

The Ovington Oracle

April, 2014

A reminder that on Sunday 30 March the **clocks spring forward**, so there is an hour less in bed but we gain with lighter evenings.

Rod has provided the final rainfall figures for February at 70mm or 2.75". Last year was only 35.5mm or 1.4", so this year we can classify February as 'wet'. March thus far is only 6mm or 0.25", whereas last March was 57mm or 2.25". There is no pattern, or is there?

More earth science: the vernal equinox occurred on 20 March at 16:57, so we now have more light than dark.

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:45pm	Bowls
Mondays, 6:00pm	Breckland Js Junior Choir
30 Mar, 10:30am	Mothering Sunday Family service (church)
1 Apr, 2:00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (committee room)
1 Apr, 1:30pm	Chatter Tea
2 Apr, 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm
6 Apr, 9:30am	Holy Communion (church)
15 Apr, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
19 Apr, 7:30pm	Quiz & Supper
20 Apr, 9:30am	Easter Communion (church)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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

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Litter Pick update

Timothy Birt

We were greeted by a dry day for our spring litter pick and at least one pair of shorts (Mr Hardy!), not that it was particularly warm.

Thank you to all who helped, the collective effort resulted in a mountain of rubbish and a noticeably tidier approach to the village. Thanks go not only to those with their wellies and litter-pick grabbers but also to those who provided the 'reward' of sustenance in the Village Hall afterwards.

Note: A large number of empty DVD security cases from Tesco were found in multiple sites just outside the main village settlement, apparently the spoils of illegal activity. This will be addressed at the next SNAP meeting.

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



Rosemarie Jacobs was our speaker on Tuesday March 18th and she gave an interesting and amusing talk on her time working as a newsagent. The talk was entitled "*The Confessions of a Newsagent*" and she certainly had many amusing anecdotes to tell us connected with her job. The ladies really enjoyed the evening. Lyndia told us she had been to see Dot who is now home from hospital and seems to be coping well.

"We all wish you well Dot and hope it's not too long before we see you at our meetings again and also about town".

Our annual Dinner is on Friday 25 April at 7:00pm for 7:30pm at Broom Hall. Angela is now making a list of menu choices required, so if you would like to join us for the meal please call her on 884594 ASAP. The meal will cost £16.75 for 2 courses and £22 for 3 courses. Once all choices have been made you will be contacted regarding transport.

Our meeting this month is on Tuesday 15 April at 7:45pm in the Village Hall. Our speaker is Suzi who will be giving us all beauty tips. Hopefully we can all look beautiful for the summer ahead. The competition is something beginning with '**X**' ... a challenging letter, but give it a go.

Parish Council

Timothy Birt

Next meeting:

Is / was 27 March at 7:30pm. This will be just after April Oracle is printed, so a report will follow next month. Items likely to be discussed are the surface finish of our trod and the recent accident at the cross roads.

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Can You Dig It?

Thank you to everyone who supported our first venture into live performance with Creative Arts East. It was great to see the hall so full and to hear all the laughter generated by the talents of Jo and Dan from 'Can You Dig It?'. There was a touch of Miranda about Jo's facial expressions and her Morris dancing to the hosepipe song was truly unforgettable. They covered a wide ranging number of gardening topics with acute observations on nature and characters they meet, particularly in the world of competitive growing! The show was a resounding success and we are in the process of booking our next one which will probably take the form of a cabaret act with a buffet supper.

Ovington Quiz 19 April

Teams of 4 are invited to book their places for the annual Quiz & Buffet on Saturday 19 April at 7:30pm in the village hall. It's an evening of fun, pitting your wits against others who probably struggle to remember what they had for breakfast, let alone the duration of the 100 Years War! Nobody takes the quiz very seriously, but supper is another matter: full buffet of cold meats, pies, quiches, salads and vegetarian options, all included in the price of £7 a head. Ring 885848 to book your team as soon as possible as space is limited.

Crafts Apologies for the sudden last minute cancellation of the craft day in March – circumstances conspired to ensure all the usual participants were absent!

Calling all creative people: come along between 11:00am and 4:00pm on 2 April and bring your hobby or craft along, or come and learn a new one. Don't be put off if you can't do needlecrafts, help and advice is always available from our experienced crafters, and other crafts are equally welcome. For all knitters and crocheters (if that's the correct term) we now have patterns available for 'Trauma Teddies'. These are tiny bears, made from leftover yarns, which the police carry to give to any children involved in accidents in order to distract or calm them in a traumatic situation. The Norwich & Peterborough are collecting them in Watton to supply Norfolk police. Each bear takes very little time, or materials, to make.

What's on locally

Sue Rothwell

Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall presents:



Friday 2 May at 7.30pm

Dire Streets Tribute Band

Tickets £13 in advance, £15 on the door

Tickets available from Sounds of Dereham, Tel: 01362 696995



Coffee Plus with Free Live Music

The Gallery Café Dereham Memorial Hall

Thursday 10 April 2014,
then every second Thursday
10:30am – noon

Enquiries: 01362 694654

www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Susan Hollingworth

The Dragonfly Gallery presents a mixed media exhibition:

April Rise – A Celebration of Spring

Saturday 29 March – Saturday 19 April

Weekdays: 10:00 – 4:00pm, Saturdays: 10:00 – 1:00pm

'April Rise' is truly about the joy of Spring; inspiring our two and three dimensional artists and our photographers to think about how they can interpret this wonderful time of fresh colour, new life and raised spirits using still life, landscape, jewellery, wood carving, miniatures – every medium and style in the artists' repertoire.

Wayland House, High St, Watton. 01953-880205

www.thewaylanddragonflygallery.co.uk

Fuel Trust

Rod Rumsby

THE OVINGTON FUEL TRUST is a charitable organisation which has, as one of its aims, a dedication to aiding projects within the Village which will enhance the quality of life for the residents. The body of the organisation consists of five Trustees and a hon. Secretary / Treasurer. They hold no more than three meetings a year and decide which issues within the village are most in need of aid, usually of a financial nature, they also have the responsibility of making decisions on the upkeep and repairs to the three properties owned by the trust.

There is currently a vacancy for a trustee on the Fuel Trust and they are seeking someone who has the interests of Ovington at heart and feels they could give support, advice and a little time towards this Charitable organisation.

More information available from the Secretary R. Rumsby 31 The Street Ovington. Tel 882246

Comments

Editors

We welcome all comments, but that does not guarantee publication!

A point of clarification regarding the flower festival: This is a combined effort between the Village Hall and Church, any profit will be equally shared in the same way as the profit from the summer fête has been shared previously.

Isn't it wonderful to enjoy the lovely spring weather we have experienced recently, to get out into the garden and start preparing for the growing season. Allowing the laundry to dry as nature intended, being dried and aired all at once ... this idyll, sadly, is so easily shattered by the inconsiderate ignition of an evil smelling bonfire ... the washing machine is once again in demand!

It is a simple matter to determine the direction in which the wind is blowing and should there be dwellings downwind, then please light up another day -----the wind does change.

Smoke dried Sid

Church

Ann Johnson



Forthcoming events:

Sunday, 30 March 10:30am	Mothering Sunday Service with Doug Alexander. Each lady will receive a posy.
Tuesday, 1 April 2:00pm	APCM in the Committee Room, Village Hall. It would be lovely to have some new blood join the PCC. There are only 4 meetings a year.
Sunday, 6 April, 9:30am	Holy Communion
Monday, 7 April, 2:00pm	Church Cleaning
Sunday, 20 April, 9:30am	Easter Communion with Doug Alexander. Could we have a joint effort for decorating the church please?
Saturday, 10 May, 10:00am	Grand Spring Clean in the church ready for the Flower Festival.
24 - 26 May, 10:00am - 4:00pm	Flower Festival - Main details next month but we hope the children are planning their pictures etc. They can be left with Jane Lambert at 25 The Street or brought up to the Church during Friday, 23 May.

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



The March meeting was a talk on 'Perennials' by Ben Potterton and was given with his usual high standards of delivery. The April meeting will be on 'Growing for Gold' by Simon White of the Attleborough rose growing specialist Peter Beales Roses. This should be an education because of the number of times the company has won gold medals at the Chelsea Flower Show. This talk will be held in the village hall at 7:45pm on Wednesday 2nd April 2014.

Finally, a reminder that there is no club meeting in May but there will be the annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on Saturday 17 May, in the village hall between 10:00am and noon. If you are growing already, any spare plants would be appreciated. If not, come along and buy some for your garden. For further details contact Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The March draw was for three winners:

1st Prize (£20)	Rod Rumsby,
2nd Prize (£10)	Jill Burgess,
3rd Prize (£5)	Linda Birt

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