

The Ovington Oracle

September, 2012

As we move into September it seems as if warm weather has finally arrived. Walking through the village all the gardens are looking wonderful. The jubilee colours of red, white and blue provide a delightful theme in many gardens. Those of you lucky enough to have the space and time to grow the vegetables are now in the harvesting period and no doubt experiencing a glut of the tomatoes, courgettes and apples and hopefully from the hedgerow we will have blackberries and sloes. Finding ways to use the glut can be difficult so if you have a favourite family recipe you are happy to share we can run a recipe section in the Oracle.

Diary Dates:

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays @ 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays @ 1:45pm	Bowls
5th Sept @ 11:00am	Craft Sessions (until 4:00pm latest)
5th Sept @ 7:45pm	Gardening club
6th Sept @ 7:30am	Parish Council meeting
8th Sept @ 11:00am	Table-Top, Car Boot and Jumble Sale
9th Sept @ 12:00 noon	Pet Service – church
18th Sept @ 7:45pm	Ladies Group
24th Sept @ 6:00pm	NEW Junior choir taster session
30 th Sept @ 4:00pm	Allotment Association AGM

To book the village hall contact Christine Hardy 889920

More at: www.ovington-village.org.uk

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Have you lost a key?

A key was found in the village hall car park recently.
Please ring 885848 if you think it may be yours.

Welcome to Ovington:

From everyone !

We offer a warm Ovington welcome to Helen, Neil, Katherine & Peter who have recently moved into Redwood House, and also to Tony & Christine who are now resident in The Street. We look forward to meeting and greeting you at any of our varied and welcoming Village activities, or when just passing through the village.

Ladies Group:

Maureen Simmons



We were a little down on numbers at our August meeting because of the holiday period, but those of us who attended enjoyed our get-together with a cuppa and home made goodies to eat. It was a good evening for a chat and fun with some "sweet" competitions.

At the next meeting, on 18th September at 7:45 pm in the village hall, the House Manager from Oxburgh Hall near Swaffham will be coming along to talk about the Hall's history. Please remember our meetings are open to all ladies in the village (and elsewhere). You do not have to be a member - you can come along as a guest for just £1. The competition for the evening is something beginning with H.

Finally, a reminder for your diary – Halloween Supper on Saturday, 27th October. More details next month.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Nearby events:

West Norfolk Aviation Society

At the August meeting, Peter Gunn author, historian, publisher and a founder member of the WNAS. was introduced by Rod Rumsby. His talk was entitled 'Barnstormers and Circus Fliers'. Norfolk was at the forefront of early aviation with a balloon flight at Norwich in 1785 and many attempts at man made flight.

Norfolk saw increasing aircraft activity during The First World War both Royal Naval Air Service and Royal Flying Corp operating from improvised airfields around the east and north Norfolk coast, in response to mounting attacks by German Airships.

With the end of hostilities, the newly formed Royal Airforce, carried out a reduction in both pilots and aircraft. The availability of cheap aircraft and unemployed pilots saw the creation of many, what the Americans' termed, Barnstormers and the Flying Circus, these attracted crowds numbered in thousands. The most famous was Alan Cobham's, (later Sir Alan Cobham) who apart from stunt and display flying, offered the public the opportunity to take a short flight for a modest fee. Alan Cobham went on to survey air routes to southern Africa, India and Australia and to pioneer In-flight Refuelling.

Next Meeting Tuesday 4th September 7:30pm at Methwold Social Club.

Speaker: Chris Samuels

"Thor Missiles: Arrival, Impact and Departure 1958-1963"

New members & guests welcomed. For more Information tel: 01842 879210 or 01953 882246 or visit our web site

www.westnorfolkaviationsociety.co.uk

Parish Council:

Rod Rumsby

There has been no PC meeting this month so there are no major updates to record, other than we are still awaiting the expected mass of applications to fill a vacant position on the PC. A thoroughly rewarding job, very little physical exertion required apart from the trek to the Village Hall to attend the bi-monthly meetings and a desire to see Ovington continue as a pleasant and safe place in which to live.

Talking of safe places, the PC have been approached by several of our citizens asking what we could do about a series of very loud explosions which caused alarm and despondency recently. Apparently these were loud enough to cause trauma to older folks, war veterans, people living alone and in particular, domestic pets and animals. They were, it seems, caused by a rather spectacular firework display, which turned out to be more percussive than pretty. However, despite the alarm caused there was nothing illegal about the display, it being performed before the deadline of 10:30pm, where-after a special licence is required. So sorry folks there is nothing the PC can do in this instance except to ask that if similar displays are to take place, which might include very loud explosions, then it might be considerate if a little fore warning is given, or preferably, an invite to join in the celebrations with perhaps a little libation to stimulate the Dutch courage within us.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Thursday 6th** September at 7:30pm in the Village Hall committee room, all welcome to attend, please bring your applications for the position of Parish Councillor.

Tim (not Linda!)

I have been dared to include this joke, so I'll sneak it in here ...

Did you here about the two blondes who froze to death at a drive-in movie?
... they had gone to see "Closed for the Winter"

Church:

Ann Johnson

The Church cleaning day has changed now to the first Tuesday in the month at 2:00pm so in September it will be on the 4th. Do come along and join us if you have an hour to spare.

Saturday 8th September is the Norfolk Churches Trust Sponsored Bike Ride and our church will be manned to welcome riders and to sign their forms from 9 – 5. If you are able to man the church for an hour please let me know. If anybody fancies getting on their bike to enjoy a nice bike ride visiting different churches and at the same time raising much needed money for St John's and the Norfolk Churches Trust please ask me for a form of sponsorship.

Sunday 9th September at 12:00 noon is our Annual Pet Service. This will be an outdoor service and we will be joined by Watton Silver Band. We hope that by holding this service outdoors more animals will be able to join us. Light refreshments will be served for humans and animals.

October 7th at 10:30am we will be holding our Harvest Festival. The Service will be followed by harvest cake and drink and then John Hardy will auction the produce. Although it is Christine's turn to do altar flowers perhaps other ladies on the flower rota, or those who are not, would like to help decorate the church for Harvest. As the church is open during the day please feel free to take up any contributions for Harvest at your convenience.

PACT Supper feedback

Christine Reilly

Many thanks to everyone who helped with and came to the supper in aid of the PACT sanctuary. The magnificent sum of £423.50 was raised to help them with their much needed work. It is a pity that in the 21st century there is still widespread abuse and neglect of animals.

NEW Junior Choir

Julia Grover & Linda Murray

Breckland Harmony is forming a new choir for young people, boys and girls aged from 9 to 13.

Rehearsals will take place separately from the ladies choir, on a Monday evening from 6:00pm to 7:00pm at Ovington Village Hall. The new choir/singing group will be directed by local teachers Julia Grover and Linda Murray, who are offering the first rehearsal on 24th September as a free taster session.

If you enjoy singing come along and have some fun. Improve your singing with modern and more traditional music, and learn about singing with expression and a little about reading music.

We will aim to showcase your new found skills at the end of each term with a short informal performance.

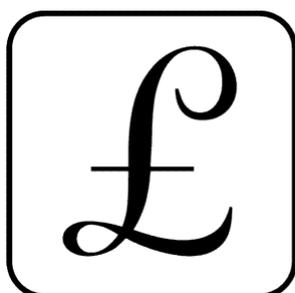
Julia and Linda will be visiting local schools in September to tell local children about the new choir.

Parents are welcome to call for more information:
Julia 01953 483654 or Linda 01953 880073

There will be charge of £15 per term to cover expenses.

Village Lottery:

Alan Powell



August winners of the village lottery:

1st (£10)	Simon Hardy
2nd (£5)	Laura Sproston

Congratulations to both.

Gardening Club:

Ed Reily



Following our break in August, the September meeting will be a talk by Ian Stanton on 'Gardening in the Shade'. This will be held in Ovington Village Hall on Wednesday 5th September at 7:45pm. Meetings are open to non-members for a fee of £1 and everyone is

welcome. For more details contact:

Ed on 01953 885848

Carol on 01760 440719.

Village Hall:

Christine Reilly

Table-Top, Car Boot and Jumble Sale - 8th September
11:00am until 3:00pm

After forewarning of this in last month's Oracle, hopefully everyone will have their jumble and surplus possessions ready and organised. Indoor tables are available for £5, outdoor pitches for £4. Speak to any member of the village hall committee to book your table/space, or ring 885848. Jumble, which must be clean, unbroken and in good condition, can be delivered to the hall at the Coffee Morning on Monday 3rd September or by arrangement with any committee member BEFORE Friday 7th September please.

Annual Bazaar - Saturday 1st December

There will be a meeting to discuss arrangements and ideas for the annual bazaar in the village hall at 7:00pm on Thursday 11th October. Everyone is welcome. If you cannot attend, but would like to help in any way, please contact one of the committee with details. This is a joint event between the village hall and the church – all the proceeds are split between them – and an opportunity for everyone to participate.

Craft Sessions – Wednesday 5th September

We had an encouraging response to our first crafting session at the beginning of August, with more people interested in coming in September and beyond. So far the majority of people have embarked on knitting projects - mostly knitting baby clothes for the 'Fish & Chip' babies in Uganda - but one forward-thinking crafter began making Christmas decorations! Other crafts are expected this month. It was decided that a contribution of £2 per person per session would go towards covering village hall costs, including tea & coffee. Even if you can't make it for the whole session (starting at 11am and finishing by 4pm at the latest) do drop in whenever you find some spare time.

Village BBQ feedback

Ovington folk are fairly resilient when it comes to bad weather. This was proved once again when, just before the BBQ started, the heavens opened and poured forth some much-needed rain onto the parched ground. Did it deter people? No it did not! More than 30 determined diners braved the elements and just took their BBQ supper indoors where a good time was had by all. Thank you, everyone, for coming out on such an awful night to support the village hall and meet with neighbours old and new. A big 'thank you' to Jon for doing all the cooking and to all those who helped with the clearing up. We will try to fix next year's BBQ during the drought!

Allotments:

Christine Reilly

The AGM of the Allotment Association will be held in the committee room of the village hall on Sunday 30th September at 4:00pm. If anyone wishes to apply for a plot, please contact me beforehand for details and to add your name to the waiting list (priority is given to people living in Ovington). Otherwise, come along to the meeting.

Editors Requests:

Linda

History behind the front door

Did anyone else see *Restoration House* and the work they are doing to bring Page's Place in Saham back to life? It got us wondering if anyone had done similar work on any of the houses in Ovington, certainly the 'History of Ovington' booklet produced last year provides an insight into the previous life of some of the buildings.

We would welcome any contributions about the history of our village.

Recycling-upcycling

Whilst we don't usually advertise business if you have any items that you are trying to sell or requests for items we are happy to run these adverts free of charge. Don't forget the jumble sale on the 8th ... one man's junk is another man's treasure.

Joke:

Q: Which side of a chicken has the most feathers?

A: The outside

Logic Puzzles (solutions over page, so no peeking):

1. How many steps are required to break a bar of chocolate with R rows and C columns into individual squares? You may only break along row and column boundaries and no stacking pieces together.
2. Three boxes contain fruit, but all have been incorrectly labelled. The boxes are labelled "apples", "pears" and "apples & pears". You may choose one fruit from one box then must correctly identify all three boxes.
3. You have ten pound coins in your purse and ten friends, feeling particularly generous you decide to give each friend a pound coin. After a while you check in the purse and find a pound coin remaining, why?

Logic puzzle solutions **don't read** before trying the questions on previous page:

1. **Chocolate Bar:** Each time you make a break you turn 1 piece into 2, thus adding just one piece for each break made. So it needs the number of squares (RxC) minus 1 to break it into individual squares. The 'minus one' is because you did not need any breaks to get the first piece as this is the whole bar.
2. **Fruit boxes:** take a fruit from the "apples & pears" box. Since the label is wrong it must contain either all apples or all pears. Swap the 'apples & pears' label with the label from the fruit you chose (eat the fruit – it's good for you). One box still has its original label so must be wrong, therefore swap the labels from the boxes you did not originally pick.
3. **Coins:** You gave 9 friends a pound coin and the tenth friend your purse containing a pound coin.

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