

The Ovington Oracle

September, 2014

Did anyone notice the pair of WWII Avro Lancaster bombers which passed over the village on 21 August? We are used to seeing the RAFs Battle of Britain Memorial Flight (BBMF) Lancaster, but for August and September it is joined by the only other airworthy Lancaster in the world, from the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum.

For those who like to keep track of such things the autumnal equinox is on September 23 at 2:29am precisely.

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
3 Sept, 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm
3 Sept, 7:45pm	Gardening Club – “The Perennial Mr Potter”
4 Sept, 7:30pm	Parish Council
7 Sept, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
9 Sept, 7:30pm	Bazaar planning meeting
12 Sept, 9-5:00pm	Norfolk Churches Bike Ride (Church)
16 Sept, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
21 Sept, 10:30am	Harvest Festival (Church)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Rainfall

Rod Rumsby

The total rainfall for July was 35mm or 1.4".

For comparison 2013 was 36mm or 1.41"

The rainfall thus far for August is 73.5mm or 2.9".

2013 total was 59.4mm or 2.34", so we are already ahead.

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



Our August meeting was to be our Picnic. Although we were unable to enjoy it outside as it was quite cold, we held it inside the village hall and we still had a good evening. Linda had prepared a fun quiz which everyone enjoyed. Everyone who came along brought a plate of food. We had one of the large tables filled with a tremendous variety of savoury and sweet food. So after the end of the quiz the ladies were soon tucking into some delicious food.

Our September meeting is on Tuesday 16th. Gill Bushnell will be coming along and talking to us about "Style and Colour" to get us thinking about our winter wardrobe. The meeting is in the village hall and begins at 7:45pm. Visitors are most welcome (£1.00). The competition is something beginning with '**C**'.

Our meeting on October 21st will be the AGM. Anyone who would like to join the committee please contact any committee member. We will need 2 or maybe 3 new committee members. We usually only have about 4 or 5 committee meetings a year and it is run very informally. I'm afraid if we don't get any new committee members the Ladies Group will collapse and after 35 years that would be such a shame.

Thank You

Jane Lambert

On Saturday 2nd August we had a coffee morning raising £283 for St Johns Church Ovington. I would like to thank everyone who donated prizes and the ladies who baked cakes and who helped us on the day.

With many thanks, Jane Lambert

Parish Council

Timothy Birt

Speed Sign

The vehicle activated sign has arrived! Informal comments suggest that it is working at reducing speed through the village. The sign is set to activate above 20mph and there is a maximum display to stop boy-racers from having a competition to see who can get the highest number – yes, this has happened elsewhere.

We will have access to the sign twice a year for a month at a time as we are sharing it with six other parishes. On its next visit we will look at Church Road, suggestions for other locations are welcome, although we will have to seek authority from Highways for placement elsewhere.

Next meeting

Thursday 4 September in the committee room of the Village Hall starting at 7:30pm. Councillors generally arrive earlier if you would like an informal chat before the meeting.

Church HLF update

Chris Springford

I have today submitted a full application for a Heritage Lottery Fund Grant for the church of St John the Evangelist, Ovington.

Thank you for your help and advice in getting us to this stage.

It is basically an updated version of our submission in February – to reflect the Flower Festival, Coffee Morning and fund raising efforts.

In addition, I have included a small contingency budget to cover some volunteer expenses in the Round 2 stage.

Following a conversation with our architect, there has been no revision of the architectural/building work requirements.

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



On Wednesday 3rd September, the meeting will take the form of live theatre. Bryan Thurlow will be performing his one-man show "The Perennial Mr Potter" in which he portrays the life of a gardener who looks after the gardens of a grand country house in the early to mid 20th century. Whether you are interested in social history or the history of gardening, it should be a fascinating evening. The show starts at 7:45pm in the village hall and is free for members. Non-members are welcome for only £3, which includes tea/coffee and biscuits after the show.

Call Ed on 01953 885848 for further details.

What's on locally

Susan Hollingworth

The Dragonfly Gallery presents:

'Magic Stitches'

Textile Exhibition (2 & 3 dimensional)
6-27 September



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

Sue Rothwell



Thursday 25th September at 7:30pm

Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall presents

James Bond Cabaret Style Night

Thrill to: 'Bond'... an unauthorised parody
(with car chase) starring **Gavin Robertson**

Enjoy a free cocktail, canapés, Bond quiz
... prizes for best dressed villain or Bond girl

Bring friends and book your table

Tickets £15 from Sounds of Dereham in Nunns Way.

Tel: 01362 696995



St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Services / Events

Sunday 7 September 9:30am	Holy Communion
Saturday 13 September 9:00am - 5:00pm	The church will be manned to welcome the cyclists for the Norfolk Churches Bicycle Ride
Sunday 21 September 10:30am	Harvest Festival with Auction, Cider and Cake - perhaps the ladies who do the flowers would like to help decorate the Church on Saturday, 20th September with their harvest offerings.

Well done to Jane and her helpers for arranging such a successful and enjoyable coffee morning.

2:00pm Monday 29 September - Church Cleaning

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Come to a meeting on Tuesday 9 September at 7:30pm and give us your ideas and support for the annual Christmas Bazaar which is taking place on Saturday 6th December. Everyone is welcome! If you have a burning desire to help on any particular stall or game, come and stake your claim at the meeting. If you have any thoughts on innovative money-spinning games, etc., please come and share them with us so we can increase the amount of fun on offer. As ever, we will need an army of volunteers to help before, during and after the event. The proceeds of the Bazaar are shared equally between the village hall and the church.

Don't forget the two major shows on offer this autumn: firstly, the Ovtobefest on Saturday 18 October – tickets £10 from Matt Robertson (hurry, they are going already!) – this year the food will be distinctly British: sausage & mash, followed by a British pud; secondly, an evening with Mervyn Stutter on Saturday 15 November (tickets at £10 will be available from the hall on Monday mornings, or from Christine on 885848). Both events will have a bar, but supper is included in the ticket price.

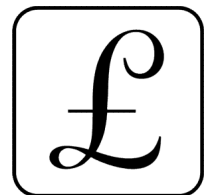
Village Lottery

Adrian Malton

August winners:

1st (£10) – Beryl Bard

2nd (£5) – Maureen Simmons



And finally ...

Rod

Newspaper headlines ripe for misinterpretation ...

"Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant"

See if that works any better than a fair trial!

"Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges"

You mean there is something stronger than duct tape?

"New Study Of Obesity Looks For Larger Test Group"

Weren't they fat enough?!

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