

# THE OVINGTON ORACLE

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Hi

As I write this I realize it is only three weeks to our summer Fete. We hope you will come and enjoy yourselves and help raise money for our Village Hall and Church.

A lot of work goes into organising a fete and I guess that like me you would hate to see all that effort wasted. Many thanks to the volunteers who have agreed to help run the competitions, stalls, serve food and drink at the fete, your help is much appreciated.

## OVINGTON SUMMER FETE AND BBQ

WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE GROUNDS OF THE VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 12<sup>th</sup> June 2010

1pm to 4pm

Everyone welcome, free parking and entrance

BBQ, Tea, Coffee and Refreshments available throughout

We will be having the following stalls:

Books/Toys: Rod & Jill

Cakes: Joyce & Hannah

Crafts: Christine H

Bric a Brac: Barbara & Mary

Plants: Linda B & Rachel

Hamper: Rosemary

Toy Tombola: Lyn

Tombola: Richard & Ann A

Gifts: Grace

Raffle: Ann J & David

Refreshments: Lyndia, Angela & Rute. BBQ: Antony, Chris & Jon.

There will be several competitions and sideshows

NB We will be collecting for the fete, in the village on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> June from 6.00pm

Please place any items you are able to donate on your front doorstep or leave with Grace (31 The Street) or any Village Hall Committee Member.

Cakes: for the stall or refreshments to the Hall on Saturday morning before noon.

Thank you in anticipation for any contributions you may be able to donate.

**GENTLEMEN:** If you are able to give us a helping hand to erect the gazebos and Awnings from 9am on fete day, we would be most grateful

The CHURCH will be open throughout the fete for you to view the display of

**Wedding Dresses/Photographs of people's weddings or Wedding Memorabilia.**

With flowers or colours of the flowers used in the bouquets displayed alongside.

The church will be open all day Friday for people to construct/place their displays.

## EUROPEAN EVENING

On looking at my calendar on Sunday 9th May, I discovered it was "Europe Day" - quite a coincidence as we had been celebrating the previous evening with a feast of dishes from all over Europe. Besides the more familiar fare of France, Italy, Spain, Germany and Greece, countries as diverse as Bulgaria, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic were represented. In all, we ate our way through about 12 countries (leaving many more to sample next time!).

Unfortunately, the cold wet weather put paid to the Boules contest, but there was a not-too-serious photographic competition which proved quite revealing and we shall all be looking at Jill in a new light. A picture quiz had us puzzling over European capitals but was won by Nic and Laura (well, they did have an unfair advantage, having visited most of the places on the way home recently!). Finally, when we could eat no more, a spontaneous contest of paper aeroplane making broke out, which was totally silly but great fun. (Who *was* that show-off who could loop the loop?)

A thoroughly good time was had by all and my thanks go to everyone who helped before, during and after. We raised a creditable £181.15 for the village hall and enjoyed a very sociable evening in the process.

## HALL KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT

We will shortly be starting on refurbishing the kitchen in the hall and, although disruption will be kept to a minimum, we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause to hirers. It will all be worth it! If anyone has a use for the old cupboards or work top, please contact me a.s.a.p. Christine

## MAY LOTTERY WINNERS

£10.00.	No. 46	Ann Akister
£ 5.00	No. 15	Lyn Campey

## APRIL RAINFALL

April 2010	26.25mm or 1.05ins
April 2009	11.00mm or 0.44ins
April 2000	87.00mm or 3.48ins

Thank you Ted

## JUNE CHURCH SERVICES.

### **June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30: Benefice Service.**

This is when all four parishes meet in one church. This time it's Ovington! You are part of the parish, please come! Stay for refreshments afterwards.

**June 13<sup>th</sup>: Holy Communion** with Rev. Jane  
Every Thursday morning at 8:00am we have a Communion Service. This lasts just under half an hour, there are no hymns – everything is said – and there is even a little incense.

**12<sup>th</sup> June** is the day of the Village Fete! 1pm

**19<sup>th</sup> June** is Charlotte and Tim's wedding Day! We wish them goodwill and happiness. Marriage is great!

### Advance notice.

On **July 11<sup>th</sup> at 3pm** Watton Silver Band are accompanying us at our OPEN AIR service of Songs of Praise and recognition of the new allotments. Cakes and cuppas afterwards.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to Jane Lambert who is kindly assisting in arranging flowers if needed, but everyone's efforts are most gratefully and sincerely received.

Thank you for some lovely new and modern glass vases for the church

Thank you for an extremely generous donation for the church.

The rewiring and heating is getting nearer!

We are very grateful for all donations.

The above vases got me thinking about flower ROTAS.....

Did you used to be on a rota? If so, would you still like to be on it? Better still would you like to donate flowers (the beauty of your garden flowing into your church) or maybe if you are producing vegetables you would like to make donations towards flowers – either for a Thursday or Sunday service or at a significant time to remember family or special occasions. If so, please contact Barbara on 881848 (or at [teech10600@aol.com](mailto:teech10600@aol.com)).

Most of all, we'd love to see you at the above services.

Jo (our churchwarden) is recovering brilliantly from her hip op, and we wish her well. God does answer prayer!

### LADIES GROUP

The May meeting saw 14 of our ladies travel to Holme Hale Hall. We arrived at 6.30pm and were met by Simon Broke (owner of the Hall). We were told the history of the house and grounds and were then left to walk round the gardens at our leisure.

Ted Bowman, who works there, was on hand to give us his expertise. His wife Cynthia helped with the tea and cakes. So a big 'thank you' to them.

Having seen all the gardens we then went back to the meeting room where we were served tea and homemade cakes. The weather was kind to us as it had been threatening rain. All members had a very enjoyable evening.

### June 15<sup>th</sup>

Our meeting this month is called 'Perfect Scents' and Deidre Marr will be telling us about her business. The competition is something PINK. The meeting is in the village hall and begins at 7.45pm.

All ladies are most welcome.

### July 20<sup>th</sup>

We will be having our annual Pub Walk. Once again it will begin at Thompson Chequers.

All members and husbands/partners are most welcome. Please be at The Chequers at 6pm. The meal will be at 7.30pm.

Anyone who cannot do the walk will be most welcome for the meal. If you are unable to attend our June meeting but would like to be included in the walk/meal please contact Angela (884594) asap.

### OVINGTON GARDENING CLUB

The June meeting will be on 'How to keep fit in the garden' by Freya Trott. This meeting will be held in Ovington Village Hall at 7.45pm on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and all are welcome. Further details can be obtained from Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

### ANNUAL COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE

Many visitors thronged to the village hall for the annual coffee morning and plant sale. The total raised was £187.65 from the sales of plants, coffee and cakes and the raffle. Many thanks to everyone who supported our annual sale.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We send our love and congratulations to Dave and Betty Carr who will celebrate their Golden Wedding on June 18<sup>th</sup> 2010.

Also to Charlotte and Tim who will be getting married in Ovington Church on June 19<sup>th</sup>.

### DOG WALKING

There has been an increase in people walking, or what is worse, allowing their dogs to run free on set aside and other open fields in the village. Despite a common misconception that set aside equals common land with an access to all attitude, this is not true.

The land may not be under cultivation but the same rules apply as they would if it were in crops. Set aside is also a means of encouraging wild life and ground nesting birds, none of which will proliferate if constantly disturbed by dogs. Can't blame the dogs, it's nature's way after all, but the owners should take into consideration these matters before letting the animals run free. As a matter of interest the same rules re dog fouling apply equally to the areas mentioned as they do to public highways, so if you must walk your dog off the beaten track then you are obliged to clear up behind it. Dog waste bins are provided in the village. Sadly at present we do not as yet have any designated common, or publicly owned, land in Ovington. All surrounding fields are in private ownership, so if you feel you must let your dogs have a bit of greenery under their paws then it would be polite to ask the farmer / landowner first, before making the assumption that "It would be OK"

### SPREE BOOKLETS

Spree booklets will be available at the fete from Christine Reilly.

### THANKS

Thank you to the person who repaired the village hall fence board, which, as reported in the May 'Oracle' had been damaged.

### LAST MONTH'S TEASER

The answer, correctly given by Christine R, was of course. Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow.

**Try This:-** When did the Channel Tunnel open?

## **FRIDAY NIGHT IS YOUTH NIGHT**

Young people are being invited to get active and make friends at a new event especially for them.

The Watton Friday Night Project will be running a range of free sporting activities for young people of all ages.

Officers from Watton Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) will be attending the project alongside dedicated youth workers.

Watton Town Council, Children's Services and the local SNT have been working together to support the young people in the town and surrounding villages by providing them with a night of fun on a weekly basis.

Partner agencies will also be running help and advice workshops for children and teenagers who attend the Friday sessions.

Watton Sgt Lance Ogbourne said: "We are encouraging all youngsters who live in the Watton vicinity to take advantage of the youth activities that partner agencies are offering them in their local community by either taking part in the sports or coming along as a spectator."

Claire Boothby, Locality Youth Worker said: "This is a great opportunity for young people in the Watton area to get involved in sports and fun activities on Friday nights, especially with the World Cup and Wimbledon taking place soon. There will also be youth workers and support workers available for discussions, information and advice

**Watton Friday Night Project** will be launched on **Friday 28 May** on the astro turf pitch at Watton Sports and Social Club, Dereham Road, Watton. The project will be taking place every **Friday** evening between **7pm-10pm**.

This will initially be a 7 week project in the Watton neighbourhood.

**To find out more contact Watton SNT on 0845 456 4567 or email [sntwatton@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sntwatton@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)**

## **ALLOTMENT CORNER**

(or Round the Bend)

There's a frenzy of activity in what used to be a quiet corner of Ovington. Villagers have been seen making their way up Church Road carrying, pushing, or dragging all sorts of equipment. Allotment fever has hit Ovington!

In just a few weeks, part of the field next to the village hall has been transformed into a patchwork of neatly dug plots, peppered with cold frames, cloches, wigwams and sheds. Despite the prolonged dry spell and cold nights, rows of vegetables are popping up and waving their heads in the breeze.

As a hobby, it is highly recommended: plenty of fresh air and exercise - if you don't overdo it and aggravate that 'old sports injury'! Also for relaxation. You cannot beat sitting in the sun, listening to the birdsong (skylarks in particular) whilst surveying the results of your labours and enjoying a well-earned cuppa - or some other liquid refreshment.

There are not many plots left; they are being eagerly snapped up by folk beyond the village boundary as there is a shortage elsewhere. Hurry and get yourself one before it is too late! See Chris or ring him on 882222.)

## **VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY**

**The JUNE Village Hall Lottery will be drawn at the Fete**

## **DON'T FORGET**

Hall bookings can be made by contacting Christine on 889920.

**LATEST DATE** for acceptance of items for the **JULY 'ORACLE'** is **20<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2010** or earlier if possible

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