

The Ovington Oracle

April, 2016



Spring
has
arrived!

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
Mondays, 6:00pm	Breckland Js Junior Choir
30 Mar, 7:30pm	Parish Council
3 Apr, 9:30am	Holy communion (church)
6 Apr, 11:00am	Crafters' session until 4:00pm
19 Apr, 7:30pm	Ladies Annual Dinner, meet at 7:00pm (The Chequers, Thompson)
17 Apr, 10:30am	Lay led family service (church)
23 Apr, 7:30pm	Village Quiz with full buffet supper
24 Apr, noon then ...12:30pm	Open meeting, <i>Our community – our Church</i> Annual Parochial Church Meeting (church)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

Village web-site: www.ovington-village.org.uk

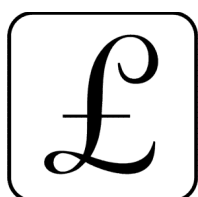
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Last month our excellent proof reader was not available so I went to print with a just a quick read through and fingers crossed. If anyone has tried proof reading immediately after working on a document I'm sure you will appreciate how errors magically become "invisible". Apologies for the errors which crept in, hopefully this month will be better.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The March winners:

1st prize (£15)

2nd prize (£10)

3rd prize (£5)

4th prize (£5)

Chris Lewis,

Jane Lambert,

Terry Rands,

Tim Birt [Editor: way-hay!]

Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



Seventeen Ladies enjoyed a fun/social evening on 15th March. We started with a quiz and the first letter of each correct answer was an anagram of a village location. Margaret very quickly solved the answer as Water End Farm. We then had a game with the bean bags and Rosemary won this competition with a score of 200. This was followed by blowing up very long thin balloons and twisting them into interesting shapes. This caused much hilarity.

The competition was won by Angela with a charming picture of her cats Pepper and Tasha.

It was good to welcome two new members.

We must thank Rose and Geoff for their generous hospitality in hosting the very enjoyable Cheese and Wine evening on 18th March.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Dinner at The Chequers, Thompson, on Tuesday 19th April. We will arrive at 7 for 7:30pm. The cost for two courses will be £12. If your wardrobe permits, then you may wish to dress in red, white and blue, in celebration of Her Majesty the Queen's 90th birthday. Menus have been circulated but if you haven't seen one yet, or need transport, then please contact Christine on 889920 who will be pleased to help you.

Shipdham Surgery

Timothy Birt

The building work to expand Shipdham Surgery with office space and an extra consulting room should be completed by 10 June. The car park is restricted while the work is in progress making the road busy.

With thanks for his hard work over the last few years Dr Mo Chilenge finished at Shipdham last week. The surgery is pleased to announce that it is now a partnership between Dr Rachel Hahn and Dr Joshua Harrison.

Our Community – Our Church

John Hardy & Chris Springford

A lot has happened in the Ovington Heritage Lottery Project:

At our Public Meeting in the village hall on Friday 11th March a good group of villagers were brought up to date with the overall progress of the project.

The Principal from the Heritage Lottery funding (that we report to) was surprised at the progress we had made, but warned us that because of official channels the project must follow, it may miss the June 23rd target but hit the September window. This may delay the start of the school projects by a couple of months.

The architect had been commissioned to instruct the various contractors and specialists involved in producing formal tenders to proceed; and detailed site investigations are due to take place either 11th-12th April or 19th-20th April. It is hoped when this process takes place, people in the village who are interested may be invited to see and learn about what is being restored. It is hoped the investigation keeps us within the original budgets, if not, further delays will be incurred.

Further discussion took place about the moving of the font and the removal of two pews - that had initially been agreed in a public meeting back in 2014. The feelings of the individuals that were not happy with this were respected, and they were assured that final decisions would be subject to the Diocesan faculty process.

Faculties are published ahead of final decisions by the Diocesan Advisory Committee* so that villagers have the opportunity to comment on proposed changes.

*Note: DACs have existed since the 1920s to provide advice to parishes, the Chancellor and Archdeacons about church buildings and their contents and churchyards. FACULTIES (licences) are required for all repairs, alterations or additions to the church and churchyard unless they are very minor items and listed as "de minimis". [Up-righting of the gravestones is an example of this].

Faculties are required in order to:

- a) Secure the long term interest of parishioners past, present and future.
- b) Prevent changes that are unnecessary or irreversible.
- c) Retain the exemption of ecclesiastical buildings from secular listed building control.

Good progress had been made with the Glebe Surveyor meeting the village hall committee and agreeing the boundaries and the issuing of licences.

A comprehensive summary of the school project was given, and it had reached the stage where the schools involved had been offered schedules for their one-day visits to the church and village hall over the next year. An extremely interesting programme was being constructed linked to the school curriculum taking in a very varied range of topics. We already have a good team coming together of qualified teachers and classroom assistants, but we need more. If you think you can help or you know somebody who can please contact us. It is going to be great fun. We will also need a supply of helpers to set up and take down technical classroom equipment on every visit

It was a well-received meeting and agreed that further public meetings would be held as progress is made and there is something to report back. The next Open Meeting will be at 12.00 noon on Sunday 24th April in the church – ahead of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting at 12.30pm – to explain the proposed internal changes.



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St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday, 3rd Apr
9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 17th Apr
10:30am Lay Led: Family Service



Sunday, 24th Apr
12:00 noon Heritage Lottery Meeting in Church

Sunday, 24th Apr
12:30pm APCM in Church

Monday, 25th Apr
1:30pm Church Cleaning

Monday, 2nd May
3:00-5:00pm **Benefice Fête at Ashill Rectory

Thank you Jean for taking a lovely Mothering Sunday Service and thank you Jane for providing the beautiful primula plants, which Isabella and Oliver distributed to each person in the congregation.

** Another Benefice Fête is being organised with proceeds being divided between Ashill, Carbrooke, Saham and our own church. Ovington have been asked to run the raffle. If anybody has anything to contribute to the raffle, tombola or cake stall, please either leave your items in the church or pass to Ann, Jane or Kelly, or just come along and enjoy yourself on this Bank Holiday Monday afternoon.

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk) / Timothy Birt

A report of the meeting on 3 March, from notes and the unconfirmed minutes.

The **village web-site** is undergoing a significant update with Jeremy developing 'version 3' and a complete new section and extra facilities provided by students from Methwold School.

Proposed 50 mph speed limit for A1075: A response from Norfolk County Council (NCC) used accident statistics which differ greatly from PC local knowledge. Councillors requested a properly formulated evidence based response rather than using "setting a precedent" as grounds for rejecting the suggestions of the parish council. [Post meeting note: the officer working on the scheme has left NCC, it will be reallocated to another designer who has been asked to contact the PC.]

The **dog bin** outside the allotments is rusty, it was agreed to purchase a replacement plastic bin.

Councillors agreed to sign the petition below.

Next meetings

Additional meeting 30th March at 7:30pm

To discuss time limited matters: planning and NALC subscription.

Scheduled meeting 12 May at 7:30pm.

Petition

Parish Council

Parish Councillors have been made aware of the following petition to parliament.

"The planning system is unfair. It is one of the few decision-making processes that gives no right of appeal to affected third parties. The government should introduce a limited third party right of appeal by giving parish councils a right to appeal planning decisions to the Planning Inspectorate."

If you support this petition please sign it at:

<https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/110489>

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Ovington VH Quiz - Saturday 23rd April, 7.30pm

Round Britain, quiz teams are preparing for the Ovington Village Hall Quiz on 23rd April. You don't have to be an egghead to mastermind a team. It takes just a minute to 'phone 01953 885848 and enter a team of 4. For a mere £7.50 a head it will only connect you to like-minded people for an evening of blockbusting fun with a full buffet supper. So, don't hesitate and become the weakest link, that would be pointless as space is limited! Join the chase to be top of the form and enter your team ASAP.

I'm sorry I haven't a clue why you would want to be anywhere else on Saturday 23rd April!

Keep **Saturday 16 July** free in your diaries. We have been lucky enough to secure Morgan and West with their evening of "Parlour Tricks". It promises to be an unforgettable evening of entertainment, 'magic' tricks and illusions done in their own very unique style. Reviews of their appearances at venues such as the Edinburgh Fringe have been excellent.

AGM report

The AGM of the Village Hall Management Committee was held on 1st March, 2016 with only one member of the public in attendance besides members of the committee. The Chairman presented his report of the year's events and the Treasurer presented her report of the year's financial activities. The election of officers was undertaken and the following were elected:

Ed Reilly (Chairman), Marie Ana Cave (Secretary), Christine Reilly (Treasurer), Lyndia Lewis (Booking Clerk), Adrian Malton (Lottery), Chris Lewis and Karen Weir. John Woods stepped down from the committee and was thanked for his work over the past year.

What's on Locally

Sue Rothwell

Friends of
Dereham
Memorial
Hall



Coffee Plus! - Ukulele Trio

These monthly events are organised by The Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall.

Time: 10:00am – noon

Free Event: Just buy a cup of coffee/tea

Full details of all events: www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Geoff Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz Club

Tuesday 12th April is the next session at:

The King's Arms Coaching Inn,
21 Market Place, Swaffham PE37 7LA

Colin Mason's Jazz Quartet
with Myke Clifford on sax and flute.

£5 entry on the door.

Food downstairs from 7:00pm, Jazz upstairs from 8:00pm

More information:

Norman 01760 722384 or Geoff 01366 328730

info@kingsarmscoachinginn.co.uk

Lynn Whitwell (01953 850499)

Enrich with Stitch

An Exhibition by Hardingham Textile Group at Lincoln Hall, Hingham
on Saturday 30 April and Sunday 1 May 10:00-4:30pm

Free entry, refreshments and raffle

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby

[Editor: Rod sent his report early this month as he has a planned hospital stay – we wish him well and a speedy recovery.]



Total for February was fairly low for the time of year at 28mm or 1.1"

March thus far (15th March) is 64mm or 2.5", on the 7th March about 2mm of this total was from intermittent snow falls.

Thank You

Rod and Grace Rumsby

Many, many thanks to all those kind people who have sent cards, e-mails, phone calls and best wishes during Rod's stay in hospital.

Glad to say he is making a good recovery and hopes to be back home to annoy you very shortly. Once again many thanks,

Rod and Grace

And finally...

Rod

[Editor: *He sent these observation on life before leaving for hospital too*]

Every day thousands of innocent plants are killed by vegetarians.
Help end the violence ... Eat bacon!

Exactly when is "old enough to know better" supposed to kick in?

Have you ever listened to someone for a while and wondered ...
"Who ties your shoelaces for you!"

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