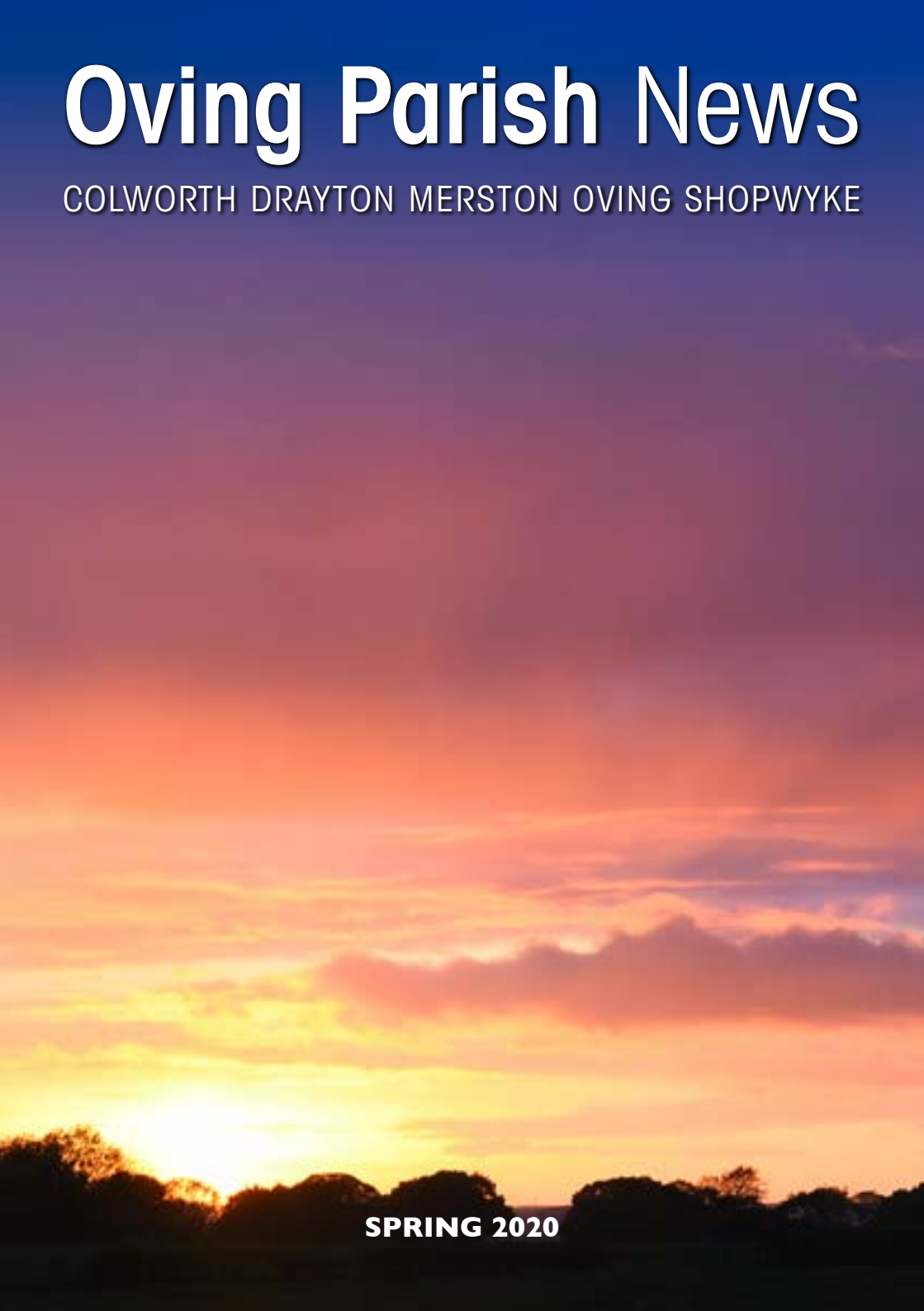
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Editors Note

A new year and indeed decade.. I wish everyone a very happy New Year and hope that it will bring peace and prosperity to all.

As we enter a new decade it is interesting to note that the Parish News is at least, now, 100 years old. A copy I have dates back to 1919 and quite possibly it existed before then.

Reading some of the comments, it is fascinating to note "a church meeting was held in view of the poor attendance and the lack of funds to repair the roof" and the council was struggling to find volunteers to help!!

Another milestone to be celebrated is the 40th anniversary of the Gribble which, judging by the cars parked on Gribble Lane is going from strength to strength. Well done all.

After what seems endless rain I was very fortunate to capture a glimpse of sun. The cover is the sunset from Gribble Lane that evening. It does however highlight our inability to use a camera so we are trying to encourage parishioners to get out snapping. A competition for the best photos to put in the OPN will be held, details on page 48.

Best regards,
Colin

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Q: What made you want to work in care in the first place?
Bryony: After caring for my own mum for the last 3 years of her life, I went on the internet & searched care jobs, I knew I did not want to work in a care home, I just really wanted to make a difference, to help them make their lives better.

Q:What made you want to join Home Instead?
Bryony: I came across Home Instead Chichester on the web, they sounded lovely so I applied. After hearing of Home Instead Senior Care's ethos, I knew I was in the right job for me.



Q:What's been positive about your experience so far? What have you already managed to achieve? The best bits…
Bryony: I have many positives which is great, I have a good match with my lovely clients, I feel I'm making a difference to their lives. As my photo below shows a lovely story, one day Sheila told me she'd never been to the woods to see the bluebells. So, I got planning our trip out, it was a lovely bright day, her face was pure joy when we saw the bluebells. Achievements are daily, its these times, I love my job, we enjoy a giggle, it has helped me with my confidence, have learnt to be more disciplined & have structure back, a reason to get up in the morning.

Q:What hasn't been so good about your experience with us? Are there any things that we could do better?
Bryony: I had a bit of trouble with my hours going up & down in the beginning, I understand every day is different in the care world, I'd ask if they were prepared for changes in their schedule as no two days are the same.

Q: If anything, what would warn others to think about before working with us?
Bryony: End of life, means what it says, its real, have fun before it's too late.

Q:What do you hope to achieve in your work with us and your clients in the future?
Bryony: I always smile & hope that a great time has been had on each call I do. I like to say, 'A good CAREGiver means more than anything'!

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From Gillian Keegan



Happy New Year to you all and I wish you and your families the very best for 2020.

I wanted to start by saying a huge thank you to everyone who came out and voted for me at the General Election. I feel truly honoured that you have re-elected me as your Member of Parliament and I will do everything in my power to represent you and the community to the very best of my ability.

Though battling the elements most days, the election campaign provided a great opportunity to meet lots of you and listen to the issues and concerns you have and would like me to continue working on. These included; the environment, our road network, schools and colleges, policing and housing to name a few.

I am still serving as the Parliamentary Private Secretary to Matt Hancock, Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, supporting the Government in their work to improve health and social care services that desperately need reform and better integration.

Towards the end of last year, I met with a group of residents, which included members of the Parish Council and your local County Councillor, Simon Oakley to discuss concerns with the closure of the Oving Road traffic lights. There were several issues raised, in particular; congestion, road safety, air pollution and access to the city.

I have raised these with Highways England, and I'll be meeting with them at the end of this month to discuss these points and the community support for the new access road opening in addition to the lights to remain open. Of course, I am also aware that not everyone agrees, especially those who live closest to the junction. I also intended to discuss the wider A27 and future options for the road. I will be continuing to work with community leaders, businesses and residents and push to get investment for an all options consultation so we, as a community, can have an open and transparent consultation that can deliver a workable solution.

If you want to get in touch I hold regular surgeries, pub tours, and open meetings, all the details are on my website, **gilliankeegan.com**.

From the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to welcome Victor Davey to the Parish Council; we look forward to his contribution to our community.

The Oving Parish Council AGM is on the 14th May 2020 and along with a review of the past year we will be discussing the possibility of forming an Oving Parish Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan is a development control document that is specific to the Parish and is a document that must be referred to when planning applications are made. It takes several years to create and does need reviewing when the Chichester Local Plan is reviewed, which is every 5 years. We would welcome people to come and discuss this option. Tea and biscuits will be provided!

For those of you with children approaching school age it is worth noting that the March C of E Academy, which is the catchment Primary School for most of the Parish, is regularly oversubscribed. There are frequently twice or more the number of pupils applying to get in as there are spaces available. When oversubscribed they will refer to their oversubscription policy which can be found here:
https://www.march.w-sussex.sch.uk/web/admissions/72220

If you have been attending either St Andrews or St Peters Churches at least monthly for a year before you apply (in January each year) your child has a greater chance of getting a place at the school as it is a Church of England Academy.

The Gribble turns 40 this year and I am glad that this wonderful public house has recovered from the fire so well and continues to be a hub for the community.

If there are any community groups that are looking for funding sources, Oving Parish Council has access to several grants. Please email the Clerk with any funding requests.

We are always looking for articles or comments to publish on your Community website. Do also let us know if you are involved with a local organisation that you would like to be added to the website. Please email your suggestions to: clerk@ovingcommunity.org.uk

We are still looking for Councillors to join the Parish Council. If you would like to support your community, please contact either the Clerk or myself for further details.

If you would like to receive urgent updates on important issues relating to your Community please sign up to Oving Parish New Alerts at **www.ovingcommunity.org.uk** website by adding your email address to the box on the left hand side of the home page. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who support the community in their different ways. Together we can make a difference.

Rod Hague
Oving Parish Council Chair

From Simon Oakley our WSCC Councillor

Walking and Cycling Routes between growing settlements, which are needed to provide an attractive alternative to using the car, is something WSCC's Walking and Cycling Strategy seeks to enable. The housing planned for the Barnham and East of Chichester areas has led to feasibility work on a Barnham – Chichester cycle route being progressed. This links into CDCs' Local Plan requirement for improved and additional Tangmere – Chichester cycle links, the Shopwyke Lakes cycleways and bridges and the projects working towards improving foot and cycle links through the Eastern part of Chichester City, into its centre and beyond. A significant impediment to achieving new/improved routes and links separated from roads is land availability and ownership - an interesting challenge for an E/W route through Oving Parish.

Climate change predictions forecast more intense rainfall events and modern developments have to provide far greater soakaway and attenuation capacity than before (in some cases a significant land take). WSCCs' Operation Watershed grant scheme, set up after the June 2012 floods, supports projects put forward by communities and Parishes to address drainage issues. Colworth benefitted from this a few years ago. Further details can be found at **https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-community/supporting-local-communities/operation-watershed/.**

Our environment is continually polluted by litter, fly-tipping and dog fouling. Prosecuting culprits can only do so much – ultimately it is up to all of us, young and old, to exert peer pressure to achieve behavior change. This year's Great British Spring Clean campaign runs between 20 March and 13 April – further info at **https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/get-involved/support-ourcampaigns/great-british-spring-clean.**

Simon Oakley **24 Jan 2020**

Leap Year QUIZ NIGHT

Sat 29th February 7 for 7.30pm

A quick reminder that the Friends of St Andrews Church are running another of their popular QUIZ NIGHTS on Sat 29th February at the Jubilee Hall. Doors open at 7pm for a start at 7.30. Entry is by ticket bought in advance and costs £11 per person including a Fish and Chip supper in the interval. There will be a cash bar.

Why not make up a table with friends and neighbours – maximum of 8 per table please! It will be a lot of fun!
Tickets are available from **Eileen on 01243 839937** or **Angie on 01243 789210.** Numbers are limited so please get your tickets as soon as possible.

Lynda Sayer
Chair – Friends of St Andrew's Church, Oving.

Neighbourhood Plan

We are in the process of deciding whether to proceed with a neighbourhood plan for Oving parish. A neighbourhood plan is not the same as a parish plan which we completed in April 2016 and which is a regular item on council agendas. A parish plan represents a programme of improvements as requested by residents but it has no status in respect of new development. By contrast a neighbourhood plan gives a parish a degree of control over all forms of development within its geographical area and helps to ensure the character of the parish is preserved and enhanced. It has to comply with the local plan and for example cannot reduce housing numbers but it can influence where they are built.

It seeks to implement a 15 to 20 year vision having regard to the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the community. It consists of a set of development policies covering, for example, the environment and heritage, employment and enterprise, leisure and community, housing, and getting about.

The preparation calls for close consultation with the community, including landowners and developers at every stage. It may need to be updated every two or three years to take account of changes in the local plan, national policies etc.

Many parishes in the Chichester District either have or are preparing neighbourhood plans. Before deciding whether to go ahead we will be consulting one of these parishes to assess whether it is worth doing and the District Council to find out what help it can give.

It takes two to three years to prepare. If we do it we are going to need a dedicated team of volunteers. Start thinking now if you would like to help.

Stephen Quigley, Vice Chairman, Oving Parish Council

OVING PARISH WINTER MANAGEMENT PLAN

With the "Beast From The East" a distant memory and the milder winters we are having, the last thing on anyone's mind is a Winter Management Plan. But like all good plans, they need carefull thought, updated and prepared ,then kept accessible for that unexpected time when it is needed !

Your Parish has such a Plan , updated annually.The Plan is designed to help residents understand what to do in the event of a harsh winter or iced roads,. and who to contact for help. It will also tell you what resources are available, such as the location of the road side Salt Bins where the shovels are, and where the bulk bag salt storage is located. Important phone numbers and websites are also mentioned in our Plan.You can easily register with the WSCC Cold Alerts or Flood Line, if you wish to receive advance warnings of adverse weather.The Plan also requires annual physical audits of the many Salt Bins in our community (which sadly also requires them to be cleared out of rubbish) and there is also a list of the small army of volunteers from our community, who very kindly donate some of their time to assist with the execution of this Plan.

If anyone in the community would like to act as a Winter Management Plan Volunteer, or needs any further information, please contact the Plan Coordinator, Andrew Wilkinson on **07427500373.** email **wilkinson.topsy@sky.com** or the Parish Clerk **(clerk@ovingcommunity.org.uk)** or any of your Parish Councillors.

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FILM REVIEW

MARRIAGE STORY directed by Noah Baumbach

It doesn't strike you as a film about divorce initially, as the voiceovers, representing Charlie ***(Adam Driver)*** and Nicole ***(Scarlett Johansson***) ooze with affection, listing "what I love about Nicole" …." what I love about Charlie"…..She's a great listener, cool dancer and wonderful actress…… He's a great Father, good dresser and cries at movies.

The divorce mediator has asked them to write about why they fell in love with each other and to read them out in their mediation session. The film then pans out to their life as it was and as it is. He is an off-Broadway Producer, respected in the industry, but wedded to his art. She is a former TV actress, who moved from LA to New York, to be with Charlie. They have a 10 year old son and as the cracks in their marriage widen, it is his future they want to focus on in an adult and mature fashion? Uh Ha.

Nicole feels stifled by Charlie with a growing resentment about her "lost" career in LA. He is a great provider but lacks vision and empathy outside of his realm. A chance at a leading role in a TV show sees Nicole and their son Henry relocate to LA where her family live. Charlie remains in New York. Now the cracks really start to open up. Cue ***Laura Dern,*** playing a steely Californian divorce lawyer who instantly moves the narrative from their cosy, lets just be friends and think about Henry scenario, to full claws out. As the costs, accusations, and child access arrangements start to spiral out of Charlie's control, he is forced to seek legal advice, first with an older, ineffective, three times divorced lawyer, played by Alan Alda, and then a brash, sock it to them street fighter type played by ***Ray Liotta***.

Sounds sad and morbid? It is to an extent, but thanks to the script/director and cast it is also packed with humour. The scene where she serves Charlie the divorce papers, using her Mother and Sister, is hilarious. The times when they are screaming at each other with real vitriol, and the sheer sadness at the loss of their marriage, is hard to watch. Conversely you will be smiling, as their old habits die hard…..she cuts his hair on one visit and during an awful legal meeting with all the lawyers throwing their pennyworth into the mix, there's a rest for lunch and Nicole orders for Charlie. Despite all of this, they do get through to an understanding, they finally start to compromise…. a thing which seemed to be missing from their marriage.

They are maddening people, both behaving with immaturity and bad grace at times, but I think this film succeeds so well, and let me tell you, it is an excellent film, because you come to love them both, and you see the love that they have and had and know why they did marry, as well as why they are divorcing. I think it a truism, certainly in this film, that divorce lawyers see good people at their worst. You have been warned!

NB just have to say if you want to see an extremely funny, clever whodunnit, do go and see Knives Out.

Annie Bennett

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Dr Tanner, owner of the Oving Clinic has kindly supported the Oving Parish News for many years.
He has asked that we remind readers of his offer that was published in our Autumn 2019 edition:
"I am offering to give 25% of all fees taken for consultation and treatment by me to the church in aid of the restoration fund for the nave. This offer is open to all members of the Oving Parish and is valid for one year from the publication of this magazine"

Dr. Tanner

THE FLAGS OF FRESHWATER BAY

The flags of Freshwater Bay
Were skipping on VJ Day
Skipping and skittering so merrily
In tune with the clouds and the tumbling sea
And made no attempt to conceal their glee.
The flags of Freshwater Bay
Had finally come out to play
The Union Jacks were running in packs
Strung from the masts of the fishing smacks
For Death had gone away.
The children squealed and the church bell pealed
As the clouds sailed by and the seagulls wheeled
And the candles danced on the chestnut tree
And that afternoon there was cream for tea
Could any day more perfect be ?
And the major's mother was full of joy
Not long before she sees her boy
A childhood gone but a hero found
And the Empire's safe as the sun goes round
And never sets on Imperial ground.



This lovely poem was written and submitted by David Storey who resides in the Parish. He was inspired to commit these sentiments to paper following a family holiday in Freshwater on VJ day.

It is appropriately patriotic, especially at this time when Britain is grappling with challenges of identity and much political uncertainty.

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Down on the farm **from John Pitts**

We have decided to embark on a climate change journey!

Government has set a national target to be a carbon neutral economy by 2050. Whilst some believe this will be too late to save the planet, others fear that the task is in fact impossible. Certainly, it will only be achieved if we pursue the right policies that can deliver the outcomes needed. This is where Extinction Rebellion and I part company. 'Industry' is certainly part of the problem, but it is industry through process change and the development of new technologies that will have to provide most of the solutions. For example, I am not convinced that enough people will give up their cars or flying off for their summer holiday to make a material difference to emissions, so we must look to the car and aviation industries to develop carbon neutral power sources. Outcomes matter more than ideology and we must all come together to address the 'climate emergency'.

The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was widely reported in the British media this summer. If sections of the media and organisations such as the vegan society are to be believed, the conclusion was that all livestock farming is a disaster for our climate. This is far from the truth and the report specifically recognises the important role animal products play in a balanced diet and, 'when produced sustainably in low-greenhouse -gas-emission systems, it is actually part of the solution to climate change'. Or put another way, how and where meat is produced is critical to tackling climate change. Cutting down rainforest to grow intensive soya to feed intensively reared beef in Brazil is clearly disastrous. Grass fed beef in a high rainfall country such as England is good news from a climate change perspective, particularly given grassland's ability to act as a carbon sink. We need to be 'part of the solution' but there is still no doubt that we and the whole agricultural industry, like the car and airline industries, will have to adapt and change if the 2050 net zero carbon target is to be achieved.

So, are we at Woodhorn part of the problem or part of the solution? To be brutally honest, right now I don't know but we must aim to be the latter. I am therefore setting an objective for the farm to be carbon neutral by January 2023 i.e. three years from now. If many think the country can't do this in 30 years' time and others think we, as livestock farmers, are a bigger threat to the future of the world than an arsenal of nuclear warheads, this target just might be a little ambitious! So if you are interested enough to want to follow our journey, please remember that this is a target. It may take us longer or we might fail completely, but at least we will have tried.

We will start with some fundamentals including learning how to measure carbon emissions, what to and not to include in these calculations and how to do so in a way that is genuine and stands up to independent scrutiny. I'm aware of the ability to make statistics suits one's own purpose and many of the figures thrown around by industry, the media, world governments, scientists and climate change protesters, often deliberately mislead to support a specific mantra or belief. This is not my intention and would achieve little of benefit.

Once we know where we are, and therefore where we need to get to, we can then start to work on what we need to do. I suspect the potential solutions will be numerous rather than singular and I hope 20 years of farming organically will have put us at a reasonable starting point.

We expect to be focusing on the management of the soil, feed types and feed self sufficiency, reducing fossil fuel use and continued production and use of renewable energy, conservation management including trees, hedges and wildlife havens. However I also expect to explore ideas that are yet unknown to us and to find that there are things we are currently doing that we will have to question and challenge.

I think its going to be a fascinating journey and one we need to embark on. Whether we will succeed remain to be seen.

We will complete an additional 700 metres of new hedge planting in January. Even this 'green' project presented us with some eco challenges. We plant in tubes to reduce weed competition (we do not use glyphosate being Organic) for the first couple of years, to create a hothouse effect which helps early growth and to protect against rabbits. The problem is that the tubes are not biodegradable. We will therefore have to remove them by hand (an extremely lengthy and costly process) and they cannot be re-used as they become brittle with age and shatter. We have been expertly advised that not using tubes risks the hedge failing to establish.

There is now a biodegradable option available but even the supplier is not convinced that they will work and as the only manufacturer is in the U.S.A., there is also a carbon footprint consideration. They also cost three times as much, which is a factor when one is planting 4300 hedge plants! We have decided to go 50:50 (half traditional/half biodegradable) and monitor their performance. This will, I hope, make the decision easier in the future.

I have lost count of the thousands of trees and miles of hedges we have planted in recent years but the reason for doing so was predominantly to create habitats, wildlife corridors and feed sources for birds, hedgehogs and the rest of the wildlife on the farm. It's a bit of a bonus to now learn that we are also helping to tackle climate change as well.

Oving Parish Community Watch

The free 2 course Christmas lunch was a resounding success when almost 70 residents were served a wonderful cooked meal by the 16 volunteers of OPCW in mid December Enjoying a festive feast followed by tea and cake everyone had a wonderful time whilst listening to the lovely entertainment provided by local singer Shirley Morris. The group is grateful for the support of The Gribble and the volunteers who made this event happen. OPCW supports residents throughout the year but is particularly pleased to be able to bring so many people together at this special time of year. OPCW will be providing free soup followed by tea and cake in the colder months and then will resume the monthly tea parties. Details of the dates are available on the village noticeboard or contact Liz on 07808062368. If you live, or have a connection with Oving you would be made very welcome so please contact us if you would like to come along or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

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BOOK CLUB REPORT From Beryl Lang

At our Christmas meeting "A Gentleman in Moscow" (by Amor Towles) was the outright winner of the best book of 2019. We recommend this novel to you all. The quiz had a geographical theme; to find on the map where some of our previous books were set – no easy task.

We like historical novels where the fiction is set against a well-researched, authentic background. Two such novels are "The Glass Palace "by Amitrav Ghosh and "The Fire Court" by Andrew Taylor. The former has the exotic framework of Burma in the last days of its king and queen, whom the British sent into exile. The story imagines a maidservant who accompanies the Royal family and eventually marries an ambitious market boy. The rest is all about the dynasty they found, and sometimes the numerous characters can get confusing. None of us knew much about these far-eastern countries, so it was an intriguing background.

Back to London for "The Fire Court" a sort of sequel to "The Ashes of London", but it is not necessary to have read that as we meet again amateur detective James Marwood and his aide Cat Lovett hiding from her awful family under an assumed name. In 1667 Charles 11 instigated a committee to investigate claims after the great Fire, and in one of its office rooms a murdered woman's body is found. So history and fiction blend together. In various sub-plots we meet people who may be trustworthy, or motivated by greed and ambition. Taylor's plotting is excellent, the narrative full of unexpected twists and turns.

The year ended with "A Perfect Explanation" by Eleanor Anstruther, who has slightly fictionalised a true family story of a mother who sold her son to her sister for £500. The Campbells are an aristocratic Scottish family, fixated on tradition and presenting the right image. The reader often confronts a choice as to how a situation might develop, because nothing is ever discussed openly, secrecy prevails. This makes one read onto discover the answer. Is Enid mad or depressed? What is wrong with her son? This is a poignant account of a dysfunctional family, none of whose members are happy, but it is a challenging book because of the compelling basis to the events.

Our latest choice is "The Lost Man" by Jane Harper set in the unforgiving, harsh environment of the Australian Outback. One of three adult brothers, Cameron, is found dead of exposure at a notable landmark called the Stockman's Grave, miles from anywhere.
The rest of the story is concerned in finding the explanation for this tragedy. Nearly everyone has something to hide, which is revealed gradually as the story progresses. The description of life in such difficult circumstances is outstanding. The beauty and horror of the land determines everyone's thoughts and actions.

We have found all these novels most satisfying to read.

From our Community Wardens

Happy new year to you all and also happy new decade, where did the last 10 years go!
We worked over some of the Christmas holidays and as it was quiet we used our time to visit some of our elderly/vulnerable members of the community. Sometimes a cup of tea and a chat is all that is needed to make someone feel better and not so lonely.
The Community Warden scheme has now been running for 15 years which is a great achievement. We have seen a lot of changes over the years particularly with all the spending cuts and loss of services which has impacted on our role.
We have worked with a lot of children and young people over the years and are constantly heartened when we see them all grown up with jobs, cars and even families especially when we first met them at the youth club or as a junior warden, how time flies. It is great to see them growing from children into adults leading successful lives especially the awkward stroppy teens that kept us busy!
We would like to remind everyone not to do business with cold callers no matter how friendly they come across or how good the deal seems. You will ultimately pay over the top for work that is not guaranteed and you will have no one to contact if it all goes wrong.
The winter so far hasn't been to cold but it has been very wet. Surface water can be a real problem for drivers but is worse for pedestrians, nothing worse than a car going through an enormous puddle and soaking you through, thoughtless driving and miserable for you. If you drive a vehicle please be aware of any surface water/puddles on the roads and slow right down if you are passing pedestrians.

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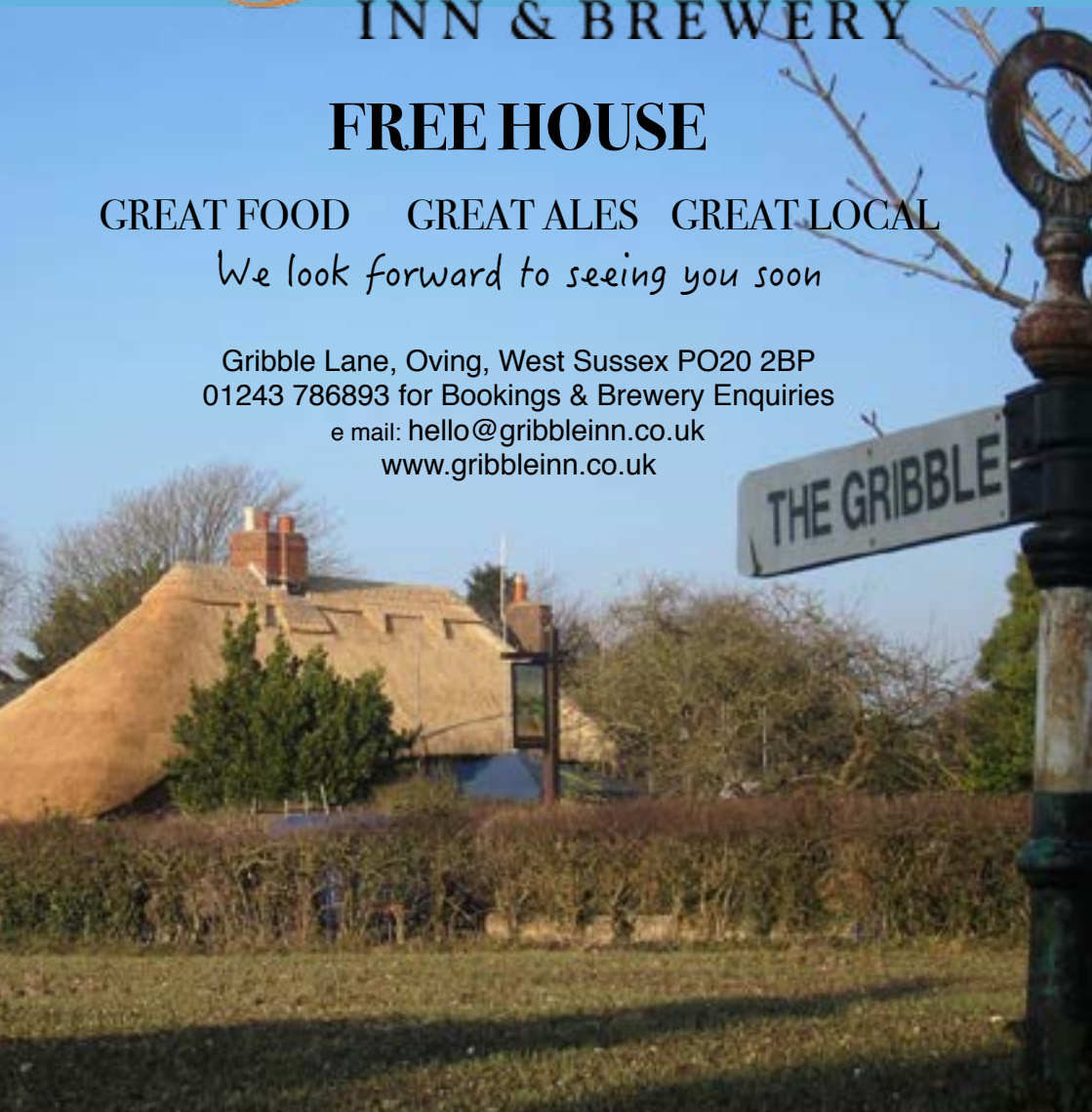
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Oving Youth Club

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We start this year needing to recruit, for health reasons one of our leaders Sarah had to give up the club and we wish her well for the future. We are looking for someone to join our team for 2.5 hours on a Wednesday during term time. This is a paid position and would be subject to a DBS check that we can arrange. If you are interested please pop into the youth club between 6.30 and 8.30 on a Wednesday evening or call me on 07768202356.

We are looking forward to a busy term, the children have been cooking and more recently making bird feeders to keep our feathered friends well fed this winter. Sports always play a role in the our evenings with the ever popular "chair football" and other activities that are found in our big bag of equipment!
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A sort of childhood after WW2 written by Ron Robinson



Dittisham Quay - photo 1938. it had not changed when we lived there

Returning to London after the war our family rented the upstairs part of a large house in Castelnau, Barnes. And we stayed there for some months until we were allocated a house on the estate at Roehampton. Housing was difficult as many properties were destroyed by the blitz. Life changed considerably compared with Devonshire. Schooling became more serious and we soon joined the local Youth Club which was active in a hall attached to the local Church.

I was enrolled at Lonsdale Road School, Barnes. This was my 5th school. My memory of this schooling is sparse, but I do remember that our Music teacher was a Mr McFaddian and that my singing voice was so bad that he used to insist on my leaving the singing/music class lessons, to go read Shakespeare. I also recall that having had some good marks for English, the teacher, whose name I cannot recall, shared his personal collection of postage stamps with myself and another pupil, (50/50) as a reward for good work results. This collection is still with me today and make up part of my schoolboy stamp collection of more than 3,000 stamps from all countries.

At age 14 I was successful in passing the examination for entry to The Kingston Junior Technical School, (KJTS), Kingston upon Thames, becoming one of only 25 youngsters from throughout Surrey being selected for Kingston. My educational training at KJTS, apart from the normal academic subjects, included Mechanical Engineering Training.



KJTS - 1947 photo - Prefects responsible for Student discipline

We also played sports with enthusiasm, Football, Cricket, Badminton, etc and a great favourite was Long Distance running when the class would run from the school in Kingston, across the river and onwards to Hampton Court, into Bushy Park and then numerous laps of the "Diana Lake" before returning weary legged back to the school. KJTS was my 6th School/College. It was a great establishment and the teaching was strict and thorough. As students we were



The Lake at Bushy Park, Statue Diana. (Roman Goddess)

expected to take part in the organisational side of the school, and during my two years I became a prefect, with responsibility for the discipline, timekeeping and general behaviour of my class, and for the final couple of terms I was promoted to Head Student and made responsible for whole student discipline at the school, ie; the buck stopped with me for matters of student discipline. I can recall we students having to line the pavements of Kingston to wave and cheer as the King's car passed by on its way to the Royal Opening of the newly built Kingston Power Station. As young hot heads we were disgusted in hav-ing this chore thrust upon us and so, in protest, we all purchased bright yellow kipper ties, from Bentall's store, and wore them for the parade in place of our normal school ties. We, needless to say, were in hot water from the School Principle on return to the school.

These years at KJTS were two great years of education which set me on the right path for a productive and varied working life. One of my interests had for some time been motor vehicles and I still have here at home, a 1947 printed copy of a book titled "Practical Automobile Engineering Illustrated", priced 10/6d, (Ten shillings and 6 pence), which is inscribed "Kingston Junior Technical School, 6E Form Prize, R.W.Robinson". This book has, over the years, had plenty of use and has given me lots of help and pleasure. Many years later when I had retired I found out that my elder brother Victor, the eldest of the three evacuees had, before war was declared, sat and passed the KJTS entrance exam, as I had done, and should have attended the college but the war interfered for him and he was evacuated to Devon instead.

I travelled to Kingston daily by train from Barnes Station and three of my companions, who became good friends, were Les Worrell, Ward Fergusson and Joe Harrod. The father of Les had a pre-war Morris Eight car and on one occasion he allowed the three of us to use his car for a trip to Lynton and Lynmouth in North Devon. We contacted the local Lynton school headmaster who allowed us to camp in the school building for a few days, the school was on summer holidays. This was not long before the flooding of the River Lyn which devastated the village of Lynmouth and caused many deaths. Such a disaster, as many people were killed at this very beautiful area. We enjoyed ourselves on this trip but I was lectured on our return by the car owner for placing my feet on the car paintwork as can be seen in the photo. A justified dressing down which I would do today if I found someone doing this on my own car.

Ward and myself made a cycling trip to the Isle of Wight which turned out to be a disaster. We went on the trip at the same time as our youth club visit had been organised. Being independent lads, we decided to go by bike and to stay on a local camp site, a little distance away from the main group. It rained all the time and our tent and clothing was soaked through. On one trip out, we were cycling near Sandown, and travelling at pace down a steep hill in a narrow lane. Suddenly a bus, which took up most of the width of the road, came into sight around a sharp bend. We had no option but to brake hard and put the bikes down



on the road and keep our fingers crossed. Chaos followed when extracting us from the bus as we had received bad cuts, grazes and bruising.

A local lady, from nearby, went into her house, got a bed sheet and tore it into strips to dress our wounds, tearing the sheet just as we had been taught at school first aid classes, during the war years. We returned to her house the next day to thank her and to collect our bicycles, to find that she had made us a beautiful large cake which we gratefully received. Our problem was that our bikes had gone under the bus and both were in a sorry state after the accident. Luckily the youth club group agreed to accept us and we spent the rest of the break with them. The bicycle that I was using was a Palace road racer built by Woods of Hammersmith which was my brother Stan's bike and I have never been forgiven for the damage done to the bike and this has become one of the family memories, often brought up when meeting together.

During these years at Barnes School and KJTS my leisure/play time was largely spent with the Youth Club which was operating out of a church hall in Barnes. This was run under the umbrella control of the National Association of Youth Clubs, and the church, owners of the hall. We were given considerable freedom in our actions at this club, which included hall play, drama productions, ballroom dancing and other activities. We also were expected to run our own cafe facilities from the kitchen that the hall possessed. One of our favourite Saturday night activities was to dress up in our best suits and ties and take off to the local dance halls, one of which was above the Bull Public House at Sheen. We also attended Sunday morning ballroom dance classes at the Hammersmith Palais Ballroom where Lou Praeger and his Orchestra were the resident Dance band. We were taught ballroom dancing by holding wooden dining chairs instead of partners so that we could perfect our steps?



Ward and myself at our tent after the accident

Also at about this time my brother Stan and I joined the NTC, (Nautical Training Corp), which was a Naval training club for youth. The NTC met in Barnes at a hall near to the river at Hammersmith Bridge and I can recall that Stan and I were both sought after as we were the only youngster in the group that had any experience of boat handling and maintenance, all of which we had learnt in Devonshire. The NTC managed to obtain a redundant naval MGB (WW2 Motor Gun Boat) and a naval whaler, both types of boat had been familiar to us as play around items during our Devon life. One of our instructors/officers worked at the film studios at Elstree, and he got the club members to make and paint, wooden models of various British naval WW2 warships for use, we were told, in the films of the day.

With my two years at KJTS over and with a first class school diploma in Mechanical Engineering in my pocket, I had to face the reality of life without funds and had to get out and find myself an income.

To be Continued **Ron Robinson**

Coming Soon at Chichester Cathedral

Chichester Cathedral runs a full and varied programme of events throughout the year including concerts, talks, adult workshops, children's activities and more. A few highlights are detailed below, for full details please visit www.chichestercathedral.org.uk, pick up an Events Leaflet from the Shop or call **01243 812484** to request a leaflet by post.

Lunchtime Concerts

These popular lunchtime concerts take place on Tuesdays at 1.10pm during term time, in the spectacular setting of the Cathedral Nave. They are free and last approximately 50 minutes. You are welcome to come and go as you please.

Spring Lecture Series 'God and Great Britain, Exploring Religious Thought in National Crisis, from the Civil War to Brexit'. Free but please book in advance.

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We plan to meet from 10.00 until 11.30am, and if numbers are favourable we plan to include some choral singing in the morning's activities too. There will be no charge for this activity and we would hope children will be able to attend most of the term's sessions.

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There will be cream teas on sale at a very reasonable price so why not come along on the Sunday between 11am and 3pm just to see how our Hall looks and have a cup of tea.

The Oving Village Hall Management Committee AGM will be held at the Hall on Wednesday 29th April starting at 6.30pm. Please do come along, particularly if you would be interested in joining the committee. We have four meetings a year and you will have the opportunity to help our Hall continue to be a focal point for activities and events in the parish.
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Oving Community Garden

350 hedging plants have arrived and we need a hand planting them!

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From 9.30am Saturday 29th February

Everyone welcome!! Bring a spade.

The fencing and gates have been installed and water will be on site shortly!

The next community garden meeting is at 7pm Thursday 12th March, at the hall. We shall start planning the layout of the garden and then get some dates in the diary to get out there and start working.

We have already had a few donations but we are still looking for: water butts, compost bins, seating, tools, a storage shed and shelter. If you have anything that might be of use, please contact the clerk.

Please can you spare some time to help.

If you are interested in helping or being part of our Community Garden Action Group, please contact the Parish clerk. ovingclerk@googlemail.com

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HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE SUMMER BERRY COMPANY

We joined you at the Christmas carol service at St Andrews Church back in December and very much enjoyed the warm welcome we received from the village and wanted to send our thanks to the whole community.

We are looking forward to the Spring now, so we can start producing our berries for the UK supermarkets and supporting your local events, such as The Oving Scarecrow Day in May, which we are proud to support every year, the Village Fair in June and the Oving Parish Community afternoon tea in July, which we hope the sunshine will also be present for!

We are busy here on the farm all year round, during the winter we spend most of the time preparing the ground for the new plants, ensuring the polytunnels are ready, whilst inside in the glasshouse, that the temperature is steady and the conditions are just right to grow the very best berries.

We are always looking for great people to join our team, both in seasonal and permanent roles. If you know of anyone looking for a new opportunity in farming, please do ask them to get in touch by emailing recruitment@summerberry.co.uk

FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN



Christmas seems a distant memory already as we go headlong into the new year. The exciting nave restoration project is scheduled to begin next month which also involves the removal of four wooden pews at the front of the church. This will create a more open space in which to hold both church and community events in the future.

Eastertide is the most important time in the Christian Church year. The week before Easter Sunday is referred to as 'Holy Week' which starts with 'Palm Sunday' when once again we will be processing across the airfield from Tangmere church, meeting at 10.15 and arriving for the Eucharistic Service at 11.00am in Oving in remembrance of Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem. We will then be celebrating Ash Wednesday at 18:30 in Oving and Maundy Thursday and The Last Supper with a Service in Oving at 19:00 and Good Friday and the crucifixion of Jesus Christ at a Service in Oving Church at 12:00. Easter Sunday will see us having a Service of Light in Oving at 06:00 followed by hot bacon rolls and a later Eucharistic Service at 11:00 in Oving. I do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us and fill our church during this special time of the year.

The 'toddler group' continues to meet in the church every Wednesday am from 10:30 till 12:00. It is a great opportunity to have a chat and a cup of coffee and make new friends. All residents of Oving village are very welcome to attend.

There is also a lot of social activity already being planned. The Safari Supper will probably have happened by the time this is printed but numbers of participants are up on last year which is good and we will have a representation at the Wedding Fayre on 16th February in the Jubilee Hall.

Once again, we will be having a Strawberries and Pimm's outlet during Scarecrow Day on 16th May and the annual summer fundraising BBQ will take place on Saturday 13th June. The venue is the same as last year at St. Andrew's House in Oving; thanks to the generosity of Helen and Simon Bryant. The theme this year is New Orleans so think of blusey music and fabulous Cajun cuisine. Contact me to reserve your tickets now!

On the first Saturday of each month we have a 'work party' from 9:30 till 11:00am to tidy up the Churchyard and the Burial Ground, so even if you are not normally a church-goer but would like to get involved in helping out then you would be made very welcome indeed.
Please don't forget that for details of all of our Services and events check the web site at **www.ovingchurch.org.uk**
Very best wishes

Tony Barnard

FROM THE REVD TREVOR

Well Christmas is gone and we in the church return to "Ordinary Time". I suppose that we all have an element of ordinary time after Christmas and New Year when many of us have had a break during the dark days of mid- winter. We are back to our daily routines, work, school, home and leisure. In the church we are also getting back into our routines; we hear about the teachings of Jesus the man who we welcomed at Christmas as a child. We think about what it means to us to be a Christian and how we can translate this into our daily lives. We cannot expect that every day can be a special celebration of the life of Jesus, we must also be Christians during those "Ordinary Times" that come between those great celebrations. It is this learning how to be Christian during those ordinary days that the teachings of Jesus are addressing. For example, we hear about Jesus being a light in the darkness. Just as the star that appeared over Bethlehem was a guiding light, so Jesus is the guiding light in the darkness. His light is there for us during the ordinary days as well as the special occasions. And if we follow the teachings of Christ, we can reflect that light into the lives of others.

So as we live out the ordinary days of our lives, let all Christians, those of other faiths and those of no faith at all take a bit of time to think about what our lives mean and how how we live our lives can add a little light to others. And I hope that your "ordinary" days are special and precious.

Revd Trevor



The Gribble Inn, a mainstay of the Parish and now an increasingly popular watering hole for many from further afield. It chalks up its 40th anniversary this year. Congratulations to all who have seen it through thick and thin to the great place it is today.



Regular Services

1st Sunday 11am
"First Sunday Service"
followed by Communion
2nd Sunday 11am
Family service with Holy Communion and Choir
3rd Sunday 11am
Family service with Holy Communion and Sunday Club for 11-16 yr olds
4th and 5th Sunday 11am
Family Service with Holy Communion

Services for Lent and Easter

26th February - Ash Wednesday: 18:30 Oving (12:30 Tangmere)
5th April - Palm Sunday - Procession across the airfield - Tangmere to Oving. Meet at St Andrew's, Tangmere at 10:15
9th April: Maundy Thursday: 19:00 Oving
10th April - Good Friday: 12:00 Oving, 14:00 Tangmere
12th April - Easter Day: 06:00 Service of the Light followed by bacon sandwiches, Oving with the Eater Day Eucharist at 11:00

Oving Parish News Photographic competition 2020



As many may have noticed we need more front cover photos, so this is a call to action for the many great photographers we have in the Parish!!!

Please get out there with your cameras and capture village and rural life, whether it is scarecrows, sunsets over the fields or events and activities over the summer holidays. Our new printers, **The Design + Digital Print Centre** are kindly offering a first prize of an A2 canvas print of the winning photo with runner up prizes for the four next best submissions.

We will ofcourse be using them as our front cover and inside where appropriate so please submit as an A5 colour print with digital back up by the 2nd of October to **Colin Buchanan, Rushmans Cottage, Gribble Lane, Oving.**

A panel of judges will announce the winners in the Autumn OPN, with individuals being notified in advance. Please ensure your contact details accompany your photos.

Some rules I'm afraid:

Entrants must be the sole owners of the copyright and need to have written permission of any people featured, especially children ,where parent/guardian approval is required. All works must not infringe the rights of any other parties and entrants must not have breached any laws when taking the pictures.

Good luck and get snapping !!!!!!

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Oving Jubilee Village Hall Management Commitiee is looking for new commitiee members and help from someone with maintenance skills

Contact **Eileen Saunders 01243 839937** e336@btinternet.com

Oving Telephone Box Book Exchange helping Sally to organize the new books and to take the old ones to a charity shop.

Contact **Sally Waters 01243 788172** tigpig21@googlemail.com

Oving Parish Community Watch Helping out in a group of volunteers who visit the elderly and take people to hospital, doctor and dentist appointments and who organize a lively monthly tea party for our older neighbours.

Contact **Liz Smith 07808 062368** 1949lizsmith@gmail.com

Kids' Church/Sunday School On third Sunday each month during the 11am Church service. Leaders/helpers needed to join the rota - frequency as often or as little as you like.

Contact **Jen Linford 01243 774522** cheese_bandit@hotmail.com

Church Choir / Young at Heart Band The Church Choir sings every 2nd Sunday of the month - practice is at 10am for an hour before the service.

Contact **Emma Richardson 07760 235885** eandjrichardson@btinternet.com

Oving History Group Reviving this group which has fallen by the wayside.

Contact **Sue Millard** kevin.susan1898@yahoo.co.uk

Oving Jubilee Village Hall Volunteers needed on an occasional basis for helping set up the Hall for big events.etc.

Contact **Terry Parsons 01243 781348** terryjparsons@aol.com

Friends of St.Andrew's Helping a team with fundraising for the upkeep of the Church.

Contacts **Beryl Lang 01243 789797** or **Lynda Sayer 01243 774366** lynda.sayer@hotmail.co.uk

Almshouse Commitiee Volunteers needed on an occasional basis

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