

A photograph of a double rainbow arching over a church spire and trees. The rainbow is vibrant with colors of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. The church spire is a tall, pointed structure with a small cross on top, visible through the trees. The trees are dark and silhouetted against the sky. The sky is a pale, hazy blue.

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Editors Note

At one stage last month we did not think we could produce this edition due to shortage of funds (please read separate note on page 13) however, with huge thanks to the **Parish Council** they have generously come to our rescue which will at least see us through to the Summer. Thankyou to all on the Parish Council for your help.

Whilst on my bike around the Parish I have been given quite a bit of feedback on content which is most welcome. By far the most popular request was to publish more about the planning of housing and infrastructure .Rod Hague has included some of this information on page 6. On the subject of planning do not miss the important dates that the PC announced for the neighbourhood plan . Stephen Quigley , Vice Chair of the Parish Council, informed us of this in our last edition and further details and dates are on the Parish website.. This is your chance to have a voice.

One of the challenges of moving to digital media is the multiple sources of information. It is everywhere but many don't know where to look for it. Peppered throughout this publication, now and in the past ,are website links providing more than most can digest.

The first port of call is the much improved Parish Council website www.ovingcommunity.org.uk wherein lies the minutes of all the PC meetings . This website is also now providing a download link to past copies of this publication, as well as to the Church website.

Next is the Chichester District Council planning section www.chichester.gov.uk/local_plan2035

I admit wading through some of these sites tests patience but there is a wealth of information and we need to take a degree of personal responsibility to keep ourselves informed . If helpful we can list useful websites in subsequent editions ,please let me know .

It is great to get new contributors and on page 22 Ann Jenkins highlights the joys of walking and has suggested a regular feature from anyone on ' My Favourite Local Walk' As she says, get out there in this beautiful county . Please send in your pictures ,maps and story to me.

We also have a lovely article from Chris Beer, commemorating VJ Day in memory of her father on page 14. This publication is here for others to contribute their stories and ideas so please keep them coming although I cannot promise to publish all.

The emerging good news about a vaccine will hopefully lift our spirits as we go into Christmas and although Brexit is on the horizon, at least we will all know where we stand , good or bad or anything in between by the time the New Year comes to pass.

Our community has shown what it can do under adversity, as can our local businesses. A great storey on this is to be found on page 24. Where possible we should seek to support them, it is very much a case of "use or lose"

2021 will be better, there are a few lights shining at the end of the tunnel and with our continued resolve we will be through the worst.

A very happy Christmas to you all from the editorial team , and our thanks to Andy Kendall for the front cover picture.

Best wishes Colin (editor)

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From the Parish Council

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank Sjoerd and Liz for all their hard work on behalf of the community and Parish Council over the years. We wish them well in their new home. I would also like to thank Alison for her continued updates regarding the Shopwhyke area.

Alan Smith has been co-opted as a Parish Councillor we welcome him back to the Parish Council. We still have space for three new councillors and would love to hear from anyone who would be interested in helping to manage the Parish, particularly those living outside Oving village as it is a very large and spread out Parish.

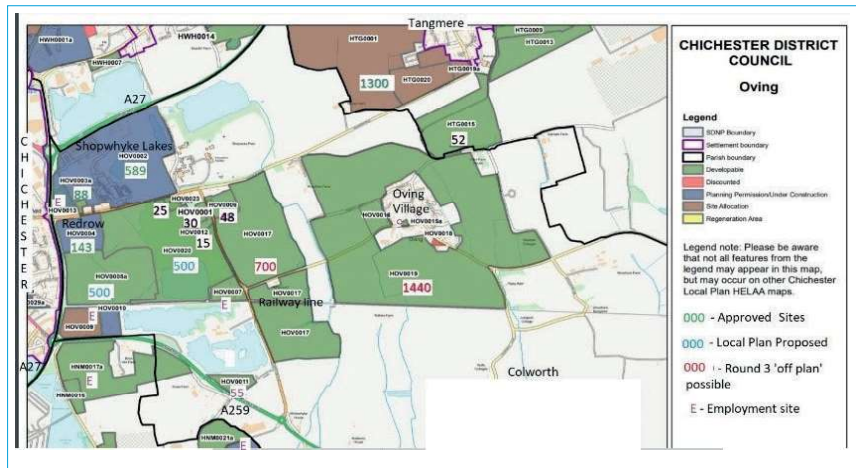
We would also like to thank everyone for looking out for each other during the pandemic. It was and is a most unusual time and we would like to thank everyone for doing their bit.

We would like to welcome our dedicated Police Community Support Officer, Richard Moorey, who many of you will know was previously our PCSO for many years prior to the change away from regional dedicated PCSOs.

The Oving Parish Council has been unable to hold an AGM this year due to Covid-19, but we have decided to go ahead with an Oving Parish Neighbourhood Plan. There is a separate committee that has formed, and we will be consulting primarily through the Oving Community website and mailchimp so please sign up for notifications on the website. Our Parish is increasing in its number of residents and a plan to help new and current residents get as much benefit out of development as possible is key to managing the most significant change to the Parish since the A27 by-pass.

Chichester District Council have produced their latest Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment, and this has been done under new rules from Central Government. The new rules mean that CDC have to assess land put forward for development assuming that there was no local plan or neighbourhood plan in place. This does **not** mean that the areas identified as being capable of development, will be developed. However, for Oving Parish it does highlight the long-term issue that we will face. With climate change potentially meaning that some proposed housing development along the coast will not be able to go ahead the pressure will be on inland areas that are not in a flood zone or the South Downs National Park for future housing development.

The map on the next page shows the area within the Parish that has been assessed.



The three main areas that I feel were not accurately assessed were

- 1.The last underground water route from the downs to the coast around Chichester and the need for it to prevent flooding elsewhere.
- 2.The lack of safeguarding the Wildlife corridor from Downs to coast as identified in CDC's Local Plan Review
- 3.The lack of protection to the setting of Oving Village conservation area.

I also think their plan should have had a different colour scheme for each of the different ways in which land was assessed depending on which 'Round' they were assessed under.

If anyone wishes to raise issue with this then please feel free to email dcplan-ning@chichester.gov.uk

There will soon be some white gate markers at various points throughout the Parish that will help drivers visually realise they are coming up to a neighbourhood. The most effective means of controlling speeding in our communities is through Speedwatch (a great example is the one in Boxgrove). If anyone is interested in forming a group to do this, they would have Parish Council support.

If there are any community groups looking for funding sources, Oving Parish Council can assist with grants. Please email clerk@ovingcommunity.org.uk with any such requests.

If anyone has any articles or comments that would be most appreciated for the new look Oving community website. Please email them to clerk@ovingcommunity.org.uk

The Parish Council would like to wish you all well this winter and hope that we can return to some 'normality' in 2021.

Rod Hague Chairman Parish Council

From Simon Oakley WSCC/CDC Councillor

As the arrival of vaccines moves us towards the end of Covid restrictions, the full extent of the economic impact will start to be felt. For both residents and businesses there is a wide range of support available, but as always the difficulty is joining up that support to those who need it. For individuals and families, the extensive community support network that has grown up over the year complements the advice available from WSCC's Community Hub (03302 227 980). For businesses, go to: www.chichester.gov.uk/covidbusinesssupport.



Covid will have a relatively short, but intense, impact. A more permanent change will arise from new development along the A27 corridor. Given the area East of Chichester City is less environmentally constrained than that around the Harbours and that next to the National Park, it is going to be the focus of a large amount of new building.

This represents a historic change in the local landscape as new development moves beyond the former gravel workings. The challenge is how can, or is, it to be managed and made socially, environmentally and economically sustainable. These are issues that the Local Plan Review process is grappling with, not least of which is transport.

Simon Oakley

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Is this true???

Three Americans were caught boiling chickens in one of Yellowstone National Park's hot springs . The trio had hiked to the Shoshone Geyser Basin before dipping two raw chickens, placed in a sack, into the boiling water to cook them. When caught they said they had read the park's regulations, which prohibits throwing rocks and other items in, but made no mention of chickens.

Two were jailed for two days and fined \$540 and the other fined \$1250. All three were banned from the park for two years !!!

FILM REVIEW

The Trial of the Chicago 7 (released on Netflix 2020)

Directed by Aaron Sorkin

Set in 1969, this film recounts the true story of the trial of 7 activists charged with incitement to cause rioting during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago in 1968. Set at the time of America's Vietnam War, it recounts the activities of 3 major disparate groups seeking to highlight the insanity of the war and to protest peacefully to stop the war.

The groups consisted of the "SDS" (Students for a Democratic Society) led by Tom Hayden, played by Eddie Redmayne; the "Yippies" (members of the Youth International party) led by Abbie Hoffman played by Sacha Baron Cohen; and The Black Panther Movement, (a civil rights movement for US African Americans) led by Bobby Seale, played by Yahya Abdul-Mateen II. He is actually the 8th accused, and not represented by the lawyer representing the others. His lawyer cannot attend due to health issues, but the judge has refused to delay the trial. He is the only black defendant. His treatment in court is so prejudicial that he is acquitted by mistrial.

The film moves back and forth in time, chronicling the back stories of the activists and highlighting their very different approaches under the Stop the War banner, as well as clearly showing that until their arrest, they had no connection with each other.

The bulk of the film is set in the courtroom, and it is a tense, exasperating and sometimes funny narrative. It also does not stray from the fundamental reason for the peaceful protests that led to the Police's actions on the day, and the final court room scene nails that home.

Judge Hoffman, played by Frank Langella, is clearly biased in support of the State prosecutors, and plays fast and loose with the law, admissible evidence and the issue of Bobby Seale having no representation in court. Mark Rylance plays William Kunstler the defence attorney for the 7, with a dire comb-over and oversized suit, he seems under prepared for the slick prosecution's case. Ah but looks can be deceptive, and with the help of the Judge's increasingly bizarre pronouncements, it becomes clear to all that the case is not a criminal one, but a politically motivated vexatious case which is determined to convict these men on the grounds of their antipathy to the war, rather than that they conspired to commit acts of violence.

This film is as apt today as in the 1960's, especially on the coat tails of the recent US election debacle and the race riots that have followed the death of George Floyd. As Karl Marx said "History repeats itself, first as tragedy, then as farce" Do see it in the comfort of your own home, as it is brilliantly acted, funny, poignant, and a reminder of the power of unified action when the goal is undisputedly for the protection of mankind.

Annie Bennett

We were so sorry and disappointed when we took the decision to cancel our Scarecrow Day this year. We had so many ideas and plans, not to mention our wonderful creations for decorating the village. Never mind, we thought, next year! However, as the year has gone on, and we are now into our second lockdown, the OSD team have decided to definitely hold Scarecrow Day in May 2021. A virtual Scarecrow Day! We have yet to plan exactly how we do this, and will let everyone know in due course how it will work. We very much want to have a safe event for our residents



In the meantime, we will be having a Christmas Scarecrow children's art competition (with prizes) in December, see our facebook page for details.

The OSD team thank you for your support and wish everybody a happy and peaceful Christmas and a safe and healthy New Year.



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Prior to the Covid lockdowns the Phone (Book) Box ran very smoothly with few hiccups, however since the appearance of Covid I have been unable to undertake the daily servicing. This included daily visits to sort and rotate stock to ensure that 'new' books were available for borrowers, taking excess 'read' books for charity disposal and generally keeping it tidy and free of rubbish.



We hoped and took the view that with little intervention the box would more or less tick over for a few months and generally this has been the case. Unfortunately there have been complaints recently that the box is being somewhat abused with boxes and bags of oversized books etc being dumped inside the door posing a very real trip hazard especially to our less able residents. Due to the restricted area this has made it difficult for folk to enter and even view the selection.

If we are to be able to keep this village facility up and running it would be much appreciated if users would be mindful of the following.....

ONLY leave paperbacks which the shelves were designed to take.

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Please place your books on the shelves and if there is no space maybe a charity shop will take them when they reopen or the 'Nextdoor Oving' website has a 'For Sale and Free' section.

And please do not leave your empty drinks cans and rubbish for others to clear away.

It should be really easy to keep this well used village facility running efficiently between us for the duration (other village phone box libraries have been, and remain, closed). We just all need to take a bit more care. I'm sorry if this sounds like more whinging and restrictions but it needs to be said if we want to retain this popular facility!

Happy Reading, Sally.

The future of the Oving and District News

In the last year everyone has been impacted one way or another by Covid and the ODN is no exception. Financially, we are totally dependant on local business advertising. This revenue pays for our only cost, printing. The more copies and indeed pages we print, the higher the cost. The massive increase in housing has pushed up the numbers of copies but to pay for that we need more advertising and therefore more pages!!

A bit of a catch 22 but that is why we are only at 40 pages vs70 this time last year.

Several have suggested going digital and we totally agree, however we do not have the technical skills to do so. **If there are any budding technical editors or experts out there we want to hear from you.** I have been editor for 5 years and this presents an opportunity to move to a more efficient modern model with a more technically competent editor !!

Volunteers wanted, please contact me on OPN.buchanan@outlook.com

V J Day 75th Anniversary Celebration, 15th August 2020

I was contacted by Christine Beer of Silverlakes not long after we had gone to print with our last edition. As a daughter of a Japanese prisoner of war she was proud to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VJ day and pay her respect to her father and the many other Far East Prisoners of war in what was often referred to as the Forgotten Army.

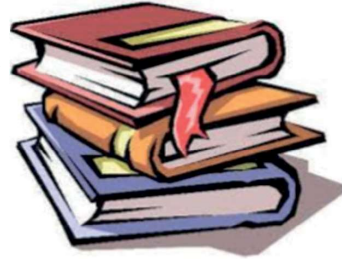
Victory over Japan day was celebrated on the 15th August 1945 and marked the end of WW11. On this day in 1945 Emperor Hirohito announced Japans acceptance of the Potsdam Declaration and in effect defeat. The formal surrender came later on September the 2nd aboard battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

We are grateful to Chris for sharing these pictures of her Dad and I am sure all will agree, she has provided a fitting tribute to remind us of the many who suffered so terribly at the hands of the Japanese Imperial Army.



BOOK CLUB REPORT

By coincidence our first two choices for Autumn were both murder mysteries – but so different. Ann Cleeves is the creator of detectives Vera and Jimmy Perez. In “The Long Call” she introduces her readers to a new detective based in North Devon. Venn is quiet and introspective, but he has the courage to live openly with his partner Jonathan, who runs a centre for the disadvantaged. Much of the novel’s action takes place there.



A very different setting is Amir Mukherjee’s “A Rising Man”. We are in the steamy heat of Calcutta in the early 1920’s. Sam Wyndham has left the horror of the trenches and his wife’s death in the 1919 flu epidemic to become a police Captain in India. His sergeant is known as Surrender-Not because the British cannot pronounce his Indian name properly. He is an excellent character; the two men come to like and trust each other. At the beginning of both novels a man’s body is found, and from that point we have two well crafted stories, where the psychology of the different personalities is as important as the plot. I am not going to divulge the plots, just say that all our members thoroughly enjoyed and recommend these books.

Not so with “Munich” by Robert Harris. There were reservations from some of us, who thought it too slow to develop. The book’s factual background concerns the meetings in September 1938 between Chamberlain and Hitler, from which the Prime Minister returned saying he had secured “peace in our time”, (Ha! Ha!). The fictional story presents two diplomats: Hugh Legat with Chamberlain, Paul Hartmann in Germany. They knew each other at Oxford years before. Hartmann (who hates Hitler) wants to give Legat a secret document showing that Hitler’s real purpose is war. It has taken a long time to arrive at this point so the excitement of danger and secrecy seems too rushed. But other members did appreciate the slow unwinding of historic events.

We have yet to discuss “Middle England” by Jonathan Coe who said he intended to write “a comic novel about Brexit”. Well yes, but it is much more. An extended family and their friends represent attitudes to life in modern England. The elderly long for “the Good Old Days” (whatever they were). The disenchanted young fulminate against all politics. There are racists and liberals, those pro or anti Brexit, dreams and reality. The narrative is by turns funny, ironic, witty, sad. It offers much food for thought and will provoke an interesting discussion, I am sure.

Beryl Lang



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My Favourite Local Walk

reflections from Ann Jenkins

Being a Scot and a Munro bagger in my younger days, I ignored the Downs on my doorstep for most of the eighteen years I have lived here – who wanted to hike up what I could not even bring myself to describe as hills! Lockdown forced me to walk more or less from my door though, and what do you know, I find that these Downs are actually quite nice and even afford a decent view or two too. OK, I may never need my ice axe, but I can get a good stretch of the legs and stunning scenery frequently unfolds from their tops.

My current favourite is probably Kingley Vale. Parking at West Stoke, the walk up through the atmospheric cathedrals of ancient yew is as gorgeous a start to a walk as you will find. You'll encounter an abundance of wildlife and wild flowers on the walk up and, once you hit the top, a breathtaking view stretches out all around you. The whole of Chichester Harbour lies at your feet and you can see mile after glorious mile of the South Coast. The circular walk is just over 7km, so, ignoring photo-op stops, should take not much more than an hour and a half, so get out there and fill your lungs!

<https://www.visitchichester.org/activity/kingley-vale-trail>



Lockdown saw many of us exploring our local environment with a much keener eye as we strode out for exercise and fresh air. To some of us the beauty of our local Downs was a salvation and to others a revelation. Who knew such stunning scenery sat a stone's throw from our doors!

The Friends of The South Downs has looked after this landscape for almost a century. A volunteer led charity they protect and promote this special landscape. They do so by helping fund essential work on it, by keeping an eye on developments that could impact on it, by organising walks within it and by promoting its traditions and its heritage.

Whether you've just discovered the highs of the Downs or were brought up in the heart of them, you will surely want to preserve this incredible landscape for generations to come. There is no better way of doing so than by joining the Friends of the South Downs Society. Like all such small charities they need your help more than ever, so why not sign up now to put something back for all the joy this landscape brings us.

<https://friendsofthesouthdowns.org.uk/>

Turkey Time Again!

Those dear turkeys have been gobbling away all year to grow into plump beautiful treasures for our large family Christmas table. BUT this year it could be very different. It probably won't be a large family feast at all. It may only be a small family affair. So what shall we do?

Please don't cancel the turkey just yet! A large quality free range turkey is one of the best and healthiest meats you can eat and is very economical. It freezes well (if not previously frozen) so think differently. Get out your best sharp knife and.....



1. Cut in half lengthways and freeze half for New Year or another family occasion.
2. Cut off the drumsticks. or the whole legs, to freeze for delicious small roasts.
3. Carefully remove both the breast fillets and roast the main carcass **upside down** leaving you with the dark meat from the legs, and the wings. Some people think the dark meat is the most succulent.

Whatever you remove wrap well in film and then a freezer bag, label and freeze as soon as possible.

Now what about all that delicious left-over turkey – if you cook a really large one? Try some of these ideas:-

1 Stir fry cut into thin strips and marinade in Hoisin, chilli & soy, or one of the many stir fry sauces. Stir fry a selection of colourful veg cut to similar sizes with grated garlic, root ginger and chilli (optional). Stir in the turkey and marinade when veg are almost ready, just to heat through thoroughly for the last few minutes. Finish with a splash of soy sauce

2 Sandwiches -Toasted or not: are quickly made. Add crispness from shredded leaves; succulence from mayonnaise, a favourite sauce or chutney, mashed avocado or hummous; add piquancy with a drizzle of chilli oil or a sharp salad dressing and good thick slices of turkey breast in the middle!

3 Salads – chop the meat into small chunks and toss into a varied salad with crisp leaves and watercress as the base, then add some interesting ingredients like cooked bacon, avocado, crisp pears, apples or mango and top with salted almonds and a fruity dressing – passion fruit or chilli and lime or mango. Very refreshing for Boxing Day.

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This is a great story sent in by a local resident who wishes to remain anonymous but it shows how resourceful many small business owners have been, struggling to cope with Covid.

‘My daughter e-mailed me yesterday with an image of a beautiful Christmas pudding, accompanied by a simple message, I am determined you should have had more of my food this year! Hoping you are well and looking forward to the wedding in 2021’

She went on to explain:

‘My daughter was due to marry in September but had to postpone to May. Mark Dunne, who owns **Chef on the Move** near Woodpecker Nursery is to provide all the food and service but since changing the date he has been 100% supportive and helpful, despite the huge challenges and losses felt by the hospitality trade and his business in particular. You can only imagine my daughter's joy and absolute confidence when a company looks after its clients in this way, as she said to me how incredibly thoughtful and sweet is this from Mark at Chef's on the move.’

When this came in I was impressed, this chap deserves to win, and so I got in touch. Mark explained the trauma of losing almost all the business he had but also the challenge of all the future bookings to be juggled with postponed bookings in 2021. Sadly you cannot squeeze two years into one and that leaves the business very short. Faced with no income and time on his hands he set about making masks, scrub hats and bags for Chichester Scrubs.

This is a small business working very hard in our community and I know there are others that have the same outstanding care and commitment to their customers whilst doing their bit for everyone else. We owe it to them to give our support. Well done Mark.

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Wow what a strange year it has been, who would have thought a year ago that we would be spending so much time away from family and friends! Our work changed to supporting residents who struggle when all normal services stopped. Standing on pharmacy queues suddenly became the norm, making sure people had access to food and getting it to those who didn't became a regular occurrence. It was nice to be able to help people that would normally have no need to contact us, but what was most amazing was the response from so many people in the community. Support groups popped up and in all honesty did such a great job it took the pressure off the governments response. Lets hope this community spirit continues long into the future.

After lock down ended we started to see a small rise in ASB, in particular mopeds. We received reports about mopeds riding on the rec field, the airfield and hanging out in Gribble Lane. After investigation we caught up with them, giving strong words of advice. This was not heeded by one young man, so a section 59 warning was issued, meaning that should he receive another in 12 months then his moped will be confiscated. Hopefully this will put an end to the matter. Please if you have a young person in the house with a moped, remind them that having a licence is a privilege that can be removed. As an avid biker myself, I really want them to enjoy the freedom that a motorcycle brings as long as they remember that being on the road carries some responsibility.

Lastly, if you know of anyone that is struggling or lonely then please let us know, we are here to help and will do whatever we can to stop anyone suffering.

Dawn and I would like wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Gareth & Dawn



We now have the shelter up, and its looking good! The next project is to install guttering and pipe-work to collect rainwater, ready for next summer.

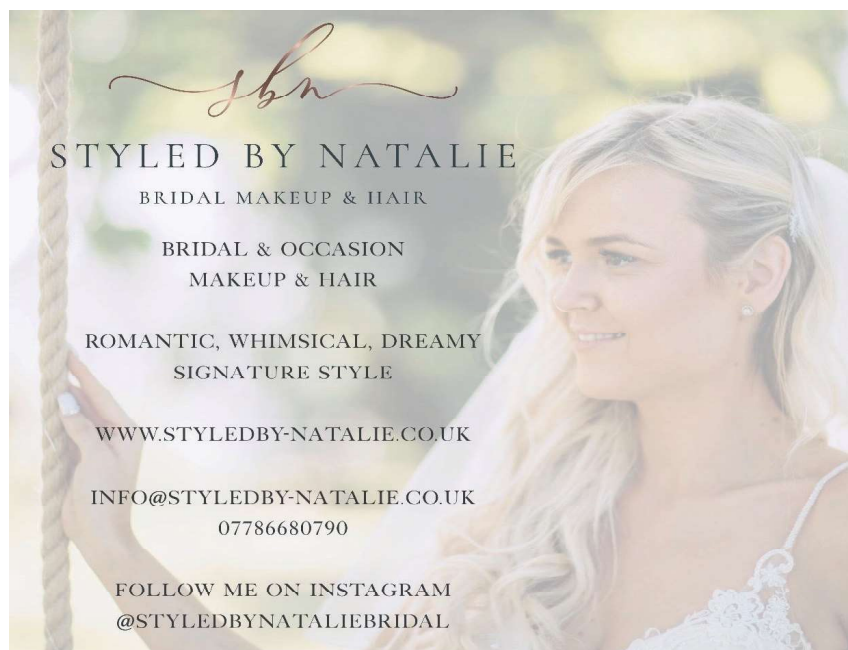
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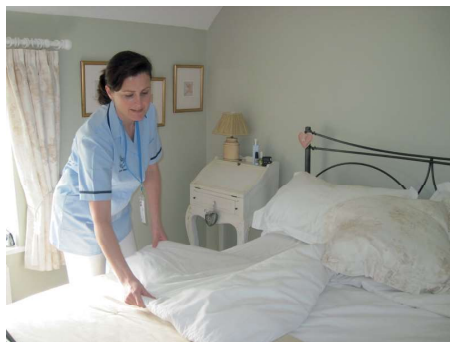


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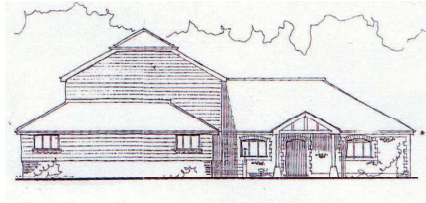
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NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE HALL

How lovely it was to re-open the Hall in September and welcome back our regular users after lockdown and finally, after five months, have some income again. Didn't last long though with the second lockdown meaning we are back to an unused Hall in November and no income.

We are fortunate that we have loyal regular users and we had two new users with a History of Art Group and Evangelical Community recently joining our regulars. All of them are hoping to be back as soon as they can although unlikely until January. We can only hope that there will not be a third lockdown. As a Management Committee we are so saddened to see the years of hard work promoting the Hall and increasing our income so that we were feeling more financially robust to now see that security gradually being eroded. We were fortunate to benefit from a grant from Chichester District Council for the first period of lockdown and we are exploring possible support for this second period.

In the meantime our caretakers continue to look after the Hall making sure it is secure, aired and serviced ready to be opened again with whatever restrictions might be in place. Our booking secretary is still dealing with queries for the future and working with brides and grooms who have booked weddings, postponed them and wait nervously for confirmation that they will be able to go ahead in 2021.

On a positive note OPC has secured a grant for us to have a new boiler which will complete the major works on the Hall. It would make so much sense to be able to have had it installed during a lockdown but the news of the award came too late to get the work done in November.

Another development will be two new signs at the entrance to the Hall to make us more visible to people passing through the village or coming to the Hall. These have been manufactured and fitted by M&J Engineering based at the Woodhorn Business Centre.

Between lockdowns, we managed to have a suitably distanced and masked AGM and Quarter 2 meeting. All the existing committee members have continued as trustees and we welcomed Anne-Marie Eastwood as a new trustee.

We look forward to 2021 with fingers crossed that regulars, villagers, parties and weddings will be filling our Hall again. In the meantime don't forget if you live in Oving Parish you get a discounted hire rate for use of both the meeting room and the main hall.

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FROM THE CHURCHWARDEN



As I am writing this, we are emerging from the second period of lockdown. What strange times we are all living in! At least we are able to re-open the church for worship and our first Service will be on Sunday 6th December at the usual time of 11.00am. Many thanks must once again go to Fr. Trevor who has provided us throughout this second lockdown period with inspirational 'Virtual Services' which have been very well received by a significant amount of people both here in Oving and in Tangmere.

Unfortunately because of Covid-19 there will be no Christmas Fayre this year and at the moment we are planning what we can and cannot do with regards to a Carol Service and an update will be available on the notice board outside the church soon. There will be however, a Midnight Mass in the church on Christmas Eve at 11.00pm which I hope that many of you will be able to attend. The wearing of face masks will be required and we will be abiding by social distancing rules.

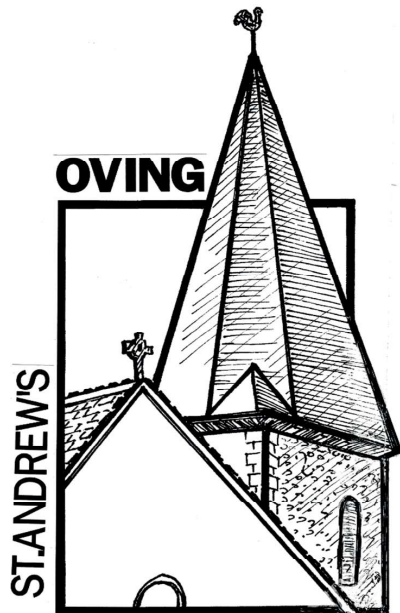
We are once again going to floodlight the church during December and through to the celebration of New Year. I would like to mention those involved in the church today are very grateful to Sam Vigor who inspirationally led the drive to have these floodlights installed in the churchyard many years ago with the assistance of others in the village at that time. If you would like to contribute to the cost of providing this uplifting experience then I would be very grateful. The easiest way to do so is to use the QR code shown below which can be accessed via the camera on your smartphone.



I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone in Oving village and the outlying areas a very happy, peaceful and safe Christmas.

Tony Barnard

Churchwarden, St. Andrew's Church, Oving



Christmas is Coming!

Christmas may be a little different this year! we may not be able to have what we all know as a “traditional” Christmas. But in spite of that, I’m sure that we will all try to bring the spirit of Christmas into our lives at the end of this rather unusual year. There will be the giving and receiving of gifts for family members and those we care for. At St Andrew’s, we remember the great gift that we were given on that first Christmas Day. -We tell the story of the birth of Jesus and all that it means to us.

The Christmas story is one that still means a lot to us today. We hear of the shepherd in the fields being the first people to be told of the birth. Not the rich and powerful, but the lowly shepherds working on those cold, lonely and dangerous hills above Bethlehem. And the message of Jesus Christ is still with us

today. And not only for those who are regular church goers or for those who have studied the bible. It is a message for everyone of us. It is a message of love, a message of peace and a message of hope.

This year, as we cope with rules about how we can spend our Christmas, spare a few minutes among the snowmen, Father Christmases and the presents to think about the Christmas story. The birth of a baby that brings us that message. The message that is given to all of us. The message that gives the greatest gift of all - the peace of God.

We hope that you are able to join us for our on-line services. They will be posted on our YouTube channel (St Andrew’s, Tangmere and Oving) and the link will be on our Facebook page (St Andrews Oving).

May you have a blessed and peaceful Christmas

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