

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

June 2009

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The gardeners are in their seventh heaven! Why? Well it rained, sending all those little seeds shuffling around and those droopy plants to stand tall. We are a funny breed, fancy actually celebrating an occurrence, which usually has us complaining bitterly.

We are now hoping that the rain will hold off on Saturday June 13th on the occasion of the annual Village Fete. Looking at the programme of events for that day it seems that we are all in for a treat.

See you there.

OVINGTON SUMMER FETE and BBQ

WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GROUNDS OF THE VILLAGE HALL
ON

SATURDAY 13TH JUNE 2009
3pm to 5pm followed by BBQ

Everyone welcome, free parking and entrance

Teas, coffees and refreshments available throughout

We will have the following stalls:

Books/Toys:	Marie Ana	Bric/Brac:	Joyce	Cakes:	Pansy
Crafts:	Christine H	Gifts:	Ann J	Hamper:	Barbara H
Plants:	?	Tombola	Richard & Ann A		
Raffle:	Grace/Rod & Rosemary (To be drawn at 4.45pm)				
Refreshments:	Linda, Rute, and Marie				

There will be several competitions and sideshows

NB. We will be collecting for the fete, in the village on Tuesday May 2nd from 7.00pm
Please leave any items you are able to donate on your front doorstep or leave with any hall committee member.

Cakes to Pansy (30 The Street) on Friday (12th) or before 11am Saturday (13th)
Cakes etc.. For refreshments to village hall by 2.30pm

GENTLEMEN: If you are able to give us a helping hand to erect the Gazebos and awnings from 9.30am on fete day, we would be most grateful.

JUNE DIARY

June 1 st	Bowls Club	1.45pm
June 2nd	Fete Collection from	7.00pm*
June 3 rd	Gardening Club Visit	6.30pm*
June 4th	Final Pre Fete Meet	2.00pm*
June 4 th	Election	7.00am-10pm
June 8 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
JUNE 13th	OVINGTON FETE	3.00pm
June 15 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
June 16 th	Ladies Group	7.45pm
June 22 nd	Bowls Club	1.45pm
June 27th	COFFEE MORNING	10.30am*
June 29 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm

BAKER'S 4 Triumphant Again!

At the annual Ovington Quiz and Supper Evening on May 2nd, the Baker's 4 retained their title in a close run contest of general knowledge – by a margin of one point! This year there was an almost full house again and the scores were very close right up to the last round. (Perhaps the questions should be harder next year!) Supper provided a welcome break from all the strenuous mental activity and a raffle helped to realise a healthy profit from the evening of just over £288 for village hall funds. It was a very noisy affair but everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, even if they didn't win. Better luck next year!

THANKS

From the Carpet Bowls Club members:
Please accept the enclosed £50.00 donation towards the Village Hall funds, with sincere appreciation for all the work that has been and is still being done to the hall making it a venue that we all love for our Monday afternoon game of bowls.

Many thanks, to the Bowls Club for their donation towards the refurbishment.

Also, many thanks to the Parish Council for their Grant of £750.00 towards the refurbishment.

We do thank you all most sincerely for the help and support you have given to the village hall. We have had the new fires installed, and the plastering completed to the entrance hall. It just leaves the decorating to do in the entrance and main hall. Still waiting for quotations for the main hall, the entrance hall will be painted by a member of the committee.

FINAL PRE FETE MEETING

Will be held on **June 4th at 30 The Street** by kind permission of Pansy Westwood. If you are still able to help in any way at the FETE and haven't put your name forward, please contact Ed on 885848.

LADIES GROUP

The May meeting was our annual walk. Once again we decided to go to Thompson. The walk there is perfect for our members. At 6pm 16 members and husbands congregated at the Chequers praying that it would stay dry. We were so fortunate as the weather was perfect, even some evening sunshine. We arrived back at the Chequers at 7.15pm and had a welcome drink whilst waiting for 3, who didn't do the walk, to arrive; The Chequers did us really proud with the meal, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. So all had a very enjoyable evening.

This month's meeting will be held in the Village Hall on **Tuesday June 16th at 7.45pm**. Darrell Stevens will be talking to us about the work of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. As we have a wonderful area at Wretham owned by the NWT it should be an interesting evening. The competition is something beginning with V.

Please remember that the Ladies Group will be holding a coffee morning on **Saturday June 27th** at Redwood House the home of Ann and Richard Akister from **10.30 -12.30**. There will be a Bring and Buy Stall and also a Raffle. If members have anything that would be suitable to put in a hamper we would be most grateful. Rosemary would be pleased to receive any contributions.

LOTTERY

£10.00	No 52 Alan Powell
£ 5.00	No 25 Jared Tomkins

PARISH COUNCIL

The annual parish meeting took place on Thursday May 14th. In attendance were the full Parish Council, the Parish Clerk and most importantly nine members of the public. Points raised from the floor were "That the provision of a bus route through the village would be of great advantage to those without regular means of transportation" and "Following on from the flyer distributed by the prospective District Councillor, wherein he promised to make footpaths one of his priorities, it would seem appropriate at this stage to urge him to support the case for a foot / cycle path along the A1075 to Watton." The Clerk was asked to write to the relevant authorities on these matters emphasising that the matters were of utmost importance to the residents of this Parish.

A question was raised from a younger member of the gathering concerning the provision of suitable equipment for the children's play area. All agreed that this was a splendid idea but the current costs for purchase, installation and upkeep just for the bare minimum of equipment was currently prohibitive. The PC would, however, look into the prospect of obtaining grants, at which point the young man proposed doing some sponsored activities to help raise funds. Once again support for his initiative was in evidence, although it was pointed out that adult supervision of his activities was mandatory.

The Parish Council Allotment Sub Committee stated that negotiations for provision of a suitable plot of land were currently underway and had reached a delicate stage. It was a little disappointing that most of the applicants for allotments were not able to attend the meeting to state their case or to learn first hand the progress being made on their behalf.

Reports from all the Village organisations were then given, which confirmed that Ovington is indeed fortunate to have such dedicated teams of volunteers to run the diverse activities and that they are all well supported and consequently very successful.

Following the public meeting there followed a break for refreshments, thanks must go to the ladies for their behind the scenes activities. Parish Council AGM then took place where the position of Chairman was again placed in the hands of Rod Rumsby and that of Vice Chair to Chris Lewis.

The next meeting of the Parish Council, which is of course open to all, will be held on **Tuesday June 2nd at 7.30pm** in the village hall.

CHURCH NEWS

JUNE ROTA

June 14th	9am Holy Communion
Steward	Mrs B Hicks
Lessons	Mrs B Hicks, Mrs M Warwick
Flowers	Mrs B Hicks
June 28th	10.30am Benefice Service at Saham Toney

Each Thursday 8am Said Communion

A belated thank you to all Friends of the Church who continue to tidy up the churchyard and make it look so beautiful and to all who spring-cleaned inside the church the day before Mothering Sunday.

We are looking forward to the Garden Fete on **Saturday June 13th at 3.00pm**

On Sunday July 12th at 3.00pm we will be holding our traditional Open Air Service in the grounds of the village hall with Watton Town Silver Band. Cream teas will be served in the village hall afterwards.

If you are new to the village or have not been to one of these services before please come along and join us.

WANTED

Wanted cleaner/girl/man Friday for busy house and help with Boxer dogs.

The person must be willing to assist with all general cleaning and tidying. For more details ring Michelle (Barton House) On 889770 or 07860377797.

YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED

We have had reports that children have been seen climbing up on the plinth of the village sign.

Please parents ask your children not to do so as this is not only dangerous, but this could also damage the brickwork and surrounds.

GARDENING CLUB

The May meeting was our annual coffee morning and plant sale held in the beautiful garden of Redwood House by kind permission of Richard and Ann Akister. Members grew all the plants for sale and all the cakes were home made to the excellent Ovington standard. The fine weather brought a regular succession of visitors to enjoy the morning and add to our club funds for payment to guest speakers.

The meeting on **Wednesday June 3rd** will be a visit to Springfield Farm & Nursery, Hall Lane, North Tuddenham at **6.30pm**.

For further information call Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

OVINGTON'S HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

We are progressing with this project in leaps and bounds, our membership now stands at one with another pending.

A recent visit to the archaeology unit at Gressenhall revealed quite a lot of information and photographs of the village in the past. More of these visits are planned along with a visit to the Norwich museum archives wherein are housed some paintings of the village in the early 19th century.

The dates for the Gressenhall visits are **Monday 15th June at 10.30 am & Wednesday 24th June at 10.30 am.**

For more information about these visits, or if you have any specific interests in Ovingtons history, contact Rod on 882246 please.

IRIS MINGAY.

In last months Oracle we recorded the passing of Iris Mingay of Church Road. What we were unaware of at the time was that she was in fact "Lady Iris" being the daughter of an Irish Earl, and apparently had the Ermine to prove it.

DAFT BIT

Mule Raffle.

On Monday, Fred, an old country farmer, bought a mule from another old farmer name of Luke for £100. Luke promised to deliver the mule the next day. On Tuesday Luke drove up and said, "Sorry Fred, but I have some bad news, the mule died"

Fred: Well then just give me my money back.

Luke: Can't do that. I went and spent it already.

Fred: Well ok then, just unload the mule.

Luke: What you gonna do with a dead mule?

Fred: I'm going to raffle him off.

Luke: You can't raffle off a dead mule!

Fred: Sure I can. I just won't tell anyone he's dead.

Several days later the two farmers meet up.

Luke: What happened to that dead mule?

Fred: I raffled him off just like I said I would.

Sold 500 tickets at £2 each!

Luke: Didn't any one complain?

Fred: Just the guy who won. So I gave him his two pounds back!

APRIL RAINFALL

April 2009	11.00mm	or 0.44ins
April 2008	40.75mm	or 1.63ins
April 1999	36.75mm	or 1.47ins

Once again thank you Ted

HIRE OF HALL

To hire Ovington Village Hall please give Christine a ring on 889920.

DEADLINE DATE FOR JULY EDITION of the ORACLE is NOON on June 22nd 2009

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STOP PRESS: The Ovington Historical Society will be having a stall at the Fete. Displaying artefacts and photo's of times past and present. Come along and bring your memories.