

Oving with
Pitchcott
Newsletter



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March 2010 CONTRIBUTIONS

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Note from the Editor:

Firstly I would like to thank Val Adams for all her hard work as Editor of the Oving with Pitchcott Newsletter, and for taking her own time to teach me the ropes and be a constant mentor. I hope I can produce a newsletter to a similar professional standard. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Ian and myself to thank everyone for all their cards, presents and best wishes to our baby boy Ivan – your generosity has been overwhelming! That just leaves me to encourage any budding writers or contributors to contact me if they would like something to go in the newsletter. Articles on anything that interests you would be greatly appreciated, but please make sure I have them by the 10th of the month.

Genevieve Ponsford.

Thought for the month - FEBRUARY

"We are all born for love... it is the principle existence and it's only end." -- Benjamin Disraeli

(Don't forget Valentine's Day!)

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



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

Church News

1. **Christingle Service** 7th February 2010.
2. **Christmas Carol Singing.** Seven brave souls sang through the snowy village night and raised the princely sum of £79 for the Church of England Children's Society. Thank you to all who came along and all who generously gave, and to those who gallantly came out and joined us for a verse or two along the way. A real Christmas spirit shared. If your road was missed this time we'll catch you next year. Many thanks, Linda Ponsford.

ROTAS February 2010						
Date	11.00am	Sidesmen	Readers at 6.00pm	Chancel	Nave	Path & Bins
07-Feb	Christingle Family Service	T.Baker R.Goss		M.Hodges	E.Conway	R.Smith
14-Feb		M.Ponsford J.Wiggett	S.Hodges 1 Cor.Ch 3 v 1-9	L.Ponsford	J.Smith	J.Peeters
21-Feb	Family Communion	D.Jones J.Brunswick		L.Ponsford	H.Fone	D.Smith
28-Feb		S.Hodges S.Berriman	M.Ponsford Isaiah 49 v 8-16a J.Brunswick Matt.6 v24- 34	S.Hodges	L.Watson	A.McGinn
07-Mar	Family Service	E.Conway J.Goss		S.Hodges	D.H.Jones	S.Taylor

Roger Ball

Roger Ball, the Oving Parish Council Chairman, lived in the village with his wife Brenda, at Melbreak, in Bowling Alley for 16 years until his sad death on 18th December 2009.

Born in Liverpool in 1947, Roger studied modern languages at Cambridge where he met Brenda who was attending a teacher training college. Their courtship was much assisted by Rogers ability to write poetry to her. They married in 1969 and had two children Juliette and Kester

Roger had a successful career in banking, which brought with it posts in several towns and cities including Liverpool, Blackburn, Newcastle, Hexham and London. Outside work Roger always had a keen interest in sport and particularly long distance running. A picture at his home shows him crossing the finish line in the St Albans marathon in 3 hours 21 minutes, a very good time for an amateur runner, far quicker than either of the recent efforts by two of our current Parish Councillors!

It was from St Albans that Roger and son Kester left in April 1989 to watch their beloved Liverpool Football Club at Hillsborough. In the tragic events before the game that day Kester was killed and Roger was injured. Understandably those events affected Roger profoundly for the rest of his life.

Soon after that both Roger and Brenda took early retirement and settled in Oving where they became firm friends with a group of neighbours they nicknamed the "Village People". Since moving to the village Roger spent much time watching sport and was often seen on the touchline supporting Oving Football Club. He also spent time listening to music and model making but his business training and personal experiences proved invaluable in a new voluntary role of counsellor to the bereaved families of road accident victims.

In 2003 Roger became an Oving Parish Councillor where his accounting skills were particularly appreciated. He soon took on the role of Chairman of the Recreation Ground committee and later the chairmanship of the committee responsible for fund raising for the new pavilion. Earlier this year Roger was unanimously elected Chairman of the Parish Council, a role he took on with pride and carried out with great dedication, despite deteriorating health.

For the past few months Roger's sporting interests were directed more towards watching cricket, particularly at Lords, but he also enjoyed a new project, researching and writing in this newsletter about the sporting events, and the people involved, in Oving in the 1950s

Rogers packed funeral service included tributes from three longstanding friends who painted a picture of a highly intelligent, yet loyal and generous friend but above all a family man who will be very sadly missed.

Brenda would like to thank all those who have supported her and sent cards and messages of condolence following the death of her dearest husband Roger.

LADIES NIGHT - 2ND WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH		
DATE	HOST	PHONE NO
February 10th	Susanna	641155
March 10th	Elaine	641516
April 14th	Pam	640158
May 12th	Tessa	641301
June 9th	Pollie	641721

Bring along your sewing or knitting or whatever else you like to do and relax with other like minded ladies. - Newcomers welcome
Details available from anyone in the above list

FIRST FRIDAY WALKS

Snow and Ice no problem

Fourteen well wrapped villagers set out for the January walk on a circular route across the snowy landscape around Oving, Hardwick and Whitchurch and some lovely views were recorded for posterity on at least four walkers' cameras.

Crossing deep virgin snow was fun, though tiring, but it was fascinating trying to identify animal tracks. In particular we were intrigued by the tracks of a muntjac deer, so light that it did not sink more than a centimetre or so into the snow.

We also had rabbits, hares and a fox to help entertain us.

Sadly we missed out on our customary pub lunch with the Oving and North Marston premises both closed for refurbishment and no lunches at the White Swan, Whitchuch's one remaining hostelry. Hopefully this "famine" will not be repeated on future walks.

Our walks take place on the first Friday of each month. We meet at 9.30 am in The Pightle and everyone is welcome. Further details 01296 641738

HAS OVING GOT TALENT?

How much talent is there in Oving?

What are you good at?

Can you draw or paint? Are you musical? Are you crafty?

Are you proud of your photographs? How's your embroidery?

Can you dance? Are you funny? Are you a poet and do you know it?

Are you an actor or do you have the x-factor?

If there are enough Oving artists, artistes, craftspeople or potential entertainers prepared to admit it, lets put on a display and a show this summer for our friends and neighbours.

We could have lots of fun and even raise some money for the new pavilion.

Don't hide your talent. Just call Jack on 641738 or email i.peeters@btinternet.com

Stop press. It's not a competition, it's a show.

Things are looking good so far but there's still room for YOU.

OVING FREECYCLE IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE EMAIL ovingnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk	
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

New Year, New Presents – keep them safe

How better than to start the new year with a resolution to keep your property safe.

Aylesbury Vale District Council and Thames Valley Police are working in partnership to keep burglary low over the New Year period by encouraging residents to safeguard Christmas presents by using property marking kits.

The kits include a UV marker, which enables valuables to be marked with your house number and postcode so if goods do get stolen and then recovered by the police they can be returned to you.

Marking your property is quick and easy and is a fundamental deterrent to thieves as it exposes them to risk if caught and prevents them from selling goods on.

For a free UV property marking kit, please call into Customer Services at Aylesbury Vale District Council, 66 High Street, Aylesbury.



Council and Police working together to reduce crime and disorder.

FIRST GRANBOROUGH SCOUTS GROUP.

First Granborough Scouts run a Beavers and Cubs Group in North Marston School on Tuesday evenings in term time.

Recently the groups have had talks from the police and a pilot. The children are off to see the Panto this month also.

We run a waiting list system which your child can go on once they are 4 years old. The children then start Beavers once they are 6.

If you would like more information or would like to put your child's name on the waiting list, then please call : -
Vanessa Swinson on 01296 670720.

Something sweet to try...

ROCKY ROAD CRUNCH BARS

INGREDIENTS

125g soft butter

300g best-quality dark chocolate (minimum 70% cocoa solids), broken into pieces

3 x 15ml tablespoons golden syrup

200g Rich Tea biscuits

100g mini marshmallows

2 teaspoons icing sugar for dusting

Serving Size : Makes 24

METHOD

1. Melt the butter, chocolate and golden syrup in a heavy-based saucepan. Scoop out about 125ml of this melted mixture and put to one side.
2. Put the biscuits into a freezer bag and then bash them with a rolling pin. You are aiming for both crumbs and pieces of biscuits.
3. Fold the biscuit pieces and crumbs into the melted chocolate mixture in the saucepan, and then add the marshmallows.
4. Tip into a foil tray (24cm square); flatten as best you can with a spatula. Pour the reserved 125ml of melted chocolate mixture over the marshmallow mixture and smooth the top.
5. Refrigerate for about 2 hours or overnight.
6. Cut into 24 fingers and dust with icing sugar by pushing it gently through a tea strainer or small sieve.

... ENJOY

GLASS RECYCLING FEBRUARY
Collection date this month is Weds 3rd

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

JESUS

As portrayed by Luke

A course for Lent 2010

To be held every Monday at 7.45pm

In the Methodist Chapel, Weedon.

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| Mon 22 nd Feb. | His beginnings. Lk 1.1-4, 26-38; 4.14-22. |
| Mon 1 st Mar. | The Healer. Lk 18.35-43; 19.1-10. |
| Mon 8 th Mar. | The Teacher. Lk 10.25-37; 15.11-24. |
| Mon 15 th Mar. | The Redeemer. Lk 22.7-20, 66-71; 23.32-49. |
| Mon 22 nd Mar. | The Life-giver. Lk 24.1-53; 7.36-50. |

Everyone is very welcome to join in all or any of these sessions.

LEISURE

What is this life if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare?
No time to stand beneath the boughs
And stare as long as sheep or cows.
No time to see, when woods we pass,
Where squirrels hide their nuts in grass.
No time to see, in broad daylight,
Streams full of stars, like skies at night.
No time to turn at Beauty's glance,
And watch her feet, how they can dance.
No time to wait till her mouth can
Enrich that smile her eyes began.
A poor life this if, full of care,
We have no time to stand and stare.

W.H. Davies

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

Dear Mr Jenner,

Do you belong to the grumpy old man society? Your letter in December's Parish Magazine strongly indicates that you are indeed its life president and founding member. How sad that you feel a new and much needed facility in Oving is 'unnecessary and unjustified' and a 'complete waste of money'. How on earth would such a development not be for the benefit of the residents of Oving! All local people would be free to use it, just as we are able to use other village halls. Any village would be proud that their hall is well used and supported by its own residents and anyone else who wishes to come and use it.

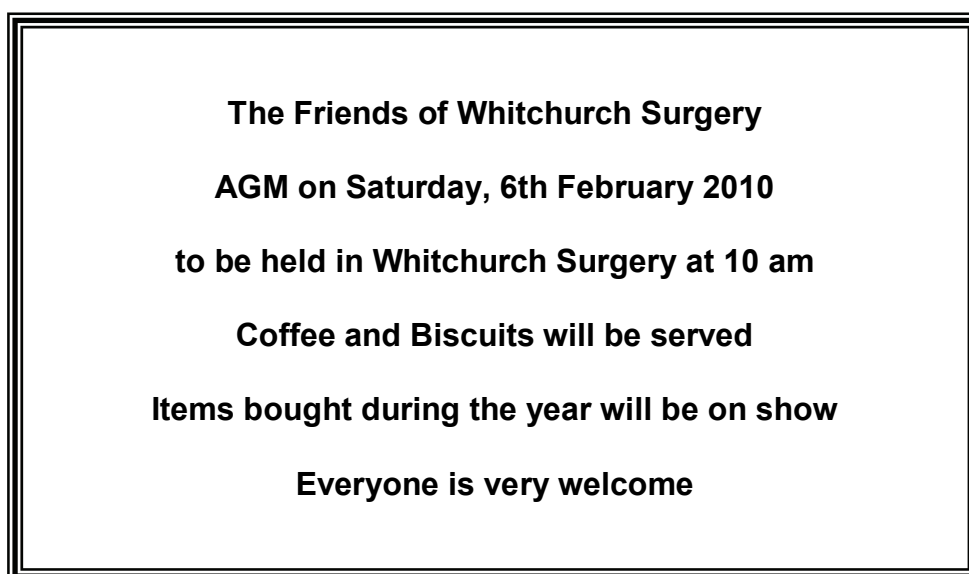
We are sure that the economic viability has featured highly in the research of this pavilion otherwise it would fail in its bid for further funding. Having a busy and active usage by sports, cultural and social events, allows such communal amenities to be economically viable. There is hardly a village nearby which does not have a village meeting room and Oving has needed a pavilion with a meeting room for many years. The Methodist Chapel was far too small to provide this and hence did not warrant consideration.

You say that the new pavilion would 'destroy the tranquillity of our village and bring disruption and light pollution'. Sadly we can't imagine Oving football club for instance making it through to the 3rd round of the FA cup and drawing Manchester United at home! This indeed might bring a few traffic problems to the area! However, local football, tennis and cricket clubs as well as other social and cultural pursuits are unlikely to create the disruption that Mr Jenner imagines. Indeed patrons of Oving pavilion will be delighted to have such a super modern well equipped facility to use. We should all be proud that our small village is home to so many sports clubs.

Mr Jenner states that the Thompson family donated the Recreation ground for the use and enjoyment of the villagers of Oving. This was a most forward thinking and generous act of theirs, qualities that Mr Jenner appears to lack. In our opinion the Thompson's would be delighted with the further progress of the new facilities proposed, which will encourage the youth of today to participate in healthy pursuits. In fact this new pavilion will enable all manner of activities to be run for the entire community, something one would expect the Thompson family to applaud. If the Thompson's had not wanted any further development on the Rec they would have made a covenant with their gift.

We wish to thank all the people who have put so much time and effort into the planning and fundraising events to date. We are really looking forward to this project coming to fruition and will continue to support future endeavours. As the scrooge season has now passed we hope Mr Jenner has a change of heart.

Rachel & David Barnett



**WHITCHURCH WI – MEETING HELD ON 4 JANUARY 2010 IN
METHODIST SCHOOLROOM**

Despite the snowy weather eighteen members attended although, unfortunately, the speaker Mr Clarke cancelled his attendance. Following completion of the usual business, tea was served before the meeting closed.

Barbara Betts

You are invited to attend the next meeting, to take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 2 February at Whitchurch Methodist Schoolroom. Philip Warner will give a talk about 'The History of Claydon House'.

SCHORNE TEAM OF PARISHES - SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY 2010

	Granboro'	N Marston	Oving	Dunton	Hoggeson	Hardwick	Whitchurch	Quarinton	Waddesdon	Westcott	Witchendon
7 Feb	8:00 HC/PB										
2 before Lent	11:00 FS PE	10:00 FS DH	11:00 FS AB		9:30 HC/PB AB	9:30 HC/PB PJM+DM	11:00 HC+B DM		11:00 FC JB-LW	9:30 HC/PB JB-LW	
Green								6:30 HC PDM			
14 Feb									8:00 HC/PB LW		
Next before Lent	11:00 FC AB	9:30 HC AB			9:30 FS At Weedon AV	9:30 FS At Weedon AV	11:00 FC DM	9:30 FS PDM	11:00 Sing & Praise		9:30 FS JB
Green			6:00 HC AB					6:30 ES PDM			
21 Feb								8:00 HC/PB PDM			
Lent 1	11:00 FS PDM	9:30 FS AB	11:00 AB		11:00 MS JB	9:30 HC DM	11:00 HC DM		11:00 FS LW	9:30 FC LW	
Purple	6:00 ES JB							6:30 ES PDM			
28 Feb											
Lent 2	11:00 FS AB	9:30 HC AB				9:30 FC DM	11:00 MS DM	9:30 FC PDM	11:00 UA LW		9:30 MS W+DP
Purple			6:00 ES AB					6:30 ES PDM			
7 March	8:00 HC/PB AB										
Lent 3	11:00 FS PE	10:00 FS DH	11:00 FS PDM			9:30 HC/PB DM	11:00 HC DM		11:00 FC LW	9:30 HC/PB LW	
Purple								6:30 HC PDM			
Holy Communion at Weedon Schoolroom Thursdays at 10.00am											
4 Feb	PJM	11 Feb	AB			Rev Janet Bayly	670245	HC	Holy Communion	PB	Prayer Book
18 Feb	LW	25 Feb	DM			Rev Ann Varker	423363	FC	Family Communion	MS	Matrins
						Rev Liz Walters	655089	FS	Family Service	ES	Evansong
						Rev Philip D Meats	655237	UA	United Service at Parish Church		
						Rev Paul Mansell	641246	+B	With Baptism		