

The Ovington Oracle

June, 2014

Reports from the chief officer responsible for the Ovington weather base station at TF9237-0228 indicate thus far for May 2014 is 48.5mm or 1.91" all of which was most welcome to the gardeners following the desert like conditions in April.

The final rainfall for April 2014 was 15mm or 0.6" in comparison the amount for same period a 2013 was 23mm or 0.92".

The flower festival will take place just after the Oracle is printed, **24-26 May**, we wish it every success.

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
1 June, 9:30am	Holy Communion (church)
4 June, 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm
14 June, 7:30pm	Gardening Club – Quiz Night
15 June, 10:30am	Pet Service (church)
17 June, 6:00pm	Ladies Group – annual pub walk (meet at The Chequers in Thompson)
17 June, 7:30pm	Ladies Group – (Chequers pub)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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

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Annual Parish Meeting

Timothy Birt

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Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



Volunteers, Alan and Jill Smith from the East Anglian Air Ambulance visited us for our May meeting. They gave us a very interesting insight to how the charity was set up and how it works. Alan and Jill are very enthusiastic volunteers and Jill carried the Olympic Torch in 2012 because of all the hard work they do.

We presented them with a cheque for £100 as our annual charity donation for 2014.

We are now looking forward to our annual Pub Walk which is on Tuesday 17 June. Anyone wishing to come should contact Angela (884594). Please be at the Chequers pub in Thompson by 6:00pm. If you would just like to come for the meal please be at the pub by 7:30pm. Angela has the menu so give her a ring to place your meal options.

On July 12 the Ladies Group will be having a 'Summer Evening' at Angela's (30 The Street) so please mark your calendar. Everyone welcome.

Breckland Council Gardening Mentors

Pam Sayle

Following a successful training session last month, the Breckland Master Gardeners project is up and running. There are now 21 experienced Master Gardeners who are keen to get started in supporting and mentoring families and individuals throughout Breckland in growing their own food.

Interested?

You don't need to have grand ambitions – you could just start small with pots of herbs and salad leaves by the kitchen door. Do what is achievable within your daily routine and enjoy the results.

To find your nearest Breckland Master Gardener, contact

Gabbie Joyce:

07584 583803,

email:

gjoyce@gardenorganic.org.uk

website:

www.norfolk.mastergardeners.org.uk

Parish Council AGM

Timothy Birt

This meeting included general end of year 'housekeeping' functions and the appointment Chairman (Karen Weir) and Vice-chairman (Timothy Birt) for the following year. The 2013/14 Financial Summary, the Accounting Statement, Statement of Governance Asset Register and Arrangements for Management of Risk were all reviewed, amended as appropriate and agreed.

Matters Arising

There was a discussion around the merits and difficulty of maintaining access to public footpaths. The council would like to see the paths open and available, especially where they could form a circular route but recognise the difficulties as land and building have changed use.

The installation of a mirror was agreed (post meeting note: the curvature on the mirror appears too great resulting in too small an image, remedial action is being assessed).

The power supply to the phone box has no earth so additional work will need to be done before the defibrillator can be fitted.

The condition of the Parish land was discussed. Councillors were unhappy that hedge and field were not being maintained as originally intended. Clarification will be sought as to whether the land should be re-tendered to give opportunity to another tenant.

Post meeting correspondence:

Concerns that dogs have been fouling the area around the allotments and their owners failing to pick up the resultant mess. This is a danger, particularly to children; the PC will take action.

Although this area may appear as open spaces the same law applies there as it does along any street or play area, dogs droppings must be cleared up by the owner, there is a dog bin adjacent to the allotment entrance.

Next meeting:

3 July, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall committee room.

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Many thanks to everyone who has contributed to making the outside of the hall clean and tidy – grass cutting, painting the fence, etc. It all takes time and is much appreciated. If you know your children 'hang out' on the bench outside the hall, please can you ask them not to kick the stones all over the place. We recently had to hand pick masses of stones off the car park in order to cut the grass safely. They can make a real mess of the mower and potentially break windows!

The annual NAVH Quiz final is on the 18 June where our team will be competing for the big money prizes. Fingers crossed that we can bring home the trophy again!

Following the success of 'Can You Dig It' in March, we have booked Mervyn Stutter to appear on Saturday 15 November. He played to a full house at Ashill last week and had the audience in stitches with his witty topical songs and stories. Tickets (at £10 a head) will be available nearer the time, but limited to only 50 as it will be a cabaret style evening with a bar and light supper. Before that, don't forget that the very popular Backdrafts will be performing on Saturday 18 October for this year's Ovtoberfest. Watch this space next month for details of more live shows coming to Ovington – possibly one in mid December to get us all in the mood for Christmas.

Chattertea

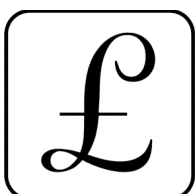
Linda Murry & Lyndia Lewis

We have to cancel the monthly Chattertea group.

Thank you to the few who have supported us for the last 7 months, but it is no longer financially viable to continue.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



May winners:

1st Prize £10 – Joyce Woods,
2nd Prize £5 – Rosemary Angell.

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Gardening Club

Ed Reilly

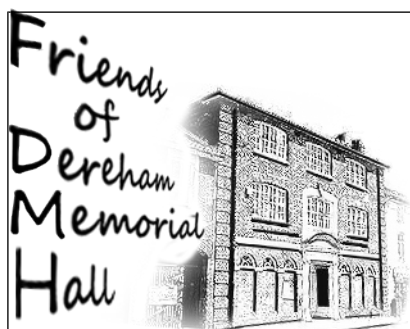


Quiz Night 14 June

The May meeting took the form of a plant sale and coffee morning to help with the cost of speakers at monthly meetings. To further this aim, we are holding a general quiz with buffet supper in Ovington Village Hall on Saturday 14 June at 7:30pm. Supper consists of cold meats/pies/ vegetarian options and salads – no bar, so BYOB. This is at a cost of £7 per person, in teams of 4. For tickets and further details, contact Ed on 01953 885848.

What's on locally

Sue Rothwell



Friday 11 July 2014 at 7:30pm

Dereham Blues Festival 2014 and Friends of
Dereham Memorial Hall presents:

Dereham Blues Festival Launch Concert

Special Guest Star: **Paul Jones**,
supported by The Dave Thomas Blues Band

Tickets £18 from Sounds in Nelson Place, Dereham 01362 69699

www.derehambluesfestival.org.uk

www.norfolkbluesociety.org.uk

Susan Hollingworth - 01953-880205

The Dragonfly Gallery, Wayland House, High St, Watton presents:

Terry Everitt - Wildlife Artist

Secrets of the bird carver a working demonstration

Friday 13th & Saturday 14th June, 10.00 – 4.00pm

Jay Walker – Solo Exhibition – Etched Metalwork

Saturday 28th June – Saturday 19th July.

Weekdays 10:00am – 4:00pm, Saturday 10:00am – 1.00pm

Jay enjoys working with a variety of materials, namely Metal, Acrylic, Oils, Wood and sometimes a combination. His work covers a mixture of themes, including; Religious, Mystical, Shapes, Patterns, Female Form and Floral.

He uses an array of tools and techniques to complete his pieces, including, airbrushes, grinders, polishers, brushes and welders.

www.thewaylanddragonflygallery.co.uk

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Services

Sunday, 1 June 9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 15 June 10:30am	Pet Service - All pets and well behaved owners welcome
Sunday, 6 July 6:00pm	Missa de Angelis - sung Latin Mass led by Rev Neil Crawford-Jones. Nibbles and a glass of summer punch to follow.

2:00pm Monday 30th June - Church Cleaning - Please note that because we now have a service on the first Sunday in the month we shall be cleaning on the last Monday in the month . Also it would be appreciated if the flower arrangers could also arrange for flowers to be done before the first Sunday in the month. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Finally, a very big thank you to all who came to the church for the grand spring clean. The church looks absolutely beautiful ready to welcome all the guests to the Flower Festival.

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