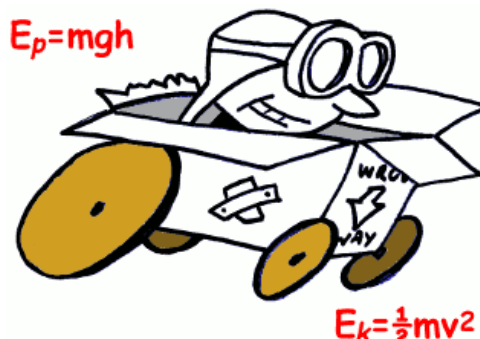


The Ovington Oracle

August, 2017

Church Road will be closed all day on 5 August for the **Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race**. Residents' access will be maintained however there may be a small delay as it will be necessary to move race track obstacles.



Parking will be in the field adjacent to the allotments, with access from the A1075 end only.

Bring some coins because there are things to do and things to buy, like items from the BBQ. As well as the race there will be gnomes to judge and maybe a traction engine ride on.

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
5 Aug, 11:00am	Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race
6 Aug, 9:30am	Holy Communion (at Village Hall)
15 Aug, 3:00pm	Ladies Group - Peter Beales visit
19 Aug, 11:00am	HLF open meeting with buffet lunch
20 Aug, 10:30am	All Age Worship (at Village Hall)
25 Aug, 7:00pm	Emma Nuule concert (Carbrooke Church)
27 Aug, 5:00pm	Hymns for a Summer Evening

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Bob's Commando Challenge

Editor

Anyone noticed Bob Cave has been exercising a lot recently?

I've been tipped off by Marie-Ana that in October he is part of "Team Caveman" and he is entering the Royal Marine Commando Challenge in Devon. That is 10km across rough ground with major obstacles and challenges. Bob was a Marine and 47 years ago this was a part of his day job; if you want to see a youthful picture and him today visit:

uk.virginmoneygiving.com/BobCaveCommandoChallenge

While you are there fill in the sponsorship!

Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday 18 July, sixteen members enjoyed a very interesting talk, illustrated with slides from Neil Starling, the manager of the Falconer Trust. The Falconer Trust supports the Falconer's Children's Home and Orphanage which is in Kabulamema, Zambia. This orphanage was started by Lilius Falconer who was

inspired to help the little babies left to die when their mothers had died in childbirth. She agreed to look after one baby, and five more followed quickly, and during her time at this orphanage she saved the lives of over 600 babies, an average of one a month for over 50 years. She was awarded the ODS, Zambia's highest honour and the MBE. Neil told us the home is now looked after by Simon who came to the home when he was two days old and Miriam who came when she was seven days old, together with some of the other babies as they grow up, which was Miss Falconer's dearest wish. Neil has just returned from a visit to this home and told us how excited all the children were when a convoy of parcels arrived at the home, containing clothing, food, medical supplies and toys, which had been sent several weeks earlier from Watton.

The competition was jointly won by Angela, with her pink car, and Margaret, with her pink rabbit.

Next month, on 15th August, we look forward to a visit to Peter Beales, the rose specialists. We will be arriving at Attleborough for 3:00pm for a talk and a tour which includes a cup of tea and a cake. If you weren't at the meeting and would like to go on this visit please have a word with Christine on 889920.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



Lottery winners for July:

1st prize (£10)	Shannon Woollard,
2nd prize (£5)	Mike Murray.

Emma Nuule Concert

John Hardy

Following the success of last year's concert and our church not being available because of restoration work, we have been allowed to use Carbrooke church. Do join us.



Concert in the Church

Presenting Soprano

Emma Nuule

Friday 25 August at 7:00pm

With welcoming reception at

Carbrooke Church

After her outstanding success of leading a choir of 1000 in the national anthem at a recent ceremony, global award winning soprano Emma Nuule will be performing an extended repertoire of popular classics and West end classics. These may include *Nella Fantasia*, *Omdra Mai fu*, *Rusalkas song to the moon*, *O mio babbino Caro* and *You'll never walk alone*.

Supporting her will be the Harmonettes, a very professional group of lady singers, who will complement Emma's performance with a range including Sisters, Moon River, Killing me Softly and I Believe.

The excellent acoustics of Carbrooke Church make this a wonderful opportunity to enjoy Emma who has been professionally trained by Marie Vassilliou after having studied at The Central School of Performing Arts.

There will be a welcoming reception and canapés at 7:00pm and it is hoped to have a special event related to the wonderful history of Carbrooke Church and today's modern society. The Chief Constable of Norfolk has given special permission for his mounted police, in ceremonial dress, to re-enact a centuries-old tradition that is linked to the Knights Hospitallers and the St John Ambulance Service, which is unique to Carbrooke Church.

Tickets are £15.00 each available from Adcocks, Watton High Street or St Mary's Church Office or by ringing John 01953 889920

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Sunday, 6 Aug Holy Communion
9:30am in Village Hall

Sunday, 20 Aug All Age Worship
10:30am in Village Hall

Sunday, 27 Aug Hymns for a
5:00pm Summer Evening

Now that the church is closed for extensive repairs, the services are going very well in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Race Day – 5 August

We are planning lots of refreshments (BBQ, teas, cakes, etc.) for the day of the Wacky Races. If anyone would like to make us a cake (or two!) that would be very welcome. As there will be no summer fête this year, we will be fund-raising for the village hall on the day. Any donations of suitable items for the mega tombola would be greatly appreciated. There will be no raffle, books or bric-a-brac stalls as everyone will be working flat-out on refreshments or involved with the races themselves.

The Gnomes of Ovington

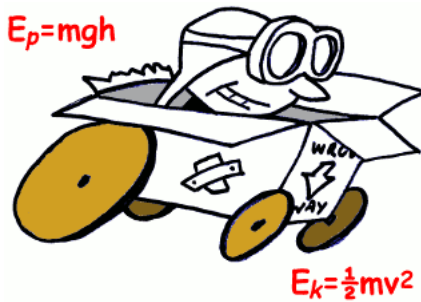
Don't forget to return your expertly decorated gnomes for judging in plenty of time before the day. They can be brought to the coffee morning on Monday 31st July or handed to any committee member by 5:00pm on Friday 4th August. We will be setting up the judging 'grotto' from Wednesday onwards. There will be cash prizes for the best, judged by visitors to the Wacky Races.

Items for the tombola can also be brought to the village hall on Monday morning, or handed to anyone on the committee (Lyndia, Marie Ana, Christine, Chris, Karen, Penny, Ed, Adrian).

Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race

Timothy Birt

Saturday 5 August 2017



There is still enough time for you to build a cart, so have a look at the web-site:

www.ovington.org.uk

Then get your application in (£5 to cover costs), the more people who enter the greater the fun.

This year the course is steeper and harder. There is more to see and do, with the Village Hall providing a BBQ and the possibility of a visit from 1:3 scale live-steam traction engine, although it is unlikely to go down the launch ramp.

We are grateful for the support of Mr Patience, who has kindly allowed his field to be used as a car park for the event.

Brave the Shave

Karen Weir

We are all really looking forward to the 2017 Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race. We hopefully will have thrills, no spills, but lots of oooo's and arrrrrs! Also traction engine rides and a bouncy castle. Topped off with a barbecue and refreshments in the village hall.

As if this wasn't enough, you will also be able to see me have my hair 'trimmed ' for Macmillan as I 'Brave the Shave'.

I would love it if you would support me by donating, if you're able, to my online donation page.

bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/karen-weir

Here you will also find my story, the reason why I'm doing this.

If not, please come and watch on the day and chuck a few pennies in my collection bucket!

Our Community – Our Church

John Hard and Chris Springford

Church Restoration

Work is continuing to proceed with excellent progress being made. Work on the Tower is making great progress both externally and internally, and it is hoped that the bulk of the scaffolding can come down in the near future and be moved to other parts of the Church. The Tower roof has now been replaced after repairs were carried out, and external wall repairs are making rapid progress.

Internally reinforced steel rods have been fitted into the tower wall to repair the cracks, and large areas of wall masonry removed to allow the walls to dry after external pointing has taken place. Two pews have been moved, and the necessary floor structural work is being carried out for the moving of the font and changes to internal fittings.

Externally around the base of the Church new drainage arrangements are being installed and at the same time piping to allow for running water in the Church. When the Tower scaffolding comes down the drainage around the rest of the Church can be completed, and in the meantime the water supply connected to the mains.

OPEN VILLAGE MEETING

Saturday 19 August

11:00am – 2:30pm

including a **free buffet lunch**

Arrive and see some of the activities the HLF Schools Project has been undertaking in the past seven months. Have a buffet lunch and then have a chance to meet, talk about and see what has been done to the church restoration so far with the people doing the work.

Please contact either John Hardy 01953-889920 or Linda Murray 01953-880073 if you hope to come along.



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Ovington Allotment Summer BBQ and Produce Show

Jill Burgess

Advance notice:

On Sunday 3 September at 12 noon we will be holding our annual BBQ and produce competition at the village hall. You are all invited to join us for a lovely BBQ followed by puds. All this for only £6 per head, and as usual it's bring your own bottle and don't forget some money for the raffle! We will be inviting you all to inspect the allotments and choose which you think is the best plot as well as the judges deciding who has the best veggies.

Please contact Jill on 883879 for tickets.

Rainfall

Rod



There used be a song back in the 50's with a line that went something like "For every drop of rain that falls, a flower grows"**. In my garden the word flower should be exchanged for weed. However back to the serious stuff.

Total rainfall for **June was 105.5mm** which equates to 4.15"

So far for July (22nd) which will be incorrect as it is still raining, is 39.5mm or in old money 1.55".

** Editor: *Coincidentally, you can hear it at the Emma Nuule concert in Carbrooke (see page 4).*

Breckland Js

Linda Murray and Paula Paterson

Breckland Js, junior choir have a new venue and new time:

From 11 September they will meet Monday between 4:30 – 5:30pm at Westfield Infant School, West Road, Watton.

Breckland Js is open to boys and girls between 6 to 12 years old who enjoy singing. For more information, contact:

Paula Paterson 01953 884749, or
Linda Murray 01953 880073

Parish Council (PC)

Rod Rumsby, Heidi Frary

Notes from the unconfirmed minutes of meeting on 6 July.

Matters Arising

A dog poo bag carrier will be installed near the allotments.

Councillors felt the the defibrillator VETS telephone tree very expensive, Karen was nominated as the key contact instead.

Paul Sellick (NCC Highways) has visited. Plans are under-way to reduce verge erosion and generate a cost estimate for a new trod at the north end of Church Road.

Correspondence

Concerns were raised in writing by a member of public about impassable footpaths, an NCC issue.

Highways Rangers have been tasked with foliage clearance around road signs.

Parish Partnership. The PC will investigate requesting 'fixed gates' (at the side the road) as this has proved to be an excellent traffic speed reduction technique.

Planning

3PL/2017/0763 was reviewed, Councillors had no objection.

Reviews

Gravity race risk assessment approved after some minor tweaks.

Payments were reviewed, agreed and cheques signed.

Other Business

Trees: following rapid deterioration of the ash trees (ash die-back) along Church Road on Glebe land, the PC will approach the Diocesan surveyor to request a tree surgeon survey the situation.

A report was received from The allotment association detailing their plan to install a composting toilet.

Next meeting

7 September, 2017 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall committee room.

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

What's happening nearby

Susan Hollingworth

Exhibition: Wayland Photography Challenge
Theme: 'Wonderful Wayland'

August 1 – August 31



– 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

For more from The Wayland Partnership see: wayland.org.uk

www.waylandshow.com

The Wayland Show – Sunday 6 August

- The Imps Motorcycle Display Team
- Bob Hogg – Sheepdog and duck display
- The Lamb National
- Mid Norfolk Gun Dogs
- The show's impressive cattle, sheep, pigs, fur & feather and goats livestock competitions
- Norwich and District Goat Club
- Working Hunter and other equestrian qualifiers and showing classes
- Vintage tractors
- The Taste of Norfolk Marquee
- Health and Wellbeing Marquee
- Shopping Village Marquee
- Fun Dog Show
- Fur & Feather Marquee
- Horticulture Marquee
- Home Crafts and Baking Marquee
- Plus the many varied trade displays and more ...



For ticket information see:

www.waylandshow.com/tickets

On the door or big discounts for advanced (before midnight, 4 August) tickets purchased either online or via a list of local outlets.

What's on Elsewhere

www.derehamrunners.co.uk

Dereham Town 5K Road Race & 1K FunRun



Registration is required for the 5K race, competitors need to be ready to start at 9:10am.

The 1K funrun requires no prior registration, start is at 10:10am

For more see:

www.derehamrunners.co.uk/clublife/dereham_5k_race_and_1k_fun_run

Bar Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz

Tuesday 15 August at 7:30pm, £6 on the door.

Lee Vasey and Friends

Swaffham Conservative Social Club, 23 London Rd
PE37 7DD

More information: bargeoff@yahoo.com or
Norman 01760 722384 / Geoff: 01366 328730



Ken Hawkins



Morning of bank holiday Monday 28 August

A guided scenic walk organised by Dereham Walkers are Welcome which will include a coffee-and-cake break at Yaxham Waters, included in the ticket price. For more details see: DerehamWaW.org.uk

Did you know ...

On Ovington's highest point there stands a complete nuclear bunker, which was manned up until 1992 by the Royal Observer Corp in the role of detecting and locating nuclear bursts and resulting fallout patterns. "Number 31 Post" as it was known had been in that position since WWII, formed in those earlier days as part of a network of country wide enemy aircraft reporting sites.



This role was changed during the early years of the cold war to the nuclear reporting role mentioned above. It may not be realised today that during that unsettled period should a nuclear conflict have broken out East Anglia with its numerous military establishments would have been a prime target.

When researching Ovington's history a few years ago a group of researchers visited the site and found it in a remarkably good condition, so if things look grim in the future you will have somewhere to hide away until things return to normal. The underground bunker is designed to withstand all but a direct hit by a nuclear weapon. You would need to furnish the bunker with the essentials like water, unlimited supplies of baked beans and a toilet roll or two if you intend to spend some time underground. Toilet facilities, although fairly basic, are installed.

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