

# THE OVINGTON ORACLE

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## Hello Ovington and all who sail in her;

Last time our roving reporter ventured into the sacred territory of the allotments she was alarmed to see most of the allotmenters on their knees, looking skywards and loudly crying out for just a little rain. Understandable; it has been a trifle on the dry side, just take a look at our rain recorder, Ted's, rainfall figures below and you will see that this year has been predominantly dry. Great if you are holidaying over the Easter period but not so good for those looking to a bumper harvest. We are reluctant to forecast doom and gloom (who sez. Ed) but trust us there will be rain sometime in the future, just when and where is the puzzle.

## May Diary

May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
May 5 <sup>th</sup>	Election	7am - 10pm
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz and Supper	7.15pm
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council AGM	7.30pm
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Group	7.45pm
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Garden-Coffee/Cakes	10-noon
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	VILLAGE FETE	2-4pm

## Pre Fete Meeting

At the pre fete meeting held recently it was decided the Fete would be held on Saturday **June 25<sup>th</sup> 2pm - 4pm** and would include the following stalls (Books, Cakes, BricaBrac, Gifts, Plants, Raffle and Bottle Tombola) also games and competitions.

No BBQ this year but cream teas and strawberries (if available) and cream would be on offer with the usual refreshments of cakes etc. Collection date for any donations you can offer for the fete will be **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June** from 7pm or can be given to any committee member beforehand.

If you can help on the day perhaps you could be kind enough to email Marie Ana who is co-ordinating the fete this year, on [marieanacave@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:marieanacave@yahoo.co.uk) or ring 885019

## Ovington Gardening Club Plant Sale/Cake Stall on Saturday, 21st May from 10am to 12 noon.

This will be held at Redwood House, Carbrooke Road, Ovington by kind permission of Ann and Richard Akister. This is your opportunity to purchase plants for your garden at a very reasonable price - so please come along and support us, even if you only want a coffee and a slice of cake

## Wanted

1. Chipped or cracked crockery for the Aunt Sally game at the fete. Please ring 882246
2. Helpers required at the Fete on June 25<sup>th</sup> Please ring MarieAna 885019
3. Wanted help with housekeeping duties in the Church. Please ring Ann on 885455
4. Anyone able to give a helping hand at mowing the front part of the churchyard, about once every 4 - 6 weeks. Mower and petrol supplied. Please give Rod a ring on 882246.
5. The Parish Council need to co-opt one person to become a Parish councillor. If you are interested, please contact the Clerk on 880975 or Rod 882246.

### Village Events

If you would like to be e-mailed and reminded about forthcoming Village events then register your e-mail address with Pat Powell at (alanpowell1@btinternet.com)

### March Rainfall

March 2011	10.0mm	or	0.40ins
March 2010	60.0mm	or	2.40ins
March 2001	89.5mm	or	3.58ins

Hardly worth recording

### April Lottery Winners

1 <sup>st</sup>	£10.00	No.23	Jean Mayhook
2 <sup>nd</sup>	£ 5.00	No 37	Ted Bowman

### Ladies Group

During the month of April we had our annual dinner at The Windmill in Necton. Once again The Windmill did us proud with an excellent meal and we all enjoyed the camaraderie of the evening.

At the monthly meeting we had an interesting talk by Mrs Ann Durrant about the planning and building of the Queens Hall in Watton. The idea was first suggested as a way to commemorate the coronation of Queen Elizabeth. Mrs. Durrant told us of the wonderful work carried out entirely by volunteers in the 1950's to provide this excellent facility for Watton, which boasts the best dance floor in the whole of Norfolk.

### May Meeting

At the next meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> May we are very pleased to see the return of the popular and funny Linda Scholes who will be giving a talk entitled "Everything I always wanted to know about sex". This is not to be taken seriously and I am sure Linda will have you in stitches. So please, ladies, do come along to the village hall at 7.45 pm and remember – you do not have to be a member - guests are always very welcome. The competition for the evening will be "a favourite vase".

We look forward to seeing you soon.

### Congratulations

We all send our congratulations and best wishes to Mr and Mrs Wickham on the occasion of their recent wedding. All the very best for the future in Portugal, Barbara and David - and about time too!

### Ovington Gardening Club

The April meeting was a talk by Tim Fuller of 'Plantsman's Preference' on Hardy Perennials. This was illustrated by superb pictures of plants, each one being a good 'do-er', and a knowledgeable description of the plant provided.

There will be NO May meeting, but instead we will be having a **Plant Sale/Cake Stall on Saturday, 21st May from 10am to 12 noon.** (see front page for details)  
Contributions of plants and cakes gratefully received.

### Parish Council.

The annual Parish Meeting was held on 14<sup>th</sup> April in the usual assembly area of the Village Hall. The council was pleased to see several members of the village present. After the customary and brief introductions the appointed chairman for the evening introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Trevor Bunce who gave a talk on how to circumvent the mass of spam and unwanted mail, which we receive on a daily basis.

This talk was well received and it has been noted that certain attendees have followed up the recommendations that Trevor made.

Following this the Chairman gave the Parish Council annual report, which was in turn followed, by reports from other institutions within the village. The chairman read reports from representatives of organizations unable to attend, at the end of this session the tea and coffee break was most welcome.

There were no points raised by the assembled throng, which would require the attention of the Parish Council. Which, the Chairman confirmed, was a most satisfactory reflection on the Council's efforts over the past twelve months. After the welcome tea break a short Parish Council meeting was held to confirm the accounts for the previous accounting period, and agree to putting old Parish Council minute books in the County Archives.

### For Sale.

The Parish Council has a four drawer, steel, filing cabinet for sale, this is surplus to requirements. No reasonable offer refused. Contact Rod on 882246 or call in to 31 The Street, to view and make offer.

**Election**

Despite the entreaties from the existing Parish Council to the people of Ovington to stand for election as a Parish Councillor, only four people put their names forward, so there will not be an election for the Parish Council this term. It is understood that the District Council seat is also unopposed. However we do urge all eligible people to attend the Poll on voting day, even if only to register your opinion on the alternative vote saga of which there has been so much discussion of late.

**Race for Life**

Susan (Wayland Partnership) and Heather Baskerville from Craftwood Interiors are taking part in the Race for Life (10 k) on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 10.00am** (we are only walking though) we are looking for other ladies to join us to make a huge Wayland Group and put Wayland on the map.

We need a catchy name can you think of anything that has Wayland in the title e.g. Wayland Wanderers.

Would you be able to forward to anybody you think might be interested in walking with us, or supporting us in anyway? Be it designing posters, which would be very helpful, cheering us on at the walk, making fairy wings, or making tu – tu, (not sure if that is spelt right but you know what I mean)

Yes we are going to dress up and have fun along the way.

The most important thing is money so please dig deep every little helps, I have my sponsorship form in the office, if you are passing. Or go to <http://www.raceforlifesporsome.org/susanhollinworth2009>. I was lucky I beat Breast Cancer.

**Ovington Church News**

We were pleased to welcome Harry & Barbara Hicks back to our church for Mothering Sunday and to hear Harry preach again. It was good to have 20 of us at this special service and each person was given a posy and a piece of Simnel Cake. Our Annual Parish Church Meeting followed this service and we welcome Chris Springford as our Churchwarden and Rod Rumsby as our Fabric Officer.

**Benefice Service**

We are looking forward to holding the Benefice Service on **Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 10.30** (lay in possible) at St John's and welcoming our friends from Ashill, Carbrooke and Saham. Tea and Coffee will be served in the Village Hall after the service.

**Open Air Service**

A date for your diary is **Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm** when we will be holding our Open Air Service with Watton Silver Town Band. Tea and cakes will be served after the service.

**Housekeeping Duties**

If anybody would like to help with any of the housekeeping duties in the church eg. Cleaning, Pew Polishing, Church Flowers or Reading at the Services, would you please let me know. I know some of you have already volunteered and the more offers of help we have the less work there will be to do. Perhaps you could tear off the slip and pop through my letterbox or give me a ring on 885455.

Many thanks - your help is greatly appreciated  
- Ann Johnson

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### **Royal Wedding Fete**

The day after the Royal Wedding, **this Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April**, there is to be a Four Parishes Celebration Fete.

This will be held in the garden of **The Rectory, Ashill from 1pm – 5pm**

Includes Watton Silver Band, Afternoon Teas, Stalls, Games, Raffle, and Competitions etc. etc.

Admission Free - programmes are available from members of our congregation for 20p.

There will be lots of games and all the usual stalls. There is a box at the back of Ovington Church if you are able to contribute to the raffle or tombola.

If you would like to help on the day or are able to bake a cake, then Ann Johnson at 47 The Street (tel. 885455) would be very happy to accept these, or just bring them along this Saturday.

There will be a prize for the best-dressed bride and groom for adults and children if you feel like a bit of dressing up!

Come along and join in this special Royal Wedding celebration.

### **Bible Reading**

Don't forget that the Ovington Church is open daily and you are invited to read aloud from the Authorised Version of the Bible (there'll probably be no one else there so you'll be OK) Please fill in the sheet afterwards so that the next person knows where to start reading. It is on the lectern with a modern version beside it. This is in celebration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the book that has influenced, guided, inspired, reprimanded and helped us so much, both as individuals and as a nation.

### **Welcome**

We would like to welcome the new residents at No.12 The Street who have recently moved into the village. We hope you will enjoy living in the village, and look forward to meeting and greeting you in the near future.

### **Village Hall Bookings**

**Please ring Christine Hardy on 889920 to book the village hall.**

### **Warning**

The police have notified us that heating oil thefts are still occurring in our area.

However the techniques being used are different in that the thieves are only taking sufficient oil to fill a ten or five litre can, which is easily concealed and the loss of such a small amount may not be so noticeable to the home owner. Using this method the thieves are likely to return on numerous occasions if no alarm has been raised in the first instance. You are advised to regularly check your oil levels and any unexplained increase in consumption should be reported to the Police.

### **Daft Bits**

A sales rep, an administration clerk and their Manager were walking to lunch when they find an antique oil lamp. They rub it and a Genie comes out. The Genie says, "I'll give each of you just one wish" "Me first! Me First" says the admin clerk. "I want to be in the Bahamas, driving a speedboat, without a care in the world" Puff! She's gone.

"Me next! Me next!" says the sales rep. "I want to be in Hawaii, relaxing on the beach with my personal masseuse, an endless supply of Pina Coladas and the love of my life. Puff! He's gone.

"OK you're up" the Genie says to the Manager. The Manager says to the Genie, "I want those two back in the office after lunch" Moral of this story!

Always let your boss have the first say.

### **Deadline Date**

**For items to be included in the June edition of the 'Oracle' is 12noon on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2011 or earlier if possible.**

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