

# THE OVINGTON ORACLE

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**Hi** everyone

September looks like being a very busy month. We hope you will be able to support one of the events listed in the following Diary.

## September Diary

Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	V Hall BBQ	4.00pm
Sept 4 <sup>th</sup>	Church Harvest Festival	10.30am*
Sept 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 7 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club	7.45pm
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	50/50 Sale	10am-12
Sept 11 <sup>th</sup>	Pet Service	12noon*
Sept 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	Macmillan Coffee Morning	10am -12
Sept 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sept 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Fashion Show	7.45pm
Sept 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Allotment Curry Nite	7.30pm
Sept 25 <sup>th</sup>	Allotment AGM	6.00pm
Sept 26 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm

All events in the village hall except marked\*

## Village Hall BBQ

There will be a BBQ held at the village hall from 4pm on Saturday 3 September. Everyone is welcome and you don't need to buy tickets in advance as the 'pay as you eat' system will be in operation. £2 for burgers, £1.50 for sausages or kebabs, including salad accompaniment. BYOB, as usual.

Come and meet up with everyone for the last outdoor event of this season. There will be a raffle and all the proceeds from the evening will go to village hall funds

## Curry Night

The Allotment Association is having a fund raising Curry Night in the village hall on Saturday 24 September: a gourmet feast of Asian delicacies for only £8 a head. At time of going to press there are a handful of tickets left, but you may still be lucky if you ring Jill on 883879 or Christine on 885848.

## **MacMillan Cancer Support**

### **THE WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING.**

**SATURDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011**

**10am to 12 noon.**

**at Ovington Village Hall**

There will be a **Cake/grocery stall**  
**Raffle and Tombola**

Donations for the stalls and cakes for the refreshments would be gratefully received. by Angela, at 30 The Street, or Lyndia, at 1 Church Road

On Friday 16th September or  
**BEFORE** 10am on the day.  
The hall will be open from 9am

This is a very worthwhile charity so please come along and support us.

## Ovington Gardening Club

Following two garden visits and no meeting in August, we resume our normal programme for September with an illustrated talk on 'Butterflies and Moths' by Robert Maidstone.

This is on the first Wednesday of the month (7th September) at 7.45pm in Ovington Village Hall.

(Visitors/non-members always welcome for £1.00 which includes refreshments).

For further information, ring Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

## Allotment Corner (or Round the Bend)

Despite the unseasonable weather denying us some crops (such as *red* tomatoes), those of us who entered the Dereham show in July had great fun and quite a few prizes. Anyone who is interested can still view the show via [HTTP://Derehamallotments.wordpress.com](http://Derehamallotments.wordpress.com) so you can see what you missed.

I thought I heard a mouse scratching about in the shed the other day but, on investigation, it turned out to be wasps stripping the wood off the shed itself! There seems to be a whole army of them about at the moment, far more than last year. Anyway, a coat of paint has put paid to their vandalism and smartened up the shed considerably. I just hope they don't start eating it from the inside instead!

For those of you despairing about courgettes (although I can't for the life of me think why as this versatile little vegetable can be served at any meal of the day), here is a recipe which is very simple to make and absolutely delicious

### Recipe for Courgette & Mint Soup

2lb Chopped courgettes

2oz Butter

Large Onion

700ml chicken stock

Fresh Mint leaves

Melt 2oz butter and gently fry a large chopped onion (or two smaller ones) until soft.

Then add 2lb chopped courgettes and cook for about 5 mins.

Add 700ml chicken stock and a handful of fresh mint leaves.

Bring to boiling, simmer for about 30 mins. Remove from heat, add another handful of fresh mint leaves and blend to a smooth consistency.

Season to taste.

Can be eaten hot or cold.

## Allotment AGM

This will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm in the village hall.

## CHURCH NEWS - SEPTEMBER

September is going to be a busy month.

On **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30** we will be holding our Harvest Festival / Joint Benefice Service. This service will be followed by harvest cakes and cider and then we will auction our produce. Do come and support this annual harvest service. Last year we were very fortunate to receive contributions from the allotment holders' first ever produce and they have been asked to contribute again this year so there should be some excellent fruit and vegetables to buy. We would be grateful for greenery, flowers and produce and it would be good if any of the ladies would like to help with decorating the church. The church is open during daylight hours each day so come when it is convenient to you to do your decorating or to bring your produce .

Church cleaning will take place at 2pm on **Monday 5th September.**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September** is the Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride and our church will be manned to welcome riders and sign their forms from 9 - 5. Thank you to all who have volunteered to do this task in the church.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 12.00** is our Annual Pet Service. All pets and well behaved owners most welcome. This will be a shorter service but last year was very special.

### Village Hall Lottery – August

£10. 00.	No 52	Mavis Scammell
£ 5. 00	No. 16	Daphne Preece

### Daft bits

A man on reaching his hundredth birthday said: "If I had known I was going to live this long I would have taken better care of myself"

or

The best way to win an argument is to begin by being right!

## Ladies Group

### BBQ

Firstly we would like to thank Christine and John Hardy once again for a lovely evening BBQ on 6<sup>th</sup> August. The company was great, the weather stayed dry, the BBQ was delicious and finally a tasty selection of puds finished off a happy evening.

### August Meeting

In our August meeting we had a talk by Richard Watts entitled Memories of a Norfolk Life. These memories were largely stories and anecdotes recorded by his Uncle Frank Gray, which Mr. Watts had made into a book for his family.

A truly fascinating, amusing and moving collection brought to life for us by an excellent speaker and thoroughly enjoyed by all the ladies.

### Raising funds

We hope to raise some funds for the Ladies Group as speakers become more expensive each year. Our annual subscription is only £6, which includes refreshments at each meeting, so fund raising is very important to us.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September** we are holding a 50/50 Sale in the village hall between **10 am and 12 noon.**

**This event is open to everyone** and allows members and non-members to bring along unwanted goods and clothes to sell, at the same time browse around the other items for sale or just pop in for coffee and biscuits. If you have items to sell, please price each item

### September Meeting

At our monthly meeting on **20<sup>th</sup> September** we invite **all village ladies** to come along to the village hall at 7.45pm for a Charity Fashion Show in conjunction with Sue Ryder. 10 models will show off a range of good re-cycled clothes which can be purchased during the evening. Further clothes and hand-made jewellery will also be for sale with the proceeds going to the Sue Ryder charity. The competition for the evening will be an unusual button. We look forward to seeing you in September.

## **50 / 50 SALE**

**Of Clothes  
Household items  
Books etc.**

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September  
10 – 12 noon  
in**

### **Ovington Village Hall**

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

### **Parish Council Clerk**

There is currently a vacancy for a clerk for Ovington Parish Council.

Should you have an interest in serving your community and assisting the Parish Council with its duties in administering the needs of the Village.

Then please contact in the first instance, the Chairman of the Parish Council, Rod Rumsby, who can be located at "Kestle" No 31 The Street. Ovington or contacted on 882246 or email at [kestle@supanet.com](mailto:kestle@supanet.com)

The workload is approximately three hours per week and pay is in line with national and government pay scales. The job is rewarding and will involve close links with our unique community.

## Parish Council

Herewith a brief, unconfirmed, outline of the Parish Council minutes for the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

### Ovington PC matters 27th July 2011

The council had its usual general administration matters. A planning request to change external cladding to be used was dealt with, and the Council was asked to give comment on the proposed Kings Lynn Incinerator.

Traffic matters were revisited in the light of complaints of extra traffic using Carbrooke and Ovington as a rat run while works were being carried out on Norwich Road, Watton. Also concern at the same time was made of heavy vehicles using Church Road, and of traffic speeding through the village.

The PC arranged for the NCC Highways Engineer to visit a few days after the meeting where the above, and continuing concern about pothole problems and other general highway problems were to be discussed.

The PC sanctioned getting the loan of a Speed Restriction Sign and further traffic survey work to gain further information prior to that meeting.

The Ovington web site work continues with a Councillor trying to gain access to many village historic records on the site, and to incorporate as many various group's activities as possible.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to give a vote of thanks to their clerk, Pat Powell, who is standing down from her position in the near future, for her hard work and dedication during her all too brief term of office.

### Bottle Bank

We apologise for the bottle bank being full to overflowing, we have asked the emptying service on many occasions since July to remedy this situation to no avail.

Bear with us, hold onto your bottles please.

## Computing

A new not-for-profit social enterprise named Computing4me CIC has been set up within Wayland House in Watton High Street. With the help of the Wayland Partnership Development Trust, it will provide the Wayland area with affordable specialised computer training mainly targeted towards people who need help with computers, the internet and emails – without feeling rushed.

The founder and director, Nigel Thomas said: "My goal is to help as many people as possible throughout Wayland to be confident in using the internet and emails, to make the best use of their own computer and to ensure that age is no barrier to effective learning. People don't need jargon nor do they need to feel stressed".

Courses covering most home computer and Internet related subjects are taking place in Wayland House, High Street, Watton.

Computing4me also offers free one-hour introductions to computing to demonstrate what computers are and how they could affect your life.

Nigel is also planning to trial some courses directly within Wayland villages by making use of village halls. If you would be interested in attending a course held at Wayland House or would be interested in attending training in your village hall please give him a call on (01953) 711073 anytime.

## Hall Bookings

Please ring Christine Hardy on 889920

## Deadline Date

**For the October 'Oracle' is 12noon on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2011 or earlier if possible.**

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