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Newsletter



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April 2010 CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send to Genevieve Ponsford by
10th March at the latest,

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Note from the Editor:

Those of you who have been trying to contact me via the new email may well have been confounded. It seems I can send emails but not receive them, how helpful! Please send all future notices etc to genevieveponsford@yahoo.co.uk as I know this one works. As requested, I apologise to Ian Jenner for any offence caused by the publication of Rachel and David Barnett's letter last month. I must stress that although I wish to welcome all views and opinions, letters sent in are not my own words. I am therefore inserting a 'Disclaimer' stating that the views of readers in no way represent me or any other future editor of the magazine. Please continue to send in articles or anything else that interests you. It seems my recipe for 'Rocky Road' last month was a little portentous so I have gone for something smoother this time...enjoy.

Genevieve Ponsford.

Valuing Our Family

You want to know who matters the most in your life?
Well, whether you like it or not, the people who often matter most are our FAMILY. Why? Well, think about it:

- Who brings your life into the world?
- Who teaches you about life?
- Who cares for you and feeds you?
- Who teaches you to read?
- Who plays with you the most when you're little?
- Who comes to your speeches, plays, concerts, and birthday parties when you're growing up?
- Who shows up at your graduation?
- Who gives a bride away at her wedding?
- Who do you spend the holidays with most frequently?
- Who watches and supports when you give birth to your children?
- Who do you call when you have a serious problem?
- Who is the person you call when you have exciting news?
- Who is the person you care for when they are old?
- Who shows up when you pass away?

Well, the answer to all of these questions, for many people, is their **family**.
<http://aspirenow.blogspot.com/>

Don't forget to make your mum feel special this month...March 14th!

Church News

1. Fettling Day - There will be a church spring clean on Saturday March 27th from 10.00-1.00pm. Your help is always greatly appreciated and will be warmly welcomed whatever time you can offer.
2. Mother's Day – There will be a sale of plants and posies and cakes for mother's day gifts on Saturday March 13th from 10.30 – 12.00.
3. Mother's Day Service – There will be a morning family service on the 14th of the month.
4. Advance notice – During the June-August 'wedding season' we will be displaying wedding dresses and accessories in the church together with open gardens and teas in support of the church. We are hoping to find some unusual and historic pieces so if you have any photos of past village weddings or your own wedding dress(es) please let us know.
Janet Brunswick 641399 Linda Ponsford 641560

ROTAS February 2010						
Date	11.00am	Sidesmen	Readers at 6.00pm	Chancel	Nave	Path & Bins
07-Mar	Family Service	E.Conway J.Goss		S.Hodges	D.H.Jones	S.Taylor
14-Mar	Mothering Sunday	C.Jenner K.Ryle		K.Couper	J.Smith	P.Goss
21-Mar	Family Communion	R.Goss K.Hinds		K.Couper	C.Jenner	D.Goss
28-Mar		S.Hodges R.Parrott	P.Corbett Matthew 21 v1-11 T.Cleaver Phil.2 v5-11	J.Brunswick	E.Conway	P.Berriman
04-Apr	Easter Family Communion	J.Shields M.Ponsford		J.Brunswick	L.Watson	R.Smith

<p>GLASS RECYCLING MARCH Collection date this month is <u>Weds 3rd</u></p>

FIRST FRIDAY WALKS


Godington, Preston Bissett and Chetwode

This walk took us to some lovely hamlets on either side of the Oxfordshire Bucks border. As always we experienced a varied landscape and saw some real treasures in the form of historic buildings. Chetwode is particularly interesting and would make a great setting for period film or television drama.

On the subject of TV dramas our March walk will take us from Larkrise to Candleford (or at least the places that inspired the novel) and we will see the house in which Flora Thompson was raised and the place that had its name changed to Candleford for the novel. Keep a sharp eye out for the ghosts of Miss Lane, Twister, Laura, Robert Timmins and the sisters Pearl and Ruby who, allegedly still haunt those parts!

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

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

<p>Do you need a Babysitter? Call:</p>		<p>Adam Shields 641020 Joshua George 641891 Roberta Baker 641301 Annelise Waldron 641656 Lucy Hughes 640821</p>
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OIVING 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
Small bathroom cabinet	HD 641422
Current version of all-in-one driving test software plus 'L' plates	AM 640329
Electric Singer Sewing Machine	MP 641738

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.



Daffodils

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced, but they
Out-did the sparkling leaves in glee;
A poet could not be but gay,
In such a jocund company!
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

William Wordsworth



FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Saturday 13th March
10.30-12.00

Cakes and refreshments for sale!

OVING ALL SAINTS CHURCH

Please join us for a traditional
Mother's Day Family Service at
11am, Sunday 14th March, Oving
Church.



Share a joke on mother's day...

"The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for thirty years she served the family nothing but leftovers. The original meal has never been found." - Calvin Trillin

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

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

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



‘Nip garden crime in the bud this Spring’

Thames Valley Police and Aylesbury Vale District Council are asking residents to spare a thought for home security when they head out into their gardens this spring.

The value of property stored in outbuildings is often much more than people realise and what is valuable to you will also be valuable to a thief.

Defensive planting provides an additional security measure for your home and can be very successful as gardens are often the first line of defence against crime.

Prickly bushes can enhance the security of boundaries, around drainpipes or beneath ground floor windows, making forced entry more difficult and less attractive to would be burglars as well as being a simple, inexpensive and environmentally friendly crime prevention tool.

For more information, please drop into one of the following garden centres across Aylesbury Vale, where you can pick up a defensive planting leaflet or speak to a member of staff.

Alternatively, if you are unable to travel due to a disability, please contact the Council on

01296 585615 and we can arrange to post the leaflet.

- **Buckingham Nurseries and Garden Centre**, Tingewick Road, Buckingham, MK18 4AE

- **Haddenham Garden Centre**, Stanbridge Road, Haddenham, Bucks, HP17 8HN

- **Tring Garden Centre** (Wyevale), Bulbourne Road, Tring, HP23 5HF

- **Worlds End Garden Centre** (Wyevale), Aylesbury Road, Wendover, Aylesbury, HP22 6BD



Council and Police working together to reduce crime and disorder.

**WHITCHURCH WI – MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2010 IN
METHODIST SCHOOLROOM**

The February meeting was attended by 23 members and 3 guests.

After the completion of business, the President welcomed Philip Warner, who gave a fascinating talk on the history of Claydon House.

Barbara Betts

You are invited to attend the next meeting, to take place at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 2 March at Whitchurch Methodist Schoolroom. Mr B Smith will give a talk on 'The Welsh Cattle Drivers'.

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

We thank the following suppliers for faithfully delivering their products and services to the village throughout the very bad weather:

PARROTT BROS
BOND BROS
KARL'S BAKERY
UNA'S NEWS

Could we also express the hope that more households buy from these firms to enable them to continue their services. (David Midwinter).

As you walk out this month, remembering the icy grip this winter has held on the village, cast your mind back through bygone years in this lovely place. It's funny how soon you can forget the dreary, miserable weather when the sun comes out and warms your back. Hiking down Bunshill you will catch a glimpse of the drifts of snowdrops, legacies of times when every double hedgerow contained a hovel for a village family. The rule was, as long as you could have smoke coming out of a chimney by nightfall you could build your dwelling. The snowdrops are the only clue to those previous incumbents.

It is a far cry from today with all its planning rules and restrictions. Ruminating upon these times I was amused to imagine what trouble Jesus might encounter with the planning officer from AVDC.

OFFICER: You realise this is a conservation area and you want to build a church here!!

JESUS: Well this will be a house of God, how long will the procedure take?

OFFICER: About 2000 years...which reminds me - I've heard you have been distributing foodstuffs...er fish and bread without a catering or trading license. Furthermore, alcohol production, and distribution (turning water into wine wasn't it?) without a license, and walking on water - you need an entertainer's license for that you know...

But jesting apart we privileged villagers of 2010 can forget how hard life was a mere 100 years ago. Most villagers fetched water from the well, worked on the land for little more than 50p (10 shillings then) per week and childhood mortality was very high. Just a walk around our churchyard will tell you that. Was life better in other ways? Romantically we like to think so. No plastic, no barbed wire.....but more of that next time.

Don Coat.

Great for dinner parties...

CHOCOLATE POTS

INGREDIENTS

100g Swiss Plain Chocolate with Coffee

142ml carton double cream

2 tbsp brandy or coffee flavoured liqueur

150g Greek style natural yogurt

METHOD

1. Finely grate 1 square of chocolate and set aside. Roughly chop the remainder and place in a heatproof bowl with 3 tablespoons of cream. Place over a pan of simmering water and leave until melted, about 2 minutes, then stir.
2. Remove from the heat and beat in the brandy or liqueur, remaining cream and half the yogurt. Pour into 4 x 125ml coffee cups or ramekins.
3. Spoon the remaining yogurt over the top and sprinkle with the grated chocolate. Chill for at least 30 minutes before serving.

