

The Ovington Oracle

September, 2018



This heritage festival offers the opportunity to visit sites and events across the whole of the UK and it's all FREE!

This year's extended event is between **6-9 Sept** AND **13-16 Sept**

There is a search facility, with 366 venues or events listed in Norfolk, find out more at:

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
2 Sept, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
6 Sept, 7:30pm	Parish Council
8 Sept, 7:30pm	The Ovington Quiz
16 Sept, 10:30am	Harvest Festival (Church)
18 Sept, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
23 Sept, 6:00pm	Hymns for a Summer Evening (Church)
30 Sept, 3:00pm	Afternoon Tea

To book the village hall contact Christine Reilly 885848

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

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www.ovington.org.uk/oracle

Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday 21 August, on a glorious sunny day, 20 ladies enjoyed a delicious afternoon tea and a good natter in the garden at Barley Croft, to raise money for a local Diabetic Charity. There were some lovely raffle prizes and the afternoon raised £151 which will be sent to the Elsie Bertram Diabetic Trust at the Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital.

Next month, on Tuesday 18 September, Suzi Smith from The Beauty Barn will talk to us about skin care and make up. The competition will be **Stone**.

Parish Council (PC)

Timothy Birt

Next meeting

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

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



July: it didn't rain until the end of the month and the grand total was just 6.5mm or 0.25".

August (so far): we are returning to normal with 38mm or 1.5" up until the 21 August.

Ovington Carpet Bowls

Grace Rumsby

Why not come and join us on a Monday afternoon at 1:30pm (except Bank Holidays) for two hours of good clean fun.

Cost 50p a session including refreshments. Never played before? Don't worry; instructions available.

See you there.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The July draw produced the following prize winners:

First prize (£10)	Beryl Bard;
Second prize (£5)	Jill Burgess.

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Sunday, 2 Sept
9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 16 Sept
10:30am **Harvest Festival

Sunday, 23 Sept Hymns for a
6:00pm Summer Evening

Monday 24 Sept
1:30pm Church Cleaning

** Perhaps all the flower rota ladies could have a joint effort in decorating the church for the Harvest Festival Service, after which, we hope to hold an auction of produce but we understand it has been a difficult growing season with the lack of rain. If any of the allotment holders have any produce they would like to put in the church, we would be very grateful.

We are sorry to hear about Lyndia's fall and wish her a speedy recovery. Lyndia faithfully polishes all the furniture in the church each month. If anybody wants to take on Lyndia's role while she recovers please come along on the last Monday in the month at 1:30pm when we will be church cleaning, or else speak to Sheila or myself about it.

On the day of the Norfolk Churches Trust Bicycle Ride (8 Sept), St John's will be open but it may not necessarily be manned as it coincides with the Schools Project Reunion which affects most of the people who kindly man the church. If anybody wishes to bike around some of the fine local churches to help raise money for St John's and the Norfolk Churches Trust there are sponsor forms in the church or please speak to me about this.

Future Special Services:

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

Village Hall

Sue Horton

Ovington's annual Wacky Scrappy Gravity Races were a fantastic success with even more entrants than the year before, everyone enjoyed cheering the competitors on. The BBQ, home-made cakes and refreshments were very popular. Every prize on the tombola was won, overall a very healthy profit of £485 for village hall funds.

Thanks for the anonymous donation of £24 to the village hall!

Committee

Lyndia Lewis stood down as a committee member, but will continue to support VH activities. Ovington Village Hall committee and indeed Ovington residents would like to extend their thanks for her tireless dedication and hard work contributing towards the success of the village hall. I doubt there will have been few events if any that Lyndia hasn't had a hand in.

Future Events for your diary

Saturday 8 September 7:30pm – **The Ovington Quiz**

A fun evening to stretch the brain cells! Entry cost of £6 per person includes a ploughman's supper. Bring your own drink and some money for the raffle. Book your team of four in with Christine at Monday morning coffee or ringing 01953 885848

Sunday 30 September 3:00pm – **Afternoon Tea**

Please buy your ticket from Christine

Friday 12 October 7.30pm – **Giants of Science**

Brought to us via Creative Arts East. A theatrical experience taking you through the scientific 'greats' Book your tickets for a raucous romp through the hilarious history, with comedy and the silliest of scientific songs. If you need more persuading, reviews include, "World class actors at the top of their game" and "This is a feel good, clever and uplifting comedy and the joyful spirit of this work will appeal to a wide audience". Tickets £10 available from the VH on Mondays 10:00am–12-noon or ring Christine on 01953 885848

Saturday 27 October 11:00am–3:00pm – **Craft Fair**

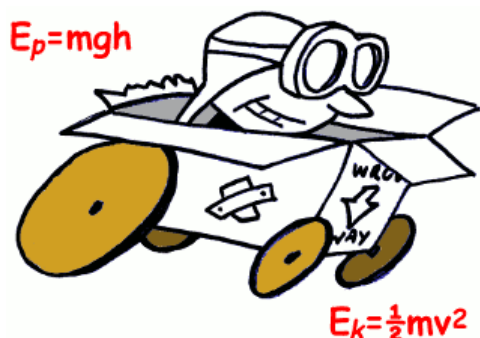
Come and buy some hand crafted presents in time for Christmas. Refreshments and light lunches available.

Totally Terrific Totes!

Following the success of last year's "Go-Go-Gnomes", we did wonder what this year's competition would bring. We received 22 beautifully decorated entries in almost as many different styles of decoration: printing, painting, embroidery, appliqué, knitting, intarsia, to name but a few and they created a colourful washing line across the village hall. Well done everyone who rose to the challenge and entered – they were fantastic and much admired by everyone who came in and voted for their favourites. First prize went to Jill Burgess for her eye-catching busy bee, second prize went to Harriett Woods for her very intricate cottage scene and third prize winner was Jan Cockburn for her knitted dog pictures. Fourth prize went to Shona Matthews for her "Off to the Gin" bag and we had to split the fifth prize three ways between Harriett, Kate Winslow and Virginia Lewis. We are putting our thinking caps on to decide on next year's competition, but we are sure you will rise to the creativity challenge and join in the fun!

Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race

Timothy Birt



Twelve amazing machines entered the race on Sunday 12 August.

I have put together a web-page with loads of pictures and a few video snippets. There is information about the competitors and their machines as well as a conspiracy theory, some very wobbly driving and crashes. Have a look at:

www.ovington.org.uk/wsgr

The predicted rain held off and we had a fabulous day – thank you to everyone who helped make it a success.

Report and feedback: Produce Show and BBQ



Firstly it was great to see you all at the BBQ and Show. Even though after all this lovely weather we have been having we had to re jig and fit everyone into the hall due to the windy morning it didn't seem to dampen our spirits.

Many thanks to John and Stuart for cooking up a storm on the BBQ and all the Committee for the wonderful spread of puddings etc. It seemed to go down well with everyone with several people complaining they had eaten too much!!

The competition was fierce for the rosettes for the vegetable entries although due to the drought some vegetables were slightly smaller than normal, apart from Johns very large courgettes!! and highly polished beetroot. The Alan Hill Memorial Trophy was presented to Peter Johnson for the second year in a row and was very well deserved.

Many thanks to Steve and Sue for keeping us all entertained afterwards especially the wheelbarrow racing which could become an annual event. If anybody is interested the video of the race is on the Ovington Allotment Facebook page.

AGM

We will be holding our AGM at the Village Hall on Sunday 23 September at 2:00pm so if anyone is interested in taking on an allotment please feel free to come along or contact Jill on 883879 for more info.

Shipdham Surgery – Flu Vaccination

Melissa Greeves

Vaccination day: **Saturday 29 September 2018**

Please contact the Surgery now to book your Flu Vaccination slot.

Tel: 01362-820225

www.shipdhamsurgery.nhs.uk

A separate clinic for under 18's** will be announced at a later date

Please support your practice and have your vaccination with us. Every flu jab you have elsewhere means fewer resources for your GP practice.

The Flu vaccination provides the best protection against an unpredictable virus which infects many people and can cause serious illness and death each year.

The vaccination is **free** and recommended **yearly** for those most at risk of flu, this includes:

- Children who are aged 2 to 9 years-old on 31 August 2018 *
- Pregnant women
- Anyone living with a long term medical condition
- Everyone over 65
- People with caring responsibilities

If there is someone you rely on to care for you, please ask them to contact their own GP Practice as they may be eligible for a free flu vaccination.

** Preschool children aged 2 to 3 years will be vaccinated at their general practice. Children aged 4 to 9 years will usually be vaccinated at school.

What's on nearby:

via Wayland Events

The Wayland Food Festival Exhibition

15 Sept to 27 Oct: As reported in
Food and farming, featuring the
Wayland Wanger and the *Pingo Pie*!



Wayland Workshop

Tsunami Kanzashi with Denise Scott

A great chance to learn the traditional
Japanese technique to create beautiful
flowers used as hair ornaments.

£15 per person. Call 01953 883915 to book.

- 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 Facebook

Watton Craft Fair

1 Sept, 9:30am-2:00pm

Queen's Hall (opposite Tesco)

Handmade Gift Stalls - Craft Supplies - Raffle - Refreshments

Free Entry

What's on elsewhere

A selection of events across Breckland and beyond:

Bar Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz

In a change to the programme we are pleased to welcome from Canada:

*Roger and Karey Hewitt (keyboard and vocals),
with Lee Vasey & Friends*

£7 – Tuesday 11 Sept 7:30pm

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



Tim Cara



Dereham Fringe Festival

Sat 15 Sept 2018, 10:00am

After last year's mammoth success, we present a day of free music, entertainment, community stalls, performance, food and fun. The best of Dereham!

FREE ENTRY, but please donate

Also at Memorial Hall

14 Sept, 7:30pm – Red Card Comedy Club

21 Sept, 7:30pm – Professional Wrestling

25 Sept, 7:30pm – Film Night – *On Chesil Beach*

Details at: www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Editor

Don't forget Heritage Open Days:



6-9 Sept AND 13-16 Sept

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

And finally ...

Rod



Holidays:

The period when those rainy days usually arrive.

Travel:

If you look like your passport photograph, you are too ill to travel.

Work:

The brain is a wonderful organ; it starts the moment you get up in the morning and does not stop until you get to the office.

DID YOU KNOW:

There are four footpaths in the Parish, and with the exception of Redhill Lane, they are all orientated towards College Farm. Which gives an indication that the farm at one time gave employment to the majority of working men in Ovington. The men walked to work in the early days and naturally took the shortest and most direct route from where they lived, The tracks became well marked and when the definitive map was produced they were recognised as major walkways. Sadly they are no longer in use and have become overgrown or even in some cases eliminated altogether. A good argument for "Use it or lose it"



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