

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

SEPTEMBER 2009

9/09

Hi everyone,

September already, hardly taken down the Easter Cards and here we are already on the slippery slope towards C-----s.

Been good to see the youngsters enjoying their summer holidays, we were particularly intrigued by the small gathering enthusiastically walking a collection of surprisingly well-behaved dogs. We have heard that these enterprising youngsters are contemplating expanding this dog walking on to a more commercial basis. Sounds a good scheme, as long as all the usual "elf & safety" and public liability requirements are met.

Also on a positive note the allotment scheme seems to be making progress towards becoming an actuality. The Parish Council have informed us that they are calling a special meeting to, hopefully, finalise administrative and rental details. The results of this meeting will, if received in time, feature in a "Stop Press" addition to this epistle. Now folks, read on.

SEPTEMBER DIARY

Sept 2 nd	Gardening Club	7.45pm
Sept 5 th	Village Hall BBQ	5.00pm
Sept 7 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 14 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 15 th	Ladies Group	7.45pm
Sept 21 st	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 24 th	Parish Council	7.30pm
Sept 28 th	Pre Bazaar Meeting	10.00am
Sept 28 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm

All meetings held in the Village Hall

PRE BAZAAR MEETING

We will be holding a Bazaar meeting in the village hall on **Monday SEPTEMBER 28th at 10am**. This is open to anyone who would like to help at our BAZAAR (December 5th at 12noon) or has any new ideas. If you are unable to attend and would like to help please let Grace know on 882246, before the **28th September**.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

November 14th Supper Evening for Village Hall funds.

VILLAGE SOCIAL EVENING

The weather was kind to us yet again at the last 'Social' evening on 8th August. A fine time was had by all, with a spread of hot and cold food and a variety of games, much enjoyed by young and old alike. The delights of Shove Ha'penny, Roll the Penny, Bagatelle and the odd card game (and magic tricks!) were discovered inside the village hall, while outside the more serious game of darts lasted until daylight faded. We hope to continue with these social evenings on a monthly basis during spring/summer next year, so keep an eye out for the dates and put them in your diary.

VILLAGE BBQ

This will take place at the village hall from **5pm on Saturday September 5th** and, weather permitting, will be the final 'outdoor' event for this year. Please come and support the village hall by eating as much as you can: as usual, it is a 'pay as you eat' evening, with delicious burgers and sausages (maybe even some chicken kebabs too) together with salad at very reasonable prices. It would be helpful if you could give me a ring to say whether you intend to come, preferably in the days **before the 5th**, to give me an idea of numbers for catering and tables/chairs, etc. (Ring Christine on 885848) As usual, bring your own drinks as there will only be soft drinks/tea/coffee available. Hope to see you all there!

N. A. V. H. QUIZ

Norfolk Village Halls Association recently held a postal quiz for all Village Halls in the county. Despite there being no food available to give the Ovington team impetus and the frequently vague questions, we are pleased to say that our team has qualified for the county finals. This will take place at Yaxham Village Hall on **Friday September 4th at 7.30pm**.

Last year Ovington came top in the Breckland section, winning a very attractive trophy to decorate the hall, and we made a creditable fourth in the county finals.

We hope that it will be Ovington's year to be top of the county 2009. If you wish to go and support them it will cost you 25p.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editors

GOOD NEIGHBOURS

We would like to give a big thank you to our neighbours of 31 and 33 The Street. Who very kindly helped two old codgers remove the roots of their front hedge, without their help, we would have been struggling till Christmas.

Once again many thanks. R and R Philpot.

CONGRATULATIONS

A little bird tells us that,

Jon and Hannah were married in July.

Antony and Gwen will be getting married on September 12th.

Bob and Marie will celebrate their Ruby Wedding on September 6th.

We send our Congratulations and Best Wishes for the future to them all.

WELCOME

Another, slightly bigger bird in the form of a Stork, tells us that there has been a new arrival at No 8 Crown Crescent, a little boy. Congratulations Mum and welcome to Ovington young fellow.

GARDENING CLUB

Following the August break, the September meeting has a different format, as there will be no speaker! The evening will be a club social which you are invited to attend and bring a gardening question, which you would like to be answered by members, and a plant or two to swap. This is the first time we have tried this approach, so it will be an interesting evening.

The meeting is at the village hall as usual and begins at **7.45pm on Wednesday, 2nd September.**

(The October meeting on the 7th is a talk by Alan Barson on 'Pruning - How, When and With What'.)
For further details, contact Ed on 01953 885848.

COFFEE MORNING

Thank you to everyone who supported my Coffee Morning on August 1st in aid of The Teenage Cancer Trust. With our efforts and donations we raised the magnificent sum of £184.10p.

With our own efforts and donations, to date, the Watton and District Trefoil Guild have raised £909.58 way above our target.
Many thanks, Pansy.

CHURCH NEWS

SEPTEMBER CHURCH ROTA

Sept 13th	9am Holy Communion
Steward	Mr R Akister
Lessons	Mr R Akister
	Mrs P Westwood
Flowers	Mrs A Akister
Sept 20th	6pm HARVEST FESTIVAL
Sept 27th	9.30am All Age Family Worship
Steward	Mrs B Hicks
Lessons	Mrs B Hicks
	Mrs P Westwood
Flowers	Mrs B Hicks
Each Thursday 8am Said Communion	

Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride

Another reminder that on **Saturday September 12th** the Norfolk Churches Trust will be holding its Annual Sponsored Cycle Ride from 9am to 5pm.

For more information about this cycle ride or any offers of help please contact Pansy at 30 The Street or on 883978.

Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival Service at **6pm on September 20th.**

Revd Geoff Garrett, Rector of St Mary's Watton has very kindly agreed to take this service. Cider and harvest cakes will be served after the service followed by the annual auction of harvest produce. A warm welcome awaits all who would like to join us on this very special Sunday, when we thank God for his promise to us that there will always be a Harvest.

The church will be open for decorating for Harvest on **Saturday September 19th from 10am.** Offers of produce, greenery and flowers would be very welcome and can be brought to the church on Saturday and any assistance with decorating of the church would be very much appreciated. If anyone would like to decorate on Friday 18th instead, perhaps they would ring Pansy who will facilitate this.

AUGUST LOTTERY

£10	No. 23	Lyndia Lewis
£ 5	No. 32	Mavis Scammell

STORIES

Everyone has a story to tell. It may be the story of their whole life or of a few moments of joy or despair.

We tell stories all the time- even though we may not think of ourselves as storytellers. We tell of incidents at work or at school, of our observations of other people, of those moments of frustration, of humour of sadness. For some of us the difficulty comes when we want to record those stories in writing- we lack the confidence to let rip on paper; we could never spell very well or we can't find the words we need.

This month the BBC is launching their 'My story' campaign leading to a competition which will end in December. In support of this campaign the Wayland Partnership is running two writing workshops in September. The workshops will help participants to get started, find their writing style and plan their writing. They will be fun, interactive sessions and provide an introduction for a 10-week course for those who would like continued support (and yes – the course will help with spelling and grammar if needed!)

The workshops will take place on 7th September from 7.00 to 9.00pm and on the 19th from 10.00am to 12.00. The cost for each workshop is £5.00. If there is a demand from those two sessions we will run a 10-week course through the autumn term.

In the meantime the Wayland Surfers Club will begin meeting again following the summer break, on Monday afternoons starting on September 7th from 1.30 – 2.30 for beginners and from 2.45 to 3.45 for the more experienced.

If anyone is interested please call Jan on 01953 880202 or email jan@wayland.org.uk

JULY RAINFALL

July 2009	109.5mm	or 4.38ins
July 2008	71.5mm	or 2.86ins
July 1999	31.75mm	or 1.27ins

Thank you Ted

OVINGTON LADIES GROUP

Our meeting on August 18th was booked to be a visit to Hethersett Fire Headquarters, but unfortunately this did not take place. Many phone calls and visits to Watton Nuts and Bolts to see Pat Reetz all seemed fruitless. Hethersett was also contacted and seemed to know nothing about the visit. By the beginning of August I felt I was getting nowhere so I had to cancel the visit. However the committee decided to have an informal meeting in the Village Hall. Some food magically appeared and all had a very pleasant evening.

SATURDAY AUGUST 22nd

The Ladies Group held their BBQ on August 22nd on a perfect late summer evening. We enjoyed a wonderful evening in the beautiful garden of John and Christine Hardy. John had promised us something different this year and he didn't let us down. We had rib eye steak, turkey breast and sausages and it was all perfectly cooked by John. It was so nice to see their garden alight with bright conversation and laughter with so many friends enjoying the late evening sunshine. Thank you to John and Christine and also the committee for preparing the salads etc and the wonderful desserts and of course a big thank you to all who came along to enjoy the evening.

SEPTEMBER 15TH

Our meeting this month is entitled 'Service with a Smile'. Denise James from the Tourist Board will be coming to talk about her job, which I am sure will be very interesting. As usual the meeting begins at 7.45pm in the village hall. The competition is something beginning with X. All ladies in the village are very welcome and we are always pleased to see new members.

DAFT BIT

Barry asked Larry how his 'taters had turned out this year.

Larry thought for a minute and replied. "Well some was as big as marbles, some were like peas and some were ever so small.

Thank you Barry for that.

ALLOTMENTS.

A very spirited meeting of the Parish Council took place on Friday August 21st where they discussed, pondered, and agreed that the provision of allotments was a viable proposition, and the Parish Council would authorise the acquisition of land to provide this facility.

There are one or two rental agreements and funding arrangements to finalise but it is thought that the land should be ready by the end of September.

It is hoped that the land will be sub-soiled and cultivated prior to being allotted to the interested parties, giving a head start for the forthcoming years planting.

The council were a little concerned that only one of the prospective allotment holders attended the meeting. Therefore a further meeting will be arranged in early September with invitations to all those who expressed an interest, to enable prospective holders to get together with the Parish Councillors, to familiarise them selves with the rental conditions and form an allotment holders management committee to oversee the day to day running of the allotments.

There are several tasks to be performed once the setting up procedures are complete, one of which is erecting a fence to separate the allotment area from the majority of the field area that will remain in cultivation by the current tenant. A new access will need to be made to the allotment area, paths and plots marked out. It is hoped that most of the labouring work involved can be carried out on a voluntarily basis to avoid the PC having to raise funds from its only source of income, you, the good folk of Ovington.

So it's spades (rotovators?) and forks to the fore ladies and gentlemen, you have all been made aware of Ovington's obsession with good food, so this might be the ideal opportunity to increase productivity and enhance the quality (if possible) of what we eat.

The Parish Council have asked that we mention the hard work, supreme negotiating skills and determination of Councillor John Hardy who has almost single handedly got us to where we are now. His efforts are greatly appreciated and the thanks of the Parish Council and prospective allotment holders are hereby recorded.

MORE DAFT BITS (AVIATION)

Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we have never left anyone up there!

The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

When one engine fails on a twin engined aeroplane you always have enough power left to get you to the scene of the crash.

What is the similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots?

If a pilot screws up, he dies

If air traffic controllers screw up, the pilot dies.

If you see a bomb technician running, try and keep up with him!

**THE DEADLINE DATE FOR
THE OCTOBER 'ORACLE' is
SEPTEMBER 20th 2009 at
12noon**

**To Hire the Village Hall for your
meetings, parties etc. please contact
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