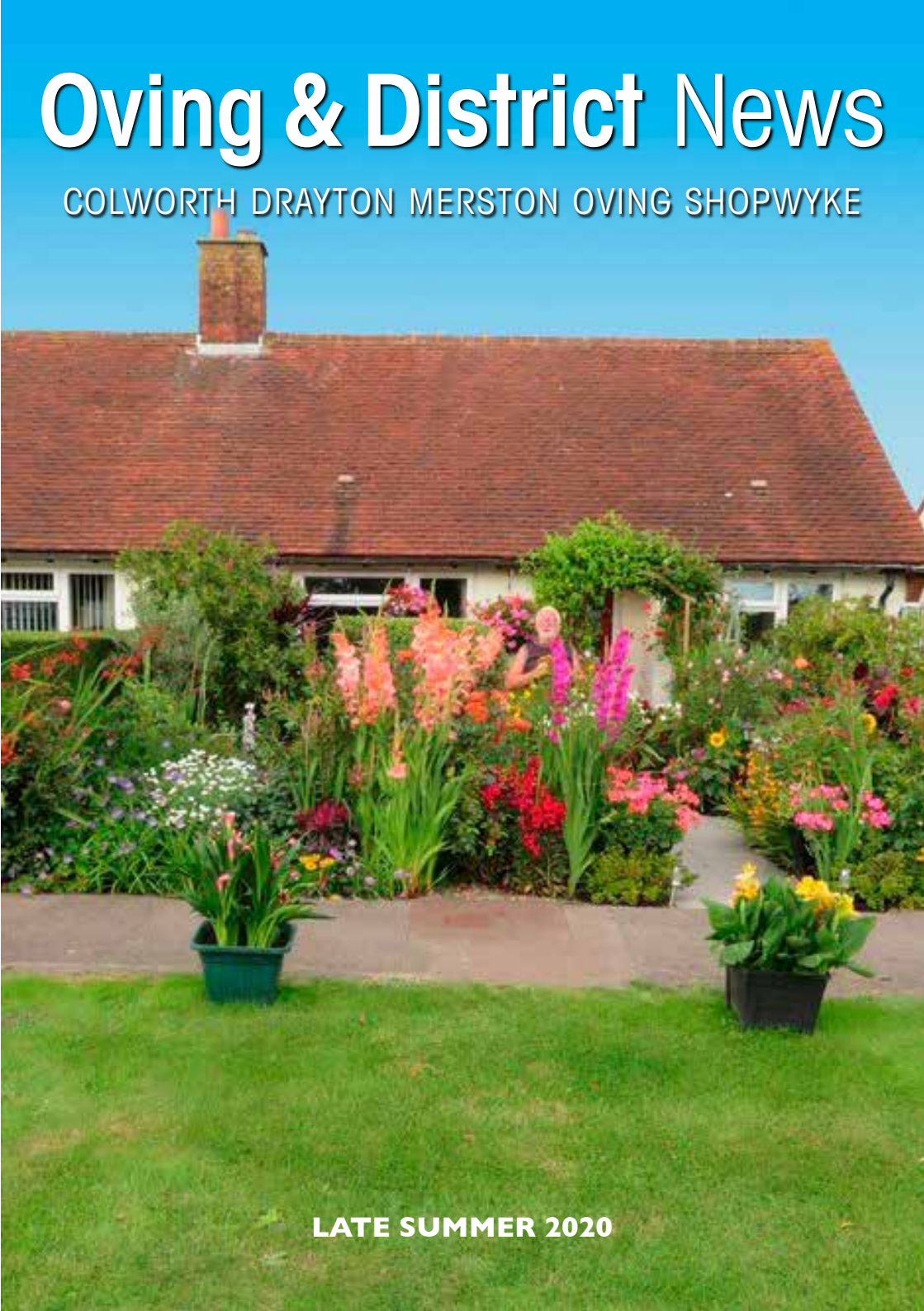
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Editors Note

Well, what a year so far and we still have Brexit to contend with!!
Nobody could have foreseen the tragically difficult circumstances that many people have had to cope with and it is a testimony to our community that so many have rallied round those in need of help.
Of particular note has been Liz Smith who very quietly but determinedly has brought the tea parties to the door , benefiting some 75 people. More importantly she and her volunteers have provided that essential human link to the outside world for those who could not get out. Alistair McKitterick and Mark Vroobel were quick off the mark to ensure there was a way for people to call for help and to provide information to those who needed it . We also have many in our community who have continued working, whether in the NHS , supermarkets or other essential services, a real credit to all.
I apologise that this edition is late and thinner than normal. Many events that would have filled these pages have sadly been cancelled but looking on the positive side, the lockdown has given way to great creativity, whether it is in the garden , kitchen or elsewhere. We have attempted to gather some stories , more are welcome. I would like to extend my thanks to those who have put pen to paper and sent in their articles and pictures.
Our front cover is courtesy of Nick who is one of the Village Hall caretakers. Nobody can fail to spot his stunning front garden full of colour as you enter the village, welldone Nick. Absolute inspiration.
So too are many other floral displays and volunteering activities , captured in pictures in the pages ahead. The other bit of good news to many will have been the re-opening of the Gribble, well done Simon, its been very difficult for the hospitality trade so I would urge people to support our local pub as much as they can.
Some will have noticed a change in name. Several editions ago I tried, but obviously in vain, to explain that the term Parish was purely geographical and that our publication is entirely independent of either the Church or the Parish Council, or indeed any other organisation. As the number of residents increase within our catchment area there has been even more feedback and suggestions for a change. This will inevitably upset some, so apologies ,but delight others, but crucially it should open the door to more advertisers to keep us going.
Keep safe and any articles or material for our next edition should be with us by 16th October.

Best regards Colin

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From the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to welcome Alison Turnbull to the Parish Council; we look forward to her contribution to our community, especially concerning any issues relatyng to Shopwhyke.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the Oving Parish Council AGM was not held but we hope to hold it in the Autumn to discuss the Oving Parish Neighbourhood Plan. A Neighbourhood Plan is a lengthy process but one that will deliver us more control over what happens within our Parish.

We are looking forward to hearing your views and hoping to find volunteers who will help form a commitiee to bring as many different viewpoints into the process as possible.
The Parish Council would like to thank all those who helped each other during lockdown. Special thanks go to the Oving Community Watch and to Liz who will be leaving the group as she will soon be relocating away from the Parish. The group is looking to find someone to replace her and anyone who is interested in working with those vulnerable members of the community, please get in touch with the Clerk.

The Gribble turns 40 this year and I am glad that this wonderful public house has been able to open again even with all the costly new restrictions in place following lockdown.
If you would like to receive urgent updates on important issues relating to your Community please sign up to Oving Parish News Alerts at www.ovingcommunity.org.uk by adding your email address to the box on the let hand side of the home page. Also, the website would welcome any articles that you would like to add. Please send your draft to the Clerk.

The Parish Council has been holding meetings online via Zoom since lockdown started, and we will be continuing to do so for the forceable future. If you would like to 'attend' these meetings they are advertised on the noticeboard and website where you will find the meeting ID. Please contact the Clerk each time to obtain the password which is unique to each meeting.

The financial impact of the pandemic will be felt for some time to come and both Chichester District Council and West Sussex County Council have multi million pounds shortfall in their budgets as a result of the pandemic. They will need more funds from central government to prevent some of the services that they provide being cut back.

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

Neighbourhood Plan

At our virtual parish council meeting on May 14, we decided in principle to proceed with a neighbourhood plan for the parish. At our July 16 meeting we tabled an outline of the contents together with a timetable for the first phase.

An essential part of producing a neighbourhood plan is engaging with and getting the support of the community. Our first step in that process will be to hold an open meeting with residents to explain the purpose of the plan and to get their reactions. We are thinking now, taking account of COVID restrictions, how we might be able to hold such a meeting at the Jubilee Hall on October 15. Please make a pencil note in your diary.

After the meeting, assuming resident support, we shall assemble a steering group from members of the parish council and other residents. We would like representation from across the parish. Some members will be able to spare more time than others. That will be no problem.

If you would like to find out more about how we are approaching the project including draft outline contents, vision statement and objectives, with a view perhaps to joining the steering group at some stage, please get in touch with the chairman of the parish council, Rod Hague **(rodhague@hotmail.com)** or myself **(squidcom1@googlemail.com)**.

Stephen Quigley
Vice Chairman, Oving Parish Council (01243 530500)

CHRISTMAS CARDS

It may seem a little early to be considering Christmas cards, but believe me it'll come round quickly.
Do you dash around buying, writing and delivering cards to your friends and neighbours in the village? Well here's another idea
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Liz Smith a few words....

As some of you already know Liz is moving away from the area and all the ODN would like to wish her health and happiness in her new home. Community Watch, set up by Liz has been an outstanding success , and indeed it became a model for quite a number of communities around Britain to emulate. Her passion and enthusiasm and at times dogged determination meant that many people in the Parish benefitted from all sorts of critical help, from trips to doctors to key boxes and ofcourse the famous tea parties. Often not seen was her willingness to spend time helping people with significant problems, engaging local services where they had failed to meet her exacting standards. Liz will be sorely missed and I am sure many will join with us in saying a big

Thank you.

Lockdown Television 2020

The Editor has asked for lockdown stories, activities and any flotsam and jetsam that filled the void of what we all took for granted…. our lives outside the home. Well apart from resurrecting my cycling skills, rediscovering the beauty of the Sussex countryside, and learning the" wiggle" to avoid oncoming pedestrians, some of us viewed the fare set out for us by the various TV companies. These are my hurrahs. **BBC 4** reshowed **The Royal Shakespeare Company's** productions of Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet, Othello, Much Ado about Nothing etc. All inspiring, diverse versions of the Bard's great works. **"The Art of Persia"** was a 3-part exploration of the culture and people of Iran. Presented by Samira Ahmed it was an intelligent, fascinating trip through the development of this country from pre-Islamic Persia to modern day Iran. The absolute gem was **"The Hidden World of the Motorway"**, presented by Jane McDonald (author of H for Hawk), it was an orbital stroll around the M25 reviewing the flora and fauna there and how it has adapted and thrived. Beautiful. **BBC 1 and 2** did have an awful lot of repeats, but by far the most welcome and still as fresh was **"Pride and Prejudice"** starring Colin Firth and Jennifer Erhle. **"Staged"** starring David Tennant and Michael Sheen was an ingenious project, set in the here and now featuring said actors as themselves, trying to rehearse a play on Zoom, whilst in lockdown with their families.

Channel 4's Grayson's Art Club, presented by Grayson Perry from his studio was a delightful series, showcasing 4 aspects of the lockdown, with members of the public and other celebs creating art with a view to some of it being included in his next exhibition. Weird and wacky.

SKY TV has introduced some new channels including Sky Documentaries, the highlight of this channel being "McMillions" following the FBI's investigation into a fraud committed against a McDonald's promotion. Millions were literally up for grabs. Mind Boggling. However, by far the Best drama during this strange time has been Sky Atlantic's **"My Brilliant Friend"** series2. It is adapted from the Eleanor Ferrante's Neapolitan trilogy, and filmed in the original Italian. It charts the relationship from girlhood to adulthood of Elena and Lila. It is sumptuously filmed, beautifully acted and will make you want to go and live in 1950's/60's Italy! Some of these gems are no longer available but many will be on iPlayer or catch up TV. Enjoy.

Annie Bennett

FILM REVIEW

PARASTE directed by Bong Joon-Ho

This 2019 South Korean film staggered Hollywood by winning Best Picture at the Oscars. It deserved it.

Set in modern day South Korea, this satirical thriller follows the collision of 2 families who meet in the most unusual circumstances, and then outrageously, and wickedly details the consequences of that connection.

The Kims are a family of dodgy, ne'er do wells living in the grottiest of apartments eking out a mostly black-market existence. The Family consisting of Father, Mother and a grown-up son and daughter are dirt poor, invisible, but always on the lookout for an angle, or a scheme to make them rich. One day the son manages to insinuate himself into The Park's family as a tutor to their young daughter. Thus begins the adventure.

The Park's are super wealthy and uber cool, for them it's all about the money and what society thinks of them. They are vain and stupid and lack common sense. Their children are pampered, but even they realise that something about the tutor, then the son's new female art teacher, the new chauffeur and finally the new housekeeper is not right. They all smell the same, like poor people! Because by hook and by crook the Kims have infiltrated and taken over the Park's household. Perfect cuckoos in the nest. The plotting for this action is pure cinema gold.

But with all perfect plans, there is always a flaw. I cannot say what it is as it is pivotal to the story. Suffice to say it involves the former housekeeper, an early return from a failed camping trip, some hilarious, excruciating manoeuvres in the dark and the kid's birthday party from hell.

The acting is phenomenal, a truly brilliant ensemble piece. It is exceedingly bloody at times and black humour abounds. I think it will have the whiff of marmite about it for some, but I loved it and it made me laugh out loud on occasions.

Due to lockdown, this was the last film I saw, but should it come back or be shown on TV, I do recommend an hilarious, brilliant couple of hours.

Annie Bennett



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OVING SCARECROW DAY
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Unfortunately, as we all know Scarecrow Day had to be cancelled. A big disappointment to everyone, but, fingers crossed, we expect to be back next year on Saturday 8th May. Maybe we'll be wearing masks and probably many of our scarecrows will be!

We had hoped to organise a smaller event for families to get together later this year, but, as at the beginning of July, life is a bit uncertain still, so we'll wait and see.

During last winter, some of the 'scarecrew' joined with the Pins and Pinot group and enjoyed some lovely evenings chatting, knitting or crocheting bunting and other items with which to decorate Oving, under Martina's excellent leadership. Sadly, we were not able to display our lovely creations, but they are safely tucked away for next year.

Our knitted scarecrow, Ollie, had many adventures before the lockdown started. Ollie was all over West Sussex from Oving, to the Chichester Canal to further a field on his little outings. (He did go to the Canal one day and someone did guess that). Look out for him as he goes on his next adventures. His progress was followed on our FaceBook page with guesses of his location. Luckily, Ollie survived it all and got home safely.

Enjoy our image of Mr and Mrs Scarecrow resting in the sun, and stay safe till we can meet up again next year.

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St. Andrew's Action Group

On a unremarkable Sunday evening in March Revd. Trevor and myself were sitting in Alistair's lounge in Oving High Street drinking his wine discussing how as a village community we could help those that would need help if the Covid-19 virus struck us here.

We agreed that Alistair would set up a WhatsApp group that local residents could join and Trevor very kindly offered the Church facilities to print a newsletter, speedily delivered by Ralph to everyone in the Oving area. By this time lockdown was approaching and Alistair and myself were inundated with people wanting to help who were vulnerable and housebound in whatever way they could. The St. Andrew's Action Group grew very quickly, and my wife Marianna collated all the data and produced an online Google map for us showing who needed help in relation to where a helper lived.

April and May came and went and it became pretty clear that the virus was not especially coming our way. Perhaps being reasonably isolated from the larger cities and everyone respecting social distancing guidelines helped. However, the WhatsApp group was far from redundant. As well as organizing several shopping trips for people, members used it as an information gateway and new content was added daily during the early days of lockdown. We knew when food shops had supplies, queues and online delivery slots, neighbours offering to share flour when the supermarket shelves were bare, offers of freshly grown potatoes and an extra thanks to Andrew for supplying us with fantastic fresh duck eggs.

Now we are into July and some kind of 'normality' has returned. We have a great community spirit using this group as a conduit for help and information. Today we have someone wanting a dog sitter, Monty from the Manor House escaping (making a refreshing change from Alistair's dogs going walkabout) and a local company who can clean out our trash bins!

Currently we have 47 participants and our suggestion is to continue the group post Covid-19 and see where it goes from here. It would be great to meet other members in The Gribble for a drink and chat when it opens so that we can put faces to all the names collected. The other hope is to use it to organize a village celebration (or a St.AAG party, as someone put it) at a time when we're allowed to gather together again. We would welcome suggestions about these ideas and others.

Many thanks to you all.

Mark and Alistair

Down on the farm from John Pitts

Over one million people signed a petition in June calling "on the UK Government to put into law rules that prevent food being imported to the UK which is produced in ways that would be illegal here". Many Oving Parish residents signed this, and your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

It seems a strange thing to even debate, but the government's apparent determination to agree a post Brexit trade deal with the USA at any cost has made this central to the very future of farming in the UK.

We have the highest food safety and animal welfare standards, enforced by law, of any country in the world and is something we, as farmers, are justifiably proud of. I do not believe anyone should object to imports from any country that meet the same standards. However, imports from countries with lower standards and thus lower production costs, will unfairly undercut home produced food on price. Even if we wanted to lower our standards (we do not) to compete we would not be allowed to, but the imports will keep coming.

Two widely cited examples are chlorinated chicken and hormone treated beef – both from the USA and both banned throughout Europe. Whether you want your chicken dosed in chlorine is, perhaps, a matter of personal choice but it is the reason for the chlorine treatments that is abhorrent. The intensive conditions permitted on US poultry farms are so extreme and lacking in any semblance of animal welfare, that the meat is regularly contaminated with e coli and other dangerous pathogens. The only way to protect human health is to dose the raw chicken in chlorine.

Growth hormones (again banned across Europe) are routinely used to rear US beef in 'feed lots' without any access to grass or the freedom to roam. The use of hormones unnaturally increases growth rates and thus reduces the need for expensive feed or grazing. The meat can therefore be sold cheaply but at what cost to welfare and human health?

Allowing such imports into the UK will undermine everything we have achieved here over decades of improvements in welfare and environmentally sound food production and, perhaps most important of all, food safety. UK producers will not be able to compete and I, for one, would not want to. A race to the bottom for the environment, welfare and food safety has no appeal. At a time when food security, provenance, health and climate change credentials are coming to the forefront 'over here', it is extraordinary that it is necessary for one million people to sign a petition to try and stop the opposite coming in 'from over there'.

The Government have responded – sort of. They have now set up a 'Trade and Agriculture Commission' to look at the issue of import and their potential impacts. However, it is only 'advisory' and has no power to force change. It was initially welcomed by the farming industry, food processors, consumer groups and many others, but is now being ridiculed as a PR exercise in 'spin'. Window dressing at best.

The country's biggest retailer, Tesco has responded to the crisis facing UK food producers in typical fashion by demanding (or else be 'delisted') a 50% reduction in price from its UK suppliers – a move that will simply destroy many domestic businesses and leave the way open for more imports - again produced to standards illegal here (Tesco, unlike some other retailers,

have pointedly refused to state that they will not stock produce produced to standards that would be illegal here). Tesco in the meantime posted annual profits of £2.9 billion, took £700 million in Covid business rate relief from the taxpayer and paid £900 million in dividends to shareholders. All in the same month.

International trade is vital to our economy and gives us all, as consumers, choice. If we were to restrict imports to those that meet our current standards then we can raise standards across the world for the good of the environment, animal welfare and food safety. If we are concerned about our own food security, then we must at least create a level playing field for our own food industry that also supports four million jobs. Unfortunately, it seems we are destined to do the opposite.

I am finding that the more I learn about carbon emissions and climate change the less I know, and the experts can agree on even less. It is, however, an absorbing and fascinating subject and our Net Zero objective at Woodhorn remains. Prior to lockdown, livestock farming was held up by some as the primary cause of climate change. Yet in lockdown we quickly saw carbon emissions fall off a cliff and the planet showed immediate signs of healing. Farming carried on a usual during lockdown, but we stopped flying and driving. Just saying.

Against this background along with Brexit, Covid and yet another drought year, we carry on farming! Harvest has just started as I write, and we will start calving at Reeds Farm in a matter of weeks. The best antidote to the politics of farming is the farming itself.

Oving Parish Community Watch

The volunteers have been busy during the lockdown providing help with shopping and delivering treat parcels including fruit, cake and flowers to residents within the Parish.

Over 75 people have benefitted from our service during this difficult time and we have made a difference to so many lives. If visits have not been possible our Administrator has called many residents offering advice and support.

Our monthly tea parties are of course on hold at the moment but it is hoped that we will restart in September, please keep an eye on the notice board where we will update you.

If you are new to OPCW we are a group of volunteers who provide help with shopping, collecting prescriptions, lifts to hospital or doctors appointment etc.

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BOOK CLUB REPORT

From Beryl Lang



Of course we were unable to meet during the lock-down, but we carried on reading and here follows a brief resume of our choices.

"Burial Rites" is an unusual first novel by Hannah Kent inspired by an actual event she read about. Set in Iceland early last century, a young woman, Agnes, is condemned to death for murder .But she has to stay with a farming family for a year, awaiting the date of her execution. Hostile at first, the family become sympathetic towards Agnes, as does the priest to whom she tells her story.The bitter Icelandic weather mirrors the bitter narrative, and the attitudes of those living around. It is not a happy tale, but is gripping to the end.

"Days Without End" by Sebastian Barry takes us to 1850's America, time of the Civil and Indian wars. Thomas and John sign up very young into the army. They witness awful battles, half-starve on long marches, make friends and enemies, but always remaining comrades. They rescue a young Indian girl, Winona, who later becomes an adopted daughter. She is a lovely character, an antidote to all the horror and bloodshed. They have various adventures, which carry this book along as a "good read"

For something completely different try **"Girls of Riyadh"** by RaJaa Alsariea. What an insight into the lives of educated, modern Saudi girls, still bound by custom and age-old prejudice to have to find a husband among the selfish, self-centred Saudi men. The story is told as a series of Internet letters, which does bring modern aids into their lives. What has really changed over the centuries? Quite an eye-opener.

It is impossible to describe in a short paragraph Chimamanda Adichie's latest sprawling novel. **"Americanah"** moves between Nigeria, America, England, packed with all sorts of incidents and people, encountered by Ifemelu and Obinze her lover. They meet, part, reunite. It is the Nigerian dream to go to America and marry well and the story is told through Ifemelu's Internet "blogs". In the States she encounters Racism, both open and concealed, lives for a time with a wealthy white man, then a black professor, but she abandons both (rather callously) to return to her roots. We were all fascinated by life in modern Nigeria, its politics, corruption, ambition, above all its vibrancy.

And then we read **"1984"**! We had all read it before. It is one of the most important 20th Century novels, and we felt it had parallels with today's situation. There is repressive government control in certain countries, a feeling of being watched, history re-written to suit politics. Orwell's terrible vision remains bleak and uncompromising. We have passed his famous year, but where is the world going? It was worth re-reading.

Once more a very diverse selection. Let us hope it will not be long before we can meet again...

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Reflections on the Lockdown

'What did you do during the lockdown?' Will this be the topic of conversation at dinner tables, on train journeys or in pubs over the next few weeks as we struggle to get back to some normality and hopefully managing to avoid a second wave of the virus.

We, in Oving are fortunate in that most of us have a garden to sit in and access to a lot of open rural space in which to walk and exercise and ensuring a safe social distance. Spare a thought for those in the inner cities who were trapped in high rise apartments, often with the lifts either not working due to malfunction or with residents too scared to enter such a confined and potentially contaminated space.

I am content that I can look back on this period and feel that I have used the time quite constructively having finished my latest book ***'Paris Hide and Seek'*** (available now on Amazon- sorry about the plug!) and also an unpublished cookbook called ***'Lockdown Kitchen'*** which does not feature gourmet food recipes but rather delicious and simple to prepare dishes that are both comforting and nutritious and designed for nights in watching tv, listening to music or just chatting with your partner or family.

If anyone would like an electronic copy of this please supply me with a USB stick and I will load it for you. Unfortunately the content is too large to email.

Tony Barnard



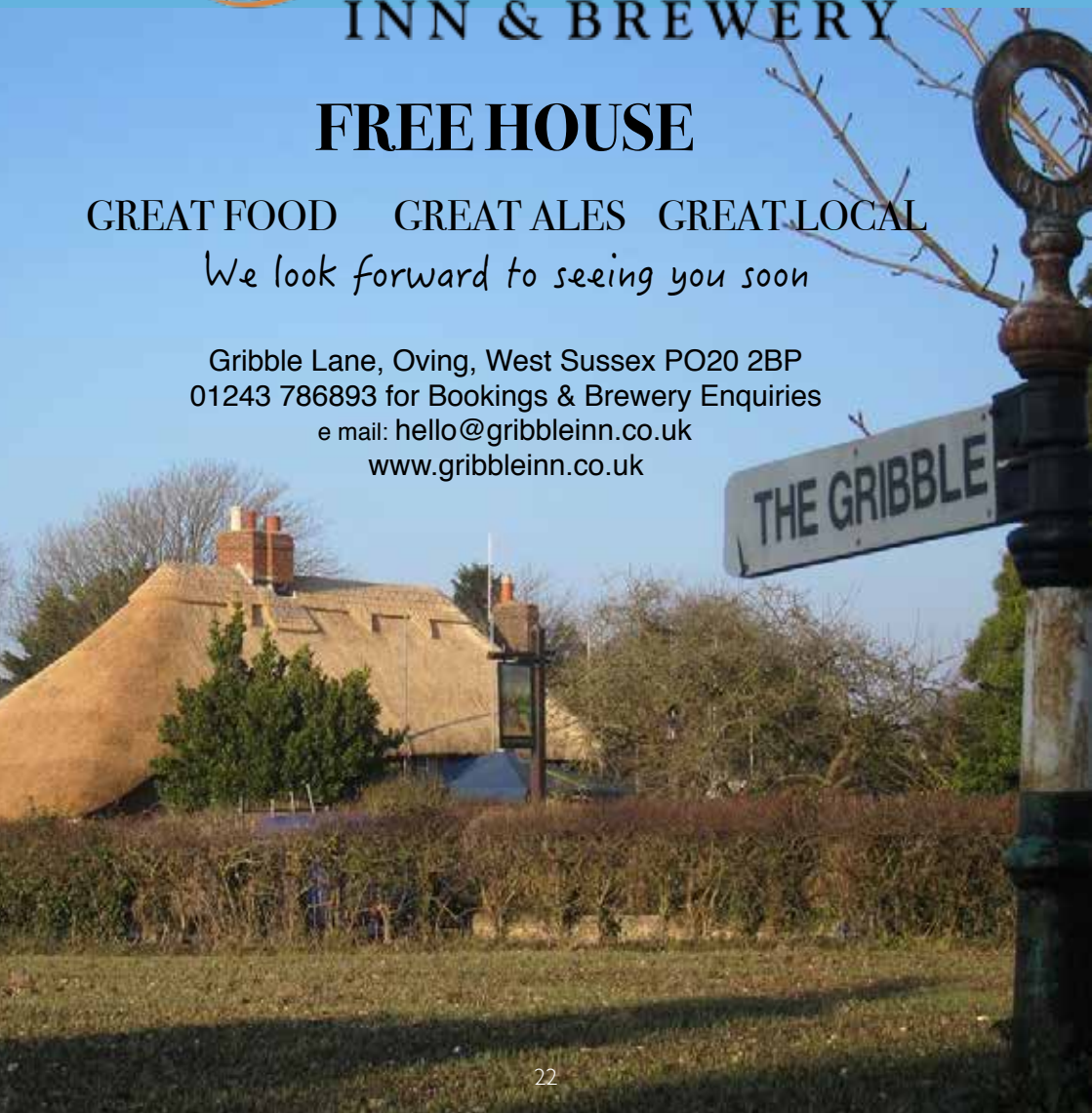
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by John Weakley

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13. Vrai 14. Room 15. Tench 16. Espy 17. Disown 18. Sero

DOWN
1.Spoonerisms 2. Irradiance 3.Tote 5. Gravity 7. Isle of Wight 9. South Downs
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WHEN PEACE BROKE OUT

A sort of childhood after WW2 written by Ron Robinson

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. I had qualified for a place at what is now Kingston University but lack of funds meant that I had to get myself a job. This was probably the only time in my life that I missed having a father figure around for advice. Mother was terminally ill, and so it was left to me to go out, look for and apply for a job and then attend interviews. As a sixteen year old this was quite daunting.

Also during this period I was offered a Saturday morning job, with my elder brother's employers in Barnes. This was a small building firm and I was employed working in the office, starting at 8am and finishing at lunchtime and my main tasks, as the office boy, was to stick the National Employment stamps into the employees stamp books, and, rather worryingly, for these days anyway, taking the companies weeks cash takings to the Bank. This was achieved by carrying the monies in a small bank sack, and taking a bus from outside the office to the Bank in Hammersmith Broadway without escort as there was little crime in those days. My wage for this work was five shilling, ie: 25p in today's currency.

My efforts in job seeking resulted in my obtaining work with the UK General Electric Company based in Kingsway, London and I started there as an office junior in the Domestic Electrical Appliance department at a salary of 2 pounds 10shillings per week (£2.50p). A few days later, when I talked to the KJTS Principal Mr Bowen about this job he was appalled and gave me such a ticking off for having accepted what he thought was such a menial job. Fortunately all turned out well as shown later. A couple of years later we met again in better circumstances when a couple of the KJTS old boys, including me, were asked to supervise a group of current year students who were going to take a fortnights holiday under canvas on Dartmoor. quite an experience I remember. We were camping on land belonging to a local farm on the moors not far from Buckfastleigh. It was raining most of the time whilst there and as the tents were well used, large ex-army bell tents, most were in a poor condition and leaked like sieves. We had to set up our own cooking/eating facilities and were to be totally self sufficient, good experience for all of us. Bathing was accomplished by clearing and widening an area of a passing moors stream which we used to immerse ourselves in. Gee it was cold.



School Camp Group

My manager at GEC who had interviewed me and had offered me the job, was an Ex Welsh Rugby International, (I.W.) He saw, I guess, some potential in me and took control of my early

working life. He, being at times disciplined and strict and yet all the time being sympathetic and helpful. He taught me the need for respect for customers
and others and tempered my behaviour giving me, I am certain, a very good start in adult life. To add to my interest in motor cars, my hands-on experience of cars started at this point in my life as I.W. was allocated a new car. Cars were not on sale at that time just after the end of the war. It was an Austin Eight a revised model made after the war but from pre-war tooling. This he usually parked in Lincoln Inn Fields behind the law courts just off Aldwych, and often I would be given the keys to the car and ask to go fetch something from it to bring to the office. As a sixteen year old being given the keys to a new car and being able to sit behind the wheel and imagining driving, this was real excitement.



Austin 8 – 1946 - Just like I.W's CarGoddess)

Getting to work in the heart of London, from Barnes was easy at that time. On most days I cycled to work. Over Barnes Bridge, Hammersmith Broadway, Olympia, Kensington High Street, Hyde Park Corner, Piccadilly Circus, and so to Covent Garden, where the company had a basement facility, under the market, for cyclists, had changing rooms so that we could get properly dressed for the office. What a difference from today and I cannot imagine anybody wanting to cycle that journey today,



G.E.C. Domestic Electric Cooker of the type that I was involved with. DC113

I worked in the sales department of the Domestic Electric Cooker section of the company and started as tea boy/general dogsbody. I was given training in all the departmental regimes and given a reasonable amount of responsibility. One incident I well recall was when we, the company, were exporting considerable numbers of Domestic Electric Cookers, (DC113's) to Nairobi). We were frequently getting demands for new side panels for these, after delivery. This was our only incident anywhere in the world with this problem. I was involved with another member of staff in solving the problem which we overcame by arranging to have the next delivery followed by one of our staff in Nairobi from ship to warehouse. He reported that, after leaving the ship, the cookers, being heavy items and shipped as individual packed items, were having their packaging removed once on the dock and then being manhandled over the dock to the warehouse which in some areas was through gravel, this causing the damage to the panels. The problem was overcome by arranging all future supplies to be delivered in bulk packed wooden crates of 12 cookers each crate. They were so heavy to handle that cranes and trucks had to be used to get the crates to the warehouse, and this ensured delivery without damage.

Whilst with this department I was asked to assist with the manning of the company exhibition

stand at the Ideal homes Exhibition. My knowledge was with Domestic Cookers but the time spent at this exhibition broadened my knowledge on GEC domestic appliances generally.
My moving heavier items around on the stand to improve the display nearly caused a strike by the exhibition rigger staff, who, being strictly unionised, insisted that they were the only persons allowed to do this work. My first experience/disagreement with workplace unions.
My time in this department was very enjoyable and I owe a lot to IW, He soon had me moving around the UK learning the products from design through manufacture, sales and spares. I spent time at various locations, Birmingham, (Magnet Works manufacturing), Doncaster (Presswork and Vitreous enamelling), London Greycoat Street (spares) and this moving around was building the foundation to my future career within the company.
Mother died in 1950 after many years of illness. I was told of my mother's death by I.W. when at work in the office at Kingsway. It was not really a surprise to me as she was very ill. Mothers death was another turning point in my life as it meant that I had to leave the family house and find other accommodation, which, after a short stay with my elder sister and family, was to bed and breakfast accommodation (digs) with an elderly couple who lived a short distance away from my sister in Putney.





G..E..C. Refrigerator
Typical product of the time. I was one of the design team for this product.

After a couple of years, IW organised me off again this time to take up a 3 year Traineeship at the GEC Refrigerator production plant at North Wembley.
As a Trainee I had to work my way through all sections of the manufacturing plant, Fabrication, Welding, Machine Shop, Assembly Line, Research Depart-ment and finally, earlier than I had expected, I was selected to join the Design Drawing Office where we designed Domestic Refrigerators from scratch through to production. This was a wonderful experience, working and learning the job from very skilled experienced Design Engineers and working on products for other companies such as Philco (USA), Electrolux, Hotpoint and of course my employer GEC. This was in the days of the post war export led recovery and our products were intended for export overseas. As this was still soon after the war, the only products which the company were allowed to sell in the UK were sub-standard products, mainly products with slight faults or damage that was not 100% but still very usable. All perfect quality products had to be exported and were sent to markets all around the world.
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Oving Community Garden Update

We hope that you have seen the sign on the gate for the Community Garden and would like to know more!

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Soon we will have a notice board to update you on what we are doing and give you a chance to decide what you would like to come along and take part in. Follow us on our Facebook page 'Oving Community Garden', for updates and news.

Our hope is to provide a place to try your hand at growing something. A space for parents or grandparents to relax while the kids play in the playground. A place to chat with friends or make new ones. Somewhere that you enjoy being.

So, the hedge plants are well established and have been weeded, the grass is being cut, the path has been rediscovered and there will soon be….

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Entries will be judged by OPC and the winning design will be published in the next ODN.

To all advertisers and readers, we note some advertisements are a little bit out of date and indeed for some we have not had any payment. As we had not had any confirmation of changes we have gone ahead and printed the material we have on hand. During lockdown many businesses were forced to close and we are reluctant to put pressure on struggling businesses to make changes, or indeed pay whilst cash is tight. Now that life is getting back to semi-normal we hope to get everything sorted by the next edition. Our apologies for all these anomalies.

Oving Parish News facilitates groups and individuals to publicise their work, activities and events. Details and views expressed may not be those of the editorial team. Oving Parish News Production and editorial team accepts no responsibility.

A Snapshot of Many Stunning Gardens, all the better for lockdown

For those that have not walked round the Burial ground, it is looking fantastic thanks to the efforts of many volunteers who don overalls and have cleared all sorts of weeds and dead trees . Meeting on Saturday mornings this effort is lead by Ralph Godfrey , supported by many who can look forward to coffee and sausage rolls . Contact Ralph if you want to help (number in contacts page)



Volunteers hard at work in the burial ground



More volunteers taking a break from work in the burial ground !!!!! And eating sausage rolls.



The pond near Sampsons Drive, opposite Drewitts Mews has been replanted and fully renovated. It is now looking great, attracting much wildlife. Thanks to all who have worked hard to make this so attractive

Not so manicured but nonetheless a fantastic sight when all the wild flowers are out. This is the 'set aside' in one of John Pitt's fields and encourages the growth of all sorts of indigenous plants, encouraging wildlife to the area. This nowadays is a key component of responsible farming encouraging biodiversity.





A colourful array as you pass The Gribble on Gribble Lane









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We started off this year with such anticipation, excited at the prospect of the installation of new windows, the sanding and re-varnishing of the hall floor and replacement of the floor in the foyer. The Wedding Fayre in February got excellent feedback so we were looking forward to getting new bookings and increasing our income and being able to afford further improvements.

The good news is of course the windows and floors have been done but nobody has been able to appreciate the improvements, as we have been closed since the start of lockdown. We have been fortunate that all the 2020 wedding bookings have been postponed to next year so at the time of writing we have at least nine weddings to look forward to in 2021. Our regular groups had to suspend their meetings and many have now moved into their normal summer break. We do, however, look forward to welcoming Pilates back in week commencing 26th July and I am sure they will appreciate the new floor.

During our enforced closure, our caretakers have been busy keeping the grass trimmed, weeding, painting, deep cleaning and doing lots of the jobs that never quite get done when the hall is full. Our bookings secretary has been busy helping people to move their bookings and dealing with people looking to book when we are able to welcome back events and parties.

The Management Committee AGM had to be postponed and takes place on 22 July where we aim to adopt our new updated Constitution. We have lost one of our committee members, Vera Spiers, who died in March. Vera served the Village Hall for over 20 years and never missed a meeting even when she had to get a taxi to attend. The Management Committee recorded our thanks in the minutes of our virtual meeting in April for her many years of commitment to the Village Hall.

We are following all the Covid Secure requirements so that the Hall can be as safe a venue as possible. We are asking users to maintain safe distancing; we have installed hand sanitizers; we will be cleaning everything between hires; and for the time being we will be putting out tables and chairs for users to avoid congestion in the storage cupboards.

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FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN



I am delighted that the church is open for Services once again albeit with a few restrictions ie no singing, wearing of face masks, Communion in one kind only and no sharing of 'The Peace' but at least we are open!

I would like to record a special 'thank you' to Fr. Trevor who maintained a steady flow of virtual 'Morning Prayer Services' and Sunday Eucharistic Services' throughout the Lockdown period which were a great comfort to a lot of people in both Oving and Tangmere.

Thanks are also due to all those people who have helped maintain the churchyard and burial ground during this period. I will not embarrass you by naming you but you all know who you are! The grounds have never looked better.

I would encourage everyone to have a look inside the church to see the superb results of the removal of the front four pews and replacement of floor stones. The whole area has now opened up with a clear and uninterrupted space that stretches from the south to the north transepts. I would like to record my thanks and those of the whole congregation to Stephen who has project-managed this process so efficiently.

It was obviously very sad that the 'Scarecrow Day' and the 'sold out' fundraising BBQ had to be cancelled this year but they will return next year. On the bright side there are three future dates to look out for – Harvest Auction, Christmas Carol Concert and the Christmas fayre which will all take place in the church later this year. More information will be available in the next issue of OPN.

I hope that you all enjoy the summer and do whatever you are able to do both safely and responsibly

Very best wishes

Tony Barnard
Churchwarden, St. Andrew's Church, Oving



LIFE'S GREAT EVENTS

During lockdown, we have not been able to have baptisms or weddings at St Andrew's and funerals have been with restricted numbers. It has meant that many people have not been able to take part in the major events that are part of normal life. The joy of welcoming a baby into the world, celebrating a couple's love for each other or saying goodbye to a loved one. These are all events that we have missed in the past four months.

I think that one of the biggest challenges of lockdown has been not being able to see family and friends. The family and friends that we would normally be able to see at those bap-tisms, weddings and funerals that we have missed.

We have also missed seeing one another at St Andrew's. There have been no services in church since before Easter until the beginning of July. I have been recording services in front of an empty church. At St Andrew's we are slowly get-ting back to something like normality. We are worshipping on Sundays albeit without the singing of hymns. We are begin-ning to come back together as a church family.

As we slowly come out of lockdown, I look forward to being able to welcome the people of Tangmere into St Andrew's to celebrate those life events that are so important in our lives. To be able to do so and welcome God to be a part of our lives is is true delight.

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Oving & District 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 District!!!

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FALKLANDS SEA HARRIER ACQUIRED BY AVIATION MUSEUM

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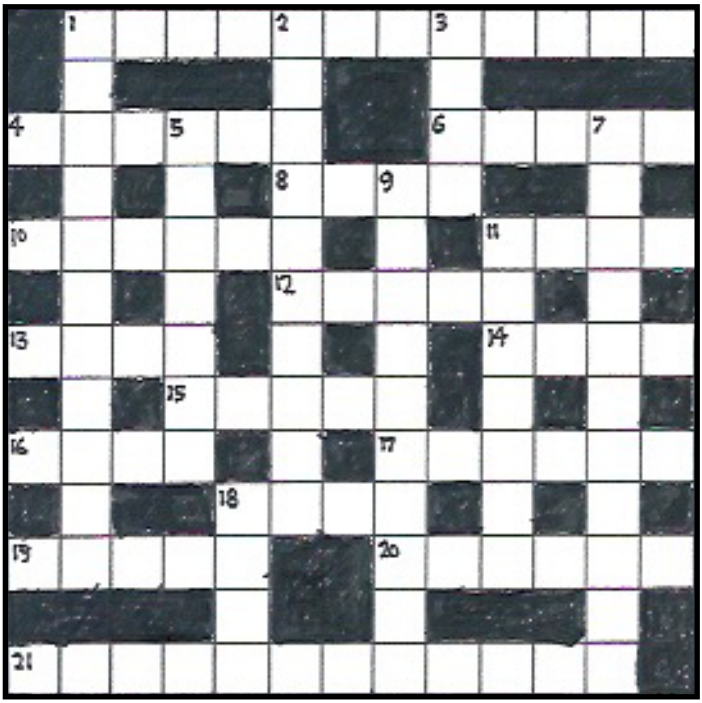
Lieutenant Commander Gordy Batt will always be associated with XZ459, flying it many times during the war in which he flew 29 operations, many as the strike leader on bombing attacks on targets such as Stanley airfield and Argentine shipping in the total exclusion zone. On 4 May he led a low level attack on the airstrip at Goose Green during which his No 2 was shot down and the pilot killed. For these services, 37 year old Gordy was nominated 'in theatre' for the award of Distinguished Service Cross. Often he flew up to four air defence CAP sorties a day.

On 23 May Gordy launched from HMS Hermes at night with three other Sea Harriers for a bombing attack on Stanley airfield. Shortly after launching his aircraft was seen to explode ahead of the carrier and he was killed. The cause of the accident has never been established. Gordy's DSC was gazetted posthumously.

XZ459 is now on static display at the Museum which has now re-opened (Monday to Friday only) following a four month closure due to coronavirus restrictions. In order to see the aircraft and visit the Museum, pre-booking is essential. Details are available on the Museum's website **www.tangmere-museum.org.uk**



CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. Re-aligned (12)
4. One slowly running as a reminder (6)
6. Luke Warm (5)
8. Church Recess (4)
10. Digitally release (6)
11. Unit of electromotive force (4)
12. Withstand unpleasantries (5)
13. True to be Franc (4)
14. Always space for this in a house (4)
15. Bottom feeder (5)
16. Make out an Eastern agent (4)
17. Relinquish responsibility (6)
18. Prefix relating to serum (4)
19. Race course likened to baby bed (5)
20. A brace of these don't make a right (6)
21. Coming down from Machu Picchu gives this type of bright light (12)

DOWN

1. Spoup soon,wed rine are cases in point (11)
2. Radiant energy shining brightly (10)
3. Carry a bet? (4)
5. Seriousness that holds you down (7)
7. Initially I owe double you say to arrive at this island (4,2,5)
9. Feathery soft hill range paradoxically due North (5,5)
11. Realism in the Arts (7)
18. Nuts can shock (4)

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