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Editors note

It is with a heavy heart that I have to record this as the last edition of the Oving District News. There is a last minute desperate appeal for a volunteer to take over elsewhere in this edition which I hope will bring forward a saviour ??

I would like to thank the numerous contributors over the years for their support and indeed the advertisers who, without their financial help , we would never be able to publish .

On a positive note there are many events planned for the summer so please keep an eye out for notices and remember the Oving Parish website is now a rich source of information (www.oving community.org.uk)

Buried in these pages are some lovely pictures taken by Sue Hague, thankyou. These and other pictures will be a valuable record of the beautiful place we have the privilege to live in.

Since our last edition the closure of the Oving lights has been completed. My own experience is one of much easier cycling with traffic on the Tangmere straight much reduced however time will tell , especially as the remaining changes to the A27 need to be completed. Hopefully we will see the start of the promised footbridges across the A27 taking us one step closer to easier walking and cycling into Chichester. Please note Simon Oakley's point about the cycling consultation in his article.

Have a great summer and my very best regards to all. Colin

Caribbean Beef Pasties

A nice change from traditional pasties & are great for freezing

Ingredients - Makes 10 - Cook time 30 minutes

- 450g plain flour
- 2 tsp turmeric
- 1 tsp salt
- 225g butter or margarine

For the Filling:

- 2 tbsp vegetable oil
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2-3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 250g minced beef or lamb
- 200g diced cooked sweet potatoes
- 3 spring onions, chopped
- 4 tomatoes, skinned and chopped
- 1 tbsp Jerk seasoning
- Salt and pepper
- Beaten egg to glaze

Method:

1. Sift the flour into a bowl with the turmeric and salt. Rub in the butter or blend in a processor until finely blended. Add sufficient ice cold water to give pliable dough and chill for 15-20 minutes.
2. Heat the oil and fry the onion and garlic until translucent. Add the meat, stirring frequently. Stir in the spring onions, tomatoes, potatoes, seasonings and 150ml/ water and simmer for 5 minutes. Cool slightly. Preheat the oven to 200C/400F/gas Mark 6.



3. Roll out the pastry thinly and cut into 10 x 17.5cm circles with a cutter or saucer. Wet the edges with water. Place two spoons of mince in the middle of the pastry and fold the pastry over into a semi-circle, sealing edges well.
4. Place on greased baking trays. Brush with beaten egg and bake for 25-30 minutes until crisp and golden. Serve hot or cool!

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Parish Council News

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you are all well and have come through the storms and winter relatively unscathed.

The Chichester Local Plan Review is looking again at their proposed allocations following the Planning Inspectorate telling them that they can only allocate the amount of housing that the A27 can cope with. For Oving this means that the site to the south and east of the Redrow site, (AL3), is now being assessed for 600 instead of the 940 that was previously proposed, and a primary school is still being assessed to be located on the site. There is also no longer a proposal for 300 houses east of Drayton Lane.

With all the changes to roads and how the Parish accesses Chichester following the closure of the Oving traffic lights, the Parish Council is seeking an urgent meeting with Highways England to see what can be done about the dangers of the slip road onto the A27 to the north of Shopwyke Lakes. We are also looking to provide some mobile speed indicator signs and additional reminders of the speed limit along Longacres Way if we can get volunteers to regularly move the mobile speed indicators from various approved locations from time to time.

Please would any users of the new junction onto the A27 report any near misses and issues to info@highwaysengland.co.uk copying clerk@ovingcommunity.org.uk so we can have an evidence base for looking for solutions. Please also forward any responses you receive from Highways England to clerk@ovingcommuniy.org.uk for the same reason.

For those who would like to have electric charging points installed on your road to charge electric cars for on street parking please spend two minutes filling out the form below. As no new petrol and diesel cars will be sold in 8 years' time, getting the infrastructure in place is key for many before considering getting an electric car.

https://www.connectedkerb.com/west-sussex-chargepoint-network

As always, we hope that some people might be able to spend some time volunteering to help our community.

There are vacancies for the position of Treasurer to Jubilee Hall, the Community Watch group is looking for additional volunteers and we have vacancies for Parish Councillors. Please contact the clerk for further details if you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor.

I would like to thank everyone for all their support to others in the community who have helped in so many ways.

I would also like to welcome all new members of our community who have recently moved to the Parish.

Rod Hague

Oving Parish Council Chair

Oving Neighbourhood Plan

We are making good progress with this project. The 15 draft policies are close to being completed. They cover housing, enterprise and employment, environment, heritage, leisure and community, and getting about. They closely mirror the vision and objectives we prepared at the start of the project and on which we consulted residents for their views.

The housing policy will not include allocations of new market housing. It will however include guidance on affordable housing in response to recently identified housing need. It will not define any sites for such housing. The design of any new housing of whatever kind that may be allocated or come forward in the next 25 years will be influenced by a detailed report on design guidelines and codes prepared by an independent agency.

One part of the plan will be to designate what are known as local green spaces. These are areas of importance to the community and will have the same standing as green belt, in other words, will carry restrictions on development. We are writing to respective landowners to inform them of our proposals and to get their reaction.

We have still some matters to resolve with the District Council including whether we need to undertake what is called a strategic environmental assessment, in other words to determine whether any of our policies are likely to have any significant effect on the environment.

Once that matter is resolved we will be free to move to the next and highly important stage in the Neighbourhood Plan process, name to consult residents, landowners, developers and statutory consultees on the complete draft of the plan. All being well we shall start this in the next three months.

Stephen Quigley

Chairman, ONP Steering Group

February 17, 2022

From Simon Oakley Our WSCC/CDC Councillor



As we move from a world dominated by Covid to one of higher energy prices, information on the wide range of assistance programmes can be found on CDC's website at www.chichester.gov.uk/helpwithfinances . If in urgent need (e.g. require essential supplies within 3 days), please phone WSCC's Community Hub on 0330 222 7980.

With the works on the Oving Lights junction now underway, the anticipated issues with getting onto the A27 and into Chichester via the new Northern B2144/ A27 junction are now subject of much comment. Noting a Government funded Roads Investment Strategy study into the A27 at Chichester is underway, those who wish to highlight issues with this junction should contact National Highways.

Meanwhile WSCC is working up proposals for improving walking and cycling routes along the Oving and Westhampnett Road corridors within the City, which would improve access for those in the Shopwyke area getting into town. An initial, 4 week, public consultation on the Oving Road corridor is expected to start on 8th March – watch for the publicity. On the A259, another project is to install a Toucan crossing and improve the cycle paths East of the Drayton Lane roundabout by the Marsh Lane junction.

WSCC Highways has a Community Highways Scheme application process which enables communities and Parish Councils to submit proposals for small road, pathway and safety projects. WSCC also has a Community Traffic Regulation Order scheme which can be utilized for proposing parking, speed and other restrictions. Applications for both schemes go through a rigorous assessment process, but essential elements are the evidencing of need and significant community support.

In my last article, I highlighted the issue of flood risk on Church Lane. Recently works have been carried out on trees impacting the Oving Rife's Eastern Arm and an Op Watershed scheme is progressing.

Simon Oakley 21 February 2022

CONSULTATION PROPOSAL FOR SPEED AND WEIGHT REDUCTION IN AND AROUND OVING

In the last edition of the ODN I reached out to you all to submit your views on traffic safety improvements around the village of Oving

I would like to start by saying a huge thank you to all that replied to the above, and your comments were also welcomed. The results of the survey are below:

Item A: Speed reduction along Tangmere Rd	For 100%	
Item B: Speed reduction along New Rd	For 88%	Against 12%
Item C: Speed reduction along Church Lane	For 100%	
Item D: Weight reduction along the High Street	For 96%	Against 4%

At present I am waiting for a meeting with Highways department to discuss the above feasibility etc. Due to the comments that were raised I would like to conduct another survey, details below, to finalise this consultation.

Item 1: Colworth Lane and all of Church Lane, to be reduced to 30mph

Item:2: The High Street and Church Lane to be 20mph. This leads to the question of making the whole Village 20mph.

Item 3: To reduce the weight limit in the High Street to lower than 7.5 tonnes

Item 4: To have a weight limit for Merston of 7.5 tonnes or less

Item 5: To have VAS speed detectors along Longacres in Shopwyke Lakes

Please see our website to add your comments, support etc:- www.ovingcommunity.org.uk

Or write to: Ruth Palmer, Parish Clerk, 4 Church Way, Pagham. PO21 4QN

Closing date for the Consultation: 31st March 2022

Alan Smith

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Oving Scarecrow Day 14 May 2022

YAY! Scarecrows are back! Oving Scarecrows aim to deliver a great value family day out that is accessible and appealing to our whole community. Scarecrow Day has grown from an idea mooted around a kitchen table in 2008 , for an event that would bring our community together, to celebrate Oving's rural roots, to become a red-letter day in our village calendar. The event is run on a break-even basis and the small organising team of nine are all volunteers. We still rely on our wonderful sponsors to enable us to offer our family activities either free or at very low prices. We are a charity and plan our events on a break- even basis, with any surplus from selling teas and raffle tickets being ploughed back in to provide next year's attractions, etc. In this difficult economic environment, we are passionate about wanting everyone to be able to enjoy Oving Scarecrow Day.



The scarecrows are placed all round our small village in people's gardens and around the Church . The scarecrows outside the Church are mainly made by various youth groups. The guest scarecrow area is at Madam Green Farm. Refreshments are available both in the Hall and near the Church. There are various attractions and entertainment inside and outside the Hall, at the Church and outside in Madam Green Farm yard.

We owe a massive thank you to our sponsors, many of whom have been with us from day one. So, thank you to:

The Woodhorn Group – for sponsoring a prize trophy and for providing us with possibly the most popular regular event of the day, the free tractor rides around the village.

Madam Green Farm for sponsoring a prize trophy and for allowing us to set up our outside activities on their inviting site.

His Grace, the Duke of Richmond, for sponsoring a prize trophy, which he has done enthusiastically and unstintingly since the beginning.

In addition we thank the fabulous:

The Gribble Inn, Oving Clinic, Wayside Organics, Hall Hunter, Earth Cycle, Nature's Way, Tangmere Airfield Nurseries

To everyone who builds a scarecrow and so contributed to the festive feeling around our beautiful village.

To our volunteers, without whom we could not put on the day

To all our stall holders, entertainers, musicians and singers

To all of you for coming and visiting and joining in the day



Finally a plea …..We need volunteers to help on the day, with refreshments, selling raffle tickets, stewards to meet and greet, help in putting up decorations, and taking them down. You don't need to know anyone because we're a friendly bunch. So please come and offer some help even just an hour. Contact us via Facebook page, www.ovingscarecrows.org, or email ovingscarecrows111@sky.com





OVING PARISH COMMUNITY WATCH

Reflection 2021:

We had a very successful year despite setbacks with the Covid Virus. We were able to offer our Tea Parties again in at Oving Jubilee Village Hall. During one of the Tea Parties West Sussex Fire and Rescue Service were invited to visit and give a talk on Safety in the home. The year ended with a wonderful Christmas Lunch and live music all served by our wonderful team of volunteers.

Serving our Community 2022:

We have plans to arrange outings for residents of Oving Parish. We are looking to arrange a summer and Christmas outing. Further talks to be arranged by guest speakers. Monthly lunches commenced on 20th January. Please see future dates for your diary.

Do you need assistance with transport to medical appointments, shopping or in need of some company? If so, please call June Milson on 07508 059955

Volunteer with us:

We are looking for more volunteers to continue serving our community. The more we have on board the more we can share the work and therefore possibly offer more assistance. If you can only spare a few hours, it can make all the difference. If you are interested, please contact June Milson on 07508 059955 and I will be happy to chat further with you.

www.ovingcommunity.org.uk/community/support-in-the-community/community-watch

LUNCH

March 24th 1pm - 3pm

TEA PARTY

April 21st 2.30pm – 4pm

May 19th 2.30pm – 4pm

June 23rd 2.30pm – 4pm

July 21st 2.30pm – 4pm

August 18th Outing to be confirmed

September 22nd 2.30pm 4pm

October 27th 2.30pm – 4pm

November 17th Outing To be confirmed

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

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4Sight Vision Support Champions World Glaucoma Week

West Sussex charity 4Sight Vision Support lends its support to World Glaucoma Week from 6th to 12th March: this initiative of the World Glaucoma Association (WGA) aims to raise awareness on glaucoma.

Glaucoma is a chronic, progressive, degenerative disorder of the optic nerve that produces characteristic visual field damage. It is the second cause of blindness, and importantly, it is irreversible. In its early stages, glaucoma is asymptomatic and if untreated, it may progress to blindness. 4Sight Vision Support provides support and specialist information to blind and sight impaired residents throughout West Sussex, including many people living with glaucoma: with early treatment, the damage may be limited and sight may be saved.



CEO Kirstie Thomas commented, "World Glaucoma Week is an opportunity to raise awareness of having regular eye health checks. It is important to understand that initially most people with glaucoma are not aware of it and have zero symptoms. Catch the disease early and you have a great chance of preserving your vision for the years to come."

To find out more about glaucoma and the importance of taking care of our sight, or how 4Sight Vision Support can support you or someone you know living with sight loss, call 01243 828555 or visit www.4sight.org.uk . For more details about the World Glaucoma Association visit https://wga.one/

Image: an illustration of how glaucoma can cause loss of peripheral vision of sight over time.

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Such urgent requests aim to bulldoze you into acting without delay... Don't respond!

- Don't click on any links—especially ones giving you the option to 'Reject' rather than 'Apply' for an offer—both may be bogus
- If you *do* click on an email link which asks you to reveal your login details including password—don't go any further—close the message
- Always use an alternative way to check the validity of anything you're unsure of
- If in doubt—STOP—ask someone you trust to help you
- Change your password on any accounts you think may have been compromised

FILM REVIEW by ANNIE BENNET

BELFAST written and directed by Kenneth Branagh.

"A man goes to the Doctor's, and the Doctor says, I 've good news and bad news. The man says what's the good news, the Doctor says you've got 24hours to live. The man says so what's the bad news? The Doctor says I have been trying to get hold of you since yesterday!

That joke is told in this film, in a pub in North Belfast. Its 1969 and the drinkers are all friends from the same few streets that they all grew up on together, Catholics and Protestants, and they all laugh.

Set against this backdrop of harmony, we meet Kenneth Branagh's family. Jamie Dornan plays Pa and the wonderful Irish actress Catriona Balfe plays Ma. They are bringing up their young family on a wing and a prayer, so much so that Pa is working in England to make ends meet and pay off a tax debt. Jude Hill, all smiles and angelic features (a total newcomer) is the young Buddy (Ken), and it is through his eyes that we see not only his transition from innocence to awareness, but the effect a polarised society can have on everyone.

One minute he is playing fighting make believe in the street, the next he witnesses the first of many riots incited, in this instance, by Protestant para militaries attempting to oust the Catholic residents from what they see as a Protestant-only community. The barricades go up, Pa is under constant threat of being forced to join them, and the family have to decide whether to stay or go.

Buddy's Grandparents are played by Judi Dench (as ever a scene stealer) and Ciaran Hinds, and the love between them is extremely moving, as well as caustically funny.

There are wonderful amusing and touching moments constantly interspersed throughout the narrative. The whole family goes to the cinema to see Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, and the look of wonder on all their faces as the car starts to fly over the cliff is priceless. Buddy also has it explained to him how to double bluff if someone is trying to find out your religion by asking what your name is - confusion reigns for him - as he ends up admitting he is a Protestant anyway.

Buddy also has a crush on Catherine, the maths genius in his class. Being a Protestant, he worries that, she being a Catholic, dooms their relationship from the start. His Pa explains that love transcends all that, and he can marry who he likes. Their last meeting before Buddy leaves for UK is so touching.

This is of course a love letter to his childhood, and a time long passed. These films can so often be too personal or too sentimental. But this film is eminently watchable, funny, sad with beautiful cinematography and a cracking music score by Van Morrison, even with a hint of rose-tinted spectacles.

The horror of sectarianism is writ large enough, but so too is the essence of a close-knit family, who love to sing and dance, but who ultimately have to make the difficult decision to up sticks and make a new life in England.



Our first meeting of 2022 was held in the meeting room of the Jubilee hall on Saturday 5th February. We enjoyed planning ideas for the future and the homemade goodies provided as ever, by our wonderful Mandy .

The most important item on our agenda continues to be **'how can we get more of our community involved?'.** We are a friendly bunch with a variety of strengths and knowledge of gardening, ranging from cut and dig up everything to insightful knowledge on things I hadn't even thought of!

We meet every 1st Saturday of the month, but the garden is open to all the community all the time. Please take a wander through and pick out a weed or two. If things are looking like they need to be eaten, then please help yourselves, we only ask you to be considerate of others.

Looking ahead, we will continue to put in the infrastructure, more seating, a greenhouse, some fruit cages, more raised beds and wildflowers around the newly planted trees.

May 14th is Scarecrow Day, we will be around to try and encourage people to come in and spend some time in the garden. You never know there may be some new life in the vegetable beds by then.

Next Meeting Saturday 5th March – usually around 9.30am onwards. Adults and children welcome!

We hope to see you there for some digging – bring your gloves!

THE FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OVING

It is so lovely to get the Social Calendar under way again!
Last year we managed to run (when COVID was permitting) our Quiz Night in October and the Christmas Fayre (together with the Jubilee Village Hall and the Parochial Church Council) in December, both were very successful!

Our next fund-raising event planned in conjunction with the Village Hall Committee is the ever popular **RACE NIGHT**
To be held on **Saturday 9th April 7-7.30pm Jubilee Village Hall**.
Tickets **£12.50 per head** to include a **fish n chip supper**. There will be a pay bar and soft drinks available. There is also the chance to either sponsor a whole race or buy an individual horse and name it for £2 per horse.
For tickets and sponsorship please contact anthonyeastwood@gmail.com

Our various fund-raising events in the past have meant that we have been able to make a substantial contribution towards the new heaters now installed in St. Andrew's Church, Oving.
Hopefully another Quiz Night is in the pipeline for the Autumn and the Christmas Fayre on Sat 3rd December.

Lynda Sayer (Chairman, Friends of St. Andrews's Church, Oving)

Where do we live?!

A recent visitor asked the question: “if locals can’t decide how to pronounce your village, what chance do us Americans have?” Its long been a subject for light hearted discussion and light hearted it should remain. But it’s always been a bit of a mystery to me in that I can’t recall anyone ever calling our village/parish *Ooving* as a child and most would agree that it is a relatively recent phenomena. But that doesn’t mean it’s incorrect of course.

My understanding was always that the name comes for the Latin *Ovine* (pronounced similar to bovine as in cattle) meaning ‘place of sheep’. Local archaeologists and historians have tended to agree on this, but pronunciations change through the sands of time and the Romans left out shores a long time ago! However, I came across copies of some very old maps recently. The oldest, dated 1595, shows the village as *Oweing* (w is substituted for a v in many Sussex villages on this map). A later map (1740) uses the spelling *Oveing* and it is not until 1795 that the e is dropped in favour of the now familiar *Oving*. No mention of *Ooving* throughout, so this is arguably conclusive. But then why spoil a good debate? Just don’t tell our neighbours that their village was spelled *TangmEAR* in 1595!



Three Weddings and an Apology - Mandy McPhail

Wedding 1 - In 2021 we planned to get married. It'd taken some time, having been together for over 20 years, but one shouldn't rush these things after all. Having finally got engaged in 2020 we were looking forward to celebrating our wedding at The Gribble Brewery Tap in September 2021. Then COVID happened. All weddings were off, and receptions too.

Wedding 2 - With all sorts of changes and challenges for everyone we were relieved when Edes House were finally able to book weddings again. My other half was particularly pleased when we were offered the date of the 5th November – not a chance he'd forget that one! We knew we'd have to keep the reception very small so then planned to have a couple of family tables at the Gribble. Instead of the 80-100 people originally planned it was going to be about 10 of us.

Then there was the second lockdown of 2020, with everything shutdown from the 5th November. That included our wedding and reception. Frustrating for us, but at least it was only affecting a very small number of family members and suppliers.

Having booked the November wedding we were contacted by Edes House to rearrange our wedding once they were sure they would be able to reopen. We got the 23rd December.

Wedding 3 went ahead, thank goodness. My hairdresser in Nyetimber needed to squeeze me in at 7:30am due to already being booked up for Christmas week. Nails at Cariad in Oving were rescheduled. The beautiful flowers were delivered by our very own Oving florist, The Floral Artisan. The delicious cake was delivered by A Cake With No Name. The wedding went without a hitch at Edes House and felt even more special with the tasteful Christmas decorations. For something so small it really was a joyous day.



The Apology? Ah yes… when we thought we would be getting married on the 5th November 2020 with a dramatically reduced reception, we decided to celebrate the occasion with a firework display. The large box of explosives had been sat in the shed for over a year and were set off at the Oving Recreation Ground on the 5th November 2021. We're hoping that this didn't disturb you or your pets too much.

With love to all,

Mrs McPhail x

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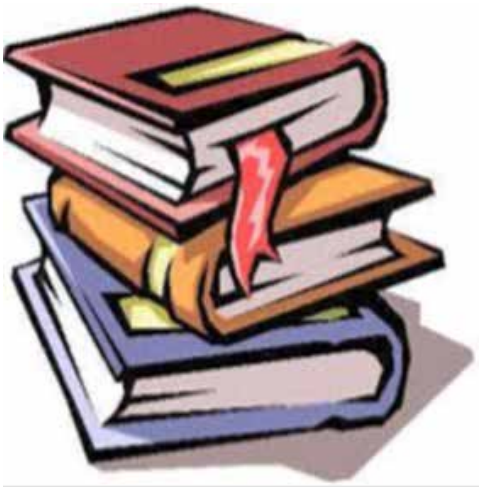
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BOOK CLUB REPORT



"The Unseen" by Norwegian writer Roy Jacobsen, is set on the small island off the coast of Norway, called Barray, around the year 1900. Here live the Barray family: Hans, his wife Maria, daughter Ingrid, Father Martin, sister Barbro. The family and the island have been linked for generations. The story begins when Ingrid is very young, and it is her life we follow through the changing seasons of the year. They have a few sheep and cows, some arable land, and they cope with all the weather can bring them. The sea is bountiful, the general store on the nearby island provides other needs. Hans goes away every new year to fish in the North Sea for three months, thus earning money. Disruptions that occur have to be dealt with, Barray is the calm, ordered centre of peace and hope for these "unseen" people. A beautifully written story, a subtle approach to revealing ordinary people and their lives.

"Old Filth". What a title! It stands for "Failed In London, Try Hong Kong". Edward Feathers, a child of the Raj, following the usual custom is sent to England for his education. His mother died at his birth, his father abandons him to unhappy foster homes until at Public school he is taken in by his school friend's family and life is happier. Edward trains in Law, practises in the Far East, meets his wife, Betty, and Jane Gardam's book is about his life, its successes, failures, regrets. He ends up as a respected Judge, and when he retires to England he looks back over his life. We all liked this book, it can be sad, and funny, caustic and kind, the characters are real.

But opinions were very divided about the next choice - Kazuo Ishiguro's latest novel 'Klara and the Sun'. Ishiguro likes depicting possible futures. Here Robots have been invented who can think and reason. Some are "Artificial Friends" for lonely youngsters, and can be bought in special shops. So Josie, who has an unspecified illness, persuades her mother to buy Klara. Their life together at Josie's home is detailed for the reader. Klara is powered by the sun, and comes to believe that the sun can cure Josie, so she tries all sorts of ways to but in doing so dooms herself to be dismantled. Some of us thought this too far fetched, the narrative too repetitive and slow. A novel more suited to teenagers perhaps. Others of us found Klara a sympathetic character and warmed to the idea of future friendly robots! Will that ever come about?

Our choice for Book of the Year for 2021 was "Shuggie Bain" though closely followed by several others. We look forward to another interesting year.

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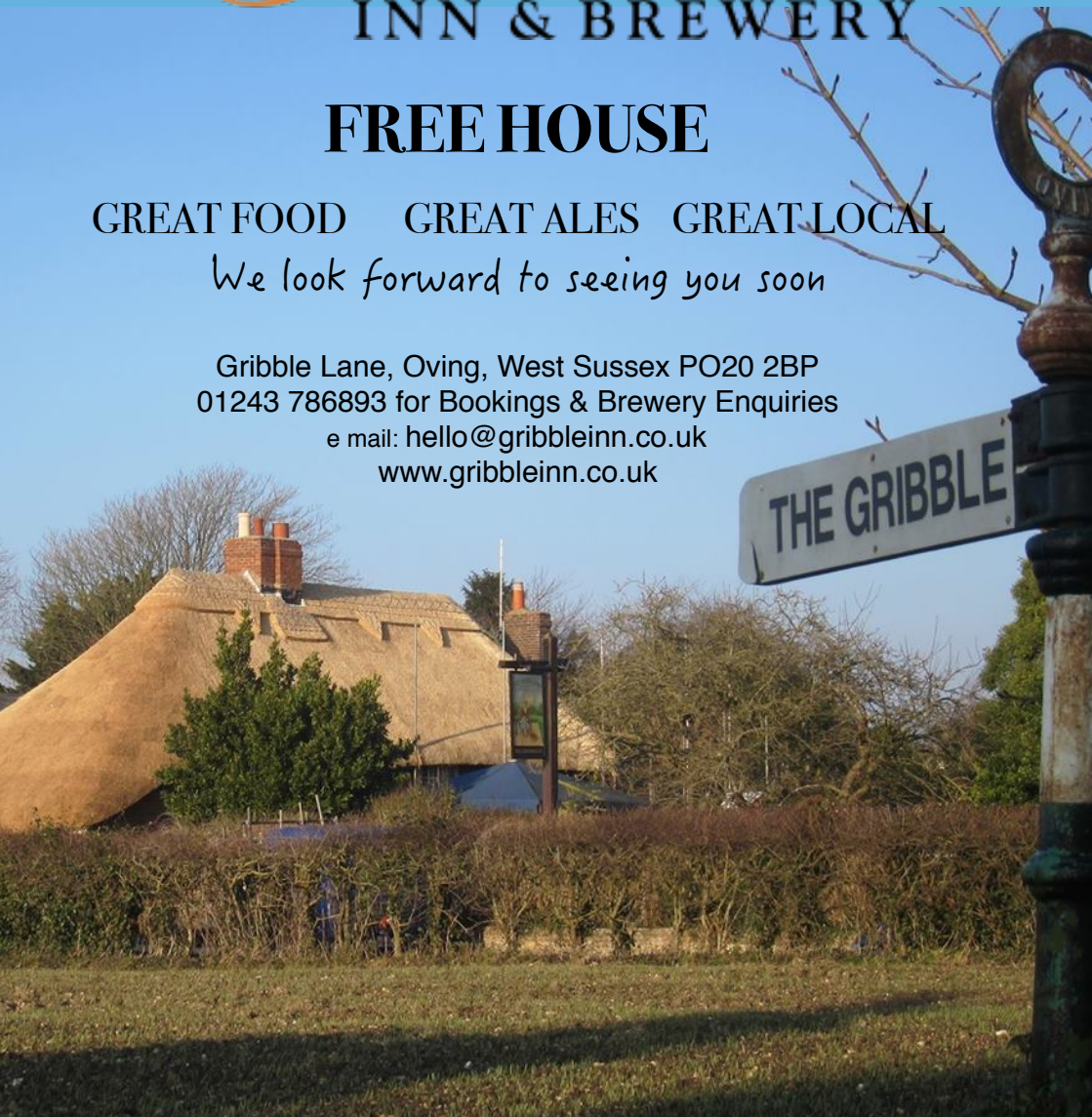
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Editor for Oving District News

I have been editing and managing the production of this publication for close on 7 years and now need to pass it on to someone else to take it to the next level.

Having put so much effort into this project it is with a heavy heart that we have to pass it on.

We have family commitments up North which requires a lot of time away from Oving and therefore will not be able to continue in this role.

This is the last edition,having failed to convince quite a few to succeed me . Despite requests for volunteers nobody has come forward. .

As a last plea , if there is anyone out there who would like to learn more about what is involved or would take this role on please get in touch with me:

colin.buchanan11@gmail.com or 07810 834602

Down on the Farm



February is often the coldest month of the year here and we valued the frosts, which are increasingly rare these days, we had in January. Hopefully, we will have a few more before spring. One of the biggest benefits of a series of hard frosts is the impact on the fields that have been ploughed and left bare over the winter. In these situations, the ground is ploughed in a way to make it 'stand up' and so maximise the surface area subjected to frost. The frost gets into the water molecules in the soil and the resulting freezing/thawing process naturally breaks up the soil. When we come to sow a crop in the spring, this 'frost shatter' will enable us to create the perfect fine seedbed required for the small seeds.

Winter ploughing for this reason has been a feature of good farming practice since the plough was first invented (the first evidence of ploughing dates back to c.3800 bc on a site in the Czech Republic). But a combination of the quest to address climate change and the demands of our organic farming system, has meant that we only have a couple of fields that are 'winter ploughed' this year in favour of growing a winter 'cover crop.' Cover crops are not destined for harvest or sale, but they can perform a valuable function as part of a sustainable farming system.

A healthy soil health is critical to the ability to grow anything. One tablespoon of healthy soil has more individual organisms than the total number of humans on earth; but a neglected soil can be almost devoid of life. There are a number of aspects to maintaining soil health and one is maintaining biomass levels which are crucial to maintaining structure and providing the feed for these billions of micro-organisms. Increasing biomass levels is also a way of locking up carbon in the soil and thus balancing the carbon equation. Cover crops can help provide this biomass. We sow our cover crops, ranging from mustard to turnips, in the autumn after harvest and these will be grazed off by sheep before a spring crop (barley, wheat or maize) is sown. These cover crops grow fast over the winter and thus create a lot of biomass. Grazing by sheep returns the biomass to the soil through their poo which is also in a form that increases the benefit to the soil. Sheep don't run on fossil fuel either!

There is another benefit to cover crops which we, as organic farmers, particularly value. We don't, of course, use the usual artificial fossil fuel based nitrate fertilisers that provide an instant boost to crop growth. Our fertility comes from our manures, composts, and legumes such as clover. Building fertility takes years but the benefit can be lost quickly if land is left bare too often when rain can wash the nutrients in the soil away. Cover crops take up the soil nutrients into their plant matter, hold them safely for us and then they are returned back to the soil through the back end of a sheep! This is good for the soil, good for our crops, good for ground water quality, good for carbon capture and the sheep seem to be happy with the arrangement too!

You may have heard by now that we are planning on a new project to sell our organic milk through a vending machine in Oving Jubilee Hall car park. Our milk will be pasteurised on the farm but not homogenised i.e. safe, healthy, and still as nature intended.
There are environmental benefits of being able to source local and organic of course, but we also hope to reduce packaging as well as 'food miles.' People can bring their own containers or buy their own glass bottles. The real point is zero plastic, but glass bottles also have an indefinite life and can be used repeatedly.
More people want to know where their food is coming from, and we plan to have open days or tractor/trailer tours around the farm and specifically so everyone can meet our cows.
This project is still in the 'design stage' and won't be up and running until the summer. But if you're interested in how this develops, you can receive news as we progress by signing up to receive email updates here: bit.ly/woodhorn-milk-updates

In the meantime, I leave you with a couple of important questions (and answers):

Why do cows have hooves instead of feet?

They lactose.

Why was the cow afraid?

She was a cow-herd.

Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Sussex https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/sussex has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Sussex (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

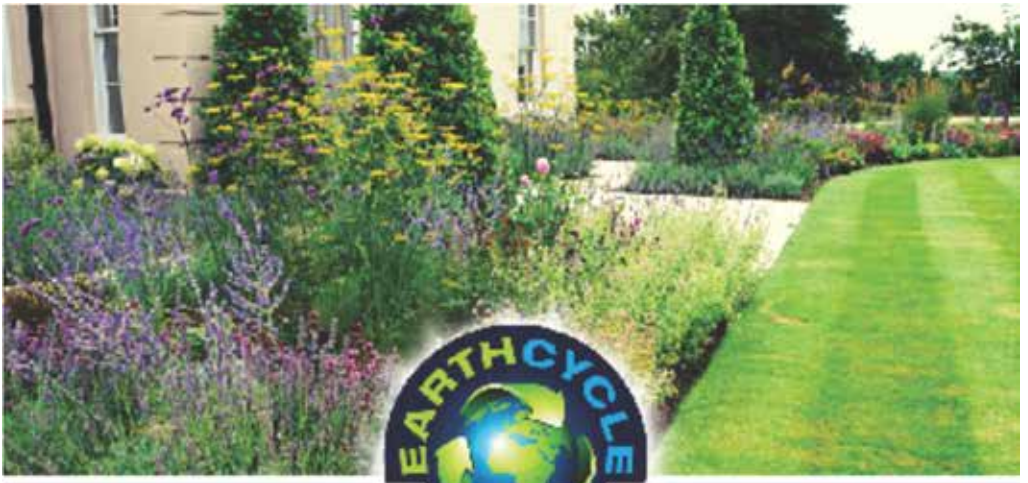
With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

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From our Community Wardens, Gareth and Dawn

Now that we can get back to normal in the village, lots of great things are happening, Comedy nights at the Jubilee hall, Jubilee celebrations and of course Scarecrow day. It will be great to see everyone out and about again enjoying this beautiful village. This leads me on to my first point, which unfortunately is a moan, Dog Fouling has increased around the village, especially around the recreation field. We need your help to combat this, if you see anyone allowing their Dog to foul and not clear it up then please call us with a description of both the dog and owner. Help us to combat lazy Dog owners.

Within the parish are a lot of elderly and vulnerable residents. We rely on friends, neighbours and sometimes family to alert us to support required . Please remember we can offer help with Oving Parish Community Watch, just a friendly visit and someone to talk to is all it needs. While we await Summer, do try a walk to get some fresh air helping to lift your spirits. Sage House café , on our doorstep, is open to the public and so a walk there alone or to meet up with a friend could give you a good lift. I have added a link for Chichester Wellbeing below for further ideas. https://www.chichester.gov.uk/article/25446/Health-and-wellbeing

Oving youth club, Wednesday Evenings , 18.30 to 20.30, is looking to increase the number of children that join us. We cater for children between 8 and 13, with a range of activities. Xbox, Table Tennis, art and craft, cooking, music and of course the all-important tuck shop. It is just £1. Pop down and speak to Xayva and Heidi if you would like to know more.

As summer grows closer, Fly Tipping usually increases around the area. Fly tippers are notoriously difficult to catch in the act, but if you see anyone, please do not challenge them yourself. Any information and registration plates would be really helpful.



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Remember Christmas? In early December we held a Christmas Fayre, jointly run by the Village Hall team, members of St Andrew's Church and the Friends of St Andrew's. It was a huge success, with 23 exhibitors and over 150 visitors. Thank you **all** for joining in.

What are we doing this year? We changed the date of the **Race Night** to Saturday 9th April and tickets are already going fast - get yours by emailing anthonymeastwood@gmail.com. The ticket price of £12.50 includes a fish and chip supper and there will be a pay bar (incl. soft drinks). After a successful, sell-out gig, late last year**, One Off Comedy** is returning on 29th April – tickets available on Eventbrite. After an absence of 2 years, **Scarecrow Day** is back on 14th May. More information elsewhere in the magazine. On Sunday 5th June we are holding a '**Street Party' at the Village Hall**, to celebrate the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee.** It will run from 2pm to 5pm and is going to be an old fashioned, 50's themed event. Why not dress up in style and maybe, win a prize? There will be live music, food & refreshments, including a pay bar. We'll do all the work and you just have to turn up and have fun. Tickets are free but need to be booked (to help us plan the catering) by texting Caryl Blumenthal on 07988 829465.

An **opportunity** has arisen to join the fantastic team of volunteers on our Management Committee as **Treasurer/Trustee**. You need to be good with numbers, have a little spare time and want to become more involved in our community. Is this you? If so, please contact me to discuss the details.

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Day	Time	Activity	Contact
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Monday	9.30 – 11.30	Art Group	Barbara 01243 266193
	11.45 – 17.30	Dog Training	Veronica 01243 827550
	Evening	**AVAILABLE FOR HIRE contact Katie 07962932560**	
Tuesday	09.30 – 11.30	Food Pantry (Chat and Chill cafe) **Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday**	Michelle Stone 07872 052158
	14.00 – 16.30	Oving Indoor Bowls	Katie 07962932560
	17.15 – 21.00	Dog Training	Veronica 01243 827550
Wed.	10.30 – 11.30	Pilates	Rachel 07973 632412
	Afternoon	**AVAILABLE FOR HIRE contact Katie 07962932560**	
	18.30 – 21.00	Youth Club	Gareth 07768 202356
Thursday	9.30 – 10.15	Zumba Gold	Mel Winstanley 07824 668368
***	14.00 - 1600	Village Tea Parties once a month	June Milson 07508 059955
	18.00 – 21.00	Smart Cheer Group	Ben 07955 607304
Friday	10.15 – 11.15	Pilates	Rachel 07973 632412
	Am and pm	**AVAILABLE FOR HIRE contact Katie 07962932560**	
Saturday	ALL DAY	**AVAILABLE FOR HIRE contact Katie 07962932560**	

++ Raventor meet on Sunday mornings during the winter months only

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Oving Toddler Group relaunch!
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Do come and join us on Thursday mornings. Children from 0 to school age are welcome, as is anyone who fancies a chat and a cuppa.

There are plenty of toys and friendly faces, so come and meet us!

If you are free and child free on a Thursday morning, we'd love you to join our coffee rota. This is a great way to meet new people and feel part of our village community. If you'd like further details, please contact Jen Linford on 07889 265923



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.

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When I was growing up, my parents encouraged me to give up something for Lent every year. I remember putting my pennies in a jam jar. A penny for every chocolate biscuit that I didn't have. As I got older, the sacrifice was different; a pound for every pint of beer or chocolate bar that I didn't have. But no matter what, there was always something in the jam jar. And the jam jar got taken to church at the end of Lent and the money from all the jam jars was given to the church's chosen charity.

I was delighted when I arrived at Oving and found that every year there was a Jam Jar Appeal. People in Oving put something in the jar every time that they didn't have one of their particular treats, be it chocolate, beer or wine.

This year I would ask you to join us. From the 2nd March to 10th April, decide what treat you are going to give up and put the amount of money that you would usually spend on it in a jar. Maybe if you don't manage to stay off the treats, put in that amount anyway. If you don't have the cash, put in an IOU. And on the 10th April, bring your jar along to church. We will then distribute the money according to your wishes. We currently support Chestnut Tree House, a children's hospice, and Feeding Futures, a charity providing support for rural communities in Kenya. Or give to both!

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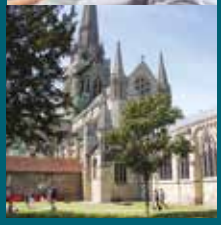
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