

# THE OVINGTON ORACLE

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## G'Day.

I make no excuse for the Aussie greeting this month. As I write, there seems to be no end to this arctic weather and my thoughts turn to those lucky lot down under who are no doubt enjoying more salubrious climatic conditions than we!

And they get to watch the commonwealth games too.

Optimism must rule though', it will improve----- honest. And it has, told you so.

## APRIL DIARY

1 <sup>st</sup> April	Litter Collecting	10.00am*
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Bowls Club	1.45 pm
5 <sup>th</sup> April	Gardening Club	7.45 pm
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Bowls Club	1.45 pm
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Bowls Club	1.45 pm
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Ladies Group	7.45 pm
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Parish Council	7.30pm
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Phot Scrapbooking	8.00pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Tabletop Sale	10-2pm
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Bowls Club	1.45 pm

All events held in the Village Hall except \*

## WE NEED YOUR HELP TO KEEP OVINGTON TIDY.

As mentioned last month in the Parish Council report we need to have a tidy up around the village before the hedges and roadside verges become overgrown with daffodils, tulips, weeds etc.

Should you wish to participate then please turn up at the **Village Sign at 10am on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April** where you will be welcomed and provided with all the necessary gear. Afterwards refreshments will be provided in the Village Hall.

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Change of date for the next Parish Council meeting, this will now be held on **19<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall.

Prior notification was also given that the annual Parish Meeting and P.C. AGM will take place on **10<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm**

## TABLE TOP SALE

Village hall -10.00 am to 2.00 pm

Give Michelle a ring on 884544. and book your table inside for £5. outside for £4.

Bring your goods to the Hall, to sell on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April after 8.30 am and then take home the profits.

Snacks and refreshments will be available.

## VILLAGE HALL

The hall management committee are inviting:

**1. Quotations for grounds maintenance** at the village hall for this coming season. Tasks involved are regular grass cutting (to include removal of cuttings) with particular attention required when major functions at the Hall are planned. Hedge cutting, small tree pruning and maintenance of flower beds.

The period of contract to run from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2006.

Written quotations please to Grace Rumsby, 31 The Street.

**2. Estimates for renewal of the front fence** at the village hall. Specifications available from Grace Rumsby.

## MOBILE LIBRARY.

N.C.C has advised us that the mobile library will be calling at Ovington more frequently. The previous four weekly intervals are being reduced to a maximum of three weeks, with a two weekly visit planned initially. This will take effect from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April with the first visit to Ovington at 4.10 pm on 19<sup>th</sup> April, calling at Crown Crescent.

## WAYLAND FARMERS MARKET

Paint an egg for Easter competition: for details see main notice board, near Village sign.

## CHURCH NEWS

### CHURCH ROTA FOR APRIL

2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr	No service
9 <sup>th</sup> Apr	9am Parish Communion
Lesson	Mr. C. Springford Mrs. P. Westwood
Steward	Mrs. P. Westwood
No Flowers during Lent	
11 <sup>th</sup> Apr	7.30pm Service
14 <sup>th</sup> Apr	2pm Good Friday service
16 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Easter Day
	9am Parish Communion
Lesson	Mrs. P. Westwood ?
Steward	Mrs. P. Westwood
23 <sup>rd</sup> Apr	9am Parish Communion
Lesson	Mrs. A. Johnson Mr. D. Pritchard
Steward	Mr. D. Pritchard
Flowers	Mrs. Westwood
30 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Benefice service

## BOWLS CLUB.

Still meets on Monday afternoons at 1.45 pm. We have gained a few more members which are a great help in keeping the competitive spirit alive especially when some of our members are away. Dennis likes to take new members under his wing, if he's not stuffing himself with chips that is.

For more information contact Peggy on 884073.

## GARDENING CLUB.

We are very proud of the number of members we have at the present moment.

Last month Mr Ken Harbutt showed us some wonderful slides of 'Poppies'

Our next meeting is on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm.** when Mr John Barker will tell us about 'Bees in the garden'. He will advise us on what shrubs and flowers to plant to entice Bees into our patch.

Our May meeting will held on Saturday **13<sup>th</sup> May 10.00 am – 12.30 pm** when Pansy Westwood (30 The Street) will open her garden for a fundraising event.

## CHURCH SPRING CLEAN

There is a limit to what Peggy and I can do regarding cleaning the Church, so we are holding a "Spring Cleaning Day" on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April**, in the hope that some of you will come along and join us in giving our lovely old building a bit of a spruce up. It is said that "Many hands make light work" and any help would be much appreciated. The Church will be open from 9.30 am. As there is only one broom in the Church it might be advisable to bring along some more, also some water as there is no supply at the Church. Tea and coffee will be provided. Many Thanks. Pansy and Peggy.

## CHURCH AGM

The P.C.C. annual meeting will be held on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April**, at 7.30pm at Pansy's house, 30 The Street.

## OPEN AIR SERVICE

There will be an open air service with the Watton Silver Band on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July** at 3 pm. Followed by cream teas. We look forward to seeing you, please put this date in your diary.

## RAINFALL FOR FEBRUARY

February 2006	51 mm or	2 inches
February 2005	72.75 mm or	2.8 inches
February 1996	53 mm or	2 inches

The old saying "February fill dyke" does not mean Feb is necessarily a wet month. It means that winter rains and snows should have filled the dykes by Feb to ensure there will be enough water for the crops during the summer. With hosepipe bans already being discussed in parts of the country, it might pay not to waste water.

Thanks again to Ted Bowman for these readings.

## GOOD NEWS FOR OVER 60'S

If you are a bus user and over 60 yrs old, as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April you are entitled to a **FREE** bus pass for free bus travel within Norfolk. If you have never had a bus pass before, you will need a passport photograph.

The bus pass can be obtained from the Breckland office in Wayland House, Watton (old police station) each **Wednesday** and **Friday** between 9.30 am – 2.30 pm.

## **MAJOR TECHNOLOGICAL BREAKTHROUGH:**

Announcing the new Built-in, Orderly, Organised, Knowledge device known as B.O.O.K. This is a revolutionary breakthrough in technology: no wires, no electric circuits, and no batteries, nothing to be connected or switched on. It's so easy to use, even a child can operate it.

Compact and portable, it can be used anywhere even sitting in an armchair by the fire yet it is powerful enough to hold as much information as a CD-ROM disc.

Here's how it works: BOOK is constructed of sequentially numbered sheets of paper (recyclable), each capable of holding thousands of bits of information. The pages are locked together with a custom-fit device called a binder which keeps the sheets in their correct sequence. Opaque Paper Technology (OPT), allows manufacturers to use both sides of the sheet, doubling the information density and cutting costs. Experts are divided on the prospects for further increases in information density; for now, BOOKS with more information simply use more pages. Each sheet is scanned optically, registering information directly into your brain. A flick of the finger takes you to the next sheet.

BOOK may be taken up at any time and used merely by opening it. BOOK never crashes or requires rebooting, though like other display devices it can become unstable if dropped overboard. The "browse" feature allows you to move instantly to any sheet, and move forward or backward as you wish.

Many come with an "index" feature, which pinpoints the exact location of any selected information for instant retrieval.

It is also possible to make personal notes next to BOOK text entries with an optional programming tool, the Portable Erasable Nib Cryptic Intercommunication Language Stylus (PENCILS)

Portable, durable, and affordable, BOOK is being hailed as a precursor of a new entertainment wave. Also, BOOK's appeal seems so certain that thousands of content creators have committed to the platform and investors are reportedly flocking.

Look for a flood of new titles soon.

Sid.

## **LADIES GROUP**

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Cries of 'Can I borrow your blue paint?' and 'Look how my design has turned out' could be heard at the Ladies group meeting last Tuesday, as Mel Wallis Johnson, guest speaker for the evening, provided us with the tools to create our own pieces of pottery. It turned out to be a really fun evening and great turn-out by the ladies – Well done! Our artistic efforts have been taken away to be fired by Mel and the final results will be available at our next meeting.

### **A GREAT SOCIAL EVENING**

Joyce and Jeremy Wood kindly hosted our Wine and Cheese evening at their home on March 10<sup>th</sup> a warm and friendly atmosphere greeted those that attended. The evening was a financial success for the ladies group, we are most grateful to all ladies who provided the excellent buffet and to Joyce and Jeremy for all the arrangements and for their generous hospitality.

### **APRIL MEETING**

The next meeting is on the 18<sup>th</sup> April and our guest speaker is Michelle Cockrill who is an image Consultant. Do come along and see if after all these years you have been wearing the wrong colours. All ladies welcome.

### **LADIES GROUP ANNUAL DINNER**

The dinner this year will be held at Broom Hall Hotel on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Time: 7.00pm for 7.30pm

Connie Springford (Secretary)

## **OVINGTON LOTTERY.**

### **March Winners:-**

£20	No 20	Joan Perrett
£10	No 52	Roger Kennaugh
£ 5	No 21	Eileen Roylance
£ 5	No 46	Michelle Prothero

## RECYCLING (FAQ)

**Q. Why can I only put out plastic bottles, what about all the other plastic packaging?**

A. There are numerous types of plastic but not all of these can be recycled. We only allow plastic bottles to be placed in the recycling bin as they are made up of three types of plastic and all of these are recyclable. The materials we can collect and recycle is determined by the companies who recycle plastics and as yet there is no secure market for recycled plastic food trays, yoghurt pots, margarine tubs, ice cream tubs, plant pots, children's toys, polystyrene, coat hangers or any other plastic product.

To help us do our job better please remove the bottle tops which we cannot recycle. The ease of recycling plastic bottles means that there is a strong market in the UK for them.

If you have any queries about recycling contact **Street Scene Help line**, on 01362 656878 or E-mail: [streetscene@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:streetscene@breckland.gov.uk)

### Think about this:

~~Just think, if it wasn't for marriage, men would go through life thinking they had no faults at all!~~

**Or.**

Why are blonde jokes so short?  
So men can remember them!

### Computer Acronyms:

ISDN. It still does nothing  
IBM. I blame Microsoft  
CD-ROM. Consumer Device, Rendered  
Obsolete Monthly.  
WINDOWS. Will Install Needless Data On  
Whole System.  
BASIC. Bill's Attempt To Seize Industry  
Control.  
WWW. World Wide Wait.  
MICROSOFT. Most Intelligent Customers  
Realise Our Software Only Fools Teenagers.

## SCOTTON TROPHY, ALIAS QUIZ & CHIPS SUPPER:

This event was an outstanding success, the Hall was packed, the questions were hard but fair, and the fish and chips were piping hot and cooked to perfection. The winners this year were The Breckland Harmony.

Thanks must go to Christine and Ed for organising the evenings entertainment. Even the winners of the booby prize declared it was the most fun they had had in years.

**We wish all our readers a very happy Easter.**

**DEADLINE for the MAY 'ORACLE' is 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

**Hall Bookings: Michelle on 884544**

**Coming Next Month: The truth behind the Ovington Bends.**

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