

# The Ovington Oracle

July, 2016

What an eventful month, from a world impacting Brexit referendum to storms of near biblical proportions, something to live in the memory for a long time.

We generally ignore American 'independence day', but the 4 July is a day to mark on the astronomical calendar – it is aphelion, the point at which the Earth is furthest from the sun in its (slightly) elliptical orbit.

## 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
3 July, 9:30am	Holy communion (church)
7 July, 7:30pm	Parish Council
16 July, 7:30pm	Magic Show: "Parlour Tricks"
17 July, 10:30am	Lay led family service (church)
19 July, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
24 July, 6:00pm	Hymns for Summer Evening (church)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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## Notices

### **Gordon North**

Gordon is ill in hospital, we wish him the very best.

### **Golden Wedding**

Congratulations and best wishes to Sheila and Peter Johnson on the occasion of their Golden Wedding which they celebrated on Saturday 25th June 2016.

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## Ladies Group

*Ann Johnson*



On Tuesday 21st June, 20 ladies, gentlemen and two young boys had a lovely walk in the countryside at Great Cressingham. We started at The Windmill pub and walked along to the mill at Little Cressingham, although some turned back a little early before the mill (I think they were a little eager for their refreshments)!

Following days of adverse weather conditions, we were blest to walk on a dry and warm evening. Three more people joined us for a tasty meal at The Windmill, where we were looked after very well. It was good that Linda was able to join us for the meal and to see her making good progress.

Next month we meet on Tuesday, 19th July at 7:45pm, when our speaker will be Tobi Amadson from Boots Chemist. Tobi is quite a character so this should prove to be an interesting evening.

The competition is the letter **"R"**.

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## Rainfall

*Rod Rumsby*



May total: 48.5mm or 1.9". The May near drought conditions were avoided in one day, the 30th, when we had 33mm or 1.3"

June. 71mm or 2.8". Flaming June has had its flames extinguished. It's still raining so the June figures may change before the months end.

[Editor: Rod's report was before 'THE storm', I can confirm his head is above water he and sent this brief update].

Interesting differences - we measured 55mm but Rose Farm cottages, Dereham Rd measured 122mm.

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# St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday, 3 July  
9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 17 July  
10:30am Lay Led: Family Service

Sunday, 24 July  
6:00pm \*Hymns for Summer Evening

Monday, 25 July  
1:30pm Church Cleaning



\* Come and join us for our second 'Hymns for a Summer evening' which again will be followed by refreshments.

We welcome Kelly Scott as our new Churchwarden and thank Jean Rockett, our retiring Churchwarden, for her dedication to this position. Jean has been training to be a Lay Reader and she is going to be Licensed in Norwich Cathedral on 3rd September.

Thanks to everyone who helped make our coffee morning so enjoyable and successful – to those who were involved with all the preparations, to those who baked for the refreshments and the cake stall, to those who donated items for the stalls, to those who helped on the day and to all who came and supported us, a big thank you. We raised the wonderful sum of £526.

## Future Dates:

6:00pm Sunday, 28th August Hymns for a Summer Evening

10.30am Sunday, 18th September Harvest Festival

10.30am Sunday, 16th October Pet Service

10.30am Sunday, 13th November Remembrance Service

6:00pm Sunday, 18th December Carol Service

10.30am Sunday, 25th December Christmas Day Family Service

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## Parish Council (PC)

*Heidi Frary (Clerk)*

**Next meeting:** 7:30pm, 7 July, 2016 at the village hall committee room. Councillors generally arrive 15 minutes early for informal discussion.

Agenda items include:

- An assessment of village drainage to see if there are any lessons to be learned following the recent torrential storms. The PC will make the representation to the relevant bodies if issues with the public infrastructure are identified.
- Parish Partnership update, following our request for official bus stops near the crossroad.
- A1075 speed limit

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## What's on Locally

*Timothy Birt*

Congratulations to Dereham on achieving Walkers are Welcome status. More information and details of some splendid walks are at:

[www.DerehamWaW.org.uk](http://www.DerehamWaW.org.uk)

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*Susan Hollingworth*

### **Kaleidoscope**

Solo Exhibition by Patricia Welsh,  
A Medley of Paper, Canvas and Wood

Free Admission: Saturday 9 July – 23 July

Coffee Morning Opening: Saturday 9th July 10:00–1:00pm



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**– Original Paintings – Prints – Photographs – Crafts – Gifts– Greeting Cards –**

Wayland House, High St, Watton, Norfolk, IP25 6AR

Monday - Friday 10:00–4:00pm, Saturday 10:00–1:00pm

Contact Susan: 01953 880205, [susan@wayland.org.uk](mailto:susan@wayland.org.uk)

# Village Hall

Christine Reilly

## Magic show

Don't miss this enthralling and entertaining show by Morgan & West! "Parlour Tricks" will be coming to Ovington on Saturday 16 July at 7:30pm.

Tickets are £10 for adults, £6 for children under 16 and are available from the village hall any Monday morning between 10 and 12 or phone 01953 885848 to reserve your place.

Morgan & West have had excellent reviews from all over the country, including the Edinburgh Fringe, so don't miss this opportunity for a fantastic evening's entertainment right here in Ovington.

## Future events

Dates for your diaries include:

Saturday 24 September – a supper evening;

Saturday 15 October – story-telling from the Foundry Group with "Gilbert, No Sullivan" (guaranteed to have you in stitches!).

## May Bank Holiday feedback

Many thanks to everyone who helped with the BBQ and refreshments and other activities inside the village hall. It was one of the busiest events in living memory and extremely successful from a financial point of view, making £499.59 for village hall funds.

### The Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race

$$E_p = mgh$$



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

Despite the cold windy weather it was great fun !

There are pictures and a short video at:

[www.ovington.org.uk](http://www.ovington.org.uk)

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## Our Community – Our Church

Chris Springford & John Hardy

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and subsequent PCC\* meeting, the HLF project team outlined the recent external inspections that were carried out on the church to identify the scale and specific maintenance items that needed urgent attention. The team was given unanimous support to continue with the project and to make applications for the next stage of HLF\* funding to continue with this investigation phase and to obtain architect specifications to submit to the DAC\*.

Some members of the DAC visited the church to hear at first hand an outline of the building investigations; the proposed re-ordering of some internal features – including moving of the font, installation of a kitchenette and removal to storage of three pews and moving one of the pews to the front of the church opposite to the organ. They were also very excited to hear about the extensive schools programme that has been developed to meet both Ofsted and HLF requirements that now involve some 7 local schools.

Development of a new Church website, with links to social media and to the current village website, is being undertaken by two IT students at the Watton Academy. This website aims to give regular updates to the wider local community about the progress of the project. It will also provide a means to connect with the Diocesan website and wider church networks throughout the world.

Specifications of the building work have been submitted to the DAC for their meeting this week for approval, as a preliminary stage in petitioning for a Faculty to cover the external building works.

A number of other organisations have been consulted including: *The Church Buildings Council, English Heritage, The Council for British Archaeology, Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, The Victorian Society, Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Anglian Water ...* and so on.

We are grateful for the support of so many people that are helping this project along.

### \* Abbreviations

HLF: Heritage Lottery Fund,

PCC: Parochial Church Council,

DAC: Diocesan Advisory Committee



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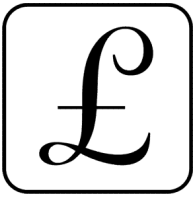
**The National Lottery**<sup>®</sup>  
through the Heritage Lottery Fund



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## Village Lottery

*Adrian Malton*



The June (extended draw) winners:

1st prize (£15)	Lyndia Lewis;
2nd prize (£10)	Rod Rumsby;
3rd prize (£5)	Jean Rockett;
4th prize (£5)	Linda Birt.

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## And finally ...

*Rod*

Doctor: "You'll live to be 60!"

Patient: "I AM 60!"

Doctor: "See! What did I tell you?"

A doctor held a stethoscope up to a man's chest.

The man asks, "Doc, how do I stand?"

The doctor says, "That's what puzzles me!"

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