

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

OCTOBER 2009

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October is an indication that Autumn is upon us, times when the afternoons have a golden glow, the evenings shorten and the leaves cover our lawns and gardens!!!!.

You can see why the Americans refer to this time of year as the fall, which term also serves as a timely reminder which way to turn the clocks at the end of the month when British Summer Time officially ends. The "Fall" reminds us of the saying "Fall Back" so----- we turn the clocks BACK on Sunday 25th Oct. But you knew that didn't you?

To us it means a longer stay in bed, well for one day at least, life soon returns to the routine of trying to squeeze a couple more minutes in slumber land, especially when the fog and frost predict a chilly ride to work. Hey, what's with the doom and gloom there is every possibility that winter will be mild and benign this year. Lets look at what's offered this month.

OCTOBER DIARY

October 5 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
October 7 th	Garden Club	7.45pm
October 12 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
October 19 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
October 20 th	Ladies Group	7.45pm
October 22 nd	DEADLINE for Oracle 12noon	
October 25 th	Clocks Go Back 1 hour	
October 26 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Nov 14 th	Village Hall Supper 7.00pm	
Dec 5 th	BAZAAR	12noon – 3pm
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Jan 23 rd	Village Hall European Evening	

PRE BAZAAR MEETING

If we are not too late with this edition, don't forget the meeting in the village hall on **Monday September 28th at 10 am.**

Please come along with any suggestions to 'do different'.

If you are unable to attend but can help in any way please let Grace 882246 know as soon as possible.

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ TEAM

Well done to our Village Hall Quiz Team. They won the Breckland Area Village Hall Association Shield for the second year running. They were then entered into the County Finals which was held at Yaxham Village Hall on September 4th where they came 2nd losing out by one point to Pulham St Mary. Even so, they won £50.00 for Village Hall Funds. The team was Christine and Ed Reilly, Rod Rumsby and Sheila Edwards.

BBQ

On Saturday, September 5th we enjoyed the last 'outdoor' event at the village hall for this season in the form of a BBQ. It was well attended and everyone enjoyed an evening of relaxed chat and lots of BBQ food and salads, all washed down with copious amounts of liquid (if the recycling was anything to go by!). Thanks to everyone who helped to make it a success. After all the costs, we made £88 for village hall funds.

VILLAGE HALL SUPPER

We will be holding another supper evening on **November 14th 7pm for 7.30pm.**

Tickets priced £7.50 will be available from Christine Reilly (885848) or Grace (882246).

To help with catering we must know by **November 7th** at the latest. There will be a raffle, all for Village Hall funds.

Please do come and join us, especially if you have never been before, you will be surprised at the quality and variety of dishes on offer, the social chit chat throughout the evening is sometimes most revealing. Seriously though, these events are representative of all that is great about living in Ovington.

CONGRATULATIONS

Belated congratulations and best wishes for the future to the Rev. Jane Atkins and her husband John on the occasion of their Ruby Wedding Anniversary, which they celebrated on September 20th.

Don't forget to let us know about your special anniversaries, new baby, birthday's, achievements etc..

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GARDENING CLUB

The meeting on Wednesday September 2nd was a social evening with the theme of 'bring a plant to swap and a gardening question'.

The result was that several plants found a new home, several questions were answered and we enjoyed the refreshments brought by members whilst we chatted.

The October meeting has Alan Barston as speaker on the topic of 'Pruning – How, When and Where' and will be held in Ovington Village Hall at **7.45pm on Wednesday October 7th**. Visitors are welcomed at £1 per head and further details can be obtained from Ed on 01953 885848 or Jenny on 01760 723306.

BOWLS CLUB

Denis is never completely satisfied. Despite some new members joining, he is still looking for more fresh blood, in the nicest sense of course, the only thing spilt in the club is tea, usually due to the hysterical laughter ----- well, some of his jokes are funny.

The bowling seems to take second place to the social scene; witness the spell bound audience glued to the windows of the hall on Monday afternoons. Come and join the gang----inside--- you know it makes sense.

Letter to the Editors

Bonfires again

What is it with bonfires and warm evenings? We very rarely get a good summer, but this year hasn't been too bad. We can sit out enjoy our gardens do some washing and actually hang it out on the line, leave our doors and windows open to air the house out. But we can't because some inconsiderate people insist on lighting bonfires. Our house smells and we have to bring in the washing and use electricity, which not only is expensive but not good to the environment. Also we have to shut our windows and doors and again use electricity to cool off.

Please consider your neighbour's when you light a bonfire. Do it when it's a cold evening. I have a lot of rubbish ready for a bonfire but I'm not inconsiderate.

Sara Titcombe

(There have been a number of verbal complaints on similar lines to the above, so please think and look to see which way the wind is blowing before striking that crucial match. Ed.)

LADIES GROUP

Our meeting on Tuesday, September 15th, was entertained by Mrs Denise James.

Mrs James regaled us with many funny stories about her career as a tourist information manager, in St Albans. She told us of all the famous people she had met and of all the ordinary folk, who ask for some useful information in a most unusual and funny way as I am sure most of us have! For instance "How do I find the Cathedral?" when, let's face it, you can hardly miss it.

I won the competition!! The chairman and I promise it wasn't fixed it was the first time this year!!
Lyndia

October 21st

This meeting is our AGM. Please don't let this put you off as we usually have a bit of fun after all the business is over. We shall need 2 new committee members next year as Christine Hardy has completed her 3 years and Ann Akister is stepping down for two reasons. Ann does have a lot of other commitments, but she said she would stay on the committee if needed, but it will be better if she steps down now. The reason is if she stays on for another year, next year we shall need 4 new committee members, which is a lot to find all at once. We already know who will be The Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary, so come on ladies we would love a couple of volunteers to help keep the Ladies Group running smoothly.

We have had a great two years and it would be good if it could continue that way and it will with your help.

We look forward to seeing you all in the Village Hall for the AGM, which will begin at 7.45pm as normal and the competition is something beginning with Y.

If you are new in the village and female, age no barrier, please come along we really are quite friendly and it is a good way of meeting your neighbours.

PARISH COUNCIL.

There is nothing to report at this stage of production, but there is meeting of the Council on September 24th at 7.30pm. So if there is time the usual panic stricken STOP PRESS will adorn the final page of this epistle, if there is any thing of national or Ovington wise importance to mention.

But there, no doubt you will all be at the meeting.

SEPTEMBER LOTTERY RESULTS

£10.00.	No.11	Cynthia Bowman
£10.00	No.18	Laura Sproston
£ 5.00	No.20	Maureen Rands

CHURCH NEWS

OCTOBER CHURCH ROTA

October 11th	9.00am Holy Communion
Steward	Mrs B Hicks
Lessons	Mr C Springford Mrs M Warwick
Flowers	Mrs J Lambert
October 25th	9.30am Lay Led Service
Steward	Mr D Pritchard
Lessons	Mr R Akister Mrs. A. Johnson
Flowers	Mrs. R Rednall
Each Thursday 8am Said Communion	

SPONSORED CYCLE RIDE

Well done to Mark Kidman who, despite breakdowns and a puncture, visited 23 churches on the recent Norfolk Churches Trust Bicycle Ride.

Thank you Mark and to all who manned the church, enabling the cyclists to have their forms signed and for much needed sustenance, during the day.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Thank you to Rev'd Geoff Garrett for the inspiring Harvest message he gave us and to all who helped in any way in making Harvest Festival a special occasion. It's lovely to see the church reflecting the beauty of the earth.

COMMUNITY DROP-IN INFORMATION & ADVICE EVENT

What's this all about?

If you live in Watton or the surrounding villages and are concerned about money, housing, benefits, employment, redundancy or are finding it difficult to cope in the current credit crunch, advisors will be on hand at Wayland House in Watton High Street on Wednesday **October 14th 2009 between 11.00am and 7.00pm** to answer your questions and provide advice and information. There is no need to book just turn up on the day.

Who is organising the event?

It's been arranged by the Wayland Partnership

which is a community led regeneration partnership focusing on the market town of Watton and the thirteen neighbouring rural parishes and the Wayland Community Bank, a branch of the Norfolk Credit Union.

Who will be there and what do they do?

1. *Wayland Community Bank (loans and savings)*
2. *Breckland Council Customer Services (benefits, council tax, bus passes etc.)*
3. *Breckland Council Homelessness Unit (support, accommodation etc.)*
4. *Peddars Way Housing (housing, advice etc.)*
5. *Broadland Housing (housing, advice etc.)*
6. *Stonham Homestart (housing, advice etc.)*
7. *Citizens Advice Bureau (general personal advice)*
8. *Kickstart (helps people access work, work training or further education by the loan of a moped)*
9. *Connexions (support and employment opportunities to 16 to 19 year old's)*
10. *Job Centre Plus (help and advice on jobs and training for those seeking employment)*
11. *Shelter (information on all aspects of housing, including legal matters)*
12. *Norfolk Constabulary Safer Neighbourhoods Team (working with the local community to improve safety)*
13. *Norfolk Fire Service (advice on safety in the home)*

Anyone in need of advice is invited to drop in and speak to the advisors in confidence and they will be able to guide people on the help that is available. It is hoped that people will use this opportunity to speak to someone who can help their situation and find solutions to financial problems.

This is a valuable service, completely free and essential to many who may be in difficulty at the moment.

If you want more information on the event, contact Iain Cockburn at the Wayland Partnership on 01953 883915, or ain@wayland.org.uk or call in to Wayland House (The Old Police Station) in Watton High Street.

POPPIES

It is that time of year again when Pansy and Sheila will be selling poppies in aid of the British Legion's Appeal to raise money to help families affected by past and present conflicts. If we do not see you when we come to your door, please call on Pansy at 30 The Street. We start collecting from, Saturday October 24th – November 7th during daylight hours.

TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

On Thursday October 15th from 7pm at the Watton Christian Community Centre (next to the Methodist Church) the Watton and District Trefoil Guild will be holding a Pudding Evening in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust. Tickets at £2.50 each, available from Pansy or pay at the door. We need to raise about £90. to reach our new target of £1000.

AUGUST RAINFALL

August 2009	26.00mm	or 1.04ins
August 2009	130.80mm	or 5.23ins
August 1999	105.00mm	or 4.20ins

Thank you Ted

COR that's dry!

CHURCH GROUNDS

I would like to thank all those who have helped with the church and village Hall ground for this year.

As I travel around Norfolk I struggle to find a better kept community area than ours. Due to the hard work of a few village members this area is always prepared for the village and church events, of which there are many, and as always our church wardens and congregation offer their thanks.

My own contribution has been small this year, This has not been due to the renovations at our new house out on the 'bends', as I haven't really started these yet, but because I find myself unable to slip off early from work and call around to collect the mower! This has left others filling in for me, Thank you.

I am told our new mower has made life even easier. So, if you are like me and are only able to offer one or possibly two hours in the summer months to try out this new machine, then please give me a call.

Sam on 01953 882671

COPS AND COFFEE

The next cops and coffee events will be taking place at:

The Green, Shipdham on **Sunday October 18th between 4pm-6pm.**

If you have any concerns about policing then go along.

To contact Watton Safer Neighbourhood Team call 0845 456 4567 or email sntwatton@norfolk.pnn.police.uk.

BEST WISHES

We all wish Gordon a speedy recovery after his recent heart attack. It's good to see the "Demon cyclist" back on the road ___ but slow down a bit Gordon, don't overdo it.

AVIATION WISDOM

As the test pilot climbs out of the experimental aircraft, having torn off the wings and tail in the crash landing, the crash truck arrives; the rescuer sees the bloodied pilot and asks. "What happened?"

The pilots reply; "I don't know, I just got here myself"

(Roy Crandell, Lockheed test pilot)

LITTLE FAITH.

If something hasn't broken on your helicopter, it's about to.

"Daddy, what's that fan thing on the front of that aeroplane for?"

"It's to keep the pilot cool, son"

"Oh! that can't be true"

"Yes it is, you should see him sweat when it stops"

VILLAGE HALL HIRE

Please contact Christine on 889920 if you wish to book the village hall for your meetings or parties.

DEADLINE for NOVEMBER

'ORACLE' is 12noon on October 22nd 2009.

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