

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

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WELCOME everyone, to the post Fete edition of this your monthly roundup of all things Ovington.

We said farewell to Penny & Mac during June but were pleased to meet the new owners of Sweetbriar Cottage at the Fete and fancy young Fred Reynolds reaching 90 years of age, well done.

We have been informed by Breckland that there is to be no planned development in Ovington for the foreseeable future, it would seem we do not have the required infrastructure to support further increases in housing. The fete did well, but we won't dwell on that remarkable event as it is well covered below.

The allotment holders became quite excited when a nice shower or two of welcome rain relieved the long dry spell; they are all in eager anticipation for the first crop of new vegetables to appear on their plates.

DIARY FOR JULY

July 5 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
July 7 th	Garden Club Visit	7.00pm*
July 11 th	Open Air Service	3.00pm
July 12 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
July 17 th	Social Evening	6.00pm
July 19 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
July 20 th	Ladies Pub Walk	6.00pm*
July 21 st	Parish Council	7.30pm
July 26 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm

*In the village hall unless marked **

Fete

The week leading up to the fete caused a little concern as the weather forecast tended to lean towards the pessimistic view with frequent showers and strong winds being anticipated.

We needn't have worried as the welcome bright morning sunshine was set to continue throughout the day.

Sharp at nine am it appeared the whole male population of Ovington turned out to erect the marquees, gazebos and awnings, manhandle tables, chairs and heavy goods. Teamwork was the byword

for the day and the village hall grounds soon took on the appearance of a country fair.

Come 1pm the crowds were beginning to appear and all stallholders braced themselves for a frantic afternoon.

The Church was open with a display of wedding memorabilia and photographs, these attracting much attention and some ribald comments when discovering that some of the young men depicted did at one time have lots of hair!

As usual with any event in Ovington there was food aplenty, the cake stall groaned under its display of delicacies, the fragrant aroma from the barbeque drew in the hungry and the refreshment stall with its limitless supply of teas and coffees did a roaring trade.

Queues formed at the ever-popular raffle and tombola with cries of anguish from the latter when the prized bottle of Scottish wine failed to match its number with the ticket drawn.

The Aunt Sally stall also proved popular, particularly amongst the younger visitors, giving them a chance to break something with full approval of the adults, the festivities were punctuated throughout by resounding crashes accompanied by even louder cheers (or jeers) encouraging the participants to aim ever higher.

All good things come to an end however and then it was a reversal of activities from the morning and everything was soon packed away to await the next big event.

The treasurer was able to report, once all money and donations had been accounted for, that we had once again broken all records and a total of £1368.02 was divided equally between The Village Hall and The Church.

The Village Hall management committee thanks everyone for their support both financially and in practical terms, which made the afternoon such a success.

Isn't it great when a plan comes together.

Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting.

There were far fewer members of the public present this year, most of those at the meeting were giving reports on village activities. It would seem that Ovington is ticking over nicely with the village hall at the forefront of most of the groups meeting places.

The Chairman expressed his disappointment at the low turnout but was reconciled by the fact that he didn't have to fork out for more refreshments.

The Parish Council AGM followed and the following were elected as officers:

Rod Rumsby, Chairman.

Chris Lewis, Vice Chairman.

Ablly supported by Cllr Janet Armstrong,

Cllr Jeremy Woods and Cllr John Hardy.

John Goode remains as Parish Clerk.

Parish Council

Meeting held on 16th June 2010.

(Unconfirmed minutes)

All councillors present, plus one member of the public and Clerk J Goode.

Matters arising from the previous meeting:

1. Clerk was asked again to write to N C C regarding the use of Redhill lane.
2. Risk assessment on Allotments can now be done.

Correspondence.

1. Letter from BC including survey on parking in Watton. This had been received too late for circulation and required a response before today's meeting.

It was reported that several people have responded directly to BC.

2. A letter of thanks was received from Wayland Community Bank for allowing them to give a presentation during the Annual meeting.

Finance.

1. Audit. The internal audit has now been completed but the report is not yet to hand.
2. Insurance. Policy documents have been received and are to be circulated for information.
3. Payment authorised and cheque signed for Jen-Dee Farm for work done on entrance to allotments.

Planning.

1. No applications have been received.

2. Concern has been expressed by neighbours, over plans to raise an extension to first floor level at Crown Crescent.

Clerk to query Planning permission and building regs with Breckland

Tenancy of field.

In addition to the standard FBT tenancy which was discussed at the last meeting, a copy of Gloucester County Council's contract was produced and a long discussion ensued as to which, if either, contract should be supported. Councillor Lewis withdrew from the debate.

The adoption of the Gloucester County Council contract subject to approval by the Diocese was put to the meeting, there was no support.

The standard FBT tenancy subject to approval by Diocese was put to the meeting there were three votes in favour, one against and one abstention.

Councillor Hardy will forward this document to the clerk for submission to the diocese.

It was reported that the field has been mowed, no one has given authority for this, and no one knows who has mowed it.

Allotments.

It was reported that all allotments are now let to 26 holders, £560 having been received as rental. A waiting list is to be established and thanks were expressed to the Parish Council for fencing the area.

Highway matters.

1. The Clerk was asked again to write to Highways Department regarding potholes at the entrance to Crown Crescent, and also the West end part of The Street.
2. Councillor Woods proposed that a traffic count should be carried out by volunteers throughout Ovington. This was agreed.
3. There has been an increase in Dog fouling, perpetrators unknown.

Website.

It was reported that the parish Council minutes are now going onto the Website.

Date of next Meeting

Wednesday 21st July 2010

Meeting closed at 21 35 hours.

Church News

Fete/Wedding Display

A big thank you to all who contributed in any way to the village fete. The total received by the church was £684.01p. This was a wonderful contribution and helps to keep the church open. Thank you, especially to all those who brought in their wedding dresses and wedding photos to make up a wonderful display in the church. There was much pleasure at the viewing of the registers; a granddaughter was shown six generations of her family's baptisms!

Church Unlocked

Our church is now unlocked every day. You are very welcome to come and find peace in the quiet of the church. There is solace here, knowing that this building has been where the people of Ovington have brought God their praise, their prayer, their problems, their children, their loves and their deceased for nine hundred years. If you do happen to find the church locked please call or phone Rockfield, Carbrooke Road; 881848.

July Services

Sunday 4th July 10:30 Group service at St Mary's, Watton.
Thursday 8th July 8am: Holy Communion.
Sunday 11th July 3pm: Open Air service, including the baptism of Oliver Scott, accompanied by Watton Silver Band. The service will be followed by a cuppa 'n' cake.
Thursday 15th July 8am: Holy Communion.
Thursday 22nd July 8am: Holy Communion.
Sunday 25th July 9:30: All Age Worship.

August Services

Sunday 8th August 12noon: Pet Service.

Important notice to pets:

Cats bring your staff along,
dogs your owners,
and any other pets bring along whoever claims to own you (or do you own them???)
Sunday 22nd Aug 9:30am: All Age Worship.
We wish you all a happy summer and welcome you along to our summer services.

Weddings at St John's Church

Saturday August 14th 2:00pm:

Mark Duffield and Nicola Leveridge

Saturday 28th August 3:00pm:

Carl Shannon and Katherine Sutton

Our warmest congratulations also go to Ian Sculfer and Melissa Eyles who will be married on Saturday 10th July at St George's Church, Saham Toney.

Date for your Diary

September 15th: Harvest Service and auction. Please come along on the Saturday to help decorate the church.

Welcome to you all

Everyone is welcome to all of our services. If you're not sure, but just curious, you're still welcome! Come and see what we get up to!

Welcome

To Tony and Jenny Farnese who have recently moved into 'Sweetbriar Cottage' it was good to meet you at the fete.

Congratulations

We send our Congratulations to Fred Reynolds on his 90th birthday, which he celebrates on July 19th. Fred has lived nearly all of his life in Ovington,

Sick

Our thoughts and best wishes for a speedy recovery are with those amongst us who have either been in hospital recently or are waiting to be admitted.

Ladies Group

June meeting. Unfortunately our speaker was unwell so was unable to come to the meeting. The committee decided to have a fun game of Bingo. There was a lot of laughter so I think the evening was a success. The competition was well supported with a table covered in pink objects.

July 20th This meeting is our Pub Walk. Once again we are going to Thompson. All members and guests should be at The Chequers car park and ready to leave at 6pm for the walk. Anyone unable to do the walk but would like to join us for the meal please be at the Chequers by 7.30pm. If you would like to join us on the walk or meal or both and haven't spoken to me please ring Angela 01953884594 by Monday 12th July. All we really need is a sunny and dry evening.

Lottery

1 st Prize	£10.00	Mollie Tucker
2 nd Prize	£10.00	Lyn Campey
3rd Prize	£ 5.00	Christine Hardy

Breckland Council Information

Proposed Changes to Ovington's Settlement Boundary.

Proposal – Delete Settlement Boundary.

Consultation on changes to Ovington's settlement boundary will be between 16th June and 30th July 2010.

All proposals can be viewed at the council offices, local libraries or at

<http://consult.breckland.gov.uk/portal>

Send in your comments, by email to:

planningpolicyteam@breckland.gov.uk

or by letter to Planning Policy Team, Breckland Council, Elizabeth House,

Walpole Loke, Dereham, NR19 1EE

Support Wanted

Charlotte Banes and Tim Parker's wedding on the 19th was delightful.

Alex - the groom's brother - is a doctor in **Zambia and half of the collection** went to his hospital. In one month this year 91 children died of easily (in the west) curable diseases.

As a doctor he gets paid £20 a month and resources are so scarce that staff often give their own blood directly to the patients. They are in desperate need of the 'ordinary' things, like syringes, canulas and mosquito nets. The hospital is St. Francis' Hospital in Ketete, Zambia, and we are hoping to adopt it as a church charity so that we can regularly support them.

There's is another (free!) way we can support such hospitals; when Barbara's mother died we had a cache of morphine, aids and other medicines in the house that were still in their sealed containers but had to be destroyed. What a waste!

There is a charity: Aid for Hospitals Worldwide at Bury St. Edmunds collects such unused drugs and equipment and sends them to a hospitals in dire need. Similarly, if the doctor changes your medicine and you have some of the old medicine left it can be used instead of being wasted. If you are unable to get them there we are happy to be a collection point for them. Harry and Barbara Hicks.

Brain Teaser.

There were no responses to last month's question, so we have to regard it as being extremely difficult, requiring further research.

It will therefore be held over until the August issue.

May Rainfall

May 2010	28.00mm	or 1.12ins
May 2009	60.00mm	or 2.40ins
May 2000	97.25mm	or 3.89ins

Thank you Ted

Spree Booklets

Available now, only £23. over £5000. worth of vouchers ring Christine Reilly 885848

Every book sold the village hall receives £5.

Social Evening

You are invited to a social evening in the village hall on **Saturday 17th July 6pm**

Just come along with a plate of food each and your own drinks.

Complaints

The village hall committee have had complaints again about children running around the village hall grounds and looking through the windows when the Village Hall is booked.

Parents please tell your children to keep out of the hall grounds. Thank you.

Award

The village hall management committee were awarded the "Rotary Cup" this year for their work as a group for the benefit of the community in Ovington.

Christine R, Marie Ana, Grace and Christine H representing the committee were invited to a splendid dinner at the Crown Hotel after which they were presented with the cup.

Gardening Club

For further details of Next Gardening Club outing on July 7th, ring Ed on 01953 885848

DON'T FORGET

Hall bookings can be made by contacting Christine on 889920.

LATEST DATE for acceptance of items for the AUGUST 'ORACLE' is 22nd JULY 2010, earlier if possible

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