

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

August 2011

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Happy summer season. Well we are in the height of the summer season folks, and although you may think that is an exaggeration, considering the weather patterns over the past few weeks, trust us it is summer, it says so in our diary. Several exciting happenings in the village of late, sadly some news that is not welcome in our close-knit community, explanations and other reports are outlined in the following pages. Please read on.

August Diary

Aug 1 st	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Aug 6 th	Ladies Group BBQ	6.00pm
Aug 8 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Aug 15 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Aug 16 th	Ladies Group	7.45pm
Aug 22 nd	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Aug 24 th	Parish Council	7.30pm
Aug 29 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 3 rd	Village Hall BBQ	4.00pm
Sept 9 th	Ladies 50/50 Sale	10-12noon
Sept 24 th	Curry Night	
Nov 12 th	VH Supper evening	
Dec 3 rd	Village Bazaar	

NB - June 9th 2012 Village FETE

Gardening Club

The July visit was to the Gooderstone Water Gardens on what turned out to be a beautiful summer evening. We were treated to an interesting talk by Coral Hoyos on the development of the gardens from waterlogged meadow pasture-land to the detailed water-flow system at the heart of the gardens and the re-planting of the gardens following the clearance of overgrown areas. We then set off for a short walk through the gardens before ending up in the cafeteria for tea and cakes.

There is NO meeting in August, so the next meeting will be in September (details in next month's Oracle).

Ed's 70th Birthday 'Do'

I was very pleased to see so many people at the do! Village friends and relatives all attended on a day in June which was breezy but pleasant enough to sit outside and chat.

Many thanks to all who helped to make the day quite memorable in providing food, presents and cards. In particular I would like to thank Gordon who spent all his time in providing a superb barbecue and especially my wife Christine who organised the whole day and spent hours cooking the brilliant food.

The collection raised £150.00 which is to be split between East Anglian Air Ambulance Trust and Alzheimer's Research UK

Many thanks Ed Reilly

(Please accept our apologies Ed for missing this from last months Oracle)

Congratulations

To Jemma Smith on your 21st birthday which you will celebrate on August 6th. We are all very proud in all you have achieved at the N.N.U.H. Dental Nurse, Phlebotomist and your Goal to become a Qualified Nurse. Good Luck for the future with love from all the family.

Also belated Congratulations to Ann and Richard who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on July 17th.

Parish Council

The next two Parish Council Meetings to be held in the Committee room at the Village Hall are on **Wednesday July 27th** and **August 24th** both at 7.30pm

Old/Foreign Coins

If you have any old coins or foreign coins from your holidays and you don't know what to do with them.

Please hand them to Grace (31The St) She will then send them on for use by the charity 'Action for Children'

European Evening

Despite decent weather on the night, nobody took up the challenge of a Boules tournament - they were too busy getting stuck in to the food! Dishes from around a dozen European countries were attacked with gusto, leaving barely enough for a doggy bag. Thanks to Tim, we all demonstrated our general ignorance of all things European in the quiz, but a great deal of fun was had by all. The magnificent sum of £245 was raised for village hall funds and the bottle bank also received the odd contribution. I would like to thank all those who cooked, set up, cleared up and helped in any way.

For all you 'foodies' out there, here are some dates for your diaries:

3 September Village Hall BBQ
24 September Allotment Association
Curry Night
12 November Village Hall Supper
Evening

Further details will follow in the September Oracle.

Allotment Corner (or Round the Bend)

Well, what a topsy turvy year for weather - no wonder the poor crops are so confused. They don't know whether to grow, set seed or just give up altogether. After the heat of April, the cold of May, the winds of June and the general drought, as I write this the rain is coming down in torrents turning my plot into a paddy field. I am entering a horticultural show in a fortnight and so far have little idea what will actually be ready. A lot of plants have yet to flower, let alone fruit! However, on a good note, my beloved courgettes are coming along nicely enabling me to continue working through the book of 150 courgette recipes received from a thoughtful friend. All the plots are currently filled in Ovington, but there will probably be two or three available come the autumn. Please let me know if you are interested.

Christine Reilly

Here is a Courgette recipe from the book

Courgette Bisque

(a rich soup which can be served hot or cold)

1 medium onion, chopped;
4oz (100g) butter;
4-5 courgettes (about 1.5 lb or 700g) shredded;
24 fl oz (3 cups or 700ml) chicken stock;
1 tsp dried basil;
Half tsp nutmeg;
1 tsp salt;
Freshly ground black pepper;
8 fl oz (1 cup or 240ml) heavy cream

1. Melt butter in large pot and add chopped onion. Sauté until soft and golden.
2. Add shredded courgettes and chicken stock to the onion.
3. Cover pot and simmer for 15 minutes.
4. Purée contents, adding basil, nutmeg, salt and pepper.
5. Add cream and mix well. (Gives 6-7 servings)

Recycling Banks

These are proving very popular, in particular the bottle bank. However, some people are still not removing the tops from bottles before putting them in. (If you remove the top to drink or use the contents, why put it back?) Also, some clothes were put in the textile bank without a bag. Please, please can you use a bin bag or carrier bag to wrap clothes/shoes/textiles to protect them and facilitate emptying the bank. I hope that by the time you read this the textile bank will have been emptied. The trouble is that you can't tell it is full until it is REALLY full, but the recycling firm is based somewhere like Bristol or Birmingham and has to incorporate us into their next trip to this area, which can take a while. Please be patient and don't dump bags of stuff next to it if they won't go in. The rain will ruin them. Either take it home or contact a committee member for storage. Thank you for your support for this project

Church News

Our monthly Holy Communion will be at 9.30am on **Sunday, 14th August** and will be led by Revd Rod Broughall.

Saturday 10th September is the Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride. If you would like to get your bike out and cycle to a few churches, raising money at the same time, please let Ann Johnson know (tel: 885455) and she will arrange for you to have a form and all the necessary information regarding this. Monies raised is shared equally between our local church in Ovington and the Norfolk Churches Trust.

Please let all your pets know that the Annual Pet Service will take place at **12.00 on Sunday, 11th September**. This will be instead of our usual Holy Communion Service at 09.30.

(No excuse that you can't have a lie in this Sunday!). All pets welcome - no matter what shape, size or breed as long as they are with a responsible owner!

Church cleaning will take place at 2pm on **Monday 1st August**.

Last month our numbers improved by 50% - thank you to Lyndia and Ann A.

Maurice Addison

Sadly died on July 13th in Bury St Edmunds hospital. He was born and lived all his life in the same house in Ovington apart from his National service in the Coldstream Guards.

His funeral will be at 11am on Tuesday August 2nd in Ovington Church.

Our sympathies are also extended to Jane Lambert who sadly lost her mother, also on July 13th.

July Lottery Winners

£10.00 No. 46 Jared Tomkins
£ 5.00 No. 7 Joyce Woods

Recipes

Please share with us your recipes, which you have made from your home grown vegetables or fruit and we will add them here when space permits.

Ladies Group

Instead of our evening meeting on 19th July, we visited the Thursford collection to have lunch and see the magnificent mechanical organs. Robert Wolfe entertained us for half an hour with some beautiful songs on his Wurlitzer organ. Then we all went on the musical carousels and had an ice-cream. Everyone who went said it was a brilliant day out.

On **Saturday 6th August** we will be holding a BBQ in Christine and John's garden in Church Road. The evening starts at **6.00 pm** and John will once again be providing a true feast, followed by some delicious puddings. The cost for the evening is £8. which includes your first drink.

At the meeting on the evening of **16th August at 7.45pm**. Mr Richard Watts will talk about his Memories of a Norfolk Life. The competition for the evening is a favourite small ornament. As with all our meetings, we look forward to seeing old friends and making new ones too.

Finally a reminder about the forthcoming 50/50 sale which takes place in the village hall on September 9th. Please save any unwanted clothes, household items, books, etc. for this event to help raise funds for the Ladies Group. (See advert).

Beware

There are thieves about, nothing new there you might say, but these are targeting shrubs and hedging. So keep a close watch on your precious plants, and if you see someone tugging at or digging up established or freshly planted hedging ring the police immediately.

Fame at last

Did you hear that Ovington was featured on Radio Norfolk the other Sunday morning? Better than being in The News Of The World we expect.

50 / 50 SALE

**Of Clothes
Household items
Books etc.**

**Ovington Village Hall
Friday, 9th September
10 – 12 noon**

OPEN TO ALL

If you have any clothes or other items you wish to dispose of on a 50/50 basis (50% to you and 50% to Ladies Group funds), please bring them along with you,
Or just come along to have a cuppa and browse

News from the Wayland Partnership

July was a busy month with the Health and Youth Focus Groups as well as the Trustees and Representatives holding their meetings. The Youth Focus Group have been concerned with the Norfolk County Council consultation on how the reduced funding for youth activity should be managed while the Health group have been identifying priorities for the Wayland area. Representatives from the YFG attended the national Rural Youth Conference in Coventry where they led a workshop on Partnership working. Anyone who is interested in being a part of either of these groups should contact Jan at Wayland House.

A new book of local walks was launched at the end of the month – the last one of a series produced by a county project bringing together existing walks with new links. Copies of the walks may be collected from the Partnership Office, the Gallery or the Library.

August will bring the summer exhibition – a two week feast of the best of Norfolk art with Greta Seymour and friends joining us at the end of the month.

We are waiting to hear about some funding for Adult learning but whatever happens we will run more beginners IT courses in September.

We have joined the world of social networking with pages on Facebook for the Wayland Farmers Market and the Wayland Dragonfly Gallery which has brought us in touch with a sister gallery in Martha's Vineyard. If you are a Facebook addict, find us and follow us.

Summer Art Exhibition (Mixed Media)
August 20th – 3rd September

All topics, all media regional artists showcasing their work.

Preview Evening Friday 19th August 7.00 – 8.30pm

Dragonfly Gallery, Wayland House, High St, Watton. IP25 6AR

Gallery opening times 10.00 - 4.00pm weekdays

Saturday 10.00 - 1.00pm, Closed Sunday

For further information and free tickets to the preview evening Contact: Susan
01953 880205

For Village Hall Bookings

Please ring Christine Hardy on
889920

To book your group meetings or parties.

Deadline Date

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

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