

The Ovington Oracle

June, 2016

COFFEE MORNING



Saturday 18th June

10am – 12 noon

Ovington Village Hall

Raffle, Tombola, Kiddies
Tombola, Cakes, Crafts,
Jigsaws, etc

Come and meet your friends
for Coffee, Cake and Chat

Proceeds to St John's Church

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 May, 11:00am	Bank holiday fun at the Village Hall and <i>Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race</i>
5 June, 9:30am	Holy communion (church)
18 June, 10:00am	Coffee Morning in aid of St. John's
19 June, 10:30am	Lay led family service (church)
21 June, 6:00pm	Ladies Group walk&meal (Great Cressingham)
26 June, 6:00pm	Hymns for Summer Evening (church)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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

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Editors Comment

Referendum

The official Government leaflet has caused some confusion over registration: if you are already on the electoral role you do NOT need to re-register or register separately to vote in the referendum. Poll cards have been issued so if you qualify to vote (and are registered) you should have these very soon.

Voting takes place at the Village Hall between 7:00am and 10:00pm on Thursday 23 June.

The universe

On a more long lived theme at 22:34 on the 20 June we reach the summer solstice (already).

Bats & Moths

Following a leaflet drop and invitation from *Norfolk Wild Nights*, a group of us enjoyed an evening wander on Saturday 14 May while we played with some quite expensive 'detectors'. However, it was too cool and we didn't catch any moths and only heard two pipistrelle bats. Nevertheless it was a most informative talk from our hosts.

Notices

Temporary road closure for part of Church Road on 30 May.

Anglian Water are flushing mains on Monday 13 June. For more information call 03457-145145 quoting job reference 52541453

Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



Well done to our four ladies who came an admirable fourth in the Annual Quiz.

At the recent monthly meeting 17 members and one guest enjoyed an evening with Georgette Vale and her magnificent quilts. Georgette was inspired to take up quilting after a holiday to America. She studied for her City and Guilds Examination at home and showed us some of the pieces which were part of the qualification. She shared with us several different techniques and designs that were used. All her quilts were beautiful and she brought one very special one called 'Solar Eclipse' which was an interpretation of a special visit to her family in Alsace where she was privileged to see a total eclipse.

The competition was won by Christine Hardy with her own example of beautiful quilting, a Quillow.

Next month we shall be holding our Annual Walk and meal at The Windmill in Great Cressingham, on Tuesday 21st June. For those walking we shall meet in the car park ready to commence walking at 6:00pm. For those who just wish to join us for the meal, this has been booked for 7:30pm. The walk should take about 1¼ hours and is partly on quiet roads with a few gentle inclines. For more details, please contact Christine on 889920.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby

April rainfall total was 72mm or 2.8"



May so far is only 12.5mm just under a half inch.

Could do with a nice rain spell to help the veggies burst into fruition.

[Editor: is that code for 'near drought'?]

St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday, 5 June

9:30am Holy Communion

Saturday, 18 June

10:00am – noon *Coffee Morning

Sunday, 19 June

10:30am Lay Led: Family Service

Sunday, 26 June

6:00pm **Hymns for Summer Evening

Monday, 27 June

1:30pm Church Cleaning



*See front cover.

We are looking forward to the first of our 'Hymns for a Summer Evening**'. These will be followed by refreshments. Don't forget to let Jean have a note of your favourite hymn.

Annual Parish Meeting

Heidi Frary (Clerk)

Held on 12 May at 7:30pm.

Reports from local organisations were presented and are available from the Clerk, on request.

Reports available: Parish Council, Ovington Church, Heritage Lottery Update, Village Hall, Ladies Group, Fuel Trust, Breckland Harmony and Young Singers, Allotment Association, Bowls Club, and The Oracle.

Some reports were unavailable: District Council, County Council.

And just for fun the Ovington Navy presented a report:

There are two divisions, 'broads' and 'sea-going'. The broads division are investing in carbon fibre mast and the sea going will be launched for the season next week.

Parish Council (PC) AGM

Heidi Frary (Clerk)

From the unconfirmed minutes of 12 May meeting at 8:30pm.

Karen Weir was again elected as chairman.

Correspondence:

- Highways will contact the PC before the A1075, 50mph speed restriction is introduced.
- The Government responded with a very blunt 'no' to the NALC petition about planning appeals.
- The PC will be represented at the Parish Paths Seminar by TB.
- Monthly crime figures include Ovington! One burglary.

Work pending:

Dog bin replacement, fence posts at allotments

Documents review and adopted for 2015/16:

- The financial summary
- Annual Statement and Annual Statement of Governance.
- Arrangements for the management of risk.
- Inventory of land and assets including completion of asset register.
- Financial Regulations and Statement of Internal Control.

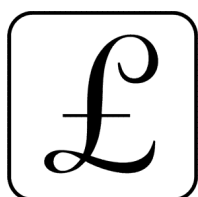
Financial Update:

Councillors reviewed the payment of accounts (including cheques), financial position and precept.

Next meeting: 7 July, 2016

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The May winners:

1st prize (£10)

2nd prize (£5)

Geraldine Rowarth,

Alan Berkin

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Bank Holiday Monday Fun! - 30 May

Come along to the village hall and join in the fun. Refreshments will be available in the form of BBQ burgers and hot dogs or tea/coffee and lashings of home made cakes. There will be a mega book stall inside the hall, a tombola, plus one or two fun games and the Aunt Sally. Any offers of help on the day or donations of cakes or items for the tombola will be gratefully received. There will be no village fête this year, so please come along and support the village hall. (Please note this event means there will be no coffee morning on Monday 30th.)

The Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race

$$E_p = mgh$$



$$E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$$

Ten daring teams signed up and ready to race.

'Showing off' and practice from 11:00am, racing will start around 1:00pm

Creative Arts East

Tickets are now available for our next show, in association with Creative Arts East Live, on Saturday 16 July. Come and be beguiled and mystified by Morgan and West with their magic show "Parlour Tricks". Tickets cost £10 for adults and £6 for children under 16 and can be booked by ringing 01953 885848 or coming to the village hall on any Monday morning between 10 and 12. Look out for posters and flyers with more details.

In the autumn we hope to have a story telling show – more details to follow later.

Crafting Sessions

These have been abandoned temporarily while we try to gauge the best days and level of interest. Attendance had dwindled to only 3 regulars, which was not what we envisaged when we began! We know there are many talented and creative people living in Ovington, so let us know what you would like: general crafting sessions, demonstrations of particular crafts, etc. The original idea was to share skills and inspiration from many crafts as we live in a throwaway society nowadays where such skills are becoming rarer.

Our Community – Our Church

John Hardy & Chris Springford

A lot continues to go on in the planning stage that is not apparent to the village as a whole.

As indicated the architect has carried out the physical inspection work to investigate the state of repair of the church, and is now preparing a detailed report of repairs and costs that has to be submitted to the Diocese bodies for approval and then Historic England and the Heritage Lottery Board. This is a new area of control that I am not used to which is taking time to adjust to, and would love to be able to speed it up.

The Community Project has grown to include seven local schools participating, and a detailed curriculum is in place. The schools are pleased as it is interesting being based in Ovington, but does not draw on their resources and also satisfies some of their Ofsted requirements. We have a need for more qualified helpers that will be trained, as well as people to assist during the days the children are visiting the village hall.

A children's book is planned which will be written by the children and published at the end of the project. Each child will be presented with a book, but they will also be on sale as a record of what happened and who took part. A great memento.

When this project was first considered a village survey indicated many of you offered help in many different ways. As the project gains speed we will be looking to draw on your expertise. Some people who felt they could not contribute offered to give via "Gift Aid" regularly. We would be pleased to accept those offers as all assistance is very important. Contact Chris Springford ydb70@dial.pipex.com who will forward the forms.

All help is gratefully received.



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What's on Locally

Visit The Wayland Partnership website for information on lots of local projects and events: **wayland.org.uk**

Susan Hollingworth

The Dragonfly Gallery workshop:

Saturday 2nd July 10:00 – 1:00pm

Join a small workshop to make a
jewellery/pencil box 9"x 4" x 2"



Most materials and equipment will be provided, but you will need to bring your own fabric – ½metre of cotton fabric – and a 12-inch ruler, pencil and sharp scissors.

Cost £25 per person to be paid at time of booking.

To book, contact Susan: 01953 880205 susan@wayland.org.uk

Geoff Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz Club

As of Tuesday 14th June 8:00pm:

We're moving to Swaffham Conservative Club,
23 London Street. PE37 7DD

"Colin Mason Jazz Quartet
with Myke Clifford on Sax and Flute"

£5 at door, more information:

Norman 01760 722384 or Geoff 01366 328730

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