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## Editors note

Welcome to our Winter edition which is a full 8 pages more than last time. This is a very positive reflection that life seems to be getting back to normal and over the summer many great events were held around the Parish. Thankyou to all for their various articles that have been sent in for printing

Even more encouraging are the numerous forthcoming events and Anne Marie Eastwood has covered as many as she can in her Village Hall notes. The number of people now attending the BBQ and the Quiz night, just shy of 100, is great, but I am sure the organisers would like me to say that all events are open to everyone. Anyone wanting to help are most welcome. Thanks are due to a small army of volunteers who give their own time for the benefit of the community.

Often unseen is the work of the Parish Council, again all volunteers, but under the leadership of Chair Rod Hague and Vice Chair, Stephen Quigley, significant steps are being taken to put into place changes requested by you. Much of this has been and will continue to be covered in the ODN as well as the Parish website. ([www.ovingcommunity.org](http://www.ovingcommunity.org).)

The front page signals the welcome return of the ever popular scarecrow day and no doubt we will be hearing more before the 14th of May next year.

Wishing you, your families and all a very Happy Christmas and a safe and good New Year.

Best Wishes Colin

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## Dear Parishioners,

I would like to start off by welcoming **June Milson** as our new Oving Community Support Worker

**Oving Parish Community Watch (OPCW)** is a programme that operates throughout the parish of Oving. . It is run by volunteers who offer a range of services to the local community, supporting the disabled, elderly and infirm in our parish

This can include: Transport to and from local medical appointments when public transport is either not available or difficult; Collection of shopping if you are unable to go out because of illness or bad weather; Guidance as to where to apply for specific help relating to housing or completing other forms; Help with gardening on a one-off basis.

Mobile: 07508 059955 Email: [June.Milson@ovingcommunity.org.uk](mailto:June.Milson@ovingcommunity.org.uk)

## The Oving Traffic Lights

The Oving Traffic Lights were due to close on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2021 but this has now been postponed due to other works still needing to be completed.

When they do close the lights, they will still be operational for Pedestrians and Cyclists and Buses. For any other vehicle the new routes will be as shown on the map below.





There is much that is covered elsewhere by other Councillors so I will not repeat that other than to say thank you to them and all the councillors and other voluntary groups including the ODN for their hard work on behalf of the Community.

**Rod Hague, Chairman   Oving Parish Council**

## **A note from June Milson, our new Community Support Worker**

I have been given opportunity of being your Community Support Worker for the Parish of Oving. I join an incredible team of volunteers who already provide an invaluable service to the parish and I am very much looking forward to working alongside them all.

A little information about myself. I have recently purchased a property in Pagham close to the beach. The property consists of two Victorian railway carriages that I am renovating which has already revealed some hidden gems with more to come, no doubt.

I have a 7 year old cross collie/lurcher called Barney. We enjoy lots of walks together and he enjoys a ball or stick, and anyone who cares to play will be a friend for life.

I also have another job working in a farm shop in Funtington where local produce is sold from the farmers in Chidham and Siddlesham. I very much enjoy chatting to the customers and many local residents enjoy shopping there, some of whom I have got to know very well over time.

I have been very fortunate to work and volunteer for several organisations including West Sussex County Council, St Wilfred's Hospice and Age UK to name a few. These have given me the experience to be able to work for Oving Parish Council and become your Community Support Worker.

I would very much enjoy the opportunity of meeting you over a cuppa. We could meet at the Chill and Chat on Tuesday Morning in Oving Jubilee Hall/Tangmere Hall or the Tea Party held monthly. Alternatively I'd be more than happy to visit with you.

As mentioned earlier, we have an amazing team of volunteers who I know get a great deal of pleasure giving back to their community. Would you be interested in learning more about volunteering and possibly joining this team? If so, please contact me for more information. I would be more than happy to chat, with of course, no obligation.

Should you feel that our team can help, please feel free to contact me Mondays or Tuesdays to discuss any assistance that we could offer such as getting to medical appointments, shopping or assistance with filling in forms to name a few. I would be more than happy to discuss these and any other issues with you.

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Email: [June.Milson@ovingcommunity.org.uk](mailto:June.Milson@ovingcommunity.org.uk)

I look forward to meeting you. In the meantime keep well and safe.



## **This is to update you on where we are with this project.**

Overall we have made steady progress. We have done the first draft of the policy ideas for each of the five topics and we have commissioned consultants to turn these ideas into policies that can be used in determining planning applications.

We have used other consultants to prepare a set of design guidelines covering for example density and height of buildings, building materials, car parking, creating green spaces, pedestrian and cycle paths. These could be used for large developments of the kind anticipated at Shopwyke and for smaller schemes elsewhere in the parish.

We had hoped to have a draft plan to put to residents this autumn. That was ambitious. It's not just a matter of drafting the policies. We have also to ask CDC to screen whether once adopted they could have any significant effect on the environment and/ or wildlife habitats. We don't expect that to be the case but the assessment would take weeks.

Our best estimate for consulting the parish including landowners and employers, residents and statutory consultees is now the first quarter of 2022.

As I said last time you can check our progress on by clicking on to the Parish website <https://ovingcommunity.org.uk/neighbourhood-plan/> and looking at the notes of our monthly meetings and the recent addition of the project timeline.

**Stephen Quigley, Chair, Neighbourhood Planning    October, 2021**

## From Simon Oakley

### Our WSCC/ CDC Councillor

Over the summer, we have seen at home and overseas the impacts of intense rainfall events. Given climate change forecasts, it brings into sharp relief the need for existing drainage infrastructure to be maintained, restored and improved. New development is required to deal with, on-site, 1:100 year plus up to 40% climate change allowance storm events (taking into account groundwater levels). Little of our existing drainage was designed for this. Infilling, vegetation growth and tree root ingress are major causes of watercourse deterioration. Though tree retention is important, this must be balanced with the need for effective drainage. WSCC Op Watershed funding has been used in Oving Parish and continues to be available, but private landowners also need to do their part. Of particular importance is the flooding of Church Lane arising from water backing up from the North end of the Oving Rife's Eastern arm. Photographs of this flooding would be essential evidence to support the case for works to address this issue.



CDC's Local Plan Review is showing just how complicated and inter-related our modern society has become. Though CDC is responsible for Local Development Planning to meet Government targets, it is not an infrastructure delivery Authority. It relies on evidence from other bodies (e.g. the Environment Agency (EA), National Highways (NH) and WSCC) to get its Plan in a position which is likely to get it through Planning Inspectorate Examination and developer challenge.

The main issue that has prolonged this process is the (NH controlled) A27 Chichester by-pass. Southern Water is statutorily required to deliver the sewage infrastructure (subject to EA Permits) to serve new development. NH though requires Local Planning Authorities to come up with schemes of mitigation for their Local Plan and find the funding for NH to then deliver. In CDC's case, it can't procure sufficient funds and hence an iterative process is underway to identify a level and pace of development which can be achieved/funded without unacceptable safety and congestion impacts. This is a separate process to NH's Roads Investment Strategy programme, the funds for which are at the Government's discretion.

Simon Oakley

25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021.

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# CONSULTATION PROPOSAL FOR SPEED AND WEIGHT REDUCTION IN AND AROUND Oving

Oving Parish Council are asking for your support through this consultation to apply for a Traffic Regulation Order to reduce the existing speed limits on the following roads.

## A:- Tangmere Road.

To move the existing 40mph sign, in both directions, close to the Drayton Lane junction with the Tangmere Road, eastward to the boundary sign of Tangmere Parish. We feel this would be a lot safer for the residents of The Kestrels, and the Littlemead Industrial area.

## B:- New Road Oving.

To change the existing National Speed Limit to 40 mph, in both directions, from the junction with Drayton Lane, by the level crossing, eastward to Oving Village. This will slow down the traffic approaching the Village enabling drivers to adhere to the 30 mph limit along the narrow lengths of the High Street.

## C:- Church Lane, Oving.

To move the existing 30mph sign, in both directions, close to the junction of Church Lane and Gribble Lane, eastward to the area adjacent to the Tangmere Bridle Way. As this is a single track road with no pavements, pedestrians have to walk in the road with pushchairs and dogs. When travelling from the east at 60 mph the approach to this section is obscured due to the bend in the road. We strongly feel that to get the speed reduced will hopefully prevent injuries and save lives.

The Parish Council are also looking to get grants for the installation of gates at these points to make drivers aware of the change of speed limits. Also due to the increase of heavy vehicles passing through the village we are applying for a weight limit of 7.5 tons to match Tangmere Village. This would be from the junction of Drayton Lane through to Woodhorn Lane. There would of course be an exemption for access.

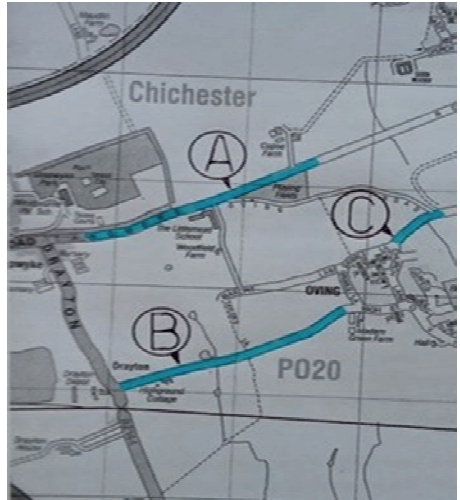
We are hoping you are in agreement with these proposals and to get them in place before the developments in and around our Parish increases the amount of vehicle movements.

Please see our website to add your comments, support etc:- [www.ovingcommunity.org.uk](http://www.ovingcommunity.org.uk)

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

Closing date of Consultation 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021

**Thankyou, Alan Smith**



## Oving Scarecrow Day - Saturday 14 May 2022

Thank you to everyone who supported the OSD Yard Trail Sale on a very wet Saturday in August. There were stalls and some scarecrows ( see images ) and for those who braved the weather, some bargains to be had! Including some wonderful heritage beans and carrots with hardly any food miles, well, maybe just one!

The planning has already started for next year, so thinking caps on and start collecting your scarecrow outfits now. We will be holding a scarecrow making session a few weeks before if you want to have a go. We will be repeating our guest scarecrow area at Madam Green farm, and group or organisation's scarecrows will be outside the Church. So if you belong to a local drama group, youth group or work locally, enter a group scarecrow with a chance to win the Goodwood trophy.

For all those gardeners out there, if you are tidying up your garden and splitting plants, please could you pot up your spare plants for us to sell on a plant stall. Please remember to add a label so we don't have to guess whether its an iris or day lily or sweet pea! If you could just tuck them away in the corner of your garden, we'd be delighted to receive them nearer to the 14 May. Also, if you would like to have a stall to sell your crafts, please contact us, we do not charge a stall fee.

We are starting to book our much loved regular great attractions and some new ones too. So, keep an eye out for our flyers, or FaceBook page, more information will be coming.

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4Sight Vision Support is delighted to announce a number of new services for 2021 and the future, open to all, some of which are a direct result of how the Charity adapted in order to provide support to its members throughout the pandemic. For example, a Health and Wellbeing Service is now available, offering new online social clubs and peer support groups such as quizzes, book clubs, history and theatre discussion groups, as well technology Q&A/ demo sessions.

Other new services include a dedicated Accessible Technology Specialist – providing advice and assistance with setting up and using technology such as tablets, laptops, mobile phones and home speakers, as well as a dedicated Vision Support Service for Children, Young People and Families.



Additionally, 4Sight Vision Support is now able to help with accessing benefits: specialist advisors can advise and assist with completing Personal Independence Payment (PIP) forms, which can make a huge difference to quality of life, independent living and general wellbeing.

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## FILM REVIEW by ANNIE BENNETT

### NO TIME TO DIE directed by Cary Fukunaga.

Ahh Mr Bond, we have been expecting you.... actually, we have been hanging around stroking the cat and trying to keep the sharks hungry for almost 18months.... but here you are at last.... worth the wait?

We find a retired 007 living the quiet life in Jamaica with his girlfriend, Madeleine (Lea Seydoux). Not for much longer though, as he is contacted by his old friend Felix from the CIA to assist it in the recovery of a kidnapped scientist. After initially refusing, an event happens which changes his mind and he is whisked off to Cuba.

His co-operative there is Paloma (Ana de Armas) .... If you saw “Knives Out” she played the nurse.... who whisks James off to a cocktail party where they are supposed to retrieve the scientist. She wears the most amazingly minimal dress which I have to say a well done to the designer, as during the inevitable shoot out with the baddies, never moves an inch! It is a brilliantly choreographed scene and introduces us to the real purpose of Bond’s mission.

Not only has the scientist been kidnapped, but also his biowarfare virus, code named Hercules. At the party it is released, but being genetically altered only affects certain of the attendees.... namely members of Spectre.... keep up at the back.... these are the baddies from the last film. Their boss, Blofeld (Christoph Waltz) is still languishing in a UK high security facility channelling his inner Hannibal Lecter. He too goes the way of the other spectre members.

This of course brings Bond to London and MI6. M (Ralph Fiennes) is not pleased to see him, and Bond is not pleased to meet the new 007, played by Lashana Lynch. There is some very funny banter between the 007’s and of course enmity turns to friendship in the end. Fortunately, Moneypenny and Q are on hand to assist him, and he learns that the Hercules programme was a MI6 project which has been hijacked by yet another set of baddies led by Safin (Rami Malek).

Still with me?

Now it is a joint MI6 and CIA race against time to stop the virus been released worldwide, and of course off to a secluded island to do it. Very Thunderbirds are go!

This is Daniel Craig’s 5<sup>th</sup> and last outing as James Bond, and it does him proud. The film delivers big stunts, big laughs, amazing set pieces and special effects. It is also a slightly softer, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Bond, dare one say he has connected with his feminine side (with Phoebe Waller Bridge on the writing team there had to be a hint of the hot priest!)

It is a tad long at 2hrs 40, but the time will fly, and you will leave pondering the franchise’s next move but confident in the knowledge that the woke brigade will not succeed in any way of radically changing the new James Bond.....whoever she may be!!!!



2021 has been a great first year for Oving Community Garden. We started work to create a place for locals to work together as a community and build a garden for people to meet in, relax, and for others to enjoy. It brings people together as well as teaching children how things grow and where our food comes from! It can also be used as a space for parishioners to grow if they don't have a garden.

We built 7 raised beds over winter and in the spring children from the local community planted lots of vegetables and flowers. Harvesting began in August and carries on! We planted, cabbages, potatoes, onions, carrots, beans, courgettes, tomatoes and much more!

For the future we are planning for fruit cages, fruit trees, a wildflower area, fire pit, more seating and a green house!



We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month at 9.30 at Oving Diamond Jubilee Park. There's always plenty to do and when we're really lucky home-made snacks! So please come and join us, everyone is welcome!

If you pass by and see a weed or fancy dead heading some flowers, then please do!

Many thanks to everyone who helped this year and donated plants, their time and snacks! A special thanks goes to Earth Cycle for supplying their quality compost and topsoil!



## Many, Many Thanks

(Ron R) - In 2001 when updating my life's written history, I wrote -*"In February 1997 we were very fortunate to be offered an Almshouse at Oving near Chichester which was a life saver for Jacy and myself. This was the only prospect for housing that we had other than bed and breakfast accommodation, and so we jumped at the chance and agreed to rent. This was a great stroke of luck, because the house was in Oving, one of the best locations that anyone could wish for. A great village, still with a village atmosphere, and the local people were so helpful and welcoming that we very soon felt part of the community and were soon drawn into the voluntary organisations in the village."*

Never, at that time, did we think that the village would voluntarily come to help our needs as it has done in response to the difficulties of the Corona Virus Pandemic and Lockdowns. Since March 2020 with the first lock down we have been constantly, almost daily, offered help by friends and neighbours, village care groups and the Almshouse Trust. They have become part of our life, very much helping us through what have been very stressful, difficult and trying years for us, and no doubt for everybody. We have received help in many, many ways, caring for our wellbeing and health, providing food, shopping, transport, physical help, advice and company, throughout this very difficult period. For Jacy and myself this has been a very much appreciated response to our problems, so to all in Oving who have been so kind, helpful and attentive please accept our sincere thanks for your friendship and help, which has many times become a very close and emotional experience for us.

Jacy and Ron Robinson



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## **HURRAH! FOR HISTORY** Chichester Local History Society by David Storey

An exciting time, with Lockdown hopefully gone for good ! A wonderful opportunity to get out and socialize, make new friends and take up new activities. One such opportunity would certainly be joining the Chichester Local History Society. Only qualification required ? Just enthusiasm to learn more about the fascinating history of this unique area we are privileged to live in.

Meetings are second Wednesday each month in the historic New Park Centre in the friendliest and most informal atmosphere. We members are fortunate indeed to enjoy the variety of talks, often by experts in their field, organized by our hugely enthusiastic committee members. Though Philip Robinson, Alan Green and Andrew Berriman would insist it is impossible not to be enthused by the wealth of local historical material, from humble hearth to royal connections.

### **Wealth of local historical material ?**

Well, did you know that Boxgrove Man, the oldest human remains ever found in Britain, might have been a woman ? And that he/she was an expert butcher using precision stone tools 500,000 years ago and would have had rhinoceroses and bears trampling his/her bean patch ?

Or that a Saxon fleet, built and assembled in Chichester Harbour, once sailed to the Thames and threatened London and regime change ? Sadly the local Godwinson family had over reached itself and Harold's later sea trip from Bosham to France was to culminate in his death on the battlefield of Hastings.

Hardly any of our supposedly natural landscape has been unaffected by man over the millennia and we learned from the LiDAR High Woods project that the beautiful area of ancient woodland north west of Arundel was in fact intensively arably farmed in the late Stone Age ! At the same time, well before the Roman invasion, local tribes were trading all over the Mediterranean and developing closer and closer ties to Rome.



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There is much to be learnt about the dozen airfields around Chichester which stood in the front line against the Hitler in 1940. But the Society also covers popular history; murders, shameful actions of civic dignitaries and the red light area, the colourful 900 year history of Sloe Fair and the impact of the Americans and other allies encamped locally in 1944.



*A warm welcome awaits you at the Chichester Local History Society. You can visit them online or ring Acting Membership Secretary Philip Robinson on 816595.*

Spread Eagle Hotel Midhurst



Pictures courtesy Alan Green

Westgate fields 1830

## BOOK CLUB REPORT

Our next two choices were both sad novels about young boys. “Hamnet” focuses on Shakespeare’s son who had a twin sister Judith. When the story begins she is ill, but recovers only for her brother to then sicken and die. It is an undisputed fact that he died young (about nine years’ old), but little else, like much of Shakespeare’s life in Stratford is actually known. Maggie O’Farrell paints an authentic, though fictional picture of Stratford and the family living there at the turn of the sixteenth century. Her background research is well detailed. The characters live and breath in the fictional setting, particularly Shakespeare’s wife, Anne as girl, wife and mother. Shakespeare mourns his son, and the author suggests he wrote “Hamlet” to make amends for his negligence. This might well be so, but it is a debatable point.



“Shuggie Bain” won the Booker prize deservedly so. The writing by Douglas Stuart, is brilliant but but it related one of the saddest tales we have ever read. Shuggie (diminutive of Hugh), grows up in a Glasgow tenement at the time when the shipyards have fallen silent, the factories closed. So the men have no work, the women cope as best they can, often turning to drink as a solace. Shuggie’s pretty mother Agnes follows this path, and her life is a slow, painful disintegration.. her two elder children leave and Shuggie, bullied and misunderstood is her only support. Agnes manages a year off alcohol but succumbs through the misguided kindness of a man who wants to help her. From then on it is downhill all the way. Shuggie watches his mother die, what else can he do? This story goes straight to one’s heart, you so hope there will be some light and happiness. There is a glimmer at the end when Shuggie, alone in the world, makes a friend of Leanne. Will they succeed together?

By contrast “Let’s Do It”, Victoria Wood’s biography came next, a welcome relief. It is very detailed and comes alive if the reader can hear Victoria’s distinct voice singing the songs, acting the sketches and comedies, delivering her “stand -up” lines. The real Victoria Wood was a shy person underneath, but a totally different personality appeared when performing. She was an absolute perfectionist, often drove fellow players mad, but they all acclaimed her genius. Part of that lay in choosing the perfect co-workers to perform with her.

“The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks” is not a novel. Henrietta was a poor, black American woman who dies aged 31 of cancer, leaving 6 children. Some of her stem cells were taken (illegally?) and proved incredibly good at reproducing themselves, acting as hosts for other culture cells. In fact they have gone all round the world, and are still helping in so much research. Rebecca Skloot heard a brief mention of her when a student, and later followed up all the evidence she could find, interviewing Henrietta’s family often with difficulty. They knew nothing until these revelations, were never rewarded in any way, not even with Medicare. Our opinions were divided because the enthralling story of Henrietta is interspersed with chapters on chemistry and scientists who worked with culture cells. Some of us liked this, others found it distracted from the main theme. It is certainly an amazing story raising questions about medical ethics.

Beryl Lang



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## HELLO AND WELCOME TO NEWS FROM YOUR VILLAGE HALL

Our regular users are back and we are now turning our attention to community events. Hopefully, there will be something for everyone. We have just had a very successful Quiz Night, with 93 attendees and there is more to come. The **Chill and Chat café** is operating fortnightly (first and third Tuesday mornings of the month) with a pop-up shop, from Harvest UK, which is becoming very popular.

**There is a Christmas Fayre coming up on 4<sup>th</sup> December** (11am – 3pm), with over 20 stalls, most of which will be selling Christmas gifts. For the first time I can remember, we have a **Comedy Night** (pay bar available), on **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December** (bookings through the Eventbrite website, then search for Oving Comedy, or book through the Jubilee Hall's Facebook page). We definitely all need a good laugh! In the New Year, we will be running a **Race Night** on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January**. We have already sold tickets for this event, so get yours now to avoid disappointment: [anthonymeastwood@gmail.com](mailto:anthonymeastwood@gmail.com). The ticket price is £12.50 and includes a fish and chip supper and there is a very reasonable pay bar available too.

What better place to celebrate the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** than at the Oving JUBILEE Hall! This is only in the early planning stages but we are hoping to make it a free for all 50's dress themed family street party, with live music/entertainment, food and drink on **Sunday afternoon 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. Make sure you keep an eye on our Facebook page (Oving, Jubilee Hall, Oving) and the Oving News Group on WhatsApp for further news about this and all other events. If you are not yet part of the WhatsApp group, let me know and I can add you.

**Oving Dog Training**, who run their classes from The Jubilee Hall, are hosting the Rally UK Try-outs where a Team will be selected to represent the South of England at the Crufts Regional Championships in March 2022. The event at Oving takes place in November, followed by some practice sessions in January and February 2022. For further information [oving-dogs@gmail.com](mailto:oving-dogs@gmail.com)

**If you are looking for exercise classes**, there have been Pilates sessions in the Hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings but, now, we also have Zumba Gold (Thursday mornings) and Yoga (Wednesdays late afternoon) too! They are all very popular, so it's best to contact the people running it first before turning up. See our regular events schedule on the next page for details.

Like all of us, we are aware of environmental concerns and increasing energy costs. With the support of the Oving Parish Council, we have just installed solar panels to help reduce our costs and the amount of electricity we take from the National Grid.

We hope there is something for everyone at the Jubilee Hall and are trying hard to diversify our events to appeal to as many people as possible. And don't forget, we are the perfect venue for wedding receptions, parties, presentations and meetings (we do have all the mod cons) - parishioners enjoy a fairly big discount. If there is anything you would like to see happen in the Jubilee Hall then do let me know.

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## Regular weekly events

Day	Time	Activity	Contact
Sun-day++	10.00 - Noon	Raventor Re-enactment Group	
Monday	9.30 – 11.30	Art Group	Barbara 01243 266193
	11.45 – 17.30	Dog Training	Veronica 01243 827550
	<b>Evening</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR HIRE</b>	
Tuesday	09.30 – 11.30	Food Pantry (Chat and Chill cafe) <b>Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday</b>	Michelle Stone 07872 052158
	14.00 – 16.30	Oving Indoor Bowls	
	17.15 – 21.00	Dog Training	Veronica 01243 827550
Wed.	10.30 – 11.30	Pilates	Rachel 07973 632412
	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR HIRE</b>	
	17.15 – 18.15	Yoga	Jo Middleton 07912 074594
	18.30 – 21.00	Youth Club	Gareth 07768 202356
Thursday	9.30 – 10.15	Zumba Gold	Mel Winstanley 07824 668368
***	14.00 - 1600	Village Tea Parties once a month	June Milson 07508 059955
	18.00 – 21.00	Smart Cheer Group	Ben 07955 607304
Friday	10.15 – 11.15	Pilates	Rachel 07973 632412
	<b>Am and pm</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR HIRE</b>	
Saturday	<b>ALL DAY</b>	<b>AVAILABLE FOR HIRE</b>  Twice monthly, movement & meditation class with music – 2 hours Jo Middleton 07912 074594	

++ 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

## ONE-OFF EVENTS

**4<sup>th</sup> December 2021** – Oving Christmas Fayre 11am 3pm – Santa’s grotto, over 20 stalls, incl many Christmas gifts. Food and drinks available. Free entry

**10<sup>th</sup> December 2021** – Comedy Night 8pm (book tickets through Eventbrite) Pay bar available

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022** – Race Night. Tickets £12.50 incl Fish and Chip supper (contact: anthonymeast-wood@gmail.com), pay bar available, raffle

**14<sup>th</sup> May 2022** – Scarecrow Day (in the whole village) Free event

**5<sup>th</sup> June 2022** – 1950’s style family street party 2pm-5pm, celebrating the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Entertainment/live music, food and drink – dressing up optional. Free event



Merry Christmas and a happy & healthy New Year to  
all our friends and neighbours in and around Oving

Instead of sending Christmas cards we have all made  
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Stephen & Stephanie	My Sisters' House
Jane & Michael	Alzheimer's Association
Ralph & Tricia	St Wilfred's Hospice & Macmillan Nurses
Carol & David	N.S.P.C.C
Jacky & John	Stone Pillow & Cancer Research
Urszula Topp	British Heart Foundation
Yvonne & Colin	R.N.L.I
Simon & Helen	R.A.F. Benevolent Fund
Rosslyn & Paul	St Martin in the Fields Christmas Appeal
Ron & Jacy	Chichester stroke club
Margaret Leitch	Cancer Research
Mark & Maz	Crisis





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There is no standard answer! We are all different. We range in age from newly borns to those who are in their nineties. We are from every walk of life, and every background. Some are Sussex born and bred, and others come from further afield.

But one thing that we have in common is that we try to live by God's great commandments: Love God and Love your Neighbour. Not that we always succeed. One of the other things about Christians is that we are human and have human failings. When we try to follow those commandments, we don't always get it right. But at least we try!

One of the challenges that we face today is how we can show our love for our neighbour. We support local and international charities, we open the church every day so that people can come and pray in a place that is calming and peaceful. And, of course, we are there at Christmas ready to welcome our neighbour into our church. The invitation to join us at Christmas is extended to everyone, no matter how strong your faith. If you feel that you can accept this invitation, how about you come and join us for one of our social events? Get to know us and maybe come along on a Sunday. We are a welcoming group of people who are just like you. Come and meet us and find out who these people who celebrate Christmas are.

If you would like to join our mailing list and be informed of our social events and special services, please drop me a line. My contact details can be found on our website ([www.ovingchurch.org.uk](http://www.ovingchurch.org.uk))

Rev'd Trevor Marshall

## Quiz Night

A quick thank you to everyone who supported the Friends of St Andrew's Quiz Night. Over 90 people came along for the quiz, fish and chips, raffle and Standup Bingo. A great night was had by all. And there were only a few points that separated the top teams. The money raised goes towards maintaining the Grade 2 listed church building. Come along next year and pit your wits against Rev'd Trevor's questions (there are no questions about the Bible!)

## Upcoming Services

**5th December** - Advent Workshop for youth and children. 2-4 followed by our Christingle service at 4:30

**18th December** - Carols by Candlelight at 17:30. A collection of traditional carols and readings.

**20th December** - Carols round the village. We are starting at the church at 18:00. Come and join us for singing around the village - finishing at the Gribble!

**24th December** - Midnight Mass 23:30 This year we will be at St Andrew's, Tangmere.

**25th December** - Christmas Day Worship at 11:00 St Andrew's, Oving

## St Andrew's Harvest Auction.

The end of summer was marked with the traditional Harvest Auction in St Andrews Church. Attendees were welcomed with a glass of wine as part of the strategy to ease purse strings and master auctioneer and talented comedian, Neil Linford, oversaw proceedings. Good humour and generosity were at the heart of the evening and a wide array of produce, gifts and pledges adorned the front of the church to tempt potential bidders.

A number of beautifully arranged fruit baskets and floral arrangements bore testament to a highly productive growing season, there were jams, chutneys and preserves aplenty and with halloween approaching there was fierce completion in the bidding for pumpkins and toffee apples. For those who failed with their bids for traditional produce, solace could be found in the battle for the many bottled lots, which included champagne, vintage port and some exceptionally good wine. Perhaps most interesting were the most personal offerings; bread and cakes baked by youngsters commanded a premium as did the pledges of dinners (to be prepared at your house) which included pizzas, curries and even a pheasant casserole and a garden tool sharpening service.

In short there was something to tempt everybody and not one person walked away empty handed. Fun aside, the success of the evening hinged on the generosity of those who donated the various offerings and those who competed for them, with our auctioneer doing an outstanding job of encouraging bids. There were several surprised winners who paid the price for scratching their head or responding to a jibe from Neil but the best surprise will be

for the 2 charities who will benefit from the proceeds - **Chestnut Tree House**, the children's hospice for East and West Sussex, Brighton and Hove and South East Hampshire, which cares for 300 children and young adults from 0-19 years of age with progressive life-shortening conditions and **Feeding Futures**, St Andrew's chosen international charity that works with impoverished rural school communities in Kenya to bring long term improvement through providing meals for hungry children at school and training their parents in farming.



## Oving Village BBQ July 24th

It was 'all hands to the pump' as 80 plus people from all around the parish assembled for a great feast of spicy ribs, chicken and burgers followed by fantastic music played by our own group of residents, The Cheese Bandits. It is always a revelation at these events to see how much talent there is in the parish!!



Proceeds went to help maintain the Church and our thanks go to the many volunteers who organised the event, cooked the food and played the music.

Special thanks are due to Tony Barnard for orchestrating the food and to Helen and Simon Bryant for the use of their front garden.

This regular event, stopped due to covid, has become more and more popular. Please look out for the next one in the summer of 2022, all are very welcome.



Photos courtesy Simon Bryant





The last two years at Tangmere Military Aviation Museum have been, as you might expect, quite hard. Closing early at the end of 2019, not opening until late in 2020, and then opening early in May 2021 – some three months late – was not good for the finances.

However, with our eyes over our shoulder looking at Boris and his team, we did open in May for just five days a week. A lot of staff were unable to come in due to health reasons, not Covid related. But by July we were open 7 days a week and welcoming increasing numbers of visitors.

2021 started on a bad foot when our Chairman, Group Captain David Baron OBE, passed away at Christmas. It was quite a blow for his family and for the Museum. David had put so much work into the Museum. His role has been taken on by Dudley Hooley and he will be the springboard for us to continue move onwards and upwards.

During the closed down period, from the end of October 2020 until February 2021, a tremendous amount of work carried out in the Museum and a new shop opened. But the work never stops. Our Phantom, which is in the logbook of David Baron, is being repainted as a memorial to him. The aircraft is being transformed from the blue to 6 Squadron camouflage. The aircraft had been painted blue to recognise the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of NATO. No longer. It is almost complete now in 6 Squadron colours.



And still to come – 2022, This year is rapidly fading. We have had a late celebration of the Battle of Britain 80 Anniversary, delayed by Covid, and since September our main exhibition has been about Speed.

75 years ago, September 7<sup>th</sup>, 1946 Teddy Donaldson flew his Gloster Meteor, now on show at the Museum, from Littlehampton to Bogner at an average speed of 616 miles an hour, breaking the World Speed Record,

And next year the Museum will celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. There is plenty to look forward to in 2022 and I shall let you have more information in future editions.

## Historic Flint Wall at the Burial Ground



A beautiful week in July witnessed a hive of activity in our Burial Ground as Carl Masters and his team embarked on the repairs to the historic flint wall.

Though most of the wall was in good shape, there were certain sections which were in drastic need of TLC as can be seen in the before and after photos. This work was funded through the wonderful generosity of many people in the village, a substantial grant from the Parish Council and a surprise gift from a builder in Chichester who, having recently demolished a wall, donated the flints.



Enormous thanks must go to Carl and his team and all those who contributed in so many ways to the success of this project – thanks to them the wall will now survive for another 200 years !



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