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Editor's note



Welcome to the Summer edition of the Oving District News, especially if you're new to the area or haven't previously received a copy of this magazine!

There's so much going on in the area and we have a number of regular contributors who share their updates with us. We love to hear from you if you're involved with something that you think others would be interested in, if you'd like to share some news or requests for support. Please get in touch.

On a related note, have a look at the item from **Oving Scarecrows** in this edition. I'm sure we all missed the Scarecrow event this year, and the team need some help if we are to see it return next year. As a relative newcomer to the area (11 years) I found that being able to get involved, even in a small way, with local organisations was a fantastic way to get to know people and to feel part of the community. If you have a little free time, consider getting involved - especially if you'd like to feel part of the place. Volunteering is great for your own sense of wellbeing, too.

This copy of the magazine will be going out to an incredible **1250 domestic and business addresses** in the community! Due to increased production costs we've reduced the charity content in this edition - if you'd like to **advertise** in the next please drop us an email using address below.

We always appreciate **additional distributors** to help spread the load - please get in touch with our distribution team (details inside the back cover) if you'd like to help out. The more volunteers we have, the lighter the workload for everyone!

Did you know that you can also view all recent editions of Oving District News on the Oving Community website? Scan the QR code on the right with your smartphone or tablet camera.

With best wishes to all, *Mandy*

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New Bus Service

Did you know about the new 500 bus service launched by Stagecoach this month?

This has been made possible by funding from West Sussex County Council and the Government's Bus Back Better strategy. It operates between Chichester and Littlehampton serving St Richards Hospital, Shopwyke, Tangmere, Fontwell, Barnham and Yapton. Buses run every 30 minutes Monday to Saturday, and hourly on Sundays and into the evening.

For full timetable and route details, please visit the Stagecoach website.

To celebrate the launch of the new service, Stagecoach will be offering free travel on the 500 service between Sunday 23rd July and Saturday 29th July.

Provisional Deadlines for Future Editions

Winter: Sat 11th November

Spring 2024: Sat 9th March

Summer 2024: Sat 6th July



CONTRIBUTIONS AND ARTICLES

Do you have something you'd like to share with the parish? If you'd like to contribute an occasional or regular article for the magazine, please get in touch. We are particularly interested in content from the wider district! This is YOUR magazine and contributions are most welcome.

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Oving Scarecrow Day 2024

Remember May? We enjoyed our Scarecrow Disco, big thanks to Shelagh Tasker and volunteers for a fantastic evening.

But, did you miss Oving Scarecrow Day?

Oving Scarecrow Day is a brilliantly successful day which has grown over the years and now attracts many people from the surrounding villages and further afield. For 2024 we have some new entertainers lined up, such as the Sussex Sax Band plus we are hoping that Wessex Ferrets will make a return. We would also like to plan an Oving's Got Talent event to showcase our many talented residents. ***However*****,** unless we have a full complement of organisers, 2022 Scarecrow Day will have been our last! Our many volunteers are wonderful at turning out on the actual day, but we need help 6-9 months ahead in organising the whole event. The committee was depleted to five organisers this year and that is not enough to plan the day safely and successfully.

We understand how busy everybody is, so we are considering splitting the work into task areas for specific tasks. The organising team meet once a month from November to May, but reports or requests could be sent via email at any time, so nonattendance at the monthly meeting would not be a hindrance.

Areas that you might like to get involved in include:

- ✓ maintaining our website, this might be a really handy project for an aspiring web developer… help us and have our website as part of your portfolio. No need to attend meetings!
- ✓ events and attractions team, no lower or upper age limit here, all experiences welcome!

- ✓ publicity and signage, probably not essential to attend meetings as the biggest time load is a few days before and afterwards, putting signs up and taking down!
- ✓ car parking… essential and very important, needs are to co-ordinate groups and ensure safety.
- ✓ photography and judging… some preparation beforehand but mostly on the actual day
- ✓ managing the ice cream stall… again mostly on the day but preparation needed in purchasing goods, decorating the stall and finding your team of helpers.
- ✓ schools and youth groups liaison… persistence needed here in maintaining contacts and ensuring all entries arrive on the day.
- ✓ raffle ticket selling… again mostly on the day but preparation needed in organising the prizes, decorating the stall and finding your team of helpers.
- ✓ area stewards… Jubilee Hall, St Andrew's Church and Madam Green Farm plus runners!

Help is readily available from the trustees and we have back up documentation, etc.

Come and meet the team on **17th September at 4pm in The Gribble** to explore our ideas further, catch up with our many volunteers and meet anyone interested in being part of the team for 2024.

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Shopwyke Lakes Community Page - Private Facebook Shopwyke Lakes Group
Oving Community - West Sussex - Public Facebook page for Oving Parish
Oving Jubilee Hall - Public Facebook page for Oving Jubilee Hall
Oving Community Garden - Public Facebook page for Oving Community Garden
St Andrew's, Oving - Public Facebook page for St Andrew's Church
Oving Scarecrows - Public Facebook page for Oving Scarecrows
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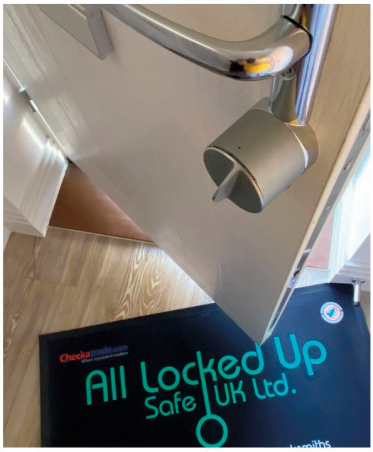
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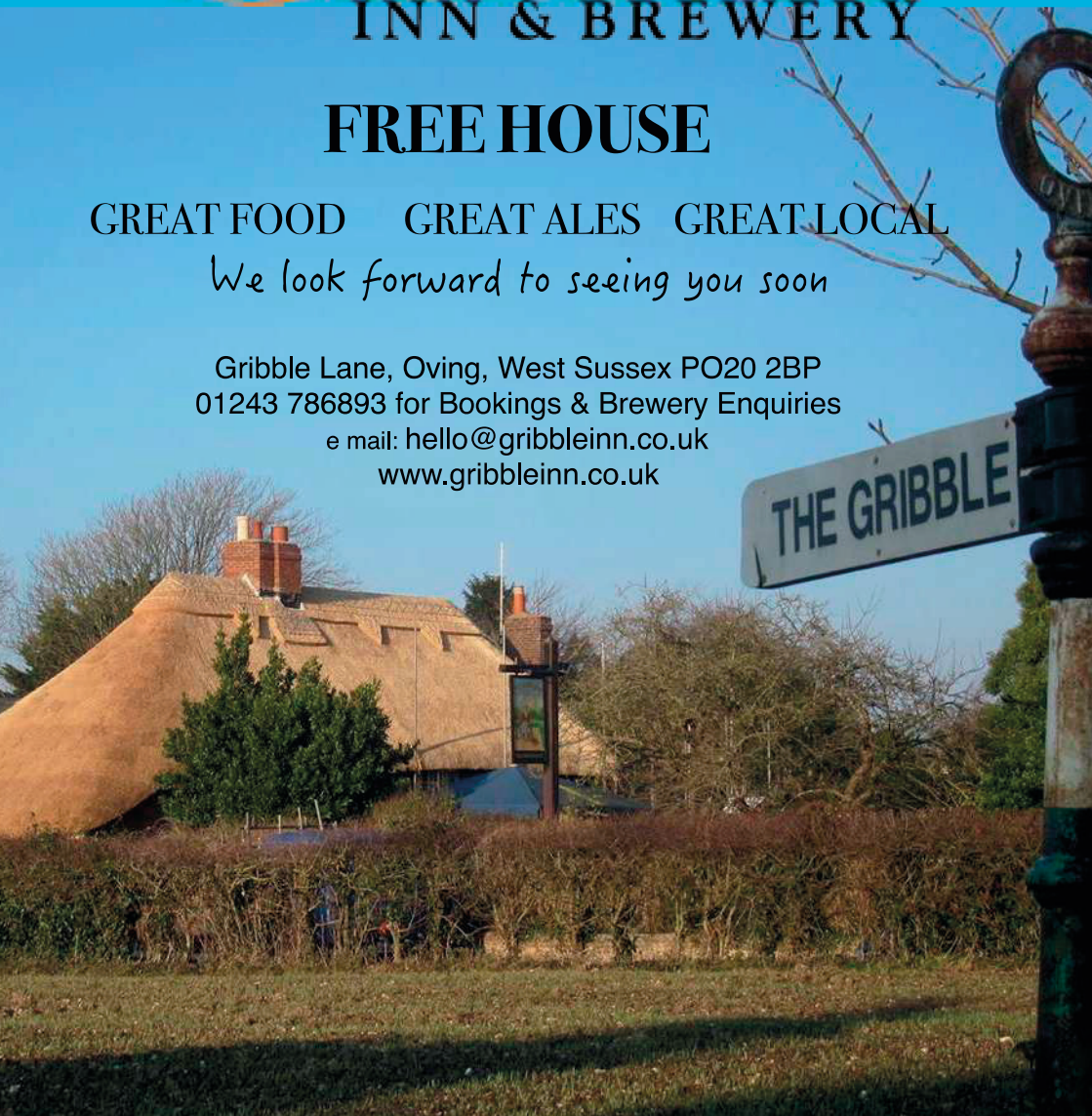
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Oving Village Barbecue

Saturday 24th June dawned fair and the good weather that we have enjoyed for so long promised to continue into the evening for the fifth Oving Village Barbeque which this year had a Turkish theme. The event had been well publicised, and 105 tickets were snapped up by people from all over the village to raise funds for the maintenance of our beautiful Church.



Once again the Bryants generously provided the venue in their beautiful garden and a very popular pay bar was set up in the garage. Tony Barnard and his team of chefs provided a variety of delicious Turkish style BBQ meats whilst several ladies had been busy making a range of wonderful salads.

Music was provided by the ever popular "Cheese Bandits" rock group who, according to everyone attending, are going from strength to strength in their repertoire of songs and excellent delivery. Their many hours of rehearsals certainly paid off on the night. Furthermore the debut to the group of Amanda on violin, Emma on sax and Jim on trumpet brought in a beautiful melodic quality that heightened the listening pleasure enormously – no first night nerves here!

The appreciation of those attending was admirably demonstrated by the energy expended in the dancing which continued late into the evening.

Ralph Godfrey

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Parish Council News

Chair's Annual Report from the Annual Parish Assembly held on 18th May 2023

Introduction: This report is a summary of the key activities of the Oving Parish Council (OPC) over the last year. It is available in hard copy or on our Oving Community Website. It supplements the reports published in every edition of the Oving & District News (ODN) magazine through the year.

Parish Council - The Parish Council would like to thank our District Councillors for all their efforts supporting our communities. Whilst we will continue to have Simon Oakley as our West Sussex County Councillor, we thank him for all that he has done to support this council in both matters of county council and district council over the years, often juggling multiple meetings to attend ours as well, and of course his in-depth knowledge of all levels of local governance. We also wish Chris Page well and thank him for all his support over the years.

We welcome David Betts and Charlie Hastain as our new Chichester District Councillors and look forward to working with them.

With the cost-of-living crisis continuing please do let anyone who needs it know about Chichester District's Supporting You campaign.
https://www.chichester.gov.uk/supportingyoucampaign

We now have a full complement of Parish Councillors and would like to thank Katie Akerman and Jeremy Matcham for their input since joining us in 2022, and as of this meeting we welcome Ben Hunt. As always, we would like to thank Ruth for all her work as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.

The Parish Council receives grant money from funds generated by new housing and two solar farms. If you have a project that you would like to be considered please contact the Parish Clerk and we will see if it fits the criteria for these grants, and if it also benefits the community, it can be submitted as a contender.

Oving Youth Club - The Parish Council would like to thank Gareth and his team for all their hard work and the excellent facility this provides. The Club is well attended and there are hopefully ways of expanding this to other parts of the community in the future.

Scarecrow Day - We hope that those who attended the disco enjoyed themselves and further hope that the full Scarecrow Day can resume next year.

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Recreation Ground - I would like to thank Duncan for all his work improving the recreation ground. We have an active and growing community garden, and it has matured significantly this year. The younger kids' playground is due to be replaced over the next two months and the contractor has been appointed.

Jubilee Hall - The Jubilee Hall continues to be well used and the Parish Council thanks the Jubilee Hall Committee for all their efforts and hard work. The electric car-charging parking spaces provision should be coming in the future, and these will now be additional dedicated spaces so that the existing car parking capacity is not reduced. The new Cowshed will soon be a hub for local produce including milk from Woodhorn Farm, Coffee from Edgcumbes and Eggs from Rookery Farm

Community Warden - We would like to thank Dawn for all the support she provides to the Parish and our neighbours. As the number of parishioners grows, we can rely upon Dawn to help them feel integrated into the community.

Oving Parish News & Website - We would like to thank Mandy for all her hard work and dedication put in to the revamped Oving Community Website, Mailchimp and Facebook pages that she manages for us all. It is a large amount of work and full of frustrations that she deals with efficiently and effectively. We would like to thank Mandy and her team for keeping the Oving & District News going. Past editions are now also available on the parish website so please do visit the website for local contacts and articles that you might have missed or lost.

Oving Parish Community Support Worker - The Oving Parish Community Watch tea parties are back and well attended with June Milson working alongside them in the post of Community Support Worker for the Parish Council. June's services include either helping people in their homes or by telephone, so we encourage anyone who knows of someone who would benefit from her help, to contact June.

Oving Neighbourhood Plan - We would like to thank Stephen for his determination and attention to detail progressing a Neighbourhood Plan for the Parish. This is now at a stage where it must be paused due to the timings of Chichester District Council's Local Plan review. This was due to go to examination this Autumn and there have been some significant changes in the latest version of the plan.

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Oving Neighbourhood Plan (continued)

- The allocation of a very large commercial area on the south side of the A259 on the approach to the A27,
- The new route and size of the wildlife corridor,
- The renaming and reduced size of what was AL3, now known as A8.

Connectivity - We are very pleased to see that the new 500 bus route is being proposed to travel through the Parish. Whilst the full details are not yet known, it is due to start this summer and will be a regular service (half hourly on weekdays).

There has been significant progress on a new permissive path to link Shopwyke to Oving village, but this involves several landowners and a design acceptable to WSCC highways.

The consultation on the new cycle route between Tangmere and Shopwyke is also good news and discussions are underway for a permissive path to connect this through Oving village and down to the National Cycle route 2 on the A259.

Alan Smith continues to spearhead campaigns to improve safety on the roads and whilst the process of getting through the various stages and processes is frustrating at times, he strives onwards.

Please do ask any of us any questions and please also discuss any issues that you have in the groups that we have around the hall tonight.

We have:

June, our Oving Community Support Worker

Dawn, our Community Warden

Xayva and April, our Oving Youth leaders

Cllr Oakley, our WSCC councillor

Rod Hague

Chair, Oving Parish Council, 18th May 2023

Oving Neighbourhood Plan

Oving Neighbourhood Plan Paused

On the recommendation of Chichester District Council we have stopped further work on the Oving Neighbourhood Plan.

A Neighbourhood Plan has to comply with the policies of the Local Plan that are being used to determine planning applications at the time.

When we started work in 2020 the Local Plan in use was the one adopted in 2015 for the period to 2029. The policies we defined were in compliance with that Plan.

However, while we were working on our plan, the authority was working on a new Local Plan of its own, for the period 2021-2039. Progress on this so-called Emerging Local Plan has been faster than anticipated and will come into force before ours. As a result we will have to revise our policies so as to be in compliance.

We will be able to resume work when the new Local Plan has been adopted which may be in the next 18 months or so.

The one advantage of having to wait is that when the Oving Neighbourhood Plan finally sees the light of day it will have a longer life than the earlier version would have had. None of the work already done will have been wasted.

In the meantime we are contracting a landscape consultant to identify evidence to support a new policy on strategic gaps. This policy would enable us to protect the individuality and identity of separate communities within the parish and avoid a merger of developments.

Stephen Quigley,
Chairman, Oving Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
July 2023

From Simon Oakley

Our WSCC Councillor



I'm quite often asked as to what does WSCC spend its part of Council Tax on, noting it is about ¾ of that charge. In this financial year, WSCC manages a revenue budget of about £1.9bn, of which about £570M is funded by Council Tax. Most of the difference is made up by the Government Dedicated Schools Grant of about £775M. Of WSCC's net budget of £709M, about 34% goes on Adult and 21% on Children's (mainly social care) services, about 6% on the Fire and Rescue Service, 10% on Environmental services (mainly domestic waste disposal) and about 7% on Highways and Transport. Given the County's population grew by about 9% between 2011-21 and is expected to grow by another 11% in this decade, and that the over 65s make up 23% (and increasing) of its people, social care services will continue to be the majority of WSCC's net spend, noting that 23% is above the national and regional averages. This year's Capital spend budget is about £125M, with un-ring fenced General and Budget Management reserves of about £60M and a Gross External Debt of about £550M.

Work on Shopwyke Lakes Western foot and cycle bridge is currently expected to commence in July, after what has been quite a saga of design issues and reacting to the finding of unrecorded utility services. It is quite a feature of doing any excavation in the UK that you almost invariably find that someone has been there before.

As I write (on 1st July), the new Bus Service Improvement Plan funded 500 bus service is about to start. In designing this service there has been a balancing act between the number and location of stops and being able to maintain a timetable. The performance of the service will be closely monitored, as will residents comments. Where viable, changes will be made and the on-going monitoring will inform where Real Time Passenger Information electronic displays and further bus stop improvements maybe installed.

From Simon Oakley

Our WSCC Councillor

WSCC is currently intending in the Autumn to conduct the second consultation (on more detailed proposals) on the Tangmere – Chichester active travel route. It is also continuing to work on the feasibility study for improving the whole Chichester – Bognor cycle route along the A259. Its new Active Travel Strategy is expected to be out to public consultation in the Autumn.

Reporting Highway defects can be done via WSCC's website Make an enquiry or report a problem with a road or pavement - West Sussex County Council . (Editor's note: https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/)

WSCC's Community Hub (0330 222 7980, Community Hub - West Sussex County Council) continues to connect those most in need to the considerable range of available support.
(Editor's note: https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-information/advice-and-support/community-hub/)

Simon Oakley **1st July 2023**

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Down on the Farm



Another year, another drought! Another 'Down on the Farm' article, another frustrating delay to our milk vending project!

The latter is down to the continued delay of the supply of our pasteurising equipment. The only manufacturer of the particularly specialised kit that we need is in Ireland and they have singularly failed to meet their promised delivery schedule. I sincerely hope by the time I write my next article we will be up and running. In the meantime, please help us choose our first milkshake flavours at **www.woodhornfarm.co.uk/news**

Weather extremes, a principal feature of climate change, are becoming the norm.

This year we had the driest February on record when just 3.8mm (0.1 inches) of rain fell. Compare this to our February historical average of 60mm (2.4 ins). Conversely, we had the wettest March and April for many years with a combined total of 148mm (6 ins) compared to an average of 52mm (2.1ins) for the same period. June and July are looking exceptionally dry like last year.

We aim to complete all our spring sowing in March, but the ground was so saturated that much of this was delayed until May. This significantly reduces yield potential and some fields or part of fields never dried out enough to sow at all. The high temperatures and lack of rainfall now is restricting grass and clover growth, both for grazing and to make silage for next winter's feed reserves.

Farmers Weekly has just run an in depth article "Dairy Farming in a Drought" which essentially takes the experiences of dairy farmers in New Zealand and Australia where droughts are the norm. My two 'take aways' following a bit more personal research, were how New Zealand dairying (one of largest producing countries in the world and the biggest contributor to its economy) manages drought with huge amounts of irrigation.

However, this is becoming environmentally unsustainable as natural groundwater supplies are diminishing causing rivers and lakes to dry up, with over 60% severely polluted due to the intense use of artificial nitrogen and phosphate fertilisers which 'runs off' the land into the waterways, where the problem is exacerbated by the lack of water to create a dilution effect.

Australia's farmers tend not to have the same access to irrigation and so the country has a significant and growing shortage of milk and dairy products forcing it to import much of its needs.

We are, as a nation and like Australia, importing more and more food. However, this is not (yet) because of drought but because of the power of the supermarkets and a lack of government interest in a food strategy generally. Like New Zealand, our water supplies are under pressure though but more as a result of our ever increasing population than from the needs of farming. However, as droughts become more common, the demand for scarce water supplies from both farming and people will increase. However, we continue to be blessed by guaranteed and plentiful winter rainfall. If we, as country and as farmers, invest in adequate infrastructure to collect and store that winter rain, we can meet all of our needs. The cost though of such infrastructure is inevitably enormous at both national and farm level.

After last year's drought, we made some investment to create the ability to irrigate and we will do more over time. It is an expensive and challenging direction of travel, but one I think will be essential if we are to continue to grow food for our nation. Farming Organically (and so we don't use the polluting fertilisers and chemicals) and if we are able to store winter rainfall, we will not cause the pollution problems seen in New Zealand

Harvest is not far away now and the harvest machinery and grain stores will be getting their final checks. Calving at Reeds farm starts in mid August. We will be starting the Organic conversion at Madame Green Farm immediately post-harvest and will be sowing a variety of legume (clover and vetch for example) based crops which will start to rebuild the soil's fertility and organic matter during the statutory conversion period – one can only sow the first organic crop two years after the last chemical or artificial fertiliser was applied, which means it will be nearly three years before we will harvest our first Organic crop.

John Pitts 26.6.23

BOOK CLUB REPORT



Do you believe in ghosts? That's a subject sharply dividing those that do from those that do not, and the same goes for ghost stories. We read a collection of short stories called "**Help the Witch**" by Tom Cox, all about the paranormal. These are not frightening tales such as M.R. James might write; some of the spirits are quite benevolent and helpful. But a frisson of fear lies behind them all. What lurks in the cellar? Why are dogs disappearing? Such a topic will always give rise to a discussion of various views.

"**The Island of Missing Trees**" is Cyprus. Even before the terrible war that divided the island into Greek and Turkish enclaves, the love between Kostas (Greek) and Defne (Turk) has to be secret. Forced to separate when Kostas is sent to England, they meet again 25 years later in Cyprus. Defne is an archaeologist charged with digging up bodies of those killed during the troubles. They marry and return to England where Kostas plants and nurtures a cutting from the fig tree, once a feature of a thriving restaurant, now ruined. When Elif Shafak's novel opens, Defne is dead and their daughter Ada knows very little about her parents' past. In a visit from her mother's sister from Cyprus, Ada, though antagonistic at first, learns some of the truth. Throughout the book the fig tree comments on events and people with understanding and wisdom- in fact the voice of sanity in a troubled situation.

In "**Crow Lake**" by Mary Lawson, their parents' death in a road accident leaves Luke (19), Matthew (17), Katie (7) and Bo (18 months) orphaned. They are determined to fend for themselves rejecting help. Luke gives up his college place, which he did not really want. Matt is better suited to further education. Katie is very close to Matt, has great hopes for his future. He shows her the tiny creatures in the water of the Lake, sparking an enduring interest. There are bad times and good times. Luke is always optimistic that "something will turn up". Katie's pride in Matt's educational future is shattered when he gets their neighbour's daughter, Marie, pregnant. He gives up all ambition, marries her, and settles down to run her family farm. Years later Katie returns to attend Matt's son, Simon's birthday, still thinking that Matt must feel a failure. But it takes Katie's fiancée to open her eyes to see that Matt is not unhappy, he accepts and enjoys his life. This is a bitter-sweet novel, set in farming country in Ontario, a new scenario to all of us.

"**The Lincoln Highway**" by Amor Towles is packed with characters and incidents, therefore difficult to sum up. On the death of his father, Emmett, newly released from what we might call Reform School, decides to take his much younger brother, Billy, to look for their mother. She left them years before but Billy is convinced she is in California.

So they must use the Lincoln Highway to travel from north to south. Before they set off two of Emmett's fellow inmates have escaped from custody and insist on joining them. Both their life stories are interwoven into the narrative. This tale is really a modern Odyssey. Like Homer's hero the characters have all sorts of adventures, meet the good and the bad, go astray on the journey, have to get back on the route. Their old neighbour, Sally, who is fond of Emmett, pops up with help and advice, as the goddess Athena did for Odysseus. The ending is unexpected, but fits the action. Amor Towles wrote "A Gentleman in Moscow", a favourite of our group, and this latest book is also highly recommended.

Beryl Lang

Shopwyke Lakes News

The residents of Shopwyke Lakes have set up a committee to work with Remus, the development's management company.

The idea is to form a much-needed communication link with the developers; Cala, Taylor Wimpey and Hanbury Properties.

Residents had raised a list of 39 points which were presented to Remus earlier in the year relating to a number of concerns and questions about the development.

The construction of the bridge to the retail outlets and the playing field were discussed as well as concerns about speeding cars along Longacres Way and the maintenance of the playgrounds.

Remus have since worked through the list of questions however, it was decided that it would be beneficial to form a regular working group.

Last month, representatives from Remus presented proposals for either a formal Residents' Association or an informal Residents' Committee.

After a vote and a request for volunteers, a total of six people have offered to help with forming a committee.

We are now awaiting a meeting date with Remus to formulate the committee and appoint positions.

Once this process is completed, we will be in a position to hold regular discussions between the residents and Remus, who will speak to the developers on our behalf.

A member of the committee will also accompany Remus on their monthly site visits to discuss the issues raised.

All of this will be communicated via the Shopwyke Lakes Facebook page and on the proposed noticeboards that are being supplied by the Oving Parish Council.

For any further information, or if you wish to be part of the committee, please contact Ben on 07795306299.

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FILM REVIEW by ANNIE BENNETT

LIVING directed by OLIVER HERMANUS (on Amazon Prime)

Set in 1953 London, the film introduces us to Mr Williams (Bill Nighy), a senior bureaucrat for the London County Council formally suited and bowler hatted, through the eyes of his juniors, all catching the same train into Waterloo. His seniority does not allow him to travel in the same carriage or walk together from the station to the office. The silence is stifling.

In the office, everyone is referred to by their surname, with Mr Williams at the head of the table surrounded by piles of papers and files, He the only one able to make a decision regarding any requests that come through… this is the Public Works department of 1950's London, and woe betide anyone attempting to remedy an issue.

The film uses Mr Wakeling (Alex Sharp), who is the newcomer on his first day, as a conduit to view the utter dullness of the job, the utter pointlessness of really trying to achieve anything within this department. The only bright spark to his day is Miss Harris (Aimee Lou Wood), who brings a flash of lightness and humour to the office.

Into the office, one day, come "the Ladies". A group of Mothers who have repeatedly petitioned to have a bomb site transformed into a small play park for their children. They are led a merry dance around the myriad departments within county hall, each one declaring it's not our problem, finally returning to public works, whereupon Mr Williams sends them on their way, and the file is added to the mountain of files that will never be dealt with.

The second half of the film now follows Mr Williams re-evaluation of his life. He receives a cancer diagnosis and is told he has approx. a year to live. He now realises that he is in reality already dead, he has no satisfaction from his job, he lives with his graceless Son and Daughter in Law who care little for him, and the only person he was able to show love for was his wife, who died a long time ago. He is shy, sensitive and extremely lonely.

FILM REVIEW by ANNIE BENNETT

He now decides, for the time he has to live. He goes to the coast and is befriended by a louche, hedonist played by Tom Burke, who attempts to show him a good time.... he does not have a good time. He returns to London and bumps into Miss Harris and takes her to lunch at Fortnum's. She is thrilled and his enjoyment is obvious. As expected, his legacy is the transformation of the bomb site into a playground.

The screen play is by Kazuo Ishiguro (Remains of the Day), adapted from a 1952 Japanese film. It is exquisitely sad, beautifully played by Bill Nighy and the entire cast. The cinematography superbly reinvents dowdy London and the stultifying coda of the British class system. It shows how life can pass you by and you should really seize the day - today.

Annie Bennett July 2023

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OVING PARISH COMMUNITY WATCH

A message fr0m June Milson
Community Support Worker



We have held 6 Tea Parties at the Jubilee Village Hall which have been tremendous fun. During these parties we sometimes have guest speakers these so far have included Will Writing, Project 71 and a presentation on how to avoid being Scammed.

Themed parties are held such as Easter Bonnet Competition and of course this year a Coronation Tea Party with two special guests. Each attending resident received a commemorative Coronation Mug thanks to Oving Parish Council who kindly donated to Oving Community Watch. We also played Bingo one month. We have plenty more in store for the following 6 months including a Summer Coach Outing, more guest speakers and of course our wonderful Christmas Lunch.

I am thrilled to say we have had two new Volunteers join our wonderful team and I know they are very much enjoying assisting on these Tea Party Days.

Please see upcoming dates for our 2023 Tea Parties where there will be more fun to be had.

July 20th	**Tea Party - Raffle donation to Food Bank**	**2.30-4pm**
August 17th	**Summer Outing**	**TBC**
September 21st	**Tea Party**	**2.30-4pm**
October 19th	**Tea Party**	**2.30-4pm**
November 16th	**Tea Party - Raffle donation to Chill & Chat**	**2.30-4pm**
December 14th	**Christmas Lunch**	**TBC**

Contact details are below, please do message me if you would like to join us - this helps with catering purposes and ensures we spend our raised funds wisely.

I very much hope you will join us.

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THE FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, OVING

What a summer we are having! The Friends are again pleased to continue this year with their fund raising efforts to support the Church wherever they can. Last year saw us helping with the heating project and ongoing costs of grass cutting of the Churchyard, cleaning etc. We aim to continue this help wherever we can to enable the Church to be a welcoming peaceful place to visit and worship.

Since Spring, it has been quiet, noticeably with the Scarecrow day having to be cancelled. We however supported the Summer BBQ organised by the Church (PCC) that took place on Sat 24th June by making the salads and organising the Raffle. A huge effort by the PCC made for a fantastic evening and many thanks to Simon & Helen Bryant for hosting the event!

Dates for your Diaries : Annual **Quiz** on **Sat 7th October**, followed by the **Christmas Fayre** on **Sat 2nd Dec 2023** (both in the Jubilee Hall).

Best wishes to all!
Lynda Sayer
Chairman, Friends of St. Andrew's Church Oving

Ramblings from the Rectory



We have had an interesting year so far at St Andrew's. But in the life of the church, every year is interesting!

We have had two weddings so far. And the brides couldn't have chosen modes of transport on the extremes of scale - one arrived in a trailer pulled by a tractor, and the other arrived in a classic Fiat 500. And when they got into church, the brides and grooms made their vows to each other as a sign of their love.

We also celebrated two of our congregation being confirmed. We were at the Cathedral where they made promises to follow Christ. The great thing was that they did this alongside more than 50 other people. It was affirming to see so many people making promises to live a Christian life to the best of their ability.

Both Weddings and Confirmations remind us that we make certain promises through-out our lives. And when we make promises, we try to keep them - at least I hope we do.

When I worked in business, one of the contracts that we had was based on "best endeavours". Contractually, this meant that we couldn't be sued for failing to do something so long as we had tried our best. As a commercial organisation, we did try our best because it meant that we kept good relationships with the customer. But sometimes it went wrong, no matter how hard we tried.

Part of our human frailty is that sometimes we get it wrong and promises that we have made are broken. As Christians, we believe that God will accept our "best endeavours" as we go through our lives. He accepts that we are never perfect and when we get it wrong, we will be forgiven our sins on condition that we gave it our best and we will try not to make the same mistakes again.

Let us all try to live the life that means that our best endeavours are focussed on fulfilling our promises that we make to all those who we hold dear in our hearts and to those who need our help and support.

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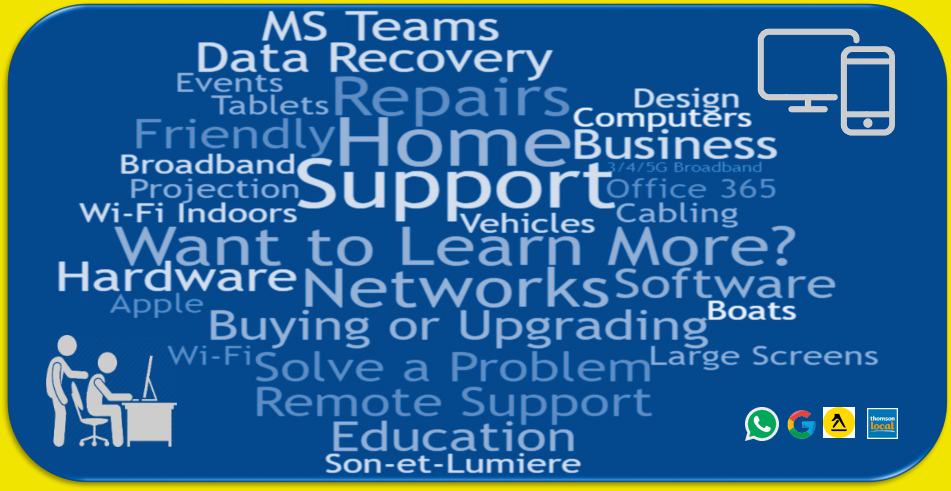
We started the summer session doing portraits in watercolour in the style of Aine Divine. We searched for the likeness on paper with paint, brushes and tonal qualities. We used a large brush and only about 4 colours. Some of us then moved on to doing Cubism portraits. Here we used multiple perspectives and geometric shapes to create interesting portraits. For the rest of the session the group did their own thing.

The Phoenix Art Group is a happy, laughing group that meets Monday mornings in a relaxed atmosphere at the Jubilee Hall. We have three sessions a year of about 12 weeks each. We have a few members from the village but would like more. It really doesn't matter if you have never tried art before. There is always someone willing to help and guide. We start each session with a theme and go from there. We either follow the theme or do our own thing.

We start at 9.30am – 12.30pm. Our autumn session starts mid September. If you are interested please come one Monday and join us for a cup of coffee.

Barbara Cotton is our organiser and her number is **01243 266193.**

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From our Community Warden

We have all had a lovely start to the Summer with the weather being so nice. If you are lucky enough to have a garden, I am sure you are making the most of it now whether that is growing fruit, veg or flowers or it is just your little piece of heaven, somewhere you can sit quietly and listen to the birds singing or read a book. I get most of my calls about dog nuisance in the summer months from people who have had the pleasure of sitting in their garden spoiled by other people's dogs barking. As a nation of animal lovers, a lot of us own dogs, our furry friends enrich our lives and are a valued part of our families. What upsets people is when the barking is constant, the kind that goes on all day. It could be that the owners are at work all day or that the dog is shut out in the garden all the time. If someone is at work all day they won't realise that their dog is barking so if possible you could pop round and speak to your neighbour and ask them if they are aware that their dog/s bark all day, they might be really surprised to hear this and be able to put something in place to help alleviate it. If you don't know your neighbour, it would be a nice opportunity to say hello and introduce yourself.

If the problem persists you can contact me and I will be happy to go and speak to the dog owner dwhite@chichester.gov.uk phone: 07768210358 or you can contact the Dog Control Team at Chichester District Council: contact@chichester.gov.uk Phone: 01243 534734 or 01243 785166 (out of hours) or you can use the online form.

If an Environmental Health Officer is called upon to investigate a complaint it may lead to a Statutory Notice under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 being served on you. This legal document which will allow you a specific time - usually 21 days – in which to stop nuisance caused by your dog barking. You may incur financial penalties and ultimately may be required to part with your dog! These issues can normally be resolved by co-operation in making improvements in the very early stages.

Cold Callers - I would like to remind everyone not to do business at the door with cold callers. It doesn't 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 same for unsolicited phone calls, put the phone down. If you need work to be carried out Trading Standards have a list of approved and vetted businesses that you can find at: www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk or if you don't have internet access, ask around for recommendations from family and friends. If you feel harassed by someone who has come to your door call the police but never get pushed into agreeing to work.

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Oving Community Garden

A quick reminder this time that the Community garden team meet on the first Saturday of the month at 9.30am. There are usually homemade refreshments available. Everyone is welcome, whether they have green fingers or not. You don't have to commit to anything at all!



Do check out the produce table near the gate and **help yourselves** to anything on there. Currently we are trying to keep up with the courgettes (marrows) and can recommend making stuffed marrow, marrow cake, or marrow and ginger jam (the BBC Good Food website has 23 different marrow recipes!). We're currently drying the huge crop of onions and garlic so expect to see more of those on the table soon. Feel free to pick a few raspberries, strawberries, blueberries and currants if you spot them before the birds do, too.

For those who aren't sure of the location, the community garden is in the corner of the Oving Diamond Jubilee Park off Highfield Lane in Oving. Or, if you're tech savvy you could use the What3Words location: coolest.tasteful.tapers

Children's play area upgrade



The upgrade to the younger children's play area is almost complete at the time of writing. This has been organised by Oving Parish Council using CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) funds. Hopefully, by the time you read this, you'll have already seen announcements on social media when the fences were taken down.



Monsters Party



Join us for a night full of fun and fright at our Scary Monsters Party!

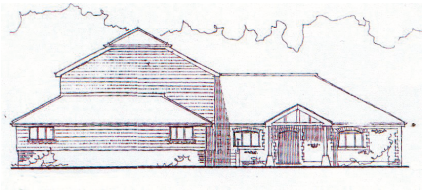
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News from the Jubilee Hall

It's been busy at the Jubilee Hall, with plenty of parties and weddings for the team to handle. In this edition I shine a light on the team, our employees and trustees, who all do so much for the Hall.

Katie Holmes has been with us for many years as booking secretary and does a fantastic job. Katie liaises with prospective customers, sorts out the invoices, sends the booking schedule to the caretakers and myself and resolves any last-minute issues. Doug Rollings and Nick Brown are our caretakers and they keep the Hall neat, tidy & clean, show people around do maintenance jobs and much more! Now for the volunteer trustees, Anthony Eastwood (my other half) is treasurer and Eileen Saunders (our previous chair) is secretary – both contribute a great deal of their time to the Jubilee Hall. Dawn White is a Community Warden, her office is in the Hall, and she is a lively participant in our management meetings. Caryl Blumenthal and Veronica Migliorini have been trustees for a long time and always actively contribute to our meetings. Veronica runs the dog/puppy training, so uses the Hall regularly and her feed-back is invaluable.

Recent recruits are Leonie Lewis-Hall (who also runs the telephone box 'library'), Carol Furness and Christine Richardson who between them have a wealth of experience. Duncan Marston recently joined us as trustee and OPC representative. I have just entered my 3rd year as chair and couldn't manage without the help of the whole team.

I am confident that the milk vending machine in "The Cow Shed" will be operating by the time you read this and the gents toilet refurbishment is starting in mid-July. We are so grateful for the assistance of OPC with funding for this.

Dates for your diaries: Quiz Night on 7th October; a **Monsters Party** on 28th October (for families); the **Christmas Fayre** on 2nd December.

Wishing you all a great summer and I hope to see many of you in the Hall at one of our events.

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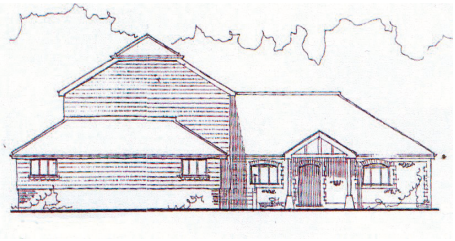
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Monday	9.30 – 11.30	Art Group	Barbara 01243 266193
	11.45 – 17.30	Dog Training	Veronica 01243 827550
	18.00 - 1900	Pilates	Petra petrapilates1@gmail.com
Tuesday	09.30 – 11.30	Food Pantry UK Harvest and Chat &Chill Café - **Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month**	Michelle Stone 07872 052158
	14.00 – 16.30	Oving Indoor Bowls	
	17.15 – 21.00	Dog Training	Veronica 01243 827550
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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
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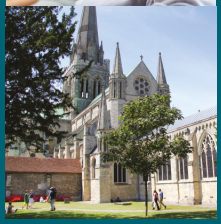
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