

Oving with
Pitchcott
Newsletter



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January 2010 CONTRIBUTIONS

By 10th December please

Many thanks, Valerie Adams,
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ROTAS							
	Time	Service	Sidesmen	Readers at 6.00pm	Chancel	Nave	Path & Bins
06-Dec	11:00am	Family Service	K.Hinds J.Goss		S.Hodges	C.Jenner	D.Goss
13-Dec	6:00pm	Evening Communion	E.Conway R.Parrott	M.Ponsford Zeph. 3, v14-20	S.Hodges	H.Fone	R.Smith
20-Dec	6:00pm	Carol Service	J.Shields M.Ponsford			D.Hilton Jones	J.Peeters
24-Dec	3:00pm	Crib Service	TBA				
-	11:30pm	Midnight Mass	R.Goss S.Hodges				
25-Dec	11:00am	Family Communion	J.Brunswick				
27-Dec	11:00am	Team Service					
03-Jan	11:00am	Family Service	D.Jones J.Wiggett		K.Couper	J.Smith	D.Smith

LADIES NIGHT - 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH

DATE	HOST	PHONE NO
December 9th	Helen	641140
January 13th	Lynn	641684
February 10th	Susanna	641155

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	
Monday Dec 21st 6:30pm	Carol singing around the village. 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.
Late Congratulations to Karen and Andy Boulton of Pennocks, Marston Hill, on the birth of their baby Finlay Lukas.	
A warm welcome to Oliver and Michelle, Jake and Izzy who are newly arrived in Appletree Cottage.	
We are pleased to announce the baptism of Phoebe Grace Lodge on October 18 th . Welcome to the family of the church.	
Decorating the church. Christmas decorating on Saturday 19 th December from 10am onwards. Anyone able to help will be welcome and warmed with coffee etc.	

GLASS RECYCLING DECEMBER
Collection date this month is **Weds 9TH**

BOOK CLUB – 1 st THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH		
DATE	HOST	PHONE NO
December 3rd	Christmas meal	
January 7th	Elaine	641516
February 4th	Trish	641154
March 4th	Teresa	641770
April 1st	Anne	641314
May 6th	Trina	641188
June 3rd	Tessa	641301
New book lovers welcome. Reading list details available from anyone in the above list.		

Dear Friends,

It really seems like no time at all since I sat down at about this time last year to write for the December magazine. I really must be getting older – for each year seems to pass at an even more alarming pace. However, it feels as if a great deal has been packed in to the time that feels so short.

As a family we have continued to watch and wait with my brother who has to cope with having cancer. Life for him is up and down and he had to have major surgery over the Summer to stabilise his spine. Inevitably there are good days and awful days. His decline is pretty relentless and it is certainly difficult to cope with.

The Summer brought losses to the Rectory. My venerable Rover Tourer was violently assaulted by a horse box. The man who decides these things ruled that she had to go into permanent retirement. And our two lovely Labradors departed this world within thirty hours of each other.

And as I write, the year isn't ending much better with Heidi facing pretty major surgery and a recovery that is likely to take us past Christmas.

But life isn't all bad. Four healthy lambs born during Eastertide, a very respectable set of GCSE results for Tatiana, a replacement car that I have very quickly grown to enjoy (it doesn't rattle like the old one, the seat belt actually retracts when you take it off and there is no warning light telling me that the airbags don't work) and, most recently, an adorable addition to the family. Those who come to the door will, no doubt, be greeted by Ben – a black Labrador from Labrador Rescue. He hasn't yet

learnt to shout when the doorbell rings like Poppy and Beth did, or indeed take any interest in Poppy punching the post in the morning – but we're working on it.

And we, like so many families, are looking forward to Christmas. We are not sure what our plans are yet, but we can be pretty sure that we will have an enjoyable time, albeit a quiet one.

There are those, however, who, for whatever reason, will not find the festive season easy. Many members of our armed forces will have to celebrate the holiday in Afghanistan – for some it will feel like a day no less dangerous than any other. And remember their families who will continue to worry about their safety.

For others it may be a day which simply highlights an unbearable sense of loneliness or of loss. Still others may feel that they can't afford to celebrate. The homeless will remain homeless.

For them, as for us. 2009 is drawing to a close. Perhaps for those who truly need it, 2010 will bring new opportunities and new hope to make it a better year.

May I wish you all a happy and peaceful festive season and every blessing for the New Year.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial 'D'.

Schorne Team Leader.

OVING TENNIS CLUB NEWS

Oving Tennis Club is an active, friendly tennis club.
Club sessions every Sunday morning in the winter from 11.00 am
Welcome adult members for social tennis.

We successfully compete in the Aylesbury and District Tennis League.
This summer's results were excellent.
Men's 2 - won Division 5
Ladies – 2nd in Division 7
Mixed – won Division 6

The club welcomes new members.
For more information – contact the Members' Secretary.
Janet Willson tel. 01296 655280

FIRST FRIDAY WALKS

Concrete or countryside?

For those who are beginning to think the south-east is being built over at an alarming rate, take heart!

Ten 'first-Friday walkers' and three dogs roamed for over two hours on our latest walk but didn't see more than a dozen houses or so the whole time, and most of these were at one hamlet.

We started at Verney Junction, once busy with trains where two lines once crossed, but now sleepy and peaceful. We walked up to Addington and saw how the other half live before plunging west into unspoilt and almost deserted countryside. We encountered very little concrete, though some may have preferred it to the Somme-like mud we waded through at one place.


The owners of the Verney Arms had put on a special lunch snack menu and made us very welcome as we sat around the open fire.

Our walks take place on the first Friday of the month and everyone is welcome. Next month will be a very local walk with lunch at Ground Farm Barn. We will meet there at 9.30 am and you are invited to leave some liquid refreshment there to accompany your lunch after the walk. Further details 01296 641738.

Garden Farm

Unfortunately Stuart will not be able to provide us with stories of his gardening trials and tribulations any more. I wish to say thank you to him for his interesting and sometimes amusing anecdotes. He has been an inspiration. Is there anyone else who would be willing to write a piece each month on their chosen subject?

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
Current version of all-in-one driving test software plus 'L' plates	AM 640329

<p>Do you need a Babysitter? Call:</p>		<p>Adam Shields 641020</p>
		<p>Joshua George 641891</p> <p>Roberta Baker 641301</p> <p>Annelise Waldron 641656</p> <p>Lucy Hughes 640821</p>

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

MEMORIES OF SPORT IN OVING – 9

Oving Sports Football Club (now known simply as Oving Football Club) has a long and illustrious history. It was founded in 1887 by the then Rector of Oving, the Revd. I. Hill, who was also instrumental in the creation of the Oving Villages Cup Competition, which is still competed for by teams from local villages. The Final of this knock-out competition is always played at Oving on Easter Monday. The first winners were Long Crendon, who won 2-0 against Oving in 1890.

One of the most dramatic seasons in Oving's history was 1981-82. The previous season, the Club had won the Premier Division of the Aylesbury and District League, and the Field Shield, a local Cup competition. By Good Friday of the 1981-82 season (9th April 1982), when Oving won 2-1 against Stocklake to lift the Field Shield again, they had played 11 League games, winning 9 and losing 2. Their main rivals in the League were Long Marston.

On Easter Monday, 12th April 1982, Oving played Long Crendon in the Final of the Oving Villages Cup, and lost 1-0 to a goal in the third minute. It was a speculative shot from outside the penalty area, but crept inside the post. This early goal forced Oving onto the attack, but the Long Crendon defence held firm. The Bucks Herald reported:

Crendon's defence was well organised though they adopted safety first measures under pressure. Often good crosses such as an early one by Martin Taylor were put out for corners that produced little for Oving because generally Crendon were superior in the air. One of Oving's steadiest players in the first half was their left back Colin Parrott. Skeggs couldn't be faulted for effort and he put in a tremendous amount of work in midfield.

The team was: Waddington, I. Pronger, C. Parrott, Taylor, Matthews, Skeggs, N. Pronger, Chisholm, Rooke, Purdy, Shuffill. Sub: R. Parrott for Chisholm, 82 mins. Manager: A. Ford. Chairman: Percy Young.

Due to their progress in Cup Competitions (Oving also reached the Finals of the Berks and Bucks Competition and the Marsworth Cup, both of which they lost by the odd goal), a substantial backlog of League fixtures had built up. 17 matches were played in just over two months after the Villages Final. Despite winning 15 of these games, the Club still finished runners-up to Long Marston in the Aylesbury and District League.

One of Oving's younger squad members that season was 19-year-old Cliff Hercules, who spent three years with Oving before moving to Aylesbury United, where he became a goal-scoring legend.

RCB November 2009

With acknowledgements to Percy Young.

**OVING PARISH COUNCIL QUESTIONNAIRE
PROPOSED NEW PAVILION AND MEETING ROOM**

THE RESULT OF THE SURVEY IS AS FOLLOWS

Total number of questionnaires delivered to residents of Oving	368
Completed questionnaires returned by residents of Oving	259
Questionnaires returned as a percentage of total delivered	70.4%
Residents in favour of a new Pavilion and Meeting Room on Oving Recreation Ground if sufficient funds can be raised	208
Residents in favour as a percentage of questionnaires returned	80.3%
Residents not in favour	51
Residents not in favour as a percentage of questionnaires returned	19.7%
Preferred site of residents in favour	Site A (Old Pavilion) 57
	Percentage 27.4%
	Site B (Tennis Courts) 151
	Percentage 72.6%

The count was undertaken by Glyn Thomas, Parish Clerk, and Michelle Jackson, Clerk's Assistant, at 16.00h on 2nd November 2009, no other person being present.

The above results are a true record of the questionnaires received.

Glyn R M Thomas – Parish Clerk

At a Meeting held on 10th November 2009, Oving Parish Council resolved that it has a sufficient mandate to proceed with the project on Site B, and to seek planning permission for the new building.

Dear Mr. Ball,

Following the Oving Parish Council's recent questionnaire on building a new Pavilion and Meeting Room on Oving Recreation Ground, I am writing to register my strongest objection to this proposal which I was not able to do on the questionnaire that was sent to me.

The proposal to build a new Pavilion and Meeting Room is totally unnecessary and unjustified. It is a complete waste of money and, if it was built, would not be for the benefit of the villagers in Oving. This proposed development will destroy the tranquillity of our village and bring disruption and light pollution. It will only be of benefit to people who do not live in Oving. I should remind you that the Recreation Ground was donated by the Thomson family for the use and enjoyment of the villagers of Oving and this proposal will go against the intention of this generous donation.

I agree that the present Pavilion and playground are run down which is largely due to having had no money spent on them by the Parish Council in recent years. How, therefore, are you intending to maintain a new Pavilion of the size intended? I presume by a huge increase in our Council Tax which we do not want.

I do not believe the present Pavilion is beyond practical restoration which would be economic for the village and there is absolutely no need for a structure of this large, grandiose scale. In addition, there is no need for a new larger meeting room as Oving has had the use of the facilities at Whitchurch and surrounding villages for local groups. Indeed, there was no outcry when the Methodist Chapel, which had a meeting room attached to it, was closed down and sold. This was little used and a new meeting room in my opinion will meet the same fate.

I feel so strongly about this proposal that I am planning to involve outside bodies, including our MP and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England, in order to try to have it cancelled.

Yours sincerely, Ian Jenner.

Inglewood, Bowling Alley, Oving

Dear Mr Ball

Thank you for calling to collect the ballot papers yesterday. I now enclose the four papers for our address, but wish to register my protest at the clearly biased manner in which this vote is being carried out.

First, I would query the need for a second proposal, when a group set up by the residents - the Location and Design Group - has already debated the issues long and hard, and put forward its recommendations.

If however, the Parish Council believes that the Location and Design Group came up with the wrong answer, and thinks it best to submit an alternative for the residents of Oving to consider, surely the only fair way to do this would have been for BOTH the Location and Design Group and the Parish Council to have put forward their proposals side by side, and for each group to have set out the advantages and disadvantages of their proposal as they saw fit?

As it is, all we have is the biased view of the members of the Parish Council - and let us not deny it - we are all biased, one way or another, depending on where we live, whether or not we belong to the Tennis Club, and whether or not we are concerned about an increase in our rates.

Secondly, I would query the costings. We are told that a quantity surveyor has provided detailed estimates of the cost of the building and external works. These puzzle me. Looking at the drawings, the main difference between the two proposals appears to lie in the length of the two access tracks between the main car park and the "parking for delivery and access" - 4.7 cms as measured on the plan for Site B and 5.8cms for Site A, which would appear to translate to 47 metres and 58 metres respectively. Could it be that this additional 11 metres of access road accounts for the extra cost of of £13,100 in the external works for Site A?(£53,800, as opposed to £40,700). I am sure the Parish Council will have probed these figures , but it seems a disproportionate additional cost, particularly when taking into account the fact that services are already connected to Site A - but not to Site B - and this should represent a saving for Site A.

Or could it be that the additional costs for Site A lie in the fact that, for this site, there is:

- a short path to the road giving new pedestrian access, and
- a store in the corner, adjacent to the pavilion, marked "to be retained"?

Both would appear to be very useful and worthwhile - but why, I ask, are these two features not included in the list of advantages for Site A?

Thirdly, I would query the wisdom of moving the play area to a site partially obscured from view from the road, behind the pavilion. How can this make sense in terms of health and safety - and why is this not listed as one of the disadvantages of Site B?

Fourthly, I would ask whether the difference in distance from the car park between Site A and Site B, at 11 meters, is really significant, and worth mentioning as an advantage for Site B?

Fifthly, I would query how it has been deemed appropriate for the Tennis Club to donate £10,000 towards the cost of the pavilion for one site, but not the other? May we assume that if Site A were agreed, the Tennis Club would not be allowed access, or, if they were, would be charged a premium rate?

Lastly, I would ask why the Parish Council has not seen fit to include costings for the upkeep of the pavilion, and an estimate of the additional charge on our rates? Or could it be that, if the true costs were known, residents might respond less favourably?

Clearly we do need to replace the pavilion - but do we really need a meeting room? I suspect that many local groups, like the Book Group, would actually be quite happy to continue to meet in the comfort of members' homes, rather

than turn out on a winter's night to a bleak and cheerless pavilion, that we would have to pay for, one way or another - either through a rental charge - in which case I am sure we would vote with our feet - or through an additional charge on our rates, when, sadly, we would have no option.

Yours sincerely
Ann Rowswell

Oving Pavilion

Oving is a village with mixed blessings, a good position for car owners, good sense of community and people willing to work hard organising events. The recreation ground has well run soccer teams and tennis club.

The disadvantages are no community hall, library or function room at the pub, which ceased organising activities like quiz nights long ago. Buses stop at 7 and a taxi is £12. If you don't drive there are no communal activities or meeting places.

We need a village that caters for everyone including families, maintains facilities offering well organised sports, and a community facility where new activities can be organised. Activities are better than ASBOS to fight boredom.

We shouldn't need to use our cars everyday but be able to participate locally, walking or cycling instead of driving.

If we do nothing

- The recreation ground will suffer and sports will go elsewhere.
- Teenagers will hang around on the streets.
- Cars will be used even more.
- Oving will lose its village identity and merge into the surrounding communities.

OPC has done a good job, the pavilion is now a reality but we have never discussed longer term goals so reservations on the impact on the village and the rates are now being raised. If the survey is not decisive then we need a debate. Meetings and letter writing only suite a few, opening up the village website for a discussion could extend this opportunity. The village website would be a good medium for a discussion, letting villagers submit letters via the news letter for the website or post directly onto it.

Charles Adams

SCHORNE TEAM OF CHURCHES - SERVICES FOR DECEMBER 2009

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