

The Ovington Oracle

October, 2016

Autumn has arrived

The equinox has passed and the nights are drawing in at their fastest rate, soon the leaves will change colour.

A reminder that British Summer Time ends on Sunday 30 October, the clocks go back so we gain an hour's sleep, but the cost is darker evenings.

Anniversary

Congratulations and best wishes to Joyce and Jeremy Woods who celebrated their Silver wedding anniversary in September.

If anyone would like to mention a special event, please let us know.

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
2 Oct, 9:30am	Holy communion (church)
15 Oct, 7:30pm	Show:- Tall Tales & Bonkers Ballads Doors open 7:00pm
16 Oct, 10:30am	Pet service (church)
18 Oct, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
3 Nov, 7:30pm	Parish Council

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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

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Bonfires / incinerators

Editor

We are still receiving reports of nuisance from fires and smoke, including plastic / chemical fumes. Please be mindful of neighbours; consider the timing and ensure smoke blows away from homes.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



The total rainfall for August 2016 was 26mm or just a fraction over 1"

September so far has reached 60mm or 2.3". Most of this, some 42mm or 1.6", fell in one day, just in case you hadn't noticed it raining.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The September winners:

1st prize (£15)	John Hardy;
2nd prize (£10)	Kelly Scott;
3rd prize (£5)	Beryl Bard;
4th prize (£5)	Rod Rumsby

Our Community – Our Church

Chris Springford & John Hardy

WOW what a concert. A capacity audience enjoyed pre-concert drinks outside on a beautiful summer's evening before going into St John's for a quite exceptional performance. The renowned soprano Emma Nuule sang well known popular pieces, and had to come back and give an encore for a very enthusiastic audience. The well entertained group helped to raise over £800.00 to assist the overall Heritage Lottery fund. It is planned to hold similar events over an extended period of time and they will be well published when arranged. We thank all those who contributed to make this such a memorable evening and an outstanding success.

The end of the Development stage. Chris Springford is extremely busy collating and preparing a massive amount of paperwork. This paperwork generated by the development stage of the project is required to satisfy the Heritage Lotteries very strict procedures. That stage involved closely inspecting the areas that the Heritage Lottery said they would fund repairs on. Closer examination shows the extent of the damage and what has to be done. The cost of the work to reinstate it to a satisfactory standard has been carried out and priced. It now appears that three areas have gone above the initial budget figures. The tower roof is in a worse state of repair than anticipated and needs new timber work and re-roofing. The large cracks visible above the south window beside the altar require a major amount of work on the external masonry. The Reredos now we are told can't be done by village residents but instead by specialised craftsmen which is extremely expensive and may have to be part of a separate project. The planned gilding course for 4 people is still included in this project. The final budgeted stage was submitted on 21 September for HLF approval, but in the meantime a lot of negotiation is going on to secure additional funds to allow the whole project to proceed.

Next month we should be able to report on the progress of our submission



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St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday, 2 Oct
9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 16 Oct Pet Service:
10:30am All pets and well-behaved
owners welcome!



Monday, 31 Oct
1:30pm Church Cleaning

A big thank you to all who came to our Emma Nuule concert. It was a wonderful evening and well done John and all your assistants for their hard work in staging this event.

What a special service we were privileged to take part in for Jean's Licensing in Norwich Cathedral. May God bless you richly Jean in your Ministry.

Well done to all the cyclists who braved the elements and called in to St John's on the Norfolk Churches Trust bike ride.

A sincere thank you to Chris for his ongoing work with the Heritage Lottery Fund and to John for his work on the community side. I don't think we realise all the hours that are needed to carry out the planning of these projects and we are truly indebted to them.

At our last Communion Service we said 'Goodbye' and 'Thank You' to Sandie as she leaves us and moves to the Isle of Wight. We are so grateful for her organ playing at our communion services and wish her and Graham God's Blessings.

How lovely the church looked for our recent Harvest Festival Service and how lovely to welcome 30 people to this service. Great fun was had during the auction whilst enjoying traditional harvest refreshments. Thank you to all who helped in any way.

Future Dates:

10.30am Sunday, 13th November Remembrance Service

6:00pm Sunday, 18th December Carol Service

10.30am Sunday, 25th December Christmas Day Family Service

Parish Council (PC)

Karen Weir / Timothy Birt

Extra meeting: 22 Sept, 2016 to consider two planning applications. This report is from the unconfirmed notes which will form the minutes.

3PL/2016/1082/F (Stonehouse Barn – conversion of outbuilding to accommodation)

Cllr Birt declared an interest as a direct neighbour and left the meeting. The PC has concerns about the clay lump building and over access, both for the neighbouring property and congestion during the work. Access being exacerbated by the proximity of a blind corner. There were also conservation queries, clarity is required.

3PN/2016/0068/UC: (Rose Farm – change of use, agricultural units to three dwellings)

The PC felt the steel frame agricultural storage units appeared highly unsuitable for conversion into dwellings. The detail of the proposed design is poor and not in keeping with the surrounding buildings.

The PC is very concerned about both vehicle and pedestrian safety. This road is a known accident black-spot. No local facilities are accessible except by car, turning out onto this particularly dangerous section of road. The PC believes this change of use is inappropriate, however if permission is granted the PC requests that it be on condition that a safe pedestrian route (trod) is created alongside the A1075 to reach Church Road.

The PC makes a response taking into account the village as a whole, however you may have personal comments about an application. Individuals are encouraged to respond via the planning portal:

www.breckland.gov.uk/planningsearch

Next meeting

3 November at 7:30pm in the Village Hall committee room.

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Tall Tales & Bonkers Ballads in Ovington

If you enjoy a good laugh then come to Ovington Village Hall on Saturday 15 October for an entertaining evening of wit and silliness from The Foundry Group. In association with Creative Arts East Live, they are bringing their hilarious show "Gilbert (No Sullivan)" to Ovington Village Hall. 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". Performed by David Mounfield ('Count Arthur Strong's Radio Show' R4) and Brian Mitchell ('The Ornate Johnsons' BBC4), "Gilbert (No Sullivan)" is both the perfect night out for fans and a great introduction to one of England's wittiest writers.

Tickets costing £10 for adults, £6 for under 16s, are available from the village hall any Monday morning or by ringing 01953 885848. There may be some available on the door, but book early to avoid disappointment as it's only a small hall!

What's on Elsewhere

Geoff Pritchard

The next Swaffham Jazz Club session will be the Colin Mason Quartet with Tom and guest vocalist Melvin

Tuesday 11 October at the **EARLIER TIME** of 7:30pm

Swaffham Conservative Social Club, 23 London Rd, PE37 7DD

Entry £5

More information: bargeoff@yahoo.com

Norman 01760 722384



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Memorial
Hall



Coffee Plus – Free Live Music!

Listen to the Mandolin being played by Ian

27 October: 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.

Friday 4 November: **Patch of Blue's** sensational production of
'**Back to Blackbrick**', is soon to wow audiences again after
receiving 4 & 5 star ratings at Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

'A brilliant, brilliant show', Blackbrick has been fully funded through
local donations. Only £7 per seat !

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Norfolk County Council News

Cllr Claire Bowes

I was recently very pleased to present certificates and medals to children who had taken part in this year's summer reading challenge at Watton Library. A big well done to all.

The Library Service has launched Spydus Mobile, a free app that residents can use to access all library services and full details of the new Adult Learning Course programme can also be found on the County Council website.

'Plan Eat Save' is an exciting new campaign to help people in Norfolk reduce food waste and save money by encouraging people to plan meals, shop carefully and cook creatively. For info visit

lovefoodhatewaste.com

Smokers across Norfolk are being urged to give up cigarettes for a month when this year's 'Stoptober' campaign launches on 1 October. For help and advice to quit smoking call 0800 0854 113

Finally, results of the public consultation on the proposed Norfolk and Suffolk combined authority devolution deal have been published. Figures indicate the majority of those consulted agreed with the principle of devolution but did not favour a mayoral model.

Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday, 20th September, 15 ladies enjoyed a very interesting talk from Stephen Pope of Gressenhall about 'The Agricultural Labourer in Norfolk' back in the 19th century. I don't think any of us realised what a hard time they had. They lived with their families in very cramped and less than basic conditions. They

worked between 12 and 14 hours a day, and longer in the summer months. They didn't have any holidays and only had a little time off at Easter and Christmas, although the ones who looked after animals still had to care for them. Their wage was about 10 to 12 shillings a week but out of this they had to pay rent to the farmer for their tied cottage. Very little was left for basic food and clothes. All the work on the land was done with horses so the labourer walked about 11 miles a day behind their horses. I think it was very thought provoking and made us realise how lucky we are to be living today and not back in those times!

The competition was won by Angela, with Mike's Spitfire.

Next month, on Tuesday 18th October, we shall be holding our AGM. Our Chairman, Rosemary, will be leaving the committee after her three-year stint and we thank her for all she has done. This means that there will be a vacancy on the committee so we will be looking for a volunteer. The AGM will be followed by a fun evening.

The competition will be the letter "T".

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