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Editor's note



Welcome to all our readers, especially those that are new to our community. I hope this finds you well.

With so many challenges in the wider world this year, I'm always heartened by the support and neighbourliness of our community. I do hope that you see the same wherever you are.

We have some welcome new contributors in this edition and they have a fascinating tale or two to tell. On a related note, I wonder if any of our readers can help me? A recently widowed lady contacted me to see if we could provide her with a copy of an article that appeared in our magazine some years ago. The article was written about her husband and his tale of being "Mr Steeds, the Queen's Personal Dry Cleaner". If anyone has a copy of that magazine, please do get in touch. We would both be very grateful.

Did you know that new parts of the community are now able to get **Ultrafast Full Fibre Broadband**? Go to **https://www.openreach.com/fibre-checker** to find out what's currently available to you.

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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 all!!**

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Plans are already underway for the next Scarecrow Day on
Saturday 9th May 2026!



We would like to thank our team of volunteers and sponsors because without their support Scarecrow Day simply wouldn't happen.

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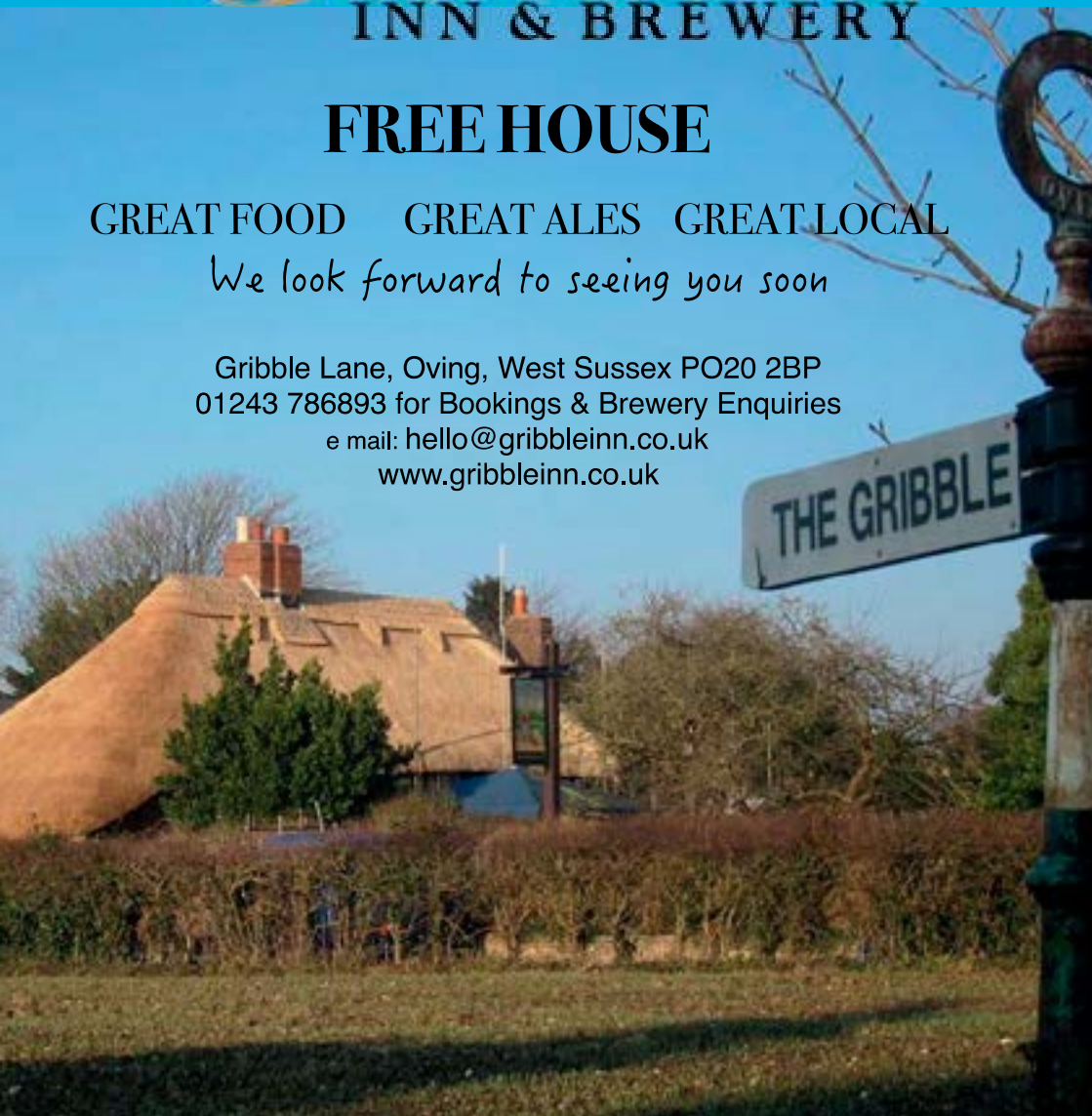
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Parish Council News

Dear Parishioners,

It is sad news that we will be saying goodbye to Dawn White as our Community Warden. We also offer our deep condolences for the sad loss of Declan Moody. We look forward to working with Jimmy Upton as he takes on the role of our Community Warden.

There is still time to fill in a feedback form on the Oving Neighbourhood Plan, so please do so. Cllr Quigley's article explains how you can do this.

There is a very significant outline application in for 370 homes and a primary school on the Chichester District Council's allocated A8 site (south of Shopwhyke Road and east of Drayton Lane) for the Eastern section.

Please scan the QR code on the left with your smart phone or go to:
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Type in **24/02401** in the search box to see the application and make any comments that you wish to.

I would like to thank Bernard Hunt for his help on the Parish Council, he has been unable to continue as a Councillor and submitted his resignation. After 5 years as Chair of Oving Parish Council I have decided to step down. There is therefore one immediate vacancy on the Parish Council and another one in April after I have stood down. Please contact clerk@ovingcommunity.org.uk if you are interested in helping govern our community.

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 who have recently moved into the parish.

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Please be mindful to check inside your bonfires before you light them in case any precious creatures are inside. Taking just 5 minutes to check with a torch before lighting could save many little lives and avoid much unnecessary pain, distress and suffering. If you come across any animals in need, please call us or another wildlife rehabilitator as soon as you can so the animal can receive the professional help it needs.

PATIENT STORY



Our last group of fox cubs admitted over the summer have grown into beautiful juvenile foxes and have now been successfully re-released back into suitable locations in the wild. They all arrived as tiny orphans that were too young to fend for themselves and needed very specialist care and rearing from our dedicated team. Foxes can become tame in as little as an hour, meaning that our team work extremely hard and carefully to ensure they receive all the care they need whilst remaining (or learning how to be) wild. Because of this, they now have the best possible chances of living long and happy lives out in the wild.

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By Alex Foster, Education Outreach Coordinator

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From Simon Oakley

Our WSCC Councillor



As I write, the District Council's Local Plan is going through its Examination, with much attention on transport issues. Meanwhile we await to see what changes the new Government will put in place to National Planning Policy and what, if any, resources it intends to allocate to provide the transport infrastructure needed to support what will probably be higher development targets for West Sussex. The cancellation of the A27 Arundel by-pass scheme does not bode well. WSCC is asking Government as to what it has in mind.

The planning application for part of the land South of Shopwyke Lakes is now in. It includes a site for a 2 Form Entry Primary School with Special Educational Needs Support Centre. WSCC has a duty to plan for providing future school places, a role which includes looking to secure land and facilities via new development (such as this site). Meanwhile, those parents with children eligible to start primary school next September have until 15th January to submit their school preferences via Starting school places - West Sussex County Council .

By far the biggest role undertaken by WSCC is Social Care. Information on this can be found at Social care and health - West Sussex County Council , including how to access support in your own home and for Carers.

Another WSCC role is Public Health, which includes supporting quit smoking campaigns Smoking > Stop smoking services in West Sussex / West Sussex Wellbeing / Provided by 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 support services.

Highway defects should be reported via WSCC's website Make an enquiry or report a problem with a road or pavement - West Sussex County Council .

Simon Oakley **8th November 2024**

To access the links in Councillor Oakley's article and any others, please use the online version of the magazine accessed via the QR code or this link: https://www.ovingcommunity.org.uk/community/oving-district-news

CONSULTATION FOR TRAFFIC CALMING IN OVING

Oving Parish Council is requesting your feedback on the proposals below before proceeding with applications for Traffic Regulation Orders.

1) Speed reduction along The New Oving Road in both directions from the Drayton T Junction into the village from 60 mph down to 40 mph.

2) To try and get a weight restriction through the village.

3) To have a speed limit of 20 mph through the village and the surrounding Lanes of Colworth, Church, and Woodhorn north and south, thus creating Quiet Lane Status.

4) Traffic Calming areas to the East and West of the village giving alternative priorities for vehicles to slow down prior to entering the village.

The above is a wish list made from comments made to me over the past couple of years. Recent feedback on the proposals is required in order to achieve these goals. Any proposal would still need to be approved by West Sussex County Council and Highways before they can proceed.

Thank you all in anticipation. **Consultation closes 31st December 2024.**

Please see our website to add your comments, support etc, using the online form: **https://www.ovingcommunity.org.uk**

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

Cllr Alan Smith **November 2024**

Oving Community Garden

Welcome to our OCG news!

We are a group of volunteers who meet on the 1st Saturday of each month from 9.30 a.m. and are open to anyone coming along to join us for a chat over tea and coffee and food goodies, made by one of our lovely members. We come together to take part in weeding, digging, planting and any other job that needs doing for the season. Any gardening knowledge we have to share is always useful and you will find us learning along the way as we use Google to find out when and what to plant! Gardening is a good way to exercise and improve mood, make new friends and enjoy the wide-open space of our beautiful Oving Diamond Jubilee Park.

In August we had a wonderful harvest of produce including red and brown onions, garlic, courgettes, marrows, potatoes and beetroots! Raspberries and strawberries were there for the picking, before the birds got to them!

Our greenhouse also gave a bumper harvest, thanks to the care and watering skills of some of our members during the week, producing tomatoes, cucumbers, aubergines and red peppers. We even had our first small melons that tasted delicious!

One of the proudest moments, for one member has been the growing of pumpkins this year for the first time, he really took them to heart and was delighted by the success of up to 10 pumpkins of a good size. Both adults and children alike, have enjoyed visits to the garden to see how big they were growing!



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Oving Community Garde



We were pleased to be able to support St Andrew's Church Village Harvest Auction in September by donating a box of produce which was won by locals in the village! The two charities this year were – Feeding Futures and Chestnut Tree House.

Our October meeting saw the start of a new young volunteer joining us as part of their DofE award, and they got straight to work helping to plant broccoli and Brussel sprouts. Our wonderful pumpkins were ready to use for Halloween lanterns and making soups such as Thai pumpkin and roasting the seeds. Any pumpkins left were put out on the table for locals to help themselves.



We also remain very grateful to the mother and son team, who continue to regularly deliver supermarket excess food to Oving Church, to stop food waste. This is much appreciated by many in the village and helps to raise awareness of how we can take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from landfill, helping to protect our planet.

Our next meeting is on Sat 7 Dec – why not come along and join us for a little digging, weeding and some festive treats!

Jane Burch **November 2024**

Down on the Farm

I thought I would talk a little about cheese in this edition. Many of you will have seen (hopefully tried) the Extra Mature Cheddar and Salted Butter from Organic Herd in our vending machine and it is with Organic Herd my story starts.

Organic Herd is a farmer owned Cooperative of c.100 Organic dairy farmers across the UK and we at Woodhorn have been proud members for the past 25 years. Organic Herd supplies milk to the likes of Yeo Valley, Wyke Farms and Kendal Nutricare baby foods. As well as being the only 100% Organic dairy co-operative in the UK, we are also the only supplier of milk in Europe that comes from farms that never use antibiotics.

A year ago we launched our own range of speciality cheeses, butters and chocolates. None of these are available in Supermarkets simply because the big supermarkets expect to take such a big % of the sale price that, after production costs, there would be nothing left to go back to the farmers.



So our products are available through delis across the country, stores such as Planet Organic and in our vending machine!

Our products are made by artisan producers that fit Organic Herd's ethos ("How We Farm Matters"), are made to historical recipes, are additive free and of course are made from milk that is certified Organic and anti-biotic free. Our cheeses are made using traditional cultures and matured in wooden boxes, whilst our butters are cream tumbled in 1960s butter barrels and then hand salted and churned in small batches.

Apologies if this comes across as too much of an advertisement, but its another part of our story and who we are at Woodhorn, whilst supporting all the things we are trying to achieve - so I wanted to share it with you all. (Feel free to check out our Cooperative and our other products at **www.organicherd.co.uk**).

The (seemingly unusual) dry weather has enabled the farm team to complete autumn sowing of winter wheat and oats and at the time of writing there are just three cows left to calve at Reeds farm where milk production is in full swing.

So, whilst we digest the budget and the televised comments of a Labour 'special adviser' stating that the government should "do to the farmers what Thatcher did to the miners" and that farming is "an industry we can do without", we keep calm and carry on!

More cheese Grommit?!



JP 14.11.24

New luxury care home in Oving Parish makes its mark volunteering around the community



Waterhaven Place, a new luxury care home located within the Shopwyke Lakes community set to open its doors in early 2025, is already making its mark through a series of community projects and voluntary initiatives around town.

In the run-up to launch, the home has dedicated its 26-strong team to various exciting projects — including community litter-picks, Christmas gift-wrapping sessions, supporting community groups, and volunteering at local charities.

During the last two weeks of October, the team has clocked up 1250 hours of voluntary work for 10 different initiatives, the first being a community litter pick around the Shopwyke Lakes development.

The team has continued the good work by supporting local causes like Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital, The Cat and Rabbit Rescue Centre, St Wilfrid's Hospice, UK Harvest, Aldingbourne Trust, Royal British Legion and Sage House.

Waterhaven Place has also been helping out in local green spaces, including popular local sites like Old Bridge Meadow, Hesworth Common and Fishbourne Playing Fields. The team helped to clear invasive vegetation, plant native wild-flowers, and assist with habitat management to support biodiversity.

According to Cheryl Tyson, Customer Relations Manager at Waterhaven Place, these projects reflect our commitment to being a positive force in the district by contributing to community welfare:

“At Waterhaven Place, we believe that creating friendly, supportive relationships with our neighbours is a crucial part of building a strong community. We want our residents to feel at home as soon as they set foot in the home; and that means making sure we connect them with the life of the town as well. In the run-up to launch, we will continue to build local partnerships so that we can really hit the ground running when we open our doors”

[Continued]

The care home's opening event will be more than a mere ribbon-cutting ceremony. The team plans to invite all its charitable partners from across Chichester to join the fun, and will lay out plans for ongoing engagement and support for these organisations — including through community days, fundraisers, 'outings' into town for residents, and further voluntary opportunities for staff.

Waterhaven Place is the newest home in the Connaught Care Collection, a new luxury care brand with a focus on "living a life more extraordinary".

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WELCOME TO UFFA'S FOLK

In recent years we have welcomed into our parish of Oving the biggest ever influx of new residents, dwarfing the band of Saxon farmers and warriors who reputedly founded our village nearly a millennium and a half ago, under the leadership of their tribal chieftain Uffa. They named the village after Uffa's folk but fifteen centuries later Uffa's Folk remain bitterly divided as to whether they named the village Oving or Ooving!

For many centuries Sussex, the original kingdom of the South Saxons, was remote and difficult to access through the dense forests and muddy tracks of the Weald. Things changed in the nineteenth century, especially after the arrival of the railways.

Poets and painters visited and lingered, enchanted by its peace and beauty. Blake and Keats, Constable and Turner. Later writers of national renown, Rudyard Kipling and Hillaire Belloc, were to locate their homes, their hearts and much of their writing here. Seaside holidays became popular and the migration from London and other points north commenced.

The county population soared but Sussex folk are friendly and easygoing and assimilation was easy. The beauty of our beaches, cliffs and harbours are undiminished and our soaring downs and ancient woodlands remain a delight.

H. E. Bates visited Chichester in the bleakest year of the Second World War yet commented "I was never in a town where the inhabitants gave more charm and courtesy or plain decent friendliness of heart". What a standard to live up to!

Do we always realise how lucky we are? Okay, traffic congestion and parking are a pain, sewage disposal a disgrace and national politicians a constant disappointment. But what a privilege to live in such a beautiful and peaceful corner of our land, with no racial tension and little serious crime.

Alexandra Harris has made a wonderful addition to the literature in praise of Sussex with her new book, The Rising Down. Alexandra, a renowned historian, was born and bred in a West Sussex village landscape which she adored. She recalls the people, and the animals, birds and trees, all welcome companions on her girlhood walks.

She evokes the magic of changing seasons and weather and notes the changes, thankfully not too drastic, to her girlhood environment. She explains the part that ancient buildings, churches and castles, cottages and bridges, played in the lives of our ancestors.

WELCOME TO UFFA'S FOLK [continued]

Piecing together fragments gleaned from ancient documents and archives, Alexandra ushers us into the humble lives of our long-forgotten ancestors. We learn of the hopes and fears, joys and tribulations of a rich variety of souls from Medieval times to the present day. Extraordinary souls such as the devout anchorites, or hermits, usually women but sometimes men, who lived their lives walled up within the walls of Hardham Church. Or the water bailiffs controlling traffic on the River Arun in Tudor times. Her passion enriches the reader's appreciation of our cultural heritage.

Sadly two other literary lovers of our local history and nature have very recently passed on. Andrew Berriman was a historian with a huge appetite for researching and writing about local history. Andrew's many roles in the community included leading Council organised Smart walks in the countryside as well as guided tours within the City of Chichester. Richard Williamson was the dedicated Warden of Kingley Vale all his life, a passionate conservationist and prolific writer about our countryside.

Andrew recently published his highly informative and entertaining Fifty South Downs Villages and his Forty Coastal Villages, including Oving, is now being published posthumously. Richard's final publication was Flights of the Mind, a delightful book of poems celebrating his many feathered friends, whilst his Fifty Two West Sussex Walks have triggered many an adventure. Waterstones in Chichester or Kim's Bookshop, recently removed to Arundel, may be able to help.

Much more can be learnt about our rich history and culture by attending the friendly and entertaining monthly talks given by the Chichester Local History Society (chichesterlocalhistory.org.uk). A fascinating Short History of Oving Parish is out of print but can be read on the **www.ovingcommunity.org.uk** website, click on Community then Oving History.

As many new and younger faces appear in the village and at Shopwyke Lakes, and an energetic new generation of local volunteers comes to the fore, the future of Uffa's Folk is in good hands.

David Storey



BOOK CLUB REPORT



Jilly Cooper is a well-known writer, but few of our group have ever read one of her novels. We decided to see what we were missing with "**Tackle**". Opinions were divided between downright dislike and acceptance of a jolly romp, a good antidote to sadder and weightier stories. The plot is slight - Rupert Campbell Black, who appears in other novels, owner and trainer of racehorses, buys a struggling football club and transforms it. Jilly does her research well, but surely writes tongue in cheek. All the men are handsome, the women attractive. And the names! Valent, Paris, Farall, that is just the men; Cadenza, Madison, Roxanne for the women. There are the usual sexual shenanigans, and the occasional serious episode. Jilly's novels are lightweight, easy to read, which makes them so popular.

"**A Month in the Country**" by J.L. Carr is in total contrast. This atmospheric narrative paints a pastoral idyll of an English countryside, now disappeared. One hot summer in 1920 Tom Birkin, damaged by the war, is restoring a medieval wall painting in a Yorkshire village church. He camps out in the tower and sees a tent by the cemetery wall. In it is Charles Moor, also a war veteran, who has been asked to find a mysterious lost grave. The landscape and the old rhythms of country life work their magic to heal. Tim is helped by Kathy the station master's lively 14 year old daughter who almost bullies him into joining in village life. Tim falls in love with the vicar's lovely young wife, but nothing is ever admitted. By the end of the month both men have finished their tasks. They must leave, renewed by their experiences. We all thought this story was beautifully written, a beguiling depiction of a time and place from long ago.

Our group like contrasts. Our next choice was "**A Winter Grave**" by Peter May, a writer of thrilling murder mysteries. A meteorologist checking a weather station high in the Scottish hills, discovers a body frozen in the ice. D.I. Brodie volunteers to investigate, but he has a hidden reason. The young meteorologist is his estranged daughter, and he wants to put things right between them because he has been diagnosed with cancer. The body is that of an investigative reporter, following leads about the nuclear power station nearby. There are all the usual clues, red herrings, sudden surprises, until the murder is solved. There is a melancholy about this novel, despite the reconciliation. The awful weather influences various events. We were united in our opinion of an interesting story, well told.

"A daughter is a burden". "A girl is a curse". So begins "**Daughters of Madurai**" by Rajasrea Variyar, a novel based on the terrible and relatively recent practice of female infanticide. It is now a crime but was long rooted in Indian culture. Janini was allowed to keep her first child, a daughter, in the hope of sons to follow. But subsequent births were girls, instantly disposed of by her terrible mother-in-law. Pregnant for the fourth time Janini wows to keep this one, come what may. Much of the narrative is how she carries out her decision; leaving her home, setting up a sewing business, helped by friends, especially Sanjay whose high-caste family Janini cleans for. It is also the story of that grown up daughter, Nila, who has her own secrets. The family now live in Australia, but return to Madurai for the death of Nila's grandfather. Here Nila slowly learns her mother's history. The themes move between dates and places, the reader must keep aware. it is heartbreaking sometimes, uplifting at others, leading us to a discussion on the treatment of women the world over.

At the end of the year the Book Club will be 20 years old. We think this is quite an achievement, we have never fallen out, always respect all members' views. We will probably raise a glass of something bubbly in celebration!

Beryl Lang

Useful Community Resources

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

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What's missing? Please get in touch to have something added!

FILM REVIEW by ANNIE BENNETT

A Different Man directed by Aaron Schimberg

Sebastian Stan plays Edward, an aspiring actor, living in New York. He suffers from Neurofibromatosis (similar to the disease which affected the Elephant man) which leaves him with a severely deformed face. He's a sad, lonely fellow, desperate to "make it" in the theatre. He is a seriously bad actor, and the scenes showing him auditioning for parts are hilarious. You do laugh and yet then sympathise as he is laughed and stared at whilst on the subway or in restaurants.

Then one day Ingrid (Renate Reinsve) moves into the flat next door. She is an aspiring playwright and after her initial startlement at Edward's face, forms a strong friendship with him, with hints of a possible romantic relationship to come. The film turns quite Woody Allenesque at this point.

At the same time, Edward is secretly taking part in a new scientific trial which, if successful, will reverse the effects of his disease. I have to say, I don't mind gore at all, but the scenes depicting the chrysalis type emergence of his new face are brutal.

He tells everyone, including Ingrid, that Edward has died, and he re invents himself as Guy, a very successful and handsome real estate agent. Now he feels life will be good and fulfilling, and everything he always wanted will be his.

Be careful what you wish for!

Months on he accidentally sees Ingrid, who is now directing a play off Broadway, about a man with facial deformities. He auditions as Guy (he has a mask of his old face which was made prior to his treatment) and dons the mask to persuade Ingrid to hire him. It is all a little bit surreal, but very funny, as he is still an awful actor. Enter Oswald (played by Adam Pearson a British actor with Neurofibromatosis). He is suave, rakish, funny and charming, and a good actor to boot. Yes, you can see it coming, he charms Ingrid, sidelines Guy and gets the leading part. He fascinates Ingrid so much that they become an item. We see this developing through Guy's eyes, becoming greener by the frame.

The denouement is very funny, and sad, and a little predictable, but nonetheless emphasises the apparent truism that beauty is only skin deep, and in the eye of the beholder. Being attractive does not make you a good person.

The three central performances are marvellous, the script is crisp, funny and clever. I am not sure how to categorise this film…. probably darkly comic psychological thriller, not to everyone's taste. I really enjoyed it!

Oving Neighbourhood Plan

Your chance to have a say on the Oving Neighbourhood Plan

Fancy a dinner for two at the Gribble or a family visit to Flip Out? There is still time to enter the prize draw for submitting feedback to the Neighbourhood Plan. Consultation closes on 11th **December**. Every house in the parish received a copy of the feedback form at the end of October. Please review the policies on the Neighbourhood Plan website (using the QR code below) and then fill in the paper form and post it to one the addresses provided on the form **or better still do it on line!**

This is your chance to help shape the future of the parish. We've put together a suite of policies to improve the quality of our lives and safeguard the historic character of the parish. We need footpaths and cycle paths to connect all communities especially Shopwyke, Chichester and Oving village. We need the space and services to attract employment. We need affordable housing for those with local connections who want to build their lives in our community. We want to ensure development wherever it takes place, respects the vernacular style of the parish. And we want to protect our treasured landscape for farming, green spaces to breathe in and corridors for wildlife.

Above all we want you to tell us what you think to help us create a future you can be proud to own. Read the policies, the short explanations, and say what you like and what you don't like so that we can fit the plan to your wishes. **https://ovingcommunity.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/**

Here's to a glass at the Gribble and a slide at Flip Out!

Stephen Quigley
Chairman, Oving Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

Community Warden - Dawn White



I have been the Chichester District Council's Community Warden for Oving and Tangmere for the last 16 years. In that time I have seen many people come and go and have formed some really solid relationships within the community.

It is time for me to move on to a new patch, so Sunday 16th November 2024 will be my last day as your warden. I am of course looking forward to the new challenge of being in a new area and meeting lots of new people, but this is also tinged with some sadness at leaving so many people behind that I have met over my many years and I absolutely love Oving as a village.

It has been my absolute pleasure to be involved in everything from the youth club to being on the committee that brings events to the Jubilee Hall for our community to enjoy. I have been blessed, I have always felt welcome and valued and I thank you all for that.

[Editor's note: A big thank you from all of us - please don't be a stranger!]

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Community Warden - Jimmy Upton



Hello everyone,

I would like to introduce myself – my name is Jimmy Upton I am your new Community Warden covering Oving and Tangmere Parishes. I will be taking over from Dawn who is moving areas to Bracklesham and the Witterings.

I am new to this role but previously was a police officer for Sussex Police and worked for 23 years as the Chichester City Centre Neighbourhood Officer. Some of you may have met me in this role! After 30 years of service I am looking forward to working in your communities – please come and say hello if you see me out on foot.

The Community Warden role is about:

- Building relationships with the local community
- Dealing with low level anti-social behaviour – graffiti, littering, abandoned cars, dog fouling.
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- The community warden role is not an emergency service - if you have an urgent need contact the relevant Emergency Service

For non-urgent matters I will be contactable on my email: jupton@chichester.gov.uk

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

OVING PARISH COMMUNITY WATCH
Free Lunch and Tea Party Dates - Oving Jubilee Hall



December 12th 2024	CHRISTMAS LUNCH	To be confirmed

DATES FOR 2025

January 16th	LUNCH*	1.00pm-3.00pm
February 20th	LUNCH*	1.00pm-3.00pm
March 20th	LUNCH*	1.00pm-3.00pm
April 17th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm

The raffle will be donated to The Four Streets Project

May 15th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
June 19th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
July 17th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm

The raffle will be donated to Chichester Child Contact Centre

August 21st	SUMMER OUTING	To be confirmed
September 18th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
October 16th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
November 20th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm

The raffle will be donated to My Sister's House

December 18th	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

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

Adventure of a lifetime...

... bringing a 16m (53ft) sailboat across an ocean...

In the summer of 2020, as Covid-19 was making its way around the world, I got a call from a friend in Bermuda- "would you like to help bring the boat back to the UK?" he said....and so began an epic, unforgettable and wondrous journey.



The boat is a J160 design called Big Bear and had spent its life cruising and racing between Rhode Island, USA in the north and the Caribbean in the south. I had sailed many miles doing deliveries up and down on her in the 2000's but never sailed across an ocean.

The Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC) is run by The World Cruising Club and happens every year cruising from Gran Canaria to St Lucia and from there, the ARC-Europe takes the boats from the Caribbean back to Portugal (or in our case Southampton) via Bermuda and The Azores.

After months of preparation, online training and zoom calls with the organisers, it was time to fly down to St Maarten in April 2021 to meet the crew & boat and start to get her ready for leg 1 of the ARC- St Maarten to Bermuda, 945 nautical miles (NM) which started on May 8th 2021. I was in charge of designing a watch system for 6 crew, doing 4 hrs on/off during the day and 3 hrs on/off through the night with 2 crew on deck at all times. We provisioned the boat, with what we needed for a 5-day voyage plus emergency food & water for 3 days. Only I knew where the secret chocolate stash was- and it stayed that way!

The winds were kind to us and we flew the spinnaker (big colourful sail in the picture) for 3 full days. The dolphins soon came to play in the bow wave of the boat...always a very special treat! The most ethereal time of day on watch for me was early morning, waiting for the sun to peep up over the horizon, the boat scooting along nicely at 7 knts

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with my watch mate fast asleep in the cockpit. We all soon fell into the steady rhythm of helming, watches, sleeping, cooking and chatting away on deck through the nights and days.

We arrived in St George's, Bermuda in just under 5 days. We were tested for C-19 on arrival then had to quarantine ourselves on the boat until we received 6 negative results- which we did! We stayed with friends on shore which meant we slept on a bed that wasn't moving, had long hot showers and began to look almost human again... sheer luxury! We provisioned the boat and replenished the chocolate supply. Yours truly spent 2 days cooking and freezing huge foil pans of 'all in one bowl' style suppers for the next and longest leg of 2,083 NM to Horta in the Azores.

We left Bermuda 12 hrs earlier than scheduled as there was a weather system coming in from the north that we needed to avoid. Stronger winds on this leg and in a direction that meant we were heeled over most of the time- living life at 30 degrees is challenging and fun! Nearer the Azores the wind died down somewhat and we put up the drone to film the boat under sail- just as a pod of dolphins came along to play- which was just magical and made for amazing video footage. Interesting sea birds came to investigate the boat too, some trying to land on the spreaders near the top of the mast.



We arrived in Horta in the early hours of 31st May and again were quarantined until we tested negative. Once free we explored the small town which has a long history of sea farers and mariners as it is a convenient and sometimes vital stopping off point in the north Atlantic for boats.

Some of the highlights of Horta were the stunning scenery, delicious local fish and the painting of the boat name on the quayside- this tradition has been taking place here for hundreds of years.

Another highlight of Horta was the abundance of Pastel de nata – which the crew consumed in huge quantities every day! Another secret stash was created for the next leg to The Hamble – 1,474 NM.

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The voyage from Horta to Southampton was definitely the hardest of the trip. The temperature dropped considerably overnight and the wind grew in strength as we approached the English channel. We had rain, fog, squalls and generally stayed soggy for days. It's absolutely no fun whatsoever trying to peel off layers of damp foul-weather gear at 3 in the morning in the dark, trying to be quiet and not fall over in a writhing tangle of boots, jacket, trousers and life jacket whilst the boat is literally bouncing off the top of big waves. It did not make for good hair days!



We took a photo as we passed The Lizard although we couldn't see it due to the fog.. and we knew we were nearly home - a very poignant moment. When I saw the Needles in the distance a feeling of quiet accomplishment washed over me- we had done it! - with every single moment cherished and enjoyed.

Shelagh Tasker

The Importance of Regular Eye Health Checks

West Sussex charity **4Sight Vision Support (4SVS)** supports blind and partially sighted residents across West Sussex. Part of its work is to raise awareness and provide information about accessing eye health checks and promote good eye health in our daily lives.

Regular eye health checks can detect early signs of conditions, including glaucoma, which can be treated if found soon enough. In addition, during an eye health check, other health conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure may be detected. Those living with sight loss should continue to do so as checking for further changes in the eyes can help make the best use of remaining vision and prevent any unnecessary further sight loss.

For many people, eye health checks are free of charge – visit the NHS website for all the eligibility criteria and further information.
4Sight Vision Support can also help with finding your local optician, or if you are unable to get there.

Please call 01243 838001, email fundraising@4Sight.org.uk or visit

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. We are also about to help to pay for replacement guttering for the Church.

Our annual **Quiz Night** in October in the Jubilee Hall was a fun evening and very successful raising £1200. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

The **Christmas Fayre** this year will be held on **Sat 30th Nov**, 11.30 – 2.30 again in the Jubilee Hall.

Looking into next year, our joint fund-raising evening event with The Jubilee Hall will take place on **Sat 29th March** and we have great pleasure in letting you know that the Selsey Shanty Men will be performing for us along with possible local guests.

Thanks for your continuing support. By the time you read this I hope it's not too early to wish you a very good Christmas!

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

A Note from the Rectory

From the Churchwarden



We still do not have a resident vicar but our wonderful and resilient Church is continuing to thrive. We have several retired clergy who live locally and they are very happy to come and take our Sunday service each week at 11am.

As many of you will have seen on the village WhatsApp group, the Church is now playing a central role in the national battle against food waste. Every day Zahra Russell and her helpers stock the shelves in the porch and the fridge in the Church with time sensitive food that is donated by supermarkets. The aim is to avoid this food going into landfill and therefore it is made available to all who can use it.

The continuing maintenance of our Church, Churchyard and Burial Ground is ensured by a dedicated team of volunteers from the village who give their time and expertise towards this end.

The Church is thus in a very good state of repair and the monthly volunteer working party keeps the Church clean and the shrubs and borders under control**.**

Our "mower man" Andy Gash, who has mown the grass for many years, has finally (and deservedly) decided to retire. He is now replaced by Leigh Holloway who assures us that he will maintain the high standards achieved by Andy. He has been looking after the golf course at Cowdray Park for many years and we therefore have the greatest confidence in him. Please do give him a welcoming wave and say hello as he mows the grass!

The financing of the grass mowing is made possible by generous donations from members of the village, an annual sum from our Parish Council and money raised by the Friends of St. Andrew's Church. We give a very big thank you to all concerned.

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.

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

Upcoming dates for your diary:

- **Saturday 7th December** 10am - Volunteer work parties for inside and outside church
- **Saturday 14th December,** Crib goes up
- **Sunday 15th December,** 5pm, Christmas Carol concert
- **Wednesday 25th December,** 11am - Christmas day short service
- **Saturday 1st February 2025,** Disco - time TBC
- **Saturday 28th June 2025-** Village BBQ - time TBC.

There is also a fund of information on our Church website:

https://www.ovingchurch.org.uk/

Please do contact me for any further information.

Ralph Godfrey, Churchwarden - Email : godfrey.ralph@orange.fr





News from the Jubilee Hall

Hello and welcome to news of YOUR Oving Jubilee Hall

Greetings, dear Jubilee Hall users and parishioners,

The leaves are turning, the days are getting shorter and the festive season is approaching. It might be a good time to consider a new exercise regime or hobby. Do check our regular events schedule (on the next page); there might be something you would like to try…. And don't forget about our Christmas Fayre, Saturday 30th November from 11.30am-2.30pm. Lots of festive stalls, a chance to buy your Christmas presents locally! Refreshments and cake available too.

Our last community event, the Monsters Party, was a huge success. We had around 110 attendees and the Hall was buzzing with excited children. There was a flurry of activity in the kitchen, hot- dogs and the scary fairy cakes sold out quickly. Scary story telling was done by Richard Plowman, Ruth Palmer and Richard had the extremely difficult task of judging competitions for the best carved pumpkin and best fancy dress. Nobody left empty handed though. The tombola was an overwhelming hit and, again, many items were crocheted by Jackie
Chandler, for which we were very grateful. Selina kept lots of kids happy at the craft table. The mummy competition 'wrapped' up the evening, with the paper then covering the Hall floor being an excuse for further fun and games.

The Jubilee Hall is a registered charity run by volunteer trustees. We are always looking for new Trustees to contribute and place themselves at the heart of community activities.

Have you recently moved into the Parish, or do you have a few hours spare and could consider supporting the Jubilee Hall? Please contact me for an informal chat as we are looking for new volunteers to join our trustee team.



Anne-Marie Eastwood
Chair, Oving Jubilee Hall Management Committee
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Community Events coming up at the Oving Jubilee Hall in 2025

November 30th 2024 – Oving Christmas Fayre (11.30am – 2.30pm)
Organised by The Friends of St Andrew's, the Church and OJH

March 29th 2025 – Joint Community Evening Event (details to be confirmed)
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	Ruth Palmer 07770742041
	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	Ruth Palmer 07770742041
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 – 14.30	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

Film review - Eric Ravilious: Drawn to War

I'm so glad I went to this late entry to the season at Chichester Cinema at New Park! It tells the story of Eric Ravilious, watercolour artist and etcher. Born in 1903 and brought up in Sussex, after art school he created woodcuts, designed Wedgwood mugs and painted a vast mural at Morley College in London (destroyed during WW2) as well as landscapes of Sussex, Kent and Essex.

At the outbreak of war he was asked to become a war artist and commissioned. His fascination with planes was fulfilled by working with the RAF and as a passenger he produced some stunning work including images of Scapa Flow. He even painted the bespoke tents that protected aircraft engines when on the ground in freezing conditions (the only record of this innovation).

Sadly the story ended in 1942 when the plane he was travelling in was lost at sea over Iceland. He left behind his wife, the artist Tirzah Garwood, and three young children. His daughter, the author Anne Ullmann, appears in the film along with granddaughter Ella Ravilious who is a curator at the V and A Museum.

There were only two showings at New Park but I believe it is available on DVD or can be streamed. **Clive Sayer**



Phoenix Art Group

We started the autumn session with a still life of harvest festival. These are a couple of images by members.







Others went back to doing their own thing. Members use any medium: paint, pastel, ink or collage using wax, paint or fabric.







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. Three new members have joined this autumn session.

We start at 9.30am and finish at 12.30pm. Our spring session will start mid January. If you are curious to see what we do 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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