

OVINGTON ORACLE

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Greetings Ovington, We promised you a while ago that summer was on its way. Hands up those of you who missed it. Although to be fair there have been one or two good days when the sun has shone on some of the important events held in the village during July. The turnout for Ann's Garden Party was fantastic (see report below). We were also blessed (what else, with three members of the Clergy in attendance) with a lovely warm sunny afternoon for the annual Outdoor "Songs of Praise" service, followed, in true Ovington tradition, with a cream tea.

August looks to be a busy month for Ovington, and the sun **WILL** shine most of the time, so come out and enjoy it.

VILLAGE HALL BBQ **Saturday 30th August 2008 at 5pm**

The Village Hall committee invite you all to their BBQ at the hall. Admission is **FREE**. You only pay for what you eat. If you require alcoholic drink please bring your own. There will be competitions, games etc.. available if you wish to take part. To help with catering arrangements please complete the tear off slip below, and return to Mrs A M Cave at Church Farm, Carbrooke Rd or any committee member.

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VILLAGE HALL BBQ

Saturday 30th August at 5.00pm

Please reserve.....places

Contact Name.....

Tel No. or Address.....

Please return to Mrs Cave, Church Farm or any committee member by the **12th August 2008.**

AUGUST DIARY

August 2/3 rd	Terry's Garden open*	10 – 4pm
August 4 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
August 9th	Church Coffee Morning	10-1pm
August 11 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
August 18 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
August 19 th	Ladies Group Visit*	
August 25 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
August 30th	Village Hall BBQ	5.00pm
Sept 4 th	Parish Council	7.30pm

ANOTHER MYSTERY

Barry has come up with another brain buster for you, so thinking caps on, reference/history books out and away you go

Being the time of year for strawberry teas and fayres, it's not generally known that Ovington once had its very own Strawberry Shop. Rather, it was an ex railway carriage made into a shop selling locally grown fruit by the pound or punnet. WHERE WAS IT?

Answers, to Grace or Christine.

OPEN GARDEN

Terry and Maureen are opening their organic garden at Chanticleer, Dereham Road for the final time this year on **August 2nd and 3rd** 10am – 4pm. **Proceeds for Charity**

THINGS MY MOTHER TAUGHT ME!

1. Religion: "You'd better pray this will come out of the carpet."
2. Irony: "Keep crying, and I'll give you something to cry about."
3. Weather: "That room of yours looks as if a Tornado went through it."
4. Contortionism: "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck."
5. Anticipation: "Just wait until I get you home."
6. Justice: "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

GARDENING CLUB

Our July visit to Sea mere Study Centre at Hingham was thoroughly enjoyed by members. Judy Watson owner, designer and gardener walked us round the different areas of her garden, which had been in the family since 1940. She told us how she achieved changes, such as chain sawing the large gunnera to improve the view of the mere to the house. The view was spectacular we only wished we had time to walk round it. The vegetable garden was both productive and colourful; the scent from the many roses and herbaceous borders was wonderful. The gardens will be open on Sunday September 14th in support of the Yare Valley & District Citizens Advice Bureau if anyone would like to visit.

We do not have a meeting in August. Our next meeting in the village hall will be on September 3rd at 7.45pm when Jim Paine from Walnut Tree Nursery will be giving a talk on New Plants, Right plant, Right place. New members and visitors always welcome. Further information please ring Jenny 01760 723306 or Carol 01760 440719.

FREE

Free to a good home a Dog Guard for a Land rover Discovery. Ring Penny on 889165

A REFLECTION ON MANS DESIRES.

A man walks down the road and sees a frog sitting on a rock. "Hello" says the frog. "If you give me a kiss I will turn into a beautiful princess, we can marry and live happily ever after"

The man puts the frog in his pocket and walks on, lost in thought. A while later he hears a voice from his pocket. "Ooh what about that kiss then?"

The man takes the frog out of his pocket, looks at it and shakes his head slowly.

"Nah, at my time of life I would rather have a talking frog"

LADIES GROUP

Ann and Richard Akister kindly hosted the Ladies Group Strawberry Teas on Sunday 29th June. The weather was very kind and in such a delightful setting as their beautiful garden everyone had a lovely afternoon.

The ladies of the committee had all made cakes and scones and of course everyone had a bowl of strawberries and cream. There was plenty of tea to drink.

So a big THANK YOU to Ann and Richard for giving the Ladies Group and friends such an enjoyable time. Angela

This month the ladies enjoyed a talk and slides on Coastal Defences during WW2 by Mr Trevor Burlingham.

It was quite staggering to see just how many pillboxes, gun emplacements and anti tank defences there were, and in some cases still are, in East Anglia. It was also demonstrated how unprepared we were at the beginning of the war. It made us realize that, although we laugh at the 'Dad's Army', in fact they did a brilliant job.

Mrs Westwood told us a story of a long friendship that started when she was in the army and continues sixty years later.

We closed the evening with cake and coffee as it was a member's birthday.

Next month's meeting on the 19th August is a visit to Watton Fire Station, meeting there at 7.00 pm.

NB. Thank you to all who helped or came to the Strawberry Teas, we raised £184.70. this will go towards our 30th Anniversary celebrations.

Don't forget our BBQ (Sept 13th)

Anyone wanting a ticket should call Christine on 889920. Lyndia

RAINFALL FOR JUNE

June 2008	56mm	or 2.24ins
June 2007	158mm	or 6.32ins
June 1998	80.75mm	or 3.23ins

Thank you Ted

LOTTERY WINNERS FOR JULY

£10.	No. 47	Ted Bowman
£ 5.	No. 4	Angela Wynne

CHURCH NEWS

The weather was kind to us for the Songs of Praise with Watton Silver Band. Thank you very much to everyone who supported Ovington on this annual occasion, and enjoyed a cream tea. The result helped to swell the funds for the rewiring of the electrics and hopefully to change the heating system.

COFFEE MORNING

We are having a Coffee Morning, with a Cake Stall, in the Village Hall on **Saturday August 9th from 10am**. Look forward to seeing you there.

CYCLE RIDE Saturday 13th September

Another year gone by and it is sponsored Cycle ride / walk time again. This is an increasingly popular event where the participants try to visit, by bicycle or on foot, as many Churches in their immediate area as possible in one day.

Churches open include Cof E, Methodists, Baptists, Free Church and many other places of worship. A list is given with your sponsorship form.

The idea is to get friends, relative's etc. to sponsor you either per Church visited or for a fixed amount. Not only is this a test of your navigational skills, but also good exercise, and gives you an opportunity to have a look at some of our lovely Norfolk Churches.

The sponsorship forms are available from Pansy (30 The Street)

Richard (Redwood House, Carbrooke Rd) or Rod (31 The Street). The money raised is divided equally between Ovington Church and the Norfolk Churches Trust.

AUGUST CHURCH ROTA

August 3rd	No Service
August 10th	9am Parish Communion
Steward	Mrs B Hicks
Lesson	Mr R Akister, Mrs B Hicks
Flowers	Mrs B Hicks
August 17th	No Service
August 24th	9am Parish Communion
Steward	Mr D Pritchard
Lessons	Mrs A Johnson, Mr D Pritchard
Flowers	Mrs A Akister

ANN'S GARDEN PARTY.

Ann Johnson thanks all who came to her Garden Party on 12th July and everyone who helped in any way to raise the amazing amount of £1255.00. This will be divided equally between the East Anglian Air Ambulance and Helen and Douglas House Hospices.

An information stall run by the Air Ambulance staff raised an additional amount £90.00 for their Charity, making a total of £1345.00 raised in the garden that afternoon.

Ann Johnson.

We think Ann deserves a round of applause for successfully organising a wonderful afternoon of entertainment, excellent refreshments, and superb raffle and stalls.

We have heard that the Oxford English Dictionary is to alter its definition of the word "Food" to include the words "Ovington Style" in its next edition.

TREE SURGERY.

The Village Hall Committee have agreed that the two large ash trees at the rear of the hall should, in the interests of safety, be reduced in height and have some of the large overhanging branches removed. The work will, naturally, be carried out by approved tree surgeons and will alter the appearance of the Village Hall surrounds considerably. It is hoped that the people of Ovington will see this work as being necessary in preventing damage to the Hall in the event of future gales causing a failure of tree branches, and not as deliberate vandalism. The tree warden assures us that the trees will re-produce smaller branches giving a green image with less likelihood of accidental falls.

BOWLS CLUB

When the club members are not engaged in dining out at a high-class eatery, they still chuck a few bowls down the carpet every Monday afternoon. You are always welcome to join this happy throng. Glad to hear that Molly is making good progress back to full health.

This is Denis's latest: -

Two bats hanging upside down in a belfry.

One bat says to the other.

"I'm dreading getting old"

"Oh, why?"

"I might become incontinent"

UNITARY AUTHORITY FOR NORFOLK

It would appear that the consultation process offered to the existing Councils and people of Norfolk by the Boundaries Commission, (B.C.) to elicit opinions about what direction the proposed boundary changes should take, has been a complete waste of time.

You may have read in the local press that the B. C. have recommended that the whole of Norfolk, and a bit of Suffolk, should become one large Authority, dispensing with all the former district councils in favour of just one, Norfolk wide.

This proposal is said to be money saving in that the number of councillors will be greatly reduced. True, but councillors are not paid for their time, just expenses. However the backroom staff and support agencies, who are salaried, are going to increase considerably to administer the extended areas of Norfolk, and a little bit of Suffolk. So where are the savings there.?

The whole exercise to implement the proposed changes are likely to be in the region of £10 million for Breckland area alone, who do you think will be paying that? Not central government that is a certainty.

Your Parish and District Councils will continue to press for a more sensible approach to the proposals and it is not too late to register your protests-----if you have any. By writing to your district Council, (Breckland in this area) as soon as possible, voicing your opinions. Act now before it is too late.

DEADLINE DAY for SEPTEMBER issue of the Oracle is August 21st 2008

To Book the Village Hall for your meetings etc.. Please ring Christine on 889920.

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