

# THE OVINGTON ORACLE

**AUGUST 2009**

**8/09**

Welcome to the time of happy holidays and kids demanding to be taken to Disney Land, or at least to the nearest activity centre, where they will take great delight in provoking heart failures to their doting parents.

Well it's only six weeks, and what's that in today's hectic, nay frantic, lifestyle. So on a more sombre note it's goodbye to flaming June and "Hi There" to, at the time of writing, soggy July. But fear not, August will be a scorcher, even the farmers will be happy as the combines go rolling along. Trust us. Upwards and onwards then, let's take a look at things Ovington for a while, which reminds us, we are still awaiting sensational news stories from you our devoted readers. Why are we waiting Oh why-----etc. etc.

## AUGUST DIARY

Aug 1 <sup>st</sup>	Pansy's Coffee Morning	10.00am
Aug 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Aug 8 <sup>th</sup>	Social Eve	6.30pm
Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Aug 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Group Visit	7.00pm
Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Ladies BBQ	6.00pm
Aug 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Garden Club	7.45pm
Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	Village Hall BBQ	5.00pm

## SOCIAL EVENING SUCCESS

On 11th July we passed a very pleasant Saturday evening at the first village hall 'social'. A dozen or so villagers came, bearing platters of comestibles - which all went down very well with the liquid refreshments. It was good to chat and have a laugh with friends and neighbours in a relaxed atmosphere, as we squeezed the last out of the day's limited sunshine. In competitive spirit, the battle of the 'Bigatelle' took place and the dartboard was set up outside. Believe me, darts played in a high wind is quite an experience (and my excuse for 'letting my opponents win!'). Hopefully there will be a rematch at the next social on

Saturday, 11th August, when we hope to see more folk.

Please ring me on 885848 if you intend to be there so we can arrange sufficient tables and chairs. It starts from 6.30pm, bring your own bottles/cans and a plate of food each for sharing. The only cash you need is for the raffle and tea/coffee later on.

Christine

## PANSY'S COFFEE MORNING

On August 1<sup>st</sup> at 30 The Street from 10am

Pansy will be holding a Coffee Morning to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Further details contact her on 883978

## DOG MESS.

There has been a noticeable increase in dog mess throughout the village of late. This practice of letting your dog perform its voiding actions without clearing up afterwards is not only anti-social but to be honest quite disgusting. This is the time when our children are on holiday and are playing around the village and for them to encounter the dogs' excrement is not only pretty awful but also quite often results in serious illness for the child.

It is illegal not to clear up after your dog and the Parish Council assures us that witness reports and photographic evidence will be collected and the owners prosecuted.

As a matter of interest the law also applies to those areas of land, which are under cultivation, set aside, or used for recreational purposes, so it is no use taking your dog off the roadside to allow it to mess, it is still illegal if you do not clear it up afterwards.

You have been warned.

## JUNE RAINFALL.

June 2009	86.5mm or 3.46 inches
June 2008	56.0mm or 2.24 inches
June 1999	105.5mm or 4.22 inches

We said earlier "Flaming June" well, it might have been, but it obviously had its damper moments. Ed. Thanks again Ted for these precise figures

## CHURCH NEWS.

### ROTA FOR AUGUST

<b>Aug 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am Holy Communion</b>
Steward	Mrs P Westwood
Lessons	Mrs P Westwood, Mrs M Warwick
Flowers	Mrs P Westwood
<b>Aug 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>9.30am all ages family worship</b>
Steward	Mr R. Akister
Lessons	Mr R. Akister Mr C. Springford
Flowers	Mrs R. Rednall
<b>Aug 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am Group Holy Communion At Watton Church</b>
<b>Each Thursday 8am Said Communion.</b>	

It was good to welcome a large congregation to our recent open Air Service with Watton Town Silver Band, followed by a cream tea on a perfect Sunday afternoon in the Village Hall grounds.

Thank you to Rev'd Julie for the thought she had put into this service, the band for their lovely sound and all who assisted in the preparations, the service and with the tea in the hall.

### SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

On **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September** the Norfolk Church's Trust will be holding its Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride from **9am to 5pm**.

This is a chance to enjoy the beautiful Norfolk countryside whilst raising money for your own local Church and the Norfolk Churches Trust, as any money raised is divided equally between the two. Last year £135,700 was raised throughout the whole of Norfolk.

We are looking for people to cycle (or walk), choosing your own route, to as many churches or chapels as you wish. We are also looking for people to man our local church so that all cyclists who choose to visit Ovington may have their forms signed, as well as being offered much needed sustenance. For more information about this cycle ride or any offers of help please contact Pansy at 30 The Street or phone her on 883978.

(There should also be an information leaflet in the village notice boards. Ed.)

### CHURCH GRASS CUTTING.

The friends of Ovington Church had some welcome news last month; it would appear that one of our volunteers, who tends to remain in the background where publicity is concerned, has been recognised by his employers as a prime example of community spirit.

This has led them to donate a sum of money to the Church maintenance project, enabling the friends to purchase an additional mower, which will contribute to the upkeep of the Church grounds. The friends are eternally grateful for the work done by Barry, and are looking forward to trying out the new mower, which on test, proved an excellent addition to our inventory. As always volunteers are more than welcome to join our group.

Contact Sam on 882671 for information.

### ZEN TEACHINGS

1. A closed mouth gathers no foot
2. Never under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.
3. There are two theories to arguing with women. Neither one works.
4. Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you are a mile away and you have their shoes.

### SPREE BOOKS

Spree books are now available, valid until 1st October 2010. Full of vouchers towards meals, snacks, days out, cinema, etc., they make a good present for birthdays or Christmas. The bad news is that they have gone up in price this year to £23, but the good news is that the extra pound goes directly to the Village Hall funds! So please contact me if you would like to buy one or even just look at one to see all the fantastic offers.

Christine (885848)

### VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY - JULY

£10.00            No.44 Rosemary Angell  
£ 5.00            No. 9 Daphne Preece

## LADIES GROUP

### **COFFEE MORNING**

On June 27<sup>th</sup> with near perfect weather we held a Coffee Morning in the beautiful garden of Ann and Richard Akister. The ladies provided us with some beautiful cakes, some for the cake stall and others for the refreshments. Ann and Richard had gone to so much trouble to make sure everything was perfect-----the garden was weed free, a marquee had been erected and everyone was even invited to pick fruit. The one thing that wasn't perfect was that so few people attended. There were so few people from the village and it was very disappointing. Because of the lack of numbers there were a lot of cakes left over. However, due to the generosity of those who did support us a nice sum was made to help our funds. Speakers are now becoming expensive and without these fund raisers, I think the ladies group would fold so a big THANK YOU to those who gave their support.

### **JULY MEETING**

Our meeting was on July 21<sup>st</sup> and once again we had good support from our members. Arthur Barrett from Norwich was our speaker. He gave us a good insight to the work of Gilbert and Sullivan. He showed us video clips and clips from tapes and cd's. It was a most enjoyable evening and it was good to see someone so passionate about their hobby. Arthur travels all over the place to hear his beloved G & S. The competition was something beginning with W and as usual was well supported. It's amazing to see so many different things on the competition table. Lyndia had very kindly frozen all the cakes that were left over from the Coffee Morning and she brought them to the meeting. Some were served with the tea and coffee and the rest were sold. Thank you for that Lyndia. Angela took names for the August visit to The Fire Headquarters at Hethersett and also sold tickets for the BBQ.

### **AUGUST MEETING**

This is on Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup> and is a visit to Hethersett, the Fire Headquarters. We will be leaving Ovington at 6.15pm to be at Hethersett by 7.00pm, Angela will be in touch at a later date regarding travel arrangements with all who want to go.

It would be appreciated if those having a lift could donate £1 to the driver towards petrol.

### **BBQ**

This is to be held on **Saturday August 22nd** at Christine and John Hardy's. It will begin at **6pm** and cost **£7.50 and £5.50** for children under 12. Angela has tickets and would appreciate it if anyone wanting to attend could buy their tickets in advance as it will help with the catering. BBQ is open to everyone not just ladies group members.

### **OVINGTON HISTORY.**

During the Fete in June several people spoke to Sue White at the History tent expressing an interest in forming a historical society within the village.

This doesn't necessarily mean digging up vast tracts of Ovington in search of ancient artefacts, although such an activity might appeal to the more energetic, but as a means of recording more recent history from those who have witnessed the changes to Ovington's infrastructure over the years.

Sue has asked us, if sufficient interest is forthcoming, to arrange a meeting of like minded souls one evening in the village hall, just an informal gathering to chat about our local history.

To that end, would those who have an interest in historical matters please contact Rod on 882246 in the first instance, to arrange a convenient date and time for a get-together. Knowing Ovington's regard for satisfying the inner person there will no doubt be some suitable refreshment to hand.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

We send our congratulations and best wishes for the future, to Laura and Nic Sproston and to Linda and Mike Murray who all celebrated their Pearl Wedding Anniversaries during July.

Don't forget if you have a special celebration, (Birthdays, wedding anniversary, new baby etc..) we would love to hear from you.

## **VILLAGE HALL BBQ**

The committee are organising a BBQ on **September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5pm** in the Village Hall to which you are all invited.

Admission is FREE, but as usual it will be: pay for what you eat.

If you require alcoholic drink please bring your own. To help with catering arrangements please give Christine a ring on 885848 if you intend to attend the BBQ.

## **PARISH COUNCIL.**

There will be a Parish Council meeting on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the committee room of the village hall.**

Matters on the agenda, for those that have not read this on the notice board, will include Ovington cross roads and footpath to Watton.

Progress on the provision of allotments for those with a self-sufficiency syndrome.

The Council, as always, welcomes your comments, complaints, suggestions and observations, so do come.

It has been noted in the past that the value of the public's input to a Parish Council meeting has been inestimable, the people being the eyes and ears of the village.

**DEADLINE DATE** for the **SEPTEMBER ORACLE** is **12 NOON** on **AUGUST 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## **HIRE OF VILLAGE HALL**

To hire the Village Hall for your meetings or parties please ring Christine on 889920.

## **EDITORS**

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