

Oving with
Pitchcott
Newsletter



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**By 10th
February
please**

Many thanks,
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LADIES NIGHT

The next meeting will be at
Elaine's house, Mulberry Flat
on February 11th 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

DATES FOR 2009

28 Feb	7.30pm	A jazz concert with popular music by Lend Me A Tenor
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Tickets from Tessa Baker 641301 or Janet Brunswick 641399

BOOK CLUB – 1 st THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH		
DATE	HOST	PHONE NO
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.		

CHURCH NEWS

Baptism January 24th Henry John James Wiggett welcomed into
the family of the Church

Welcome to the Joy family who have come to live at "Crossways"
on Whitchurch Lane, and best wishes to the Roberts family who
have moved to Winslow.

ROTAS						
	11:00am	Sidesmen	Readers at 6:00pm	Chancel	Nave	Path and bins
01-Feb	Christingle Service	T.Baker S.Hodges		M.Hodges	J.Smith	A.McGinn
08-Feb		H.Bowen S.Berriman	D.Midwinter 1 Conth. 9, v16-23	M.Hodges	C.Jenner	S.Taylor
15-Feb	Family Communion	K.Ryle S.Larman		J.Brunswick	D.Hilton- Jones	P.Berriman
22-Feb		R.Goss D.Midwinter	M.Ponsford 2 Kings 2, v1-12 J.Brunswick Mark 9, v2-9	J.Brunswick	H.Fone	P.Goss
01-Mar	Family Service	D.Jones J.Goss		K.Couper	S.Berriman	D.Goss

FIRST FRIDAY WALKS

Every 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.

The temperature was minus five centigrade at the start of our January walk but nine intrepid and well-wrapped villagers soon warmed up with a walk along the Wendover Arm of the Grand Union Canal and then up into the Chilterns at Aston Hill. With thick frost on the trees and ice on the canal it was really picturesque even if we had to imagine the view through the fog at the top of the hill. A lasting memory will be the bench by the canal where a large yellow plastic duck and a real live Siamese cat sat side by side, apparently enjoying the sunshine and each other's company.

Lunch at "The Duck" Pub, Aston Clinton was an excellent reward for our efforts.

Our walks take place on the first Friday of the month and everyone is welcome. Meet outside 5, The Pightle at 9.30 am. Further details 01296 641738.

OVING RECYCLE

In these times of economic belt tightening many of us are looking at ways to recycle. I recently acquired a dishwasher from a neighbour and passed on some unwanted goods to another neighbour.

It occurred to me that many people have had similar experiences and would perhaps be interested in a section of the Newsletter being used by Oving and Pitchcott villagers as a forum advertising unwanted or wanted goods. It would save on trips to the tip or charity shops, which would be an advantage where an item may be too large or heavy to transport without help.

Any transactions advertised this way would need to be free of charge to the recipient.

I would appreciate any feedback. Please call me with your comments on 641694. Alternatively call Val on 640296.

Kit Couper

GLASS RECYCLING FEBRUARY
Collection date this month is Wed 4th

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

There was only one villager who confirmed a wish to receive the newsletter electronically so it is not a viable option to pursue at this time.

Most people seem to prefer to have a hard copy to read and refer to at their leisure. So be it!

OVING PAVILION BULLETIN

I reported last month that Banks Design Architects had been asked to quote for design work and cost comparisons of two possible locations. A quotation for this work has now been accepted and will start as soon as possible. We will keep you informed of progress.

From the funding viewpoint another successful event was held in December when 50 people enjoyed an evening singing carols, accompanied by Oving's talented church choir, at Ground Farm Barn. With mulled wine and mince pies to sustain the voices we raised £360.00 towards the pavilion fund. Thanks to all who donated mince pies and special thanks to the choir for a great effort.

There will be many more events this year. Two dates for your diary are 19th March when there will be a Quiz Night at the Black Boy and 16th May, the Spring Ball at Church Farm. More news on these and other events next time.

Ambrose McGinn
Chairman, Oving Parish Council

CAROL SINGING

The Carol Singing around the village raised £180.00 which has been donated as usual to the Childrens' Society. This was very good considering that heavy, cold and wet rain stopped play earlier than usual. Many thanks to all those who so generously donated and of course to those who so stoically performed.

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



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

Raising funds for ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH

**The Choir and Consort of St Catharine's College, Cambridge
at Buckingham Parish Church**

Saturday 14th March 2009 - 7.30 for 8.00pm

Tickets £15 to include refreshments

Join us for an evening of classical and not so classical music.

St Catharine's College, founded in 1473, is one of the most musically active colleges at Cambridge University. The College boasts a mixed student choir as well as a recently-formed children's girls' choir - the first of its kind in the country - and holds three choral services a week during term. The choir has toured as far afield as the United States and Japan and has made several recordings. For this concert, a smaller ensemble, drawn from the larger choir, is joined by a consort of instrumentalists. This group of singers and instrumentalists will be touring Hong Kong and China at the end of March.

Since 2003 Edward Wickham has been Director of Music at St Catharine's College, where he also teaches in his specialist field of Medieval and Renaissance music. Dr Wickham also maintains an active career as a singer and conductor, working as a choral coach around the world, and - with his vocal consort The Clerks Group - gives regular concerts and broadcasts. We are most grateful to Edward, who lives locally, in Whaddon, for arranging the choir's performance to support Action Medical Research.. This promises to be a great opportunity to hear this wonderful choir and consort.

Please join us to help the valuable work that Action Medical Research undertakes supporting research initiatives throughout the UK. Previous research funded by the charity includes the polio vaccine, hip replacement design, and pre-eclampsia in pregnancy.

**For further information please ring Hazel Hedges on 01908 501729
or David Ryder Richardson on 01296 641330.**

Please send me tickets @ £15 each. I enclose a cheque for £..... payable to **Action Medical Research**. I also enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

* I regret I cannot attend this event and would like to make a donation of £.....

Full Name:

Address:

Post Code: Tel No:

* For those who are UK tax payers any donations made within the Gift Aid scheme will enable us to reclaim an additional 28p for every £1 at no extra cost to yourself. Please help us to reclaim tax on your donation by signing below and completing your personal details above.
"Please treat my donation under the Gift Aid Scheme. I am a UK taxpayer."

Signature:

Please return (with SAE) to: David Ryder Richardson, 7 High Street, Whitchurch, Aylesbury HP22 4JU

KIT's TRAVELS (continued)**Day ninety-nine**

Russian word of the day Pa-zhal-sta - Please

Awoke to a stunning clear sunny morning surrounded by the spectacular mountains and glaciers of Wilhelmina Bay, named by the Belgian Antarctic expedition after the Queen of the Netherlands in the early 1900s. Our target today was to see if there were any Humpback whales in the area. The weather was sunny and calm with the icebergs reflected perfectly in the glassy waters and the mountains surrounding the bay. Everybody enjoyed the peace of Antarctica, which was interrupted by an enormous avalanche of glacier ice rumbling down the steep cliffs. There were lots of seals (Crab eaters, Weddell, Leopard and Fur) basking on the floes in the sunshine, unperturbed by our presence in the zodiacs.

Back on ship for lunch we entered the Gerlache Strait, heading for the Graham Passage, when two Humpbacks came alongside. Everybody rushed on deck; it was spine tingling to see these incredible animals up close, accompanying us as we cruised. The captain stopped the ship and quickly launched the zodiacs. The whales surfaced and you could hear clearly when they exhaled and if you were downwind you could smell it too! Whales have bad breath! We were all waiting for the moment when they decided to dive, because then they would throw their flukes high up in the air, followed by the sound of sixty cameras and gasps of sheer delight. We quickly discovered they stayed under for roughly seven to ten minutes and then we searched for the water spray from the blowholes as they surfaced. We stayed with them for almost two hours, covering great distances, until they decided their performance for the day was over. The weather changed, and the skies darkened. It was a long cold bumpy ride back to ship, but nobody cared.

Day One Hundred

Russian word of the day Eez-vee-nee-tye - Excuse me!

As we awoke in the dark this morning we could see that the Antarctic weather had turned on us. When it was light enough to navigate we sailed into the live volcano that is Deception Island, passing through columns of rock towering 300 metres above the ship. I "rugged up" and staggered to the embarkation point at 6.00a.m. Not a soul in sight, evidently I had got the time wrong. People began to appear and we formed an orderly queue. Suddenly I had severe stomach cramps and fled to the loo. In my haste to get there I grabbed the wrong rucksack. It belonged to Joe McGinnis (the deep sea submersible diver who had filmed the wreck of the Titanic and had worked with David Cameron on the film.) Rushing back down to the wet room I found Joe holding my rucksack. I apologized and he kissed me. How's that my first kiss from a celebrity.

Deception Island is infamous because of the slaughter of 1000`s of whales by the Norwegians, in the early 1900`s. There is also a rusting military oil station which the SAS destroyed in 1952 to stop the German army commandeering so that they could then control the South Shetland Islands. After breakfast when the zodiac had returned the wind got up to 11 on the Beaufort scale. It is called the Katabatic Wind and it was coming off the glacier gusting to 65 knots, and you cannot stand upright. The zodiacs had to be strapped down and we had to abandon our final excursion, and started to sail for the Drake Passage, I can't wait, hope it's a rough crossing.

To be continued

NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWSLETTER

It is confirmed – the Youth Event will take place on 25 April 2009 at the Winslow Centre 11:00am to 6:00pm. Support for the event is increasing all the time.

An inaugural meeting is to be held on 6 January 2009 at the Winslow Centre at 7:30pm to discuss who is doing what. If you feel you can contribute, please be there. If a lot of people do a little bit, no-one will feel overburdened. Many hands make light work!!!

Youth Café

Again with the youth of Buckingham South in mind, Wendy has started the process to establish a Youth Café to augment the facilities run by Finn Roy at the Youth Clubs held at the Winslow Youth Centre. A questionnaire has been prepared and will given to as many young people as possible to establish if they think such a facility is something they want. If the reaction is positive, then we will be working the Aylesbury Vale Youth for Christ (whose project it is and who have successfully set up at least 9 such cafes in Aylesbury, Quanton, Great Brickhill and Waddesdon) to establish funding to take the project forward.

DPPO and Dispersal Order for Wnslow

We are still getting favourable comments about the dispersal order and we are being asked to extend it for a further six months. This is being looked at as certain criteria has to be agreed before the dotted line can be signed.

The Designated Public Places Order will be in place in January/February 2009. Wendy has to work out how many signs are needed and highlight their location. AVDC has to put a notice into local papers.

Parking outside schools

We realise this is a difficult situation as children require dropping off and collecting from school. We also realise that if one buys a house in the same road as a school you need to expect inconvenience for half an hour, twice a day, 197 days a year.

However, all residents have a right to expect to be able to come and go from their properties during this time so parking across their drives is totally unacceptable. Parking dangerously at junctions is also unacceptable.

In the New Year Wendy will be monitoring this and, if either of the situations described above, occurs, be warned, she will be issuing £30 Fixed Penalty Notices for obstruction.

Most schools do have areas where you can park so look forward to walking off the Christmas excess and use them.

Burglaries

Wendy has had to attend the aftermath of burglaries to support officers with their enquiries. Sadly, these burglaries have highlighted that vulnerable/ elderly people have left windows and doors insecure. This has made it easy for burglars to walk in, swiftly search the premises, take money, building society passbooks, etc. and leave. The victim is generally not able to move quick enough to do anything about it. So please ensure that, if you know/visit/care for vulnerable people, you check their home is secure and valuables/cash are not easily located. Ensure, however, the person in your care knows where to find them!!

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 28th 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.

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:

DON'T MESS WITH CHILDREN.

A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because even though it was a very large mammal its throat was very small. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale. Irritated, the teacher reiterated that a whale could not swallow a human; it was physically impossible. The little girl said, "When I get to heaven I will ask Jonah". The teacher asked, "What if Jonah went to hell?" The little girl replied, "Then you can ask him."

A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom of children while they were drawing. She would occasionally walk around to see each child's work. As she got to one little girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without missing a beat, or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will in a minute."

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill."

SCHORNE TEAM OF CHURCHES - SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2009

	Granboro	N Marston	Oving	Dunton	Hoggeston	Hardwick	Whitchurch	Quainton	Waddesdon	Westcott	Winchendon
1 Feb 4 Epiph White	8:00 HC/PB AB										
		10:00 FS DH	11.00 Christingle AB		9:30 HC/PB DM	9:30 HC/PB PJM	11.00 HC PJM+DM		11.00 FC LW+JB	9:30 HC/PB LW+JB	
								6:30 HC PDM			
8 Feb 3 rd before Lent Green									8.00 HC/PB LW		
	11.00 FC AB	9:30 HC AB		9:30 HC/PB DM		9:30 FS At Weedon PJM	11.00 FC DM	9:30 FS PDM	11.00 Sing & Praise		9:30 FS LW
			6.00 HC AB					6:30 ES PDM			
15 Feb 2 nd before Lent Green								8.00 HC/PB PDM			
	11.00 FS LW	9:30 FS AB	11.00 FC AB		11.00 MS PJM	9:30 HC DM	11.00 HC DM		11.00 FS JB	9:30 FC LW	
	6:00 ES AB							6:30 ES PDM			
22 Feb 1 st before Lent Green											
	11.00 FS AB	9:30 HC AB				9:30 FC DM	11.00 MS PJM	9:30 FC PDM	11.00 UA LW		9:30 MS JB
			6.00 ES AB					6:30 ES PDM			
1 Mar Lent 1 Purple	8:00 HC/PB AB										
		10:00 FS DH	11.00 FS AB		9:30 HC/PB PJM	9:30 HC/PB DM	11.00 HC DM+PJM		11.00 FC LW+JB	9:30 HC/PB LW+JB	
	6.00 1 st Sunday							6:30 HC PDM			
Holy Communion at Weedon Schoolroom Thursdays at 10.00am											
5 Feb	AB	12 Feb	DM	Rev David Meakin Rev Andy Bell	641606 670298	Rev Janet Bayly Rev Ann Varker	670245 423363	HC FC	Holy Communion Family Service	PB MS ES	Prayer Book Matins Evensong
19 Feb	LW	26 Feb	PDM	Rev Liz Welters Rev Philip D Mears Rev Paul J Mansell	655069 655237 641246	Mr David Heffer Rev Jim Gorrige	670273 01525 240251	FS UA UM +B	Family Service at Parish Church United Service at Methodist Church With Baptism		