

Oving with
Pitchcott
Newsletter



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NOVEMBER 2009 CONTRIBUTIONS

By 10th October please

Many thanks, Valerie Adams,
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ROTAS						
	11:00am	Sidesmen	Readers at 6:00pm	Chancel	Nave	Path and Bins
04-Oct	Family Service	K.Hinds J.Goss		J.Brunswick	L.Watson	D.Goss
11-Oct		R.Parrott E.Conway	T.Cleaver Hebrews 4 v 12-16	J.Brunswick	S.Berriman	R.Smith
18-Oct	Family Communion	D.Jones T.Baker		N.Law	D.Hilton Jones	J.Peeters
25-Oct		J.Brunswick S.Hodges	P.Corbett Jeremiah 31 v 7-9, S.Hodges Mark 10 46b-52	N.Law	J.Smith	P.Berriman
01-Nov	Family Gift Service	M.Ponsford R.Goss		L.Ponsford	H.Fone	D.Smith

LADIES NIGHT - 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH		
DATE	HOST	PHONE NO
October 14th	Pam	640158
November 11th	Lynn	641684
December 9th	Helen	641140
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		

CHURCH NEWS	
October 3 rd 6:00pm to 9:00pm	HARVEST SUPPER All Saints Church, Oving Entertainments courtesy of Granborough Singers. Tickets available from Tessa Baker : 641301 Family £15 : Adults £5 : Children £3.50 : OAP's £4
October 4 th 11:00am	HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE All Saints Church, Oving Lets give thanks for autumn's beautifull abundance
October 11 th 11:00am	TEAM SERVICE At Waddesdon Church You are warmly invited to help Janet Bayly celebrate her first communion
October 31 st 6:00pm to 8:00pm	HALLOWEEN PARTY All Saints Church, Oving Fun filled crafts, activities and food for 3 to 11 year olds. All welcome - FREE to all - Contact Elaine Conway on 641516 for more details or just turn up.
November 1 st 11:00am	FAMILY GIFT SERVICE All Saints Church, Oving Operation Christmas Child : This year we will be sending 'shoe box' Christmas gifts again and would be gratefull for all your generous offerings to this worthwhile cause. More details next month or phone Caroline on 670099 Also there will be a birthday celebration for Oving Church – and there will be cake!
November 8 th	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE This year the team service will be at Whitchurch Church
November 15 th	FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE All Saints Church, Oving
November 28 th	LEND ME A TENOR Due to popular demand – they're back! Tickets £8 from Janet Brunsick 641399 or Tessa baker 641301

Dear Friends,

Over the past couple of months our first attempts at running an allotment have begun to bear fruit. We're still novices but we did manage to produce a roast dinner a couple of weeks ago where everything on the plate had been produced by us – the lamb from our own little flock and all of the vegetables from the allotment.

It's such a far cry from the experiences of so many different people. I used to visit primary schools where, if you asked where potatoes came from, the answer would come back 'Morrisons'. And it was the same answer for carrots, turnips, parsnips or indeed any other type of vegetable, meat or any other food product.

I read in the newspaper today of a primary school which has kept a ram (that's what the paper said) for three years. The school council had decided that the animal should be sent for slaughter, the meat raffled and some pigs bought which would, in their turn, go to be made into sausages. Sadly, because there seems to be so little understanding of just where our food comes from, many of the children are traumatised at the thought of it all.

And so, for many, the connection between what goes on in the countryside and what appears in the supermarket is entirely lost. They have no concept of talking to the butcher who has raised the meat about which cuts might best suit what they want to do or the freshness of vegetables not long taken from the field – they miss out on so much.

Over the past weeks as I have driven around the area the frantic activity of the harvest has proceeded – harvesters dodging showers, looking for windows of opportunity to get the crops in. We do well to pause and to be thankful for those who are prepared to work so hard to feed us – work that is, at times, arduous and back-breaking.

But we also do well at this time of year to remember those for whom there will be no harvest. And it's not only the African droughts which can blight a crop. The other day on TV I saw rice fields poisoned by salt water which had breached the sea defences. Villagers having to carry mud by had to try to shore up those defences in order that the field might be fruitful the following year.

So many people, in so many places who, for so many reasons, will go hungry.

One of the things I have most enjoyed about having the allotment is that, as we have grown too much of each crop, we have been able to share the fruits of our labours with others.

Perhaps we ought to apply a similar principle to the world's harvest for there is, still, plenty for all if only we were prepared to share.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David". The letter 'D' is large and loops around the start of the name.

Garden Farm – Autumn
And then it was Autumn.

That feeling came at the start of September, which seems early, especially after the last few years. It was just a sense in the air that the weather had turned and Autumn had begun. Then we had morning mists and dew on the grass, spiders webs picked out in the early morning sunlight and the nights already drawing in.

Yes, the best of the growing season for most things is over for another year. It's time to take stock, learn a few lessons, and slowly clear out the greenhouse.

There are some things that are still to come of course – such as Brassicas and pumpkins. For the most part though, everything is in decline.

So starting with the greenhouse, the main successes (aside from cactus & bromeliad's grown from seed) have been the tomatoes & cucumbers. I all I had five varieties of tomato and all of them bore significant fruit. I have to admit that one was a bush variety which was somewhat swamped by the taller varieties yet still produced well. The remainder grew to the top of the greenhouse (where I trimmed them) and are still cropping, albeit with less vigour and some yellowing leaves. As the nights turn cooler and the sun sinks lower each day, the plants will decline rapidly. The cucumbers have also been prolific and seem to come in waves. I grew 5 plants from plugs and they all survived and thrived. The cucumbers have been tasty and delicately flavoured with no hint of bitterness (because they were an all female variety).

Less successful were the melons which produced one melon per plant, one was a good size and edible the other was small and hard. The Aubergines were moderately successful with some large early vegetables but latterly some have gone mouldy. The chillies are going string with 3 varieties producing but they are unlikely to go red now – I started them too late. The plants however will come indoors for the winter and will be fine to produce again next year.

Outside, most things are in decline. We picked our last courgettes a week ago but they were not the best and any remaining courgettes have gone to the chickens – especially the outside ones. The outdoor tomatoes have finished as well, but produced a moderate crop from one dwarf plant – the pot it was in has been cleared. In the raised beds the runner beans have been lifted and the canes dismantled. I learned two important lessons from the runners – firstly how windy it is around the side of the house when the wind is from the north; and secondly that old bamboo canes will split and fall apart when you least want them to – such as when you have a set of 12 full grown beanstalks with beans all over them.

Having given up with the mesh cover over the brassicas I have been picking off the caterpillars by hand everyday, and that seems to have been beneficial – there are rarely any caterpillars now – too late in the year – and the cabbages and

forgot to thin them – so they are small and “dinky” but that isn’t really an issue. There is only so much swede you can eat.

The carrots have been very good – and we even had some of the Japanese samurai red carrots. They are woodier but very tasty, and definitely a bit scabby looking. This was enough to put everyone else off so I had those to myself! The regular carrots have been excellent, long & straight, very orange and tasty. The parsnips are not ready yet – but look good.

I planted three varieties of dwarf French beans and they all came up and cropped heavily. They are just about finished now – and we’ve run out of appetite for them. I expect we will lift those this week. The only remaining large crops are sweet corn which taking its time to mature, and leeks which can stay in the ground for quite a while yet. Tucked in one corner is some horseradish – again for a bit later.

The garlic simply didn’t make it – run over by a big rabbit and crushed to death.

Elsewhere we have lifted half of the potatoes. Sadly they rotted in the sack and wiped out about 20% of the total crop, but we still have two sacks full. All the onions have been lifted – about 100 yellow onions and 25 red ones – so decent enough.

Still going strong are the various forms of pumpkin & marrow. There are several large marrows still to pick, but I know one teenage boy who might just scream if I bring another one indoors! There are several large white pumpkins and a large group of Jack-be-littles – the miniature pumpkins which are very decorative. We also have some decorative gourds maturing on the “vines”. This collection of plants were placed to the side of the potatoes and given free rein to cover them as the plants dies down – some of the leaves of the pumpkins are looking yellow and mildewy but the should last until the first frost (I think we will have one quite early this year).

So for the most part that is that – a few things left to harvest but I expect next month to be writing about tidying everything up and clearing out the greenhouse. I have been asked where I buy my seeds and what varieties – the answer to the first question is Dobies (<http://www.dobies.co.uk/>) – I have found them to be consistently excellent for seeds and plu plants alike – and Simpson’s (<http://www.simpsonsseeds.co.uk>) for their amazing selection of chillies. For varieties, I will have to go and check! So that can wait until next month.

Finally I am scaling up my cider making activity and so I am after apples – the ones that sit on your tree and then rot on the ground, the ones you have no use for, as many different varieties as possible. If you have a tree in your garden where you don’t use all the apples, please drop me an email if you are happy for me to harvest them and turn them into cider – and yes I will share the end product!

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Your Neighbourhood team

Covering the parishes of Charndon, Creslow, Dunton, East Claydon, Granborough, Haggston, Hogshaw, Mursley, Newton Longville, North Marston, Middle Claydon, Oving, Padbury, Pitchcott, Poundon, Steeple Claydon, Swanbourne, Tayford, Whitchurch and Winslow.



Sgt Andy Jones



PC Martin Siderman



PC Richard Branston



PCSO Wendy Taylor



PCSO John Webb



PCSO Lucy Andrews



Philip Gomm
Chairman of Buckingham South NAG

There will be a Winslow Police Office!
The dotted line has been signed and there will be a police office in the centre of Winslow. All things being equal we hope to move into the premises in October 2009. This co-incides with the news that the Dispersal Order will not be extended. However, with the Neighbourhood Policing Team now resident in the town we are confident that we will be able to sort out anti-social issues very quickly.

More Good News

Newton Longville has finally got its own dedicated PCSO. Lucy Andrews commenced work in the area on 17 August 2009 and is currently working with PCSO Wendy Taylor to understand their issues. 50% of her time will be spent in Newton Longville and 6t Horwood, Little Horwood, Nash and Whaddon will share the rest of her time.

Countryside Crime

We do encourage any farmers whose sheep are being mauled/killed to report it. We cannot do anything to help if we do not know about it. Incidents have been raised at the NAG meeting which has highlighted the fact that such incidents are not being reported.

We would also like to know whether you have been on the receiving end of flytipping. The NAG is looking at this element of Countryside Crime. Please continue deal with it in the usual way but please call PCSO Wendy Taylor as well so we can establish the extent of the problem.

Events during the Bank Holiday

Swanbourne ran their second Sheep Racing event. They made lots of money to support St Swithuns. I hope they run it next year - it was a real laugh and I do believe the sheep enjoyed it too!

The Winslow Show was very successful too - so many people! Lots of trade stands, things to look at, food to eat. The horse section was also well supported judging by the horseboxes and trailers parked there. Yes, I did take my horse, - she won the Veteran Class too!!

Engagement with young people

The Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) are establishing a Youth NAG to run alongside the main NAG. This is to help us really understand what it is the young people of the area really want and have a method by which ideas can be put into actions. The Bucks South NAG are working with Extended Services, Community and Young Engagement Services, and Connexions to ensure we reach all young people.

PCSO Wendy Taylor is working with Christian Fellowship, Extended Services and AVYFC to start a Youth Café in Winslow. It is envisaged that this will be free to all young people and will provide a weekly place to meet. Watch this space for details.

Future NAG meetings:
23 September, 28 October, 25 November
7:30 pm at the Winslow Centre

Speeding

Due to the holiday season not a lot of enforcement work has been carried out in Buckingham South. However, work using Speedwatch continues, thanks to dedicated members of your communities being out there, supporting your concerns and doing something about them. The more who help the easier it becomes so please offer to help them.

Local crime analysis

The crime figures for Winslow year on year to August 2009 make good reading. Total crime for July-Aug 2009 against July-Aug 2008 is down 29%. Public Order, Burglary/Theft, and Criminal Damage are all down but sadly Vehicle Crime is up slightly. This category includes theft of, from and damage to vehicles. However, when I put the actual numbers against the percentages for total crime, the incidents for the two months in 2008 amounted to 49 and for the same period in 2009 was 35. Buckingham South therefore continues to be a low crime area.

If you need support from TVP regarding any aspect of security, ring 0845 8 505505 and ask for anyone in your neighbourhood team.



Please contact us if you would like details on any of these schemes

FIRST FRIDAY WALKS

Deepest Oxfordshire

A dozen sturdy souls turned up for the monthly mystery walk in September.

Half an hour's drive took us to Charlton in north-east Oxfordshire and it did have the feel of another County. Pretty villages with stone houses, different trees and hedges and, to the relief of some of our number who are nervous of cattle, there were more ploughed fields than grazing so we did not have to face the cows at all this time.

The landlord at the pub in Kings Sutton, where we had lunch, must have been pleased as he only appeared to have one other customer. The locals must have fallen on hard times because the food they were missing was excellent.

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.

JOKE OF THE DAY

A new pastor was visiting the homes of his parishioners.

At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Therefore, he took out a card and wrote "Revelation 3:20" on the back of it and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, Genesis 3:10."

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid, for I was naked."

MEMORIES OF SPORT IN OVING – 7

As the English cricket season of 2009 comes to an end, followers of the game in Oving have much to reflect upon during the winter months, including an exciting victory over Australia in the Ashes series.

Oving no longer has a cricket team of its own, but matches were once played on the Recreation Ground. It is difficult now to imagine how a true wicket could be prepared in the middle of the football pitch, but in the years after the Second World War, a keen group of residents challenged local teams in friendly fixtures. Here is the report of the Secretary, H. E. Edwards, at the beginning of the 1952 season:

The Secretary reported that 9 fixtures had been made to date, and that replies were outstanding from several other clubs. Suggestions were made as to other clubs to be approached. It was decided to try and arrange two evening games with Whitchurch early in the season.

On Monday 10th November, the Secretary produced his report for the 1952 season:

Fifteen matches, in addition to Married v Single on Whit Monday, were arranged. Favoured by good weather, the first twelve of these were fulfilled with the satisfactory record of seven wins against five losses. The bowling was on the whole very good, and the fielding, in spite of one or two off days, was also good. The batting would probably have benefited by regular practice.

I should like to express my thanks to Herbert Cleaver for his great enthusiasm throughout the season, and to George Ayres for his efforts during Herbert's absence on holiday.

The season ended disastrously. The last three matches were scratched. For each of the first two, five men and two boys were available. The third was cancelled owing to the claims of a football practice match, although I understand that the Recreation Ground rules do not allow of football in August.

In the circumstances, I hereby resign the secretaryship as I do not see my way clear to arrange fixtures the fulfilment of which is so doubtful. It is with great regret that I do so, as I had very much enjoyed the matches actually played.

Efforts were made to recruit a new Secretary, but came to nothing. There must have been some arm-twisting behind the scenes, as it is reported that at a meeting two weeks later:

Mr Clarke (Chairman) stated that Mr Colin Smart had declined the secretaryship. After further discussion, H. E. Edwards agreed to act as Secretary. It was also agreed that no matches be arranged after August Bank Holiday, as holidays and harvest combined to make it very difficult to raise a team.

RCB September 2009

THE OVING VERSES

The aristocracy of Oving
Thought they would like a dance
So they hired the village schoolroom
To kick up their heels and prance
There was little Tatty Toogood¹
With General Snips went round²
They waltzed so very clumsily
She tore the flounce from her gown
The Honourable Harry Pilate³
He hails from Blackgrove Farm
Was dancing so divinely
With Minnie Conceit on his arm⁴
Next comes Will M. the carpenter⁵
With his bold deceitfull eye
He likes to get poor Emily⁶
And kiss her on the sly
The gallant Colonel Edward
He is so bold and gay
He likes to flirt with all the girls
When dear mamma's away
The Doughnuts come from far and near⁷
I am sure they do look nice
If any young man is wanting
One would make a charming wife
And the two Miss Counter Jumpers⁸
I am sure they can't complain
For the young men always flatter them
And so they come again
There was Lady Nobby
With Lord Calf by her side⁹
He said 'Oh Lady Nobby
I wish you'd be my bride'
Now here comes another lady
She is both fat and fair
She brings her little daughter
And her mothers' help is there
The Poll Parrott too was there

But not in such great force
For all that I could hear it say
Was - from Whitchurch – of course
But hark I hear a whisper
From Whiskey Toddy hot¹⁰
He says for little post girls¹¹
I do not care a jot
The babes in the wood are there¹²
Looking both sparkling and gay
It is a pity they had not the sense
To keep such girls away
Minnie Conceit from Marlow Cottage⁴
And her mother too were there
She said I think I ought to go
To see the fun of the fair
Here is our great Queen Alexandra¹³
And her sister down from town
They both look very charming
As they go dancing round
Oh here's still one more lady
I had very near forgot
I mean our good Aunt Boffin¹⁴
Who keeps the coffee hot
And her daughter Annie Knowall¹⁵
She looks so spick and span
She wanted to come to the ball
To find a nice young man

¹ Lizzie Lloyd

² H.J. Holden

³ Ridgeway

⁴ Minnie Clarke

⁵ Will Marks, Tinkers End
(Now Manor Road)

⁶ Emily Tattam

⁷ Misses Dickens, Granboro

⁸ Misses Holden


- ⁹ Ralph Lloyd
- ¹⁰ Victor Todd, Whitchurch
- ¹¹ Misses Rickard, Whitchurch
- ¹² Woods of Dunton
- ¹³ Miss Will Lloyd
- ¹⁴ Mrs Will Marks
- ¹⁵ Annie Clarke

These verses were sent to me by Mrs Patricia Starr neé Clarke whose father was born in Marlow Cottage. They were written around the beginning of the 19th century and were found in an envelope addressed to Miss Rickard, Post Office, Whitchurch.

I understand there are more of these verses and I wonder if anyone might have the rest and would be willing to let me have a copy for inclusion at a later date.

I hope you enjoyed them.

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



Adam Shields	641020
Joshua George	641891
Roberta Baker	641301
Annelise Waldron	641656
Lucy Hughes	640821

OVING FREECYCLE IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE CALL VAL on 640296	
THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE OFFERED THIS MONTH FREE IF COLLECTED	Phone No & initials
Bush 15" 'Portable' Colour TV with remote control	PN 641721
Upright iron frame piano	AM 640842
Shower Cubicle	HD 641422
Small bathroom cabinet	HD 641422

SCHORNE TEAM OF CHURCHES - SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2009

	Granbois'	N Marston	Oving	Dunbn	Hoggeson	Hardwick	Whitchurch	Quainbn	Waddesdon	Westcott	Winchendon
4 Oct	8.00 HC/PB AB										
17 th after Trinity	11:00 FS PE	10:00 FS DH	11:00 Harv PDM			9:30 HC/PB DM	11.00 HC DM		11.00 FC LW	9:30 HC/PB LW	
Green					6:00 Harv PJM			6:30 HC PDM			
11 Oct						9:30 FS A1Wredon PJM		9:30 Harv PDM	9:00 HC/PB LW		
18 th after Trinity											
Green			6:00 HC AB					6:30 ES PDM			
18 Oct								8.00 HC/PB PDM			
19 th after Trinity	11.00 FS JB	9:30 FS LW	11.00 FC LW		11:00 FS PJM	9:30 HC PJM	11.00 HC DM		11.00 FS AB	9:30 FS AB	
Green	6.00 ES AB							6:30 ES PDM			
25 Oct											
Last after Trinity	11.00 FC AB	9:30 HC AB				9:30 FC PJM	11.00 MS DM	9:30 FC PDM	11.00 UA LW		9:30 HC/PB LW+JB
Green			6:00 ES AB					6:30 ES PDM			
1 Nov	8.00 HC/PB AB										
All Saints Day	11:00 FS PE	10:00 FS DH	11:00 FS AB		9:30 HC/PB DM	9:30 HC/PB PJM	11.00 HC DM		11.00 FC JB+LW	9:30 HC/PB JB+LW	
White									6.00 Service of Light LW+JB		
Holy Communion at Weedon Schoolroom Thursdays at 10.00am											
8 Oct	PDM	15 Oct	AB		641606	Rev Janet Bayly	670245	HC	Holy Communion	PB	Prayer Book
22 Oct	PJM	29 Oct	JB		670298	Rev Ann Varter	423363	FC	Family Communion	MS	Matins
					655068	Mr David Heffer	670273	FS	Family Service	ES	Evensong
					655237	Rev Jim Goringe	01528 240281	UA	United Service at Parish Church		
					641246	Mr Peter Evans	670570	UM	United Service at Methodist Church		
								+B	With Baptism		

11:00 Team Service at Waddesdon - Janet Bayly's First Communion