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Pitchcott
Newsletter



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**By 10th
March
please**

Many thanks,
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LADIES NIGHT

The next meeting will be at
Pam's house, 17 The Pightle
on March 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

ROTAS						
	11:00am	Sidesmen	Readers at 6:00pm	Chancel	Nave	Path and bins
01-Mar	Family Service	D.Jones J.Goss		K.Couper*	S.Berriman	D.Goss
08-Mar		J.Brunswick S.Hodges	J.Shields 1 Peter 3, v18-22	K.Couper*	L.Watson	R.Smith
15-Mar	Family Communion	K.Ryle R.Firth		L.Ponsford*	E.Conway	J.Peeters
22-Mar	Mothering Sunday Family Service	K.Hinds C.Jenner		L.Ponsford*	J.Smith	D.Smith
29-Mar		S.Berriman R.Goss	J.Peeters Jeremiah 31, v31-34 S.Hodges John 12, v20-33	S.Hodges*	C.Jenner	A.McGinn
05-Apr	Family Service	J.Goss T.Baker		S.Hodges*	D.Hilton- Jones	S.Taylor
* No flowers as it is Lent. Only cleaning needed						

FLOWERS FOR MOTHERS DAY
Saturday 21st March : 10:00 – 12:00am
OVING CHURCH
Lovely baskets and flowers for sale
Cake stall and refreshments
MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE 11:00AM WING CHURCH
Everyone welcome

Springtime Ball

The committee organising the “Oving Springtime Ball” – 16th May 2009 would like to introduce themselves: Sally Parrott, Diana Hilton Jones, Tessa Baker, Susie Hawkins, Mary Peters, Lynn Hillston and Jo Smith.

To allow us to raise lots of money for the pavilion project we are looking for help from local and outside businesses, our friends and neighbours, This help can take many forms such as general sponsorship for the event or sponsoring a table, advertising in the ball programme, offering to help with catering (all costs will be covered), decorating the marquee, providing a raffle prize, selling tickets or on the actual day helping to set up the marquee.

We would be so grateful for your help and would ask that you contact the following people if you wish to be involved:

Catering: Diana Hilton Jones – 641026 or Mary Peters 641738

Event programme advertising/sponsoring a table: Tessa Baker 641301

Marquee Decoration: Susie Hawkins – 641257 or Lynn Hillston 641684

Raffle prizes and help on the day: Sally Parrott - 641472

General sponsorship or general enquiries and selling tickets:

Jo Smith – 641621

Thank you from us all.

The Committee

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

GLASS RECYCLING MARCH
Collection date this month is Wed 4th

MEMORIES OF SPORT IN OVING

Oving has a long tradition of sporting activity, stretching back to the 19th Century when Oving Football Club was founded by the Rev I. Hill, Rector of Oving, in the 1880's. The Rector had played for Pilgrims in the 1881-82 F.A.Cup Competition, losing 3-1 to Old Foresters in the Second Round. The Cup was eventually won that season by Old Etonians, who beat Blackburn Rovers 1-0 in the Final at the Oval. The Old Etonians captain, Hon. A.F.Kinnaird, celebrated victory by standing on his head in front of the pavilion – rather more difficult than today's celebrations, perhaps.

Moving on a few decades, I have discovered the Minute Books recording sporting activity in Oving after the Second World War. When hostilities ceased, there was a resurgence of interest in sport, and Oving was not immune. There were three active clubs in the village at that time – football, cricket and tennis – and here are the Minutes of a momentous meeting held on July 23rd 1947:

It was proposed by Mr S.Wright, that the three club committees should amalgamate, and should be called The Oving Sports Club. Seconded by Mr G.Ayres, and carried unanimously on a show of hands.

It was resolved that the following members should constitute the committee and officers:

Chairman:- Brigadier Warren

V.Chairman:- Mr Kennedy

Secretary:- Mr S.Wright

Treasurer:- Mr D.Elmer

Committee:-

Mrs H.Elmer and Mr H.Clark to represent the Tennis Club

Mr E Taylor and Mr G.Ayres to represent the Cricket Club

Mr C.Landon and Mr W.Cox to represent the Football Club

It was proposed, seconded and carried, that the funds of all the clubs should be administered by the Oving Sports Club. It was also passed unanimously that contributions by all members should commence on May 1st of every year.

Brigadier Warren was appointed go-between, between the Oving Sports Club and the Oving Recreation Ground Committee.

After discussion re Sunday games, it was resolved that a referendum be taken of every household in the village, to ascertain the wishes of the community, and to pass on the result to the Oving Recreation Ground Committee, via Brigadier Warren, for their further discussion.

Unfortunately, I cannot find any mention of this referendum in subsequent Minutes, but there are lots of exciting incidents to come, including the problem of sheep on the Recreation Ground.

RCB February 2009

OVING PAVILION
LOCATION AND DESIGN GROUP MEETING NO 14 3rd Feb 2009
ACTION NOTE

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

Events and actions since last meeting

Jack reported that an Architect had now been appointed to design and cost the building in two possible locations. This is the first time that money has been firmly committed on this project. All previous actions have involved voluntary effort. Any significant work carried out by the architect will be reported to this group.

Whilst funding is the task of another group, the current position was reported for information. Jack was asked to pass on this group's appreciation of the hard work being put in by the funding group.

Actions agreed

Jack will speak to AVDC about the money obtained from the Church Farm development and the scope allowed for spending it.

Discussion centred about the Parish Council's decision to consult the village on the design and on two alternative locations. The group was keen to stress the need for a survey which was professionally carried out to give all villagers a chance to have their say. Jack was asked to raise this with to the Parish Council at the earliest opportunity.

Philip will look into the costs of moving the training pitch and floodlights should the pavilion be built on that side of the recreation ground.

Jack will work with Paul and Julian on the possible cost of moving the playground equipment, should this option be chosen

Next meeting: To be arranged



VILLAGE PUBS

I will be including an article in
the next issue over concerns
about the closure of
Village pubs.

Input from other villagers on
this subject would be welcome.

OVING RECYCLE

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE OFFERED THIS MONTH

Items	Description	Phone No & initials
Mowers	Qualcast Easi-Lite 34 with newly sharpened blade (electric rotary mower suitable for medium size lawns)	640967 RB
	Flymo - Micro-lite (electric rotary suitable for small lawns)	
Lawn Scarifier	Qualcast Lawnraker 32 - rotating prongs which remove moss and aerate the grass	
Bike Rack	Thule 9107 'Clip on High'- 2 bikes stand on platform above number plate. Lockable.	
Book case	Traditional dark brown wooden bookcase with 2 glazed doors, 4 shelves. H51"x W30"x D14"	641694 KC

NEWS RELEASE 28 JANUARY 2009

New Press and Marketing Officer for Buckinghamshire Railway Centre

Quanton Railway Society has appointed Lee Upton from Aylesbury as Marketing and PR Officer with effect from 21st January 2009.

Lee worked for Buckinghamshire County Council for 12 years – four years in the County Museum in Aylesbury and the remaining time with the B.C.C. Graphics Team, leaving to form his own business. He now runs his own Design Company in the centre of Aylesbury, and on hearing about the vacancy at the Railway Centre, decided to also accept that task. Lee said, "I am really excited about this new challenge – I don't know a great deal about steam engines yet, but I am learning fast – the staff and volunteers have been very welcoming and informative. I'm looking forward to seeing the Centre in full swing when the Open Season starts at Easter!" Lee takes over Press Officer duties from Sheila Lobley, who had been Press Officer for the last seven years. Sheila said, "I've been very happy building up relationships with the media, but now hope to pursue other interests within the Centre and at home. I leave the media in what I am sure will be Lee's capable hands".

Contact Lee at the Centre (Thursdays 9.30 am to 4.30pm)

on 01296 655720 – email brcpress@bucksrailcentre.org

Where are Oving's budding photographers?

Our competition to find some photographs of Oving for the new Parish Rights of Way panel has so far managed to attract only one entry!! There must be more than one talented photographer in the area. Come on villagers lets have your photographs - this is your final chance for lasting local fame!

Would you like to take some good photographs of Oving? 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.

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. We have now extended the closing date to the end of March 2009 and photographs 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:

FIRST FRIDAY WALKS

Record turn-out. Snow and all.

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.

Despite heavy snowfalls on Thursday and Friday mornings there was a record number of us on the February walk – 16 people and three dogs. This time we stayed local, with a circular route across the fields to North Marston and back to the Black Boy for lunch. The snow was still falling as we set out and there was a good six inches on the ground but what spectacular views we had from Oving across the white landscape.

It was not easy walking, especially the climb back up, but it was worth it for the appetite it gave us. Our lunch at the Black boy was well up to standard, as was the welcome and the atmosphere with so many villagers there.

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.

Garden Farm – Winter

Last month I didn't write a piece for the newsletter – partly because I was busy with work and partly because I had very little to write! I know it seems ages ago now, but January started with prolonged, hard frosts – great for killing off insects and some weeds, not so good if you planned to dig over the ground.

I resorted to converting a collection of large logs into firewood – much chainsaw action, kindling splitting with an axe and general violence... and the whole lasted a couple of days.

I did also start the compost bin rotation, releasing a large pile of fantastic compost. I have four "bins" build from pallets (and not lined with anything – too much like hard work). One of them has been left for a year and basically contained approx. a cubic yard of lovely compost. Yes, like Monty Don I can get very enthusiastic about compost. This was moved by wheel barrow to the vegetable plot and then the contents of the remaining three bins dug, turned and moved along one place, thus de-compacting it, introducing air and generally livening it up again. I have to say that two of them are close to done anyway, so we'll have a good load of compost this year.

I also tidied up the greenhouse, removed any dead things and tidied up the staging ready for new plants in the early spring. At present I don't have a heater although I'm looking out on freecycle for a paraffin heater.

So January wasn't very exciting... and here I am in mid-February with several inches of snow still lying in the garden from last weeks snow, fresh snow tonight... Coldest winter since the last coldest winter... and still the Garden is too hard to dig, or spread the new compost (which has now frozen), the greenhouse is covered in ice and the rest of the Garden is like a giant ice cube.

The only thing to do is forget the garden, vegetables and all those other green things and make something. So here is a fabulous recipe which will surprise a few people – how to make your own marshmallows – better than those vaguely plastic store bought ones and pretty easy (but not for children to make unsupervised because of the boiling sugar syrup!!!!). This is a HFW recipe from his family cookbook. It may look complicated but it isn't, the whole process from switching on the kettle to pouring takes about 20-30 minutes there are only 3 basic ingredients!

INGREDIENTS:

Icing Sugar and Corn Flour – 1 tablespoon of each (or more)

Vegetable oil for oiling a tin

Gelatine powder (25g which is about 2 sachets)

Food colouring (optional, as is any flavouring such as vanilla,
peppermint.)

2 egg whites – put the yolks in an omelette

500g granulated sugar

1. Sift the icing sugar and corn flour together, then take a shallow cake tin (I actually use a deep one with a push out base), rub it with the oil and then coat with the icing sugar mix (sifted) – you want a good coating to stop the marshmallows sticking.
2. Boil a kettle but switch it off just before it actually boils. Measure 125ml of hot water in a jug, add the gelatine and stir thoroughly until dissolved – at this point add flavour or food colouring if you wish – I use red to make pink marshmallows.
3. Get a food mixer ready near your cooker with the egg whites in the bowl.
4. In a medium saucepan put the granulated sugar and 250ml of water. Bring to a boil slowly, stirring until the sugar is dissolved, which should happen before the full boil. Then increase the heat and start boiling – ideally you need a sugar thermometer because you now boil until the hard ball stage which is exactly 122°C. This will take a while but towards the end the temperature rises quickly as the water evaporates off.
5. While the sugar syrup is boiling whisk the egg whites to stiff peaks.
6. As soon as the sugar hits 122°C (or hard ball stage if you are testing with cold water), turn off the heat and stir in the gelatine solution – it will bubble but not a lot – make sure it is well mixed.
7. Now start whisking the egg whites on low, and slowly (carefully – it is hot!) add the sugar/gelatine mix and keep whisking after it is all in. I did this on fast but HFW says do it on slow. You will see the mix go creamy but you must keep going until it is thick enough that lifting the beaters leaves a trail or ribbon on the surface which takes a few seconds to “sink in”.
8. Now pour into your cake tin. Leave for an hour or two – not in the fridge! The surface will be firm but sticky. Now you need to turn it out and cut it up using a sharp knife. At this point I ignore HFW and made up more of the icing sugar mix, dusted a chopping board, cut into strips then cubes, coat all sides with the icing sugar mix and store in a plastic container. It is incredibly sticky until you powder coat it!
Or just eat it!

OVING RECREATION AND PAVILION FUND
FUNDING GROUP MEETING NO 13 –
MONDAY 19.01.09 AT 7pm
IN THE READING ROOM, BOWLING ALLEY, OVING

Present: Roger Ball (Chairman)	Apologies:	Sally Parrott
David Smith		Lynn Hillston
Jo Smith		Roger Hawkins
Mary Peeters		Susie Hawkins
Adrian Wilson		

1. The Note of **Funding Group Meeting No 12** on 01.12.08 was approved.

2. Report on Christmas Carols at Ground Farm Barn on 22.12.08.

This was a delightful evening, for which 49 tickets were sold. With the additional income from sales of mulled wine, the total amount raised was £360. All Saints Choir donated their share of the proceeds to the Pavilion Fund, and Mary has written a letter of thanks to their leader. Thanks are also due to Jack and Mary for providing the venue and making the arrangements, and to all who helped with the preparation of the mince pies and the wine.

3. Forthcoming events

• **Quiz Night at the Black Boy on 19.03.09 at 7.30pm.**

David reported that the venue has been booked and tickets are now available at £12 per head to cover the cost of a tapas supper. A maximum of 10 teams of 6 can be accommodated. Questions will be compiled and the evening hosted by Graham and Carol Parker, who live in the Last House on Pitchcott Road, and have experience of similar events.

• **Oving Springtime Ball on 16.05.09**

Jo has produced a budget indicating a projected income of £11,000 from ticket sales, table sponsorship and programme advertising. Additional income from bar sales, a raffle and roll-a-dice could add a further £2,000, giving a total income of £13,000. Total costs envisaged are £7,000 net of VAT on the marquee hire, which the Parish Council can reclaim, giving a projected profit of £6,000. Deposits of £575 for the marquee hire and £100 for the band need to be paid now, and Roger B will obtain Parish Council agreement and arrange for cheques to be issued.

Jo has written personal letters to Harriet Cullum and Lord Rothschild seeking any financial support they may feel able to provide. She has also written to potential sponsors, such as the oil companies who deliver to Oving. Several local residents have already indicated that they would sponsor a table. Jo's group will be meeting again later this week to discuss catering etc.

• **Car Raffle**

Ambrose McGinn, Chairman, reported to Oving Parish Council last week that the application for a Gaming Licence had become increasingly complicated, and he was now investigating the possibility of registering the raffle in the name of a third party company specialising in such matters. It is still envisaged that the draw will take place in June, but tickets cannot be printed until the name of the Licensee is known.

4. Funding up-date

Roger B reported that he attended the launch of the Leader Programme at the King's Head in Aylesbury on 02.12.08 and has produced a note of the Scheme, which has already been circulated. He is in the process of completing an Expression of Interest Form.

Detailed costings for the two potential sites are still awaited from the architect who has been appointed to draft outline plans.

5. Any other business

It has been suggested that the date of this year's Great Oving Run should be agreed now, to avoid clashes with the Churches Cycle Ride and Oving Tennis Club Finals Day. Sunday 20.09.09 was therefore agreed for the Run.

Roger B has now received two of John Motson's commentary boards for the planned Auction. He will speak to John about a potential date in the summer or early autumn.

6. Date of next meeting:

Monday 2nd March 2009 at 7.00pm in The Reading Room.

OVING PAVILION BULLETIN

Banks Design Architects have commenced design work and cost comparisons of two possible locations. Villagers will be consulted when this work is finished. The Location and Design Group are to establish the cost of moving the floodlights or the play equipment in the event that either of the two alternative locations is chosen.

The Funding Group met on 19th January, and there is a full report in this Newsletter. In summary, fundraising in the village will focus this month on the Quiz and Tapas night on 19th March, while arrangements for the Springtime Ball at Church Farm on 16th May are well advanced, co-ordinated by an enthusiastic group led by Jo Smith.

Ambrose McGinn
Chairman, Oving Parish Council

SCHORNE TEAM OF CHURCHES - SERVICES FOR MARCH 2009

	Granboro'	N Marston	Oving	Dunton	Hoggeson	Hardwick	Whitchurch	Quainton	Waddesdon	Westcott	Winchendon
1 Mar	8:00 HC/PB AB										
Lent 1		10:00 FS DH	11:00 FS PJM		9:30 HC/PB PJM	9:30 HC/PB DM	11:00 HC DM		11:00 FC LW+JB	9:30 HC/PB LW+JB	
Purple	6:00 1 st Sunday							6:30 HC PDM			
8 Mar									8:00 HC/PB LW+JB		
Lent 2		9:30 HC AB				9:30 FS At Weedon AV	11:00 FC DM	9:30 FS PDM	11:00 Sing & Praise		9:30 FS LW
Purple	11:00 FC AB		6:00 HC AB					6:30 ES PDM			
15 Mar								8:00 HC/PB PDM			
Lent 3	11:00 FS PDM	9:30 FS DH	11:00 FC AB		11:00 FS PJM	9:30 HC PJM	11:00 HC DM		11:00 FS LW	9:30 FS AB	
Purple	6:00 ES AB							6:30 ES LW			
22 Mar											
Lent 4 (Morning Sunday)	11:00 FS AB	9:30 HC AB	11:00 FS JB			9:30 FC PJM	11:00 MS DM	9:30 FC PDM	11:00 FS LW	4:00 FS JB	9:30 FS JB
Purple				6:00 FS DM				6:30 ES PDM			
29 Mar	8:00 HC/PB AB										
Lent 5		09:30 HC AB				9:30 HC/PB PJM+DM	11:00 HC PJM+DM		11:00 UM		
Purple			6:00 ES AB				6:00 ES DM+PJM	6:30 ES PDM			
Holy Communion at Weedon Schoolroom Thursdays at 10.00am											
5 Mar	AB	12 Mar	PJM	Rev David Meakin 641606	Rev Janet Bayly 670245	Rev Janet Bayly	670245	HC	Holy Communion	PB	Prayer Book
19 Mar	PDM	26 Mar	LW	Rev Andy Bell 670298	Rev Ann Varke	Rev Ann Varke	423363	FC	Family Communion	MS	Matins
				Rev Liz Welters 655069	Mr David Heffer	Mr David Heffer	670273	FS	Family Service	ES	Evensong
				Rev Philip D Mears 655237	Rev Jim Goringe	Rev Jim Goringe	01525	UA	United Service at Parish Church		
				Rev Paul J Mansell 641246			240251	UM	United Service at Methodist Church		
								+B	With Baptism		