

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

OCTOBER

No. 10/06

Hi, everyone.

Is there a golden tinge of autumn about the countryside I ask? If so, you know what that means folks? Yes the next season on the horizon is winter.

Well that's got this epistle off to a welcoming start, so what's on the agenda for the coming weeks. One event you just can't miss, that being the **Livewire Opera Co.** who will be giving a performance in the Church on **30th September**. Don't be put off by the name; they are accomplished singers with a musical repertoire ranging from Rock n Roll to— well— Opera! They recently played to a capacity audience at the Queens Hall in Watton and are already booked for a return performance next year. Go on, it's only a Fiver and that includes a pretty good supper too. Just one bit of advice, bring a cushion.

The other occasion worthy of note in November is the supper evening in the Village hall, details of which are featured in the next column. I have overheard some of the discussions concerning recipes for the evening and I am impressed, most impressed. So bring a bottle or three of plonk and prepare for a magnificent repast. You will recognize me; I shall be the one at the front of the queue.

OCTOBER - EVENTS DIARY

Oct	2nd	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Oct	4th	Gardening Club	7.45pm
Oct	9th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Oct	16th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Oct	17th	Ladies Group	7.45pm
Oct	19th	Photo Scrap Booking	8.00pm
Oct	23rd	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Oct	30th	Bowls Club	1.45pm

GARDENING CLUB.

Our next meeting will be held on **4th October at 7.45pm**. It will be an illustrated talk on "Peter Beales' " roses. New members always welcome.

SUPPER EVENING – SATURDAY 18th NOVEMBER

Book your tickets for this event a.s.a.p. as space is limited! Diners will be able to choose from a menu of cockle-warming fare in the form of hearty casseroles (e.g., beef 'n ale, chicken & veg, pork & cyder, etc.) accompanied by baked potato or rice and crusty bread. A choice of desserts will round off the meal, followed by coffee or tea. BYOB is essential if you wish to imbibe anything alcoholic. The cost is a mere £6 per ticket. Ring Christine on 885848 to book yours before the deadline of 10 November. Also, please let me know if a vegetarian (but not vegan) choice is required as a small quantity may be possible. This is an opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones. So, if you are new to the village, please come and be assured of a warm welcome.

SEPTEMBER - Lottery Winners.

£15.00	No 46	Michelle Prothero
£10.00	No 16	Stan Gibbons
£ 5.00	No 40	Daphne Preece
£ 5.00.	No 33	Rod Rumsby.

AUGUST RAINFALL

2006	170.25 mm or 6.82 inches
2005	54.5 mm or 2.18 inches
1996	114.3 mm or 4.57 inches

Thanks again to Ted Bowman for these figures.

BOWLS CLUB

They meet every Monday afternoon at 1.45pm. All welcome to join in the fun and games. Why not give it a try

PARISH COUNCIL.**Ovington Parish Council
Minutes of meeting 13/9/06.**

Present. Councillors R. Rumsby, C. Lewis, L. Sproston, D. Carr. 1 member of the public.
In attendance J. C. Goode. Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence County & District Councillor J. Rogers
2. Minutes of meeting 12/7/06 proposed by Councillor Sproston as correct record after 'the next' changed to 'this' at end of P.3. Agreed and signed.
3. Matters arising from minutes.
It was reported that the new printer is very useful.
4. Co-option of Councillor.
Mr. Hugh McKay being the only applicant was appointed by unanimous agreement. Councillor McKay took his seat and signed the acceptance of office. Code of conduct was explained and literature handed over.
5. Correspondence. Ovington Village Hall. Letter received withdrawing request for assistance with purchase of tables.
Parish Council contd.
 - Letters from Norfolk Accident Rescue Service and Victim support deferred to budget meeting.
 - Breckland Council letter re Open Space Audit noted.
 - Breckland Council letter re Gambling Act 2005 to circulate.
 - NCAPT letter re AGM resolutions and nominations. Noted.
 - NRCC. Letter. It was decided not to apply for membership.
 - NCC letter re Parish Clerk forum. Noted.
6. Finance.
 - Cheques to sign. Authority for payment for Clerk's salary July – September was proposed by Councillor Rumsby and unanimously agreed.
 - Internal Auditor. In view of sickness of internal auditor it was proposed by Councillor Sproston and unanimously agreed that the offer by Mrs. S. Youngs to fill this role for the accounts 2005/6 should be accepted.

7. Planning.

It was reported that the following applications had been returned with no objections between meetings.

3PL 2006 1173 F Blackhorse Cottage, The Street.

3PL 2006 1208 CU Crossroads Business Park.

3PL 2006 1241 F Wagtail House, Wood Farm.

3PL 2006 1267 F. Ruxley House Carbrooke Road.

Permission had been granted on 3PL 2006 0874 F Old Barn Rose Farm

Permission had been refused on 3PL 2006 1112F Stationing of mobile home in connection with Small holding on Redhill Lane. Clerk was instructed to seek clarification of the term 'restricted byway' which prohibits the use of mechanically propelled vehicles.

8. Dates of next meetings: Wednesday 8th November, Wednesday 29th November (Budget meeting). The public are reminded that they are always welcome at Parish Council meetings and are usually given time to bring up any matters that might concern them.

The meeting closed at 21.00hours.

Elections

On the 3rd May 2007 the Parish Council Elections will be held, voting takes place in our Village Hall. This is a golden opportunity for those who have the best interests of Ovington at heart to stand for election. It could be a life changing adventure for you, and you may discover that you have the where-with-all to engender a new community spirit in the village. In any case please vote. Believe it or not your vote does count.

POPPY APPEAL

Pansy and Sheila would like to remind you that they will be collecting for the Poppy Appeal again this year starting on October 28th during daylight hours. She hopes you will give generously and thanks you in advance.

CHURCH NEWS

Cycle Ride: - Thank you to everyone who manned the Church on the day of the cycle ride. We were blessed with super weather and it is hoped that many Churches will benefit from the sterling efforts of the cyclists.

Harvest: - On Sunday **1st October at 6pm**, there will be a Songs of Praise for the Harvest Thanksgiving.

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 October

1st October	6pm		Harvest Festival
Flowers			Songs of Praise
8th Oct	9am	Parish	Harvest Flowers
Lessons			Communion
Steward			Mr. C. Springford
Flowers			Mrs. P. Westwood
15th Oct	**	?	Mrs. P Westwood
22nd Oct	9am	Parish	Mrs. J. Sparrow
Lessons			Communion
Stewards			Mrs. A Johnson
Flowers			Mr. D Pritchard
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			Mrs. R. Rednall
29th Oct			Benifice Service

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

FRIENDS OF OVINGTON CHURCH.

The grass is growing, the blackberry bushes around the graveyard have yielded a phenomenal crop this year (and, they are free. Ed.) Our thanks go to Barry who has undertaken a serious program of weed control and grass cutting, the effects of which are already apparent. We are still looking for a suitable, preferably heavy duty, mower to keep the grassed areas looking pristine next season, so if you have one to give away, lend, or at a pinch sell, then please give Sam a ring on 884970.

LADIES GROUP

The meeting on the 19th September enjoyed the company of guest speaker Connie Springford, whose talk entitled "Come fly with me" raised a few smiles as Rose Angell reports:

Ladies "flew" round the world with Connie Springford, who provided a light hearted and laughter filled journey through her exploits in the travel industry. Many thanks to Connie for a fascinating insight into her experiences.

The Pudding Party originally scheduled for 23rd September has been postponed until **28th October, 7.30pm at 3, Church Road.**

This is due to so many members and their partners being unable to come to this fund-raising event in September. Please give support to your committee in their tireless efforts to make this a successful and enjoyable evening by coming to the pudding party – which will be hosted, as before, by Connie and Chris.

The entry fee of £2.00 will include canapés, French bread, 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 a portion. (Bet you can't try them all Ed) A selection of wines and soft drinks will also be available.

Annual General Meeting. 17th October

In the village hall at 7.45pm. The next meeting will be our AGM where we have to elect a number of new committee members for the forthcoming year. We look forward to seeing as many Ladies as possible and everyone is welcome to this meeting.

Advance notice:

21st November meeting – Wreath making-

All the Ladies attending will have the opportunity to put their creative skills to the test by participating in a wreath making evening.

Connie Springford, Secretary

Funny Farm Tales:-

"I have good news and bad news" a defence lawyer told his client. First the bad news. The blood test came back, and your DNA is an exact match with that found at the crime scene".

"Oh no" cried the client. "What's the good news?"

"Your cholesterol is down to 5.5"

Visit to the Friary.

Friends of John and Heather Fry, late of Sweetbriar Cottage, will be interested to know that your Parish Clerk and his wife visited them recently in their new abode, and can report they found them in good health, and in good spirits. John and Heather are living in Shropshire, just the other side of Offas Dyke through the little town of Clun. The old poem, "Clunton, Clunigford and Clun are the quietest places under the sun" still seems to capture the spirit of the area. As usual John has been renovating their bungalow which is situated on a hillside directly overlooking the village school and with wonderful views, hills all around, very different from their home in Norfolk. They send their best wishes to all their friends here.

We'll Meet Again

Breckland Harmony, who rehearses in the Village Hall every week, is currently working towards two concerts.

The first is on Saturday 11th November at the Wells Cole Community Centre in aid of RAFA. With the addition of some guests to our normal line up, we will be performing a selection of popular war time songs, readings and comedy sketches. Audience participation will be welcome during the singalong. Tickets cost £4 (to include refreshments) and are available from Mullengers in Watton and Saham Toney Post Office.

The second concert is on Friday 8th December in the church at Ashill, proceeds going to the church. A selection of carols from various countries will be performed together with seasonal readings. The Ashill Handbell Ringers will also be performing items from their Christmas repertoire. Refreshments have been promised. Watch this space for details on tickets.

Christmas Bazaar

It will soon be time to organize our Bazaar which will be held on the 2nd December. We would love to hear from you if you are able to help in any way (even if you have never helped before). Please contact a member of the hall committee or the editors to let them know, also, what you would be willing to do. The more people we have to help the less onerous it will be for everyone.

Next Year 2007

The village hall AGM will be held In February when we will be looking for volunteers to serve on the Village Hall Committee for one year. Please think about it, don't leave it to Mr. or Mrs. Somebody Else, after all it is your village hall.

Happy Landings?

Just after a bone jarring landing at Heathrow the flight attendant came on the plane's intercom and said "That was quite a bump and I know what you're thinking. I am here to tell you it wasn't the airline's fault, it wasn't the pilot's fault, and it certainly wasn't my fault It was the asphalt!"

Or

Another flight attendant's comment on a less than perfect landing; "We ask that you please remain seated as Captain Kangaroo bounces us to the terminal"

The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane to keep the pilot cool. When it stops you can actually watch the pilot start sweating!

DON'T FORGET

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

DEADLINE for the NOVEMBER 'ORACLE' is 20th October.

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**.

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