

The Ovington Oracle

September, 2016



Heritage Open Days is a national event running between 8-11 September offering the opportunity to visit some heritage sites for free! There are special events and access to places not normally open.

There is a great search facility on their web-site, find out more at:

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

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
1 Sept, 7:30pm	Parish Council
4 Sept, 9:30am	Holy communion (church)
18 Sept, 10:30am	Lay led harvest festival service (church)
20 Sept, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
24 Sept, 7:30pm	Supper Evening – BYOB

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday, 16th August, 15 ladies enjoyed a very nice cream tea at College Farm, Thompson, as a change from the usual August picnic. We also had an early celebration for our Chairperson Rosemary's special birthday with a chocolate cake.

Next month we look forward to hearing what Stephen Pope from Gressenhall has to say about 'The Agricultural Worker'. The competition will be the letter **"R"**.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



July - "quite dry overall". 29mm or to be imprecise just over 1".

August (up to the 22nd) 24.5mm or to be quite precise around about 1"

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk)

Next meeting: 7:30pm 1 Sept, 2016 at the village hall committee room. Councillors generally arrive 15 minutes early for informal discussion.

Agenda items include:

- A replacement lawnmower for our volunteers who keep public spaces neat.
- Parish Partnership update, following our request for official bus stops near the crossroad.
- Complaint to Norfolk County Council about the A1075 speed limit process.
- Planning

Our Community – Our Church

Chris Springford & John Hardy

As indicated last month the architect continues to make great progress with all the technical requirements of this project. Working to strict guidelines ensuring that the fabric of the church both externally and internally meets the standards set by the Dioceses, and at the same time fulfils the strict protocols set by the Heritage Lottery Fund that is being used to restore our church.

Last month I indicated there was a specification of work for external works to the church for inspection. I am advised the architect has completed the specification for re-ordering work for the internal works and that is now in the church for inspection.

The final tenders are being sought, and the Community Project finalised which then means our firm application can be submitted. On that being accepted funds will be released and the physical part of the overall project can commence. It has been decided to delay the Schools project till the beginning of January 2017 to ensure everything that requires funding can be in place ready. We are still looking for volunteers who are qualified to work with school children to help with what looks a really exciting fun project to be involved in. At the same time we would love some village volunteers to come forward to help with many of the practical things that need doing when the school children are on site in the village hall.

"SOLD OUT" the Concert in the Church on Friday 26th August has been very well received and tickets were sold much quicker than we expected. It is planned to have other concerts in the church which will be enjoyable because of the wonderful acoustics inside the church.

It is hoped to have a further public meeting about the time of our final application to the Heritage Lottery Fund to keep the village fully aware of this wonderful project



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Nature in your Community

Pamela Morgan

Responding to expressions of interest in environmental projects from local industry and organisations, the Wayland Partnership have secured funding from the Postcode Local Trust for the:-



Growing Together Project

An exciting new community initiative. Its aim is to bring together people to identify small areas of land in their communities that are unloved that could be used for environmental projects eg. Tree planting, wild-flower sowing, tidying up, or installing homes for wildlife. So, Plant. Grow. Sow. Tidy and importantly build in sustainability and low maintenance.

Funding is available for Watton and the Wayland Villages with 'green areas' being identified, mapped and recorded. Successful projects (one per village) will be decided by public vote if necessary at a community event. The project will be delivered by the Wayland Partnership working with partners such as Parish Councils, Village Hall Committees, schools or churches.

The project is open to people of all ages with an interest in improving their local environment. If you have an idea, would like to volunteer or donate expertise, seeds etc. PLEASE get in touch, THE NATURAL WORLD NEEDS YOU!

Pamela Morgan. The Wayland Partnership Development Trust
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Bonfires !

Editor

Address provided

Dear Editor,

Today 4th August at around 2:40pm whilst sitting outside with company we were exposed to smoke and ash from beyond a tall hedge. After shouting at the top of my voice, there appeared to be a response, but I'm not sure what it was. The smoke finally stopped about half an hour later and we could clear a smoke filled house. Is there no stopping this?

Yours ...

Please would villagers be considerate and take care. If you are having a bonfire, please consider the wind direction and choose an appropriate time of day.

Bonfires can be considered a 'statutory nuisance', and persistent or significant problems should be reported to Breckland Council, Environmental Health Department on 01362-656870

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The August winners:

1st prize (£10)

2nd prize (£5)

Jean Rockett;

Harriett Woods

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

BBQ: Thank you to all who prayed for a fine day – it was (almost) perfect for the village hall BBQ. There was a crowd of around 25 people who enjoyed a fine afternoon filled with food and conversation. Thanks to Adrian and Chris for doing the ‘man’ thing and sweating over a hot and smoky barbecue all afternoon. A small amount was made for village hall funds, but we all had a lovely afternoon in the process. We are not going to tempt fate and plan any more BBQs for this summer. That will probably guarantee great weather until about November!

Tickets are available NOW from Christine (885848) or the village hall any Monday morning between 10 and 12 for both the Supper Evening on Saturday 24th September and the show “Gilbert (No Sullivan)” on 15th October.

As advertised in last month’s Oracle, the Supper will consist of a main course (choice of casseroles) plus dessert for only £7.50 – an absolute bargain as we charged £8 in 2013! Space is limited, so the first 45 lucky people to apply for tickets will enjoy an evening of good food and convivial company. There will be a raffle and possibly a brain-teaser to pass the time between courses.

“Gilbert (No Sullivan)” performed by David Mountfield (‘Count Arthur Strong’s Radio Show’ R4) and Brian Mitchell (‘The Ornate Johnsons’ BBC4) on 15th October, is both the perfect night out for fans and a great introduction to one of England’s wittiest writers. Before writer W.S. Gilbert met composer Arthur Sullivan to form theatre’s most famous partnership, he wrote stories – absurd, outrageous, hilarious stories – and wildly funny poems. Now, for the first time, three of his funniest tales and two of the best-loved comic ballads come to the stage in this inventive adaptation by Mitchell & Nixon, writers of hit shows ‘Those Magnificent Men’ and ‘Big Daddy v. Giant Haystacks’. Suitable for anyone 12 years and over, these stories will appeal to everyone. Previous shows by the Foundry Group have won many awards, so don’t miss this opportunity for a great night out. Tickets cost £10 for adults, £6 for under 16s.

Bazaar Planning Meeting at 7:00pm on Tuesday 27 Sept to plan this year’s Christmas Bazaar (12-2pm on Saturday 10 Dec). Everyone is welcome – bring your ideas and enthusiasm!

St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday, 4 Sept
9:30am Holy Communion

Saturday, 10 Sept
9:00am-5:00pm Churches Bicycle Ride



Sunday, 18 Sept Lay Led: Harvest Festival Service,
10:30am followed by an auction.

Monday, 26 Sept
1:30pm Church Cleaning

Thank you for supporting our 'Hymns for a Summer Evenings' through the summer. They have been well supported and most enjoyable.

On Saturday 3rd September at 10:30 we celebrate Jean's Licensing in Norwich Cathedral – please pray for her

Future Dates:

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

Ovington Allotment Association

John Hardy



Having battled the weather which has not been the best this season, and the slugs that have eaten everything in sight the allotmenters decided it was time to have a social gathering.

A summer BBQ was held on a wonderful sunny day Saturday 6th August. It was extremely well supported and everybody enjoyed the relaxed afternoon in the shade of the trees after having their fill. That was after having inspected the allotments once the judge had finished his deed. At the same time there was an informal display put on of produce from the allotments.

The independent international judge Mr Rod Rumsby gave his judgements which were well received – mostly, and rosettes were handed out to the winners.

- * Best kept plot – Alan Hill
- * Most productive plot – Don Clark
- * Best old hands plot – Bill Purton
- * People's choice best plot – Joyce Woods
- * Tallest sunflower – Harriett Woods
- * Prettiest sunflower – Jill Burges
- * Tallest hollyhock – Chris Lewis
- * Best carrot and flower display – Krissy Marwood-Cross

The judge was generally pleased with what he saw but did indicate that the odd plot needed a little attention. Everybody felt this was an enjoyable fun event that they would love to do again next year.

Any residents of Ovington that would like to know more about an allotment on the land behind the village hall please contact the secretary Krissy Marwood-Cross krissy335@btinternet.com

What's on Locally

Susan Hollingworth

Celebrating our 10th anniversary ...
with a new mixed media exhibition

"Anything Goes"

Mediums to include, Acrylic, Watercolour, Silk
Painting, Oil, Pastel, Mosaic, Textile, Ceramic

September 10 – 24



Wine Reception & Preview Evening 7:00pm,
Friday 9th September to include Autumn Prize Raffle
First Prize: Handmade Quilt, 2nd Prize: £100, 3rd Prize: £50

– 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

Tim Cara

Friends of
Dereham
Memorial
Hall



Coffee Plus – Free Live Music!

Listen to the Harp being played by Sara
22 September: 10:30am – 12 noon
Free event, every fourth Thursday,
just buy a coffee or tea

Friday 14 October: **Pantaloons present 'Romeo and Juliet'.**

Tickets £12 and £10. Their visit last November was terrific –
Shakespeare for all ages. This will be another Teen Tickets
promotion, so please think about buying some tickets for £10 each
which we'll pass to the High Schools and 6th Form College to
distribute to their students. Last year we raised enough money
through Teen Tickets to distribute a magnificent 78 tickets to
students. Come along too!

www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Local Plan

Pam Sayle – Breckland Council

Help shape this key planning document – September consultation

Breckland Council is calling on local people to help shape a key planning document that will provide a framework for growth for the next 20 years and set out the policies used to determine planning applications.

The third Local Plan public consultation will open mid-September and run for six weeks. This consultation focusses on the preferred sites for housing and employment growth and outlines proposed changes to settlement boundaries.

During the six weeks residents and businesses can view the proposals and make their views known via an online consultation on the Breckland website or through written responses. You will also be able to find out more at a series of drop-in events held in the market towns.

Feedback from the previous two public consultations, and from expert bodies such as Highways England, Natural England and the Environment Agency, helped shape the current draft proposals. More recently, Town and Parish Councillors gave their views at a series of meetings held over the summer, to help Breckland Councillors refine the document before the September public consultation.

Breckland welcomes the input and on-the-ground knowledge of local people and all comments received during the consultation will be considered and used to help shape the next version of the Plan. This will go out to a final public consultation before submission to the Planning Inspector.

Once adopted in 2017, the new Local Plan will identify a five year supply of housing land which will give the Council more control of the location of new housing and will reduce the likelihood of ad-hoc development.

Dates and venues for the drop-in events will be given on the Breckland website nearer the time. Alternatively, you can email planningpolicyteam@breckland.gov.uk and ask to be notified when these are finalised.

And finally ...

Rod (and Tim)

TEACHER: John, why are you doing your maths multiplication on the floor?

JOHN: You told me to do it without using tables

TEACHER: Darren, why is your essay about a dog identical to your brother's?

DARREN: Same dog, Miss.

TEACHER: Claire, you know you can't sleep in my class.

CLAIRE: I know.
But maybe if you were just a little quieter, I could.

TEACHER: Kevin, you missed school yesterday, didn't you?

KEVIN: Not really.

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