

Oving with  
Pitchcott  
Newsletter



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**DECEMBER 2009 CONTRIBUTIONS**

**By 10th November please**  
 Many thanks, Valerie Adams,  
 12 The Pightle, Oving 640296  
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ROTAS						
	11.00am	Sidesmen	Readers at 6.00pm	Chancel	Nave	Path & Bins
01-Nov	Family Service	M.Ponsford R.Goss		L.Ponsford	H.Fone	D.Smith
08-Nov		S.Berriman J.Wiggett	R.Parrott	L.Ponsford	L.Watson	A.McGinn
15-Nov	Family (Gifts) Communion	J.Shields J.Brunswick		M.Hodges	D.Hilton Jones	S.Taylor
22-Nov		E.Conway S.Hodges	J.Peeters J.Brunswick	M.Hodges	J.Smith	P.Goss
29-Nov	Team Advent Service Whitchurch					
06-Dec	Family Service	K.Hinds J.Goss		S.Hodges	.C.Jenner	D.Goss

**GLASS RECYCLING NOVEMBER**  
**Collection date this month is Weds 11TH**

LADIES NIGHT - 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH		
DATE	HOST	PHONE NO
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

### **Village Harvest Supper**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed, decorated, organised, sang their sock off, compiled quizzes, gave prizes (including the marrow) and cleared up afterwards. You were fantastic! Consequently we all had a great Harvest Supper.

<b>Nov 1<sup>st</sup> 11:00am</b>	<b>Family Service.</b> The Church's birthday celebration, Oving Parish Church
<b>Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 10:45:00 for 11:00am</b>	<b>Team Remembrance Service,</b> Whitchurch Church
<b>Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 11:00am</b>	<b>Family Communion.</b> The shoe box service of Christmas gifts will be held in Oving Church. Contact Caroline on 670099 for more details. Your generous gifts in previous years have been brilliant. Please support us again this year.
<b>Saturday Nov 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm</b>	<b>Lend me a Tenor</b> Due to popular demand they're back. So get your tickets early from Janet Brunswick 641399 or Tessa Baker 641301 Tickets £8 including refreshments
<b>Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 4:00pm</b>	<b>Hardwick Church</b> There will be a joint service between the local Methodist and Church of England Churches to celebrate the unity of our Christian faith.
<b>Nov 29<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm</b>	<b>Advent Team Service</b> Whitchurch. Christmas is coming so come along to the team service in Whitchurch Church to prepare calmly before the seasonal stress begins. This service is all about taking darkness into light and is candlelit. A beautiful way to begin the Christmas celebrations
<b>Monday Dec 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm</b>	<b>Carol singing around the village.</b> We meet at church and keep going till we're tired. All welcome to come and enjoy the traditional Christmas experience in your own village. Bring a torch and warm togs. All proceeds go to charity.
<b>Congratulations</b> to Philip and Susan Hodges who were married in All Saints Church on 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2009. Very best wishes for your future happiness together.	
<b>Congratulations</b> to Rachel and David Joy on the birth of their son Isaac, a brother for Jacob.	

Dear Friends,

That's the party conference season done for another year. This year, of course, more exciting than many because the parties have gathered for the last time before the General Election which, we are led to believe, will come next May.

Pollsters are working frantically to see whether people have changed their minds about how to vote as a result of the conference speeches and hours have been poured into the analysis of what the various leaders have said. I understand that there is now the possibility of a series of televised debates between the party leaders in the run-up to the election – even the Scottish National Party is pushing to be involved in that.

What I am left wondering, however, is not who will be our Prime Minister next May, nor even how painful the route towards recovery is actually going to be for all of us – I am just left wondering how many people are there left who actually care?

There's the historic fact that a 'first-past-the-post' system means that it matters little which way the majority vote and that must serve as a disincentive. But I think there is more of a sense of disappointment with the political classes as the news of further investigations into the whole expenses thing hits the news again.

Perhaps we wonder whether it will truly make any difference who we elect for we may feel that when all of the 'spin' is stripped away from the policy announcements there is little to choose between the parties.

It all feels really rather hopeless.

And yet I believe that we saw real signs of hope last month – and the hope was actually to be found in the Church of England. Seven Deacons were ordained Priest in Stowe school Chapel. Those who have been there will know just how large the building is – and it was full! Somewhere around six hundred people worshipping God and celebrating the new ministries of those who God has called to serve in this way. It felt as if the Church, which so many seem keen to write off, is still strong, vibrant and relevant.

As I write, the whole MP expenses thing seems set to dominate the news. And yet, as bad as that might seem, might I dare to suggest that it might be better if we concentrated on a couple of other things.

Firstly, it seems to me that those who have been caught out lining their own pockets now have an urgent responsibility to ensure that the poorest people both of the world and of this nation are properly cared for.

And secondly? Might it not be better to look for good news stories? For some of us that will involve looking for the good that we see around us – for others it might involve making sure that more people have the chance to discover the Good News, the Gospel.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David". The letter 'D' is large and loops around the 'a', and the 'id' is written in a cursive style.

Schorne Team Leader

## THE BLACK BOY O'ING ANNOUNCEMENT

As most of the village will know, Sally and I have for the past weeks, been negotiating the sale of the Black Boy.

Unfortunately or indeed, fortunately, depending on your point of view the would be purchase has been unsuccessful and so we will be staying on at the pub for a little longer.

With our award winning chef Justin Blackwell and new menus, we look forward to welcoming customers old and new.

David and Sally Hayle

### Harvest Supper

Thank you so much to all the ladies and gents who provided the most scrumptious food for the Harvest Supper. It was simply outstanding. A big thank you too to Elaine for organising the quiz, which provided diners with a fun challenge between courses.

Kind regards  
Tessa Baker

### **Lend Me A Tenor**

**A relaxing evening of popular songs and tunes.**

**Not to be missed**

**28<sup>TH</sup> November at 7:00 pm**

**Tickets £8.00**

**Concessions £6.50**

**Wine and Nibbles included**

**For tickets please contact Tessa on 64301  
or Janet on 64399**

## **FIRST FRIDAY WALKS**

### **Ghost trains in North Bucks?**

Our luck with the weather was again present for the October walk on which 10 people and 3 dogs discovered more beautiful countryside on a circular route in North Bucks. This time we started at Boycott Farm near Stowe and walked to Tingewick, then to Water Stratford and back to the start all in lovely sunshine. On the way we crossed and re-crossed the former Buckingham to Brackley railway where, if you stand quietly enough and use your imagination, you can faintly hear the sound of the last train to Brackley. Some of the stiles were a challenge, and one particularly difficult example brought out a large variety of elegant and not-so-elegant methods of getting over. What price the photos?!

Lunch at the busy farm shop was home made and very good after a fairly long wait.

The next walk is being planned for the Verney Junction area and we hope to have a snack lunch at the restaurant 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.

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
Painted, 'turned wood' standard lamp.	JP 641738
Upright iron frame piano	AM 640842
Shower cubicle	HD 641422
Small bathroom cabinet	HD 641422
Current version of all-in-one driving test software plus 'L' plates	AM 640329



**W.C.C.A. PRESENTS**

**BONFIRE NIGHT**

**THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

**MANOR FARM,  
WHITCHURCH**

**TIME 6:30 PM**

**TICKETS IN ADVANCE                    £2.50**

**ON THE NIGHT                            £5.00**

**BEST GUY COMPETITION**

**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED FROM**

**AMANDA TOFIELD                    6 40 100**

**OR GUY BOND                            6 4 1936**

BOOK CLUB – 1 <sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH		
DATE	HOST	PHONE NO
November 5th	Kit	641694
December 3rd	Christmas Meal	
January 7th	Elaine	641516

New book lovers welcome.  
Reading list details available from anyone in the above list.

### **New Editor**

We are delighted to announce that Genevieve Ponsford will be taking over as editor of the Oving with Pitchcott Newsletter in January. We would like to thank Val again for her outstanding work over the years and for her continued commitment in carrying out the handover to Genevieve. Please continue to use the contact details provided in the newsletter during this transition period.

### **Churchyard tidy-up**

Saturday 28th November from 10:00 to 1:30 has been set aside to tidy-up the churchyard. All volunteers will be most welcome.

### **Oving's New Rights of Way Panel**

Earlier this year we raised £335 for the new village hall by having a photo competition for the new Oving Rights of Way panel. We are pleased to inform you that, at long last, not only have we chosen the photographs, but the panel has been designed. We would like to thank all those people who entered their photographs. The photographs we felt best represented the village and its Rights of Way were selected. These photographs were taken by Harriet Cullen, John Hale and Ambrose McGinn. However, special mention goes to our youngest competitor Abigail Barber who was 5 at the time that she took her photograph of beautiful spring snowdrops. We had many really good pictures to choose from, but were limited in space and had to cut the number down to the 13 pictures finally chosen for the panel.

We worked with Yoshimi Kuroda of Bucks CC graphic team to come up with the final design following several meetings. The two Oving panel cases are in front of the Black Boy Pub and in the car park of the Recreation Ground. At the time of writing this article we are waiting for Bucks CC to laminate and mount the maps, but by this November's newsletter, we hope that the new panels will be in situ.

There is a Circular Oving and North Marston walk (No.1) highlighted on the map. This 5 mile walk has an accompanying blue leaflet which you can pick up in the Black Boy Pub.

We hope that the new panels remind you of the many footpaths and bridleways that are around for you to enjoy in our very picturesque village.

Rachel & David Barnett

## MEMORIES OF SPORT IN OVING – 8

Following the Cricket Club crisis of 1952, when The Secretary, Mr H E Edwards, had threatened to resign, but was eventually persuaded to continue in his original role, he carried out his duties over a number of years with diligence and enthusiasm. The Annual General Meeting of the Cricket Club was held in the Reading Room on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1954, with the following Members present:

Messrs G Ayres (Chairman), John Ayres, Herbert Cleaver, David Midwinter, Brian Phillips, Colin Smart, Peter Tombs, Philip White and the Secretary.

The Secretary produced his Report for 1953:

*The Club enjoyed a fairly successful season: wins and losses were equal at six each. The victories over Cublington (away) and Westcott (home) were particularly good performances. The results would have been even better if we had been able to put anything like our full strength in the field each week. Low water mark was reached in the away match against Rowsham, where we turned up with four men, four boys and three short. This is not fair either to our own Club or to our opponents.*

*Len Myatt topped both the batting and bowling averages. Herbert Cleaver took the greatest number of wickets and was well supported by Doug Bevan, who also had the highest number of runs scored.*

*The most hopeful sign is the number of young players coming along, and if they are available regularly, we should have a good team in future.*

*During the close season we sustained a sad loss in the untimely death of Ivor Cleaver. He was a most promising player and one of the keenest members. He will be very much missed both on and off the field.*

At the end of the Meeting, there was a discussion on team selection. It was agreed that with an eye to the future, boys should be given good chances to take their place in the team.

*If it happens, as it probably will, that every boy cannot play in every match, the selection should go by “fair turns”, so that no-one is left long without a game.*

RCB October 2009

### **Rainbows and Brownies in Whitchurch**

1st Whitchurch Rainbows currently have a couple of spaces for girls aged 5 - 7 years old we meet on a Tuesday evening between 5.30 and 6.30pm. We have fun evenings playing games, singing and making things. Fees are £2 per session and are paid at the beginning of each term.

Brownies is currently full but we run a waiting list, the Brownie age group is 7 - 10 years.

Our catchment area for Rainbows are, Pitchcott, Oving, North Maston, Whitchurch, Creslow, Cublington, Hardwick and Weedon. The Brownie catchment area is all except for Oving and North Marston (these are in the Granborough catchment area)

If you are interested in putting your daughter on our waiting list then please call Joanne Peasley on 01296 641194 or email [joanne.peasley@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:joanne.peasley@tiscali.co.uk)

### **The Friends of Whitchurch Surgery invite you to Granborough Village Hall on Tuesday, 17th November 2009 at 7.30pm**

when Jackie Lloyd Jones will give a short talk on her recent visit to a country area near El Eldoret, Kenya where she has been buying, in Kenya, Nappy Packs for free distribution to Women and Babies giving birth in the Plateau Hospital Maternity Unit. She has raised money for this locally.

Wine (1st glass free), Canapés & Mince pies will be served during the evening.

RAFFLE Tickets are £6. preferably in advance.

Please call Jackie Lloyd Jones on 01296 670210

Jennifer Heffer on 01296 670273 or call into Whitchurch Surgery.

Proceeds will be divided between The Friends of Whitchurch Surgery and Jackie Lloyd Jones' Nappy Pack fund.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU**

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



<b>Adam Shields</b>	<b>641020</b>
<b>Joshua George</b>	<b>641891</b>
<b>Roberta Baker</b>	<b>641301</b>
<b>Annelise Waldron</b>	<b>641656</b>
<b>Lucy Hughes</b>	<b>640821</b>

