

The Ovington Oracle

May, 2014

Look out for further developments around the village over the next few weeks.

A 'convex' safety mirror is waiting to be installed, which I'll do very shortly. This should help visibility when crossing from the Saham-Toney side of the cross roads.

The village defibrillator has arrived. Installation in the old phone box will require a little extra work to the electrical supply which again we will be looking at in the next few days.

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:45pm	Bowls
Mondays, 6:00pm	Breckland Js Junior Choir
1 May, 7:30pm	Annual Parish Meeting
1 May, 8:45pm	Parish Council AGM
4 May, 9:30am	Holy Communion (church)
6 May, 1:30pm	Chatter Tea
7 May, 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm
15 May, 6:30pm+	Village collection for festival (see pg. 5)
17 May, 10:00am	Gardening club plant sale 'till noon
18 May, 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service (church)
20 May, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
25 May, 4:00pm	Flower Festival 'Songs of Praise' (church)
24-26 May	... Flower Festival

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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

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Village Hall charges

Lyndia Lewis

From the 1st of April hiring charges for the Village Hall changed. This is only for personal bookings (all groups that hire on a regular basis will remain the same).

£5 an hour for residents of the village.

£10 an hour for people outside the village.

Anyone who booked the hall before the 1st of April will of course be paying the original price.

The rates to hire hall are very competitive especially as it includes electricity, often charged separately at other venues. If you have a *reason to party* and have never been inside the hall please ring me on 882222 and I will willingly show you around.

The full fee must be paid at time of booking; if the booking is subsequently cancelled a percentage of the money will be retained on a sliding scale proportional to the notice given.

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



On Tuesday 15th April beautician Suzanne Smith gave us all a lot of beauty tips. She showed us how to apply our make-up, which she demonstrated on Jayne.

Thank you Jayne for being our willing(?) '*volunteer*'.

You looked beautiful. Suzanne also gave some of us a few tips for flaking and splitting nails. It was an interesting and fun evening.

Sophie Emmanuel from the East Anglian Air Ambulance will be speaking to us on Tuesday 20th May. The Ladies Group will be giving their annual charity donation to this charity. The competition is something beginning with '**Y**'. Our meetings are held in the Village Hall and begin at 7:45pm. All ladies are very welcome to join us.

The Ladies Group entered a team for the village quiz on Saturday 19th April. The team was Daphne Preece, Jill Malton, Christine Reilly and Angela Wynne. We felt we did the Ladies Group proud as we ended in joint 4th place. Thank you to the ladies and you never know we may win one year!!!!

Members of the Ladies Group were sad to hear of the death of Ellis Kiddell. Several of our members went to his funeral which was on Tuesday 15th April in St Marys Church, Watton. Hilda and Ellis lived in Ovington for many years and were keen supporters of all activities with their son Richard and his son Matthew. Our condolences are sent to the whole family.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The April draw winners:

1st Prize (£10)

John Hardy

2nd Prize (£5)

Karen Weir

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



The April meeting was a talk by Simon White on 'Growing for Gold'. This was delivered with an interesting look at how far Peter Beales Roses have come since their early days right up to present, with half a million roses produced each year. The loss of three members of the family in a short space of time was a spur to produce the twentieth Gold medal at Chelsea last year and this talk was about how this was done, from the initial root stock planting through to the final display.

The May meeting is our plant sale and coffee morning, held on Saturday 17 May from 10:00am until noon at the village hall. If you want some plants or just a coffee and a piece of cake, we will be pleased to serve you. More details available from Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

Annual Parish Meeting

Timothy Birt

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **1 May at 7:30pm** in the Village Hall. This is your opportunity to hear what is going on in the parish and have your say. Strictly speaking it is not a meeting of the Parish Council however, it is organised and usually chaired by the PC chairman.

We hope to have reports from:

- Parish Council
- Village Hall
- Ladies Group
- Fuel Trust
- Ovington Church
- Breckland Harmony
- Allotment Association
- Bowls Club
- Gardening Club
- District Councillor John Rogers
- County Councillor Stan Hebborn

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Village Hall

The Ovington Quiz was a great success, despite being held at Easter when everyone was supposed to be away! The hall was full to capacity and all teams had lots of fun showing off their general knowledge (and tucking in to a buffet supper!). We raised the wonderful total of £307.80 for village hall funds. Thanks to everyone who helped to make it successful.

Note: If you enjoyed this, or missed out on getting a team together, the Gardening Club are holding a quiz along similar lines in the village hall on Saturday 14 June at 7:30pm in order to raise funds for paying speakers. Details from Ed on 885848.

Flower Festival

The village hall will be open for refreshments throughout the Flower Festival weekend (24-26 May). On the menu will be Ploughman's Lunches at £2.50, filled rolls at only £1 each, plus all the usual sumptuous array of cakes and teatime goodies. There will be a **raffle, tombola, cake stall, books, bric-a-brac and plants** and donations of items for any of these will be gratefully received. At least 150 bottles are needed for the tombola! We will be collecting round the village from **6:30pm on Tuesday 13 May**. Please leave any bags or boxes of donations clearly visible on a doorstep (or by the gate if you have a long driveway). You could also bring items to the village hall any Monday morning when the hall is open for coffee. Helpers will also be needed inside the hall to man stalls, serve food, wash up, etc., so if you can spare a couple of hours, please contact me on 885848. A rota is being prepared to cover the whole weekend so helpers will be able to enjoy the rest of the festival.

If you normally support the summer fête, please join in with this special event and help to make it the success it was the last time. Don't forget this event supports the church and village hall equally and together with the Bazaar forms our major fund raiser for the year. Let's hope the weather is kinder to us this time!

Final Note

The village hall locks have been changed and essential key-holders will be contacted in the next few days to arrange the issue of new keys.



FLOWER FESTIVAL

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, OVINGTON

Sat 24th, Sun 25th & Mon 26th May

10am - 4pm

A variety of arrangements will be displayed in the church including 'Children's Corner' and Breckland Js and The Harmonettes will be singing on Saturday afternoon at 2pm

There will be a Songs of Praise at 4pm on Sunday.

Refreshments, including light lunches, will be served throughout the festival in the adjacent Village Hall, together with raffle, tombola, bric-a-brac and book stall.

Do come and enjoy this special event.

The profits will be divided equally between St John's Church and the Village Hall.

Church

Ann Johnson

Thank you to Revd Doug Alexander (and his wife) for the special Mothering Sunday Service at Ovington. Thank you also to Jane for the beautiful posies, Christine for the tasty Simnel buns and to David for kindly playing the organ for us.



Following the APCM we are delighted that Chris Springford is continuing to be church warden. We are indebted to all the work that Chris has done this last year particularly with the village survey leading to the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund and we are grateful that Jean Rockett has agreed to be our second church warden. We are so pleased that Jean has made her home in the village enabling us to have a Lay Led Service each month.

9:30am Sunday 4th May	Holy Communion
10:00am Saturday 10th May	GRAND CHURCH CLEAN. Come and help us clean the Church in preparation for the FLOWER FESTIVAL.
10:30am Sunday 18th May	Lay Led Family Service
4:00pm Sunday 25th May	Flower Festival 'Songs of Praise'

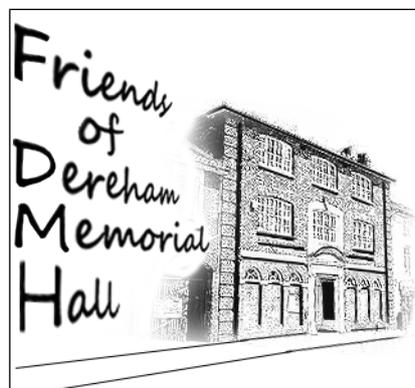
Children's Artwork

We hope all the children are preparing their pictures, craft-work etc. to display in the church during the Flower Festival. Bring them up on Friday 23 May, or drop them off to Jane Lambert at 25 The Street and don't forget to write your names on them.

What's on locally

Sue Rothwell

Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall presents:



Coffee Plus with Free Live Music

at

The Gallery Café, Dereham Memorial Hall

Every second Thursday of the month

Beginning: Thursday 8th May 2014

Free live music as you drink.

10:30 – 12:00

All welcome

Enquiries: 01362 694654

www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Susan Hollingworth

The Dragonfly Gallery presents a mixed media exhibition:

'All Fired Up 2' – Ceramics Exhibition

Saturday 24 May – Monday 9 June

Weekdays: 10:00 – 4:00pm, Saturdays: 10:00 – 1:00pm

Preview Eve: Friday 23 May 7:00 – 8:30pm,

limited number of free tickets available. Refreshments

The Ceramic exhibition showcases the talents of artists across East Anglia at one venue. Housed within the gallery is Dragonfly Gifts and Cards – a small retail area to support both the artists and the gallery all hand-made by local artists.

Wayland House, High St, Watton. 01953-880205

www.thewaylanddragonflygallery.co.uk

SAHAM TONEY ART GROUP present an ART EXHIBITION

Saham Village Hall (Wells Cole Community Centre)

Saturday and Sunday 3rd / 4th May 2014

10:00 -16:00

Exhibition of the work of members in Oil,
Acrylic, Water & Pastel; both framed & unframed

Also includes:

- craft stalls on wood turning;
- wood animals, letters and numbers;
- cards; cardboard boxes and jewellery.
- Raffle and Tombola

Tea and coffee available

The **WAYLAND PLAYERS** are teeing up for their spring production, The Fox on the Fairway, a madcap comedy by Ken Ludwig.

The Fox on the Fairway takes audiences on a hilarious romp which pulls the rug out from underneath the stuffy denizens of a private country club. Filled with mistaken identities, dreadful attire, slamming doors, and over-the-top romantic shenanigans, it's a furiously paced comedy that recalls the Marx Brothers' classics. A charmingly madcap adventure about love, life, and man's eternal love affair with ... golf.

"The Fox on the Fairway" runs 29 – 31 May at the Queens Hall. Tickets £6.50 available from Adcock's Electrical, High St, Watton and on-line at www.tinyticket.co.uk (35p admin fee applies) from 1 May.

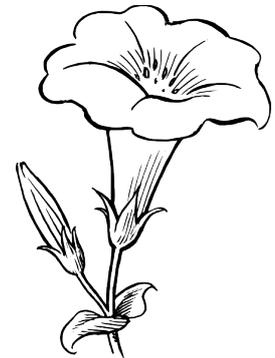
Obituary

Rod Rumsby

Mr Ellis Kiddel

We are sad to announce the passing of a previous long term resident of Ovington, Ellis Kiddel, who died on April 1st aged 87.

His funeral was held at Watton Church on 15th April and was well attended by residents of the village. Our deepest sympathies are extended to his wife Hilda and her family.



Wayland Business Support

Iain Cockburn

Thinking of launching a new business or just started one? The Wayland Business Centre is working in partnership with Norfolk & Waveney Enterprise Services and has arranged a free New Business Start-up Seminar on May 15th (5:30pm to 8:30pm) followed by a Training Workshop on June 9th (9:30am to 4:00pm).

If you would like more information or would like to book a place email Iain on iain@wayland.org.uk or call on 01953 880204.

Free Business Seminar for Wayland

The Wayland Business Centre in Watton High Street has arranged a free seminar on *Preparing Your Business for Growth* hosted by Roger Pemberton of Action Coach Business Coaching.

In business your time is your most valuable asset. How you invest your time is one of the keys to business success. Roger will take you through some ideas and options open to you to enable your business to grow and prosper as the economy begins to turn round.

Email Iain on iain@wayland.org.uk or call on 01953 880204 if you want more information or would like to book a place.

Parish Council

Timothy Birt

A report from the unconfirmed minutes of meeting on 27 March:

Councillors addressed regular matters including correspondence, review of accounts and scrutiny of payments. This meeting also included the Clerks annual review ... result: excellent, Councillors very pleased! The remainder of the meeting was mainly focused on issues surrounding road safety.

The Council received confirmation of the success of a plan (along with 3 other parishes) to deploy a SAM2 speed reactive sign on a rota basis between the parishes. Insurance has been organised.

A discussion following a meeting with Highways concerning the poor visibility at the cross roads. Highways are unable to install a mirror (Norfolk policy) but informally agreed that it is the only reasonable 'low cost' option at this site. The Council decided to press ahead with the installation of a convex mirror subject to checking any insurance implications.

Other matters discussed included parish land maintenance and safe storage options for important Council paperwork.

The next meeting is the AGM and will commence at **8:45pm on 1 May** following the Annual Parish meeting reported elsewhere in this months Oracle

And Finally Penultimately...

Rod

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

I couldn't repair your brakes so I made your horn louder.

For every action there is an equal and opposite criticism.

Success always occurs in private, and failure in full view.

Notices

Rod Rumsby

New Arrivals

Ovington sends a warm welcome to Ruth & Trevor who have recently moved into The Street.

Rainfall

The final rainfall for March 2014 was 18.5mm or 0.73".

The comparison with March 2013 is interesting. The total for that month was 57mm or 2.25" of which 40mm or 1.6" was snow.

The rainfall thus far for April is 7.5mm or 0.3".

Vandalism

A recent spate of vandalism has left only a small number of reflective posts warning of the dangers from deep ditches either side of The Street and Saham Road. At, or around, the same time a flag pole and its flag at a property in Church Road was pulled down and the flag torn.

Should anyone have witnessed these acts or have information leading to the identification of the perpetrators then ring the Police non emergency number – 101.

Deadline for next issue: 20th May (strict !)

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