

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

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Hi everyone,

It looks like September is going to be a busy month with the Village Hall BBQ, the Macmillan Coffee Morning, Cycle Ride and lo and behold the planning meeting for the Christmas Bazaar. It doesn't seem long since we were planning last year's bazaar. We do hope you will be able to come to at least one of the above functions.

September Diary Dates

Sept 1 st	Gardening Club	7.45pm
Sept 4 th	Village Hall BBQ	4.00pm
Sept 6 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 8 th	Parish Council	7.30pm
Sept 11 th	Macmillan Coffee	10-12
Sept 11 th	Church Sponsored Cycle Ride	9-5pm*
Sept 13 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 20 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 21 st	Ladies Group	7.45pm
Sept 22 nd	Pre Bazaar Meeting	10.00am
Sept 27 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm

Held in the village hall unless marked *

Village Hall BBQ

Put Saturday the 4th September in your diary. This is the final outdoor event at the Village Hall for this year - the BBQ! Come and be sociable, enjoy the food for a very modest outlay (pay as you eat system), but bring your own drink. The BBQ starts at about 4pm and goes on as long as people want to stay, or until the food runs out. There will be a raffle and all proceeds go to the village hall. As usual, we can't guarantee the weather but we can guarantee an enjoyable evening.

Pre Bazaar Meeting

Will be held at 10am on the 22nd September in the Village Hall. This meeting is open to anyone wishing to support the organisers of the Christmas Bazaar due to take place on Dec 4th. If you cannot make this meeting, but have new ideas or can help in any way please let any of the Village Hall committee know. As usual the profit will be divided between the Village Hall and Church.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning MacMillan Cancer Support

Angela and Lyndia invite you to call in for coffee and help them raise money for

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY

11th SEPTEMBER

10-12noon

OVINGTON VILLAGE HALL.

There will be a raffle and a cake stall.

Please help us to raise a lot of money for this worthwhile cause.

MacMillan Cancer Support hold 'The World's Biggest Coffee Morning' each year. The actual date for it this year is 24th September, but we are unable to hold one on that date, so we are having it on the above date.

All money collected will go to that charity so please support us.

We look forward to your support. If you are unable to come perhaps you could make some cakes for the cake stall or donate a raffle prize.

Angela

August Lottery

£10.00	No. 6	Roy Abbs
£ 5.00	No 32	Denis Todd

rain which has revived many of the crops and given new vigour to all the weeds (just when I thought I was getting to grips with them). I can honestly say that I have never eaten so much fresh veg and the flavour is just amazing when it comes straight out of the ground or off the plant and onto the plate. It's such a pity that we can't grow everything in our climate. Today I bought some lemons and noted on the label that they had come all the way from Argentina! Just how they managed to do that for approximately 16p each, enabling the grower to earn a living, is beyond me.

The preserving season is into full swing now: gleaming jars of jam and chutney fill the shelves with jewel-like colours. The hardest part is leaving the pickles to mature for a couple of months before trying them. This year's cold turkey and Christmas ham is in for a rare treat! Last month I said that I was thinking about compiling a book of recipes to deal with the courgette glut. No need! A friend came to the rescue and gave me an excellent little paperback with 150 recipes, all containing courgettes, and I am working my way through them. Perhaps I should turn my attention to French beans as I am having to pick about a carrier bag of them every day. Here's one which makes a quick supper or lunch dish:

Christine's Recipe

Take some French beans (as many as you can eat), steam or boil them for about 4 minutes then drain and layer in the bottom of a buttered oven dish. Add other part-cooked vegetables (such as courgettes and carrots) on the next layer and top with some slices of cooked salad potatoes. Beat 3-4 large tablespoons of natural yoghurt (the Greek type will make it thicker and creamier) with 2 eggs. Season and add some grated nutmeg. Pour this over the vegetables, ensuring it penetrates the layers. Top with grated cheese and cook in the oven (about 180 degrees C) for about 30 mins, until golden brown. Serve with a fresh tomato salad and/or salad garnish.

Bon appétit! Right, I'm off to pick some more. Anyone for a bean biryani?

Christine

I would like to make all readers aware of the importance of looking out for our belongings and that of our neighbours. We, unfortunately, have had unwanted visitors during August. Seemingly, the warnings of dogs and geese did nothing to deter the thieves, and Sam's bike has been stolen. We try to keep an eye on the empty properties, or those where neighbours are away - by putting out their bins, parking in their driveway - anything to prevent burglars. Please be aware of your own belongings, what you leave on show and what is locked away.

H Wheeler.

Editors comment:- We would recommend that any losses that are attributable to theft, should be reported to the Police. You will then receive a crime number, which will enable you to make a claim on your insurers. There has been a spate of cycle thefts in Carbrooke recently, so make sure yours are securely locked away when not in use.

Dear Editors

On behalf of the Bowls Club, I write in regard to the now completed village hall kitchen. Whilst refurbishment was taking place in no way were we inconvenienced. We arrived for our game of bowls to find all the crockery set out in the hall and the kettles filled.

On one occasion the storeroom was full but our bowls equipment was laid out in the hall. All this was done so that we could enjoy our afternoon (even the girls were delighted that they did not have to wash up).

To all you wonderful people, you volunteers who have toiled so hard so that we may enjoy the fruits of your labours. I could say "it's top notch" But to award you the highest accolade I would like to borrow a phrase from the great 'Del Boy' himself who, on viewing the finished article would with a wry smile say 'it's luvly jubbly!'

Again, our sincere thanks to you all.

Denis

July Rainfall

July 2010	26.25mm	or 1.05ins
July 2009	109.5mm	or 4.38ins
July 2000	79.25mm	or 3.17ins

Thank you once again Ted

Church News

Church services for September:

Every Thursday morning at 8.00am
BCP Holy Communion.
Sunday 5th September at 10.30am.
Benefice Service at Carbrooke
Sunday 12th September at 5.00pm
Harvest Festival Service
followed by the auctioning of produce.
Saturday 11th September
Come and decorate the church for harvest.
The church is open every day.

Weddings

September 3rd at 2:30:
Elizabeth Hicks and James Smith
September 17th at 2:00:
Anita Bell and Michael Kersley

Sponsored Cycle Ride

September 11th Cycle Ride! Ovington Church is open all day, and refreshments are available in support of MacMillan Cancer Care in the Village Hall until noon.
Thank you to members of the village who are 'manning' the church and to those who are cycling for St. John's.
Sponsor forms are available from Harry at Rockfield, Carbrooke Road.
Children, get your parents to cycle with you, or even, parents, get your children to cycle with you!!

Interested in improving your French?

I am considering setting up a French (or German) evening class in the Village Hall (time and day tbc but one evening a week).
The course would last 10 weeks (September to Christmas and maybe beyond) and would initially cover holiday language essentials (Booking hotels, shopping, eating out, simple telephone calls etc.), but if people wanted to we could aim for a GCSE eventually.
There would be a small cost to cover hall hire, materials, refreshments etc. but nothing bank-breaking as the objective is to add to Ovington's social repertoire, not make money. To make it fun we would probably need at least 5 people and the class would be 1 hour per week.
If you are interested please e mail me Janet at (jarmstrong1000@aol.com) or telephone 883363, stating your preferred language (French or German), current level and desired level.

Ladies Group

Barbara Emons from the Dog Trust was our August speaker. It was a very informative talk and very professionally given. The Dog Trust does a lot of excellent work looking after mainly strays at Snetterton. Once again the competition table was full, so thank you ladies for always remembering to bring something for the competition.

September

The September meeting is on **Tuesday 21st September** in the village hall and begins at 7.45pm. Tom Thurston from Carbrooke will be speaking about Bee Keeping. The competition is something BLACK. All ladies in the village are very welcome to come to our meetings. We are always pleased to have visitors even if you don't want to commit yourself to coming every month.

October

Our **October (19th)** meeting is the AGM. We have three committee members leaving this year as they have completed their 3 years. We shall be wanting a Chairman and Secretary. Jill Malton has very kindly said she will be our Treasurer.
The committee only has about 4 or 5 meetings a year and are very informal. Everyone is always willing to help out with any of the jobs involved with being on the committee.....so any volunteers????!!!!!!

BBQ

The Ladies Group held their annual BBQ on Saturday 21st August BKPO of Christine and John Hardy. Despite some bad weather during the week we were blessed with a perfect evening. John cooked us all some wonderful meat and the committee provided everything else. A great evening was had by all attending. A big THANK YOU to John and Christine.

Ovington Gardening Club

The September meeting will feature Barry Gayton who will be talking on 'Hardy Border Plants'.
The meeting will be held in Ovington Village Hall at 7.45pm on Wednesday, **1st September**. Non members welcome, as always.
Further details contact Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

Congratulations

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Elizabeth and James who will wed on Friday September 3rd
To Anita and Michael who will wed on Friday, September 17th

Also congratulations and best wishes to Laura and Nic's daughter Victoria and her husband Alex who were married on August 14th.

Reflections on the World Cup

David Blaine is reportedly furious after England crashed out of the World Cup – his record of doing nothing in a box for 42 days was broken by Wayne Rooney

I hear OXO is making a new product - the packaging is white with a red cross and they're calling it the "laughing stock"

Osama bin Laden has just released a new TV message to prove he is still alive. He said that the England Team performance was completely rubbish. British intelligence have dismissed the claim, stating that the message could have been recorded anytime in the last 44 years .

The England team went to visit an orphanage in South Africa " It's good to put a smile on the faces of people with no hope, constantly struggling and facing the impossible " said Jamal Omboto aged 6.

Robert Green - the only man to leave Africa without catching anything. Alan

DOG FOULING

Sorry to bring up this unsavoury subject again, but it has been reported to us that the problem has not gone away, in fact some dogs are now fouling other peoples lawns inside property boundaries. This means that either the owners do not know where their dogs are, or more seriously, are encouraging their animals to foul other peoples gardens in the hope that they, the dog owners, will not have to clear up the mess. Please dog owners; do not permit your dogs to foul the public, private areas or highways. Dog-waste bins are provided in the village, so please clear up after your animals.

For Sale

Good working order a Second-hand Hotpoint Aquarius WF530 Automatic Washing Machine approx 4 years old. £20.00.
Please ring 882246 for further info.

Parish Council Meeting

There will be a traffic survey through the village on September 7th 7am -7pm organised by members of the Parish Council. If you are able to volunteer for a 2hr stint please contact Councillor Jeremy Woods on 883953
The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the village hall on **September 8th at 7.30pm.**
The meeting is open to all Ovington residents.

Digging up Ovington's Past

Anyone who has visited the excellent site www.ovallot.org.uk may have seen a couple of pictures of pot shards and interesting bits and pieces dug up on the allotments.

Some of these are being catalogued by the Norfolk Museums & Archaeology Service and we will report further on their verdict, hopefully next month.

It appears that not much has been catalogued in Ovington previously, probably because no-one has really looked very hard!

When you are digging your allotment (or indeed in your garden), keep an eye out for anything interesting.

Their expert said "Think 'grey', when looking for bits of pot" as, apparently the really old stuff tends to be grey and unglazed. Stay tuned!

Village Hall Bookings

Please ring Christine Hardy on 889920
To book your party or meeting.

Deadline Date

for items for the October 'Oracle' is **12noon on 22nd September 2010**
or earlier if possible.

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