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Editor's note

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



I'm sure that, like me, you'd like to applaud everyone involved in the spectacular Scarecrow Day that took place in May! What a fabulous atmosphere there was with so many people getting involved, whether by putting out a scarecrow, helping with preparation and on the day, even if it's just for an hour or two. I know a lot of people I spoke to who visited from outside the area were extremely impressed, especially by the price of the ice creams. It makes a big difference when you work as a team, even as a small cog in the bigger machine. I know the organisers are hugely grateful for all your help and I can only recommend volunteering, if only for a short spell, as it makes a big difference to how you feel you fit into the community.

Did you know volunteering is recognised as being particularly good for your health and wellbeing? There are new opportunities to get involved in the community as a volunteer. Check out the Jubilee Hall pages for more details.

Finally, thanks to those of you who may have noticed a **particularly glaring error** on the front page of the last edition and didn't tell me about it! For those that did let me know please don't be surprised if your proofreading skills are called upon in the future. These things are much better identified before we get what will now be **1350 copies** printed and it's a genuine challenge to proofread your own work…. Perhaps I should ask AI for help...?! 😉

I'll leave the weather for others in the magazine, although I am finalising this on a beautiful sunny afternoon having popped into the Tea Party (I'm on annual leave), am going to Pilates in the hall tomorrow and life feels good!

With best wishes to all, *Mandy*

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Please email: clive.sayer@gmail.com

With special thanks to all those who continue to support this magazine, whether by providing interesting and informative articles, through advertising, Oving Parish Council who contribute a hefty grant to ensure we can continue to provide printed copies for the whole parish, and also to our fantastic distribution crew! Particular credit should also go to Eileen who does a sterling job of checking the content for me. **Thank you!!**

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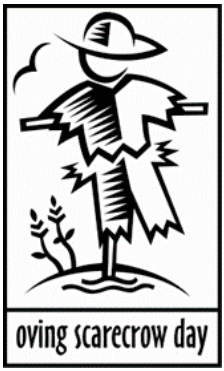
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Oving Scarecrow Day May 11th

Huge thanks to anyone who made a scarecrow, volunteered their time, came and enjoyed the entertainment, drove a tractor, made a cake, brought your classic vehicle along, drank Pimm's or tea, ate hot dogs or cakes! Whatever you did, thank you all for making it a very successful and fun-filled day and evening. It was just brilliant, we even had sunshine.

There were a record 80 scarecrows displayed. They were judged by Richard, Lord Eastcourt of Oving, who was accompanied by Caryl Blumenthal to show him round. There are four trophies awarded as follows:
The **Woodhorn Trophy** for the Judge's favourite was awarded to the makers of the Scarecrow Wedding in Highfield Lane.
All the scarecrows are photographed and displayed in the committee room at the Jubilee Hall and the **Hague Trophy** is awarded to the scarecrow that receives the most votes. This year it was awarded to the Minions - also in Highfield Lane.
The **Goodwood Trophy** is awarded to the Judge's favourite scarecrow, amongst those entered by schools, groups or organisations, it was judged by Father Trevor Marshall and he chose the scarecrow made by the volunteer Wastebusters team, made entirely out of recyclable materials.
Finally, the **Jameson Trophy** was awarded to the most creative scarecrow, this year the judge loved the Scarecrows Picnic in St Andrew's Close.

As you will know from your maps or flyers, we had music, drama and dance from amongst others: Oving Folk Group, Sussex Sax, the Big Noise Samba Band, the Ukulele band and the Regis School of Music. Drama from Rust and Stardust with Doris Drake and Daria the Dragon. Differing styles of dance from Sompting Village Morris, Arabesque Dance School and Sarah Moore Dance. We also had alpacas from Dunreyth Alpacas and the Wessex Ferret group with their racing ferrets.

Many thanks to St Andrew's Church team for their hot dog stall as well as Pimm's and strawberries.

Massive thank you and well done for the tractor/trailer rides courtesy of the Woodhorn Group.

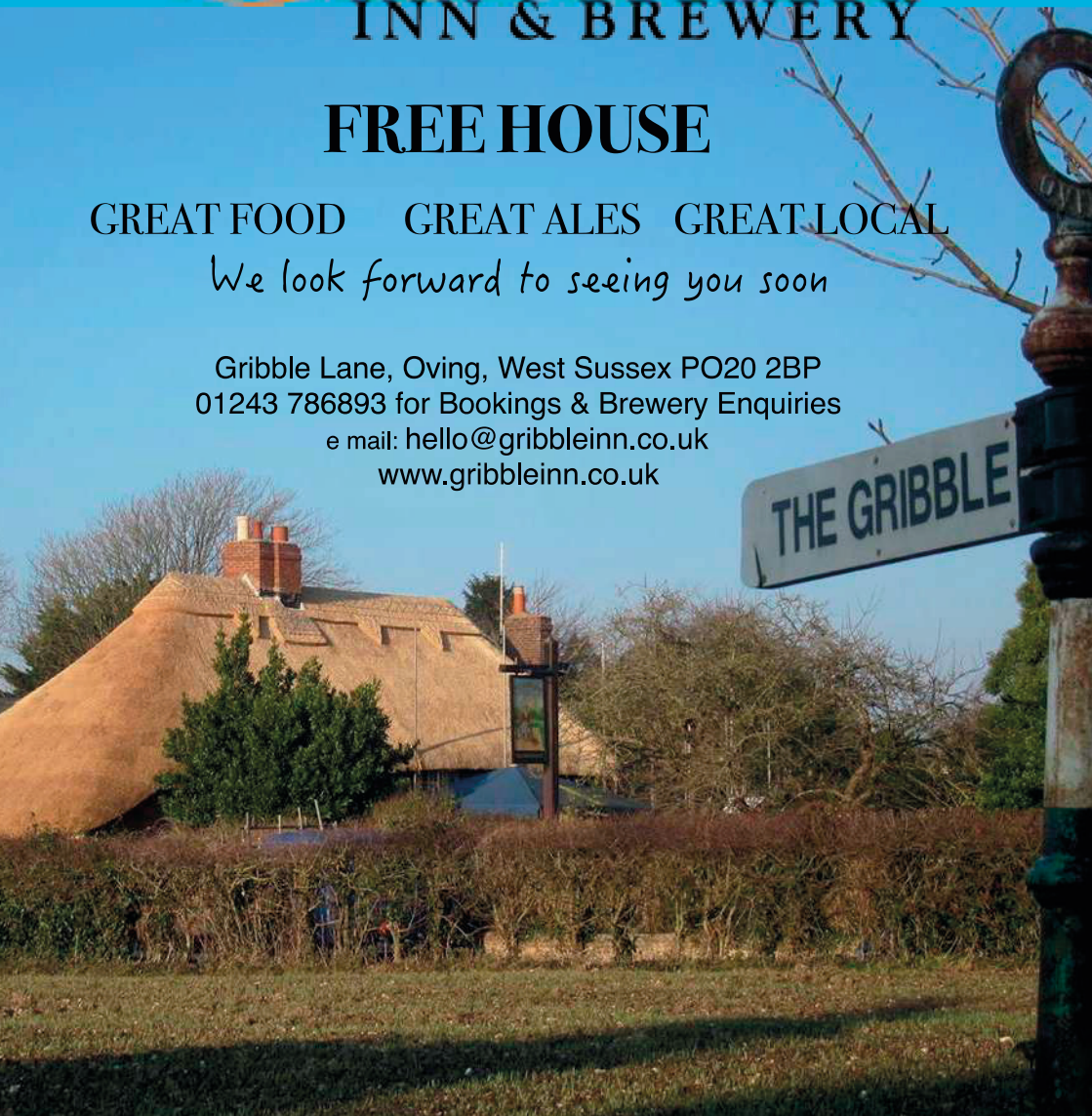
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Oving Scarecrow Day May 11th (continued)

Thanks also to the Hague family for the use of the lovely space at Madam Green Farm so we can enjoy 'Have a Go' with Bognor Archery, and lots of wonderful classic cars and bikes, steam engines, craft stalls galore, and many charities as well.

The Oving Scarecrows team is often asked if we raise lots of money. Scarecrows only raise money from the sale of raffle tickets, refreshments and ice creams. This money, plus the sponsorship money given by our loyal sponsors, The Duke of Richmond, the Woodhorn Group and the Hague family, covers the cost of third-party public liability insurance and entertainment for the day. This is how we can offer a free family day for all to enjoy (including ice creams at still only 50p) so people needn't be concerned about blowing the family's housekeeping budget for the week!

To this end, we do not charge for car parking, massive thanks by the way to the RAF Air Cadets from Chichester, they did an outstanding job. Neither do we make a charge to stall holders. This enables crafts people to come and display their crafts for others to enjoy. We hope that by welcoming many different charities, this will enable them to talk about their work, their needs for volunteers, or for visitors to find out about services that they had not heard of before.



Finally, the Trustees and Secretary of Oving Scarecrow Day would like to say that, without the many people who came to our plea for volunteers meeting in The Gribble last September, and who then took on much of the work, Scarecrow Day 2024 would not have happened without you, and we are in your debt. Thank you all so much.

Dean Bryant was around taking photos which can be seen at:
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Report by Sue Catlett

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Parish Council News

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to welcome Bernard Hunt to the Parish Council. The Parish Council is now 9 councillors, made up of five residents from Shopwyke, two from Oving Village, one from Colworth, and one from Merston. However we are looking into increasing this number to 12 as the work that we do is increasing all the time.

There are, as always, many ways in which the community comes together and there are currently vacancies in the group that manages the Oving Jubilee Hall. If you would be interested in helping to run this great facility, please contact:
hall@ovingjubileehall.org.uk

There is also a potential for the neighbourhood watch scheme to be reformed so if you are interested in volunteering for that please contact Paul Harding on:
shopwykenhw@gmail.com

The Parish Council will now be meeting every other month at Shopwyke Lakes in the meeting room adjacent to the Chichester Bike Project (Longacres House, Longacres Way, Shopwyke Lakes, PO20 2JG). Our first meeting will have already been held by the time this goes out to the public but please do check the Parish Council website for more dates going forward. Please do come along and meet us to see what we do. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome, as are requests for funding to help with community facilities and projects. We are all volunteers and are restricted by our available time and the rules that govern councils which does mean that we are not always the swiftest to be able to action everything immediately,
however we persist with issues where we can.

One area where we are currently seeking opinions is the double yellow lining of the T-junction at Shopwhyke Road/Drayton Lane/Tangmere Road.

The reason for this is that currently any vehicle that is parked off the road (but on a verge) is within their right to do so. By requesting double yellow lines in this area, it would remove that right. Whilst this obviously is interfering with residents' right to park vehicles, there is an issue here due to the number of accidents and near misses. The parking of vehicles on the verge restricts the visibility at this junction and means that cars pull out across a 40mph road with limited visibility after 20 meters. Many have reported very near misses including from those that use the junction regularly. It has one of the highest rates of reported accidents in the Parish.

A plan of the area and a photo of the area under consideration for double yellow lines is shown on the following page.

Parish Council News



Please would you email **clerk@ovingcommunity.org.uk** if you SUPPORT or OBJECT to this proposal.

I would like to thank everyone supporting others in the community in so many ways. I would also like to welcome all the new members of our community who have recently moved into the Parish.

Rod Hague
Oving Parish Council Chair

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From Simon Oakley

Our WSCC Councillor



Government Policy is increasingly shifting towards promoting and funding non car modes of movement, as opposed to defaulting to major road building projects. Note National Highways emphasis in its view of CDC's submitted Local Plan regarding the prioritisation of sustainable transport measures to mitigate development effects on the A27 Chichester by-pass. Another medium-term challenge is how Government can replace its income from fuel duty as electric vehicles become more prevalent. Will that tax change involve an element of encouraging/coercing a move away from car use? The big unknown is in how residents are going to respond to this Policy trend. Is there enough funding and obtainable/available land to provide viable, practical and attractive sustainable transport alternatives?

Hopefully, by the time you read this, Shopwyke Lakes' (very) long awaited Western foot/cycle bridge will be officially open. Work on the path between the Northern Shopwyke Lakes bridge and Longacres Way is expected in August. Both of these form elements of the longer-term plan for a Tangmere – Shopwyke – Chichester foot/cycle path, South of the A27.

WSCC has allocated £100k of Bus Services Improvement Plan funds for bus shelters along the 500 route. This route's long-term sustainability will depend on how many people use it as an alternative to hopping into their car.

One change in proposals for on street ev charging points is that where overall on street parking is high (e.g. Highfield Lane), the parking bays beside new charging points would not be restricted to electric vehicles only.

Highway defects should be reported via WSCC's website.
WSCC's Community Hub (0330 222 7980) continues to connect those most in need to support services. [See link details on next page.]

Simon Oakley **12th July 2024**

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APPLICATIONS FOR TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS (TROs) - UPDATE

You may remember a couple of years back that I asked you all for some feedback with reference to Speed and Weight reductions, in and around Oving. I have some good and not so good news to share with you.

Firstly, after many months of gathering evidence for the following TRO, the Highways dept has agreed with the PC's proposal, to not only reduce the Speed Limit to the wooded area of Tangmere Road by the Kestrels, but to extend this change for the whole length of the road. This will reduce the existing 60 mph down to 40 mph.

Secondly, I am sad to say that my application for Speed and Weight reductions through Merston has failed, due to being too complex apparently. I then applied for just a Weight limit reduction, which also failed due to a lack of an alternative route, enforcement and the fact that a width restriction is already in place. I would like to thank the Merston residents who sent me photographic evidence to help with this TRO.

Onto another mission. I will be applying for a TRO to reduce the speed limit to 40mph along New Road, Oving, from the Drayton Lane junction into Oving in both directions. This would help drivers coming into the High Street a much better chance to slow down to the existing 30 mph. Please see our website to add your comments, support etc: **https://www.ovingcommunity.org.uk**

Cllr Alan Smith **July 2024**

Shopwyke neighbourhood watch scheme

Hello. My name is Paul Harding and I have recently started a neighbourhood watch scheme in Shopwyke. With the rise of crime throughout the country and more importantly locally, we have teamed up and created a scheme.

What the Neighbourhood Watch Does: -

- Neighbourhood Watch is all about building safe and inclusive communities; strengthening the partnership between Sussex Police and the community to prevent crime and improve safety.
- Improving community awareness and participation in keeping ourselves safe, monitoring and reporting incidents that affect community safety.
- Helping to deter criminal behaviour.
- Helping to build caring communities.
- Being actively involved in our community to promote crime prevention and the flow of information.

There have been several crimes in Shopwyke including vehicle break-ins, anti-social behaviour and speeding throughout the community and we are standing together to help reduce this.

Also, if you are interested in joining the Community Speed watch team in Oving or Shopwyke please get in touch.

If you want to help your community or want to know more about Neighbourhood Watch, please visit:
https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/find-your-local-nw
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If you are interested in Speed watch, please email:
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Oving Community Garden

We have had a busy time over the last few months at the community garden. In May we were on the map at Scarecrow Day and enjoyed entertaining over 50 children who took part in the free activities we had prepared. Planting a sunflower seed to take home in a 'made while you watch' special newspaper pot. A scavenger stamp hunt with sweets for those that collected all six stamps from around the recreation ground. Some science, testing the pH of different soils. The smell of vinegar in one of the soil tests did slightly give the game away, but the kids didn't seem to mind. 😊 Their faces were full of wonder as they saw the different colours of universal indicator with the different soils. It helps to have a science teacher in our gang. Another member of our team created a wonderful Monty Don scarecrow, but competition was tough and other members of our team did very well to win a prize for their scarecrow wedding, very well done! We'll have to think even more creatively next time. We were proud of how many people visited us on Scarecrow Day, to look round and see how well the garden has grown.

Since Scarecrow Day the weather has provided enough sunshine and rain for things to grow. We are now harvesting cauliflowers and potatoes. The onions are not far off, and the beetroot seems pretty good. With our new greenhouse, we now have some wonderful cucumbers, peppers and even a melon was seen this week. There will soon be tomatoes and chillies too. Please do come in anytime and look round, pull a weed or two and help yourselves to anything that looks like it is ready.



Oving Community Garden

We always have far too much and the table at the side of the shed seems to be going well as a food provider. It is also lovely to see people coming in to collect the food regularly left by another member of our team. So as we continue, the garden matures and looks better with every coming season. The fruit trees are coming along, and the new fruit cage will bear fruit soon.



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Down on the Farm

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Our main use for electricity at night is for lighting in the cow sheds when solar panels are asleep. We are about to upgrade all of our lights which will be significantly more energy efficient and then we will consider installing a commercial battery storage system so that these too can run on solar power.

Useful Community Resources

The Oving Community website: https://www.ovingcommunity.org.uk/

The website includes a link to sign up to occasional **Oving Parish News Alerts** emails and access to view online versions of this magazine.

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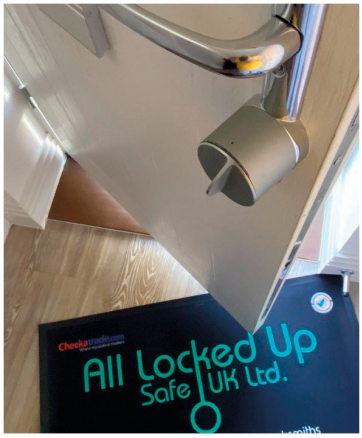
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Where reputation matters

Harvest is approaching and will be well under way by the time you read this. Expectations are rather low this year following the incredibly wet winter and spring. Wet, cloddy seed beds inevitably meant that plant populations were low on emergence with many seeds not germinating. Across the country many thousands of acres were not able to be sown at all, so the farm team at Woodhorn did extremely well in the face of one of the most challenging springs in memory.

Continued wet weather created enormous disease pressure in all our crops and even conventional farmers, with the massive armoury of chemicals at their disposal, struggled to control the likes of septoria tritici in wheat and crown rust in oats. Being Organic and chemical free means that 'disease years' (like this one) significantly reduce our yields but one might argue that the 'gap' between Organic and Conventional farming systems is even more stark when the amount of chemicals applied is so high on other farms.

Whilst the subject matter of my articles is naturally governed by the title 'Down on the *Farm,*' I thought I would give a mention to our teams on our green waste sites at Tangmere and Runcton. Wet spring and summers inevitably generate more garden waste than normal, and this puts huge pressure on everyone during a time of year that is already extremely busy. What is more, the active composting material that has sat on site over the winter is, inevitably, incredibly wet which has made screening the finished compost at best extremely challenging and at worst impossible. I often refer to the dedication of our farm teams and the same very much applies to all our staff involved in the composting enterprises. Thank you, all of you!

We are on course to process over 110,000 tons of waste this year, all of which would otherwise have been landfilled and as most of you know, we turn this into a variety of peat free soils and compost mixes which we retail through our website **www.earthcycle.co.uk** We are also currently providing c.8500 tons of a bespoke British Standard peat free top soil mix for the new sports pitches at Shopwyke Lakes (which have suffered significant delays due to the wet weather – are you noticing a theme to this article?!).

JP 15.7.24

BOOK CLUB REPORT



We have been in Russia and Italy so far this year, now it is Paris with **"The Red Notebook" by Antoine Laurain**. Laure is mugged outside her flat, her handbag snatched. Bookseller Laurent finds it, goes through its contents, hoping to be able to return it to its owner. Intrigued by her red notebook in which she recalls thoughts, ideas, observations, he feels a kindred spirit and decides to try and trace her.

Of course, the reader knows they are destined for each other, but the path to true love does not run smooth. Helped by his eager daughter, and later meeting Laure's colleague, William, feeding her cat, Laurent thinks he is her boyfriend. But William is gay and has to go away, so Laurent takes on the cat feeding duties. When Laure returns home, they finally meet, and end up living together. This is a very likeable story, no surprises but easy to read, with true added bonus of Paris as its setting.

The background to **"The Herd" by Emily Edwards** is the controversy of a few years ago that the new MMR vaccine could cause mental or physical disability. Elizabeth and Bryony and their daughters Clemmie and Alba are firm friends in a society in which everyone is taking sides. Several families have refused vaccination, claiming individual choice over corporate responsibility.

Things start to unravel at Clemmie's 7th birthday party. Elizabeth insists that any child not vaccinated cannot come. Not wanting Alba to miss out, Bryony tells a lie, that Alba is vaccinated. After the party, out of the blue, measles strikes the community, Clemmie catches it and goes partially blind. Having discovered the truth, Elizabeth decides to prosecute Bryony on the grounds of negligence. The case falls apart after a sensational hearing.

In spite of rave reviews, there was something about this novel few of us liked. The characters are not appealing, too self-centred, and wrapped up in their own point of view. The measles narrative seems put in just to add an extra dimension, not really necessary. The argument is old now, the claims disproved. Maybe this was not a book for old readers - younger ones might have more tolerance.

Robert Harris writes intricate thrillers with many twists and turns. In his novel **"The Ghost"** the narrator is given no name. He is simply the ghost writer helping a retired Prime Minister write his memoirs. But the situation is complicated. The writer is persuaded to take on the task after the first aide dies in peculiar circumstances - drowning? Suicide? All the Minister's entourage is housed in a mansion at Martha's Vineyard the U.S.A. Playground for the rich. Our ghost becomes embroiled in all sorts of dangers. The ex-Minister is accused of a crime against humanity, in that he handed four British citizens to the C.I.A. who tortured them and one died. Who is telling the truth? Who is lying? Different characters enter the story: the Minister's wife, his secretary, his bodyguards. The ghost is drawn into more adventures and shocking discoveries. The ending of the novel is cleverly plotted, but I will not reveal it. This is a book for those who like a good story with puzzles to solve.

We were all impressed by this novel **"The Four Winds" by Kristin Hannah** and we all found it sad, even harrowing at times. The background is the 1930's America when poor farming practices led to the ecological disaster of the Dust Bowl years on the Great Plains. The soil was eroded, no crops grew, and terrible dust storms blew. Many farming families left to try and seek a better life in California - a forlorn hope.

The Martinelli family are caught in the middle of these troubles. Elsa, their daughter-in-law, was disowned by her family when a clandestine love affair with Rafe, the son, resulted in pregnancy. But Rafe married her, and Elsa is now a valued member of the family. But the farm is failing, Rafe wants to leave like their neighbours, but the others refuse. Then one day he just disappears, shocking them all, especially his children, Lorena aged 12 and Anthony age 7.

Eventually the Martinellis must leave too, but at the last minute the grandparents refuse. So Lisa and the children embark on their nightmare journey westward. This part of the story is full of all the struggles they encountered, ostracism, enmity, life in the camps. It is impossible to sum it all up. They meet Jack, who is trying to get a better deal for the immigrants, and he and Lisa fall in love. During a strike against the cotton farmers Elsa is injured and dies in hospital. She asks Jack to take the children home, which he does, along with Elsa's coffin so that she can be buried back home. This is a powerful novel, based on actual historic events. It is known that the farmers co-operated with the Government reforms, and the last chapter is full of hope and renewal.

Beryl Lang

FILM REVIEW by ANNIE BENNETT

FURIOSA: A MAD MAX SAGA. (2024) - Directed by George Miller

The original Mad Max film was released in 1979, starring Mel Gibson as Max, marauding around a post-apocalyptic Australia. It was raw and ingenious, peopled by the ravaged remnants of humanity.

Fast forward 40 odd years, and 3 more films, and we have the prequel to Fury Road, focusing on Furiosa, the ferocious and fiery warrior first encountered in that film (then played as an adult by Charlize Theron). This film introduces us to Furiosa (Alyla Browne) as a child living in one of the last areas with water and vegetation, the Green Place. The community is matriarchal and its existence a closely guarded secret. One day a group of bikers stray near and capture Furiosa, a great prize to take back to their leader Dementus (Chris Hemsworth). There is a terrific motor bike chase by her mother across the wasteland. She is captured, and Furiosa is forced to watch her mother's demise at the hand of Dementus, as she will not reveal where the Green Place is. Dementus takes Furiosa as his prisoner as he scavenges the land. So far so mad? Still another 2 hours to go!

Dementus having hatched a plan to take the Citadel, whose equally psychotic ruler Immortan Joe (Lachy Hulme) rules over it using his war boys (white painted skinheads), launches a futile attack which is comprehensively repelled and Dementus flees. Plan 2, seize fuel from fuel town and use that to bargain with the Citadel. And you thought the Apocalypse would be boring! A deal is done and to add to it Joe asks Furiosa to stay with him. She agrees to stay but must avoid the possibility of becoming one of Joe's breeder wives. To this end she disguises herself as a boy and disappears into the bowels of the Citadel, working as a mechanic on the massive war rig being assembled. OK so far?

The movie now jumps a few years and finally Anya Taylor -Joy is Furiosa and the war rig is complete. This is her window of opportunity to escape……her plan has always been to avenge her mother and return to her homeland. She conceals herself under the rig. It is driven by Praetorian Jack (Tom Burke), but en route to Gastown, the rig is attacked by the Biker gang. With the help of Furiosa the attack is repelled, and they return to the Citadel, but a spark of chemistry between them is obvious. They must carefully plan their escape. Sadly, best laid plans and all that, they are once again attacked on a run and both Jack and Furiosa are captured by Dementus's thugs. Jack is murdered but Furiosa manages to escape…. [continued]

FILM REVIEW by ANNIE BENNETT - continued

FURIOSA: A MAD MAX SAGA. (2024) - Directed by George Miller

I won't tell you how as it would spoil the denouement. Just another hour to go! A war breaks out between the 2 gangs, during which most of Dementus's gang are decimated. Furiosa finally comes face to face with her nemesis and his fate is sealed……not as you would have thought though. The final scene dovetails into the beginning of Mad Max: Fury Road. Well, that was a wild ride! It is a bonkers film, the acting is spot on, the effects amazing, the stunts awesome and the sheer pace breathtaking. Definitely not a film for the faint hearted, but an exhilarating ride, nonetheless.

Oving
Neighbourhood Plan

Progress with the Oving Neighbourhood Plan

Now that we have edited our planning policies so as to comply with those of the emerging local plan we are ready to proceed with the formal consultation of residents of the parish including landowners and employers. It will take a similar form to the "Testing the Waters" exercise of October/ November 2022.

There will be public meetings, a distribution of draft policies and an opportunity for feedback that we found so helpful the first time round. The period of consultation will be six weeks starting this autumn. The policies will be published in advance on the parish website. Watch that space.

Stephen Quigley

Chairman, Oving Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

A message from June Milson Community Support Worker
OVING PARISH COMMUNITY WATCH

We have had a busy year so far with various activities taking place at our monthly Tea Party Events. Guest speakers invited included WSCC Waste Prevention, Wiltshire Farm Foods, Home Instead with more to follow this year.

We donate the raffle proceeds raised at our monthly parties to 3 local charities per year. We invite each charity to come along on the chosen month and they give us a brief overview of how the donation will be used. This year we have chosen Stonepillow (April 18th) Cat and Rabbit Rescue (July 18th) and Oving Youth Club (November 14th).

July, we held a Summer Festival which included Pimm's on arrival, live music by Dave Harris and a fantastic Choir called Cancer United. There was a very Summer Festival feel with residents dressing in their summer best. Burgers, hotdogs, salad, homemade cakes and ice cream cornets were on the menu and the sun shone for us all. We were very grateful to receive donations from Clarion in the way of Tesco Vouchers and Hyde by way of their Match my Project.

We have our annual Summer Outing coming up on August 20th which is fast approaching and due to the success last year, we are returning to Stansted Park. No doubt the coach will be full of wonderful purchases again this year.

Believe it or not, Christmas preparations are well on the way and the Gribble Pub is again on board helping us with this. We also have wonderful support on the day from our faithful extra Christmas Volunteers and regular Volunteers who always make this a very successful fun filled afternoon.

At OPCW we provide a variety of services. These are available to anyone within Oving Parish and ***not*** only to those to 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.

I very much hope you will join us.

CONTACT DETAILS: June Milson 07508 059955 (Tuesdays 9am-1pm and Thursdays 9am-5pm) June.milson@ovingcommunity.org.uk

OVING PARISH COMMUNITY WATCH
2024 Tea Party Dates - Oving Jubilee Hall

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
** Tea party will include a choice of sandwiches cakes and tea/coffee
Additional items including savouries, fruit and meringues may be added.











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Community Warden - Dawn White



Hello everyone.

For those who don't already know me, my name is Dawn White and I am one of Chichester District Council's Community Wardens. The area I cover is the Tangmere and Oving Parishes. I am based in these areas so you may come across me while out walking or see me pass by in my van. You will find my contact details at the end of this article, and you can also text or WhatsApp me but I can't put an out of hours message on these so you won't know if I am at work or not. I will always respond as soon as I am back at work.

I don't ever use Facebook or WhatsApp groups so please don't assume I know what is going on from posts on either, please contact me directly. I do not deal directly with crime so please report any criminal behaviour to the Police. Having said that I also want to know what is happening that affects my area so am always grateful to receive information about incidents that have been reported to the police.

Listed below is a brief outline of some of the work we do. What I always tell people is to contact me about anything, from wanting to know about what social groups are in the local neighbourhood to any worry and concerns you may have. If I do not have the answer or can't help, I will find someone who can.

What we do:

- Community development and encouraging and increasing community involvement
- Dealing with environmental issues (e.g. graffiti, litter, dumping, abandoned cars, dog fouling etc.) within the area by working with appropriate agencies.
- Working with the police, police community support officers (PCSOs) and local communities to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime in the area including providing intelligence and evidence to the police and acting as professional witnesses.

Community Warden - Dawn White (continued)

How we do this:

- Responding to calls from the public or other agencies
- Working closely with police, PCSOs, local councillors, community groups, RSLs (Registered Social Landlords) and residents
- Working closely with agencies that can deal with issues in the community
- Regular visits to elderly, vulnerable etc
- Working with the community and promoting community development initiatives.

Community Warden - dwhite@chichester.gov.uk - Mobile no. 07768 210358

Find out more about the role of the community wardens here:
https://www.chichester.gov.uk/communitywardens



A day in the life of… a Grandmother

Phone goes at 7am .
"Can you please help , Noah is unwell, could you come over and look after him? We are both on work appointments." "Sure ", jump out of bed quick shower, grab the dog and in the car by 7.20 am.
7.40 arrive, sort Noah out with hot drink and make some him some toast.
Feed my dog and theirs.
Clean the breakfast debris away, put a wash on.
Check Noah who is on his Ipad destroying an alien.
Walk the dogs for 40 mins.
Take the washing out and hang it out. Put second wash on.
Hoover around, wash kitchen floor.
Noah is sick … strip bed, run him a bath and clean up and put fresh bedding on.
Realise it is 1.30 and I have not had anything to eat or drink. Make sandwich but cannot find anything I like in the fridge!
Bake a banana cake with the over ripe bananas, smells ok.
Noah is feeling better and is hungry! Make him some plain pasta.
4 pm washing dry and folded, all have come home from schools and appointments, make tea and offer cake.
5 pm come home … to tidy round, put a wash on and then make dinner.
Thank heavens for the large gin and Tonic with ice and a slice of lemon!
Next time I fill in a form and asks if I am retired .. the answer is NO I am a full time Grandmother!

Caryl Blumenthal



This is the first in (hopefully) a series of articles sharing the tales of a day in your lives!
Email ovingdistrictnews@outlook.com with yours!

Oving Speedwatch

After a great response to the request for volunteers, we now have two fabulous teams on The Community Speedwatch. One operates solely in Shopwyke and the other in Oving.

A **BIG** thank you to Paul and Tara Harding for heading it up, training and organising everyone.

Additionally, a big thank you to the 22 volunteers for stepping forward and giving up some of your time, helping to make the roads safer for everyone. Speedwatch is a national initiative where proactive members of the community join with the support and supervision of the local police to record details of speeding vehicles using approved detection devices.

Our aims are to reduce speeding and provide data to support consideration of additional measures, such as signs that display and record driver speeds and traffic calming initiatives.

Since starting on 15th April and up to 4th July, we have carried out **37 sessions** (of either 30 mins. or an hour).

We recorded **547** vehicles speeding, with the maximum speed being a frightening **62** mph.

27% of the cars recorded in Oving village were speeding – meaning over a quarter of the car drivers were breaking the law.

These are shocking statistics. All offenders receive a letter from the police making them aware of their speeding. Multiple offenders will be closely monitored by the police as speeding is a criminal offence, dangerous and unacceptable.

Want to know more or get involved? Please contact me:

annemariedutchy@gmail.com

Anne-Marie Eastwood

THE FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, OVING



Once again, The Friends are pleased to continue with fund-raising efforts to support the Church wherever we can.

We cover the ongoing costs of grass cutting of the Churchyard to keep it tidy and pay 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 for visits and worship.

Later in the year, please keep free the date for our annual **Quiz Night** on **Sat 5th Oct 7-7.30pm** in the Jubilee Hall.

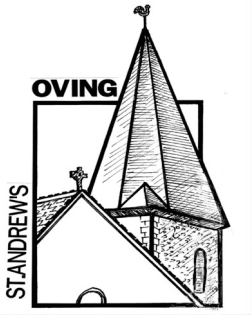
The **Christmas Fayre** this year will be held on **Sat 30th Nov**, again in the Jubilee Hall, timings yet to be agreed!

Looking into next year, our joint fund-raising event with The Jubilee Hall will take place on **Sat 29th March**. This will be a **"Murder Mystery"** evening incorporating a meal and a new play written, directed and performed by the Sidlesham based drama group SCATS.

Thanks for your continuing support. By the time you read this hopefully summer will have arrived!

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

A Note from the Rectory



From the Churchwarden

After 6 years as vicar of our Churches here in Oving and Tangmere, Fr. Trevor has been asked by the Bishop of Chichester to leave us and take over the Parish of Middleton-on-sea to the east of Bognor Regis.

So, once again we find ourselves in a period of Interregnum.

The PCC (Parochial Church Council) have had a meeting with the Archdeacon of Chichester, The Venerable Luke Irvine-Capel, as to when we can expect to have another vicar but he was unable to provide an answer to this very important question.

In the meantime he has advised us that the rectory in Tangmere, where both Father Trevor and Father Derek lived, is going to be placed on the rental market as the Diocese is very short of funds.

This means that our hopes for another "house for duty" priest, such as Trevor or Derek are dashed because there will be no house available.

This is the negative side of the situation.

The positive side is that we still have our beautiful Church. It is in a very good state of repair thanks to the huge amount of "self help" work carried out by some highly skilled DIY members of the village. Indeed, over the last 10 years the obligatory 5 year surveys of the condition of the building have raised various technical problems but these have all been dealt with and the slate is now squeaky clean !

Our Church is open every day from 10am until 4pm as a haven of peace and quiet for anyone to come and spend a few calm moments reflecting on our busy lives.

We will continue to hold our 11am service every Sunday as we have been able to enlist the help of various retired clergy in the neighbourhood; they are thrilled to come and take our service for us. Each one of them says that [cont]

they are so pleased to come to Oving and they all admire its beauty, its peace and its simplicity. Indeed we have full coverage every Sunday from now until the end of September.

It must be added that our Church is always a very popular wedding and baptism venue and long may it continue.

Andy Gash keeps the Churchyard and the Burial Ground mown and the monthly volunteer working party keeps the shrubs and borders under control.

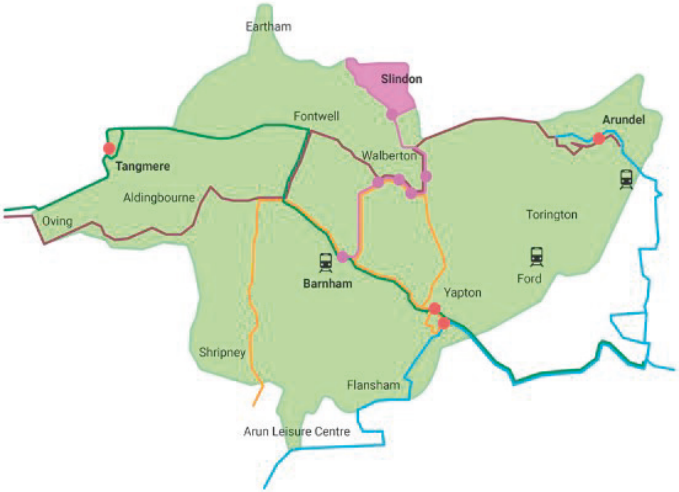
Even though we have no vicar at the moment, our Church will continue, after 800 years, to be the central landmark in our wonderful village; available and open to all. Please do come and visit and see for yourselves.

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Oving Community Website - Updates

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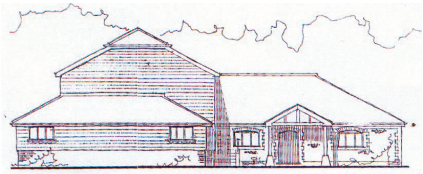
We are currently reviewing content on the Oving Community website and would like to hear from you if you have any suggestions of items that you'd like to see added, including any links to other relevant sites.

Please email your suggestions to:
communications@ovingcommunity.org.uk

Please also use this email address if you'd like to see something shared on the website, through the Oving Parish News alerts emails or via the community social media pages and groups.

Thank you!





News from the Jubilee Hall

Hello and welcome to news of YOUR Oving Jubilee Hall

I am sure many of you have been in the Hall lately, if it wasn't to join in with our very successful Irish Night, Scarecrow Day or the regular Chill & Chat Café, then it must have been when voting in the General Election. Did you spot the new curtains (window and acoustic) and that the Hall was newly decorated? It all took place over the Easter holiday, when some of the regular classes had a break. We were very pleased with the transformation – hope you all approve too!

We have been busy with private parties, regular weekly events and the monthly tea parties. The tea parties, always on a Thursday afternoon, are great fun and scrumptious food is served. They are free for anyone in the Parish and organised by a superb team of volunteers headed up by the enthusiastic Sandy Parkinson and the lovely June Milson (Community Support Worker). If you fancy going, do bring a friend, I would recommend letting June know so they can cater for the right number of people. June's details (and dates of the tea parties) are on the Parish noticeboard in Highfield Lane. I bet once you've been you'll never miss one again.

Finally, the treasurer (Anthony Eastwood), the secretary (Eileen Saunders) and myself have given notice to OPC that we are looking to stand down from the management committee at the end of March 2025. All three of us have given an enormous amount of time over many years, particularly Eileen, to something we love doing but all good things must come to an end…. If anyone is interested in taking over one of these very fulfilling roles, please drop me a line.



Anne-Marie Eastwood

Chair, Oving Jubilee Hall Management Committee
annemariedutchy@gmail.com

Community Minded – Rewarding – Fulfilling – Supportive

Do I have your attention? Oving Jubilee Hall, the hub of our community, is looking for 3 volunteers to fill the following roles from 1st April 2025:

Chair of Management Committee

Lead the Management Committee and Chair quarterly meetings. Manage 3 members of staff (2 caretakers & bookings secretary). Promote the Hall on social media. Liaise with Oving Parish Council about project funding. Submit information articles to ODN. Collaborate with the other 2 officers.

Treasurer

Authorise and pay invoices. Provide report for quarterly meetings. Help co-ordinate maintenance jobs. Prepare information for annual audit of accounts. Collaborate with the other 2 officers.

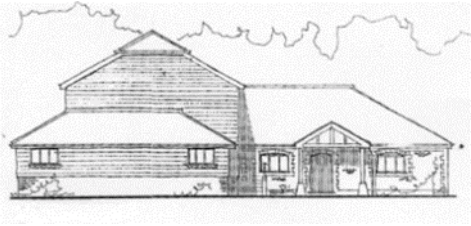
Secretary

Update Charity Commission when Trustees start or leave. Organise agenda for quarterly meetings. Take minutes at meetings and distribute to attendees. Collaborate with the other 2 officers.

What Next?

If you are interested in any of these roles, directly contributing to enhancement of welfare and social opportunities at the heart of our community, contact me on annemariedutchy@gmail.com or 07810 128245 to find out more and arrange an informal chat.

Anne-Marie Eastwood



Community Events coming up at Oving Jubilee Hall in 2024/2025

October 5th – Quiz Night - Organised by the Friends of St Andrew's

October 26th – Monsters' Party - Organised by OJH

November 30th – Oving Christmas Fayre

Organised by The Friends of St Andrew's, the Church and OJH

March 29th 2025 - Murder Mystery Evening

Organised by The Friends of St Andrew's and OJH

For bookings contact the Bookings Secretary Katie on 07962 932560
or Email: hall@ovingjubileehall.org.uk

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**	Contact Booking Secretary
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
	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
	09.15 – 11.15	Spanish lessons	Contact Booking Secretary
***	14.00 - 1600	Village Tea Parties for parishioners **Once a month**	June Milson 07508 059955
	18.30 – 19.30	Zumba Toning	Mel Winstanley 07824 668368
Friday	10.15 – 11.15	Pilates	Rachel 07973 632412
	11.45 – 1.15	Tiny Tots (1 month to 18 months approx)	Jess Wisdom 07944 457673
	Afternoon/ evening	**AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**	
Saturday	**ALL DAY**	**AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**	

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

***The Parish Tea parties take place once a month on a Thursday but we can work any other Thursday bookings round this community event

Phoenix Art Group



Inspired by a visit to Charleston, the modernist home and studio of painters Vanessa Bell and Duncan Grant and their paintings of looking through a window, it was decided to paint our own take on this.



Several still lifes of window sills were set up and we then had to choose which one we liked and what image would be seen through the window.



This is by one of our members Jill.

The Phoenix Art Group meets Monday mornings at the Jubilee Hall. We have three sessions a year of about 12 weeks each. If you are interested come along and meet us. 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 will start 9th September Just come along one Monday and join us for a cup of coffee we are a fun group.

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

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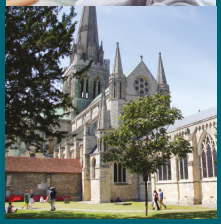
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