

The Ovington Oracle

August, 2014

4 August 2014 marks the centenary of the outbreak of the First World War. There are a number of events taking place throughout the country. Stay informed by following #WW1Aug4 on Twitter.

You can also take part in "Lights Out" at home by switching off your lights from 10:00pm to 11:00pm on 4 August, leaving only a single light or candle lit. This will be a UK wide moment of reflection, for more details see: www.1418now.org.uk/lights-out/

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:45pm	Bowls
Holiday	Breckland Js Junior Choir – resume Sept
2 Aug, 10:00am	Coffee Morning (and cake), until noon
3 Aug, 9:30am	Holy Communion (church)
6 Aug, 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm (Committee room)
17 Aug, 10:30am	Lay led service (church)
19 Aug, 7:00pm	Ladies Group

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Rainfall

Rod Rumsby

Last minute submission ... been awaiting more rain:

Rainfall for July so far is 30mm or 1.2".

Which is a lot less than other areas of Norfolk.

Final rainfall for June 2014 was 45 mm or 1.8"

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



On 12 July we were blessed with warm sunny weather and enjoyed a very convivial evening in Angela's garden. It was one of our main fund raisers which we rely on so we are able to pay our speakers. Thank you to all who came and supported us.

Our monthly meeting was on 15 July when Julie Button and Naz came to talk to us about women's health and also told us of all the benefits that are available to all residents in the Wayland area at Total Heath Chemist.

Our next meeting is 19 August and once again we are hoping the weather will be fine as we are having a picnic. Please, would all ladies attending, bring a plate of food. The gathering will begin at 7:00pm as sadly darker evenings are beginning to creep up. The competition is something beginning with '**B**'. All ladies, whether Ladies Group members or not, are very welcome to attend our meetings. Visitors are asked to pay £1 which includes tea or coffee.

Our final fund raiser for 2014 is a hot supper evening which is now to be on 8 November at Chris and Lyndia's. More details later.

Coffee Morning

Jane Lambert

On Saturday 2 August we shall be holding a coffee morning in aid of St John's Church at the village hall, 10:00am until 12:00 noon. Please come and join us for coffee / tea and cake. There will also be a raffle / tombola and cake stall.

Any donations of prizes and any ladies who would kindly help or bake a cake would be much appreciated.

Many thanks, Jane Lambert (25 The Street)

Parish Council

Karen Weir

Message from the Chairman.

I hope you are all enjoying this fantastic weather. It's been warm, sunny with beautiful lightning filled skies on occasion too!

We had a fun council meeting on 3rd July, it was so warm we went 'al fresco', it made a change!

We had some great news, our wonderful clerk Mrs Heidi Frary was named **Clerk of the Year** for small parishes. She looks after 6 parish councils, her skills and knowledge is unbelievable and all of us parish chairmen put our nominations together and she won! Without her guidance and how she looks for funding for us we would not have our trod, or the basketball hoop in The Crescent.

It also looks like we may soon have our very own social club in the village hall. Matt Robertson came and talked to us about this prospect, it's all very exciting! I look forward to partaking in a couple of light ales when we, the parish council, finally hold our long awaited party.

I'm using this space to also ask you for some help. We are looking to set up a community speed watch scheme. We can share with our neighbours in Shipdham, but in an ideal world I need 6 volunteers. I have 3 already, so who wants to come and help? Please let me know. Drop me an email, text or note in my door! (all numbers and info on our parish website if you're not sure where I am)

Next, I need to know how many children we have in our village as we have some cash set aside to get some reflective stickers/badges distributed before the dark nights arrive, so again please let me know your address and how many small people live with you.

The defibrillator is all installed, logged with the emergency services and will hopefully gather dust. Well done to the village hall committee for raising the funds to pay for this.

It has also been noted on the 'street-life' community forum that a few people are dissatisfied with the lack of progress with making the crossroads safer. Our commitment to fixing this problem has

been questioned. I want you to know that we are doing everything we can to try to resolve this problem. We are working with highways to hatch a plan but yes we know it's taking time. This is not actually down to us. We discuss this at our meetings, but to a point, our hands are tied as we can't do anything without highways' permission, even if it's something we pay for ourselves. So I would respectfully request you get in touch with highways. Maybe if you have concerns, as I know some of you do, voicing your concerns directly to them may get the ball moving quicker. They don't seem to be taking much notice of us!

However, just as I have said above, we are here to help, advise and do things to look after our village and its inhabitants, so please continue to let us know what you need, and if you have any ideas to bring to the table to help fix any ongoing problems, niggles or major misgivings, please come to a council meeting. The date is always given in this oracle, or just ask one of us and we will tell you. It would be great to see you there!

Take care, stay safe, have fun!

Next meeting:

4 September, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall committee room.

Village Etiquette – Bonfires

Timothy Birt

We have received a number of comments regarding bonfires.

Summing up, there is some serious discontentment about inconsiderate smoke pollution, be that into neighbouring property or ruining washing. Please would anyone lighting a bonfire take proper account of wind direction and potential smoke nuisance. Nobody wants this to become an official environmental health issue, so be considerate to other parishioners. It has been suggested that the best time for a bonfire is later in the evening, however leave enough time so that it is burned out before retiring.

To a lesser extent comments about music and BBQs have followed a similar theme. There is a balance to be found living in a village, enjoy the good weather, but also please consider your neighbours.

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



The July visit was to the beautiful garden of Graham and Sally Watts in Sandy Lane, Dereham. This garden has been developed around a long natural lake and included many unusual plants. All in all it was a delight to visit for the eighteen members who attended. There is no meeting in August. However, the Gt. Hockham Gardening Club has notified us of a visit to East Ruston, Old Vicarage Garden on Wednesday 12 August, leaving Gt. Hockham village green at 1:00pm and returning from East Ruston at 5:00pm. The cost of this visit is £8 entry + £7 bus fare = £15 total. Please contact Sue Thomas on 01953 881683 to arrange your place.

If you enjoy live theatre and have a keen interest in history then don't miss the September meeting of Ovington Gardening Club. On Wednesday 3 September Bryan Thurlow will be performing his one-man show "The Perennial Mr Potter" at 7:45pm in the village hall. In character as Mr Potter, he will give a vivid portrayal of life looking after the gardens of a grand house in the early – mid 20th century. Visitors are welcome (£3 each, including refreshments after the show). Details from Ed on 885848.

What's on locally

Susan Hollingworth

The Dragonfly Gallery presents:



'Summer in the Brecks'

A Celebration of Summer
a Mixed Media Exhibition

Saturday 2 August – Saturday 23 August

Artists from across Norfolk will be taking part.

Wayland House, High St, Watton (01953 880205)

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

Flower Festival competition results

Adrian Malton

The village anagram competition at Ovington Flower Festival proved to be very popular with over 70 sold; when the deadline of 30th June had passed, four completely correct answer sheets had been received.

There were four errors on the sheet: these were nos 15 Fulmodeston (I had put an e on the end), no 48 Great Cressingham, I had a surplus e there and no. 53 Norton Subcourse where I had one t too many and one s too few. No 35 Woodrising is one word. However four people managed to rise above these and also solve no. 37 which was Thorpe Episcopi; this was the original name for the Thorpe area of Norwich and appears on some maps.

The full list of answers is as follows:

1 Overstrand, 2 East Harling, 3 Tacolneston, 4 Wicklewood, 5 Watton, 6 Saham Toney, 7 Carbrooke, 8 Syderstone, 9 Erpingham, 10 Yelverton, 11 Ovington, 12 Wiggenshall St Mary Magdalen, 13 Snettisham, 14 Melton Constable, 15 Fundenhall, 16 Fulmodeston (e), 17 Walpole St Peter, 18 Wormegay, 19 Raveningham, 20 Whissonsett, 21 Horstead, 22 Harpley, 23 Great Massingham, 24 Castle Acre, 25 Cawston, 26 Swanton Novers, 27 Terrington St Clement, 28 Walpole St Andrew, 29 Stalham, 30 Southrepps, 31 Dersingham, 32 Ingoldisthorpe, 33 Letheringsett, 34 Sea Palling, 35 Woodrising 36 Sheringham, 37 Thorpe Episcopi, 38 Beeston St Andrew, 39 Skeyton, 40 Stratton Strawless, 41 Swanton Morley, 42 Acle, 43 Loddon, 44 Mulbarton, 45 Little Snoring, 46 Halvergate, 47 Matlaske, 48 Great Cressingham, 49 Edingthorpe, 50 Baconsthorpe, 51 Felthorpe, 52 Belaugh, 53 Norton Subcourse, 54 Ashwicken, 55 Corpusty, 56 Rockland All Saints, 57 Attleborough, 58 Reedham (or Dereham), 59 Surlingham, 60 Great Yarmouth.

Four winners Christine Reilly, Grace Rumsby, Miss S Robinson of Hethersett and Robert Wright of Ashill; will all receive £5.

The church photo competition was won by Daniel Denton of Carbrooke, correctly identifying 25 of the 50 churches; receives £5.

Many thanks to all who entered.

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Services / Events

Saturday, 2nd August 10:00am - noon	Coffee Morning - see separate poster
Sunday 3rd August 9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 17th August 10:30am	Lay Led Service

What a lovely service the Missa de Angelis service was. The singing was beautiful and the congregation enjoyed fellowship afterwards in the churchyard with the summer punch and nibbles. How lovely to have the church practically full for two very different services within the space of six weeks.

The Norfolk Churches Trust Annual Bike Ride is on Saturday 13th September from 9:00am – 5:00pm. If anybody would like a sponsor form to raise money for St John's Church and the Norfolk Churches Trust please ask me for one. Last year we raised a wonderful amount with our three cyclists taking part.

The sum of £17.29 has been paid into the Leprosy Mission which continues to do sterling work to help sufferers and their families who have been affected by this appalling disease. Thank you to all those people who continue to fill their boxes with loose change.

2:00pm Monday 25th August - Church Cleaning

General Questions & Comments

Editors

Bazaar 2013

On the cake stall last year were some lovely little boxes containing chocolate. Were you the person who gave them to the bazaar, if so could you give Grace Rumsby a ring on 882246 as she would like to purchase similar boxes for a project she is working on.. Thank you.

SERVICES

Chain saws professionally sharpened and set. Contact Rod at No 31 The Street. No charges.

BOWLS CLUB

The bowls club are looking for new members, for a fun filled afternoon come along to the Village Hall on Monday afternoons at 1:30pm.

WW1 in Wayland

Wayland Partnership Heritage Focus Group are launching a new project on Monday August 4th in the WCCC. 9:30am –3:30pm and 7:30pm –9:00pm.

Please bring stories, memorabilia which will help us tell the story of the impact of the war on Wayland.

They are able to record, copy and return material.

Any one interested is welcome to attend.

Breckland Art Trail 2014

Breckland Council are preparing organising the Art Trail for 2014 between 8–16 November. Artists who are interested in taking part should email samantha.patel@breckland.gov.uk to request a registration form. The cost to participate is £10 per artist or £30 per group. More details at www.breckland.gov.uk/arttrail

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Advance dates for your diaries:

Tue 9 September 7:30pm	Meeting to discuss ideas/arrangements for the Christmas Bazaar – all welcome!
Sat 18 October	Ovtoberfest (tickets from Matt Robertson)
Sat 15 November	Mervyn Stutter
Sat 6 December	Christmas Bazaar
Sat 21 February 2015 (!)	Something Happened with "A Touch of Class"

Fuel Trust Vacancy

Rod Rumsby

The Ovington Fuel Trust are looking to recruit a secretary / treasurer at the end of this year. This position would suit a retired or semi-retired person preferably with internet access.

The Trust hold two meetings a year and part of the secretary's duties is to prepare an agenda and produce minutes following the meeting. The work is mainly administrative as the Trustees ensure that the properties and lands owned by the Trust are maintained to the requisite standards.

The position of treasurer is straightforward book keeping and the financial transactions per annum are minimal, accounts are presented annually for the trustees approval.

The position is voluntary but all expenses are covered.

Applications to, or for more information, contact the Chair of the Trustees, Rev Jane Atkins. The Rectory. Ashill, Thetford, Norfolk, IP25 7BT Tel No 01760 441191 E-mail revd.jane@virgin.net

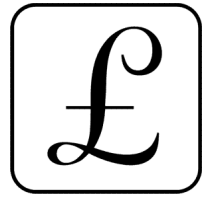
Village Lottery

Adrian Malton

July winners:

1st (£10) – Sheila Edwards

2nd (£5) – Jeremy Woods



And finally ... sudoku

Tim

Solution on back page.

To play: Fill a digit in each square such that the digits 1-9 appear only once in each 3x3 sub-grid, and only once in each row or column of the full 9x9 grid.

					5	6	3	
6	4		3				8	
	2	8		4	9		7	
	1					5		2
	8		7		2		1	
5	3			1	4	8		
2				6	7			
	5	3	1				4	6
8				9			2	1

COFFEE MORNING

in aid of St John's Church, Ovington

at

Ovington Village Hall

on

Saturday, 2nd August 10.00 am until 12.00 noon

As well as tea, coffee etc there will be:

tombola

raffle

&

cake stall

**Come and enjoy a sociable
Saturday morning in friendly surroundings**

Sudoku solution:

1	7	9	2	8	5	6	3	4
6	4	5	3	7	1	2	8	9
3	2	8	6	4	9	1	7	5
4	1	7	8	3	6	5	9	2
9	8	6	7	5	2	4	1	3
5	3	2	9	1	4	8	6	7
2	9	1	4	6	7	3	5	8
7	5	3	1	2	8	9	4	6
8	6	4	5	9	3	7	2	1

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