting No 8** on 28.07.08 was approved for circulation.
2. **Future events**
  - **The Great Oving Run at 11.00am on 14.09.08.**  
Final arrangements were discussed for:
    - Start in car park and finish at Pavilion
    - Signage around the route – Brenda to organise
    - Marshalling
    - Water point – Susie to organise
    - Pavilion refreshments – Lynn to organise
    - Certificates
    - Sponsorship – runners to seek sponsors or make donation

There was a suggestion that the event requires more exposure, and Mary agreed to circulate Tennis Club members for runners and sponsors, while Roger B would do the same with Oving FC. Ambrose will try to get a mention in the Bucks Herald. There are currently 12 confirmed runners.

- **ABBA Night.** Francesca reported that the event would take place on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2008 at Quanton Memorial Hall, which has been booked at a cost of £110. An ABBA Tribute Band has been identified, and will charge £650 for the night. Joe Ryan will be asked to organise the bar again, and there will be a finger buffet rather than a meal. After some discussion, it was decided to price tickets at £15 each. The Hall can accommodate well over 100 people, who would produce a surplus including bar profits of at least £1,000.
- **Christmas Carols at Ground Farm Barn.** This event will take place on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2008. Mary reported that she is still trying to persuade some members of the Church Choir to lead the singing, but has some replacements in mind if necessary. Mulled wine and mince pies will be provided, and it may be appropriate to seek donations rather than charge an entry fee.

- **Valentine's Ball on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009.** Although Maxine and Clive Myatt are pleased to host this event at Church Farm, Maxine has pointed out that issues such as car parking, lighting, heating and mud need to be addressed. Jo has been researching the event, and will arrange a site visit. She has formed a sub-group of six to make the arrangements, and it is planned to hire a large marquee from Dinton. Other matters such as catering, sponsorship, live music and ticket costs are being considered.
- **Car raffle.** It is intended to draw the raffle at the Ball. Ambrose reported that in the current economic climate, a very attractive deal has been negotiated with Keith Garages for a brand new VW Golf Diesel at around £15,000. Lynn has been seeking advice from the Licensing Officer at AVDC about the legal situation, but he has not been much help. Ambrose offered to seek independent advice, and Roger H can print the tickets. These will be priced at £2 in books of five. We shall need to sell 1,500 books to break even. It could be possible to sell from a kiosk in Friars Square over the Christmas period with the car on display.

### 3. Funding up-date

Roger B reported that the WRG Communities Challenge Application for £250,000 would be considered by a local panel on 15<sup>th</sup> September. There are two other applications from our area, and the Panel must choose one and a reserve to go forward to the final stage.

If the Application is successful, there is a need for £27,500 third party funding, which would be sought from AVDC. Roger B has written a letter to the Grants and Voluntary Sector Liaison Officer at AVDC, providing details of the project and progress to date, and seeking an indication of likely participation by AVDC.

Our preferred third major funder is the Football Foundation, from whom we would seek £75,000. Initial approaches have to be made through the local Berks and Bucks FA, who require a Football Development Plan, which is being prepared by Oving Football Club.

**4. Date of next meeting:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm in The Reading Room.

**Do you need a  
Babysitter?  
Call:**



<b>Joshua George</b>	<b>641891</b>
<b>Roberta Baker</b>	<b>641301</b>
<b>Annelise Waldron</b>	<b>641656</b>
<b>Katie Roberts</b>	<b>640511</b>
<b>Jonathon Roberts</b>	<b>640511</b>
<b>Lucy Hughes</b>	<b>640821</b>

### Garden Farm – Autumn

Growing your own can be full of unexpected pleasure – and unexpected set-backs.

As soon as I had written my piece for last month I went out to shut the bees down for winter to find they had all gone – and taken every last drop of honey with them. There were no dead bees, just empty frames and a very quiet hive – the wasps and mice hadn't even moved in. With a mesh floor installed last winter so I could check for the Varroa mite, it was easy to see that there was no mass infestation. The bees had simply upped sticks and gone – who knows where. The hive was very clean, and all the frames were empty down to the wax. I guess they simply moved house. Having lost a colony last year to the weather, this was a terrible blow. I will probably try again next year, but it will take a year to build a new colony up with (probably) no honey, so it will be 2 years from now before I get any of my own honey again. I've been doing this for two and a half years now and have had precious little return to show for the effort, so I'm just not certain I will start again. I didn't renew my membership to the bee keeping group because I won't have any bees and I don't want to hear about someone else's just at the moment.

For a while it was hard to think positive thoughts, but life goes on and whether I start fresh colonies in the spring or not, I tried.

We've had some glorious weather recently, but I've had little time to attend to the garden – there is a lot of tidy up and maintenance waiting for me and with each passing day the untrimmed hedges have lost more leaves and the vegetable plot is starting to look brown. The only thing left growing outdoors that I planted this year is the pumpkin, but as that went in very late we may just see some baby pumpkins and not much more.

We did have a final crop of marrows – all monsters. The passion for stuffed marrow waned quickly in our household so we, after two in two weeks, had to give the remaining 3 away. In the greenhouse we had plenty more tomatoes which were “smoked” with garlic to form a wonderful tomato paste which can be used on homemade pizza, or as the base for a Bolognese sauce. It's a HFW recipe – cut them in half, put in an oven dish, drizzle with olive oil, finely chopped garlic, salt and pepper. Bake at 180 for 35-45 minutes until slightly blackened then push through a sieve to leave out the skins and seeds. It smells and tastes wonderful. The recipe uses 1kg of tomatoes, and it all reduces down to not a lot of very rich tomato paste. We also still have chillies growing and have had a bumper crop this year – I picked 2 dozen in one week recently.

At least the blackberries were good this year, we picked a lot and will be trying blackberry vodka. This is partly because we had absolutely no damsons (despite what I said last month) – the tree is completely bare. Even the wild trees that I know out in the hedgerows were bare. Similarly the greengage tree was also bare and the apples have for the most part been plentiful, but smaller and poorer quality.

The plums were magnificent and we had way more quinces than usual. The mulberry tree was also very heavy with fruit but I was too slow and missed my chance to make mulberry gin again.

The chickens seem to be well recovered from their red mite, back to laying 3 or 4 eggs every day and much more chatty and generally active.

Thanks for all the requests for the Lemon Curd recipe – I hope it turned out as well as ours. We also made Lemon Curd ice cream, which is very simple, no stirring, and very yummy.

I know from your emails that some of you have also had a hard year with the produce, and also seen a dearth of damsons.

At least the sloes look good and I expect to be picking them soon, and I might just have to try and make some more wine – a good autumn pastime. Before that though I should really clear away all the vegetable plot and cover it with a layer of home made compost - the 4 heaps are still going strong. I added a cover to one of them this year to see what impact that really makes. As my compost heaps are not “hot” heaps it may make very little but we’ll see. I did spot a potato plant growing in one!

Finally, thanks to the mystery donor who left a tray of spring cabbages on the door step (I assume that’s what they are – I might be in for a surprise)! Also the recipe for Lemon Curd follows that I told you about last month, hope you like it too.

**A.P.R.E October 2008**

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#### LEMON CURD

MAKES: about 1.3 kg (3 lb)	200g(7oz) butter preferably unsalted
PREPARATION TIME: 15 mins	700g(1lb 9oz) sugar caster or granulated
COOKING TIME	grated zest of 4-5 lemons
about 10 minutes in microwave;	300 ml (½ pint) lemon juice
otherwise, 40 minutes	(about 4-5 lemons)
	300 ml (½ pint) beaten eggs
	(about 4-5 eggs)

- Place the butter, sugar, lemon zest and juice in a large bowl and microwave on full power for about 2 minutes or until the butter has melted and the sugar has dissolved. (Or use the top of a double-boiler or a bowl over a pan of hot water)
- Add the beaten eggs and continue cooking in 1-minute bursts and stirring each time, reducing to 30 seconds for each burst as the mixture thickens, until the mixture is thick enough to coat the back of the spoon.
- Strain through a sieve into a wide-necked jug to remove the lemon zest and any cooked egg bits. Put into cooled, sterilised jars and cover with a waxed disc and cellophane. Label and store in the refrigerator:

Day ninety-seven

Russian word of the day Ya nee I don't understand.

The blue skies and sunshine of yesterday have left us as we approach the Lemaire Channel. Fog shrouded the ship, but occasionally lifted to reveal the narrow gap we were in, with sheer cliffs hundreds of metres on either side of us. We headed south until we were near the Vernadsky Scientific Research Station. Back in the zodiacs, surrounded by Crabeater seals on ice floes we visited the station. The ship calls here to deliver fresh fruit, vegetables and supplies to the Russian scientists. This station was originally British and it is the station which first discovered the extent of the hole in the ozone layer around the South Pole.

The scientists at the base made us welcome and we had a guided tour. There was a gym, a medical room, the weather satellite station, a mess and galley and surprise, surprise a bar. This is the most southerly pub on the planet. It was installed when the British were here and looks like a small village pub, with wooden paneling and a traditional bar. There is a tradition that if females visit the pub, one of the group has to donate an item of underwear, and there were pants and bras festooned around the room. One of the American girls left her bra. We then toasted the base with vodka, naturally.

Later we landed at Wordie House, the old original science base. It is basically a wooden hut, which has been left intact for visitors to see the working conditions of the early scientists. Narrow bunk beds, mattresses stuffed with horse hair, a very small work room and kitchen still stocked with original provisions, tins of Birds Custard powder, Colemans mustard etc. It was a fascinating glimpse into the past.

Outside we clambered through the deep snow up a small hill, the reckless sliding down on their bottoms, whilst the rest of us had a terrific snowball fight, in a whiteout snow storm.

To be continued

### **BOOK IN FOR READERS' DAY**

As part of our celebrations for the National Year of Reading, Buckinghamshire Libraries are organising a Readers' Day at Chesham Town Hall on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30 until 4.00pm.

This exciting event for anyone who loves books and reading, will be hosted by best-selling writer Sarah Harrison (author of *Flowers of the Field*) and will include a creative writing workshop, a panel discussion with crime writers Patricia Hall, Priscilla Masters and Zoe Sharp and a chance to listen to talks by Roger Moorhouse (author of *Killing Hitler*), Ruth Downie, who is achieving great popularity with her mystery series featuring a Roman Army medic, and ever-popular local historian Julian Hunt. In addition to the workshops and talks there will be a book swap and a quiz and of course the opportunity to swap book recommendations and opinions with like-minded people.

For more details and a booking form, call in at your local library or email [dbacon@buckscc.gov.uk](mailto:dbacon@buckscc.gov.uk)

Di Bacon, Reading Development Team Leader, Buckinghamshire Culture and Learning

**SCHORNE TEAM OF CHURCHES - SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2008**

	Graboro'	N Marston	Oving	Dunton	Hoggeston	Hardwick	Whitchurch	Quainton	Waddesdon	Westcott	Winchendon
<b>2 Nov</b>	8:00 HC/PB AB									9:30 HC/PB LW	
4 <sup>th</sup> before Advent	10:00 FS AB	11:00 FS AB	11:00 FS AB		9:30 HC/PB DM	9:30 HC/PB PJM	11:00 HC DM		11:00 FC LW		
Green	6:00 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday							6:30 HC PDM			
<b>9 Nov</b>									8:00 HC/PB LW		
Remembr ance Sunday	11:00 FC PDM	9:30 HC PJM	10:45 Remembr ance Service AB	9:30 HC/PB AB			11:00 FC PJM	9:30 FS PDM	11:00 Remembr ance Service LW		
Green								3:00 ES PDM			
<b>16 Nov</b>								8:00 HC/PB PDM			
2 <sup>nd</sup> before Advent		9:30 FS AB	11:00 FC AB	11:00 FS PJM		9:30 HC DM	11:00 HC DM		11:00 FS LW+JB	9:30 FS LW+JB	
Green	6:00 ES AB							6:30 ES PDM			
<b>23 Nov</b>							8:00 HC/PB PJM				
Christ the King	11:00 FS AB	9:30 HC AB				9:30 FS At Weedon AV	11:00 MS LW	9:30 FC PDM	11:00 UM		9:30 MS LW+JB
Red			6:00 ES AB					6:30 ES PDM			
<b>30 Nov</b>	8:00 HC/PB AB										
Advent 1		9:30 HC AB	11:00 FS AB			9:30 HC PJM+DM	11:00 HC PJM+DM		11:00 Advent Service JB		
Purple											
<b>6:00pm Advent Carol Team Service at Whitchurch (DM)</b>											
<b>Holy Communion at Weedon Schoolroom</b>											
<b>Thursdays at 10.00am</b>											
6 Nov	PJM	13 Nov	DM								
20 Nov	PDM	27 Nov	AB								
Rev David Meakin 641606 Rev Andy Bell 670298 Rev Liz Welters 655069 Rev Philip Mears 655237 Rev Paul Mansell 641246 Rev Janet Bayly 670245 Rev Ann Varker 423363 David Heiler 670273 Rev Jim Gorrings 01525 240251			HC Holy Communion PB Prayer Book FC Family Communion MS Matins FS United Service at Parish Church ES Evensong UA United Service at Methodist Church UM United Service at Methodist Church +B With Baptism								