

The Ovington Oracle

May, 2017

A 'root-directory' error on my computer this morning has lead to a last minute panic, notes to self: start Oracle earlier, take backups more frequently! Anyway here goes with the latest issue

Rod will no doubt have an update on the rainfall figures as we remember the old phrase.

Ne'er cast a clout till May be out

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
4 May	Norfolk County Council election
6 May, 7:00pm	Quiz + light ploughman's supper
7 May, 9:30am	Holy Communion (church)
16 May, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
25 May, 7:30pm	Annual Parish Meeting
25 May, 9:00pm	Parish Council AGM
28 May, 10:30am	Rogationtide Service (church)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Award nominations

Suzanne Rhind

Every community and organisation has people who give their time, their skills and their energy to help improve life for other people. It may be fund raising, committee work, organising events, caring for neighbours

If you know someone who lives in the Wayland area and who deserves an award, contact 01953-880202 for a nomination form and return it to Wayland House by 2nd May. Awards will be presented at the Partnership Open Day on 20th May



Obituaries

Grace Rumsby

Mrs Margaret Bane

Our sincere condolences to her husband Robert and family.

Margaret died on March 18th and her funeral was held at Earlham Crematorium on April 5th

Margaret had lived in Ovington about sixty years.

Donations were for Macmillan Nurses



Mrs Beatrice Howe (Babs)

Our sincere condolences to her husband Laurence and son Gerald.

Babs died on March 31st and her funeral was held on April 25th at Mintlyn Crematorium.

Babs had lived in Ovington for over fifty years.

Donations were for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Mrs Eileen Young (Edwards)

Our condolences to Lorna, Rosemary and Charles and their families. Celebration of Eileen's life will be held at Watton Methodist Church on Friday 28th April at 2:30pm followed by refreshments in the Christian Community Centre next door.

Eileen lived in Ovington for many years before moving to Watton. She was a member of the Ovington Ladies Group and also many years ago belonged to the Ovington Entertainers.

Donations are for the East Anglian Air Ambulance.

Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday 18th April 22 ladies enjoyed the Annual Dinner at the Old Bell in Saham Toney. The meals were delicious and beautifully presented and the staff looked after us very well. There was much talking and laughter going on throughout the evening.

Next month, on Tuesday 16th May, we will be welcoming Jody from Simply Women Beauty. Jody will be doing a Makeup Demonstration. The competition will be the colour **Green**.

Apologies to Christine who won last month's competition with a peeled down sweetcorn and not a banana, as reported in last month's Oracle!

Elections

Editor

The Norfolk County Council (NCC) elections are likely to be overshadowed by the snap General Election. Nevertheless, the Village Hall will be open as a polling station between 7:00am and 10:00pm on 4 May.

NCC Candidates:

BIRT, Timothy Edward	Green Party
BOWES, Claire Rosemary	The Conservative Party
GLAVIN, Danielle Clare	Labour Party
SCRIVENS, Victor Keith	Liberal Democrat

Please exercise your democratic right and vote, even if it is for "none of the above".

More details of the General Election next month.

St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday, 7 May

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 28 May

10:30am *Rogationtide Service

Monday, 29 May

1:30pm Church cleaning



After an absence of many years, we are really pleased that Jean is going to lead us in a Rogationtide Service. This is a very fitting service to be holding in an agricultural village.

On Saturday 10th June from 10:00 – noon we are holding a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall. We will be having a Raffle, Tombola, Craft Stall, Jigsaw/Books and Cake Stall. Come and meet your friends for a coffee, cake and chat. All proceeds to go to St John's Church Ovington. If you have any items to donate to any of the stalls please drop them off to Jane Lambert, Christine Hardy, Ann Johnson or anything can be left in the church. Let's make this a grand occasion as this will be instead of a garden fête. Many thanks.

Cat and Fire

Sara Titcombe

Currently we are feeding a large smokey grey male cat. He is very timid and in very good condition he will only let you touch him when he is eating. He seems to have been accepted by my 4 other cats.

If he belongs to someone in the village then I will stop feeding him, but when we feed him he always seem as though he is starving. If no one claims him then I'm quite happy to adopt him.

Just also like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who helped us and our neighbours Matt, Jayne, Jacob and Callum on January 12. Especially Joyce and Jeremy Woods

Sara and Graham, 9 the Street

Notices / Comments

Editor

Lost/Found

Joyce Woods found a ladies watch with a broken strap near Stone House Farm. Enquires to The Old Crown.

Paper £5 notes

The paper £5 notes will be withdrawn from circulation on May 5th.

The only £5 note that will be legal tender after this date is the polymer £5 featuring Sir Winston Churchill, which was introduced in September 2016.

You can continue spending the paper £5 note, which features a portrait of Elizabeth Fry, until May 5th after this date you can exchange them at the Bank of England in person or by post.

Bonfires

We are receiving reports of nuisance from bonfires and smoke. Please be mindful of neighbours; consider the timing and ensure smoke blows away from homes and gardens.

Litter pick

The April Oracle was printed before the annual village litter pick, so this report is delayed. We hoped for good weather on 25th March and were rewarded with a sunny day. Compared with previous years there was a slightly smaller haul of litter, which is a good sign because we tackled the same routes as previous years.

A big thank you to all who took part, both with the picking and the refreshments afterwards.

Rainfall

Rod



The total rainfall for March was 42mm or 1.65".

The amount that's dribbled upon us this month so far is 9.5mm or 0.37". Damp it is not!

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Afternoon Tea

Thanks to all who attended the St George's Day afternoon tea on Sunday 23rd April and we hope you enjoyed the time spent in mardling. We entertained around 30 visitors with a goodly selection of sandwiches, cakes and tea, raising almost £200 for village hall funds.

Ovington Quiz

There are still a few spaces available for quiz teams on Saturday 6th May starting promptly at 7:00pm. A light ploughman's supper will be served and tickets cost only £6 each. Ring 01953 885848 for details, but hurry!

Paint Your Gnome

Don't forget to buy your gnome for £5 in time to paint it to your design so that it is ready to be judged by public vote at the Wacky Race Day in August. Gnomes are available every Monday morning at the village hall, or call Ed on 885848.

And finally, if like us you have wondered about the untidy mess of sticks leading up the path to the village hall committee room ... a huge number of quite large sticks that keep reappearing no matter how many times they are cleared away ... we have discovered lodgers in the roof space – Jackdaws!

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



Lottery winners for April:

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|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1st prize (£10) | Adrian Malton; |
| 2nd prize (£5) | Barbara & Roger Harrold. |

Parish Council (PC)

Timothy Birt

Legal documents at: www.ovingtonpc.wixsite.com/home

Next meetings

Annual Parish Meeting

25 May at 7:30pm. Representatives from the village are invited to report their activities and parishioners may ask questions. Tea & biscuits provided.

Followed by

PC AGM

At 9:00pm, an administrative PC meeting where the chairman is elected and documents signed.

Grass cutting

Rod Rumsby

"Spring has sprung and the grass has ris,
I wonder where the mowers is"

Seriously, we could do with some hardy volunteers to help cut the grass in the Churchyard. The more we have on the rota the fewer times any one person will have to turn out. We have a selection of self propelled mowers for use, all fully fuelled and professionally maintained, which can be positioned at the Church for your convenience.

If you have a few hours a year to spare and are vaguely fit, please contact Rod at No 31. Thank you.

Parochial Church Council

Mary Davey (Treasurer to Ovington PCC)

Whilst Ovington Parish church of St John's is undergoing a major restoration of the building and fabric, thanks to a ring fenced grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), we still need to cover our operating costs. The Parochial Church Council (PCC) is most grateful to all in the village who help with the HLF Project and are particularly grateful for the much valued time and effort which Messrs Hardy and Springford devote to the Project. The PCC are also most grateful for the support and effort of the many people who help with church fund-raising events.

Whilst the Project goes forward in leaps and bounds to ensure that there will be a place of worship and community in the village for future generations, the PCC still need to cover the operating costs of St John's. In 2016 the church's outgoings were £6,975, which is the equivalent of £134 per week just to open the doors as it were. With rising costs, it is anticipated that this will increase to something like £150 per week in 2017. With an average congregation of 14 people on Sunday mornings, it is a monumental task to achieve just sufficient income to cover this amount. Therefore the PCC is now reluctantly appealing for more donors from the village to help raise funds to help cover operating costs.

How can you help? Well, the most effective way is by donating a regular monthly amount by direct debit or envelope to 'Ovington PCC', failing that by a cash or cheque donation. Furthermore for every donor that is a tax payer the PCC can reclaim 25p in the pound from the tax-man providing that the donation is Gift Aided.

For more information please contact
The Treasurer, Mary Davey on 889420,
Churchwardens, Chris Springford 07802 322783 or Kelly Scott
882671

The Great Get Together

Karen Weir

To celebrate what we share in common
with our neighbours.

We hope to join a national 'Great Get Together' event, in honour of Jo Cox.

The Parish Council has applied for a modest grant to help hold a community event likely to be in late afternoon / early evening on 18 June (Fathers Day). At the village hall there will be music, food, BBQ, you just need to bring your own bottle.

Once we know if the application has been successful, Karen will knocking on doors to find out what villagers would like and fill in the details.

What's happening nearby

Susan Hollingworth

Exhibition: **The World of Christine Watson**

Saturday 29 April – Saturday 13 May.

A display of, hand made collectors houses and "shop boxes" by Ian Watson. Christine Watson offers a range of paintings, illustrations, greetings cards, prints, story CDs and the launch of a new associated clothing range.



– 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

What's on Elsewhere

Tim Cara

Friends of
Dereham
Memorial
Hall



Friday 12 May at 5:30pm.

Three Half Pints

Hilarious entertainment for young and old(er) alike £5/£10 on line.

The Songs of Ella Fitzgerald

Friday 26 May at 7:30pm The songs of Ella Fitzgerald – Centenary Celebration with Joanna Eden with the 78 RPM BIG BAND, £16

www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Fiona Roat

Norfolk Wildlife Trust – Breckland Group



On Sunday 14th May, we have a walk on New Buckenham Common with our local reserves officer, Matt Blissett as our guide. We're hoping to see Green-Winged Orchids. Why not come along?

Starts at 10:00am finishing around noon, to book: 01953 717227.

Bar Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz

Tuesday 9th May - Jazz and Blues - with Lee Vasey on guitar with friends. 7:30pm, entry £6 on the door.

Swaffham Conservative Social Club, 23 London Rd
PE37 7DD



More information: bargeoff@yahoo.com or Norman 01760 722384

Ken Hawkins

Dereham Walkers are Welcome

Bank holiday Monday, May 29th an organised walk from Mattishall Church to Dereham, about 6½ miles. With an option to meet in Dereham Town centre to catch a bus to Mattishall in order to make the walk circular. A mobile tuck stop for tea/coffee and home-made cakes half way through the return walk.

More details: www.DerehamWaW.org.uk

And finally ...

Rod



Money cannot buy happiness – but it's far more comfortable to cry in a Porsche than on a bicycle!

Did you know ...

Did you know the former Methodist Chapel was situated where 31 The Street now stands, it was abandoned when the new one was built, in what is now 19 The Street.



In Rod's conundrum last month you were standing at the south pole and the farms in Ovington are:

Dereham Road Highfield Farm, College Farm, Alston Farm, Daisy Farm, Rose Farm, Woodhouse Farm, Wood Farm, Crossroads Farm.

Saham Road Dairy Farm.

The Street Stone House Farm, Sunnyside Farm, Town Farm.

Church Road Waterend Farm.

Carbrooke Road Church Farm, Mill Farm, Oak Farm, (Formally Bleak Farm) Redhill Farm.

Rod found 17 farms, whereas he was only looking for 16 last month, they must be breeding!

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