

OVINGTON ORACLE

MAY 2008

5/08

Hi everyone,

We have a busy month ahead, we have the Parish Annual Meeting, the Annual Gardening Club Plant Sale /Coffee Morning and the Church Flower Festival which includes refreshments in the village hall. We hope to see you at some or all of these meetings.

Monies raised in the church will be for Church funds and in the village hall for Hall funds.

If you are able to donate bottles for the Tombola or good items for the Raffle or Cakes for the Stall / Refreshments, we will be collecting around the village on **May 14th from 6.30pm** so if you can contribute in anyway we would be most grateful.

St John's Church, Ovington invite you to their

FLOWER

FESTIVAL

entitled

"Trades and Professions -Past and Present"

Saturday 24th May 10am – 5pm

Sunday 25th May 11am – 5pm

Monday 26th May 10am – 4pm

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Refreshments will be served in the village hall throughout the festival, including Ploughman's lunches £3. Filled rolls 70p. Cream Teas £2.50. cakes, sausage rolls, tea and coffee etc.. There will also be a Bottle Tombola, Raffle and Cake stall.

HELP WANTED – Can you spare an hour over the Festival weekend to either help in the Church (see Pansy 883978) or the Village Hall (see Grace 882246)

Church needs help on Sunday 12noon – 3pm and Monday 11am – 2pm

Village Hall needs help Saturday 1pm – 2pm, Sunday and Monday 11am – 3pm

MAY EVENTS DIARY

May 5 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
May 8 th	Annual Parish Meeting	7.30pm
May 10 th	Gardening Club visit	2.00pm*
May 12 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
May 13 th	Safer Neighbourhood	7.30pm*
May 17 th	Gardening Club Coffee	
	Morning /Plant Sale	10 – 12.30*
May 19 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
May 20 th	Ladies Group Walk	6.15 pm*
May 24 th	Flower Festival	10 – 5pm
May 25 th	Flower Festival	11 – 5pm
May 26 th	Flower Festival	10 – 4pm

The above events take place in the village hall unless marked*

MARCH RAINFALL

March 2008	119.5mm or 4.78"
March 2007	53.3mm or 2.13"
March 1998	72.5mm or 2.9"

Thank you Ted

CHURCH NEWS.

CHURCH EVENTS

May 4 th	No Service
May 11 th	9am Parish Communion
Lessons	Mr C Springford, Mrs B Hicks
Steward	Mrs B Hicks
Flowers	Mrs B Hicks
May 18 th	No Service
May 25 th	FLOWER FESTIVAL
	9am Parish Communion
Lessons	Mrs P Westwood, Mr R Akister
Steward	Mr P Akister
Flowers	Church Arrangement

OPEN AIR SERVICE – This will be held on **Sunday July 13th at 3.00pm** with Watton Silver Band followed by Cream teas in the hall. More about this in the July issue of the Oracle.

APRIL LOTTERY WINNERS

£10.00	No. 29	Rosemary McQuoid
£ 5.00	No. 12	Terry Rands

FUTURE DIARY DATE

Ann Johnson will be holding another garden Party at Barley Croft, 47 The Street, Ovington, on **Saturday July 12th**. Proceeds to be divided equally between the Air Ambulance and Helen House Children's Hospice – More details later.

LADIES GROUP

I hope this is going to be the last public apology I have to make on the Ovington Oracle. Last month I had advertised the wrong speaker for April (Mr Trevor Burlingham). He will be with us in July. We were very fortunate to have Patricia Field speak to the Ladies Group about her expertise on Graphology. We had a very interesting meeting and I am sure we will be looking at handwriting in a different manner.

By the time you read this, the ladies will have had their annual meal at the Old Bell, Saham Toney (Friday 25th April). This is an event that the ladies look forward to and is always enjoyed.

Our May meeting is the Pub Walk. This will be on **Tuesday May 20th**. We are meeting at **The Chequers** pub at **6.15pm** ready to leave at **6.30pm SHARP**

We should be back in the pub by **8pm** ready to eat at **8.15pm**. Any member who does not want to do the walk but would like to join us for the meal would be most welcome. Please be at the pub by **8pm**. If you have not booked already please ring Angela (884594) before **May 13th**. Anyone who has not already arranged transport please ring Angela, again before **May 13th**. There will be no competition.
Angela.

OVINGTON VILLAGE SHOPS

This query last month asked for the locations of the shops in Ovington in years gone by. We thought there were only three but our readers have revealed at least 5, each of which has a story attached. We shall hold over the final answers until next month when all will be revealed.

SAFER NEIGHBOURHOOD

Should you have concerns over whether your neighbourhood is a safe place to live, or have policing issues, then you should pop along to one of the community action group meetings where you will be able to talk over your problems. The next three meetings are as follows.

May 13th 2008 7.30pm Wayland House

July 8th 2008 7.30pm Wayland House

Sept 17th 2008 7.30pm Wayland House

Please remember, the Safer Neighbourhood Team is about Community Policing, and policing the priorities that you, as a community want policing.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors

I would like to thank the Parish Council and the helpers for the beautiful show of daffodils around the village. As for blaming the Parish Council for them being driven over, that is the responsibility of all drivers to slow down so you could stop rather than take such action. When people are willing to give up their time to plant bulbs and pick up litter, a little appreciation and a little less moaning would go a long way!

Lyndia

Dear Editors.

May I be given a modicum of space in your journal to give my heartfelt thanks to you lovely people who turned out on a bright Saturday morning to clean up the village and roadside verges.

As always you did a superb job and in good humour too, well, you are Ovington folk after all.

Thanks also to the good ladies who provided and served the refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards. Ovington, like the Army, marches and litter picks on its stomach (not literally I hasten to add). Although watching some of ditch hopping activities of our helpers, I am not so sure.

Lyndia and Daphne once again tried to give me a heart attack by tackling the Dereham Road. Well done ladies, my main worry was that having got the clean up bug, they might have decided to tackle the Ovington bends. Phew! Thank you all very much, just a pity some of your good work was spoiled a day or two later by the idiot dumping a bed along Church Road. Rod. (on behalf of Ovington Parish Council)

IT'S A KNOCKOUT.

The friends of Wayland High School Watton are this year organising a "It's a Knockout" competition, on July 12th 2008.

This is a golden opportunity for a team of four completely mad lads & lasses from Ovington to enter this competition. As the idea is to raise funds for the school the entrance fee for the team will be £50. You are guaranteed a day of laughs, utter mayhem, probably lots of water, so any one out there with an over developed sense of humour contact

Amanda on 01953 881334 (pm only please)

BOWLS CLUB

Every Monday at 1.45pm everyone welcome, why not give it a go.

PARISH COUNCIL

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday May 8th following on from the Annual Parish Meeting.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

Will take place in the Village Hall on Thursday May 8th, starting at 7.30pm.

This is an open meeting, no fixed agenda, where anybody living in the village can attend and voice their concerns over how they feel Ovington is progressing, deteriorating or what, if anything, needs to be done to make it a better place to live. Anything goes here, the only objections are when fisticuffs are involved. We hope to have our local community policeman in attendance so here again is an opportunity to ask him about matters of law that might concern you. Representatives of the local organisations within the village and those that regularly use the village facilities will be on hand to tell us what they have achieved and their plans for the coming year.

The importance of these village meetings cannot be over emphasised, for instance how can the Parish Council respond to matters that concern you if they know nothing about it. You may have nothing to say, but come along any way. The teas, coffees and biscuits at half time are not to be missed.

The Parish Council AGM, where the councillors elect the Chairman and Vice Chairman for the coming year, and discuss any matters of importance, will follow the village meeting, once again all welcome.

DO YOU SMOKE?

Cigarette butts, as small as they may be, can have a big impact when released into the environment. Filters are not made of cotton and do not rot down. Help us to help you by popping into your local Breckland Council Customer Service Centre (tel 01362 656878) for your own free portable ashtray. These ashtrays enable you to store your cigarette butts until you next find a bin.

Our enforcement Officer will soon be walking the streets of Breckland issuing £80 fines for this littering offence.

We thank you for helping to keep our streets clean (at the same time avoiding an £80 fine)

CONFUCIUS, HE SAY.

Man with only one bathroom but have two daughters, never get into hot water.

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GARDENING CLUB

For our March meeting we welcomed Frank Fuller who gave a delightful talk on his role of head grounds man at the Norwich UEA, where he started work in his 20's and is now nearing retirement age. He also gave a hanging basket demonstration, which was raffled at the end of the evening. The next meeting is on **Saturday May 10th at 2.00pm** when we visit Wrentham Lodge, if you have not booked your place yet, please ring Jenny..

GARDENING CLUB
COFFEE MORNING
AND PLANT SALE

at

Redwood House, Carbrooke Rd

by kind permission of Ann and Richard

Saturday May 17th 10 –12.30

There will be plants for sale as well as a cake stall and refreshments and a chance to look round their garden. You are welcome to come along as this is open to everyone, not just garden club members.

**DEADLINE DAY for June issue of the Oracle is: -
12noon on 21st May 2008**

**To Book the Village Hall for your meetings or parties give Michelle a ring on
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