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Editor's note



Welcome to all our readers, especially to those who are new to our community.

We are so excited to read the news from Oving Scarecrows team - we're looking forward to next May even more than usual! There's also a great article from John Pitts about the successful launch of the Oving Cow Shed. If you haven't checked it out yet, you don't know what you're missing—they even have seasonal flavours in the milkshake machine… always a big hit with the kids! The buzz around the area has been lovely!

Contributors: There's so much going on in the area and we have a number of regular contributors who share updates with us but we're always interested in hearing from new contributors. Please do get in touch if you'd like to share some news or requests for support.

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

Help requested: 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 be able to help out.

Online: 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.

Finally, a little news from me. After 9 years of serving on Oving Parish Council, I'm stepping down at the end of this year. It's been a real pleasure, not to mention an education, working with the team. I'd recommend getting involved, to find out more about what we can, and sometimes can't, do for the community.

With best wishes to all, *Mandy*

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The Scarecrow team are really pleased to tell you that we have had an input of extra help from some fantastic people who have joined our team. Oving Scarecrow Day 2024 promises to be one of the best!

Keep the date free **Saturday 11 May 2024**, you'll want to be here. Not only will we have amazing scarecrows all around the village, we will have craft stalls and entertainers galore.

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- Or you have crafts to sell
- Or maybe you'd like to bring your friendly chickens or ducks to show
- Or have an amazing car that we would love to see

Please get in touch with us and be a part of the day.

We will be posting details when confirmed. There will be an evening event as well, courtesy of the Jubilee Hall team, the bar and the band are all set, so get your dancing shoes on! If you're newbies and have never experienced a Scarecrow Day, and you think what a lot of fuss over a few old scarecrows? Well, it is much, much more, imagine a mini festival with music, performing arts, crafts and scarecrows.

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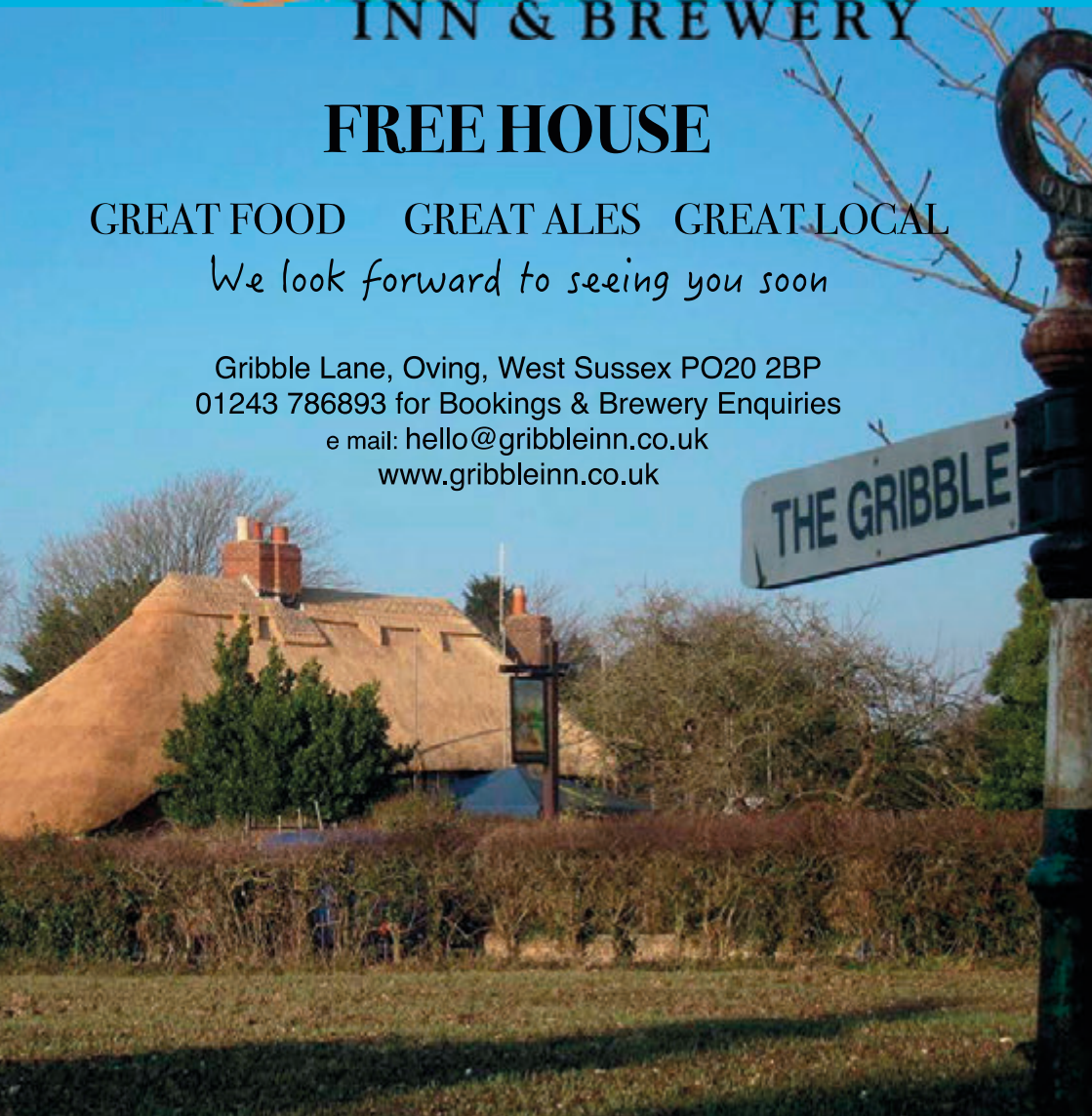
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Parish Council News

Dear Parishioners,

Firstly, I would like to wish out-going Councillor Mandy McPhail all the best and I am delighted to advise that Mandy fully intends to continue helping within the Parish on a voluntary basis. She has been a hard working and dedicated member of the council and will be missed by us all. I would like to welcome Councillor Ben Hunt from Shopwyke and thank him for all his work so far to help resolve the many outstanding issues at Shopwyke lakes.

It is great that the northern bridge across the A27 at Coach Road is now open. The pinch point further along Coach Road north, between the refuse tip and the lake, is being investigated and will hopefully be resolved soon. The western bridge across to the retail park is also underway so will hopefully be opened without further significant delay.

I appreciate your patience with all the projects that Oving Parish Council is trying to achieve. The legal processes that we must go through, and the fact that everyone is generously gifting their time and effort as volunteers, does mean that things take longer than we would all wish. For example, we cannot go forward as a council on any position unless it has been agreed at a meeting which must also have been identified on an agenda, and that agenda must be published three clear working days prior to the meeting taking place so you can begin to appreciate how these things take time!

I am glad to say that the 'highway' between Marlpit Lane and Tangmere Road has now been resurfaced. This gives easier access to the new 500 bus route that runs to Chichester and to Littlehampton via Barnham. There are more footpath improvements planned in the coming months across the entire parish.

A technical assessment of a footpath to create a link from Coach Road in Shopwyke to Littlemead Business Centre is underway. This, in turn, will then link to Oving village via the recently resurfaced 'highway'. The hope is that if a suitable route can be found to be achievable, we can then look at funding it with various grants available to us. This will link the two largest residential areas of the parish and also provide a walk/cycle route from the furthest point of the parish all the way into Chichester.

I would like to thank everyone for all their support to others in the community in so many ways. I would also like to welcome all the new members of our community or those that have moved into the Parish recently.

Rod Hague - Oving Parish Council Chair

From Simon Oakley

Our WSCC Councillor



Work on Shopwyke Lakes Western bridge is underway, with the current plan expecting completion in March 24. WSCC has recently undertaken a consultation on its proposed Active Travel Strategy and Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP), which will govern how it considers and prioritises investment in this part of transport provision. Work on particular projects continues, including the current consult on the Chichester – Tangmere route via Shopwyke (**Chichester Sustainable Transport Corridors | Your Voice West Sussex** , ends 18 Dec). A public consult on the A259 Chichester – Bognor cycle route is expected to be undertaken early 2024. A major challenge with providing new transport infrastructure is land availability. Decision makers have to balance the public interest (to provide sustainable transport infrastructure to support a growing population), private landownership interests, and prioritising the use of limited public funds.

As part of WSCC's FY2024/5 Budget setting process, views are being sought on its priorities and proposals via **Our Budget Consultation 2024 - 2025 | Your Voice West Sussex** (ends 10 Dec). Public responses to consultations do have an effect – Highfield Lane and EV Charging Points comes to mind.

Recent heavy rains and attendant flooding have again highlighted the infrastructure maintenance challenges WSCC and private watercourse owners face, including the effects of trees on drainage. Without the public reporting incidents and issues arising, it is very difficult to make the case for investment especially where there are many other competing and growing demands and expectations. 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** .

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.

Simon Oakley **10th November 2023**

[Editors note: For full link details see next page or use the online version.]

Link details for Simon Oakley's WSCC article

Chichester Sustainable Transport Corridors | Your Voice West Sussex
https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/chichester-corridors

Our Budget Consultation 2024 - 2025 | Your Voice West Sussex
https://yourvoice.westsussex.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2024-25

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https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/make-an-enquiry-or-report-a-problem-with-a-road-or-pavement/

Community Hub - West Sussex County Council

https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/fire-emergencies-and-crime/coronavirus-covid-19-information/advice-and-support/community-hub/#how-support-is-provided

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Oving Community Garden

Another great year at the garden, with plenty of produce grown, tea drunk and snacks eaten!

The growing beds were overflowing with produce, potatoes, onions, courgettes, marrows, tomatoes, strawberries, raspberries and more!



We set up the greenhouse and built the fruit cage. A bit more work needs to be done for next year, but we are learning as we go. The fruit trees were all bearing fruit which was great for their first season.





We meet every 1st Saturday of the month, but the garden is open to everyone in the community all the time.

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Down on the Farm

We finally got there and judging by the reactions, it was worth it! The Oving Cow Shed finally opened on September 25th. A proud moment in the history of our farm thanks to the hard work and tenacity of the team at Woodhorn. A huge personal thank you to all concerned from me but even more so to the many, many of you that have supported the project so far and for the wonderful feedback given when you have met me or other members of the team or via social media. I would also like to give a special thanks to Anne-Marie Eastwood and the Jubilee Hall Committee for your support and encouragement. Thank you everyone!



It really has been a joy to witness the level of interest in not just the vending project itself but the farm in general, and it has been fun answering so many questions whilst we have learned a lot in return.

We don't homogenise our milk which is a supermarket driven industrial process to prevent the cream rising to the top. I was aware that many have health concerns about homogenisation, but I was surprised to learn from a number of visitors to the cow shed that some people who are lactose intolerant have no problem drinking non homogenised milk. Our milk is also 'full fat' and some people are astonished to discover that 'full fat' milk is typically 3.6% fat – officially a low fat food. However, I was unaware (until now) that 'full fat' milk is much better for us than semi skimmed or skimmed because the body absorbs the many nutrients present much more efficiently when drinking 'full fat' milk.

I think both these facts illustrate that, as always, we are better consuming food in its most natural form, as nature intended, without unnecessary processing.

We are now stocking butter, cheese and chocolate and a common question has been 'who or what is Organic Herd'? Organic Herd is a cooperative of Organic dairy farmers of which we are members. Up to now all of our member's milk has gone in tankers to the likes of Yeo Valley but in August this year we launched our own range of dairy products. These will not be available in supermarkets, only in specialist food shops and farmer member's vending machines!

We are looking forward to organising tractor and trailer rides out to the dairy in the spring and summer of next year.

In the meantime, if you haven't already done so, please take a trip down to the cow shed and give our milk and/or milk shakes a try. We need to get sales to a certain level (and a % of every sale goes to the Jubilee Hall) to make the project work, so please help us by spreading the word verbally or via social media. Thank you again!



Tasting live on V2 radio!

Back 'down on the farm' things are a little wet! Cows can't swim very well and anyway, ours are so soft that they gather at the yard gate at the slightest sign of drizzle. So they are all happy and safe in the real cow shed at Reeds Farm. The fields are totally saturated and though all our autumn crops were successfully sown, I suspect that some will not survive this level of standing water or washed soils. Perhaps I shouldn't be overly surprised as October is typically our wettest month, as our own Woodhorn rainfall data shows.

	Yearly rainfall (mm)											
	Jan	**Feb**	**Mar**	**Apr**	**May**	**June**	**July**	**Aug**	**Sept**	**Oct**	**Nov**	**Dec**
2019	21.7	47.6	43.3	12.1	18.2	61.2	47	61.2	97.5	**100.3**	104.7	114
2020	50.3	106.9	41	42.8	2	34.4	20.2	72.6	33	**190.2**	61.8	110.5
2021	78.5	49.2	24.8	1.4	69.7	44.2	39	54.8	59.8	**68.8**	4.8	22.6
2022	44.2	34.2	29.2	16	54.2	31.9	5.8	36.2	76.6	**35**	113.2	64.8
2023	29.3	3.8	89.3	67.3	8.8	26.8	64.2	57.5	57.4	**182.2**		
Monthly ave	**44.8**	**48.34**	**45.52**	**27.92**	**30.58**	**39.70**	**35.24**	**56.46**	**64.86**	**115.30**	**71.13**	**77.98**



Thank you again for your support and please follow us on Facebook, Instagram or other social media forums, as we hope this is only the start of things at the Oving Cow Shed!

John Pitts 12.11.23

Oving Youth Club - Can you help?

Oving Youth Club are seeking some volunteers to help out on Wednesday evenings at the Hall.

The Youth Club meets each Wednesday from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Oving Jubilee Hall, High Street, Oving, PO20 2DG. The Club is open to all young people from the local community aged between 9 and 16.

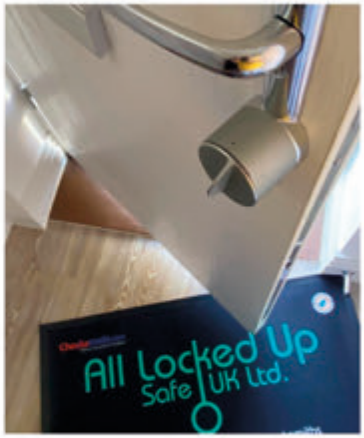
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BOOK CLUB REPORT



Just before the first Covid outbreak Ben Miller, writer and broadcaster, rented a room in a large London house as companion and helper to 85-year-old Winnie. At first wary of each other they come to an understanding, even friendship. Winnie has led an interesting life. She is self-opinionated, hates throwing anything away (even rotten vegetables), and proudly makes her own marmalade - hence the book's title **"The Marmalade Diaries"**. She has a son, Arthur, who had cerebral palsy and lives nearby, often visited by his mother. Her opinions can be hilarious, e.g. "The trouble with death is that it stops you doing things". She is always on the go until the day when Ben, out visiting, is not there when she falls in the garden and suffers a broken pelvis. After that her family (who cannot stand living with her), get their way; first hospital then a room in a care home. This is a true account of a wonderful old lady, who has seen it all and refuses to give up. One cannot imagine her in care!

"The Bullet that Missed" is Richard Osman's third tale about the four friends in a retirement village trying to solve old murder cases. We thought it was the best yet. Osman has fleshed out the characters with details about Elizabeth's days in the Secret Service, and Ron's youth. The latter is going to appear on a T.V. programme and has a romance with Pauline the make-up lady. The background to the story is the disappearance and supposed murder of a television journalist called Bethany Waites. The background that opens the novel gives Osman the chance for some sly digs about programmes and personalities. He should know, but it is all good fun. The Murder Club meet Bethany's former presenter, an egotistical personality called Mike Waghorn, whom Joyce admires although her admiration cools a bit upon meeting him. The novel is full of incidents, scenarios that develop then change, and is clearly not to be taken too seriously. Osman has hit upon a formula that works i.e utterly English murder mysteries where even the violence has a humorous side.

"Mrs England" by Stacey Halls has as its central character a Norland-trained Nannie. Although set in Victorian times, such Nannies are still much in demand today. Ruby finds herself working in Yorkshire. The descriptions of the countryside and the cotton mill belonging to the great house are very evocative. Mr and Mrs England are a wealthy couple with three children and several servants. Ruby begins to sense that something is amiss. The reader is gradually led to realise that the seemingly charming Mr England is controlling his wife. She comes from a very rich dynasty nearby and is virtually "sold" to her husband because she is an embarrassment to her family.

Some of our group felt it was not so simple. Was Mrs England really so downtrodden? Ruby in her paid position can see different aspects of events. She herself has a mysterious family that she keeps quiet about, so we are not sure of Ruby's motives either. This is a novel worth reading, with sidelights on the servant problems, and the gulf between rich and poor.

We all enjoyed this book - **"The Keeper of Stories"**, a debut novel by Sally Page. it has a good plot, well drawn characters and a happy ending. Janice is an excellent cleaner with a wide range of clients from a former tenor to a recently widowed mother and her son. She loves to hear their stories, keeps them in her head. She is asked to clean for an old lady in her 90's, whom she calls Mrs B. (This fictional person is so like Winnie in "The Marmalade Diaries.) Janice herself always feels guilty about events in her past. Her husband Mike is hopeless, never holds down a job, but depends on Janice's money. So Janice has a story too which Mrs B finally gets out of her, and that transforms Janice's life. She leaves Mike, phones her son and sister and learns that things were not her fault. She allows love to come into her life with Euan the bus driver she met on her journeys. Mention must be made of the dog, Decius, who belongs to Mrs B's son and his wife. Janice dislikes them but she is much attached to the dog, using him to express her thoughts. She allows Adam, the widow's son to walk him, unknown to his owners.

There are confrontations and difficult moments, but it all comes right in the end, Janice becomes the dog's owner, so Adam can still take him for walks. This book is definitely a good read.

Beryl Lang

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FILM REVIEW by ANNIE BENNETT

Killers of the Flower Moon directed by **MARTIN SCORSESE**

Set in the 1920's, in Osage County, Oklahoma, this non-fiction tableau relates a truly horrific episode in US history in relation to its First Nation people.

Oil has been discovered on the Osage County Indian reservation, making them the richest people per capita in the world. The film opens with Ernest Burkhardt (Leonardo DiCaprio) arriving back from the Western Front, hoping his uncle can take him in and help him return to civilian life. His bewilderment at seeing the Indians wearing fancy clothes, driving cars, having white chauffeurs and servants is plain to see.

His uncle, William "King" Hale (Robert De Niro), is the local cattle and land baron, seemingly charming and urbane, and crucially a lynch pin between the two populations. He explains that all "true blood" Indians families receive "oil money" from the Government, men and women, and if a non-Indian marries an Indian woman, her share will pass to her husband on her death. His nephew, not being the brightest, just wants to work and earn money, and doesn't really understand why King wishes to know if he brought anything back with him from France (VD) and does he like women?

Thus begins the game for King. Ernest's brother is already married to one of the Native Indian Kyle sisters, and whilst chauffeuring, Ernest's eye is caught by another of the sisters, Mollie (Lily Gladstone). Their courtship flourishes: they marry and have children.

The core of this film is the genuine love story between Ernest and Mollie but set against an increasingly disturbing violent backdrop of murders and mysterious deaths of Osage Indians. The drive behind all of this is of course King. He is a brutal, sadistic man, intent on securing as much wealth as he can, at any cost.

This is an American true crime Western drama epic, fuelled by greed and a mindset able to consider Native Indians as pawns in a game they should not have won.

Based on a 2017 book "Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage murders and the birth of the FBI", The second part of the title refers to the fledgling FBI men who investigated and brought to justice the killers.

The cinematography is superb, the ensemble acting brilliant. For me it is the coming of age for DiCaprio, who fills the screen with his weaknesses, victimhood, shallowness and for all that, love for Mollie. De Niro is also masterful, a cunning rat hiding behind his bonhomie. But the standout performance is Lily Gladstone's Mollie. She is at times, reserved, strong, intelligent and loving. Her face never portraying any inner turmoil, even as she starts to understand what has been happening to her people, and of course to her.

This film is 3hrs and 26 mins long, but it does not drag - it can't do as it's like watching a book you love revealed in full Technicolor. The director as in most of his films, has a cameo part at the end which ties up any loose ends, but it certainly can't explain man's inhumanity to man.

Annie Bennett


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OVING PARISH COMMUNITY WATCH

A message from June Milson
Community Support Worker



Where has this year disappeared to? I know that at OPCW we have had a full packed agenda which has included themed events for Easter, Halloween and of course the Coronation. Our volunteers always go over and above to make these very special occasions which include hall decorations, homemade table decorations and cakes to tie in with the event. We have had some interesting guest speakers, Foodbank, Aldingbourne Trust, Southern and Portsmouth Water with money saving tips and Scam Prevention to name a few.

We had a wonderful Summer Outing by coach to Stansted Gardens and we were blessed with wonderful sunshine. We returned with the Coach full of shopping. At the time of writing this, preparations are being made for our Free Christmas Lunch on 14th December at 1pm. (Please contact me below if you would like to attend)

We have been delighted to assist some of our residents with lifts to doctors or hospital appointments, along with support in areas of signposting for assistance with issues that may have arisen and residents visited for a chat and company.

At OPCW we provide a variety of services. These are available to anyone within Oving Parish and **not** just to those who attend the Tea Parties. Please see Oving Parish Website for more information. Community Watch – Oving Community or contact me directly and I will be happy to chat with you.

Please see upcoming dates for our 2024 Free Tea Parties. Contact details are below, please do message me if you would like to join us as this helps with catering purposes and ensures we spend our raised funds wisely.

I very much hope you will join us.

CONTACT DETAILS:

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OVING PARISH COMMUNITY WATCH

2024 Tea Party Dates - Oving Jubilee Hall

January 18th	LUNCH*	1.00pm-3.00pm
February 15th	LUNCH*	1.00pm-3.00pm
March 14th	LUNCH*	1.00pm-3.00pm
April 18th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
	The raffle will be donated to Stonepillow	
May 16th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
June 20th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
July 18th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
	The raffle will be donated to Cat & Rabbit Rescue	
August 22nd	OUTING	To be confirmed
September 19th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
October 24th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
November 14th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
	The raffle will be donated to Oving Youth Club	
December 12th	CHRISTMAS LUNCH	To be confirmed

*Lunch will include soup, a roll, savouries, tea/coffee and cake

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From our Community Warden - Dawn White

Beware of Digital Switchover Scams

The UK's telephone network is changing. Between now and 2025 most telephone providers will be moving their customers from old analogue landlines over to new upgraded landline services using digital technology. This means services that rely on the old landline system such as home phones and healthcare devices will be switched over.

The move is **free of charge** but has created new opportunities for criminals to target vulnerable residents. There have been reports of fraudsters calling vulnerable people claiming they need their bank details as part of the **switchover,** or their service will be disconnected. For example, criminals may use **phishing emails, fake websites, or phone calls** to trick residents into providing personal information, such as bank account details or passwords. This information can then be used to steal money or commit identity theft. There is also the potential for increases in criminality through rogue traders selling equipment, charging for unnecessary work, or trying to pressurise people into new contracts related to the digital switchover.

Unfortunately, these scam attempts will likely rise as the switchover date nears. Stay alert of cold callers and tell friends and family if you receive any.

For most people this change will be straightforward. In fact, many customers are already making the switch when they upgrade to full fibre broadband, and the change may be as simple as plugging the home phone into the broadband router rather than the socket on the wall. Telecoms providers such as Virgin Media, O2 or BT should contact customers before the switchover to check in to make sure their service is not affected.

The switchover has implications for the telecare sector, and the people who rely on those services. Do you or someone you know depend on their landline and /or use a telecare device connected to a phone line such as a fall monitor, lifeline, or personal alarm? If yes then please notify the communications provider now (the provider of the service) so that they can advise on how the switchover might affect the devices or home phone and what they need to do to be ready, so their care is not disrupted.

Digital landlines cannot carry a power connection, so in the event of a power cut they will not work. Mobile phones can still be used, but if the customer does not have any other means of calling the emergency services their telecoms provider will offer a solution to allow calls to be made to emergency services.

The switchover will happen on a telephone exchange by exchange basis and not on a regional basis as seen in the switchover of analogue television.

If you have any queries, contact your telecoms provider.

My main aim in giving you this information is so that you aware of what is happening, so you do not get caught out by criminals using the switchover to scam you out of money or your bank account details.

Residents should report any scams or fraudulent activity to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or via **their website.**

It is important to recognise that digital switchover scams or fraud are a crime and should be treated as such.

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THE FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, OVING



Plenty going on again! The Friends are pleased to continue this year with their fund-raising efforts to support the Church wherever they can.

We continue to cover the ongoing costs of grass cutting of the Churchyard to keep it tidy and will be paying for regular cleaning of the Church, etc. We aim to continue this help wherever we can to enable the Church to be a welcoming peaceful place to visit and worship in. In addition, we have covered the cost of the scaffolding to enable repairs to the roof being carried out by volunteers.

In October we held the annual village Quiz which was a great evening and raised £1000. Many thanks to Revd.Trevor for preparing the questions and to Neil Linford for being a brilliant quizmaster.

On **Sat 2nd December** we are heavily involved in the **Christmas Fayre** which will be in the Jubilee Hall from 11.30am to 2.30pm. This is jointly organised with the Hall Committee and the Church. Do come along and bring the family – there'll be Santa's grotto, kids' activities, festive stalls and crafts, mulled wine, hot chocolate and food!

On **Saturday 16th March** we will be holding an Irish themed folk evening in the Jubilee Hall to celebrate St Patrick's day (a day early!) with musical entertainment by established group **"Oving Folk".** A lively fun evening is assured so please note on your calendar! Jointly organised with the Hall Committee there will be more details nearer the time on our Facebook page, the Hall Facebook page and on WhatsApp.

May I close by wishing you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and very best wishes for 2024

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

A Note from the Rectory



It is that time of year when we are preparing for Christmas. Every year, I think that the shops get earlier and earlier in trying to sell us food, drink and gifts so that we can celebrate in style. Images of cozy family Christmases with family and friends surrounding us.

The reality of that first Christmas was very different from the images that we see in adverts for Christmas 2023. That first Christmas took place in the simplest of surroundings. A stable was the setting. And the Holy Family were not at home surrounded by family and friends dressed in the latest party clothes. They were in a strange town and the only company they had were the animals in the stable and shepherds from the surrounding hills.

Yet on that Christmas, there was a gift given to us all that is still being given to us at this Christmas time. The gift of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. That baby who we remember at Christmas was sent into the world to bring peace, to show us a different way of living our lives and finally to die on the cross to redeem us from our sins.

So this Christmas, come and join us in our celebrations of the birth of Jesus in that stable. Join us in our celebrations of His life and teachings. Come and join us as a part of your celebrations of Christmas and remember that first Christmas that changed the world.

Our Services and Events

16th December 17:30 - Carol Service. Candlelit carols and readings for Christmas.

20th December 18:30 - Carols round the Tree. A chance to join us in singing traditional carols round the tree in church.

Christmas Eve - 16:00 Crib Service. A service for our younger members of the community to come and join us in decorating our crib.

Midnight Mass - 23:30 (St Andrew's, Tangmere). Welcome in Christmas Day with our Midnight Mass held at our sister church in Tangmere.

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'THE PLANE ON THE POLE' FORD AIRFIELD

Earlier this year a phone call led to a very interesting job. Would we be interested in working on the Plane at Ford??!! Welding, painting, and whilst your up there could you give the plane a wash! Of course, we said **Yes**!



In July when the weather forecast was looking good for a few weeks, we hired a 'Cherry Picker' and work began. A specialist company came into 'Sand Blast' the pole, removing any loose paint and rust, exposing any damage. The supports under the plane were badly rusted, so it was ground out, and new support webs were fabricated and welded into place. The pole and bracket were then painted in a special 2-part epoxy primer and top coat, a hard wearing industrial paint. With the use of the cherry picker, we were able to reach most of the plane and give it a well-earned wash. To complete the project, a new laser cut stainless-steel sign was fixed in place.



The plane, is a Hunter Mk.4 WW654. It was built by Hawker Aircraft Ltd and delivered to the RAF at 5 Maintenance Unit, Kemble. Its first service was with 98 Squadron at RAF Jever, West Germany. In November 1957 it was transferred to 229 Operational Conversion Unit at RAF Chivenor, Devon. After being mothballed in 1961, WW654 was transferred to the Royal Navy and converted to GA.11 standard. It had a varied service life after that, moving between FAA squadron service and training / instruction, eventually joining the Fleet Requirements and Air Direction Training Unit at RNAS Yeovilton in 1975. WW654 became the lead aeroplane for the FRADU's aerobatic display team The Blue Herons. In 1987, a composite aircraft was formed by mating the wings and front fuselage of WW654 with the rear fuselage of GA.11 XF368.

Then In 1993, WW654 was totally removed from service and stored at Culdrose. In 1993 the aircraft was purchased by a Portsmouth scrap dealer, Harry Pounds, and five years later was bought by Peter Hague. Restoration work was carried out at Tangmere before it was mounted on its pole at the present site at Ford, where it was again refurbished in 2003.

The History of the Airfield. Ford was the world's most famous intruder airfield and operated between 1918-1920 for RAF and American squadrons. The site became involved in early air-to-air flight refuelling experiments and resumed military aviation connections from the end of 1937. Fleet Air Arm training units primarily employed Ford into WW2 but their base suffered heavy damage and loss of life following a ferocious attack by Junkers Ju87s on August 18 1940. As a result, the RAF quickly returned, and



Ford gained prominence in its best-known role as various intruder squadrons (notably No. 23) sought out enemy-occupied territory to attack with considerable success. Operational duties gradually altered to also include fighter-bomber sorties as the airfield became heavily involved through the vital D-Day period and beyond.

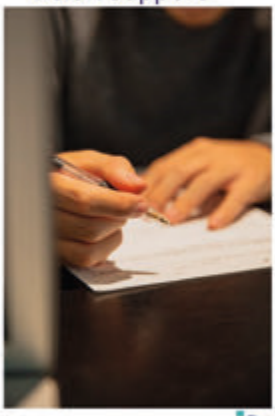
Ford kept busy during peacetime as the Fleet Air Arm returned in the summer of 1945 to enable first-line squadrons to form and work up to full readiness. Another major event occurred in August 1951 when No. 800 Squadron formed at HMS Peregrine with Supermarine Attackers to become the first naval jet fighter unit. Eventually Ford closed in November 1958 but this did not signal the end of flying by any means as civil aircraft continued to employ the airfield until 1980.



The airfield is now the home to one of the South Coasts largest all year market and car boot sale.

Ford Airfield Market and Carboot Thurs and Sat, from 7.30 am. Market and Car Boot Sale – Sundays from 8.30am.

4Sight Vision Support: Free Will Writing Service



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4Sight Vision Support would ask users of the new Bequeathed service to consider making a donation or leaving a gift in their Will which would help ensure that the charity can continue to provide its vital services for years to come.

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Phoenix Art Group



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The Phoenix Art Group is a happy, laughing group – some experienced and some not. We meet Monday mornings at the Jubilee Hall. We have three sessions a year of about 12 weeks each. 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 spring session will start mid January. If you are interested please come one Monday and join us for a cup of coffee.

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



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News from the Jubilee Hall

Hello and welcome to news of YOUR Oving Jubilee Hall

With the continuing support of Oving Parish Council, we've been busy working on the Hall's maintenance requirements to get everything in shape for the next 10 years. Internally, the gent's refurbishment has been completed, the heating system overhauled, new curtains ordered for the main Hall and we plan to paint it during the festive season. The exterior cladding has been restained as well as the railings, bicycle stands and plant pots. We aim to provide a building that is both attractive and functional for the use and benefit of everyone.

The Woodhorn Cow Shed opened in September and has proved hugely popular, serving great fresh organic milk, coffee and a changing menu of milkshakes and other organic produce. It's a brilliant addition to the village and the Hall, with event attendees, villagers and passersby all making regular use of it.

We held a Scarecrows evening do in May, with our local band The Cheese Bandits, who got everyone dancing. In October, 80 people attended the ever-popular Quiz Night. Our star event has been the Monsters' Party for Halloween. We kept prices low to encourage families to join in. And they did - over 120 revellers, in some very spooky outfits, enjoyed scary stories, a pumpkin carving competition, tombola and a Mummy making competition …. 50 rolls of loo paper on the floor of the Hall proved too much of a temptation and, inevitably, the little ones enjoyed a paper fight. A big thank you to Jackie Chandler who donated many crocheted creatures for the tombola, the kids absolutely loved them. This event wouldn't have been so successful without the help of many Committee members, particularly Dawn White, who had so many ideas and props!

Despite the economic situation I'm very pleased that our hiring numbers are as strong as ever thanks to our social media marketing and the excellent personal touch from our booking secretary, Katie and caretakers Nick and Doug.

The last community event of 2023 will be the **Christmas Fayre, on Saturday 2nd December (11.30am-2.30pm)**. Maybe you'll spot your own last year's Christmas card in our home-made bunting. At the Fayre, we have 21 stalls selling festive gifts, bacon sandwiches, crepes, mulled wine, hot chocolate, coffee and cake. I even heard that Father Christmas himself will pay us a visit! Not every stall holder will have a card machine, so have a little bit of cash ready. Entry is free, please pop in.

There are lots of plans for 2024, so keep an eye open for more information about events. Thank you to everyone who has supported us during 2023, wishing you a happy festive season.

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Events coming up in 2024

January 27th	Disco
March 16th	Irish Folk Night
May 11th	Scarecrow **Day** and **Evening Party** with live band
June 22nd	Village BBQ with live music
October 5th	Quiz Night
October 26th	Monsters Party
November 30th	Oving Christmas Fayre

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For viewings contact either Nick or Doug on 07875 491031

Regular Weekly Groups

Day	Time	Activity	Contact
Sunday ++	10.00 - Noon	Raventor Re-enactment Group **Winter months only**	
Monday	9.30 – 12.30	Art Group	Barbara 01243 266193
	12.45 – 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 Cafe **Alternate Tuesdays**	Michelle Stone 07872 052158
	13.45 – 16.30	Oving Indoor Bowls	
	17.15 – 21.00	Dog Training	Veronica 01243 827550
Wednesday	08.30 – 9.30	Core and Floor	Book: www.raft.fitness
	10.30 – 11.30	Pilates	Rachel 07973 632412
	12.00 – 13.00	HolisticFit Yoga	Katy 07870 539261
	Afternoon	**AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**	
	18.30 – 21.00	Youth Club	Gareth Jones 07768 202356
Thursday	9.30 – 10.30	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
	Afternoon/ evening	**AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**	
Saturday	**ALL DAY**	**AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**	

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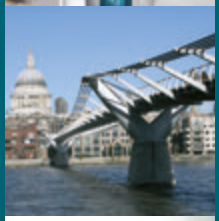
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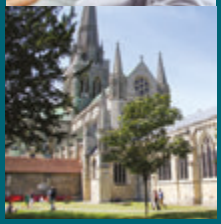
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