

The Ovington Oracle

March, 2018



British Summer Time starts on Sunday 25 March.

Clocks go forward one hour, so we miss an hour of sleep but have lighter evenings.

There is an eventful month ahead with plenty going on at the village hall and church ...

To help us enjoy the lighter evenings our village **litter pick** is the week before the clock change, Saturday 17 March. Young and old, please come and help give the village a spring clean.

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
1 Mar, 7:30pm	Village Hall AGM
4 Mar, 9:30am	Holy Communion – St John's Church
6 Mar, 7:30pm	Parish Council
11 Mar, 10:30am	Mothering Sunday Service – St John's Church
16 Mar, 7:00pm	Mission Improbable
17 Mar, 10:30am	Litter Pick – meet village sign
18 Mar, 10:30am	All age worship – St John's Church
20 Mar, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
28 Mar, 7:30pm	Said Compline – St John's Church
30 Mar, 10:30am	Good Friday Meditations – St John's Church

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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

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Thank you

Lyndia Lewis

Renovation of our church (HLF funded)

I would like to say a huge thank you to John, Linda and Laura for all their hard work, much of which was behind the scenes, in organising both the children and adults for this project. After weeks and weeks of work it all culminated in the concert at Wayland School on the 3 February. I know the children enjoyed every week, they were only too keen to tell us! As for my fellow volunteers many of whom had never worked with so many children before well done all of you, tiring but most enjoyable. A special thank you to the tea ladies without whom we couldn't have carried on. This is what a community is all about. I feel quite proud such a small village could manage to bring this off.

Litter Pick

Timothy Birt

Meet by the village sign at **10:30am on Saturday, 17 March** for the village spring litter pick.

Hopefully, we will conclude the morning's efforts in the village hall for tea/coffee PLUS.

The Parish Council has a limited number of litter pickers, not enough for the expected turnout, so as usual I have arranged to borrow Breckland Council's kit. I'm sure everyone will remember it from last year but you still have to have the risk and safety talk I've been practising and it I should be less than a minute.



Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday 20 February we were treated to an Introduction to Complimentary Therapies by Dawn Dean of Watton Wellness Centre. Dawn became interested in complimentary therapies when she started to manage her own stress with alternative therapies.

She began by completing a one-year course in reflexology, a therapy believed to have originated from the Ancient Egyptians about 4000BC. and she demonstrated on Christine how different parts of the foot are related to different parts of the body. Dawn has also completed a course on Indian Head Massage and again demonstrated on Christine how this therapy stimulates circulation to the head for good health. Dawn also gave us lots of tips and gave all the ladies who have trouble sleeping a drop of lavender oil on a face pad to put into their pillowcase to see if this would help them. All the ladies found this to be a very interesting evening.

The competition was won by Lyndia with her French Certificate.

Next month we are going to watch flower decorations being made by Kath Harper who has been a great help on the Schools Project and the competition will be something made of **glass**.

May I remind any member not at the first two meetings that the £7.50 subscription is now due.

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Sunday, 4 Mar

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 11 Mar

10:30am Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday, 18 Mar

10:30am All Age Worship

Wed 28 Mar

7:30pm Said Compline

Fri 30 Mar

10:30am Good Friday Meditations

Perhaps all the flower arrangers could have a joint effort of decorating the church on Easter Saturday to make it colourful for Easter Sunday.

Saturday 3rd February saw the culmination of our very successful Schools Project with two exciting performances at the Wayland Academy. The performances were designed by the school children depicting much of the work they have been involved with during their school visits. The audience was 'Wowed' by the children who had only had one full rehearsal on the previous day. The concerts were based on the four seasons and what happens in the churchyard throughout the year, depicting this in acting, singing, dance and creative props. Younger children took part in a Victorian Baptism and the older children re-enacted a version of The Good Samaritan. There was an amazing exhibition of the children's creative work from all the seven schools who have visited us on a Friday and each of the children will receive a copy of the colourful book which has been produced recalling pictures of all the school children, the activities they have taken part in and beautifully illustrates the character "Clay the Clumsy" and his antics around the churchyard. Copies of this lovely keepsake are available at £5 from John Hardy.

The Lottery Funded project to restore St John the Evangelist church at Ovington began in January 2017 and huge thanks are due to Chris Springford for his sterling work in obtaining the funding and

liaising with all involved concerning the repairs in the church from the Heritage Lottery Fund – East of England, the Diocesan Advisory Board, the Architect to the very skilled craftsmen. Enormous thanks are also due to John Hardy who has led the Community Project and has encouraged all the helpers in so many ways. Huge thanks go to Linda Murray who has led the Schools Programme and meticulously planned each Friday ensuring that the children would have the best possible time in a safe environment. Special thanks also go to Laura Tomkins for her artistic flair and infectious enthusiasm in choreographing the concert and creating “Clay the Clumsy and his search for Friends” from the children’s original works; the Leaders who have selflessly given of their time and talents assisting John and Linda both in the preparation and continued success of each week; and the many volunteers both from the village and beyond who have faithfully helped each week. Thanks also need to go to Tesco who have provided fresh fruit and drink every time the children have met.

We are now looking forward to our Re-dedication Service in April with the Bishop of Lynn, the burying of the time capsule and the huge celebration that will follow, when we give all the glory back to God and thank him for the way he has blessed our “Church and our Community”.

We thank you Christine for arranging a very successful and enjoyable Quiz raising £312.44 for church funds.

Planning Consultation – 3 bungalows

Timothy Birt

A development of 3 bungalows outside the village at the west end of The Street is being actively driven by Planning Consultant, Erica Whettingsteel. Under normal circumstances it would be outside of development rules, but Ms Whettingsteel claims it might go through because of Breckland Council’s lack of a 5-year land supply.

If you support this or see any problems please go to the planning portal and submit your comments at:

www.breckland.gov.uk/planningsearch search for application 3PL/2018/0055/F

The entrance to the site has been modified since the original submission so we now have until 7 March to comment.

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Mission Improbable

Friday 16 March, 7:00pm

Don't be put off by the name of the act (The Opera Dudes) – this is not an evening of opera! They are two young men with amazing voices who perform a wide range of music to a very high standard, with some comedy thrown in. Tickets cost £10 and are available on Monday mornings at the village hall between 10:00am and noon or ring Christine on 01953 885848 to reserve a seat. There will be tea and coffee served in the interval and we will be having a raffle. This is another high quality act brought to us by Creative Arts East Live, who brought us the hugely successful show 'Rubber Ring' in January.

AGM

Don't forget to come to the village hall AGM on 1 March. It is YOUR village hall, so come and give us your ideas on what you would like to see at the hall. It would be nice to welcome some new committee members if you feel you could spare some time, but it is also possible to support the hall in other ways. See you there at 7:30pm (refreshments served after the AGM).

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The February draw produced the following prizes:

First prize (£10)	Penny McKay;
Second prize (£5)	Peter Walmsley

It is not too late to join in the draw for this year – only £1 per month (so £10 for the remaining draws) and half goes to support the village hall.

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk) / Timothy Birt

The following report is produced from the unconfirmed minutes of the additional meeting held on 1 February:

Urgent Planning Response

3PL/2018/0055/F – A development of 3 bungalows just outside the village at the west end of The Street.

As an immediate neighbour, Cllr Birt declared a personal interest with the potential for it to be perceived as pecuniary and left the meeting for this item.

Councillors raised a number of concerns around access onto a very narrow road with blind vision, flooding (from an on-site spring), septic tank outflows, noise from a very nearby wind-turbine and that the site is outside the settlement boundary.

WWI commemoration

The PC will make an application to Breckland Council for grant funding in order to replace some diseased trees in Crown Crescent as a WWI centenary commemoration.

Next meeting

Tuesday 6 March 2018 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall committee room; Councillors usually arrive early for informal discussion.

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



Total rainfall for January was 60.5mm or 2.38"

Feb thus far (21st) is 47.2mm or 1.85".

Ovington offers best wishes & Welcome

Marie-Ana Cave

Roger and Wendy Kennaugh will be leaving the village after 30 years to start their next adventure in Lincolnshire. We wish them a long and happy retirement.

A warm welcome to Terry and Gemma Cassidy who will be moving into Mill House shortly.

Shipdham Surgery PPG News

Carole Playford

The Patients' Participation Group (PPG) is a group of local people representing your views.

A display screen will be installed in waiting area, it will display revolving news and information pages including from the PPG. Specialist software was considered but deemed too expensive, other options are being actively pursued.

The Secretary to follow up name badges for staff members.

The new chairs for the waiting room have arrived. New flooring will continue into reception, dispensary and rear office – progress being made and work will commence soon.

There are three new members of staff, Emma (nurse practitioner) Yvonne (dispenser/dosette box co-ordinator) and Amy (apprentice). Shipdham Surgery is pleased to announce it is now fully staffed.

Between 1 November and 2 February there were 185 'did not attends' which equates to 46.6 hours lost time. Please let the surgery know if you are going to miss an appointment so that the time can be reallocated.

There were a few suggestions in the suggestion box, mainly covering items previously reported. The radio is there to help provide privacy at reception.

The PPG discussed national questionnaire and patients' requirements.

www.shipdhamsurgery.nhs.uk

Our Community – Our Church

John Hardy

Wow what a success

With only one combined rehearsal ninety students from six of the schools in the local cluster gave performances to be proud of. Our Ovington helpers with others encouraged the students along with all their own hand made stage props to give a performance of a lifetime.

Thank you everyone. This was a deserving end to all the hard work every single helper has put in during the past year. A true credit to everyone involved.

P.S.- Don't forget to get your copy of **"Clay the Clumsy"** it is a high quality book written and illustrated by the students telling their story, and the story of the HLF project. A must in the history of Ovington @ £5:00 each.

To buy, contact John Hardy: 01953-889920

Sunday 29 April 2018

Rededication of the Church @ 10:30am

followed by

Village "Community" and helpers lunch

and burial of a **Time Capsule**

plus a

Thank-you **Concert in the church**

Further information will be forthcoming, but please mark your diaries. The Bishop of Lynn will be rededicating the church at 10:30am. A broad invitation will be put out to the villagers of Ovington, and the many helpers from other local communities and further afield that have helped to make this project so successful.

Booking arrangements will be in next month's Oracle



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What's on nearby

Fiona Roat



NWT Breckland Local Group

The story of Houghton-on-the-hill

In the 1990s some of the oldest and most remarkable wall paintings in the country were discovered in a tiny, abandoned church in the middle of a Brecks field. This talk by Dr Sue Gattuso will speculate on the whats and whys, follow the history of the parish and describe its re-emergence from an ivy-ridden, roofless, windowless shell to a church of almost secret charm.

Venue: Watton Christian Community Centre, High Street, IP25 6AB

Time: Wednesday 14 March, 7:30pm

Cost: £3 each (£2 members), including seasonal refreshments

Margaret Cator



Women's World Day of Prayer

(International & interdenominational)

All God's Creation is Very Good

Praying for Suriname – a Service for Everyone

Friday 2 March at 2:00pm

at Watton Methodist Church IP25 6AB

followed by refreshments, all are welcome

What's on elsewhere

Bar Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz

£7 – Tuesday 13 March 7:30pm

sees the first visit of

Nene Valley 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



'Coffee Plus'

22 March, 10:30am

Coffee Plus

Doreen on keyboard

The Chef Show – Fun for Foodies

Sat 3 March, 3:00pm

Enjoy a VERY different theatre experience: delicious entertainment as Khalid and Abdul lift the lid on their Indian restaurant with an opportunity to order food.

In the play it's Saturday night at your local Indian restaurant, the place is packed, the staff are under pressure, the owner and his son are arguing about its future. The customers include a couple on their first date, a married couple not speaking to one another, a hen party, some drunken racists ... how will this develop?

Only 120 places because it is a table, price : pay what you decide!

www.ticketsource.co.uk/fodmh

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

And finally ...

Tim.

Q: What's the difference between a jeweller and a jailer?

A: One sells watches and one watches cells.



Q: What did one eye say to the other?

A: Between you and me something smells.

Q: What happens when you throw a clock up in the air?

A: Times up.

Q: What does a clock do when it's hungry?

A: Goes back '4 seconds'.

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