

OVINGTON ORACLE

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Hi Everyone. First question, did anyone see our summer go by? Only we seemed to have missed it, ----- and it's raining again. So what's in store for us this month? The Silent Auction seems to be in the Headlines, reckon it might be a good excuse to clear out the attic, garage, cupboards, etc. Full details of how this type of auction works are to be found below. We didn't get much response from our request last month for you to write in with your preferred version of the ending you felt most suitable for the latest Harry Potter novel. Bit sad really, the editorial team were forced to consume the prizes that were on offer for the best effort. They all start weight watchers and/or AA, next week. Talking of responses from our readers, reminds us that we failed to receive a single recipe with Ovington flavours either. Perhaps no one eats any more? ----or----- "Is anybody there?"

Right, onward and upward: -

SEPTEMBER DIARY

Sept 3 rd	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 5 th	Garden Club	7.45pm
Sept 10 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 14 th	closing date for Silent Auction	
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Sept 17 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 18 th	Ladies Group	7.45pm
Sept 22 nd	Silent Auction	11-1.30pm
Sept 24 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Oct 30 th	Pre Fete Meeting	7.30pm

All meetings held in the Village Hall

WELCOME.

We offer a warm Ovington welcome to Kimberly and Jason who have recently moved into The Street.

Also a welcome to Darren, returning back into The Crescent.

As always we look forward to meeting and greeting you around the village or at some of our many social and village functions.

AUCTION – KEEP IT QUIET.

There will be no strained vocal cords or noisy patter in Ovington Village Hall on Saturday September 22nd as the auction to be held there is a "silent" one.

Running from **11am to 1.30pm** and unlike a "normal" auction, bids are made in writing on a form displayed with each lot for sale.

If you have anything you want to sell (nothing illegal or electrical please) then call Grace on 01953 882246 or Christine on 01953 885848 to book in your lots by **Friday 14th Sept** as space is limited. You can set a reserve price if required, but when bids close at **1.30pm** the proceeds for all items sold will be split 50/50 between the sellers and village hall funds.

Lots for sale can be brought in on the day between 9 and 10.30am, provided they have previously been booked in by phone. All lots, sold or unsold must also be removed on the day. Anything – from a surplus of runner beans from your garden, to a designer handbag or mother in laws vase – that you think has some value to someone, somewhere, can be sold.

In keeping with the finest Ovington traditions (And because none of the committee want to starve to death on the day), refreshments will be served throughout, so there will be "lots" of tea, coffee, rolls and cakes to restore the inner person at a very modest cost.

PROGRAM FOR THE AUCTION

By **Sept 14th** -we need to know if you have any items you wish to sell at the auction on a 50/50 basis. Ring Christine 885848 or Grace 882246.

Saturday Sept 22nd: -

9am – 10.30am Auction Goods to be brought To The Village Hall.

11am – 1.30pm Bids can be made for Auction Goods.

2.30pm Collect and pay for the Goods you Have bought from the Auction.

3.30pm Come and collect your unsold goods. Payment for goods offered for auction will be paid to you as soon as possible after the event.

JULY RAINFALL.

July 2007	83mm or 3.32 “
July 2006	17mm or 0.68”
July 1997	63.25mm or 2.53”

Thanks to Ted, who is, we believe, setting up an umbrella hiring service. Got my custom.

ROADSIDE VERGES AND BOUNDARIES

This matter was raised at the last Parish Council meeting where it was revealed there was little information available on where Highways land, (adjacent to the actual road surface) begins and ends.

The Chairman, we are reliably informed, has written to the Highways department seeking clarification. The Highways Department have replied and their views on the matter will be disclosed at the next Parish Council meeting. The subject of official Bus Stops within the village boundaries was also a matter for discussion, whereas the Highways Dept and the Bus Company had agreed on an hardened area and stop signs being introduced along the A1075 Watton Road, the district councillor thought this would not help those with limited mobility and thought the Bus route should be re-routed down Church Road and through the Village. This proposal has met with approval by those people in Ovington who are regular Public Transport users. Not so with those whose properties adjoin the proposed new Bus Route. This also is a matter for discussion at the next PC meeting (August 30th. 7.30pm) Watch this space for results of these discussions.

LITE BYTES.

I just got back from a pleasure trip.
I took my mother in law to the airport!

Someone stole my wife's credit card.
I shall not report it. The thief spends less than she did!

The doctor gave a man six months to live.
The man couldn't pay his bill.
So the Doctor gave him another six months!

Doctor "You'll live to be 60"
Man "I am 60"
Doctor "See, what did I tell you?"

LADIES GROUP.

Annual BBQ: -

Last month saw the Annual Ovington Ladies Group BBQ and the weather was kind to us – despite the previous deluge we had experienced in July. Although only nine ladies and their partners attended, we managed to raise £107 on the night. Some credit must go to John Hardy who successfully auctioned off the food we were unable to sell. Despite this, it was a most enjoyable evening and a big “Thank You” must go to Marie and Bob Warwick – who once again kindly hosted this event.

August Meeting: -

Our regular monthly meeting was held on the 21st and proved to be most enjoyable. Patricia Barton from Attleborough, is a professional florist and she entertained us with a large selection of floral arrangements – which were duly raffled off at the end of the meeting. Her repartee was most amusing during the demonstrations, especially when asked where her flowers were purchased from, and she told us they came “from a little man at Thetford market” which seemed to be her constant reply. So come next Saturday, I suspect there will be a larger – than – usual queue at the “Little Man” and homes throughout Ovington will be adorned with fantastic and colourful arrangements!

Supper Evening: -

**Saturday 6th October, 3 Church Road
7.30pm.**

Don't forget that the next and last fund – raising event of the year is a supper evening kindly hosted by Connie and Chris Springford. Support for these occasions is essential for the club to survive. So, (if you are unable to attend, could you please let a member of the committee know, to enable us to cater effectively for the event.

Connie Springford
(Hon Sec Ladies Group)

CHURCH NEWS

Church Services for September

Sept 2 nd	No service
Sept 9 th	9am Parish Communion
Lessons	Mr C Springford Mrs P Westwood
Steward	Mrs P Hicks
Flowers	Mrs P Westwood
Sept 16 th	3pm HARVEST PRAISE
Sept 23 rd	9am Parish Communion
Lessons	Mrs A Johnson Mr D Pritchard
Steward	Mr D Pritchard
Flowers	Mrs P Westwood
Sept 30 th	10.30am Benefice Service At Saham Toney

Sponsored Cycle Ride

This year the cycle ride is on Saturday September 8th. Although it is called a 'Cycle ride' you may use other two or three wheeled transport, walk or ride a horse. Alternatively, do a sponsored hour manning the church. Whatever your choice please contact Pansy for the necessary form. The money raised is equally divided between the Norfolk Churches Trust and our Church.

Also on the same day is the Diamond Jubilee Organ Day when it is hoped as many organs as possible will be played. At the time of writing I do not know whether or not Harry will be playing our more modern instrument which is very good. Some other churches have very old organs and if they are being played while you are visiting it is worth staying awhile to listen.

HARVEST PRAISE

At 3pm on Sunday September 16th followed by tea in the village hall when, any produce donated to decorate the church will be auctioned.

If you are able to help decorate the Church, please turn up on Saturday 15th from 10am onwards. Any help will be much appreciated.

BOWLS CLUB

Just because Denis has a new car doesn't mean that subscriptions for next year are being increased. However new members are always welcome, just remember to bring your chuckle box with you, just in case Denis comes up with some new jokes.

We meet every Monday in the Village Hall at 1.45pm for an afternoon of Carpet Bowls, lots of laughs and, naturally, teas and refreshments. Can't bowl without essential nourishment. Pop along, no obligation.

GARDENING CLUB.

Our September meeting will be held on Wednesday September 5th, when we will have a talk on herbs given by Old Hall Plants Nursery.

Meetings are held in Ovington Village Hall from 7.45pm and visitors are always welcome (£1 a meeting) For further details of the club or the meetings, please contact Jenny on 01760 723306 or Carol Salmons on 01760 440719

AUGUST LOTTERY WINNERS

£10	No 37	Rod Rumsby
£5	No 51	Maureen Cable
£5	No.55	David Wickham

THANK YOU

The Wayland Agricultural Show Committee would like to say a huge thank you to all the public who came and supported the show in August. After the devastation of having to cancel last years show we were all geared up for a record breaking show this year with over 400 head of livestock, but then foot and mouth struck 24 hours before the show, but we were determined that THE SHOW WOULD GO ON and it did with your support and a THOROUGHLY ENJOYABLE DAY WAS HAD BY ALL. So on behalf of the whole committee THANK YOU.

Dianne Sculfer.

(Ed. Many of us have fond memories of Dianne when she lived in Ovington, who can forget her infectious laugh and organising skills).

STANTA TRAINING.

During Sept 1st to 16th pre op training will see all ranges in heavy use. This will involve attacks using explosives to simulate artillery and mortar fire. Noisy.

Much of this activity will take place around Bodney and Eastmere Urban village, the eastern side of the area. Tracked vehicles will also be concentrated in the Bodney camp area. During this period fast jets will also be making low passes over STANTA as part of operational training. Due to weather and operational requirements we are unable to specify detailed times. Helicopters will be used extensively in support of ground troops, which may result in prolonged hovering in particular areas for long periods.

Both Watton and Sculthorpe will continue to be used by C130's and helicopters on a daily basis.

Artillery weapons will be fired during the period 10th to 21st October from locations in the south of the area.

The Defence Estates apologises for any inconvenience caused to the local populace by the Military activities.

KEEP SMILING.

My daughter was suffering from a painful tooth abscess and, to add to her misery, she broke her toe.

Hobbling into the supermarket with a swollen face and a limp she heard a child say "Look Mum, that poor ladies got foot and mouth"

Money is not everything.
There's Mastercard and Visa!

How come abbreviated is such a long word?

If your Father is a poor man, it is your fate.
But if your Father in law is a poor man,
It is your stupidity.

There should be a better way to start a day than waking up every morning.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

The Wayland Partnership are undertaking various interesting projects in the near future and are experiencing difficulty in finding sufficient staff to manage them.

If anyone has some spare time and would like to offer their services in any, small, way then contact Iain on 01953 880204 or pop in to Wayland House, or for those with electronic pigeons; e-mail iain@wayland.org.uk

DEADLINE FOR OCTOBERS ORACLE

For reports, stories, articles, for sales, advance notifications of events, etc to be included in the **October edition of The Oracle** needs to be with us, **Please, before 12 (high) Noon on Sept 20th.**

Thank you.

It is regretted that due to pressure from our printers, any thing received after this deadline may be held over until the November edition.

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS.

Please contact Michelle on 01953 884544

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DON'T FORGET YOUR OFFERINGS FOR THE AUCTION. LET US KNOW DETAILS OF WHAT YOU ARE SUBMITTING WELL BEFOREHAND, PLEASE.

FLY ME.

Taxiing down the tarmac, an aeroplane abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate.

After an hour-long wait, it finally took off.

A concerned passenger asked the flight attendant, "What was the problem?"

"The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine" explained the flight attendant, "and it took us a while to find another pilot!"