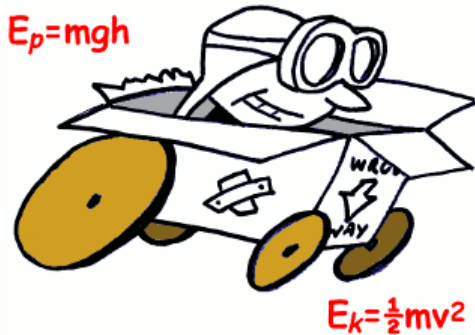


The Ovington Oracle

July, 2018



Get your application in for the Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race. You have just six weeks to build a scrap masterpiece, the rattier the better!

Race Day: **Sunday 12 August**

Young or old, experienced or not, all are welcome. There is a second award this year for the 'wackiest' contraption.

For details and an application form see:

www.ovington.org.uk/wsgr

If you know someone who may like to take part, please pass on the link.

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
1 July, 9:30am	Morning Worship (St John's Church)
5 July, 7:30pm	Parish Council
15 July, 10:30am	Family Service (St John's Church)
17 July, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
22 July, 6:00pm	Hymns for a Summer Evening (Church)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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

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www.ovington.org.uk/oracle

Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday 19 June, eighteen members and husbands walked along the village roads, farm tracks and through almost golden winter barley fields in Thompson in near perfect weather conditions. We then met nine more members at the Chequers Pub where we all enjoyed welcome liquid refreshments, a tasty meal and more chatter. Thank you, Angela, for arranging this enjoyable evening. Sorry you couldn't be with us.

Next month on Tuesday 17 July at 7:45pm we look forward to hearing about 'A Place of Sanctuary' – The Grange at Great Cressingham. The competition will be **Ceramic**.

Your Oracle

Editor

Could you write a report for the Oracle?

- Been somewhere unusual?
- Grown something different?
- Found a gem?
- Maybe you have recycled/re-purposed an object?

Share it with us ... interesting snippets from real life add greatly to The Oracle, just 150 words makes an half page story.

See the back page for contact details.

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Sunday, 1 July
9:30am Morning Worship

Sunday, 15 July
10:30am Family Service

Sunday, 22 July Hymns for a Summer
6:00pm Evening

It has now been confirmed that the work on the lower walls will not take place for the time being so St John's Church will remain open each day from 9-4. The church is automatically locked at 4:00pm but, if you did happen to be in the church at the time of locking, don't panic – just press the emergency button at the right-hand side of the door and the lock will be released.

We are now going to have a Gift Table in the church at each service. Books, surplus produce and possibly cakes etc will be available to purchase for a small donation. If you have anything to contribute just place it on the table before the service.

I have paid £42.38 into the Leprosy Mission Account. Every 2 minutes someone is still diagnosed with leprosy in poor and developing countries around the world. Tragically, although curable, the disability and stigma it can cause severely impacts mobility, affects marriage prospects, excludes children from school and makes it difficult to get a job. Every penny that is collected in the Mission Boxes helps to relieve the suffering. I have received a thank you card and certificate for being the Leprosy Mission representative in Ovington for over 20 years. I took over from my Mother who was representative for much longer than 20 years.

Future Special Services:

6:00pm	Sun, 26 Aug	Hymns for a Summer Evening
10:30am	Sun, 16 Sept	Harvest Festival
6:00pm	Sun, 23 Sept	Hymns for a Summer Evening
10:30am	Sun, 21 Oct	Pet Service
10:30am	Sun, 11 Nov	Remembrance Service
6:00pm	Sun, 23 Dec	Carol Service
10:30am	Tues, 25 Dec	Christmas Service

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



Rainfall for May was 30.5mm or 1.2". We only had rain on three days during May and each time the amount recorded was about the same.

For June so far (20th) we have 19mm or 0.75"

Thank You – Open Garden

Krissy Marwood-Cross

I would like to thank all those involved in helping out at the open garden, The Old Cart House, North Ovington. For cooking cakes, which were scrumptious I may add, for those taking the donations on the gate for the Air Ambulance, which we raised £205 thank you. And to the ladies who made tea and coffee for all.

We all had a very nice evening and thank goodness the weather was fine.

Thank you all very very much.

Village Hall

Sue Horton

The hall is currently being renovated. Many thanks to Steve, Don, Mark and Ed, who have been busy removing the old panelling from the lower walls and replacing it with new. Then it will be ready for painting.

Summer BBQ

The Village Hall BBQ will be held on Sunday 22nd July between 12noon and 3pm ish. If you've got friends or family visiting that day, bring them along. It will be 'pay as you eat' and 'bring your own' drink. Let's hope the sun shines, so we can picnic outside.

Terrific Totes Competition

Just a few tote bags left for sale. They can be decorated and transformed however you wish. So get creative! Totes cost £2.50 and are available from Christine (Reilly) on 885848 or from the VH coffee mornings. Entries need to be in by 11 August to be judged at the Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race.

Let's Celebrate

Have you got a special birthday or anniversary or other celebration that you'd like to share with friends and neighbours. Please let us know before the 20th of each month, if you're happy to share, and we'll include it in the Oracle. I'm hoping it's an expensive month for my other half, as it's our 25th wedding anniversary on the 16th and a milestone birthday for me on the 18th! I might have to lower my sights to a burger at the village hall BBQ and an IOU.

If you're having a bit of a do (max 50), why not consider hiring the village hall. Hiring rates for the main hall are £12 per hour for non residents and £6 per hour for residents.

See: www.ovington-village.org.uk/ovington-village-hall

Contact Lyndia Lewis to book on 889090.

Parish Council (PC)

Timothy Birt

Planning

The recent application for 3 bungalows adjacent to Stone House Farm received multiple objections from the village including the PC. The application was rejected by the planning authority, Breckland Council but has now been taken to appeal by Mr Skinner (land owner).

If you wish to make further comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so before 11 July, quoting appeal reference "APP/F2605/W/18/3198787" online at (you only need the last 7 digits in the search box):

<https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

Or write to

Vicky Williams
APPEAL_PL (ODB)The Planning Inspectorate
Room 3N, Temple Quay House
2 The Square
Bristol. BS1 6PN

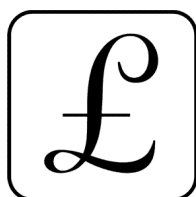
Next PC meeting

5 July at 7:30pm at the Village Hall committee room.

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The June draw produced the following prize winners:

First prize (£10)	Angela Wynne;
Second prize (£5)	Jill Burgess.

What's on nearby:

via Wayland Events

The Hare & Barrel Festival Exhibition

June 23 – July 28

The Festival will lead celebrations across Wayland. This exhibition will celebrate Watton's people, its history, present and future.



– 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

via Wayland House

Wayland Men's Shed

Old School House, Church Walk, Watton (IP25 6ET)

Mondays and Wednesdays: 09:30am to 1:00pm

Fridays: 10:00am to 1:00pm (NOT workshop)

Saturdays: 10:00am to 12:30pm (NOT workshop)

Men's Shed aim is to meet up for a casual chat and a cuppa in good company, with an opportunity to make new friends along the way. Whatever your skills, interests, pastimes or hobbies, come along and share your knowledge and experience.

It could be the start of a new hobby or small enterprise. New ideas and innovations will be most welcome.

Apart from our social area we have a small equipped workshop in which you may wish to work on your own project or maybe assist and advise others with theirs. If you are unsure how to proceed, there is bound to be a member who can offer help and advice.

www.waylandmensshed.com

Call Richard Adams: 01953 881004

What's on elsewhere

A selection of events in Breckland, something for everyone:

Bar Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz

£7 – Tuesday 3 July 7:30pm

Lee Vasey, Guitar, and Friends



Swaffham Conservative Social Club, 23 London Rd PE37 7DD
Details from Norman 01760 722384 / Geoff: 01366 328730

Fiona Roat



Our next event is on Sunday 8 July 10:00am-noon at Knettishall Heath, part of the Breckland Heritage Trail, a Brecks Nature reserve and SSSI.

A walk will be expertly led by Tim Holt-Wilson to discover this part of the Trail and the flora this ancient site supports.

Due to the nature of this walk, please leave your dogs at home.

Meet in the main car park IP22 2TQ (Heath Road) signposted off the A1066 at Riddlesworth.

Cost is £2 members, £3 non-members.

Booking is essential 01953 717227

Sue Horton

Weeting Steam Rally and Country Show

Friday 20 July – Sunday 22 July.

Its their 50th anniversary and there's lots going on to suit everyone. As well as steam demonstrations, there's dog agility, chain saw carving, craft marquees, trade stands, a heavy horse display, static displays of vintage cars, motor bikes and military vehicles....plus bars hosting live music.

Details including advance tickets at 2017 rates can be found at:

www.weetingrally.co.uk

Dereham Town History Walk

1:30pm Sunday 29 July 2018 at
Church House, Church Street NR19 1DN.



In a break from our usual format, the emphasis of this short walk is the views of our town itself, with an explanation of how and why some things got there.

The total distance will be minimal: we will not venture from the town centre as we visit a range of locations of largely historical interest and significance.

Participants will receive a booklet giving information about all the locations visited, which will be expanded on by our guide for the afternoon.

One thing won't change – we will be ending the walk with tea/coffee and cake, once more with our friends at the Mid-Norfolk Railway (though no train ride is planned this time).

The cost, including the booklet and the tea/coffee and cake, is £5. Booking is essential, as we will be limiting numbers to 20.

More details at: www.DerehamWaW.org.uk

**Mad World:**

Why is the third hand on a watch called the second hand?

Why is it called "after dark", when is really "after light"?

What part of the human body is called the "Yet"? I don't know either, but in the paper it said this lady got shot and they haven't got the bullet out of her yet!

A bank is a place that will lend you money, but only if you can prove that you don't need it.

Don't argue with an idiot. They will drag you down to their level and beat you with experience.

DID YOU KNOW:

At one time Ovington was twinned with Bodham a village in North Norfolk, just inland from the coast twixt Sheringham and Holt. There was a great exchange of cultural banter between the villages. Also fierce competitions in the form of quizzes and a cricket match. In most of these conflicts, it has to be admitted, Ovington were honourable runners up, but it was all taken in good heart and much fun was had by all.



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