

# The Ovington Oracle

August, 2019



Church Road will be closed on Sunday 11 August for a day of mayhem. Please come and join us and see which carts we can break! Access to the car park will be from the A1075 end of Church Road.

Remember to bring some cash for the Village Hall BBQ and other refreshments.

## Diary Dates

*At Village Hall unless indicated*

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls <b><u>EXCEPT</u> 29 July &amp; 26 August</b>
4 August, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
11 August, 11:30am	Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race
18 August, 10:30am	All age Worship (Church)
18 August, 1:00pm	Allotment Association BBQ
20 August, 6:00pm	Ladies Group summer social
25 August, 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](http://www.ovington-village.org.uk)

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**[www.ovington.org.uk/oracle](http://www.ovington.org.uk/oracle)**

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## Ladies Group

Gill Welsted



The planned visit to Gressenhall Rural Life Museum was postponed to show respect for Julie North's memorial service which was held on that same day. Several members of the Ladies Group attended the funeral at Scoulton Crematorium and afterwards the BBQ at the Village Hall, everyone was invited.

At the meeting on Tuesday 20 August we will have our summer social evening outside, weather permitting. Please be at the Village Hall for 6:00pm and please bring a plate of food to share. We have done this in the past and are always amazed at the variety of food. We just need the weather to be kind. The competition is something beginning with the letter 'E'.

The trip to Gressenhall has been rearranged for Tuesday 10 September. You will be contacted nearer the time with reference to transport arrangements.

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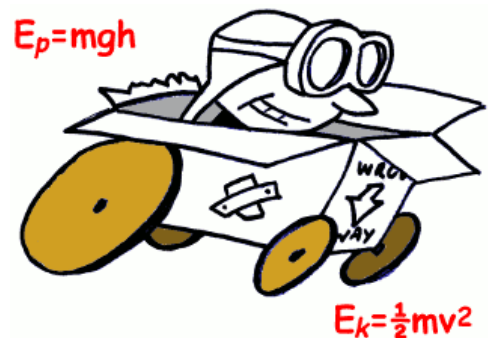
## Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race

Timothy Birt

Full details at:

[www.ovington.org.uk/wsgr](http://www.ovington.org.uk/wsgr)

Race Day: **Sunday 11 August**



### Provisional timetable

11:30 – 12:00 Scrutineering and part 1 judging.

12:00 – 12:30 Test and check carts over the obstacles, but no full course runs or high speed test.

13:00 – 14:00 **Race**

14:15 Judges' final deliberation.

14:30 Winners awarded with spectacular (scrap) trophies.

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## Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



Total for June was 104mm or 4.1".

As of July 22 it is somewhat drier at 15mm or 0.6".

**[Editor:** *Back to drought conditions! The overnight electrical storms in the morning of the 24 July are not included in the rainfall figure, we will see in next month's report how much this contributed, but I suspect not enough.*]

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## 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.

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# St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Sunday, 4 August

9:30am Holy Communion

Tuesday, 6 August

1:00pm Church Cleaning

Sunday, 18 August

10:30am All Age Worship

Sunday 25 August

6:00pm Hymns for a Summer Evening

What a lovely Memorial Service we held in the church for the late Joyce Woods. The church looked beautiful with picked flowers adorning the windowsills etc., many picked from Joyce's allotment and appropriately decorated by her friends. The tributes were amazing and we send our deepest sympathy to Jeremy and all the family and friends.

We also send our deepest sympathies to Gordon North and his family after losing Julie who fought a courageous battle for many years.

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## Coffee Morning

Saturday 21 September 10:00 – noon in the Village Hall

RAFFLE TOMBOLA CRAFTS CAKES & MORE

Come and meet your friends for a coffee and chat

*Any contributions may be left in the church or given to any church member and cakes may be brought on the morning.*

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## 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

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## Parish Council (PC)

*Timothy Birt*

The weather was so pleasant we moved outside the committee room to hold the PC meeting in the open air. The Clerk and Councillors were joined by three members of the public.

This report is derived from notes, the official position of the PC is defined in the minutes.

### **Co-Option**

Pete Bate of 8 The Street was co-opted to the PC. He signed his acceptance of office and was provided necessary 'Declaration of Pecuniary Interest' forms.

### **Planning**

Councillors had already viewed applications online and had no additional comments for 3PL/2019/0543/HOU and 3PL/2019/0652/VAR

It was noted that 3PL/2019/0448/HOU and 3PL/2019/0543/HOU were approved by the planning authority (Breckland Council).

### **Finance**

Following a catalogue of difficulties it was agreed to transfer the PC bank account from Barclays to Lloyds. A transfer instruction was signed by all Councillors and ex-councillors present.

Councillors reviewed the financial position and noted the precept has been received. Payments were reviewed and cheques signed.

### **Policy Documents**

Subject to some minor amendments four policy documents were formally adopted and will be available on the website:

Internet Banking Policy, Complaints Procedure, Community Engagement Strategy and Media Relations Policy

### **Community Emergency Plan (CEP)**

The CEP is a database in two parts, first those who might need assistance in an emergency such as power cut, closed road, flood, etc. The second part is a contact list of those with equipment and expertise to help in such an emergency. Data protection requires that information held is secure and used properly.

The Clerk presented a plan template from South Norfolk. TB indicated

that Breckland were also starting to develop the concept too, however Councillors did not wish to delay and will proceed with the template.

### **Public Participation**

A discussion ensued around which areas of the road verges needed to be cut back. For the most part the new policy of NCC Highways to only cut the verges once per season was seen as a good thing, however the corner of Church Road (at Waterend Fm) and the junction between The Street and A1075 were flagged as safety concerned due to limited visibility.

### **Next meeting** (provisional)

Wednesday, 18 September 2019, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

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

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## **Church Treasurer Position**

*Mary Davey (Treasurer, St Johns Church)*

I have been treasurer for your church for ten years next March and feel now that I should step down and hopefully encourage someone in Ovington to take on the job. I will be resigning as of the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting in March/April 2020.

It is not a very onerous task and anyone who likes figures and is good on a computer would not find it difficult.

Although I do not live in the village, I have always felt very welcome and have tried to do my best raising money for the church which I love and helping out at village hall events. I will still endeavour to help out where I can but it has been difficult juggling my time between two churches and doing my bit for St Georges where Martin is Church Warden.

If anyone is interested in taking on this role please feel free to telephone me or come round and see what it involves.

Mary Davey – 01953 889420; 52 Hills Road, Saham Toney

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# Village Hall

Sue Horton

The Norfolk Day event (27 July) has been cancelled due to lack of interest. With just four applications the event is unviable.

## **Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race and Village Hall BBQ**

Sunday 11 August

There will be refreshments and a BBQ available at the Village Hall. This year's competition will be a recycling challenge. There will be three 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 carry on collecting and creating!

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 the dates in your diary:

26 October      'Comedy of Errors' – Two Gents Productions

23 November    'No Hit Wonders' – Mumbo-Jumbo

We need to provide overnight accommodation for up to four people for the Mumbo-Jumbo event. There will be one free ticket to the show for each person accommodated. If anyone can host, please let Christine know. We appreciate this will probably mean two hosts. They are content to share in twin rooms.

29 February    'I, AmDram' – Hannah Maxwell



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# Messages

Grace Rumsby

## **Carpet Bowls**

The Ovington Carpet Bowls Club has been in operation for around 30 years but due to falling membership and dearth of new faces it is facing imminent closure. There is still a chance of survival if a few new folk would care to join our happy throng. The first game is free with instruction provided to give newbies an idea of how to bowl without wrecking the Village Hall or wounding fellow players, it's not that difficult though. Naturally refreshments are provided at half time and the competitive streak is conspicuous by its absence. Why not pop along most Monday's at 1:30 pm and see how you go, a warm welcome is guaranteed.

For more details give Grace a ring on 882246 or Rosemary on 881081  
Look forward to seeing you.

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## **Barking Dogs**

Recently I have been woken on several occasions in the early hours of the morning by dogs which have been put out in peoples gardens and continuously bark.

I understand dogs need some outside time but to leave them out for two or three hours seems rather inconsiderate!

If you own a dog please consider other people who are trying to get some sleep!

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## What's on nearby:

[www.queenshallwatton.co.uk](http://www.queenshallwatton.co.uk)

### Queen's Hall events

- Bingo, most Monday evenings starting 8:00pm.  
Details: Janet Lundie on 01953 883529
- Antiques & Collectables Fair – Sunday 15  
September  
9:00am – 3:30pm, admission Free



Queens Hall, Watton. IP25 6DA

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*Breckland Council*



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

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](http://www.thesilversocial.com) or by calling: 01362 656870.

Next month: 'Beginners Letterpress Printing' with Print to the People

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## What's on elsewhere:

[www.derehammemorialhall.info](http://www.derehammemorialhall.info)

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Memorial  
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### Film Night: THE KEEPER

Staring David Kross and Freya Mavohe this is the extraordinary story of German POW Bert Trautmann. Talent-spotted playing football in the camp by the manager of St Helens Town, he stayed on in England at the end of the war

and married the manager's daughter. Facing down hostility and abuse for being German, he went on to be signed by Manchester City, securing victory for his team in the 1956 Cup Final despite a broken neck.

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

Enquire or book at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/fodmh](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/fodmh)

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*Fiona Roat*

### Ancient woodland walk:



On Sunday 11 August 10:00am to noon, is a walk guided by Dr Anne Edwards around Ashwellthorpe Wood. Anne is very knowledgeable, amusing and enthusiastic and has worked to help conserve this ancient wood for many years.

Booking is essential: 01953 717227

Venue: Meet at NWT Lower Wood, Ashwellthorpe, NR16 1HB.  
Please leave dogs at home this time.

Cost: £2 members, £3 non-members.

Contact Fiona ([fionaroat@btinternet.com](mailto:fionaroat@btinternet.com)) to be added to our email list.

## And finally ...

Rod



From last month:

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One of Bill Shakespeare's plays has been translated into Norfolk: "Lotta Squit Bowt Beggar Orl"

"Answers on a ten pound note please"

Judging by the way the editor has been splashing the cash recently, I assumed most people correctly worked out the answer to last months brain teaser with £10 notes thrust through his letter box. The answer, as you have probably worked out, was "**Much ado about nothing**"

*[Editor: Only Monopoly money here – I thought your cunning and devious plan was that the real tenners were heading your direction Rod!]*

- >> Why is it when two planes almost hit each other it is called a "near miss"?  
Shouldn't it be called a "near hit"?
- >> Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

Did you  
know ?

That the "honey cart" used to visit Ovington nightly until 1979. Calling on several properties in The Street.

A honey cart it is the opposite of what you might think, if you don't know what it is, try Google!

### Deadline for next issue: 23 August

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