

# THE OVINGTON ORACLE

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**Greetings Ovington**, couldn't we do with a good rain? Not a common prayer for us who live in this normally waterlogged land, but the situation is getting a little on the fraught side now. We feel sorry for those poor allotment holders who have to transport hundreds of litres (or gallons if you still think in old money) up Church Road. Despite this, we have been informed that some allotmenters have been accorded high honours at the Dereham Allotment & Gardening societies show. Well done.

Read on folks, there is something for everyone in this month's collation.

P.S. Isn't that typical, just finished writing this prologue, looked out the window and it's chucking it down with rain. I bet there is a law covering this aspect of journalism somewhere.

## August Diary

Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Aug 14 <sup>th</sup>	Social Evening	6.00pm
Aug 16 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Aug 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Group	7.45pm
Aug 21 <sup>st</sup>	Ladies BBQ	6.00pm*
Aug 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Aug 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	VH BBQ	4.00pm
Sept 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council	7.30pm

In the village hall except where marked\*

## Ovington Gardening Club

The July visit was to the lovely gardens of Holme Hale Hall where Simon Broke welcomed us with a brief history of the hall and gardens. The gardens are a recent development in 2000 by Arne Maynard who is now a Chelsea Gold-winner, and looked stunning on a beautiful July evening as we walked through the various garden rooms. All the maintenance is undertaken by Ted Bowman, as shown in his monthly diaries of his work located in the tearoom, where we were given tea and cakes to round off our visit.

Just a reminder, there is no meeting in August.

## Village Hall Improvements

Thanks to our friendly DIY'er and capable assistants, we now have a beautiful new kitchen fitted in the village hall and hope that it will be appreciated by all who use it (and treated with respect!).

## Ladies Group

### July Meeting

Our July meeting saw 14 members and husbands arrive at The Chequers car park at 6pm ready to set off on our annual Pub Walk. We were blessed with perfect weather and we all had a really lovely walk stopping off to have a look round Thompson churchyard and church. We arrived back at the pub at 7.30pm where 7 more members and husbands joined us for a very enjoyable meal. Richard did us proud and we left the pub at 9.30pm feeling very full and satisfied.

### August Meeting

Our next meeting is on **17<sup>th</sup> August at 7.45pm** in the village hall. Barbara Emons from the Dog Trust at Snetterton will be telling us about her work with the dogs. The competition is something WHITE. All Ovington ladies are very welcome to attend the meeting.

### BBQ

Our BBQ this year is again BKPO John and Christine Hardy. It is on **SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> AUGUST** at 6pm. The cost is £7.50 and £5.50 for under 12's. It would be appreciated if tickets could be paid for asap. Contact Angela – 884594. Tickets are now available. Everyone welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Social Evening

You are invited to a social evening in the village hall on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August from 6pm**

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

Everyone is welcome.

## Church News.

### **Open Air Service**

We had a lovely afternoon for the Open Air Service with the Watton Silver Band and Oliver Scott's baptism. It was lovely to see people from Watton and the surrounding areas. Thanks to those who provided cakes and who helped to set up the event, and then to tidy up afterwards! It was an awesome privilege to be the first to use the new kitchen in the village hall. Rev. Jane has had encouraging comments about this service.

**Benefice Venture** (of Ashill, Saham Toney, Carbrooke and Ovington) we invite you to "Pork, Pimms and Pavlova" at Ashill rectory on **Sunday 29th August 2010 at 1:00pm**. Tickets (numbered) are £12:50 each. It's the weekend of the bank holiday, and is an afternoon of convivial eating, drinking and chatting! (a different way of getting funds: this is the C of E we're talking about here!) You can get your tickets from Barbara and Harry (881848). Please mention this to your neighbours, colleagues and friends.

### **Flowers**

Some mystery flowers appeared in the church and we later found out they were in memory of a loved one. Of course you can put in flowers at any time; it is our village church – it belongs to the people of the village (not just the few people who go there for services!) You can obtain the church key (if it's not open – it usually is) and the vestry key for vases etc. from Barbara and Harry at Rockfield, Carbrooke Road (881848). There are usually bottles of water for the flowers in the vestry.

### **Services for August**

(please note the differing times) Come and join us

Thursday **5th August at 8:00am:**

Said Holy Communion

Sunday **8th August at 12:00:**

Pet Service (Bring your pets to church!)

Thursday **12th August at 8:00am:**

Said Holy Communion

Thursday **19th August at 8:00am:**

Said Holy Communion

Sunday **22nd August at 9:30am:**

All Age Worship

(Harry Hicks leading & preaching)

Thursday **26th August at 8:00am:**

Said Holy Communion

### **Weddings!**

Saturday 14th August at 2:00pm:

Mark Duffield and Nicola Leveridge

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> August at 3:00pm:

Carl Shannon and Katherine Sutton

### **PLEASE NOTE.**

The P. C. C. of St John the Evangelist Church of Ovington are at pains to point out that the land on which the allotments are part of may be called Church, or Glebe, land, but it is not part of our Church's curtilage.

The diocesan office administers the land and any income from rental of the land finds its way into C of E coffers, NOT, sadly, into our Parish Church. This message is to allay suspicions that St John's is benefiting financially from the incomes generated by the allotments. Not so.

### Connie

Our thoughts are with Connie after her recent operation we hope she continues to make steady progress on the road to a full recovery

### Allotment Corner ('Round the Bend')

July has brought a sudden rush of green abundance to the allotments, as everything, weeds included, seems to have grown almost overnight. We sympathise with the newer tenants, who are struggling with the weeds in soil almost as hard as concrete (when *are* we going to get a decent downpour?) but their tenacity does them huge credit as they cheerily set about their labours. Two allotment holders recently had a huge success exhibiting at the Dereham Allotment & Gardening Society show, bagging no fewer than nine 1sts, numerous 2nds and 3rds at the first attempt, not to mention several cash prizes! Ovington's honour has been upheld and planning is underway for exhibits next time.

Can I put in a personal plea for the courgette? In my opinion, you can never have too many of this particular vegetable. Besides the usual boiled, steamed, fried, baked, grilled versions, it can also be made into bread, cake, chutney and (would you believe) jam! Anyone with any further uses/recipes should contact me - I am thinking of producing a courgette cookbook.

Christine R

### Fire Prevention

Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service is offering free Home Fire Risk Checks for the general public. The purpose of these visits by the Fire Service is to help prevent house fires before somebody has to experience the devastating effects they have.

They are trying to generate some more requests for visits amongst our more at risk groups.

These include the elderly, disabled and otherwise vulnerable people.

Should you, or your family and friends, feel you would like an inspection, all free, then contact

Hayley Greener on 0800 9178137 ext 7277

(free) or write to her at: -

Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service

Headquarters

Whitegates

Hethersett

Norwich

NR9 3DN

Or contact a member of the Parish Council who will be able to assist you.

### Bottle Bank

A suggestion has been made that the introduction of a bottle / clothing bank in the Village, might go some way towards eradicating fly tipping at the same time raising funds for the Village.

A meeting has been held with a representative from Breckland Council who are most supportive of the idea and we are now awaiting a site meeting with the waste disposal operative to decide the best location for the banks.

Naturally the banks will be of benefit to all Ovington residents who will no longer need to travel to Watton to dispose of their bottles etc. but it is hoped that anyone from the neighbouring area will make use of these facilities. The quicker the banks are filled the bigger the payout.

There is not time to have a village wide referendum on this proposal but should you have any comments, suggestions or complaints then contact the editors in the first instance they will pass on your comments to the appropriate body.

### July Lottery

£10.00	No. 4	Linda Birt
£ 5.00	No. 38	Len Johnson

### Parish Council

A meeting of the P. C. was held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Matters discussed were the letting of the land that is not occupied by the allotment holders.

There is approximately five acres of good arable / pasture land available and now the P. C. have been given approval for their proposed tenancy agreement from the Diocese, then the land is up for tender.

Any further parties interested in renting this land should apply for a tender document, to either John Hardy on 01953 889920 at No 6 Church Road, Ovington. Or, the Parish Clerk, Mr John Goode on 01953 889342 or write to him at.

Mr J. Goode

Ovington Parish Clerk

18 Mill Lane

Carbrooke

Norfolk

IP25 6TD.

Stating clearly the use you would envisage putting the land to.

A decision will then be made on the proposals that are compatible with the requirements of the allotment holders and Parish Council

### Parish Clerk

Mr. John Goode has indicated that he wishes to retire from his post as Parish Clerk, having served the council and Ovington with distinction for several years, with effect from June 2011.

The post of Parish Clerk is a varied and interesting one and would suit anyone with basic clerical and financial skills, and of course these days, computer literacy would be a distinct advantage.

The pay is in accordance with national scales.

Training courses are available, although it is expected the new clerk would work for a time in tandem with the outgoing clerk to familiarise themselves with the special (but simple) practices peculiar to Ovington.

Those interested, or for more information, contact the Parish Clerk (contact details as above) or Chairman of the P. C. Rod Rumsby on 01953 882246 or at 31 The Street, Ovington. E-mail [kestle@supanet.com](mailto:kestle@supanet.com)

### WEB SITE

Our webmaster has informed us that the web site is being continually updated. Keep looking.

## Letters to the Editors

No.1.

Dear Editors

### Bonfires

And yet again we have a very inconsiderate person living in the village.

It was the hottest night of the year so far (sat 10th July) everybody was roasting, windows and doors wide open to try and cool off and somebody decided to light a bonfire (You know who you are).

The ground and surrounding areas are very dry at the moment, not only did it stink my house out but it was very dangerous, anything could have caught light.

Please I am hopefully talking for all the other people in the village, PLEASE DON'T LIGHT A BONFIRE ON A WARM EVENING.

Enjoy the summer we have enough wet, cold winter evenings to have bonfires

S Titcombe

### Editors comment

This is not the first time we have published letters of complaint about irresponsible behaviour with regards to bonfires.

Please do apply some common sense and take regard of the wind and weather conditions before burning garden rubbish.

No.2.

Dear Editors

### Shingle

Can I appeal to residents who have shingle driveways, please, please clear the stones from the roadway, as these are dangerous to cyclists, motorcyclists and pedestrians and can form dangerous projectiles when vehicles drive over them.

P.R.

### ADVANCE WARNING

We have been advised that due to some large tree felling operations, the Carbrooke Road adjacent to The Old Mill House may have restricted access or even be closed for periods of time.

The work is scheduled to take place during Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July between 8am and 4pm.

The tree surgeon apologises for any disruption, which will hopefully be kept to a minimum.

### June Rainfall

June 2010	60.75mm	or	2.43ins
June 2009	88.50mm	or	3.46ins
June 2000	28.75mm	or	1.15ins

Thank you Ted

### Brain Teaser

It was so long ago since we put in our last brainteaser that we have forgotten the question. So we will start again with something so simple that even the PC Chairman will be able to answer it (Some hopes).

Question:- Born in 1781 he built the famous "Rocket" locomotive. Who was he?

### Carbrooke Church Event

You are invited to a Cream Tea at 'The Willows' Broadmoor Road, Carbrooke, on **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August** between 2.30pm and 5.30pm. Admission is by ticket only £2.50. Ring Angie on 01362 820292 or Jan on 881709. There is also a Bring and Buy Stall and Raffle. Proceeds to Carbrooke Church.

### Hall Bookings

Contact Christine on 889920 if you wish to hire the village hall.

### SEPTEMBER 'ORACLE'

Latest date for acceptance of items for the Oracle is **12noon on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2010** or earlier if possible

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