

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

SEPTEMBER
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WELCOME ONCE AGAIN:-

What did I say last month when remarking on that spate of tropical weather we were enjoying? – "It can't last!" ? Wish I hadn't said that now, OK, we needed a few overnight showers to resurrect the flowers and vegetables, but the precipitation is now too persistent. Feel sorry for the children really, and Ted is probably having to empty his rain gauge hourly!

It can't last I tell myself.----- Well it worked last time.

There are quite a number of events scheduled for September, our sterling group of volunteer organizers beavering away to ensure you don't become bored. Look forward to seeing you all at some of them. Keep smiling.

SEPTEMBER - EVENTS DIARY

Sept	4th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept	6th	Gardening Club	7.45pm
Sept	11th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept	13th	Parish Council	7.30pm
Sept	18th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept	19th	Ladies Group	7.45pm
Sept	21st	Photo Scrap Booking	8.00pm
Sept	23rd	Pudding Party	6.30pm*
Sept	25th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept	27th	Village Hall Committee	7.30pm
Sept	30th	Live Wire Opera Concert	7.30pm*

Events in Village Hall unless marked *

August Lottery Winners.

£10.00	No 54	Lyndia Lewis
£ 5.00	No 5	Rosemary Philpot
£ 5.00	No 35	Sylvia Ives

July Rainfall.

2006	17mm or 0.68 inches
2005	60mm or 2.40 inches
1996	97.75mm or 3.91inches

Thanks again to Ted Bowman for these figures.
(Look forward to seeing August's recordings)

Welcome:- To the new residents at Mill Cottage. Hope you will be happy living in our community and look forward to seeing you around.

SUPPER EVENING – SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER

The Supper Evening will be held in the Village Hall, **7 for 7.30 pm on Saturday 18th November** – dress informal and BYOB as usual. Tickets will be on sale at £6 each, for which you will receive a 2 course supper plus coffee or tea.

Proceeds will go to the Village Hall, but it is principally a social event: an opportunity to meet and get to know, or catch up with, other folk in the village. More details about menu and ticket sales will follow in next month's Oracle.

GARDENING CLUB.

Our next meeting will be held on **6th September at 7.45pm.** it will be 'An introduction to organic gardening' by Terry Rands,

BOWLS CLUB

They meet every Monday afternoon at 1.45pm If you don't wish to join full time but have a spare afternoon, why not give them a visit. You would be most welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL.

The next meeting will take place in the small committee room in the village hall on the **13th September at 7.30pm.**
Everyone welcome

LOCAL BUS SERVICES.

The local bus operators have just informed us of yet another change to the regular Wednesday market bus to Watton. The timings from the 6th September will be as follows:-

Depart Ovington (Crown Crescent)	10.58am
Depart Watton	1.30pm

CHURCH NEWS

Cycle Ride 9th September

The sponsor forms are now available from Pansy. The money raised is divided equally between the Norfolk Churches Trust and the Church of your choice.

Concert – 30th September

We welcome a return visit of the 'Live Wire Opera Co' to give a concert in our church on the **30th September at 7.30pm**. Tickets costing £5 (to include supper) are available from Pansy.

We hope you will support this event.

Church Rota for September

3rd Sept	No service
10th Sept	9am Parish Communion
Lessons	Mr. C. Springford
	Mrs. P. Westwood
Steward	Mrs. P Westwood
Flowers	Mrs. J. Sparrow
17th Sept **	?
24th Sept	9am Parish Communion
Lessons	Mrs. A Johnson
	Mr. D Pritchard
Stewards	Mr. D Pritchard
Flowers	Mrs. P Westwood
1st Oct 6pm Harvest Festival Songs of Praise	

**** Please see Pansy regarding the time of the service (if there is one)**

Harvest Festival

Help please, can you supply flowers and greenery to decorate the church for our Harvest Festival, all offerings will be very much appreciated. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF OVINGTON CHURCH.

The group, having tidied up most of the Church yard, and revealed several previously hidden tombstones, have taken a short break for the holiday period. No doubt the current weather will encourage the undergrowth to reinstate itself, so it might well be back to square one when next they forgather. From the comments made by the occasional visitors to the Church it would seem that the work thus far is meeting with their approval. The next task is to trim back the hedgerows which will result in a quantity of woody material being available for burning. Bonfire night approacheth folks.

Help Wanted.

A lady with M.S. living in Ovington requires help. Four flexible hours a week (Mon. Wed. & Friday) £6.43 per hour.

For an application form call **01508 491220** quoting job reference **CB 08/06 JN**.

Your community needs you.

Do you care for your Village and would like others to respect it too? Then you could become a "Breckland Community Ranger"

B.D.C is looking for volunteers to be the eyes and ears of their area. If you are interested you are invited to an informal introductory session where volunteers will be given all the information needed to be able to report neighbourhood problems to the correct authorities.

Is there anti-social behaviour? Overflowing litter bins? Suspected abandoned vehicles. All could be reported quickly using the information we will provide.

This could make improvements to the quality of your local environment.

To express an interest or find out more details please contact:-

Street Scene Helpline

Telephone 01362 656878.

e-mail streetscene@breckland.gov.uk

Or write to Breckland Council, Street Scene, Elizabeth House. Walpole Loke. Dereham Norfolk.

DON'T FORGET

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

Also

REMEMBER to keep all your articles coming in, and please allow plenty of time before the deadline if you can, as it makes it so much easier for us, and also the printers to ensure delivery before the end of the month.

It does help if you submit your copy by **C.D. or floppy disc**. Saves the one and only typing finger, **thank you**.

DEADLINE for the **OCTOBER 'ORACLE'** is **21st SEPTEMBER**.

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Ovington Ladies Group

Visit to Stanford Training Camp

Despite the bad weather on this trip, 48 intrepid Ladies Group members, their partners and visitors thoroughly enjoyed a lovely evening at the Stanford Army Training ground on 2nd August.

Our guide for the evening was WO2 Maz DeMeyer who entertained us with his enthusiasm and extensive knowledge of the area and his obvious love of the place. He brought smiles to our faces with many jokes and funny stories. The coach arrived back at Ovington at about 9.30pm with calls of "When is the next visit?" – so, watch this space!

Many other requests were made for a group outing to one of the churches at the camp to attend their annual Christmas Carol Service. I have been advised that this service is provisionally arranged for Sunday 6.00pm on 10th December – subject to any military operational changes. If anyone is interested, please contact me so that I can start to organise another trip and make the necessary transport arrangements. (Tel: 01953 889 541).

Annual Barbeque

Our grateful thanks go to Maria and Bob Warwick for hosting this event, allowing us to invade their home and for providing a lovely setting for our annual BBQ. Thankfully, with beautiful weather, a very lively and pleasant evening was the result.

All the committee and their partners worked very hard to provide good food, comfortable surroundings, good music, not to mention good company, so a big '**Thank You**' to them and to everyone who helped to make this evening a resounding success.

All that effort has helped us to raise £239.26 to boost our depleted funds – so once again thank you everyone for supporting this evening.

September 19th Meeting in the village hall at 7.45pm

Guest speaker for the September meeting will be Connie Springford, who has promised to regale you with 'eye popping' stories from her chosen subject - "Come fly with me" - (A humorous, insider-account of her travel experiences of working with two famous airlines - and the characters who ran them).

The Pudding Party – September 23rd 6.30pm, 3 Church Road

This will be held at the home of Connie & Chris Springford at 3 Church Road, Ovington. The entry fee of £2.00 will include canapés, French bread and cheese and tea or coffee. We are planning a selection of about 12 different types of pudding that will be available for tasting at £1.00 per portion. A selection of wines and soft drinks will also be available. Do try to support us in this second fund-raising event for the Ladies Group.

Annual General Meeting in the village hall at 7.45pm

Don't forget that the October meeting will be our AGM. Everyone is welcome to this meeting, as new committee members will need to be elected for the forthcoming year.

Connie Springford

Secretary, Ovington Ladies Group

17 August 2006

NEWS FROM WAYLAND HOUSE
HOME OF THE WAYLAND PARTNERSHIP.

First Aid Training.

Are you looking for first aid or manual handling training for your family, community group or company? Wayland house, working in partnership with Breckland Medical Services (BMS), can now offer First Aid courses ranging from 2hr lifesaving, through to a full day first aid at work course. These can be tailored to your requirements.

We can offer any programme which you may require for your health and safety policy. Certificates are issued on completion of courses. BMS uses only qualified and experienced trainers / assessors. Many instructors are qualified Nurses, paramedics or registered health officials. Training is offered in, people moving, care of gastrostomy's, naso- gastric tubes and tracheotomy's, anaphylactic shock and its treatment, epilepsy and its treatment and oxygen therapy.

Please contact BMS for further information on 07725795372 or e-mail: -

brecklandmedicals@tesco.net

Community Support Services.

If you need advice on council tax, how to get a bus pass or the cost of a senior rail card, Breckland Council's Presence Officer is available at Wayland House every Wed & Friday 9.30am to 2.30pm.

No appointment needed – just call in at main reception. Or try www.breckland.gov.uk.

Norfolk County Council's Watton Register office is now at Wayland House 1.00pm to 4.00pm every Thurs. for registration of birth, deaths and general advice. Appointments should be made through the registrars office as usual. Try www.norfolk.gov.uk.

Community training courses.

We are introducing a range of community training courses starting with two evening courses on how to get the best out of your digital camera. These are on Wed. 20th Sept. and Wed. 4th Oct. 6.00pm to 9.00pm. Contact us on 01853 883915 or e-mail us on contact@wayland.org.uk. for more info and booking form. Details will appear on our new web site. www.waylandhouse.org.uk.

*****STOP PRESS NEWS*****

Local man set for international acclaim!

It is anticipated that once this edition of the Oracle hits the streets, major media attention will be focused on our little village and one of our residents in particular.

Remember, you read it here first.

Our resident, is expecting to cash in on the effects of a startling revelation by an **acknowledged expert in wild life and country affairs**. It has been revealed, after detailed analysis and in depth research, that our resident's brood of ducks have developed skills, which enables them to mimic other species of the animal world.

Their particular talent apparently is their uncanny ability to imitate the warning cry of the canine family. In other words they can "Bark"!

Our roving reporter has agreed at this crucial moment, not to disclose the lucky owners name or his whereabouts. Duck producers throughout Norfolk are, however, eagerly awaiting the outcome of further investigations.

Tail Spin

My wife had an accident in Slovenia.
Bled?

Like a stuck pig.

My wife's parents are from Croatia.
Split?

No, they are still happily married.

My wife went to a very bad concert in South East Asia.

Singapore?

Terrible, and the band were even worse.

My wife's gone mad in Venezuela.

Caracas?

Yes, absolutely loopy.