

The Ovington Oracle

October, 2018

Some leaves are changing colour, the equinox been-and-gone, and there have been a few frosty mornings. The clues are there ... Autumn is on its way.



British Summer Time ends on Sunday 28 October. At 2:00am the clocks are reset back to 1:00am giving us an extra hour so we can have a lie-in on Sunday morning.

Autumn regularly brings some less welcome activities: there are reports of heating oil thieves operating in the area, so check your supplies are secured. Also, in the past week a caravan has been stolen and a mower from Saham.

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
7 Oct, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
12 Oct, 7:30pm	Giants of Science – Creative Arts East show
21 Oct, 10:30am	Pet Service (Church)
16 Oct, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
27 Oct, 11:00am	Craft Fair

To book the village hall contact Christine Reilly 885848

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Sad News

We regret to announce the sudden and sad passing of Peter Johnson late of Crown Crescent, he was a popular and prominent member of our community and will be sadly missed. Our thoughts and sympathies go to his wife Sheila and immediate family.

Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday 19th September, 15 ladies enjoyed a demonstration by Suzi Smith on how to cleanse, tone and generally look after our faces. Angela was the 'guinea pig' and, after a few cleanses and a facial, her skin certainly looked invigorated! Suzi answered lots of questions and gave the ladies some good advice on how to care for their skin.

The competition for stone was won by Grace U. with her piece of granite

Next month, on Tuesday 16 October, we will be holding our AGM. This will involve a short business meeting followed by the ever-popular games of bingo. This year we have functioned with five members on the committee instead of the usual six and, with Christine and Ann having completed their three-year stint, we are really looking for three new members to join the remaining committee members. This is not an onerous task at all and the committee have had a lot of fun carrying out their duties during the year.

The competition will be something **plastic**.

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary / Timothy Birt

Report from the unconfirmed minutes of the 6 Sept meeting:

Matters Arising

- There is no news on a date for the trod to be installed.
- A site visit from Highways is needed. Clerk will request again!
- Memorial Trees (grant funded) have been ordered.

Correspondence

- Diocese of Norwich requested confirmation of continuation of tenancy (land, including allotments) at rent increase of £50pa – approved.
- Request to cut hedge between allotment access and churchyard– agreed, quotes will be obtained.
- Excess speed of vehicles discussed – bin stickers to be ordered.

Planning

- An update about enforcement actions for new accesses onto Carbrooke Road were shared and discussed. Further 'local knowledge' information has been requested by Breckland Council.
- 3PL/2018/0531/F and 3PL/2018/0839/SU approved

Financial

Councillors reviewed accounts, the precept position and signed cheques. Full details of receipts and expenses are reported in minutes (see 'legal documents' below).

Gravity Race

With 12 entrants the event was deemed a great success. It was agreed to do it again next year; provisional date: Sunday, 11 August.

Next meeting

8 November at 7:30pm at the Village Hall committee room.

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Messages:

Village

We offer a warm welcome to Bruce & Judy who have just moved into 45 The Street. We look forward to meeting and greeting you at some of our social events & very friendly gatherings.

Lyndia Lewis

I would like to say a huge thank you to all the people who showed me such kindness after my recent accident, I really was very touched. Now I know why I love living in this village.

You will be pleased to know I am well on the way to recovery, and will be back gardening very soon. Once again thank you all for your kind thoughts.

Lyndia

Sara Titcombe

I had 9 month old kitten and tried to stop him from going on the road because of the speed and the amount of traffic that we are having through the village. But today 28 August I lost him because we had another speeder through the village and he got hit and died. My husband Graham and I have lived in this lovely village since December 1999. We love living here but the through traffic has got very busy now. Lots of people use this village as a drive through short cut. Can we do anything about the speed? It would be nice if we could as my little cat was the 3rd cat in a space of 5 houses to be killed. Soon it may not be just the 3 cats it may be somebody's child and none of us want that. So please Parish Council can you do something? Thank you, Sara and Graham

[Editor: This is a long standing issue, causing angst at the Parish Council. The PC is in contact with Norfolk County Council highways dept.]

Grace Rumsby

Watton – Lloyds Bank Closure

The Bank will close next Monday, Oct 1 at 4.30pm

A mobile Bank will be in the Queens Hall Car Park on Mondays 1:00pm – 3:15pm and Thursdays 9:45am – 12:15pm

Up to £300 can be drawn at one time.

If you require more let them know beforehand

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Sunday, 7 Oct
9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 21 Oct
10:30am Pet Service

Monday 29 Oct
1:30pm Church Cleaning

What a lovely Harvest Service and Auction we had. The church looked lovely and we had an abundance of every kind of vegetable imaginable. A big thank you to Jean and Jeremy for taking the service and for Gudrun playing the organ, to the ladies who decorated the church so beautifully, to all who provided an abundance of produce in what has been a difficult growing year, and to the congregation who came to the service, stayed for refreshments and generously bought at the auction, which raised £100.

Future Special Services:

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

Nine teams competed in the Ovington Quiz on Saturday 8th September and tucked into a nice ploughman's supper. Most of the competitors came from neighbouring villages on the quiz circuit. There was only one Ovington team this year. A close competition, with only a point or two between the winners and the runners up. Well done to the winners – 'the Buzzles' from Shipdham and Mattishall. The event made a profit of £237.53

It would be nice to repeat previous years and see teams from the parish council, ladies group, bowls group etc. Get your teams ready for next year!

Future Events for your diary

Afternoon Tea – Sunday 30 September

Unfortunately, this is CANCELLED.

Giants of Science – Friday 12 October 7:30pm

Brought to us via Creative Arts East. A theatrical experience with jarring jokes, pitiful puppetry, and the silliest of scientific songs, you can expect this raucous romp through the hilarious history of scientific stupidity to bewell, if nothing else, thoroughly entertaining. 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 Mondays at VH or ring 885848. Doors open at 7:00pm.

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

Not to be missed. Plenty of hand crafted items at reasonable prices. Ideal timing for you to buy some Christmas gifts! Lots of home-made cake, light lunches and refreshments etc. Stalls will include the WI Country market, Linden Crafts (with some lovely wood turning products), a water colour artist, handmade cards and small gifts and Independence Matters with items made from wood and much more.

John Peel's Shed – Saturday 3 November 7:30pm

One man's story about winning a competition, where he won the contents of John Peel's shed! With music from the record collection he won. Tickets £8 available from Christine as above. Doors open 7:00pm.

A little Moan

It seems to be a regular occurrence, that every week we are finding several carrier bags of empty wine boxes deposited in Tesco carrier bags alongside the bottle bank. The village hall does not have recycling or household rubbish facilities, and with autumn approaching, we're likely to see these blown along the road. Can whoever is doing this, kindly stop. Please remember fly tipping is an offence and you could be fined!

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby

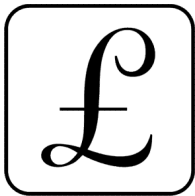


August: – 5 5mm or 2.14"

September so far (19 August): 10mm or 0.4" By the way it is raining at this moment, but you will have to wait until the Nov Oracle to find out how much

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The August draw produced the following prize winners:

First prize (£10)

Linda Murray;

Second prize (£5)

Timothy Birt. [Editor: *whoo-hoo!*]

Wayland Community Fridge

www.wayland.org.uk

Norfolk's first ever Community Fridge is open! Based at Wayland House, the fridge will be stocked with surplus food and available to everyone across the community.

Each year in the UK we throw away nearly 15 million tonnes of food and drink. Nearly half of this is perfectly good to eat!

Our Community Fridge enables businesses and individuals to waste less through the sharing of good quality food that's within its use-by date.

You can drop off good but unwanted food, and help yourself to what's on the shelf. Please read the instructions and disclaimer prior to use.

Visit the Community Fridge Facebook page to find out what's in the fridge today!

www.facebook.com/waylandcommunityfridge

Wayland First Responders

Editor

Wayland First Responders are a volunteer group, set up 16 years ago. They are independent but work with East Anglian Ambulance 999 service. When a call is received the dispatcher will also inform the local First Response group for incidents where they are appropriately qualified. Wayland First Responders receive ongoing training and are regularly assessed by the Ambulance Service, they are unusual amongst first responder groups as they have their own leased vehicle.

The service is completely voluntary and funded by donations from the public, they have their own bank account and you can send cheque donations to:

Mrs Jane Raine,
101 Hills Road,
Saham. IP25 7EW.

Last year, the service lost a number of regular donations when Norwich & Peterborough Building Society closed down, this amounted to around £1000/year. Some people made regular monthly donations for which Wayland First Responders were very grateful. While the names of the contributors were known, in some cases there were no up-to-date contact details to let them know what had happened. If you would like to make a regular donation please contact Mrs Jane Raine.

Some individual volunteers (not as part of Wayland First Responders) also help provide first aid cover at events such as the Watton Carnival and Panto.

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*!



- 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

Fiona Roat



After our summer events we are starting our Autumn talks with Rob Spray from the Sea-search Project. Rob is joint co-ordinator of this Marine Conservation Society project, which is one of the main inshore conservation information suppliers for the current Marine

Conservation Zones. We've waited a year for this man, so come and find out about his work, some 12 years of it.

Wednesday October 10 at Watton Christian Community Centre,
High Street, Watton. IP25 6AB

£2 members, £3 non-members, cost includes refreshments.

What's on elsewhere

A selection of events across Breckland and beyond:

Bar Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz

The Nene Valley Jazz Band

£7 – Tuesday 9 Oct 7:30pm

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 – The Hatton Garden Job

Tue 23 October, 7:30pm. £6

In 2015, a team of elderly experienced burglars stole millions of pounds from the vaults at The Hatton Garden Safe Deposit Company...

Coffee Plus!

Thurs 25 Oct, 10:30am – noon.

Memorial Hall Gallery Café – Every 4th Thursday of the month

FREE LIVE MUSIC : Mandolin with Ian

Not About Heroes

Sat 27 October, 7:30pm. Tickets: £12 / £10 (teens)

Flying Bridge Theatre Company

World touring production of Stephen Macdonald's play, celebrates the friendship between War Poets Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen. Beautifully written and movingly portrayed.

Details at: www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

And finally ...

Rod



At a village school not far from here...

Tommy: "I ain't got none"

Master: "You must not say that, Tommy You must say: "I have none, my Mother has none and my sister has none", "Now what do we say?"

Tommy: "Nobody ain't got none"

DID YOU KNOW:

That when the Romans decided to bypass Ovington Village they planned a nice straight road roughly where the infamous bends now are. The villagers were not particularly keen on this plan and got the Roman surveyors very drunk, hence the bendy road as we know it today.



*[Editor: Rod, do you have any supporting evidence for this?
Unless of course you were there yourself!]*

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