

The Ovington Oracle

October, 2017

Shoehorned into 8 pages, this month's Oracle is a slim edition ready for Autumn.

The equinox passed on 22 September and there have been a few misty mornings. I've had a word with my brother in New Zealand about him pinching our sunshine, but he said it was nothing to do with him and I should see if Australia has got it.

One way or another our daylight is evaporating!



British Summer Time ends Sunday 29 October, the clocks go back an hour so we can have a lie-in on Sunday morning.

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
30 Sept, 10:00	Coffee morning in aid of Macmillan
1 Oct, 9:30am	Family Service (at Village Hall)
7 Oct, noon	Hot lunch
15 Oct, 10:30am	Pet Service (at Village Hall)
17 Oct, 7:45pm	Ladies Group

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Parish Council (PC)

Timothy Birt

Prior to formal parish business, we received a presentation from the Wayland Partnership.

In addition to the usual financial administration the 7 September meeting was mainly devoted to a review of the Gravity Race and looking at funding option for a new Trod at the northern end of the village.

Councillors agreed to proceed with the new Trod and have identified how they will raise the anticipated £5500 parish share.

Next meeting

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

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday, 19th September, we had a wonderful insight into the fauna and flora of our own beautiful county from Caroline Spinks, a volunteer with the Norfolk Wildlife Trust. Caroline has a great passion for caring for nature and making sure that endangered species are nurtured as much as possible and she also volunteers with many other organisations looking after seals, birds and monitoring different species in certain areas of Norfolk.

The Norfolk Wildlife Trust is now in its 91st year and Norfolk was the county in which it started and the first site was on the North Norfolk Coast at Cley, its flagship site. The site has been extensively enlarged with new hideouts and a visitor centre; the latest extensions opened by Sir David Attenborough three years ago.

Caroline showed us slides of many different types of birds which visit Norfolk including Lapwings, Avocet, Egrets, Marsh Harriers to name just a few. We were also shown pictures of insects including the beautiful swallowtail butterfly and its caterpillars feeding on milk parsley, amphibians, animals and plants.

Norfolk Wildlife Trust manages many sites in Norfolk but another very important and ancient one is *The Brecks* and she explained to us that, because of all the rabbits keeping the grass grazed, there are very special plants including marsh orchids and yellow flag iris there. The rabbit population has declined over the years so Dartmoor ponies are brought in to graze the land as well. We all felt privileged to live in a county rich in such varied and beautiful flora and fauna.

The competition was won by Penny with her blue snail.

Next month it is our **AGM** on Tuesday, 17 October. Three of the existing committee will be retiring and we thank them for their hard work but this does mean we are looking for three willing volunteers to replace them! We are also looking for suggestions for the 2018 Programme. The competition colour will be **orange**.

School Reception Registration

Hannah Wheeler



Do you have, or know of, a child who will be starting school in Reception class next year? Any child born between 1 Sept 2013 and 31 Aug 2014 is required to register their three school preferences by 15 January.

Aa

St Peter & St Paul Carbrooke Church of England Primary Academy invite any family with a child approaching reception age to have a look around our school and especially our early years class.

On the following dates, the teacher and senior members of staff will be available to answer any questions you may have.

Morning: Wednesday 18 October 9:30am–10:30am,
and 11:00am–12:00 noon

Afternoon: Wednesday 15 November 1:10pm–3:10pm

Evening: Tuesday 5 December 4:00pm–6:00pm

Please pre-book your session to visit by calling Mrs Schofield in the school office: 01953 881537 (select option 3)

Church Street, Carbrooke, IP25 6SW

Shipdham Surgery - Prescriptions

Melissa Greeves

Due to staff sickness and shortage, we would be grateful if you will allow THREE DAYS from the time of ordering your medication to collecting it.

If you require medication urgently please make a member of staff aware and they will negotiate a time for collection.

Thank you for your co-operation.

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Sunday, 1 Oct Family Service
9:30am in Village Hall

Sunday, 15 Oct Pet Service
10:30am in Village Hall

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Coffee Mornings

Thanks to all our regular supporters who are helping to make a big difference to village hall funds. Just a reminder that for only £1 you can drink as much tea or coffee as you like and sample home-made cakes and sometimes a variety of other goodies! On Monday 25 September all the proceeds will go to MacMillan cancer care instead of the village hall.

[Stop Press – result: over £50 raised, thanks to all]

Join us on Saturday 7 October when we will be open between noon and 2:00pm for lunch, serving jumbo sausage hot dogs and sausage casserole, plus tea, coffee and probably cakes too. All proceeds will go to village hall funds.

Diary date: Bazaar

The Christmas Bazaar will be on 9 December between noon and 2:30pm. Please let us know if you will be available to help in any way. Due to restrictions on space, there will not be a book or bric-a-brac stall.

Recycling

Finally, thank you to everyone who uses the glass and textile recycling banks which contribute to village hall income. However, can I remind you that only glass bottles and jars can go in the bottle bank – flat glass shelves, pyrex items and microwave turntables (all of which have been left by the banks) have to be taken to the tip. As for the textile bank, just how big do the words “NO DUVETS” have to be before people stop trying to jam them in there? This week I had to unblock it for the second time and take the offending item to the tip.

Ovington Allotment Show Report

Jill Burgess

The Ovington Allotment BBQ and produce show was a great success with lots of entries of varied fruit and veg on show to make the judges Rod and Jane earn their keep!!

John and Stuart did a great job on the BBQ keeping us all well fed and hopefully everyone had a good time. Even the rain held off although a little sunshine would have been nice.



The Alan Hill Memorial Cup for best allotment, presented this year for the first time, was won by Peter Johnson, very well deserved.

Odds & Sods (messages to the Editor)

Tim

The original round £1 coin ceases to be legal tender on 16 October, so look down the back of the sofa, in that old purse or the car glove box and use or exchange them soon.

Grace

Waste "Amnesty" Weekend. Dereham recycling centre (NR19 1JG – enter at Roys of Dereham junction) will be holding waste amnesty weekend on October 21 / 22. This is an opportunity for you to dispose of toxic chemicals, preservatives, insecticides, weed killer, paint or varnish which can not normally be left at Norfolk's recycling centres. Expect long queues early in the day. More details of this and other sites at (the rather long url):

www.norfolk.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling/hazardous-waste/household-hazardous-waste-days

Rainfall

Rod



Rainfall for last month, August was 52mm or 2.04"

So far this month (20th) by a total coincidence it is 52mm or 2.04"

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



Lottery winners for September:

1st prize (£10) Joyce Woods;

2nd prize (£5) Jill Burgess

What's on elsewhere

Bar Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz

Tuesday 10 October at 7:30pm, £6 on the door.

Bays River Jazz Group

Swaffham Conservative Social Club, 23 London Rd
PE37 7DD

Details from Norman 01760 722384 / Geoff: 01366 328730



Tim Cara

Friends of
Dereham
Memorial
Hall



Film Night returns, in the meeting room
(max 46 people), on 24 October with:

'The Sense of an Ending'

Well crafted, intelligent adaptation of Julian Barnes' Man Booker Prize winning novel.
Reclusive divorcee forced to revisit the past.

Tickets £6 each (remember the free parking, bar, ices and popcorn), available at: www.ticketsource.co.uk/fodmh

Details of all events at: www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

And finally ...

Rod



You are over the hill when your back goes out more than you do.

Q:-"What did the duck say when he bought lipstick".

A:- "Put it on my bill"

Knowledge is knowing that a Tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

Did you know ...

... there used to be two windmills in Ovington, the oldest one was at the top of Mill lane (there's a surprise) which burnt down in the early 19th century.

The second was located at the East end of the Village, adjacent to The Old Mill house, (another surprise) the foundations were visible until about 20 years ago. We have no details on when it was dismantled, do you???



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