

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

JULY 2006

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Hello everyone,

They say that the sun shines on the righteous. Well, Ovington must have been a very righteous place on the 10th June as all those attending the fete were treated to one of the hottest days of the year so far! The two new party tents proved invaluable in providing shade for stallholders and produce. Beautifully turned out with topical red and white themed decorations, the stalls were a credit to those who had worked so hard before the event. The generous donations from villagers and friends further afield provided plenty of gifts and goodies to buy. Fun was had on a variety of sideshow games and competitions. The ladies in the kitchen brewed up gallons of tea to wash down copious amounts of scrumptious cakes. We were treated by the Jujitsu team to a display of martial arts which was very energetic considering the intense heat of the afternoon. All that exercise (or the observation thereof) made us hungry, so the BBQ was very welcome to round off the proceedings. All in all, it was a very enjoyable and successful fete despite the problems which beset us, both beforehand and on the day. The sun shone, but the wind blew and threatened to carry off anything not nailed down securely. There was a rumour that a certain sporting event prevented many people from attending. One of the biggest problems was the perennial one – lack of helpers on the day. Friends from outside the village had to be enlisted but we could still have done with more. Remember the proverb ‘Many hands make light work’? More volunteers would mean less work for everyone. Please consider volunteering for future events, even if you can only spare half an hour to mind a stall while that stallholder sees the rest of the fete, as it could make all the difference.

Anyway, thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success - £765.52 raised, to be divided between the Village Hall and the Church – and especially to Laura for coordinating it all so efficiently, as indeed she has done for the past three years.

Christine

JULY EVENTS DIARY

3 rd July	Bowls Club	1.45pm
5 th July	Gardening Club	7.45pm
10 th July	Bowls Club	1.45pm
12 th July	Parish Council	7.30pm
16 th July	Open Air Service and) Cream Teas)	3.00pm
17 th July	Bowls Club	1.45pm
18 th July	Ladies Group	7.45pm
20 th July	Photoscrapbooking	8.00pm
24 th July	Bowls Club	1.45 pm
31 st July	Bowls Club	1.45 pm

To be held in the village hall, or V H grounds.

Gardening Club

The Club paid a visit on a beautiful summer evening to Didlington Nursery for last months meeting.

The next meeting will be held on the 5th July at 7.45pm and will be a talk by Frank Lambert on ‘Growing Fuchsia’. Everyone welcome.

Ladies Group

No report has been submitted this month, but, the next meeting will be held on the 18th July at 7.45pm when Linda Walker will be demonstrating the art of Sugar craft

Bowls Club

Members of the Bowls Club met at the usual time on 12th June and decided to continue their Monday afternoon sessions.

They elected a new committee, agreeing to share the workload previously borne by Peggy.

So a message to all out there, if you find yourself at a loose end on a Monday pm then pop along to the Village Hall where you will be assured of a warm welcome, and a fun game of bowls.

Dennis promises not to pull rank. (he is the new Chairman) but to pass on some of his skills (and old jokes) to those new to the game.

Church News

Church Services for July

2 nd July		No service
9 th July	9am	Parish Communion
16 th July	3pm	Open Air Service with Watton Silver Band
23 rd July	9am	Parish Communion
30 th July		No service

Open Air Service

We would love to see you on the 16th July when we will be having our annual **Open Air Service** (if wet in the church) **with the Watton Silver Band**. This will be followed by **Cream Teas** (cost £3) in the village hall.

Farewell

Canon Mair Talbot is moving to be the Project Manager of the Magdalene Group in Norwich, which is a Christian mission to people caught up in prostitution. We wish her well in her new post and thank her for all she has done for our church and community. Her last service for this group of churches will be on the 30th July.

Our Church

Following a successful gathering at the village hall last month, a few of us have decided to form 'Friends of Ovington Church'. This fairly informal group is requesting further help from other members of the village. **YES, that means YOU!** We will be responsible for the general upkeep of the church building and grounds, so if you can spare just a little bit of time each month or even once a year! Please let us know.

Our next meeting has yet to be arranged. If you would like to come and see what we will be getting up to, please contact Lyndia on 882222

Sam Scott, The Old Chapel

Ovington Lottery.

July Winners:-

£20 No. 4 Ed Reilly
£10 No. 6 John Ayris
£ 5 No. 45 Connie Springford
£ 5 No. 33 Rod Rumsby

Advance Notice to all who like saving money!

The Village Hall Committee have decided to sell Spree Booklets once again this year. For anyone new to the village, we sold these booklets two years ago to raise funds for the Village Hall. Each booklet contains vouchers for discounts on a wide variety of goods and services. The total value of the vouchers is usually over £5,000 but the booklet costs only £22, a proportion of which goes directly to the Village Hall. The more we sell, the bigger the cut! They are issued every year in May and are valid until 1st October the following year. So the current booklets are valid until 1st **October 2007**. Most of the vouchers represent discounts on meals or takeaways (such as the 'buy one get one free' variety) and, obviously, there are certain restrictions for some establishments. There are also discounts on cinema tickets, other entertainments and goods. An ID card is issued as the vouchers are not valid without it. My current Spree Booklet has saved me well over £100 so far and still has over three months to run. They make excellent presents – one of my relatives has a standing order! If you would like further information or would like to see an example of one, ring me on 885848.

Christine

Mr. Vic Barham.

The people of Ovington were saddened to hear of the death in late May of Mr. Vic Barham. Vic, with his wife Phyllis, had lived in Ovington for fifty years, farming for a great part of that time at Church Farm. He was at one time a member of the Parish Council and served diligently for many years on the Ovington Fuel Trust.

He was a great lover of the countryside and was a recognised expert on wildlife. Well known for his love of animals he provided succour for many that had strayed or were infirm.

Phyllis would like us to convey her thanks to everyone for their support and for all the lovely cards and messages of sympathy she received.

Mrs. Peggy Lovewell.

Peggy sadly died suddenly on June 6th. Another sad loss for our small community to bear. Peggy moved to Ovington on the retirement of her late Husband John about twenty years ago and soon involved herself in Village activities, her particular forte of course being the Bowls Club. Peggy was also a Church Warden and was always to be found manning, in her usual cheerful way, one or more of the stalls at our various fetes and bazaars. She will be sadly missed.

Letters to the Editor:

My sister Susanne Westwood and I would like to thank everyone from Ovington, Watton and the surrounding villages for attending our mother's funeral. It was heart warming to see how many people knew and cared about Peggy; she was always telling us of local events and loved being part of active village life. Susanne and I were sorry we could not join you in the village hall after the church service to offer our appreciation personally, but would like to say thank you for showing your support at this difficult time.

Jane Saxby (Daughter)

And from the Bowls Club

In Memoriam - Peggy Lovewell

On behalf of the Ovington Bowls Club we would like to say how sad we were to hear of the death of Peggy, but in a way relieved that she did not suffer.

She was a lovely lady, we were always warmed by her cheery greetings and interest in all that was happening and amused by her 'forgetful lapses' whilst scoring at bowls (when she was busy chatting). She will be greatly missed by us all, and will be much in our thoughts on Monday afternoons.

Welcome:

As Dianne Logan has moved on to pastures new, we would offer a warm Ovington welcome to Mr and Mrs Sparrow, the new occupants of "Black Horse Cottage" We look forward to meeting you at one or more of our Village get together's and trust you will be happy and content in our midst.

The Parish Council:

Are still searching for an additional councillor, you could be just the person they are looking for. Call the Parish Clerk on 01953 889342 now.

The next meeting of the Parish Council, an event not to be missed, will be on July 12th 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Rainfall for May

Sorry, no details available for the month of May.

Lite Bytes.

A man and his young daughter were sitting in a tea room, when the little girl asked "Daddy, do you believe that there is some huge force out there that controls the universe and our destiny?"

"Yes" replied her father from behind his newspaper. "But your mother isn't that huge"

My five year old niece had been reading a religious book that asked the question, "What did Noah do during his time on the Ark?"

"A lot of fishing?" I suggested.

"What, with only two worms?" she asked.

DON'T FORGET

Hall bookings can be made by contacting:-
MICHELLE on 884544

**LATEST DATE for acceptance of
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20th JULY 2006. earlier if possible**

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