

The Ovington Oracle

June, 2013



*Roll up, roll up,
Village Fête*

Saturday 8th June

Games, Stalls, Refreshments, Attractions

Opens 1:00pm until 4:00pm

More details on page 6.

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays @ 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays @ 1:45pm	Bowls
Mondays @ 6:00pm	Junior Choir
5th June @ 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm
5th June @ 7:00pm	Gardening Club Visit (Gressenhall)
6th June @ 7:30pm	Parish Council meeting
8th June @ 1:00pm	Fête
9th June @ 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
18th June @ 6:00pm	Ladies Group walk (Thompson Chequers)
23rd June @ 10:30am	Pet Service (Church)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

More at: www.ovington-village.org.uk

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Next month

Jane Lambert

Please come and support my coffee morning at Ovington Village Hall on Saturday 13th July 2013, 10:30am to 1:30pm, in aid of the British Heart Foundation also a raffle, tombola, cake stall and plants.

With many thanks Jane Lambert

Ladies Group

Christine Hardy



What a great evening we had in May playing with the many toys we could remember from our childhood. David and Angela Knock, of Knockabouts, brought along a huge selection of toys and games they had collected, gave us lots of interesting facts about when they were used and some of their dates. The evening

brought back many happy memories of playing with far simpler toys than today. Not a computer in sight!

In June we have our Pub Walk. This will start at the Thompson Chequers at 6:00pm and end with a meal at 7:30pm. If you have not booked your meal or require a lift please contact either Christine or Angela. If the weather is wet meet at the Chequers at 7:15pm. Not only members but their partners are all welcome to join in this walk or just come along for the meal. Look forward to seeing you all there.

Messages

Thank you

I would like to thank everyone for the cards, flowers and gifts I have received following Bernard's death. They have been a great comfort to me and I appreciate your kindness.

Daphne

Get well soon

For Connie (in hospital at moment),
and Harriet (also in hospital – broke her wrist this morning!)

Church

Ann Johnson

2:00pm on Monday 3rd June – church cleaning.

9:30am Sunday 9th June – Holy Communion.

10:30am Sunday 23rd June – Pet Service – all pets and well behaved owners welcome!

£27.61 has been sent off to the Leprosy Mission – thank you to all who keep putting your loose change in these boxes. Following the Advent Appeal the Leprosy Mission has distributed thousands of pairs of specialist shoes to people affected by leprosy.

Advanced Notice – Now that the heating and lighting work has been completed in the church, we are proposing to hold a Flower Festival next year on 24th, 25th, 26th May 2014 – the theme will be 'Praise and Thanksgiving'. This will be a big undertaking and we will be appealing for offers of help over the coming months.

Church Yard Grass Cutting

Rod Rumsby

We are looking for volunteers to help with cutting the grass in the Church Yard, mowers and petrol are provided. The more volunteers we get the less frequent your turn will be.

Please, if you can spare an hour or so, let Rod know (01953 882246 at 31 The Street).

Thank you.

Planning – Otterwood Kennels

Janine Fairburn

Mr Jay has appealed against his enforcement notice.

After speaking to Viv Bebbington, she informs me that the Parish Councils should all be getting the same notification. A public enquiry will be held (date TBC) and the Planning Inspectorate will review the appeal once a date has been agreed (again TBC).

Mr Jay has still not submitted the outstanding details for his revised planning application, so this is still not 'live'.

The Breckland Council appeals officer Katie Arnold, who works Monday-Wednesday, is dealing with this case. She is sending letters to all who formally commented previously but as this has to be done manually and is not an automated system, there seems to be a bit of a delay.

I plan on speaking to her next week, so will update you with any new details.

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Editor: *Parish Councillors understand Breckland Council did not support the comments made by the appellant and they felt that the enforcement notice was legal and they would be defending it. To be discussed further at Parish Council meeting.*

Logic Puzzles

Tim

A couple have two children.

One is a boy, what is the probability that the other is also a boy?

There are three boxes, inside only one is a prize.

Your host asks you to choose one, then opens one of the non-selected boxes which is empty. You are now given the option to change your original choice, is there a best option?

Answers on back page.

Village Hall

Matt Robertson



Summer Fête

Saturday 8th June 1:00pm to 4:00pm

It is Fête time and below are the games, stalls and activities that you will be able to enjoy at the village hall annual Fête this year!

BBQ	GOLF	Toys & Books
Tombola	Toys & Books	Gifts
<i>Name the Doll</i>	Play Your Cards Right	MARBLE CHALLENGE
Hand Massage	Splat-the-Rat	CAKES
PLANTS	Raffle	Teddy Tombola
HIPPO	Refreshments	WIN A HAMPER
Bigatelle	Crafts	Bric-a-Brac

Volunteers are required to help prepare for the fête in setting up the Marquees and Gazebos on the day, if you can help please come to village hall for 9.00am, your help would be most appreciated.

Donations for the Cake and Refreshments Stalls would also be very gratefully received.

Next Month

We will be holding a Summer Supper Evening on Saturday 27th July, this will be a 'burger free' Barbecue, with a selection of meats and marinades, Kebabs, sweet and savory! Ice creams and fruits. Full details in July's Oracle, but get the date in your diary!

Thank you to everyone who supports the village hall by attending events or donating towards them.

Annual Quiz & Buffet

Results of the Quiz were: 1st place (77 points) Mike Glenn & Co. from Saham; 2nd (69 points) "We IV", 3rd (65 points) Ovington Ladies' Group. Many thanks to all who came – we raised just over £215 for the village hall.

Lost & Found

Several weeks ago in the village hall, a pair of charcoal grey 'Thinsulate' gloves. Could they be yours?

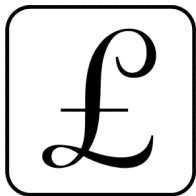
Coming Soon

Supper Evening
Ovtoberfest (New for 2013)
Curry Evening
Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 27th July
Saturday 5th October
Saturday 9th November
Saturday 7th December

Village Lottery

Christine Reilly



Congratulations to the May winners:

First Prize (£10) Lyn Stillwell,

Second Prize (£5) Simon Hardy.

The next draw (June) will take place at the fête.

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



Many thanks to everyone who came and supported the club at the Coffee Morning and Plant Sale in May. Our June meeting is a visit on 5th June to Wood Hill,

Gressenhall at 7:00pm. Please phone Ed on 885848 for details or to arrange a lift.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

This event took place on May 16th in the usual Village meeting place, in attendance there were seven members of the public, four councillors and Stan Hebborn our new County Councillor, who in his address to the gathering promised to support Ovington, in particular our attempts to provide a footpath to Watton.

Reports were read out from all the active Village groups, where the general outlook for all of them was promising. However not to appear complacent all groups emphasised the need for more members.

The Parish Council Chairman's report reflected on a quite successful year with the signing of an agreement with the Allotment association, giving them control over the running of the allotments. The Jubilee celebrations planned entirely by the councillors was an outstanding success, despite the inclement weather. The Chairman praised the efforts of former councillor, John Hardy, who was the driving force behind the success of both the aforementioned events. The next major project for the council is to obtain financial support and hopefully provide a footpath along the A1075 to Watton. Negotiations are still ongoing, The Chairman welcomed Councillor Karen Weir, a replacement for John Hardy and in so doing assured the public that she was already proving an asset to the council.

He then went on to thank the councillors for their continued support and made special mention of the Clerk Heidi, who has performed her duties in an exemplary manner, ensuring the council complies with all statutory obligations and is financially secure.

The public brought up the matter of traffic density and possible speed control through the village, this is one of the council's priorities for the coming year. The matter of the planning application for the proposed travellers site was also raised, the council had only that day been notified of this application / appeal and would attempt to discover the implications outlined in the correspondence.

At the close of the meeting refreshments were served, courtesy of Mrs Grace Rumsby and financed by the chairman.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM.

The meeting convened at 9:00pm with the election of Chairman and Vice Chairman. The current Chairman Cllr Rod Rumsby indicated he wished to stand down from the chairmanship. Karen Weir was proposed as Chair and Tim Birt as vice chair. These proposals were supported unanimously by the councillors.

Matters arising from previous minutes – Potholes, have been reported. Trees in Crown Crescent are awaiting inspection by an arboriculturist. There can be no Deer warning sign as we are not near a deer park or well established breeding area. Re-routing of Konnect service 11 through the village, not approved. Watton Town Council have forwarded application forms to receive a grant of £500 from the Town Council, Cllr Weir to action.

The accounts were studied, approved and necessary documentation signed.

The council agreed the clerk should investigate the implications arising from the documents received regarding the Otterwood Kennels planning and appeal.

Payment of Clerk's expenses, membership fees, ICO registration, Internal audit fees and insurance premiums were approved and cheques signed.

There was no public participation and the meeting closed at 9:45pm.

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Next Parish Council meeting: **6th June at 7:30pm**, with agenda to include planning and progress of footpath grant application.

Editor: *A flashing speed sign should be in the village in next two weeks, this time it is the official item rather than the 'evaluation' model we borrowed previously.*

Summary of Parish Accounts 2012/13

Heidi Frary – RFO & Clerk to Council

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Precept	3570.00	Audit, VAT, Insurance	462.03
Rents	562.50	Administrative costs	1692.61
Allotment Association	600.00	Jubilee Expenses	630.32
Interest	4.16	Hall Hire	38.37
Donations	560.00	Donations	704.83
VAT refund	98.50	Subscriptions / Training	169.48
		Website charges	54.99
		Rent of Glebe Lands	926.00
TOTAL	5395.16	TOTAL	4678.63

Council Contact:

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New Parish Council Chair

Karen Weir

As a follow on to Rod's round-up of our annual parish meeting and our annual council meeting I just wanted to add a few words.

Firstly the parish council would like to thank Rod for being such a wonderful chairman over the last 13 years. He made sure our parish council stayed on the straight and narrow, and looked after us all completely. We will miss him sitting in the 'big chair' but we are also glad he is staying on as a councillor as the gap would have been a very big one to fill!

Being the 'newbie' on the council, I was quite shocked when Rod suggested I take over as chair, but as we are a great team and Tim, Jeremy, Janet, Rod and of course our wonderful Clerk Heidi promised to help and support me I accepted! I can only hope that as I take over from him I can do half as good a job as he has, a challenge however I am really looking forward to.

As some of you know I did a village 'walkabout' a couple of months ago, asking you for support in our bid to get a path along the main road into Watton.

We should find out soon if our bid has been successful. We are in 'the lap of the Gods', well Norfolk County Council.

I would like to thank everyone I spoke to that day, as your response was a resounding 100% supporting us in this matter.

So, looking forward, I will be from time to time doing more 'village walkabouts' so if you have anything you feel the parish council needs to be aware of but aren't brave enough to come to a meeting, you can let me know.

We live in a very close knit community, supporting each other to the best of our abilities, so let's keep that going!

Logic puzzle answers

Tim

Two boys problem

There are four equally probably ways of having two children, girl-boy, girl-girl, boy-girl, boy-boy. The question states that one child is a boy, so the 'girl-girl' option is eliminated. Thus only one of the three options is the probability of the other child also being a boy, so the answer is: $1/3$.

Three box problem

Your original selection gave you a $1/3$ chance of being correct, that has not changed. The non-selected boxes collectively had a $2/3$ chance of holding the prize, however one of those has been eliminated so that cumulative probability is now in the only remaining non-selected box. You should change you choice to this box.

Our minds play tricks and many people find it difficult to change their choice despite the maths demonstrating that this is the best option. What is often overlooked is that the host could have opened the box with the prize, if so the game would already be lost.

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