

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

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July Diary

July 4 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
July 6 th	Garden Outing	6.30pm
July 9 th	European Evening	7.00pm
July 11 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
July 18 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
July 19 th	Ladies outing	10.45am
July 24 th	Open Air Service	3.00pm
July 25 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
July 27 th	Parish Council	7.30pm

Fete

Well that's another successful fete over for this year. We must admit there were a few hard bitten finger nails when we awoke to a steady patter of rain, lowering grey skies boding ill for the rest of the day. The grey skies remained, but thankfully the rain stopped and it was all hands, (not to the pumps despite the wet grounds) but erecting those jigsaw like marquees and gazebos, which acts, to an onlooker, might have seemed reminiscent of a comedy drama, but it was a well planned and precisely executed exercise in male ingenuity and resourcefulness.

With everything in place and tables laden, the crowds arrived well before the declared opening time and wasted no time in throwing their money down. As always, the happy chatter of people enjoying themselves was punctuated with the crash of yet another tea service meeting its end on the ever-popular Aunt Sally.

The indefatigable tea ladies worked non-stop keeping everyone fed and watered, with the strawberries and cream teas going down a storm. Ovington has something of a reputation, the envy of many, for providing really good food so it was great to see our catering skills have not diminished over the years.

The day, especially for those that helped with the erection and dismantling duties, was long and hard, but nary a word of discontent was

heard and everyone we spoke to felt it was all worthwhile and really jolly good fun.

The financial results as you can see below were most gratifying, with both the Parish Church and Village Hall benefiting to the tune of £557.00 each.

The committee have asked us to convey their grateful thanks to all those lovely people who worked so hard on the run up to, and on the day itself. Thank you very much.

Books.	47. 10
Bric a Brac.	43. 55
Cakes.	101. 50
Christine's Crafts.	79. 20
Gifts.	61. 10
Plants.	41. 85
Raffle.	141. 00
Refreshments.	143. 18
Tombola.	180. 60
Aunt Sally.	47. 25
Big a Telle.	14. 70
Card Game.	14. 50
Golf.	13. 50
Hamper Competition.	56. 00
Hippo.	13. 80
Marbles.	6. 95
Dolls Name.	20. 00
Bear Hunt.	11. 00
Donations.	80. 00
<u>Total.</u>	<u>£1,116. 78</u>
Less Expenses.	2. 78
Total Profit.	<u>£1,114. 00</u>

European Evening: 9th July 7pm

If you are quick, you just may be able to obtain a ticket or two for this event at only £7 each. At time of going to press, they are disappearing fast. A sumptuous menu of dishes from around Europe has been planned, together with an entertaining quiz and a raffle. If weather permits, a game of boules may be possible to work off the food excesses. All proceeds go to village hall funds. Ring Christine (on 885848) a.s.a.p. for tickets.

Gardening Club

The June visit to Walnut Tree Garden Centre was a great success. The garden itself had changed considerably since our last visit, with Hornbeam hedges dividing the garden into rooms, each with its special areas and plants to match. Jim Paine, who explained the layout and the specialist plants that had been planted, gave us a conducted tour. Later we had the opportunity to purchase plants.

The July visit to Gooderstone Water Gardens will be on Wednesday 6th July at 6.30pm and will cost £4.50 per person. For further details, contact Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

Ladies Group

At our June meeting Debbie and Robin, founders of Scrubby Oak Fine Foods, introduced us to the numerous and unusual flavours of vinegars they produce. We were fascinated to hear and taste the large variety on display and to be given ideas on their use. There was a brisk trade as we were all eager to try these products out in our own kitchen. A really interesting evening. On 19th July we are planning a day trip to Thursford to experience the wonderful organs and have lunch. We hope to leave around 10.45 am and return home by about 4.30 pm. Hopefully by the time you read this you will know your travel arrangements but if in doubt, please telephone Maureen on 882772. Because of the day out, there will be no evening meeting this month.

Two things to look forward to in August – the BBQ at Christine and John's home on the 6th and the meeting on the evening of 16th which will be a talk by Mr Richard Watts about his Memories of a Norfolk Life.

As with all our meetings, we look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones too.

June Lottery

1 st Prize £10.00.	No 58 Ed Reilly
2 nd Prize £10.00	No 28 Lyndia Lewis
3 rd Prize £ 5.00	No 41 Chris Lewis

Church News

Unfortunately our PCC Meeting had to be postponed on 27th May but we hope to arrange another one shortly.

Our monthly Holy Communion will be at 9.30am on Sunday, 10th July.

Do come and enjoy our annual open air service, with Watton Town Silver Band, held in the grounds of the village hall. This will take place at **3pm on Sunday 24th July**. How wonderful to worship God and sing his praises in beautiful surroundings with the birds singing in the background. This year the service again will incorporate a Baptism. Stay and enjoy a cup of tea and piece of cake after the service.

Another Pet Service is being arranged for 12.00 on 11th September. All pets would be most welcome.

Thank you to Lyndia for responding to the appeal for help with cleaning etc of the church. We have decided to meet in the church at 2pm on the first Monday of each month to give it a general clean and polish. Anyone interested in helping with this are most welcome to join us. *Many hands make light work!*

A big thank you to Jeremy Woods for repairing the Thomas Taylor gates at the pedestrian entrance to the church. An overhanging branch fell on one of the gates in the strong winds and damaged it. They look absolutely beautiful Jeremy - we appreciate the time you spent on them.

Another thank you to the people from the village and to the visitors to St John's Ovington who have come and read a chapter from the authorised version of the bible to celebrate its 400th anniversary. People are coming from far and wide and we have even had a person reading whilst visiting from Australia! We are now half way through I Kings.

Finally, a thank you to all the men in the village who are keeping the churchyard looking so beautiful. Your time and effort is much appreciated.

Parish Council

There has been a Parish Council meeting recently but to date we have not received a report on proceedings.

Road Safety.

You may have noticed that there has been a marked increase in traffic volume through the Village of late. This is thought to be the result of the road works now in progress along the Norwich Road in Watton and Carbrooke, which are causing serious delays. Drivers are not happy that their journeys are taking longer and are finding alternate routes, unfortunately it would seem Ovington is along one of these, for want of a better word, rat runs.

We are advised to warn the people of Ovington that this problem, we hope of a temporary nature, exists and to ensure that you are aware of increased risks when walking, riding or driving through the Village. This warning applies in particular to the children who are prone to playing along the Street and Church Road. Stay alert and stay safe.

Daft bit.

A man received a parrot for his birthday. The parrot was fully-grown but had a bad attitude and worse vocabulary. Every other word was an expletive, those words which weren't, were to say to say the least, rude. He tried hard to change the bird's attitude and was constantly saying polite words, playing soft music, anything he could think of to try and set a good example. Nothing worked. He yelled at the bird and the bird yelled back. He shook the bird and the bird just got angry and even more rude. Finally, in a moment of desperation, he put the parrot in the freezer. For a few moments he heard the bird squawk and kick and scream. Then suddenly there was quiet, not a sound for half a minute. He was frightened he might have caused the bird some harm, or even frozen it so he quickly opened the freezer door. The parrot calmly stepped out onto his extended arm and said "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I will endeavour at once to correct my behaviour, I really am truly sorry and beg your forgiveness"

He was astonished at the bird's change in attitude and was about to ask what had made such a dramatic change when the parrot continued..... "May I ask what the chicken did?"

Think about it.

Or

I told my wife that a husband is like a fine wine; he gets better with age. The next day she locked me in the cellar!

Then again

When I was kidnapped, my parents sprung into action. They rented out my room.

Village Hall Bookings

Please ring Christine Hardy on 889920

To book your group meetings or parties.

Deadline Date

For the August 'Oracle' is 12noon on the 20th July 2011 or earlier if possible.

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Photographic Exhibition

Rosa Furneaux
Presents her first Solo Photographic
Exhibition
At The
Dragonfly Gallery
Wayland House, High St, Watton,
July 23rd - July 30th

Rosa Joy is a nineteen year old
photographer from Beetley, Nr Dereham,
Norfolk..

She specialises in on-location and artistic
portraiture, and her work has been
featured in several blogs and online
magazines.

Preview Evening Friday 22nd July,
7.00-8.30pm free tickets available

Opening times for the exhibition

10.00 - 4.00 Weekdays,

Saturday 10.00 - 1.00pm

Contact Susan Hollingworth

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