

The Ovington Oracle

July, 2019

The Summer solstice has been and gone, but we have a new solar event to look forward to:



At 23:10 on 4 July we reach aphelion, the point when the Earth is furthest away from the sun in its slightly elliptical orbit. This is a tiny advantage for us in the northern hemisphere because it means the summer is slightly longer and it is not quite as hot as it would otherwise be.

Diary Dates

At Village Hall unless indicated

Mondays, 10:30am NOT 1 July	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm NOT 1 July	Bowls
7 July, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
21 July, 10:30am	All age Worship (Church)
16 July, PM	Ladies Group Gressenhall visit
17 July, 7:30pm	Parish Council
27 July, 11:00am	Norfolk Day – Table/garden event, BBQ noon
28 July, 6:00pm	Hymns for a Summer Evening (Church)

To book the village hall contact Christine Reilly 885848

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

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Memorial: Joyce Woods

Jeremy Woods



My Wife, Joyce Woods, sadly died on 28 May in the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital. Her three daughters, Claire, Sally and Kate had been with her constantly for her last five days.

Joyce was well known in the village and beyond, with her great interest in gardening, as well as many other village activities and she had lovely friends. I would like to thank all of you who offered sympathy and help both before and after her passing.

There will be a Memorial service on Monday 1 July for her in the Church at 2:30pm, followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.

Please wear your brightest clothes!

All are Welcome.

Ladies Group

Gill Welsted



Our annual pub walk on Tuesday 18 June was planned to be around Thompson village and environs. Unfortunately the weather had different ideas and heavy rain at 6:00pm forced us out of the car park and into the pub! Needless to say we braved the bar until our dinner slot at 7:30pm when we all had a great meal. A total of 22 people came along, there was lots of chat, plenty of laughter and we had a lovely evening at the Chequers Inn. Many thanks to all the Chequers' staff who served us so well.

The July visit to Gressenhall is on the afternoon of Tuesday 16 July. Transport will be provided by the committee and those attending will be contacted nearer the time.

Calling all Scrappy Competitors

Timothy Birt

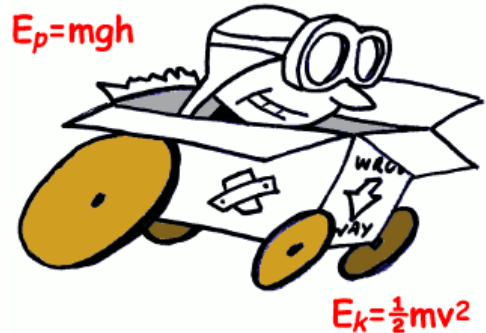
Full details and an application form for the Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race 2019 are at:

www.ovington.org.uk/wsgr

Race Day: **Sunday 11 August**

Young or old, experienced or not, all are welcome. Get your application in and start building your scrap masterpiece, the rattier the better!

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



Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



May rainfall was 34.5mm or 1.4".

The total so far for June (on solstice day) is 104mm or a fraction over 4". That rain dance has started to work, but you can stop now for a few days.

[**Editor:** With the arrival of 'April showers' I can legitimately return to a rain symbol.]

Ovington Allotment Association BBQ and Produce Show

Jill Burgess

You are all invited to our annual BBQ and Show on Sunday 18 August 2019 at 1:00pm at the village hall. Tickets are £8 per adult and £4 for under 12's, this is for two courses plus tea or coffee. We will be having some fun and games including the very popular wheelbarrow race which this year is open to anyone not just allotmenters so get decorating your barrows, the whackier the better!! Please contact either Jill on 883879 or Chris on 882222 for tickets. So come along and inspect the allotments and have a go at judging for yourselves as there will be two people's choice categories.

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Friday, 28 June

1:00pm Church Cleaning

Sunday, 7 July

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 21 July

10:30am All Age Worship

Sunday 28 July

6:00pm Hymns for a Summer Evening

Future Church Events

10:30am Sunday 15 September Harvest Festival

10:00am Saturday 21 September Coffee Morning

10:30am Sunday 20 October Pet Service

10:30am Sunday 10 November Remembrance Service

6:00pm Sunday 22 December Carol Service

10:30am Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day Service

10:30am Sunday 29 December Group Service

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Parish Clerk)

Next meetings

Wednesday, 17 July 2019, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Village Hall

Sue Horton

The sun shone and everyone had a thoroughly good time at the Mid Summer Fest BBQ on Saturday 22 June. The games got even more adventurous. Thanks to James Ball carpets for providing two carpet roll inners. With a lick of paint, they were transformed. But who would guess how difficult it would be tossing the caber. There were all sorts of techniques going on. Then some raucous laughter with the ladies vs men sack race. Don't mess with the Ovington tug of war teams either... they broke the rope! With Steve in charge of entertainment, whatever next?



Many of you will already be aware of the sad passing of Joyce Woods. She was a lovely lady, who lived life to the full, with a large circle of friends from the many groups she belonged to. Monday morning coffee will NOT take place on 1 July as there will be a memorial service at 2:30pm in the Church and refreshments afterwards in the village hall. Everyone welcome. Jeremy wants this to be a celebration of her life.



Events:

Saturday 27 July – Norfolk Day table top sale 11:00am – 3:00pm and BBQ from noon

Like a lazy bones boot sale as you don't need to get up early! An opportunity to sell items you no longer need, unwanted presents etc.

The idea is to collect a map from the village hall (some parking available). The map will show those participating in the event, you can then wander through the village and see what gems and bargains you can find.

We know that some of you have interesting collections, hobbies or interests – KIT cars, Classic cars, models etc. Maybe old machinery or collectables lurking in your garage that others would find interesting. We're hoping that you'd like to display these, so others can have a look. Something a little different for Norfolk Day, to show what us Norfolk folk get up to in our spare time!

There will be refreshments available throughout the event and a BBQ from noon.

We will be putting up posters, so that folk outside Ovington know about

the event.

**Please complete and return the enclosed flyer
by Monday 15 July at the latest.**

This information will feed into the map that we will hand out showing those joining in. There will be a small charge of £5 to be included in the map, for those wishing to have a 'table top sale' or 'display' in their garden or in the village hall.

Please post your entry to 1 Church Road (Chris Lewis) or hand it in to Christine at the village Hall on a Monday morning. Any enquiries, please phone Christine on 01953 885848.



Sunday 11 August – Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race and Village Hall BBQ

There will be refreshments and a BBQ available at the village Hall. This year's competition will be a recycling challenge. There will be 3 categories, each with prizes on offer. There will be one entry fee of £3 and you can enter all 3 categories if you wish. Entrants should create items out of recycled, second-hand materials (nothing new). The categories are:

1. Wearable
2. Useful
3. Decorative

So start collecting and creating now!



Help please ...

We require items for the tombola. Does anyone have a business or work for a business who might like to sponsor some prizes in aid of Ovington Village Hall? Please let Christine know on 01953 885848 and bring anything to the Village Hall on a Monday morning. No perishables please.

Future Events:

For those of you who enjoy coming to the live shows brought to us by Creative Arts East, we have booked two more shows for this autumn and one for the New Year, so save these Saturdays in your diary:

26 October	'Comedy of Errors' – Two Gents Productions
23 November	'No Hit Wonders' – Mumbo-Jumbo
29 February	'I, AmDram' – Hannah Maxwell

Messages

Grace Rumsby

Leprosy Mission

Very many thanks to everyone who has handed their used stamps to me during the last year.

According to the Leprosy Mission the total raised during 2018/2019 was £41,815 from used stamp donations, which your help contributed a considerable amount to this total.

Please keep saving your used stamps because every single one counts and is of value to a collector somewhere in the world.

Just keep popping your used stamps through my letter box (No 31 The Street). Many thanks again, Grace.

Jane Lambert

Air Ambulance coffee morning

I would like to say a very big thank-you to all the ladies who helped me on the day, made cakes and donated prizes for the tombola stall. Also to everyone who came and supported me and for the donations that were given for the Air Ambulance coffee morning.

It was so successful we raised a **total of £1050**

Many thanks again, Jane Lambert

Euro Elections

Timothy Birt

Last month in *The Oracle* I mentioned the Euro Elections, I thought I'd follow it up this time with a list of the results, and maybe just as interesting is how the result is determined.

The allocation uses the d'Hondt system. The table shows the actual votes in the 'FIRST' column with some extra columns which show the votes divided by two and divided by three. There might be need for addition columns, but three was enough for us in Eastern Region:

<i>Party</i>	<i>FIRST Total Votes</i>	<i>SECOND (divide by 2)</i>	<i>THIRD (divide by 3)</i>	<i>MEPs</i>
Change UK	58,274	29,137.0	19,424.7	
Conservative	(7) 163,830	81,915.0	54,610.0	1
English Democrats	10,217	5,108.5	3,405.7	
Green	(4) 202,460	101,230.0	67,486.7	1
Labour	139,490	69,745.0	46,496.7	
Liberal Democrats	(2) 361,563	(6) 180,781.5	120,521.0	2
Brexit	(1) 604,715	(3) 302,357.5	(5) 201,571.7	3
UKIP	54,676	27,338.0	18,225.3	
Independent	3,230	1,615.0	1,076.7	

Before the election each party list their candidates in order of preference, but when we vote we select a party rather than a person.

Looking at 'FIRST' column, the Brexit Party have the largest number so they get the first MEP from their list, their number is then crossed out, as shown. Then we choose again, we still use the FIRST column except when we find a number crossed out, then we look across the columns until we find an uncrossed-out number. This time the Liberal Democrats have the highest number so they get the second MEP (their top candidate), their number is crossed out. The third choice is slightly more interesting because this time the SECOND column number for the Brexit Party is the largest, so they get the third MEP (the second candidate from their Party list). The process continues until all MEPs are selected.

We have now selected all 7 MEPs, at least until 31 October, when it is anyone's guess as to what will happen. Our MEPs are:

Richard Tice (Brexit Party),	Michael Heaver (Brexit Party),
June Mummary (Brexit Party),	Barbara Gibson (Lib-Dem),
Lucy Nethsingha (Lib-Dem),	Catherine Rowett (Green),
Geoffrey Van Orden (Conservative)	

What's on nearby:

Keith & Caroline

Thompson Grand Second hand book sale – 13 July

Our next sale is on Saturday 13th July at Thompson Community Hall from 10:00am until 4:00pm. As usual there will be a HUGE new selection of titles for you to browse including fiction, non-fiction, poetry and a greater-than-usual number of children's books. Remember, our prices start at just 10p, with NO BOOK COSTING MORE THAN ONE POUND. For this Children's Special we'll also have new and pre-loved toys, all sorts of games including family, computer, and board ones, jigsaws of various sizes from 6 to 1500 pieces, and a selection of children's DVDs. Lots to keep everyone amused during the holidays, with everything fully checked beforehand.

Refreshments will be available until 3:30pm including hot and cold drinks, ice creams, sweet and savoury snacks, and light lunches. We aim to cater for all dietary needs including vegetarian, vegan, gluten, and dairy free. There will be whole cakes and savouries to take away too. Fun have-a-go games, stalls, and story-telling will be set up on the Millennium Green, and of course there's a play area there.

See www.thompsoncommunityhall.co.uk

Sue Horton



Funded from the National Lottery Arts Council strategic touring fund, Silver Social brings 'something a little different' to daily life in rural Breckland.

July's 'Mosaic Magic' is fully booked.

However in August there is a blockbuster, adventure and rom com rolled into one, Desert Island Flicks sees two leading ladies reimagine, remake and spoof

60 of the most memorable movie moments of all time in just 60 minutes, taking on all the lead roles, stunts, and special effects! **

Monday 5 August, 2:00pm-3:30pm at **Ashill Community Centre**

Thursday 8 August, 2:00pm-3:30pm at **Shipdham, All Saints Church**

Also at Harling (6 Aug), Attleborough (7 Aug) and Necton (9 Aug)

£5 including refreshments. More information at:

www.thesilversocial.com or by calling: 01362 656870.

[** highly recommended by Christine for entertainment and value]

What's on elsewhere:

www.derehammemorialhall.info

Friends of
Dereham
Memorial
Hall



Film Night: **SOMETIMES ALWAYS NEVER**

Alan (Bill Nighy) is a stylish tailor with moves as sharp as his suits. He has spent years searching tirelessly for his missing son Michael who stormed out over a game of scrabble. With a body to identify and his family

torn apart, Alan must repair the relationship with his youngest son Peter (Sam Riley) and solve the mystery of an online player who he thinks could be Michael, so he can finally reunite his family.

Tickets £6 (£5 for Friends) limited to 46 - available online or on the door.

Enquire or book at www.ticketsource.co.uk/fodmh

Ken Hawkins

Short walks around Dereham – Friday 5 July

On the first Friday of each month meet at Queen Mother's Garden in Dereham (near NR19 1XE) at 10:00am for an organised, leisurely walk (less than 4 miles). Cost £2 to support Dereham Walkers are Welcome. There is an option, at the end of the walk, to enjoy some refreshments together at an agreed venue.



Full details at www.DerehamWaW.org.uk

Fiona Roat

Summer night wildlife walk:



On Saturday 6 July, we are having an evening walk on East Wretham Nature Reserve, led by a member of the NWT Brecks team. We hope to see and hear some of the night-time wildlife which makes its home there. It will begin at 8:30pm and finish at 10:30pm.

Booking is essential: 01953 717227

Venue: Meet at NWT East Wretham Reserve car park on A1075. IP25 1RU. Please leave dogs at home this time.

Cost: £2 members, £3 non-members.
Booking essential, ring Lesley on 01953 717227.

And finally ...

Rod

- >> The teacher said to Charlie's class "Will all those who think they might be stupid stand up"
For a moment no one stirred, then Charlie got to his feet.
"Charlie" said the teacher "Do you think you're stupid?"
"Not reely Miss" he say "I jist dint like tew see yew standin' there orl by yoreself".
- >> Ole Missus Garge she say:
"If yew want tew kip friends with the peeple in yar willage, keep orff tha Parish Cowncil"
- >> One of Bill Shakespeare's plays has been translated into Norfolk, can you work out which one it was. "Lotta Squit Bowt Beggar Orl"



Answers on a ten pound note please

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