

The Ovington Oracle

June, 2012

Welcome:

Linda & Tim

Once again Ovington village gets ready to celebrate a national event. It seems only yesterday or was it 10 years ago that the children in the village were given paperweights to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. There were mugs to mark the start of a new millennium, and on Saturday 2nd June children will be presented with unique hand-made mugs to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Those who have grown up here will need a full display cabinet by the time they fledge from the village. See page 7 for the Jubilee programme.

Something strange is happening ... every day people and animals appear; they all have a similar appearance and are very quiet. **Yes, it is scarecrow week.** If you want to join in the fun straw is available at Chestnut House, Church Rd and Stone House Farm, bring a bag or barrow and help yourself.

Village Fête:

Roll up, roll up

Village Fête

Saturday 9th June

Games, Stalls, Refreshments, Attractions

Opens 1:00pm until 5:00pm

More details on page 11.



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Tim

An apology for the typos which crept onto the cover pages of the May Oracle because I fiddled with it after proof reading. The date mismatch got past us all from the first draft onwards. Note to self: "must try harder".

Diary Dates:

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

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| 30 May @ 7:00pm | Fête collection throughout village |
| Mondays @ 10:30am | Coffee morning, until 11:30am |
| Mondays @ 1:45pm | Bowls |
| Tuesdays @ 5:15pm | Karate |
| Thursdays @ 7:30pm | TaeKwondo |
| 2 June @ 4:30pm | Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration |
| 6th June @ 2.30pm | Gardening Club visit West Acre Plants |
| 9 June @ 1:00pm | Village Fête, until 5:00pm |
| 10 June @ 9:30am | Holy Communion (church) |
| 19 June | Ladies Group pub walk |

To book the village hall contact Christine Hardy 889920

Delicious Cake Break feedback:

Angela and Lyndia

Angela and Lyndia held a 'Delicious Cake Break' on Saturday 12th May in Ovington Village Hall to raise money for The MS Society. There were lots of delicious home-made cakes to enjoy with a cup of coffee or tea. By 10:15 the hall was buzzing with people who were drinking tea or coffee and chatting with friends and family and also enjoying all the home-made cakes. There was also a Raffle, Cake Stall and a Bring and Buy Stall which all caused a lot of interest. The cake stall groaned under the weight of so many home-made cakes and preserves, but by the end of the morning the table was empty. The Bring and Buy was also very busy. There were a lot of beautiful raffle prizes which had all been donated and a lot of tickets were sold.

I would like to thank my friends for helping Lyndia and I to make it such a successful event. With their help we have raised **£412.41** for the charity.

Parish Council Report 2012:

Rod Rumsby (Chairman)

Chairman's report 2012

Since I spoke with you last year the Parish Council has undergone some significant changes in its administrative structure, in the course of which we are now more compliant with the financial regulations as required by central government and far more aware of the risks and criteria associated with running a Parish Council. Most of these changes for the better are due in no small way to the experience and efficient organising skills of our Parish Clerk.

As far as village matters are concerned we have attempted to get highways on our case regarding road repairs and speed control, having carried out speeding and traffic volume surveys last year, we have been promised speed awareness signs. A very successful litter pick was carried out in somewhat unfavourable weather conditions and the council is grateful to those who volunteered their services.

On the planning front we have been overwhelmed by the amount of applications for green schemes, ie solar and wind energy, we have received, schemes which have in the main been met with our approval.

Last year in my report I commented on the number of times allotments had appeared on our agendas, and I considered at that time this was an issue that was soon to be remedied. Sadly I was wrong on that score and our agendas still include that item. One does live in hope that this year will see a satisfactory conclusion to the problems associated with trying to ensure that Ovington is self sufficient in food as well as green energy.

This past twelve months it has been my privilege to have worked on this council with a dedicated, hard working, body of Councillors and our Clerk, whose main aim has been to provide benefit and support for all the various factions within our close

community. I would thank them all for their support, encouragement and good sense during what has at times been a frustrating year.

Our next project, as you have already heard, is to try and provide a memorable day in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee, we hope you will all join us on that day and actively participate in the days events.

Remember, you only have three more years before you are able to vote on a new council.

Thank you.

Rod Rumsby

(Chair Ovington Parish Council)

Council Contact:

Contact Details

Parish Website:

www.ovington-village.org.uk/ovington-parish-council.htm

Parish Councillors:

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|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Rod Rumsby | 31 The Street | 01953 882246 |
| John Hardy | Chestnut House, Church Rd | 01953 889920 |
| Timothy Birt | Stone House Farm | 01953 889208 |
| Janet Armstrong | Owl Cottage, Water End | 01953 883363 |
| Jeremy Woods | The Old Crown, The Street | 01953 883953 |

Parish Clerk: Heidi Frary

Tomoli House, Norwich Road, Barnham Broom, NR9 4BU
Tel: 01603 759215 E-mail: hefrary@gmail.com

District and County Councillor: John Rogers

Tel: 01953 883663

Parish Account Summary:

Submitted by: Parish Clerk

| Income | £ |
|-----------------------|-------------|
| Precept | 3500 |
| Rents | 188 |
| Allotment Association | 600 |
| Interest | 4 |
| Donations | 200 |
| VAT refund | 18 |
| Other | 10 |
| | |
| TOTAL | 4520 |

| Expenditure | £ |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Audit, VAT and Insurance | 441 |
| Administrative costs | 1366 |
| Grass Cutting / Maintenance | 40 |
| Hall Hire | 68 |
| Donations | 1054 |
| Subscriptions / Training | 137 |
| Website charges | 90 |
| Rent of Glebe Lands | 1063 |
| TOTAL | 4259 |

Church:

Ann Johnson

Apologies to anyone who turned up for the Holy Communion service in May. This service unfortunately needed to be cancelled.

Sunday 10th June – 9:30 Holy Communion

We are all looking forward to this year's Village Fête and hope that our friends in the other parishes will come and join us.






Queen's Diamond Jubilee Celebration:

Parish Council

Saturday 2nd June

Everyone with past or present connection to the village is welcome. Non-resident adults are asked to consider an optional donation of £5 on the day.

9:00 am Set-up marquees and bunting.

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| 4:30 pm | Doors open |
| 5:00 pm  | <p>Church bell signals the official start</p> <p>Food served; soft drinks available but please bring your own alcohol and glasses. Followed by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Prize for cakesPrize for garden showsPrize for scarecrow <p>A children's treasure hunt around the Village Hall and Churchyard will help keep the young ones occupied, with a lucky dip for those who complete the task.</p> |
| 7:00 pm  | <p>Livewire Opera Company will provide some entertainment with snippets from their shows over the years from Gilbert & Sullivan "<i>The Mikado</i>" to Strauss' "<i>The Gypsy Baron</i>".</p> |
| 8:00 pm | <p> Toast / National Anthem.</p> <p>Distribution of Jubilee mugs to children.</p> |
| | <p>Informal social ... <i>time to chill</i></p> <p>Answers to the written Jubilee table quiz.</p> |
| 10:00 pm | Lighting of the Ovington beacon |

Ladies Group:

Maureen Simmons



Unfortunately our guest speaker for our May meeting had to go into hospital. However, we were very pleased to have Mr David Jessop step into the breach to talk about his experiences in South Africa. His amusing talk transported us to a wild and wonderful land where he has "adopted" a local family, and even managed to organise the building of a new house for them. We were happy to make a donation to his project which will help with the fitting out of the kitchen.

There will be no meeting in the village hall in June, as we are off on our popular Pub Walk, finishing at The Chequers, Thompson. Partners are welcome to join us on this evening. If you have not yet received full details including travel arrangements, please contact Maureen on 882772.

Looking further forward, we are lucky to have a member of the British Trust for Ornithology, based in Thetford, coming along to talk about our garden birds on the evening of 17th July. We look forward to seeing members and guests then.

Nearby events:

Contact: 01603 598333

The Norfolk Wildlife Trust have a host of free activities and events, throughout central Norfolk. Some require booking, but others are simply 'turn up', details can be found at:

www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/Things-to-do/Events/Events-archive.aspx

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| How to Manage a Meadows | Mon 11, 10am-4pm |
| Walk with the Warden ... | |
| ... Exploring NWT Thompson Common | Tues 12, 10am-12pm |
| Introducing Wild Flowers of The Brecks | Sat 16, 10am-3pm |
| Wild about the Brecks | Sun 24, 11am-3pm |

These are just a few from June, there are many more.

Ovington Annual Quiz

Thirteen teams comprising some of the finest brains in the local area battled it out at the end of April and a good time was had by all. Quizzing obviously gives one an appetite as there was very little of the buffet supper left afterwards! Victory went to Nancy's team from Watton, but all the scores were pretty close, so well done everyone who took part. Village Hall funds were boosted by **£367.34** as a result of a very enjoyable evening.

Recycling Banks

On the subject of boosting funds, we have now received payment from Breckland for the recycling banks. With nearly 1.5 tonnes of textiles and over 7 tonnes of glass, this amounted to **£441.10**. Well done, all you recyclers, for your efforts over the past year and please keep up the good work. Let's see if we can do even better this year!

Other News

We are very sad to be losing two of our loyal supporters, Ann and Richard, from the village but would like to wish them all the very best for their new life in Hampshire. They have both contributed a great deal of time and effort to various organisations in Ovington and will be greatly missed.

Help Request

Help is needed to cut the grass around the village hall and church from the end of June. If anyone has some spare time and the expertise with a mower, please contact me for further details. (885848)

Gardening Club:

Ed Reilly

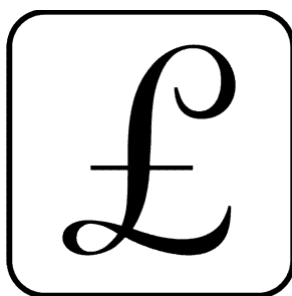


The Plant Sale and Coffee Morning was held at the village hall on the 19th May and was reasonably successful with several people turning up for coffee and cakes. Overall we made just over **£160** for funding speakers and many thanks go to all those who helped with supply of plants, cakes and raffle prizes. A special thank you to Jenny Warden who provided aromatherapy hand massage for several people. (For those of you who missed it, Jenny has kindly agreed to do this at the fête on 9 June.)

The June meeting is a visit to West Acre Plants in their walled garden at West Acre. Please note that this is an afternoon visit starting at 2.30pm. If you have any problems with transport to this venue, please contact a committee member for help. The garden is located in Tumblehill Road, West Acre, King's Lynn PE32 1UJ and the visit is on Wednesday 6th June at 2.30pm.

Village Lottery:

Alan Powell



May winners of the village lottery:

1st (£10)

Mike Murray

2nd (£5)

Colleen Powell

Congratulations and good luck for June

Fête Collection:

There will be a collection around village 7:00pm Wednesday 30th May. Donations can also be given to any committee member or brought up to Village Hall on Monday mornings during coffee morning.

Fête details:

Marie-Ana Cave

Arrangements for Fête 2012

Fête to run from 1:00 – 5:00 pm – Saturday 9th June

Set up from 9am Saturday – stall holders access from 11am

Stalls

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| Books and Toys | David and Matthew |
| Bric-a-brac | Colin and Adrian |
| Cakes | Angela and Mandy |
| Crafts | Christine H. |
| Gifts | Linda M. and Jane R. |
| Hamper raffle | Barbara Harrold and Roger |
| Plants | Barry and Jean Sutton |
| Raffle | Richard & Ann Akister, Chris Springford |
| Refreshments | Hannah, Lyndia, Dot & Rute |
| B-B-Q | Gordon and Joyce |

Games

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| Aunt Sally | Jon, Jeremy and Chris |
| Bigatelle | Ed |
| Card Game | Mike Murray |
| Marbles | Fiona, Janet Armstrong |
| Name the Doll | Jill Malton |
| Surprise Tombola | Alan and Pat |
| Teddy Tombola | Lyn |
| Treasure Hunt | Linda B. |

Attractions

Art Exhibition
Hand Massage
Chilli Man

Floater – Ann Johnson, Christine Reilly and Marie Ana Cave

Stall holders to provide own float and where necessary prizes.

Children's Corner:

Tim

Number search ...

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Q: What does the word 'minimum' mean?

A: A very small mother! (mini - mum)

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