

The Ovington Oracle

August, 2016

A visitor from New Zealand has spent ten days in the village, seeking a taste of village life. He attended church and was invited to climb the tower. He used our trod when returning from Watton, he walked around the allotments and commented on the variety of produce. It is winter in New Zealand so fresh strawberries are a real treat. Then on Saturday he enjoyed live entertainment at the 'Morgan & West' Victorian magic show in the Village Hall.

Overall, I think we can be proud, so much is done in our small community, pat on the back all round!

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am (not 1 Aug)
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
-	Breckland Js Junior Choir (Resumes Sept)
7 Aug, 9:30am	Holy communion (church)
21 Aug, 10:30am	Lay led family service (church)
26 Aug, 7:30pm	Concert with Emma Nuule (church)
21 Aug, 2:00pm	BBQ
16 Aug, 5:00pm	Ladies Group cream tea (College Farm, Thompson)
28 Aug, 6:00pm	Hymns for Summer Evening (church)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Notices

Dog Fouling

At least one dog has been let loose late in the evening or early morning and is fouling in private gardens.

The Parish Council provides dog bins and the vast majority of Ovington dog owners are responsible, what a pity an isolated antisocial individual can cause such annoyance.

If anyone has information as to the identity of this person/dog please let any Parish Councillor know so that they can take the necessary action. Contact details are on village website and you may remain anonymous.

Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday, 19th July, 13 ladies enjoyed a very informative talk from Tobi Amadson, Pharmacist at Boots Chemists. Tobi talked about being part of the community and he stressed the importance of speaking to the Pharmacists in our town for any queries regarding health problems or medication, as this could help ease the pressure on GPs and the NHS.

The competition was jointly won by Hilda and Dot with their lovely rabbits.

Next month we shall be meeting for a cream tea at College Farm, Thompson, at 5:00pm on Tuesday 16th August. Anybody who hasn't given their name in please ring Christine on 889920 for details.

Commercial Waste Disposal

Pam Sayle – Breckland Council

News for community groups and small traders

Community groups, small businesses and travelling tradesmen who need to dispose of commercial waste can now do so for a charge, at seven of Norfolk's largest recycling centres.

Thetford, Kings Lynn, **Dereham**, Ketteringham, Mayton Wood, Hempton, Caister.

The new service is aimed at small organisations who may not have the resource or the volume of waste to justify a commercial collection.

These centres will accept a wide range of materials from trade customers and prices start from a single bag charge. For more information on how the service works, material types and for a full list of charges please go to www.norfolk.gov.uk/businesswaste or call 0344 8008020

Rainfall

(Slightly rusty) Rod Rumsby



June, a touch damp, 168mm or 6.6".

[Editor: "a touch damp" ... description
recalibration required!]

During that heavy storm the measurement in The
Street was 55mm or 2.16"

However along the West and North of Ovington, unconfirmed
readings put it between 3" and 4". These figures back up the fact
that there was more serious flooding experienced in those areas.

July, a touch drier at 22mm or 0.86" so far.

Private Pumping Stations

Anglian Water

If you have a private pumping station at the bottom of your garden
or in your street we need to know about it.

You are currently responsible if anything goes wrong but the good
news is that from October 2016 we will take responsibility for many
private pumping stations in our region. This will include the cost to
maintain and run them, but we have to find them first.

We're currently assessing each of these eligible pumping stations
and carrying out detailed surveys and any necessary repairs. So if
you think your Private Pumping Station is eligible for transfer find
out if we're already aware of it. If not you'll be able to register it.

For more information and a handy 'spotters guide', see:

[http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/household/water-recycling-
services/report-a-private-pumping-station.aspx](http://www.anglianwater.co.uk/household/water-recycling-services/report-a-private-pumping-station.aspx)

St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday, 7 Aug
9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 21 Aug
10:30am Lay Led: Family Service



Friday, 26 Aug
7:30pm *Concert with Emma Nuule

Sunday, 28 Aug
6:00pm *Hymns for Summer Evening

Monday, 28 Aug
1:30pm Church Cleaning

* See separate flyer included with this Oracle.

** Come and join us for our third 'Hymns for a Summer Evening' which again will be followed by refreshments.

On Saturday, 3rd September, Jean is being licensed as a Lay Reader in Norwich Cathedral. All are welcome to attend this service to support Jean. Please remember her in your prayers at this special time.

Saturday, 10th September, is the Annual Churches' Bike Ride which takes place from 9am – 5pm. If anybody wishes to 'get on their bike' the sponsorship money is divided equally between the Norfolk Churches Trust and our own church. Please ring 885455 for a sponsorship form and further details.

Future Dates (all Sunday):

10:30am	18th September	Harvest Festival
10:30am	16th October	Pet Service
10:30am	13th November	Remembrance Service
6:00pm	18th December	Carol Service
10:30am	25th December	Christmas Day Family Service

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk) & Timothy Birt

Report from the unconfirmed minutes of 7 July, 2016 meeting:

Present: All Councillors.

In attendance: Clerk plus two members of public.

Apologies: District Councillor Rogers, County Councillor Bowles

Matters arising

- A report from the 'Parish Paths Seminar' showed the need to start the (long) process to establish any claims for Public Rights of Way (PRoW) as they must be on the map by 2026. Ovington has three entries on the definitive map. There are clearly more and better historic links and if anyone has evidence like old maps or deeds please the the council know.
- The *Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race* was deemed a success and planning is starting for similar (bigger?) event next year. Consideration is being given for holding it during the school summer holiday.
- BT have suggested that fibre broadband will reach the village within 12-months.
- Councillors met with Paul Sellick from Norfolk County Council (NCC), Highways department to discuss drainage and road damage. A long list of issues was presented, but also an offer to help with patching small holes ourselves as long as we can be provided with patch packs. Concern was raised over the previous very poor maintenance which has widened the road (increasing traffic speed) but is causing the road to slide into the ditches especially along The Street and thus making it more difficult for pedestrians and cyclists.

Following the flooding, the public drains will be rodded and ditches cleared, but NCC no longer does this for private ditches. The PC will write to land owners in the worst affected flood zones asking them to maintain ditches. An identified problem where part of the ditch along Church Road has been piped and filled in will be considered after reviewing the appropriate planning consent issued for this work.

Correspondence

- The PC are extremely annoyed at the very poor consultation process over the 50mph speed restriction plan for the A1075. A formal letter of complaint is to be sent outlining the issues, but it looks as if the formal legal notice has been issued, so NCC will rail-road through their plan for simply a 50mph limit around the bends.

Public Participation

There was discussion over the overgrown hedges in Crown Crescent adjacent the children's play space and at the blind corner outside 12 The Street. Clerk to write and request that the hedge be cut on the blind bend and chair to obtain quote to cut hedge on play area, progress will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Account Payments

The accounts were reviewed, cheques approved and signed.

Next meeting

1 September at 7:30pm

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The July winners:

1st prize (£10)

2nd prize (£5)

Gordon North;

Marie Ana Cave.

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

STOP PRESS: Due to a private hiring of the village hall on Monday, 1st August, there will be NO COFFEE MORNING that day! Normal service will be resumed on Monday 8th August, to include the August Lottery draw.

BBQ – Sunday 21st August, 2:00pm

The village hall will be holding a BBQ at 2:00pm on Sunday 21st August. Food will be on a pay-as-you-eat basis, but it would be nice to know approximate numbers in advance for catering purposes. On offer will be: Burgers @ £2.50, Sausages @ £2.50 and Bacon rolls @ £2, plus some side salads. Please let someone on the committee know if you intend to come.

P.S. Also, please pray for a dry day!

Live Entertainment

It was a magical evening at the village hall on 16 July. Morgan & West delivered a very slick and entertaining show of tricks and illusions, performed right under our noses and we still can't work out how some of them could have been done. Despite the success of the show (everyone had a very enjoyable time), it was a financial failure as not enough people came to cover the costs. Even with a subsidy from Creative Arts East, we will still make a loss.

So, do the people of Ovington want live entertainment, something different in their village hall, or was this just an unfortunate date when everyone was busy elsewhere?

Creative Arts East LIVE offer a varied programme of professional shows in order to bring life-enriching entertainment out to the villages. Rather than pay £20++ for a seat in Norwich or King's Lynn, petrol and then parking (if you can find a space), for around £10 you can experience the same quality of event locally, thanks to CAE and their funded subsidies.

In a hall as small as ours, it is not a viable proposition to put on film shows as the costs are too high. However, it is just possible to put on small live acts, provided we can get an audience of over 40 people. Due to the restrictions of hall size, we are not always able to offer food with the show. If we did, the audience size would be reduced and we would have to raise the ticket price accordingly.

Some acts are just out of our price range, charging £700 - £1,000+ per show and, cabaret-style, we could only accommodate around 36 people, allowing for stage room. I'll let you do the maths!

Next Live Show

Hopefully we can fill the hall for our next show: "Gilbert, no Sullivan" on 15 October. The Foundry Theatre are putting on their Victorian-themed storytelling show, which is absolutely hilarious. Don't miss it! Tickets are £10 for adults, £6 for under 16s, available from the VH any Monday morning, or ring 885848 to book.

Advanced notices

Still on the subject of food (!), there will be a supper evening on Saturday, 24th September at 7:30pm. Tickets will be available at £7.50 from the village hall any Monday morning or from Christine on 885848, This price covers a main course (casserole) plus dessert. Proceeds will go to village hall funds and there is no bar, so BYOB.

It's no good, I will have to use the 'C' word – Christmas Bazaar!

Apologies to those of you who feel it is a little early to mention this, but there will be an open meeting at 7-8pm on Tuesday 27th September to discuss arrangements for this year's Bazaar which is being held between noon and 2:00pm on Saturday, 10th December. Please come along with your ideas for this event and any offers of help. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Choir: The Js are taking a break until the second Monday in September.

Our Community – Our Church

John Hardy & Chris Springford

The architect has made great progress in preparing all the technical requirements for the proposed repairs to the church which have been submitted to the Dioceses. They have now issued a faculty which is on display for public inspection and comment till 28th July in the church. This document was issued after the publication of the last Oracle so I have tried to let as many people as possible know in the meantime to allow fair examination.

We also invite your support to a concert to help HLF funds

Concert in the church

with

Emma Nuule – Soprano

Friday 26th August @ 7:30pm

Ovington Church

Global award winning soprano Emma Nuule will be performing a wide repertoire of popular classics and West End classics during her performance in Ovington Church. Having studied at The Central School of Performing Arts, and then furthered her career after having professional training with Marie Vassiliou she has won many awards.

Emma will include in her concert ***O mio babbino cara , Ave Maria, Nella Fantasia, When I have sung my songs to you*** and many more well-known pieces. This will be a friendly welcoming evening in the glorious surrounds of this wonderful little church that is in the throes of restoration work via the Heritage Lottery Fund and lends itself for this concert.

There will be a welcoming reception prior to the concert and refreshments during the interval, and tickets are available at £12.00 each from:

Adcocks, Watton High Street or by ringing 01953-889920



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What's on Locally

Susan Hollingworth

Wayland Photography Challenge 2016

The entries will be exhibited in the Dragonfly Gallery throughout August, giving local people and visitors the opportunity to vote for the People's Choice



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

Tim Cara

Friends of
Dereham
Memorial
Hall



Coffee Plus – Free Live Music!

Guitar and Vocals with Dave

25 August: 10:30am – 12 noon

Free event, every fourth Thursday, just buy a coffee or tea

With the injection of some new resources, FoDMH are preparing their future programme, details of all events at:

www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Geoff Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz presents:

The Colin Mason Jazz Quartet with guest vocalist Eleanora.

Tuesday 9th August at 8:00pm, £5 on the door.

Continuing at the Swaffham Conservative Club
23 London Street, Swaffham, PE37 7DD

More information from Norman: 01760 722 384
or Geoff: bargeoff@yahoo.com

Wayland Newsletter



Just in case you haven't noticed the local signs, the Wayland Agricultural Show is on Sunday 7th August. For a comprehensive review see www.waylandshow.com

And finally ...

Rod (+Tim)

Did you know that:

DAMMIT I'M MAD ... is ... DAMMIT I'M MAD

spelled backwards?

Rod started, so here are some more palindromes:

A man, a plan, a canal: Panama.

No, it is open on one position.

Was it a cat I saw?

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