

Oving with
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Newsletter



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May 2010 CONTRIBUTIONS

Please send to Genevieve Ponsford by
10th April at the latest,
 Email: genevieveponsford@yahoo.co.uk
 or deliver to Applegarth, Church Lane, Oving

I would like to thank all those who donated their delicious cakes to the Mother's Day stalls held on the 13th March. Having sampled more than...one, two, three I must urge all you budding bakers to send in your recipes! It has also been requested that those who made curries at last year's Harvest Supper share their talents. Unfortunately there was not room this time for one of my (chocolate) recipe choices but I'm sure we would all love to sample your local dishes. I am pleased that many of you sent in articles for this month, but if anyone fancies trying a short story or something a little on the lighter side I would love to publish it. That just leaves me to wish you all a very happy Easter.
 Genevieve Ponsford.

| ROTAS February 2010 | | | | | | |
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| Date | 11.00am | Sidesmen | Readers at 6.00pm | Chancel | Nave | Path & Bins |
| 04-Apr | Easter Family Communion | J.Shields M.Ponsford | | J.Brunswick | L.Watson | R.Smith |
| 11-Apr | | D.Midwinter J.Wiggett | M.Ponsford Acts 5 v4-9a | M.Hodges | D.H.Jones | J.Peeters |
| 18-Apr | Family Communion | D.Jones R.Goss | | M.Hodges | E.Conway | D.Smith |
| 25-Apr | | S.Hodges S.Berriman | J.Peeters Acts 9 v36-43 J.Brunswick John 10 v22-30 | L.Ponsford | J.Smith | A.McGinn |
| 02-May | Family Service | J.Brunswick K.Hinds | | L.Ponsford | H.Fone | S.Taylor |

* The Editor is not responsible for the views and comments expressed in any articles sent in.

Church News

April 4th Easter Sunday – Family Communion

April 11th Evening Communion – Please note this is an evening service not morning as team rota suggests.

Church Cleaning – We are always so grateful to our hardworking cleaners who give up their time to maintain our lovely village church. We really would appreciate more helpers on our rota, so that their turn comes round less frequently. Please ring Margaret Hodges 641391 if you can help.

Holy Week – The services for holy week will be held at Whitchurch.

Church Decoration for Easter – Saturday 3rd April. Call Janet Brunswick 641399.

Annual Vestry and Parochial Church Council Meetings

The annual meetings to elect the Churchwardens and members to the Parochial Church Council will take place, in the Church, on Sunday 25th April at 6:45 p.m. after the Evensong service. Everyone is welcome to attend and those on the Church electoral roll are particularly encouraged to participate.

Advertising Costs

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Easter eggs have been in the shops for weeks, although some people have bravely given up eating chocolate during Lent. Others resist alcohol for the period between Ash Wednesday and Easter Day. This is not an alternative diet but a true desire to do something positive to draw closer to God. The money saved may be given to charity; the calories saved hopefully lead to greater fitness!

Easter is the only time in the Christian calendar when we can truly walk in time with Jesus. As we follow him through Holy Week; Maundy Thursday; Good Friday and Easter Day we can trace his movements and final teachings.

A few years ago, during my training to become a priest, I experienced Holy Week in an Anglo Catholic church. There were many contrasts during that week, from the quiet music and reflections of Maundy Thursday to the joyful and colourful expressions of thankfulness on Easter Day – Jesus has risen from the dead and is alive for evermore!

Life is full of contrasts - highs and lows, joys and sorrows, fears and uncertainties and they can change from one to the other in a minute or less. We look at the world around us where the ordinary, everyday life of people is catastrophically changed forever by a natural disaster.

The Easter message is one of sadness transformed to joy – the followers of Jesus in abject sorrow as he dies on the cross and then amazed and thrilled as they meet with their risen Lord. And the Easter message for us is one of hope. We are loved by God and that love is shown most clearly at Easter.

May I wish you and your family a Happy Easter

Rev Janet Bayly.

FIRST FRIDAY WALKS

“Larkrise to Candelford”

Our March walk took us from Larkrise to Candelford, or at least the places that inspired the novel - Juniper Hill and Fringford in Oxfordshire. We saw the house in which author of the book, Flora Thompson, was raised at Juniper Hill; the school she attended in Cottisford and the post office where she worked in Fringford.

We saw none of the interesting characters from the book or television series but some of our walkers would make excellent stand-ins.

A near-record 17 people attended, together with four dogs who were very obedient until three deer crossed our path and the pack could not resist the chase.

Our walks usually take place on the first Friday of each month but April 2nd is Good Friday so **next one will take place on the second Friday of April (9th)** and this will be very local, ending up at the Black Boy for lunch. We meet at 9.30 am in The Pightle and everyone is welcome. Further details 01296 641738

GLASS RECYCLING APRIL
Collection date this month is Weds 28th

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

OVING PARISH COUNCIL – WE NEED YOUR INVOLVEMENT

Parish councillor

Following the very sad death of Roger Ball we have a vacancy to co opt a parish councillor onto OPC. This is a great opportunity to get involved with the management of village matters and has a direct impact on many issues within Oving. The time commitment is to attend a formal meeting every two months and various ad hoc meetings as they arise as well as represent Oving occasionally at County and District events and briefings. It certainly provides a fascinating perspective on local life and is a very practical way of contributing to the smooth running of our village. If you would like more information or to register an interest please contact Ambrose McGinn Chairman on 641026 or ambrose_mcginn@oving.org

Chair Funding group

In addition to the above we also have a vacancy for a chair of the funding group. This role is to lead and coordinate the funding group and associated volunteers to maximise the fundraising for the proposed Pavilion. Many in the village are taking part in fundraising activities and over £30,000 has been raised to date which is an impressive achievement – and lots of fun on the way! This role would suit someone who has familiarity with organising social events and/or is comfortable to lead and delegate task to their team for agreed events. Energetic and social villagers interested in this post should contact Ambrose as above

Funding application coordinator

Seeking out and completing formal funding applications is a crucial element of our funding efforts. This requires a diligent approach to applications and an attention to detail to ensure we meet and exceed when possible the funders specific requirements. This role, reporting though the chair of the funding group, would ideally suit a villager who is comfortable with accounts and business plans and has time to donate to complete the applications to the required deadlines. Advice and guidance is available through AVDC and other bodies and there is a considerable amount of ‘content ‘ to draw from that has already been developed for various applications. Again anyone interested in this role should contact Ambrose in the first instance.

Playground improvement group

The work to identify the pavilion requirements has recognised that the playground is in need of serious upgrading and improvement. The Parish Council would like to carry out these improvements as soon as practically possible and in advance of the availability of the new Pavilion but take into account the positioning and facilities that it will eventually bring. To achieve this we would like to get together a group of parents of playground users to make a recommendation of what will best suit the needs of the children of the village. It would be ideal if we could have 4 – 6 parents from varying age ranges to form a group, work to a budget set by the PC and then make recommendations for discussion and adoption. Assistance is available from our clerk and specialist experts at local, county and from local other associations who know the inside out of the rules and regulations. The original building of the playground was a fantastic achievement made possible by very committed individuals in the village and it would be most appropriate to follow in their footsteps to rejuvenate a hugely important facility. If interested please let Ambrose know.

Parish Council update.


At the meeting on the 9th March it was agreed to continue with the street light replacement programme which will shortly see the lights in Bowling Alley improved. In addition we will improve the access to the Reading Room to allow disabled access, which is particularly important as it functions as a polling station and the current access is in poor condition. On the recreation ground it was agreed to install a concrete base under the cricket net and relay the surface to make it safe for use this season. Thanks go to Rachel and David Barnet for creating our new village maps, now on proud display in the cabinets around the village.

Thanks also to all involved in the ceilidh night fundraiser which was a great success and raised over £600.

Future Parish council meetings

Next Parish Council meeting will be the AGM on the 11th May. The Annual Parish meeting which everyone is cordially invited to attend for an update on all village matters and a report back from the Parish Council will be held in the church on May 25th. We look forward to seeing as many villagers as possible that can attend.

Ambrose McGinn Chairman Oving Parish Council

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

OVING RECREATION AND PAVILION FUND
FUNDING GROUP MEETING NO 19
MONDAY 08.03.10 AT 7.30 pm
At Ground Farm Barn, Oving

Present: Mary Peeters
Roger Hawkins
Chris George
Sally Parrott
Susie Hawkins
Helen Barrett

Apologies: David Smith
Jo Smith
Steve Stokes

Because of the unexpected and sad loss of our Chairman, Roger Ball, in December there has not been a full meeting of the Funding Group since the one held on October 5th 2009. Roger will be greatly missed by all of us, both personally and as our Chairman who worked extremely hard and without whom this Group would not have continued so successfully. We will be keeping up the good work that he inspired.

1.) Members

The meeting began with news that Adrian Wilson has decided to leave the committee after 2 years of very helpful support and, at the same time we welcome 2 new members, Chris George and Helen Barrett. We hope they will find enjoyment in their participation and inspiration for the future events!

Adrian has kindly offered to continue to help whenever we need tickets printed (and perhaps the odd poster) which we gratefully accept - many thanks for all his help in the past 2 years.

2.) Report on the Ceilidh Night - 27th February at the Quainton Memorial Hall

This was a very successful night and much enjoyed by everyone there. The takings from the bar were not quite as much as usual (everyone was dancing and much water was consumed) but with ticket sales and the raffle the total amount raised was £611. 00.

Many thanks go to everyone who helped to make it such an enjoyable event and especially to Joe Ryan and Ruth, who generously came once again to run the bar and helped raise as much as possible with great spirit! Thanks too to all those who made puddings - we had many compliments on the excellent dinner.

An interesting point, of which more detail later when the Funding Group has examined the figures, is that in the course of organizing the hire of The Quainton Memorial Hall, the Chairman of the Quainton Mem. Hall Management Committee, disclosed that the Hall was being well used and that the figures for 2009 had left them with a substantial surplus, after deducting all running costs.

3.) Future Events for 2010

Easter Egg Hunt

The first of these is the Easter Egg Hunt for children being organized by Emma Ludlow and held at the Black Boy on Saturday April 3rd, the Easter weekend, 3pm - 6pm. It should be a fun event for everyone attending, details are up in the Black Boy.

Quiz Night

A Quiz night has been suggested for Mid May at the Black Boy - details to be circulated later - David Smith to organize.

Oving's Got Talent

This is now fixed on the calendar for Sunday, June 13th. Jack Peeters joined the meeting to discuss developments so far:

The venue will be The Oving Recreation Ground where various types of 'talent' will be on display. Paintings, photographs, any sort of craft offering etc. etc. to quote:

"Something where the artist or maker is pleased with the result or other people may think that the object is worth showing", plus teas, ice cream, lollies and refreshments. Also, demonstrations of craft and articles being made or worked on are to be included. Entry to be by ticket except for those actually taking part during the day on demonstrations, this does not include exhibitors!

Ref. the performing 'talent' - venue to be decided but it has been suggested that it could take place at the Black Boy in the early evening, again with barbeque and refreshments on offer. Entry will be by ticket only. The decision and details have yet to be arranged, Jack Peeters will be looking into it shortly. Roger Hawkins is going to run the barbeque. There is also a suggestion to have a scarecrow competition on The Recreation Ground during the afternoon - details to follow.

Ref. Tents/marquees for the display of talent on The Recreation Ground, Helen Barrett is to approach Whitchurch School who have one and may be prepared to hire/lend it out, Mary Peeters to speak to Maxine Myatt on the same subject. Gazebos and smaller tents have been offered by Fund Group members and friends. The existing pavilion will be used as well.

Suggested times are 2 pm - 6 pm in The Rec. and 6.30/7pm - 10pm for the evening show. Confirmation of all details in the May edition of the Parish Magazine.

Play around the Parishes

It was suggested by Helen Barrett that we could join up with these fixtures to provide refreshments to parents and children in The Recreation Ground on these occasions. This is being looked into by Susie Hawkins who is getting the dates and will advise at the next meeting.

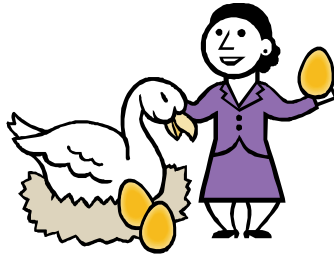
4.) For future events to take place in the Autumn, Mary Peeters has offered to approach North Marston Hall to ascertain the cost of hire and Sally Parrott is also going to speak to Hardwick on the same subject.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 15th April at Wenlock Cottage, The Green, Oving. (Jo and David Smith)

Thought for the Month

"Many of life's failures are people who didn't realise how close they were to success when they gave up." -- Thomas Alva Edison (master inventor)



GOOSE EGGS!

GREAT FOR CAKE MAKING AND
DECORATING AT EASTER TIME....CALL
LINDA 641560

PLANT SALE

The annual plant sale will be held at Oving Church on Saturday 24th April, 2010 from 10.30 am to 12.30 am.

Contributions of plants, in particular flowering plants will be gratefully received, labelled please.

Proceeds in aid of the Church Choir.

WHITCHURCH WI - MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2010 IN METHODIST SCHOOLROOM

The President Linda Nicholls presided, welcoming two new members to the Guild. Minutes of the February meeting were read and approved. Information for members included: -

- Whitchurch WI walk, Tuesday 30 March 2010
- Plant Sale, 24 April 2010
- Broughton Hall outing, 1 June 2010
- Stratford Theatre trip, 22 July 2010 to see 'As You Like It'

The March edition of Buckinghamshire News was distributed and items of interest highlighted.

There being no other business, the President introduced and welcomed the speaker, Mr B Smith, whose subject was 'the Welsh Cattle Drovers'. Mr Smith gave a most interesting and well presented talk, illustrated with slides and artefacts connected with the history of moving beasts from the Welsh uplands where they were born, through Buckinghamshire to London and other commercial centres; an industry ended by the advent of the railways. Angela Keeling proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Smith on behalf of those present, prior to refreshments being served.

Barbara Betts

If you would like to attend, the next Whitchurch WI meeting is to be on Tuesday 6 April 2010 in the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, when the speaker Mrs B M Hulbert will talk about 'Exploring Morocco'.

Dear Editor

We note that there has been recent correspondence in the Newsletter extolling the virtues that the proposed new Pavilion and Meeting Room would bring to Oving. It was all very heart-warming to read. However, it is our opinion that this project is totally unnecessary and impractical for a village the size of Oving. In addition, there are serious questions which your correspondents markedly failed to address and we are taking this opportunity to put these now.

Funding – building project

We have been informed that the building of the proposed Pavilion will be approximately £400,000 with about £25,000 already raised through fund-raising activities. The rest of the money is to be raised from grant applications to the National Lottery, Football Foundation, AVDC etc. However, it seems improbable that any grant applications to such organisations will be successful due to other commitments such as the Olympics. What is the likelihood and consequences for Oving of a developer becoming involved with the funding for the project? Would this lead to development and house building in Oving? We think it would and we will lose the quality of life we currently have in the village.

Feasibility report

Your correspondents say ‘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’. We have scoured the Oving website for a feasibility report and have been unable to find one. Has a feasibility report been done? If so, when can we read it? We would expect reports to be done for at least a 3-year time frame and preferably for 5 and 10 years. We are told that the new building will have very low running costs but what about after 5, 10 or 20 years? In addition, the cost of maintenance is going to be met through the precept and by charging fees for usage. Isn't it being a little optimistic to expect local groups to pay the inflated fees which will make it economically viable? It is highly likely that additional funding will be required to keep it going. Who is going to provide this – AVDC? If so, what are the implications for our Council Tax?

The Thompson Bequest

A significant number of Oving villagers are concerned about football matches on Sundays and a petition was recently raised. The proposed pavilion will lead to more football matches being played on Sundays. Mrs Thompson stipulated with her bequest that there should be no organised ball games on Sundays. There may

not have been a covenant with the bequest and times have changed since the 1920s, but Mrs Thompson would have expected her wishes to be adhered to by future generations. Organised football matches should cease on Sundays and the Recreation Ground returned to all the villagers of Oving for their exclusive use on Sundays which was the original intention.

Whilst we respect the views of other villagers, we do not feel the need to resort to attacks of a personal nature in order to put forward our concerns. We hope the questions and points we have raised in this letter will be given the serious consideration that they deserve.

Yours faithfully

Ian Jenner & Allan Saunders

| OVING FREECYCLE IF YOU HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE EMAIL ovingnewsletter@yahoo.co.uk | |
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| 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 |
| Electric Singer Sewing Machine | MP 641738 |

Sunday Football

I would like to thank the 41 residents living in the vicinity of the recreation ground who supported the petition presented to Oving Parish Council regarding the use of foul and abusive language and incessant noise that emanates from the football pitch when games are played on a Sunday morning.

Unfortunately, the petition has fallen on deaf ears and the OPC have decided that the interest of football teams who come from outside the village takes precedence over the residents.

Allan Saunders
Sangro
Bowling Alley

SCHORNE TEAM OF PARISHES - SERVICES FOR APRIL 2010

| Granborough | N. Marston | Oving | Dunton | Hoggeston | Hardwick | Whitchurch | Quainton | Waddesdon |
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| 8:00 HC/PB AB | | | | | | | | |
| 11:00 HC AB | 10:00 FS DH | 11:00 HC PM | 9:30 FC JB | 9:30 HC/PB DM | 9:30 HC/PB SS | 11:00 HC DM | 9:30 HC PM | 11:00 FC LW |
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| 11:00 FC PM | 9:30 FS JB | 11:00 FS JB | | | 9:30 FS AV At Weedon | 11:00 FC DM | | 11:00 Sing and Praise |
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| 6:00 ES AB | | | | | | | 6:30 ES PM | |
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| 11:00 FS AB | 9:30 HC AB | | | | 9:30 FC LW | 11:00 MS DM | 9:30 FC PM | 11:00 UA LW |
| | | 6:00 ES JB | | | | | 6:30 ES PM | |
| 8:00 HC/PB AB | | | | | | | | |
| 11:00 FS | 10:00 FS | 11:00 HC | | 9:30 HC/PB | 9:30 HC/PB | 11:00 HC | | 11:00 FC |