

The Ovington Oracle

April, 2018



The vernal equinox occurred on 20 March so we now officially have more daylight than night-time.

The rate at which daylight is increasing is at its fastest now at more than 4 minutes a day, let's hope the sun comes out soon so we can take advantage!

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
1 Apr, 9:30am	Easter Day, Holy Communion – St John's
14 April, 7:00am	(7:30) Allotment Association Supper Evening
15 April, 10:30am	Family Service – St John's Church
17 April, 7:00pm	(7:30) Ladies Group at King's Arms, Watton
29 April, 10:30am	Re-dedication Service – St John's Church
29 April, 2:00pm	Emma Nuule Concert – St John's Church
3 May, 7:30pm	Annual Parish Meeting / Parish Council AGM

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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

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Welcome

Village

We give a warm welcome to Dave and Beth who have moved into The Street with their two children Betsy and Brodie. We hope you will enjoy living in Ovington

Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday, 20 March, 15 members and 1 guest were treated to some wonderful flower creations by Kath Harper. She demonstrated both traditional and contemporary displays and gave us lots of helpful advice about flowers and greenery. The four displays she made were put into the raffle and the four lucky winners were thrilled with their prizes. She also gave some flowers to the people who were celebrating their birthdays.

The competition was won by Christine with her glass vase of miniature irises and Ann with her glass penguin.

Next month, on Tuesday 17 April, we will be holding our Annual Dinner in the newly refurbished King's Arms in Watton. We will meet there at 7:00pm for 7:30pm and lifts will be arranged from the village. If anybody has not given their order in yet please contact Christine on 889920.

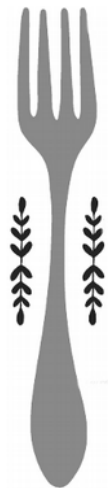
Allotment Association Supper Evening

Jill Burgess

We are holding a fundraising Supper Evening on Saturday 14 April, 7:00 for 7:30pm.

Everyone is welcome and for only £8 per head you will receive a two course meal plus tea or coffee. As usual its BYOB and also a raffle. Unleash your inner child as we will also be having a few old fashioned party games as well. Please contact Jill on 883879 or any other committee member ie Joyce, Chris, Harriett or John for tickets.

The allotments are fully let at present but if anyone is interested in going onto the waiting list please contact Jill as above. It's not only gardening but socially we have a lovely community spirit so would love any newcomers to join us.



St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Sunday, 1 April

9:30am Easter Day Holy Communion

Sunday, 15 April

10:30am Family Service

Monday, 23 April

1:00pm Church Cleaning

Sunday 29 April Re-dedication Service

10:30am Holy Communion with the
Bishop of Lynn

On Sunday 29th April we welcome the Bishop of Lynn, The Rt. Revd. Jonathan Meyrick, to re-dedicate our church. This will be a Group Service and we welcome the residents of our village, our friends from the other four parishes and all the people who have been involved in the very successful Schools Project to this special service. The service will be at 10:30am and this will be followed by burying the time capsule, a reception and buffet lunch in the Village Hall and adjoining marquees, culminating with a short concert in the church by the wonderful Emma Nuule, supported by our friends, The Harmonettes.

More work is needed to the lower walls in our church and, unfortunately due to the wet weather conditions, it has not been possible to finish this work before our Re-dedication Service, but the work will now be completed in the hopefully dryer months of May and June. However, the major work has been completed and we give thanks to God for all that has happened in **Our Church and Our Community**.

AGM

Many thanks to the intrepid few who braved the snow and attended the AGM on 1 March. We are pleased to welcome the following new members on to the Committee: Don Clark, Gill Welsted, Jason Barber and Sue Horton who has kindly agreed to take charge of publicity.

Events

For those of you who came to the 'Mission Impossible' show, watch this space. We hope to have the Opera Dudes back later next year as it was such a brilliant show, enjoyed by everyone, whatever their tastes in music.

Competition

At last year's Wacky Scrappy Races, the village hall ran a 'Go-Go-Gnome' decorating competition which proved very popular with old and young alike. This year, the competition will be "Terrific Totes" – contestants will have to decorate a plain cotton Tote bag. You can buy these bags from the VH any Monday morning, or ring Christine on 885848 to order yours. They can be decorated in whatever way takes your fancy, by whatever means (dyes, paints, embroidery, appliqué ... anything) so long as they can still be recognised and used as a bag! So, get those creative juices flowing – the only limits are your own imagination – and invest £2.50 in a bag. You can enter as many times as you like, but entries have to be in by the 11 August. The more entries we receive, the more cash prizes will be on offer!

Calling all dressmakers!

Would you like to be able to create your own patterns to make clothes to fit *you*? Have you tried a shop-bought pattern and been disappointed with the result? We are hoping to run a one day course on pattern cutting, possibly on Saturday 21 July, in the village hall. There is a very experienced tutor willing to run a course on creating garments to your own personal measurements. Please let me know if you would be interested as we need a minimum number to make this happen. We already have about 8 people expressing interest, so a few more could make this a definite event.

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk) / Timothy Birt

'North Ovington' Trod update

The slow motion process has moved to the next phase with "formal acceptance of your Parish Partnership Scheme for local highway improvements for 2018/19". There is no work date yet, but the PC will be pressing for it to be completed by the summer.

Total cost **£11,000**

£5500	NCC (Norfolk County Council) Parish Partnership
£1000	NCC Members donation
£2000	Ovington Surveyor's Trust donation
£900	Residents donations
£376.74	Reimbursement from last trod
£1523.26	Remaining PC contribution.

The following report is produced from the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting held on 6 March:

Planning

3PL/2018/0055/F – A revision to access to existing plan for 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 objected to the plan. In addition to the previous comments Councillors raising concerns around access onto a very narrow 60mph road and that the site is outside the settlement boundary.

Data Protection Regulation

The new GDPR regulations come into force in May. Policies were reviewed and updated to comply with the new regulation. Councillors confirmed that data processing is 'occasional' and that Article 30(5) applies.

Risk Assessment

The risk assessment for our village litter pick will be reviewed and updated for this year.

Financial

The Clerk presented the year end financial details. Payments were reviewed, authorised and cheques signed.

Next meetings

Annual Parish Meeting

3 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

An administrative PC meeting where the chairman is elected and documents signed.

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The March draw produced the following prizes:

First prize (£10)	John Hardy;
Second prize (£5)	Steve & Rosemary Jones

Planning Consultation

Timothy Birt

Breckland Council have refused planning application 3PL/2018/0055/F. There is a long list of planning reasons to do so, however the rejection notice is rather lame, see:

www.breckland.gov.uk/planningsearch

Click 'search' and enter the above reference number. Alternatively, use the drop-down against parish and select Ovington to see all local applications.

Our Community – Our Church

John Hardy

Handing the church back to the village

Sunday 29 April 2018

You are invited to be our guest along with the Bishop of Kings Lynn to celebrate the restoration of St John the Evangelist Church Ovington. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet the people who helped to make this whole project work, and see the results of their labours:

Should you not be able to take part in the Rededication of the church, please join us for the rest of our celebration.

(tickets will be required for the reception)

Rededication of the Church @ 10:30am

by The Bishop of Kings Lynn. Rededication and Holy Communion.

Time-capsule @ 12:00 noon

Burial of '50 year' time-capsule outside main door of church.

Reception @ 12:30–1:45pm

Welcome reception and buffet lunch in village hall and marquees. For tickets, contact John Hardy 01953-889920

Concert in the church @ 2:00pm

Emma Nuule – Global award winning soprano will be performing popular classics. Having studied at The Central School of Performing Arts, and then furthered her career after having professional training with Marie Vassiliou she has won many awards. Supported by The Harmonettes.

There will be a donation box if you wish to contribute towards the project.



Supported by

The National Lottery[®]
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Litter Pick – success!

Timothy Birt

On 17 March, fifteen hardy souls turned out for the spring village litter pick. We awoke to a thin layer of dusty snow, but that didn't stop us and a large pile of litter bags was collected.

We met back at the village hall at noon and 'put the world right'. Thank you to all who took part and to those who provided the refreshments.



Request

Karen Weir

I need a person to come and cut my lawn and do a bit of tidying once a week for 1½–2 hours, pay to be agreed.

Please ring on 07735205990

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



February total: 47.2mm or 1,55"

March thus far (22 March): 59mm or 2.3", of this 3.5 mm was melted snow.

What's on nearby

Fiona Roat



NWT Breckland Local Group

Our last talk of the season was the best attendance we've had so far, thank you everyone.

The story of Houghton-on-the-Hill Church is obviously popular and Dr Sue Gattuso was an excellent speaker.

We kick off our **Spring walks** on Sunday 22 April at Wayland Wood, guided by Steve Collin, to see the bluebells and anything else we may find. Join us and find out about the management work that Steve and his team have been doing over the winter months.

Meet at Wayland Wood at 10:00am, booking is essential, ring 01953 717227.

Look out for details of our other walks at Foulton and Weeting.

Charlotte

Exhibition: Ruddy Muddy

24 March to 7 April

A nationally renowned local artist who produces portraits in mud.



Ruddy Muddy exhibits at the Dragonfly for the very first time. He'll be joined by Damsel Dragonfly, and will be working outside the gallery during the exhibition.

Workshop: Creative Writing with Sue Welfare

Saturday 28 April: 10:00am – 4:00pm

Spend a day immersed in writing with Sunday Times bestselling author Sue Welfare. Learn about planning, plotting and dialogue, as well as how to develop your ideas and sell your work. £35.00pp.

To book, contact charlotte@wayland.org.uk or 01953 880205.

– 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

What's on elsewhere

Bar Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz

£7 – Tuesday 10 April 7:30pm

The Colin Mason Quartet

with Sax virtuoso Myke Clifford



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, in the meeting room (max 46 people), 24 April at 7:30pm:

'Film Stars Don't Die in Liverpool'

It's the story of a washed-up silent era star who moves to Liverpool and falls in love with a much younger man. Annette Bening, is quite outstanding, and the whole effect is really memorable. Strong supporting cast includes Julie Walters and Timothy Spall.

£6 on the door or www.ticketsource.co.uk/fodmh

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

And finally ...

Tim.

Q: Can February March?

A: No, but April May.



Q: What is a perfect spring day?

A: A perfect spring day is when the sun is shining, the breeze is blowing, the birds are singing, and the lawn mower is broken.

Q: Why is everyone so tired on 1 April?

A: They've just finished a long, 31 day March.

Q: What precautions are needed on 1 April?

A: You need to be fooly aware.

Q: What is it called when it rains chickens and ducks?

A: Fowl weather.

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