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Editor's note



Hello everyone,

I hope you've all been able to enjoy the mixed bag of weather we've had recently. From long sunny days to the occasional downpour to water our crops and our gardens. If nothing else, it gives us an easy starter for 10 when having a conversation with a stranger!

We've included information on local events and opportunities to get involved in the community in this edition. If you'd like information on your event to be included in the next edition, please do drop us an email at the usual address below.

In the busyness of daily life, it's all too easy to rush from one task to the next without pausing to reflect. Yet taking a moment to stop, breathe, and appreciate the good things we have can bring a sense of gratitude and perspective. Whether it's the kindness of neighbours, the beauty of our surroundings, or the simple comfort of home, recognising these blessings enriches our lives. Our community is built on these shared moments and connections - let's remember to cherish them, and each other, as we go about our days.

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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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Parish Council News

Dear community,

I am truly honoured to have been elected as the new Chair of Oving Parish Council at our recent Annual Meeting of the Parish Council. In this summer edition of the ODN, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and share a little more about who I am, why I care so deeply about our parish, and what I hope we can achieve together over the coming year and beyond.

Before I go any further, I want to express my own and my fellow Councillors' heartfelt thanks to three individuals whose contributions to the Parish Council have been enormous. First, to Rod Hague, who served as Chair for more than six years with real care, dedication, and a steady hand. His leadership has made a lasting impact on our community, and I know many of us remain grateful for the time and energy he has given to the role. I also want to thank Stephen Quigley for stepping in as Acting Chair ahead of my election in May, and for his longstanding service as a Parish Councillor. Although he has now stepped down from his position on the Parish Council, Stephen continues to play a key role in progressing our Neighbourhood Plan, and I know I speak for all of us when I say how appreciative we are of his ongoing dedication and insight. Finally, I'd also like to sincerely thank Katie Akerman for her contributions to the Parish Council and wish her all the very best following her decision to leave the Parish Council. I hope we can continue to build on the improvements and ideas she championed during her time with us.

It has been a glorious summer so far, with long, sunny days that have made the most of our green spaces, gardens, and outdoor gatherings. There is something special about seeing the community enjoying the weather together - whether it's a walk across the fields, a picnic on the Jubilee Field, children playing outside, or neighbours chatting in gardens. But while many of us have enjoyed the sunshine, we are mindful of the impact the dry weather is having on our local farmers and gardeners. A stretch of warm, dry days is a blessing for some, but water remains a precious resource, and we know just how much our growers rely on a careful balance to keep crops and gardens healthy. As a parish that spans both residential areas and farmland, it is a reminder of the variety of lives and livelihoods that share this space.

I moved to Shopwyke Lakes in 2020, having previously lived in the centre of <cont>

Chichester. Like many residents, I was drawn to this area because of the wonderful balance it offers. Here, we are fortunate to enjoy a genuine sense of community alongside green, open spaces and easy access to both town and countryside. It's a place where you can feel connected and peaceful at the same time. And, speaking as someone who spent many years navigating central Chichester's parking challenges, having a guaranteed space was certainly a welcome bonus.

Living here, I understand first-hand how important it is that we improve the way our communities connect with one another. Whether that means addressing traffic speeds to make roads safer, improving signage and visibility, enhancing access for pedestrians and cyclists, or making sure footpaths and green links are accessible and well-maintained, these things matter. We are not just a collection of separate areas. We are one parish, and we should all feel part of it.

In my professional life, I work in recruitment and human resources within local government. Over the years, I have worked alongside people from many different backgrounds and areas of expertise, and I have seen how truly powerful it can be when individuals come together to build something meaningful within their communities. I believe that the most impactful change happens at the local level. It happens when people who genuinely care about the places they live and work in and the people they live and work alongside decide to give their time and energy to help improve things. That is the spirit I want to help champion as Chair of the Parish Council.

It has already been an exciting few months for our parish, and it is a pleasure to be able to highlight some of the positive developments we have seen across our area. The new Shopwyke Lakes Club House, opened and run by Chichester Community Development Trust, is already proving to be a fantastic addition to the local landscape, providing additional space for events, sports, and social gatherings alongside the Jubilee Hall in the village of Oving. It has also been wonderful to finally welcome Kamsons Pharmacy, which now provides essential services to not only our parish but to the wider east side of Chichester as well. These changes are not just symbolic. They are practical, tangible improvements to daily life, and they show what can be achieved when local need meets local action.

I want to take a moment here to reflect on the full geography and identity of Oving Parish. While the name may make people think first of Oving village itself, the parish actually includes a number of distinct and vibrant communities. Alongside Oving, we are proud to represent Shopwyke, Colworth, Drayton, and Merston. Each of these areas brings its own character, its own history, and its own priorities. But I believe that our greatest strength lies in what we can achieve together. When we bring our ideas, our experiences, and our perspectives into shared spaces, when we listen to one another and work towards common goals, that is when community thrives.

Everyone who sits on the Parish Council is a volunteer. We do this work because we care deeply about our local area and the people who live here. Our role is to listen, to represent, and to act. We are here to advocate for the needs and aspirations of residents. That might be by raising concerns around traffic and highways, responding to planning applications and consultations, working with developers to secure better outcomes, or collaborating with our partners at Chichester District Council, West Sussex County Council, and other neighbouring parishes and organisations. Sometimes our work is highly visible. Sometimes it happens quietly in the background. But at every stage, the focus is the same: working on behalf of the community to help shape a parish that is safe, inclusive, and vibrant.

We are always keen to welcome new voices to the table. If you care about your local area and want to play a part in shaping its future, why not consider joining us as a Parish Councillor? Whether you have lived here for decades or just moved in, your perspective matters. No previous experience is needed - just a willingness to get involved and work collaboratively. If you would like to find out more, please do get in touch with our Parish Clerk, Ruth Palmer, who will be happy to answer any questions and talk you through what the role involves. Ruth can be contacted by email at **clerk@ovingcommunity.org.uk** or by phone on **07770 742041**.

As Chair, I want to be accessible and approachable. I want to hear your ideas, your frustrations, your hopes, and your questions. I want you to feel able to speak to us, to get involved, and to help shape the direction of the work we do. This is not about any one individual. This is about all of us, as residents and neighbours, playing our part in something bigger.

I am really looking forward to the year ahead. I hope to meet many more of you at community events, Parish Council meetings, or simply out and about. I would encourage you to keep in touch, attend meetings when you can, and take an active interest in what is happening across our parish. It is your parish, and it should reflect your needs, your values, and your voice. With collaboration, care, and commitment, I truly believe we can continue building a place we are all proud to call home.



Warm regards,

Cllr Robert Stoner
Chair, Oving Parish Councillor

From Simon Oakley

Our WSCC Councillor



Work on options for local government re-organisation continues with, for West Sussex, a number being worked up. The main options are one Unitary covering the County of W. Sussex and a two Unitary model on a North/South split of the County, noting Government's guideline of an about 1/2million population for new Unitaries (Brighton and Hove is currently about 280k). The evidence to date is that a whole County Unitary is the least set up cost and longer term financially sustainable model (in part due to the avoidance of splitting up the major WSCC services and consolidating contracts/offices).

A challenge is how such a large Authority, responsible for not only what WSCC does but also currently delivered by the Districts and Boroughs, will be able to relate to local communities and circumstances. What happens to the many discretionary activities and services that the better off Districts have been providing, given the pressure on the large statutory people services budgets? What consequences for Parish Councils and their precepts?

A public engagement exercise (Shaping West Sussex survey | SnapSea) is underway until 13th Aug, gathering views on the options. The responses will be analysed, with Cllr scrutiny in early/mid-September. For WSCC this will culminate at a Full Council meeting on 23rd September, where it will indicate which option it prefers, followed by the formal Decision being made by WSCC Cabinet and then submission to Government. It will then be for Government to make the final Decision, anticipated early in 2026, after it undertakes a formal public consultation.

On WSCC's Agenda for Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 23 June 2025, 10.30 am three reports on significant flooding events in the County during the Winter/Spring of 2023/4 were scrutinised, as was WSCC's new Local Flood Risk Management Strategy. This included the Storm Ciaran flood at Bognor in November 2023, which resulted in much diversionary traffic going through Oving Parish. The key takeaway for me was a comment by the Environment Agency representative – that the frequency and severity of those storm events by mid-century "moves from the extraordinary to the expected". A question that arises from this is, given the constraints on Local Authority funding, should resources be split between activities that seek to promote local awareness of climate change/reducing carbon emissions, and measures that seek to provide infrastructure mitigation for what is going to come anyway?

Simon Oakley 18th July 2025.

Links for Simon's article opposite

Shaping West Sussex survey | SnapSea

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Agenda for Communities, Highways and Environment Scrutiny Committee on Monday, 23 June 2025, 10.30 am

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Private Event For Shopwyke Lakes Residents Only



September's ABE Artists and Makers Fayre



Love beautifully handcrafted items? Excited to meet and local artists and makers? Then you probably want to add the ABE Artists and Makers Fayre to your diary and follow @abecreativesuk on Instagram and Facebook.

Open 10 am – 4pm Saturday 27th September at Barnham Community Hall (Yapton Road, Barnham PO22 0AY) this annual event celebrates contemporary creative talent in our local villages between Oving and Yapton, A27 and A259.

You'll find jewellers, painters, print makers, fused glass artists, ceramicists, illustrated stained glass artists, wood turners, textile artists, sculptors and more. As well as sharing and selling their work, many exhibitors offer workshops so you can create your own stylish creation. Workshop gift vouchers can be a great gift.

See something you like but would prefer a different colour/size/…? Many artists and makers enjoy creating something unique for a specific customer and will happily explain their approach, timescale and cost. Don't be afraid to ask. Often custom items are similar in price to the creations on display – it depends on the materials and amount of work involved.

Barnham Community Hall is a fantastic modern space with level access, plenty of free parking, space for the kids to play and let off steam in the playing field and delicious freshly made refreshments to keep you going all day long. The 500 and 66C buses stop outside, and Barnham train station is about a 7 minute walk.

All of the ABE Creatives run their own creative businesses. We meet monthly to support each other, discuss upcoming events, promotion, marketing, etc.

Hope to see you at Barnham Community Hall 27th September, Jo @DesignMadeNow jewellery

The Women's Institute - by Sue Catlett

The WI is celebrating its 110th birthday this September, being formed in 1915. Many people may have heard of the WI but not be quite sure about who or what we are. In West Sussex there are currently 94 individual WIs in towns and villages. The West Sussex Federation of WIs (WSFWI) is the oldest county federation being formed in 1917. The WSFWI office was, until last year, based at North Lodge on the Northgate roundabout in Chichester, the office recently moved to Horsham. The second WI in Britain was formed at Singleton and East Dean in 1915 after a meeting of interested women at The Fox Goes Free pub. Singleton and East Dean WI is still thriving.

All WIs are very different, some with a large membership and others smaller. In addition, we have an Online WI where meetings are held on Zoom. When I get asked about joining a WI, I suggest visiting one or two for a couple of meetings before deciding to join. Visitors are always made very welcome. Contact details can be found on our website.

WI activities vary according to individual WI members' interests. Our WI has book, walking and craft groups, singalong sessions, exhibition group, as well as ad hoc lunches, adventure golf, 10 pin bowling and wild paddling. We were supposed to swim but it was too cold!

There are two WIs in Chichester, Chichester Regnum, formed in 2010 meets in the Guide Hall in Whyke Lane on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm. Rumboldswhyke WI formed last year, and meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month at St George's Hall at 7.30pm. Or there are two WIs in Eastergate.

In 1915, the Women's Institute 's original purpose was to revitalise rural communities and encourage women to become more involved in producing food in WW1. Since then our aims have broadened and the WI is now the largest voluntary women's organisation in the UK. I have been a member for about 30 years firstly in Surrey, then Somerset and now in West Sussex. I have found friendship, fun and learning at every level of the organisation. When I first joined I was in my 40s working full time and thought all the members seemed terribly old, but now I am one of those oldies. Over the course of the years, amongst those older members, I have met some of the most inspiring women, women who once served with the SOE, a founder member of the NCT, some pioneer women police officers, very much in the minority when they joined the police and many other wonderful members.

If anyone feels they would like to start a WI in their locality, give the office a call and they will put you in touch with a WI Adviser who would be able to help you get started.
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THE WOODHORN GROUP

Oving Community Garden Group

Welcome to our OCG news!

Another month passes at the community garden, and we are well into our harvest already. On Saturday 5th July, those that could make it were to be found pulling onions, courgettes of the marrow variety, swede and our biggest success, carrots! Since we started over 4 years ago, we have always wanted to be able to grow some straight carrots, and this year has seen that success.



So, as you wander past the vegetable beds, they may look a little bare compared to the last few weeks. We were able to take potatoes, carrots, courgettes and onions to St Andrew's Church to add to the regular bounty of food provided for our community and it felt good to be able to do this. We spend so long caring for all these vegetables, to be able to give them to our Oving Community is what we are all about.



There are still raspberries growing so please, come into the garden, pull a weed and help yourself. The more people that visit the better.

As we move toward our next season we are thinking of moving our meeting times to try and encourage new people to join us. We remain a small group and much of the work is completed by our wonderful, retired folk and whilst it is enjoyable, it is a big garden, and we need more help.

Our next meeting will be from 9.30am on Saturday 6th September. If you have a spare minute, please come and say hello. We are not experts, just people who like to grow plants.

We hope you all have a great summer.
Ali Marston and the Oving Community Garden Group

Down on the Farm

Calving starts at Reeds farm around mid-August but Herd Manager Ottis and his wife Holly have got things off to an early start with the arrival of baby Aida in July. Coincidentally, Aida was born in the same week that Rai and Christine Mammanov's daughter Meggie joined the Woodhorn team on our green waste composting site at Tangmere. Meggie was born at Reeds Farm 18 years go!

V2 Radio came to Oving at the end of June broadcasting the whole of their breakfast show from the Oving Cow Shed. Fame at last!



By the time you read this we may well have finished our harvest having had the earliest start in memory. This is down to the record breaking hot and dry weather (the driest spring for over 100 years) and promising looking crops naturally suffered and our expectations were lowering on a daily basis. At the time of writing we have finished harvesting our oats (for Organic oat milk and porridge) and winter wheat (for Organic flour) and both yield and quality appears to be better than we feared. To be honest, I am not sure now how the crops have kept going during what is undoubtably the driest and hottest year of

my career but it's a pleasant surprise. Given that we have had no more than c. 20 mm of rain since early March this is really rather baffling! The irony is that of all the crops our maize is suffering the most, yet it is what we consider to be a 'Mediterranean crop' and should thrive in this weather. Perhaps I should give Jeremy Clarkson a call, perhaps he knows what's going on!

Whereas poor arable crops reduce profitability, a lack of grazing can also threaten animal health and welfare. We are historically a dry farm in the summer but we, like everyone else, are having to plan for the extremes caused by climate change. We are experiencing warmer, wetter winters and hotter and even dryer spring/ summers. We have made significant investment in a reservoir at Reeds Farm which enables us to store winter rainfall and 'dirty water' (run off from the cow yards) and irrigation equipment.



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This year, there are two additional things that I am particularly appreciative of: the faith that the Hague family bestowed upon us by asking us to help them turn Madame Green Farm Organic and the wonderful support we have received from our Community for our Organic Milk offering in the Oving Cow Shed.

Thank you everyone! **JP 16.7.25**



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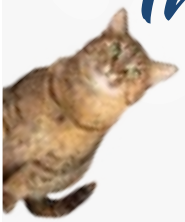
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Community Warden - Jimmy Upton



As we head into Summer the increase in temperature with heat wave alerts and amber warnings it is important that we all make sure we hydrate throughout the day. It is a real concern especially for elderly and young children as if they do not take on enough water it can have serious consequences.

This also applies to out pets - please make sure they can get out of the sun and have access to clean cool water – placing ice cubes in your dogs water bowl for example can help. Walking dogs in the cool of the morning or evening is important too – if you walk your dog on tarmac during the heat of the day it can burn their paws so just take care.

From a crime prevention viewpoint in the heat people leave their windows and doors open to allow ventilation – this is great but can provide opportunity for criminals to gain access to your house. So be aware of this and take necessary precautions - make sure you lock all doors and windows if you go out.

Just a reminder - I am not an emergency service so if you contact me I may not be able respond to you straight away, but I will make every effort to contact you. I am not on FACEBOOK or WHATSAPP but you can contact me by either email or mobile telephone on: **07768 210358 and jupton@chichester.gov.uk**

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BOOK CLUB REPORT



"**Hitler, Stalin Mum and Dad**" is a grim history of the twentieth century showing how ordinary families were caught up in the maelstrom of warring ideologies. Several such accounts have been published in recent years, describing how courage and resilience shines through terrible times. Daniel Finkelstein's Jewish family suffered under Hitler, and another wicked man (Stalin) similarly wreaked havoc with his lies and murders. How could it happen? Never again is what these memoirs hope to achieve. Only four of Daniel's family survived Belsen - his mother, two of her sisters and grandmother Grete (just). The rest perished. Evil rulers still get power, the democratic world must be vigilant.

"**The Sealwoman's Gift**" by Sally Magnusson is based on true events. In 1627 pirates attacked Iceland, carrying off 400 people including Pastor Olafur, his wife Asta and their children. They are shipped to the slave market in Algiers, and during the voyage Asta gives birth to a daughter, Marta. Olafur is sent back to negotiate a ransom for the captives at the Danish Court. Nothing further is known about Asta, so the author imagines her and her two children bought by Cillerby, a Moor with European antecedents. (He wants someone who can sew better than his two wives!) The Icelanders settle down in Algiers, enjoying the climate, food, and other contrasts to the harsh life in Iceland. But years later Olafur sends a message; he can redeem a few of the captives, and wants Asta back. Should she go? By now she is attached to Cillerby, and her children have prospered; (we all said "No"). But she does finally return and has to adjust to Iceland once again.

Icelandic sagas and legends are important. Seals can become humans for a while but must return to the sea. Asta's neighbour claims she is a seal woman. She dies on the voyage to Algiers and is, of course, buried at sea. We found this a fascinating tale, both the history and fiction.

Not all of our group liked "**Light over Liskeard**" by Louis de Benieres. We were confused about what sort of novel it is meant to be. Is it humorous? (Plenty of amusing characters); science fiction? (set in a future where electronic technology controls everything) or a not very successful ghost story?

"Q" real name Arthur, escapes to Bodmin Moor because he feels all is about to crash. He buys a tumbledown old farmhouse, and is helped to put it in order by

his neighbours, Theo and daughter Eva. He meets other eccentrics - a fisherman who never makes any catch; a man who thinks he is an Arthurian Knight, a strange old lady. Q is separated from his wife, and wants her to join him before the electronic world fails. His children have visited and seem to enjoy his simple life. But the novel ends with questions unanswered. We do like a denouement to tie up all the ends.

Different from all the foregoing is "**Somebody I used to know**", nothing is fiction here. Wendy Mitchell had a high-powered job in the administration of the N.H.S. She was diagnosed with early onset dementia, aged 58. She determined to fight it as much as she could. This book is an account of her progress. Her knowledge and will power carry her through to become an ambassador for the Alzheimer's Society. She travels by public transport, carefully working out places and routes. As the dementia worsens, she finds ways to cope, such as taking off the doors of cupboards and wardrobes when she cannot visualise what is behind them. We were all enthralled by this book. It should be compulsory reading for the medical profession, indeed for anyone involved with dementia. It answers a lot of questions.

Beryl Lang

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.

Oving Community Group (West Sussex) - Private Facebook Group for Oving
Shopwyke Lakes Community - Private Facebook Group for Shopwyke Lakes residents
Oving Community - West Sussex - Public Facebook page for Oving Parish
Oving Jubilee Hall - Public Facebook page for Oving Jubilee Hall
Oving Community Garden - Public Facebook page for Oving Community Garden
St Andrew's, Oving - Public Facebook page for St Andrew's Church
Oving Scarecrows - Public Facebook page for Oving Scarecrows
Oving News Group - WhatsApp - contact annemariedutchy@gmail.com or 07810 128245

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

FILM REVIEW by ANNIE BENNETT

28 YEARS LATER directed by DANNY BOYLE

Opening back in 2002, as the "Rage Virus" is sweeping the country, a young boy, Jimmy, living with his family in the Scottish Highlands, manages to escape the rampaging hordes of zombies.

28 years later we are introduced to an isolated community of the uninfected, living on Lindisfarne. They hunt with arrows, cook and heat with wood, and live within a fortress protected by lookouts and of course the causeway which only allows access to the mainland at low tide. While the rest of Europe has eradicated the virus, UK is officially quarantined and isolated (Brexit anyone?).

Jamie (Aaron Taylor-Johnson) with his son Spike (Alfie Williams) look after his wife, and the boy's mother, Isla (Jodie Comer) who is suffering from an unknown malady. She spends most of her time bedbound, suffering with headaches and delusions.

As a community, they need to access the mainland to hunt for food, and Jamie has decided that Spike is old enough for his first trip. He is not so keen, being timid and a useless shot. So far so very different from the first 2 films.

However, once on the mainland, they encounter infected, first the Slow-Lows, fat, sluglike creatures who crawl devouring anything remotely "meaty"! Spike gets his first kill. They then become encircled by another group, led by an Alpha. These infected seem to be capable of thought and cunning. They are very fast too.

This sets up a terrific chase scene with fantastic, breath holding cinematography, culminating with the killing of Alpha at the gates of the fortress.

During that evening's party to celebrate their safe return, Spike hears tales of a doctor living on the mainland, as well as witnessing his father's shenanigans with another woman.

He decides to try and take Isla to the doctor in hope of a cure. Under the cover of darkness, they set off alone. They meet a Swedish Naval Officer who has been marooned on the mainland following the capsize of their patrol boat, and his entire unit annihilated by Alphas. Once again, there are terrific scenes of chase and evasion, ending up on an abandoned train. I have to say the next part whereby they find an infected, pregnant woman in the late stages of labour, deliver the baby, cut the cord tout suite to prevent crossover infection, kill the mother and lose Eric the Swede, is more than a tad difficult to swallow. However, the journey continues.

They are led to the doctor's "home" by the fires that continually burn there. He rescues them from an Alpha using a morphine filled dart from a blow pipe. I know,

FILM REVIEW by ANNIE BENNETT (continued)

morphine still available after 28 years! Best not to be too pedantic.
Dr Kelson (a terrific Ralph Fiennes) has made it his mission to build a Memento Mori to mankind……made up of the bones and skulls of the dead which he cleans in the firepits. He lives alone in the woods and is seemingly quite mad (Heart of Darkness anyone) but is still able to diagnose Isla with terminal cancer. With her consent he euthanises her and convinces Spike with baby Isla (aww) to return to the Island. Having done so, and left the baby at the community, a now mature and capable Spike sets off back to the mainland alone. There is a final scene which sets up the next instalment…… "28 Years Later: The Bone Temple". I won't spoil it, but it does have a connection to the opening sequence of this film.

It's a very mixed bag this film, you don't have to have seen the first two, you do have to not mind gore, you do need to be able to accommodate some cheesy dialogue.

But if it is thrilling, heart in your mouth, tense movie craft that makes you tick, this film is for you.

Celebrating 1,000 Members!

The Shopwyke Lakes Community Facebook group has officially reached an exciting milestone - 1,000 members! Created to bring together residents of the Shopwyke Lakes Estate, the group has become a vibrant online hub for positive conversation, helpful updates and community connection.

Whether you're a long-time resident, new to the area or have a service that covers this area, the group offers a welcoming space to stay informed, share recommendations and engage with neighbours. Everyone is encouraged to join in and be part of the growing community spirit that makes Shopwyke Lakes special.

To get involved, simply search for "Shopwyke Lakes Community" on Facebook and join the conversation!

https://www.facebook.com/groups/shopwykelakescommunity

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Local History: The Quarrymen of Shopwyke—by Cait Ford

At Shopwyke, with our recent housing developments we're no stranger to construction vehicles, ground excavation and the smell of fresh tarmac. Yet all this is nothing compared to the scale of heavy industry on this same ground only a few decades ago.

The Heaver family were and still are a local farming family, operating Heaver Estates and owning huge acreages of farmland. They also owned Chichester Dairies. They shrewdly pivoted towards the quarry industry finding some of their land bore gravel. At Shopwyke a pit was opened as early as the 1910s & by the 1930s this had expanded to become Portfield Quarry. The quarry encompassed the area where the Portfield retail park is today and land behind houses on Shopwyke Road - it was one large area before it was sliced by the A27. This quarry was one of many owned by the Heavers, but it would be one of the most enduring.

From the 1930s demand for concrete products increased. Because of Chichester Dairies, the Heavers were expert at transportation logistics and their quarries thrived. Their grey fleet of heavy transport vehicles was well known locally and the business was a major employer. The material at Portfield was gravel and coarse sand, the sand known as Chichester no.1. Raw material was sold but the main market was readymix concrete. The quarry's readymix plant was situated where the Glenmore Business estate is today.



Local History: The Quarrymen of Shopwyke—by Cait Ford (continued)

A head office was built approximately where the Bellway entrance at Shopwhyke Road is today, which had a test laboratory. Some of the tested concrete was used to build garages on Shopwhyke Road.



Francis Parker Ltd bought the company in the 1970s, he is fondly remembered as a self-made local man with tremendous drive. The fleet of vehicles went from grey to green. By this time, Portfield quarry focused on land at Shopwyke and Drayton - yielding 400,000 tonnes of aggregate a year, of course there were many more sites in operation, on land and off shore.

The lakes at the Shopwyke Lakes estate are remnants of far greater quarry lakes. Chichester has a high water table: if you dig a hole more than 2 feet it will fill with water so quarrying for material was like a marine operation on land. Drayton was also an important processing centre for Lavant Quarry. Material was transported from Lavant by rail to a siding at Drayton and emptied into quarry lakes either side of the tracks. The washed material was then taken by conveyor belt (passing under Shopwyke Road) to be processed on the other side - the panorama shows the emerging conveyor belt and looks out to Coach Rd and the A27.



The company was hit by the recession in the mid 70s, and by the 1980s had been bought by Tarmac Ltd. This marked a change in management as unlike the family feel of previous owners, Tarmac was a large global business.

Local History: The Quarrymen of Shopwyke—by Cait Ford (continued)

The quarry however was surviving and heavily invested in - overhauled with new equipment.



Over the years, the material had many different markets and uses. In war-time, for example supplies were used to create Mulberry Harbour. Material was used for much local road and highway construction, such as the A27, Bog-nor A259 and Havant bypass. Another client was Gatwick Airport, creating Taxiway 7. By the 90s the offices became United Marine Aggregates Ltd and the business focused on it's off-shore quarry sites. Portfield Quarry had yielded it's full potential and Lavant Quarry was closed.

Today, as well as lasting memories of this industrial past the parish is left with some imprints. As well as the lakes at Shopwyke and Drayton, former quarry pits include the Watersports Lake (dug by RMC Ltd) and Future Fisheries (off Coach Road). Until only a few years ago an engine shed (the hut to the right of the above photo) was still standing. We also have an enigmatic piece of public art - the stone man at Glenmore Business Estate which marks the former entrance to Portfield Quarry - a tribute to the past decades of quarrying on this land.

Photos c/o Paula Lloyd, Chris Rose and anonymous. Many thanks to Chris Rose for his help and recollections in writing this article.

THE FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, OVING



The Friends are again pleased to continue with fund-raising efforts to support the Church to enable it to be a welcoming peaceful place for visits, reflection and worship. We cover the ongoing costs of grass cutting of the Churchyard to keep it tidy and pay for cleaning of the Church, as and when requested. We have recently provided financial support for the pending replacement of Church guttering and the recent fitting of an energy efficient LED floodlight.

Our evening with the Selsey Shantymen (a joint fund-raising event with The Jubilee Hall) back in March was great fun and we all enjoyed their singing of sea shanties and folk songs.

We continue to run our 3 monthly Lottery. Winners this time were Urszula Topp who won the 1st prize of £100 and the 2nd prize of £50 was won by Alan & Linda Smith.

Please put a note on your calendar for the annual Quiz Night on Saturday 11th October in the Jubilee Hall which will be another fun evening.

Thanks for your continuing support – enjoy the rest of the summer and have a good autumn!

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

A Note from the Rectory

From the Churchwardens



Our beautiful 800 year old Church is open every day from 9am until 4pm as a cool haven of peace and quiet for anyone to come and spend a few moments reflecting on our busy lives.

We are still waiting for 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. Our Church is also very popular for weddings and baptisms.

Thanks to the magnificent efforts of Zahra and her team in the battle against food waste, the Church continues to be the distribution point for excess food collected from various supermarkets in the area.

The ongoing maintenance of the building and the grounds is ensured by our enthusiastic team of highly skilled DIY members of the village and the grass continues to be mown by Leigh Holloway. The "Friends of the Church" play a huge part in organizing fundraising events to finance all aspects of repair and maintenance. Replacement of some sections of guttering is the current project.

So, even though we have no vicar at the moment, our Church continues to be the central landmark in our wonderful village; available and open to all.

There is also a fund of information on our Church website :
https://www.ovingchurch.org.uk/

Please do come and visit and see for yourselves.

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Phoenix Art Group

We started this term in mid May with the theme landscapes. Some of the group did some sketching outside while others worked from photographs. As the term has not finished yet the images below are of work done earlier by members.

















There are 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 and we laugh a lot.

We start at 9.30am and finish at 12.30pm. Our autumn session will start mid September and finish late November or early December. 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 organizer, and her number is 01243 266193.

Brent Lodge Wildlife Hospital

INSIDE THE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

Life at Brent Lodge is incredibly busy this summer, with multiple babies of all species being fed around the clock (some every 10 minutes!) and new ones being admitted every day. Sadly at this time of year, we always receive dozens of critically or fatally injured animals due to lawnmowers, strimmers and other garden-related activities. Please always check inside long grass before cutting it back, as this simple action can save multiple lives and much suffering. Please also bear in mind that it is actually against the law to cut back hedges and shrubs which contain nesting birds during the Spring-Summer months, as so many of our wild bird species are already in decline and no lives are worth being lost for slightly neater gardens. These simple considerations will help our already struggling wildlife so much in the coming weeks and months, and we thank you for bearing them in mind.

PATIENT STORY



We recently had a miniscule and very sweet stoat kit admitted to us after he'd been found alone in the middle of a garden path. With no mother in sight and being far too little to look after himself in the wild at only 86g, a kind passerby brought him into Brent Lodge for specialist care and rehabilitation. He spent the first couple of weeks in a warm incubator whilst eating solid foods mixed with a specially-made formula, and then moved into a roomy cage with enrichment toys and blankets for the next stage of his rehabilitation. Although absolutely adorable, this little chap was very feisty and packed a nasty bite if he woke up on the wrong side of his cage, but that comes with the territory of caring for wildlife and our team didn't take it personally! After another couple of weeks bounding around his cage, developing essential skills with his enrichment and entertaining our team to no end, it was decided that he was fit and healthy enough to be released back into the wild and was released at 184g into a local nature reserve.

HELPING BRENT LODGE WILDLIFE HOSPITAL

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News from the Jubilee Hall

Hello and welcome to news of YOUR Oving Jubilee Hall

It's been a real pleasure to join the Jubilee Hall team, and I've enjoyed getting to know the trustees, our dedicated caretakers Doug and Nick and our excellent Bookings Secretary Katie. I've also been getting to know our regular hirers but still have more people to meet.

We've recently completed refurbishment of the wooden floor in the main hall. This has been refinished with a hard-wearing acrylic gloss coating, which has greatly enhanced the appearance of the hall. We have several projects in the pipeline, such as non-touch taps in the toilets, pressure washing of the front patio, refurbishment of the edging to the car park, fence repairs etc. In cooperation with the parish council, we're also looking into grant funding for upgrading our existing solar installation to include battery storage and perhaps additional panels, as well as a more sustainable heating system.

Our events committee meets every quarter to consider ways to improve the community offer of the Jubilee Hall. If you have any suggestions for events or facilities you'd welcome or perhaps would like to arrange an event or club yourself, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We're very keen for our beautiful Jubilee Hall to better serve the needs of our parishioners and the wider community.

Here's a testimonial from one of our recent hirers.

"I booked the Hall for a surprise 80th birthday party. The staff were really helpful and friendly. The Hall itself was really well laid out. There were plenty of tables and chairs for the party. I would highly recommend the Hall to anyone considering using it and would use it myself again too."

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

Community Events coming up at the Oving Jubilee Hall in 2025

- *August 16th 2025 - Family Fun Day - 2-4pm - Organised by OJH*
- *October 11th 2025 - Quiz Night - Organised by The Friends of St Andrew's*
- *November 1st 2025 - Monsters Party - Organised by OJH*
- *December 6th 2025 – Oving Christmas Fayre - Organised by The Friends of St Andrew's, The Church and OJH*



Very best wishes to you and your family,

Peter Roberts

Finance & Facilities Manager, Oving Jubilee Hall

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The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre

Giving the living a chance at life

We're thrilled to announce that we'll be hosting our beloved annual Summer Fayre this year. Come and see us and the animals in our care at The Cat & Rabbit Rescue Centre on Sunday the 10th of August for fun for the whole family, where you'll enjoy plenty of games, activities and good food as well as browsing our many stalls selling new and used goods, our own merchandise and the stalls of lots of small, local businesses.

You can support the Rescue Centre by buying raffle tickets online, bidding in the online auction and can even enter your favourite pet photographs for a chance to have one turned into a portrait by the amazing Penny Kirk!

For full information see their website here:

https://crrc.co.uk/summerfayre_raffle_auction/

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	09.00 – 12.00	Food Pantry UK Harvest and Chat &Chill Cafe **Alternate Tuesdays**	Michelle Stone 07872 052158
	13.45 – 16.30	Oving Indoor Bowls	
	17.00 – 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**	
	18.30 – 19.30	Zumba Toning	Mel Winstanley 07824 668368
Friday	10.15 – 11.15	Pilates	Rachel 07973 632412
	11.45 – 13.15	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

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

DATES FOR 2025

August 21st	SUMMER OUTING	Garsons Garden Centre
September 18th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
October 16th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
November 20th	TEA PARTY**	2.00pm-3.30pm
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

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