

# The Ovington Oracle

August, 2018

Church Road will be closed all day on Sunday 12 August for the Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race. Residents' access will be maintained however there may be a small delay if it is necessary to move race track obstacles.

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

--ooOoo--

An electricity transformer will be replaced on 8 August, this work will require power to be cut between 9:00am and 2:00pm at the latest. If you will be affected UK Power Networks will put a note through your letterbox, however, if you have not received notification and power goes off, phone 0800 3163105.

## Diary Dates

*All at Village Hall unless indicated*

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
5 August, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
12 August, noon	Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race [race 1:00pm] Refreshments at Village Hall from 11:00
21 August, 3:00pm	Ladies Group tea party (47 The Street)
19 Aug, 10:30am	Family Service (Church)
19 August, noon	Allotment Association BBQ and produce show
26 August, 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](http://www.ovington-village.org.uk)

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## Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



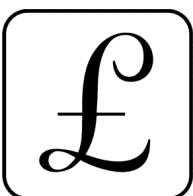
On Tuesday 17th July, 14 ladies listened to an illustrated talk by Chris McGaw from 'The Grange' at Great Cressingham. The Grange was the first *Sanctuary Home*, which is a place of tranquillity where people all over the world, who have been forced to leave their home from war or persecution, are given the opportunity to participate in therapeutic breaks, courses and holidays. Since 2012 The Grange has welcomed hundreds of refugees and asylum seekers from more than 40 countries. Chris not only informed us about what this sanctuary can offer people but enthusiastically told us about the amazing and rare wildlife, which is encouraged to flourish in their 10-acre haven bordering on the River Wissey. The competition was jointly won by Grace, Jill, Joyce, Linda and Rosemary.

Next month, on Tuesday, 21 August, members are welcome to a full afternoon tea in the garden at 'Barley Croft', 47 The Street. The afternoon will commence at **3:00pm**. There will be no competition but we hope to have a few garden games and a good raffle. The cost will be £5 but all proceeds will go to a local diabetic charity. Parking, for those more able, will be at Angela's, Daphne's or Rosemary's.

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## Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The July draw produced the following prize winners:

First prize (£10)	Darren Weir;
Second prize (£5)	Lyndia Lewis.

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## Short Messages

Karen

**Broadband:** Just to let you know that after a long wait infinity fibre is now live in the village. I've just upgraded mine with BT.

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Grace

**Used Stamps:** Don't throw your used stamps in the bin just pop them in my letterbox (31 The Street)

Please leave a margin around the stamp so as not to damage the perforation.

These are used for raising funds for the Leprosy Mission.

My thanks to those of you who already save them for me.

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Sue

**Celebration:** Steve laid on a buffet at Mon morning coffee on our anniversary Mon 16 July and my big birthday Wed 18 July. Word must have got around as the hall was full! Had a brilliant week.

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## Rainfall

Rod Rumsby

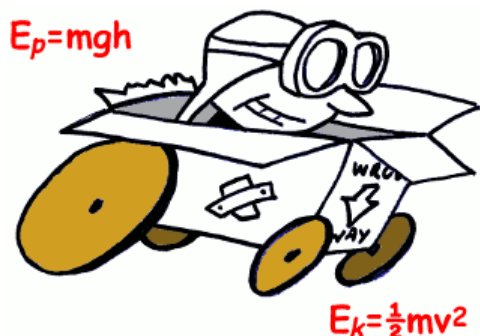


The total for June was the same as reported on 20 June, 18mm or 0,75". This fell on the 2 June and there has been no rain since, therefore the total amounts for July thus far is **zero**.

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# Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race

Timothy Birt



Calling the brave, intrepid or fool-hardy!  
You need to win this ...

Race Day: **Sunday 12 August**

We have eight potential entrants so far,  
so there is room for more.

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

For more see: [ovington.org.uk/wsgr](http://ovington.org.uk/wsgr)

12-noon Competitors arrive for 'showing off'.

1:00pm Racing begins, with short breaks to allow spectators to  
move between the three main vantage points.

2:30pm Winners crowned outside Village Hall.

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# Grow-a-pound Fundraising Initiative

Vanessa Childs

Some of you may have seen me selling my home-made cakes,  
home-grown herbs and seasoned logs last month to raise money  
for the Association for the Guide Dogs for the Blind. This was a  
school initiative with pupils using their entrepreneurial skills to  
make their school pound grow as much as possible.

With your help, and including other sponsorships my sister and I  
completed, we raised £154. Thank you very much for your  
donations, especially the generous contribution made by the Village  
Hall morning coffee group. The grand total raised by our school was  
a staggering £7,550.60, with more money still coming in! Having  
exceeded our target, our school is not only in a position to buy one  
puppy but three puppies and pay for their training to become guide  
dogs so a BIG thank you for making this possible.

Malina & Isla

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## Produce Show and BBQ

*Jill Burgess*



Ovington Allotment Association Produce Show and BBQ. You are all invited to our Produce Show and BBQ at the Village Hall on Sunday, 19 August at 12 noon.

Along with all the fruit and vegetables on show you can wander around the allotments and judge for yourselves which are the best plots. Who knows you might even be tempted yourself to join our happy band and get digging!

Tickets are £8 per adult and £4 per child, this includes two courses and tea or coffee afterwards. Oh and don't forget your wallets as there will be a raffle as well.

For tickets please contact Jill on 883879  
or Joyce on 883953  
or any other committee member.

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## Parish Council (PC)

*Timothy Birt*

A report of the 5 July meeting from the unconfirmed minutes:

### **Grant funding**

Tesco "bags of help" local funding information was circulated. Tesco have called for more local projects; so if you have an idea for a community project please let us know.

### **Correspondence**

The PC received a request to substantially increase its funding to support Church grass cutting, this was carefully considered but declined.

Norfolk County Council (NCC) information on the Parish Partnership 2018/19 and the Minerals and Waste Plan were circulated.

## **Planning**

Planning appeal against refusal of 3PL/2018/0055/F was noted

The PC had no concerns for 3PL/2018/0653/SU

The Clerk used delegated powers to respond to 3PL/2018/0531/F, the PC comments have been adopted into the planning conditions.

## **Financial review**

The accounts reviewed and cheques signed, full details of receipts and expenses are reported in minutes, see 'legal documents' below.

## **Public Participation**

Issues raised included:

- Church grass cutting and the condition of the grounds.
- Change of use and new vehicle accesses on Carbrooke Road. Concerns were raised sufficient that this matter should be reviewed by Breckland planning enforcement. Individuals were recommended to make representation. The PC will do likewise.
- Roadway creep into the verges. The PC will address this with NCC.
- Improved information dialogue with the Parochial Church Council.
- County Councillor Bowes gave a report on County matters, including news that there will be a hazardous waste disposal 'amnesty' 15/16 Sept at Dereham Recycling Centre.

## **Next meeting**

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

Legal documents at: [ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home](http://ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home)

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# St John's Church

*Ann Johnson*



Sunday, 5 August

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 19 August

10:30am Family Service

Sunday, 26 August Hymns for a

6:00pm Summer Evening

Monday 27 August

1:30pm Church Cleaning

The Sales Table went well after the Last 'Hymns for a Summer Evening' – in fact we completely sold out. We had some cakes, lemon curd, gooseberries and vegetables. If you have any surplus produce, please bring them along before or at the start of the service. People are beginning to buy or borrow the books. As more people use this facility and bring more books up to the church, we will obviously have a better selection of authors.

We have a Blue Prayer Book in the church where anyone is welcome to write the name down of somebody who needs remembering in the prayers for the current month. You are most welcome to include any names that you wish to go in this book. Either come up to the church while it is open (between 9:00am – 4:00pm) or ask any church member to include any names you wish to add.

## **Future Special Services:**

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



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# Village Hall

*Sue Horton*

Apart from the regular weekly/monthly groups who meet at the hall, there haven't been any entertainment events. Renovations are progressing well.

On Sunday 12 August the Village Hall will be joining in the Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race fun. The Terrific Totes competition will take place and there will be a tombola, with BBQ and refreshments available.

Please let any of the committee members know if you have anything you can donate to the tombola. Or bring them along to the Village Hall Monday coffee session between 10:30am – 11:30am. Let us recycle any unwanted gifts that others might appreciate! Or maybe tins/jars of food that jeopardise your summer diet!

## **Hall Booking**

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](http://www.ovington-village.org.uk/ovington-village-hall)

Contact Lyndia Lewis to book on 889090.

## **Recycling**

Please would the person who leaves empty wine boxes by the bottle bank kindly take them home and put them in their recycling bin. The bottle bank can only take glass and the Village Hall does not have a wheelie bin collection. Thank you.

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## What's on nearby:

*via Wayland Events*

### **Crafty Wayland!**

August 11 – August 25

This exhibition will boast the talent  
of local craft artists!



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**– 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

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*The Wayland Show*

Sunday 5 August – **[www.waylandshow.com](http://www.waylandshow.com)**



- Bolddog Lings Motorcycle Display Stunt Team
- Stuart Barnes' Dog and Duck show
- Mid Norfolk Gun Dogs
- The show's impressive cattle, sheep, pigs, fur & feather and goats livestock competitions
- The Dunston Harriers
- Norwich and District Goat Club
- Working Hunter and other equestrian qualifiers and showing classes
- Vintage tractors and Classic Cars
- NEW Taste of East Anglia Marquee
- NEW Wayland's Creative Community
- The Shopping Village Marquee
- Farm Animal Judging Competition run by Swaffham Young Farmers
- NEW tea tent
- Fun Dog Show
- Fur & Feather Marquee
- Horticulture, Cookery and Crafts Marquee
- David Syer's Shire horses
- Pink Sheep!
- Plus the many varied trade displays that will provide an unforgettable day.

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## What's on elsewhere

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A selection of events across Breckland and beyond:

Bar Pritchard

### Swaffham Jazz

£7 – Tuesday 7 August 7:30pm

*Melody Brooker, vocals & her Trio*



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

Fiona Roat



We had a very interesting walk and exploration of holes in the ground on Knettishall Heath with Tim Holt-Wilson. He is so very knowledgeable on geology and can put that information across so well to his audience.

On Sunday 19 August we are having a tour of the Animal Care Centre and College Water Meadows at Easton and Otley College led by Glyn Evans. As usual it starts at 10:00am until about noon.

Meet at the Michael Gamble Centre for Animal Studies, Easton College, NR9 5GA

Cost is £2 members, £3 non-members.

Booking is essential 01953 717227

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

Sue Horton

Whilst planning summer weekends this might be fun:

### Ales by Rails beer festival

Friday 24 August to bank holiday Monday 27 August.

Mid Norfolk Railway *Ales by Rails Beer Festival & Steam Gala* at Dereham Station. Buy a starter pack for £10 (glass and four tokens) and start sampling! Over 50 real ales and ciders available. Live music under the canopy every night

Details at: [www.mnr.org.uk/events/beer](http://www.mnr.org.uk/events/beer)

## And finally ...

Rod



A cowboy walks into the saloon wearing a paper suit. The sheriff arrests him for rustling!!

Deep in the heart of Sherwood Forest, Robin Hood lay in his cottage dying. "Little John" he groaned "Give me my bow and arrow and open the window. I will fire the arrow and wherever it lands please bury me there". And indeed a few days later Robin died and to carry out his final wish, Little John and the rest of the Merry Men buried Robin on top of the wardrobe.

### **DID YOU KNOW:**

The population of Ovington has remained much the same for over 100 years, around the 250 mark. This despite the fact that there are over twice as many properties in the village at this time.



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