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Newsletter



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**JANUARY 2009**  
**CONTRIBUTIONS**



**By 10th  
December  
please**

Many thanks,  
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**LADIES NIGHT**

The next meeting will be at Mary's  
house, Ground Farm Barm, Meadway  
on December 10<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

<b>ROTAS</b>						
	11:00am	Sidesmen	Readers at 6:00pm	Chancel	Nave	Path and bins
07-Dec	Family Service	H.Bowen K.Hinds		J.Brunswick	S.Berriman	J.Peeters
14-Dec		D.Midwinter S.Berriman	S.Hodges Titus 2, v11-14	K.Couper	L.Watson	A.McGinn
21-Dec		J.Shields J.Brunswick	Carol Service	K.Couper	J.Smith	S.taylor
24-Dec	Crib Service 3:00pm	R.Shields A.Shields				
	Midnight Mass 11:30pm	R.Goss S.Hodges				
25-Dec	Christmas Communion	T.B.A.				
28-Dec			Team Service at Quainton		C.Jenner	P.Berriman
04-Jan	Family Service	D.Jones K.Ryle		C.Roberts	D.Hilton- Jones	P.Goss



**WHITCHURCH COMBINED SCHOOL**  
**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR**  
**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 11:00AM**  
**UNTIL 1:00PM**

Come and meet Father Christmas in his Grotto, enjoy festive stalls, crafts, grab a mince pie or a slice of cake while the children make something for someone special in the craft room. Lots to see and do, plants, tombola and raffles.

## SPECIAL DATES FOR DECEMBER

18 Dec	6:30pm	Do come and join us for Carol singing round the village. As usual we are collecting for the Children's Society. Meet at the Church.
21 Dec	6:00pm	Carol singing in the Church. This will be followed by mulled wine and mince pies.
24 Dec	3:00pm	Crib service. Children can come dressed in Nativity costume to help relive the story
	11:30pm	Midnight Mass
25 Dec	11:00am	Family Christmas Communion
28 Dec	11:00am	No service in Oving but there is a team service at Quainton

Congratulations and best wishes to Ian Richards and Katy Fagg who were married on November 8<sup>th</sup>, and also to Dean and Jane Wiggett on the birth of their first child, Henry on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## DATES FOR 2009

23 Jan	7:30pm	An illustrated talk on the Red Kites of the Chilterns
28 Feb	7.30pm	A jazz concert with popular music by Lend Me A Tenor

Tickets from Tessa Baker 641301 or Janet Brunswick 641399

BOOK CLUB – 1<sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH

DATE	HOST	PHONE NO
Jan 8th	Trish	641154
Feb 5th	Kit	641694
Mar 5th	Trina	641188
April 2nd	Anne R	641314
May 7th	Elaine	641516
Jun 4th	Rahdah	641191
New book lovers welcome.		
Reading list details available from anyone in the above list.		

**OVING PAVILION**  
**LOCATION AND DESIGN GROUP MEETING NO 13 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2008**  
**ACTION NOTE**

**Present:** Jack Peeters (chairman), Kit Couper, Stuart Taylor, Steve Baker, Philip Shuffill, Julian Bamford, Frank Bennet

Also present: Parish Councillors Ambrose McGinn (Chairman), Roger Ball (Vice Chairman, Stuart Nicholls, Chris George

**Apologies** Elaine Conroy, Paul Waldron

**Pavilion Location**

Following strong representations from some residents about the position of the Pavilion relative to houses in Bowling Alley, the Parish Council had earlier agreed to discuss the matter with members of the Location and Design group.

The residents had made a number of points about the site which had been recommended ( site 7.5 - close to the existing pavilion) and had suggested that a position on the other side of the recreation ground ( site 2 - beyond the play area) be reconsidered. These points, briefly summarised were:

- Lack of adequate cost comparison between sites
- Importance of obtaining accurate figures
- Longer, expensive access road to site 7.5
- Distance from tennis courts and importance of the club's contribution
- Siting next to the playground would be much better for mother and toddler groups and the like.
- Better to build closer to the car park and this would avoid parking in Bowling Alley
- More available space for the building at site 2 than site 7.5
- Disagreed that site 2 would be more isolated and unsightly than site 7.5.
- Site 7.5 would require disruption of the football pitch during construction.

Each of these points was discussed in some detail and the discussion included reference to various events in reaching this position including a written and an oral survey of villagers' opinions. Both surveys were well intentioned but some felt that they did not fully reflect village opinion.

Since the first survey the Parish Council had investigated and obtained information on a more comprehensive and fully democratic method of canvassing the views of residents.

It was decided that the Parish Council should obtain detailed cost comparisons for two sites, one on each side of the football pitch. They should then carry out a final survey of opinion in the village for each site. Information given to residents would include a summary of the merits of each location as well as estimated costs. In this connection it was recognised that detailed costs could not be obtained until some detailed design work had been carried out.

**Professional design work**

Since the previous meeting Jack had sought quotations from five Architects for design, costing, preparation of tender documents and contract documents. Four responses had been received and these went into various amounts of detail about professional inputs, not only of architects but also quantity surveyors, structural engineers and so on.

As a result, the Location and Design Group would invite one architect to meet us and discuss his quotation more fully, with a view to obtaining a detailed cost estimate for the pavilion as early as possible.

**Pavilion Funding**

Roger Ball, chairman of the funding group, took the opportunity to give us an update on funding. He listed a number of successful events, arranged by villagers, which had already taken place and mentioned others in the pipeline.

Unfortunately however our recent bid for a substantial grant from the WRG Communities Challenge had failed. There had been three bids in the County but it had already been made clear that only one could be selected to progress. Other funding bids would now be made.

**Next meeting**

Our next meeting will be an interview with the architect on 28<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008. at 6 PM in the Green Reading Room on the recreation ground.

ADVENT

The quiet, meditative service of Compline will be taking place every week day evening during Advent at Hardwick Church starting on Monday 1st December. The service will commence at 8.30pm and last for approximately half an hour. It is a service of quiet prayer with space and time for reflection



- **Car Raffle**

The car has been purchased by Ambrose McGinn and Ross Beattie. 5,000 books of 5 x £2 tickets are being printed to go on sale from 1<sup>st</sup> November. It is planned to draw the winning ticket at the Oving Spring Ball (see below). Ambrose and Parish Clerk Glyn Thomas are investigating the legal situation.

- **Christmas Carols at Ground Farm Barn on 22.12.08**

Oving All Saints Choir has now agreed to lead the singing between 20:30h and 21:00h. The evening will close at 22:00h. There will be a limited number of about 60 tickets at £5 each.

- **Oving Spring Ball on 16.05.09**

Jo Smith has formed a sub-group to plan this event, which will replace the Valentine's Ball (a site visit at Church Farm confirmed potential parking, heating, and lighting problems in February). There will be a champagne reception for around 200 guests, a three course meal, live music, a bar, a tombola, and dancing. Preliminary thoughts are that ticket prices should be £37.50. The car raffle will be drawn after the meal. Enquiries are being made about the cost of hiring a marquee.

#### **4. Funding up-date**

Roger B reported that the WRG Communities Challenge Application for £250,000 has not been chosen to go forward to the final round of judging. It is understood that the Bucks Railway Centre has been selected, with Bletchley Park in reserve.

Glyn Thomas has arranged a meeting with Laurie Johnson, Funding Advice Officer for Bucks Community Action on 30.10.08 to discuss the way forward with Roger.

#### **5. Any other business**

David arrived at this stage to suggest a Quiz Night at the Black Boy in the New Year. He will speak to the landlord, David Hales.

Roger B reported that Walton Wanderers Veterans FC, who use the football pitch on some Sunday mornings, have suggested a fund-raising veterans' five-a-side tournament in the spring, and will develop the event and report to the Group.

#### **6. Date of next meeting:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008 at 7.00pm in The Reading Room.

**OVING RECREATION AND PAVILION FUND  
FUNDING GROUP MEETING NO 11 – MONDAY 03.11.08 AT 7pm  
IN THE READING ROOM, BOWLING ALLEY, OVING**

<b>Present:</b>	<b>Roger Ball (Chairman)</b>	<b>Apologies:</b>	<b>Stephen Stokes</b>
	<b>Sally Parrott</b>		<b>Lynn Hillston</b>
	<b>Jo Smith</b>		<b>Roger Hawkins</b>
	<b>Mary Peeters</b>		
	<b>Susie Hawkins</b>		
	<b>Adrian Wilson</b>		
	<b>David Smith (Item 7 onwards)</b>		

1. The Note of **Funding Group Meeting No 10** on 06.10.08 was approved for circulation.

**2. Forthcoming events**

• **ABBA Night on 22.11.08**

Raising the profile of the event through flyers and posters has boosted ticket sales, which now stand at 132. Majestic Wine will deliver the drinks on the day and provide free glass hire. We have the temporary licence from AVDC. There will be a stage for the group, with tables along the side of the hall, which will be decorated in 70's style. There will also be a raffle on the night, and it is anticipated that an overall profit of around £1,000 can be achieved.

• **Car Raffle to be drawn at Spring Ball**

Ambrose McGinn has established that a licence is required from the Gambling Commission, and this will take about six weeks to obtain. Tickets will therefore go on sale early in the New Year.

• **Christmas Carols at Ground Farm Barn on 22.12.08**

Mary has already sold 14 tickets for this event, at which mulled wine and mince pies will be served. It is hoped that donations will be made in addition to ticket sales, with the proceeds split 50/50 between the Church and the Pavilion Fund.

• **Oving Spring Ball on 16.05.09**

Jo reported that the total cost of hiring a marquee and related facilities is likely to be in the region of £4,000. For an event of this size, sponsorship is required and local businesses are to be approached. Advertising space will also be for sale in the programme, at a cost of £100 per full page, £50 for a half and £25 for a quarter. A possible live band has been identified. Maxine Myatt has requested use of the marquee on the following day to celebrate her birthday and wedding anniversary. In view of the fact that it will be on her land, there were no objections.

### **3. Funding up-date**

Roger B reported that he has had a meeting with Laurie Johnson, Funding Advisor at Bucks Community Action about seeking grants. Despite the failure of the WRG Communities Challenge run by WREN, he suggests that we should still seek a maximum grant of £50,000 from WREN's normal fund. The Communities Challenge is likely to run again in 2009, and we can re-apply. In the meantime, Roger is turning his attention to the Football Foundation, and the Leader Programme, which has European funds to invest in rural communities.

### **4. Any other business**

David has not yet had an opportunity to discuss a Quiz Night with Roger H and the landlord of the Black Boy.

Sally has an idea about having a Village Christmas Tree next to the Reading Room for messages and donations, but needs to make some enquiries and perhaps keep this in mind for 2009.

### **5. Date of next meeting:**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2008 at 7.00pm in The Reading Room.

### Garden Farm – Autumn

So, hands up all those people who thought I would be picking tomatoes in the greenhouse with snow falling and the garden white over! October snow is not unheard of (when I were a lad...), but this came as a real surprise because it was not forecast. Mother-in-law was over from Dallas so that was a real surprise for her!

The tomato plants have been star performers; I finally took the plants out of the greenhouse in the first week in November and even then had a couple of dozen last tomatoes to ripen off in the kitchen. I didn't expect them to last so long. Even the plants in the washtub garden produced a few fruits before the frost saw them off – in fact we even picked a final couple of lollo rossa lettuce on November 1<sup>st</sup>. This despite frost and snow, and they were tasty and not a bit woody. I also picked my last chilli pepper this week. The plants are two years old now and although I could trim them up and bring them in doors I think I'll start afresh in the Spring.

That really is about it though – the pumpkins didn't make it past the frosts in October because they hadn't grown large enough to withstand the cold. The vegetable plot is begging to be dealt with. Where I dug up the potatoes the ground is pretty clear – no chance for the weeds to pop up. But the rest is now looking very neglected so if it's not too wet I'll turn it over this month and dig in some compost. Despite all the digging and frost there is a resilient celery plant putting up new shoots in the middle of the bed – tough stuff in every sense.

I still have a raised bed next to the chicken run which was where I started with potatoes and onions. The overwintering leeks turned to flower there and the Swiss Chard died suddenly when we had a bonfire next to it (hint: they don't like the heat). This raised bed has been fenced off from the chickens but I moved the fence and within a week they had pretty much cleared the whole thing. They make a great ground clearance team so I think I'll put the raised bed to use again in the spring – maybe put the brassicas in there (and cover them with fleece this time!)

My mystery present on the doorstep turned out to be white broccoli by the way – so it's in the ground now and we'll see what happens over the winter – thanks neighbour!

This is the time of year when catalogues start to turn up and I can sit in front of a log fire and dream about the wonderful variety of produce I'll grow next year. I know I always say this around this time of year, but I will at least have the greenhouse from the start and so I should be able to get seeds going much sooner – although I do like buying plug plants, let someone else get them to the point of planting out. Everyone has their own favourites of course when it comes to seeds and plants – personally I have always had success with Dobies and their catalogue this year is a feast.

Those of you who subscribe to “Which?” may have seen their recent review of seeds from all the major companies. One of the big names had supplied some flower seeds where 85% of the seeds were dead – no chance of germinating at all. There were similar results with some of veggies. No wonder I’ve struggled in the past. And the seeds that are viable have a relatively limited life – basically use them when you get them and forget trying next year.

For some things of course we can collect our own seeds – beans and peas are relatively easy so long as they are stored away from the damp.

My winter project – aside from the usual digging and maintenance – is to build some cold frames so that I can harden off the plants I start in the greenhouse, and hopefully pick up a greenhouse heater on Freecycle or eBay.

Despite the short days and cold weather the chickens seem happy enough. There are lot fewer plants for them to munch on so aside from feed and mixed grain they get leftovers. They can be very picky though, they rushed over to an overripe banana but were quickly walking away in disgust – even wiping their beaks on the ground! I know how they feel – I’m no fan of bananas myself. They’re still laying eggs regularly enough with 2-3 a day from the four girls.

I’m not even going to try and claim that next year is the year I’ll get my pigs. I know with work commitments that I simply won’t have the time to prepare the space for them, but it remains an ambition and seeing Hugh F-W in River Cottage Autumn with his Bristol householders serves as inspiration – one day soon I’ll have my own oinkers!

**A.P.R.E**

**November 2008**

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### School News

Dear Parent(s)/guardian(s)

We have all had a busy and enjoyable summer break and are looking forward to this great and hard-working year.

Year 5 have already been on an exciting trip last half term to St Albans.

The school council also held a cake sale to raise money for Jeans for Genes day. We raised over £110 for the Appeal.

A local poet visited Year 6 whilst Year 2 attended the ever popular science fair organised by The Royal Latin School.

On be half of the School Council  
Zachary Scurlock and Florence Chilver  
The Year 6 School Council

### **Oving photographic competition**

Have you got some good photographs of Oving or would you like to take some? We are about to start the design process for a new Rights of Way map to go in the two existing display cases. The display cases are sited opposite the Black Boy pub entrance and in the car park of the recreation ground. They show all the Rights of Way in Oving Parish. You will see that the existing maps are faded and in need of a revamp. We would like the new map to be surrounded with some views of the village taken in any season of your choice and at any location in the parish. These could be views of the countryside or particular spots within the village. The photographs should reflect the character of the village and its footpaths and bridleways.

I was involved with the original panel design over 10 years ago when I invited local artists to submit their pictures of the village. The winning photographs will be put on the new display panel. The entire entrance fee for the competition will raise money for the new village hall. The competition is open to all residents in Oving and Pitchcott and the entrance fee is £5 per photograph. To enter the competition please put your cash or cheque made out to 'Oving Parish Council' through our back door letter box. Please enclose a hard copy of your photograph even if you have it in a digital format. Please fill in the entry form below and submit it with your photograph(s) and the entrance fee. The competition will run until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2009 and will be judged by both of us. Please note that the judges' decision is final. The winning photographers will be notified and announced in the village newsletter.

Rachel & David Barnett  
Milton Cottage, The Green, Oving  
If have any question please call us on 640967.

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### **Entry Form for Oving Rights of Way Photographic Competition**

Your name:

Your address:

Contact phone number:

Email:

Number of photographs entered (please put your name on the back):

Digital or traditional picture:

Amount enclosed:

### **SUCCESS FOR OVING JUNIORS**

Oving now has a further reason to be proud. It's Junior Tennis team hit new heights this summer in the 'Tennis Works Junior Tournament'. Against tough opposition from Aylesbury, Milton Keynes, Padbury and Buckingham the team played some excellent tennis and won the tournament outright.

Well done to Abigail Cox, Louis Rizzo-Naudi, Adam Hichen, James and Sarah Ireland, James Hurrell and Jack Quinn.

Club Chairman Jack Peeters said: "We owe much of this success to our excellent coach John Griffiths who runs very effective junior coaching sessions at the club on Saturday mornings. Our Junior members are the future of the club and we are pleased to see such great improvements."

Adult coaching sessions are also run at the club to suit the requirements of members and there are friendly club sessions, fun tournaments and more competitive events also.

For membership details please contact membership secretary Janet Willson on 655280. If you wish to discuss junior tennis please phone John Griffiths on 730726.

### **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 invariably see attractive countryside and interesting villages and we have eaten some great pub food.

Last month, seven of us started the walk, lead this time by John Palmer, in good sunshine at the "Cow Roast" on the old A41 and walked in the Chilterns around Wiggington. The tree colours were spectacular and we enjoyed views from the Ridgeway back across the Vale as far as Buckingham and Oving. We were again lucky with lunch, at the Cow Roast pub which was warm and welcoming.

This month, on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December, Mike Stallward has a walk for us starting at the Three Locks on the Grand Union canal near Soulbury. Anyone is most welcome to join us. We meet outside no 5, The Pightle at 9.30 am. For more information about first Friday walks please phone 641738.

### **NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL**

A few villagers have expressed an interest in receiving their newsletter by email which would be environmentally friendly and reduce the burden of distribution and cost. If sufficient numbers of you would like to receive your newsletter this way then please let me know and I will look into the practicalities of it.

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

	Granboro'	N Marston	Oving	Dunton	Hoggeston	Hardwick	Whitchurch	Quainton	Waddesdon	Westcott	Winchendon	
<b>7 Dec</b>	8:00 HC/PB AB											
Advent 2		10:00 FS DH	11:00 FS AB		9:30 HC/PB PJM	9:30 HC/PB DM	11:00 HC PJM		11:00 FC JB+LW	9:30 HC/PB JB+LW		
Purple	6:00 Christingle AB							4:00 Christingle PDM				
<b>14 Dec</b>									8:00 HC/PB JB+LW			
Advent 3	11:00 FC AB	9:30 Christingle AB				11:00 MS DM	11:00 FC PJM		11:00 Sing & Praise		9:30 FS LW	
Purple			6:00 HC AB					4:00 Carols PDM		4:00 Christingle LW+JB		
<b>21 Dec</b>												
Advent 4		9:30 Crib Service AB				9:30 HC DM+PJM	11:00 HC DM+PJM	8:00 HC/PB PDM				
Purple	4:00 Carols AB		6:00 Carols AB		6:00 Carols PJM		6:00 Carols DM		11:00 Carols LW		5:00 Carols LW+JB	
<b>24 Dec</b>		6:00 Carols AB	3:00 Crib AB	6:00 Carols DM+PM			4:00 Carols DM	3:00 Crib Service PDM	4:00 Crib Service LW+JB			
Christmas Eve		11:30 HC JG	11:30 HC AB			11:30 HC PJM+DM		11:30 HC PDM	11:30 HC LW+JB			
Purple												
<b>25 Dec</b>	11:00 FC PJM	9:30 FC AB	11:00 FC AB			9:30 HC DM	11:00 HC DM	9:30 FC PDM	11:00 FC LW	9:30 HC LW+JB		
Christmas Day												
White												
<b>28 Dec</b>	11:00 Team Service at Quainton (PDM)											
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Cmas	11:00 Team Service at Quainton (PDM)											
White	11:00 Team Service at Quainton (PDM)											
<b>Holy Communion at Weedon Schoolroom Thursdays at 10.00am</b>												
4 Dec	PJM	11 Dec	AB									
18 Dec	DM											
				Rev David Meakin 641506 Rev Andy Bell 670288 Rev Liz Walters 650059 Rev Paul Meezell 641246 Rev Janet Bayly 670245 Rev Ann Varker 423363 David Heller 670273 Jim Gorringe 01525 240251	HC Holy Communion FC Family Communion FS Family Service UA United Service at Parish Church UM United Service at Methodist Church +B With Baptism	PB Prayer Book MS Matins ES Evensong						