

The Ovington Oracle

July, 2014

By the time the Oracle is distributed, the defibrillator should have been installed in our re-purposed phone box. We hope to have a more detailed report next month.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the recent flower festival a huge success. The church was a pleasure to behold and the scent was gorgeous. Then there was the music and finally the feast of food and table top games in the village hall.

The village of Ovington should feel proud that such a small community can put on such a worthwhile event. However as always the bulk of the work was carried out by the few; the more volunteers who come forward to support village events the easier it is. If you think you could be more involved in the village do make contact with any of the village hall committee usually in hall on Monday morning or with any of the parish councillors.

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
2 July, 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm
2 July, 7:00pm	Gardening Club (Dale Fm, Sandy Ln, Dereham)
3 July, 7:30pm	Parish Council
6 July, 6:00pm	Sung Latin Mass (church)
12 July, 7:00pm	Ladies Group Summer buffet (30 The Street)
15 July, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
20 July, 10:30am	Ley led service (church)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



Our June meeting was the annual pub walk at Thompson followed by a meal at the Chequers. The weather was perfect and 18 members, including 2 small boys, joined us for the walk. As usual it was enjoyed by all and the youngsters kept up with everyone. We left the Chequers car park at 6:00pm and arrived back at 7:15 ready for a drink and our meal. Five more joined us for the meal. Richard did us proud as he always does, so a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

On July 12th we shall be having our Summer Fund Raiser. This will be held at Angela's and will begin at 7:00pm. It would be appreciated if members who live near enough could bring their own garden chairs. There will be a raffle and finger buffet and the price will be £7.50, small children £3 This cost will include the first drink. All we have to do now is hope the sun shines (like it did last year).

Our meeting on July 15th will be a talk by Julie Button from Total Health on Women's Health. If anyone has a particular question they would like to ask perhaps they could let me or Julie know at the start of the evening. The meeting starts at 7:45pm in the village hall. We always welcome visitors at a cost of £1. The competition is something beginning with A.

I'll give you advance notice about the August meeting (19th). It will be a picnic and we would like everyone to bring a plate of food. The committee will provide drinks. The meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

Our programme shows that we shall be having our Hot Supper Evening on October 11th. We only have 4 committee members this year and one of us has a busy October so we have changed the date to Saturday 8th November. More details at a later date.

Parish Council Summary

Heidi Frary – Clerk

Parish Website:

www.ovington-village.org.uk/ovington-parish-council.htm

Councillors:

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Parish Council Summary of Accounts 2013/14

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Precept	3,310.00	Audit, VAT and Insurance	509.99
Breckland Grant	339.62	Administrative costs	1,863.12
Rents	375.00	Trod and other equipment	8,300.00
Allotment Assn	600.00	Hall Hire	30.32
Interest	2.45	Donations	1,300.00
Donations	7,800.00	Subscriptions / Training	158.81
VAT refund	76.86	Website charges	35.00
Other receipts	10.00	Rent of Glebe Lands	926.00
TOTAL: £12,513.93		TOTAL: £13,123.24	

Next meeting:

3 July, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Village Hall committee room.

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



In June we held the first of our garden visits for this year to the beautiful gardens of Manor Farm, Coston, the home of Mrs Hambro. The gardens were a series of rooms, each built in a different style by Alan who has been the gardener for about 20 years. There were many different varieties of well known plants which provided great interest.

June also saw us breaking new grounds with a fund raising 'Quiz + Supper' which raised a much needed £323 for payments to speakers. Many thanks to all who helped in the preparation of food, the provision of raffle prizes, assistance on the day and the clearing up, and especially the quiz questions. The quiz was appropriately won by 'The Diggers' (Helen, Joyce, Robin and Christine) all from the gardening club.

The July meeting will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday 2nd July at Dale Farm, Sandy Lane, Dereham NR19 2EA. (From A47, take B1146 to Fakenham, turn R at T-junction, 1/2 mile turn L into Sandy Lane (before pelican crossing) – cost £5)

For details, phone Ed on 01953 885848.

Comments

Received by Editors

A request has been made that people with hedges on blind bends trim them back to aid visibility.

What's on locally

Linda Murray

Courtney Paterson is 7 years old and has cerebral palsy. She has been in and out of hospital all her life but despite the numerous painful operations she is a very happy little girl, who is always smiling and singing.

Courtney is unable to walk and either commando crawls or uses a wheelchair. Her dream is to visit Disneyland Paris to see the Princesses. Please help Courtney to fulfil this dream.

Come and have a fun evening, good music, food, wine, raffle etc. BUT most of all helping Courtney to meet the Disney Princesses.

'Dreams Come True'

Saturday 19 July 2014 at 7:00pm

At Wayland Academy

A Concert by Breckland Harmony
With acts from Wayland Academy students,
The Breckland Js and The Harmonettes

Tickets £6 adult £1 child (up to 13 years)

Available from Linda Murray 01953 880073

Sue Rothwell



Friday 11 July 2014 at 7:30pm

Dereham Blues Festival 2014 and Friends of
Dereham Memorial Hall presents:

Dereham Blues Festival Launch Concert

Special Guest Star: **Paul Jones**,
supported by The Dave Thomas Blues Band

Tickets £18 from Sounds in Nelson Place, Dereham 01362 69699

www.derehambluesfestival.org.uk

www.norfolkbluesociety.org.uk

CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP

Ovington Village Hall

Don't be bored in the summer holiday,
come and join the fun!

SINGING, DRAMA, ART and CRAFT

7 years – 13 years

6th – 8th August 2014, 10:00am – 3:00pm

Drinks provided. Please bring a packed lunch.

Limited Places so book NOW!

£15 per child

Contact: Paula 01953 884749, Linda 01953 880073

Festival on the Farm 2014

Once again, it's one hundred percent family-focussed, with a terrific range of entertainment for children of all ages and adults too.

Children will love learning to build fires and shelters at the woodland survival camp, there's storytelling and theatre with the Highly Sprung Performance Company, and Pif Paf Theatre will bring you bee-guides Bombus and Borage to explore topics such as pollination in a fun, child-friendly way.

There's plenty for adults including original craft stalls and our local food market. You could watch the finale of 'Breckland's Fittest Family', or even try your hand at archery.

We're still putting the programme together and there's lots more to come. We'll be sending out an update nearer the time, or you can keep an eye on the Festival website (www.festivalonthefarm.com) for the latest news and ticket information.

Festival on the Farm 2014 is on Saturday 26 July, from 10:00am – 5:00pm, in the lovely grounds of the Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse. There's acres of space so lots of room for your little ones to run around. You just pay once to get in, and then all the activities are free of charge.



St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Services / Events

<p>Sunday, 6 July 6:00pm</p>	<p>Missa de Angelis - sung Latin Mass led by Rev Neil Crawford-Jones. Nibbles and a glass of summer punch to follow.</p>
<p>Sunday, 20 July 10:30am</p>	<p>Lay Led Service</p>
<p>Saturday, 2nd August 10:00am – noon</p>	<p>Enjoy a sociable Saturday coffee morning in friendly surroundings</p>

A very big thank you to all who helped in any way towards the success of our recent Flower Festival. Nearly 400 people visited and £2,000 was raised which was truly amazing. This amount was equally shared between St John's Church and the Village Hall.

Church cleaning will take place 2:00pm Monday 28th July.

COFFEE MORNING

in aid of St John's Church, Ovington

at

Ovington Village Hall

on

Saturday, 2nd August 10.00 am until 12.0 noon

As well as tea, coffee etc there will be:

tombola

raffle

&

cake stall

Come and enjoy a sociable Saturday morning in friendly surroundings

St John the Evangelist

Ovington

invite

you to a



Sung Communion Service

Missa de Angelis

At 6pm on 6th July, 2014

Fellowship, summer punch and nibbles
after the service

HLF Application update

Chris Springford – Churchwarden

A meeting was held on 5th June to assess our HLF Application.

It has been decided NOT to offer us a first-round pass (and development grant) for the project on this occasion.

It was “acknowledged that St John’s is at risk, but the works were thought to be of a lesser urgency than others under consideration and, in the light of the available budget, the project was assessed as a lower priority for funding than others in the batch”.

I have since spoken to Sandra Hirons, who is our administrative project officer at HLF, the gist of the conversation was that we can re-apply by 20th AUGUST – and with your support I intend to do this.

We will still have to compete for HLF funds with other applications.

It was most encouraging that:

“There were no issues about the community activities that you were proposing”.

I share your disappointment that we have not been successful on this occasion and most particularly for the great hopes we had about involving the local schools.

It means that our plans will be put back by 6-months – but that is not so long for a 1,000 year old church! However, I plan that our application will be re-submitted in August; and on-going discussions with our architect may lead to a stronger case on the building works side.

I thank you all for the tremendous support you have given to this project and hope that you are able to continue with your roles in helping with our reapplication.

If you have any bright ideas to help with this, please let me know directly.

Chris Springford: 07802 322 783 Email: ydb70@dial.pipex.com

Village Hall

Ed Reilly

Just a note of thanks for everyone who helped to make the Flower Festival a success over the three days. Thanks to those who donated gifts, plants, bottles, etc. to make the stalls inside the village hall look attractive and to all those who baked so many cakes. Especial thanks go to Christine Hardy for the beautiful hand-made quilt. Thanks to all those who spent their time helping to man the stalls and the preparation of all the food and its serving and the washing up! We are also very grateful to Barnies of Watton who kindly donated all the bread for the lunches.

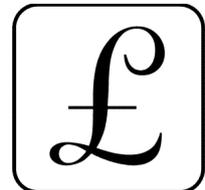
The results of the village hall's contribution to the flower festival are: Books & Bric-a-Brac £100.30; Plants £68.50; Quilt Raffle £184; Quizzes £59; Raffle £243.59; Refreshments £545.67; Tombola £223.93. This, added to the money raised in the church and divided, gave the total raised for the village hall funds as £1,000, so very well done to you all.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton

June marks the mid-year draw and generated four winners:

- 1st prize (£15) Darren Weir;
- 2nd prize (£10) Rose Angell;
- 3rd prize (£5) Jill Conie;
- 4th prize (£5) Christine Hardy



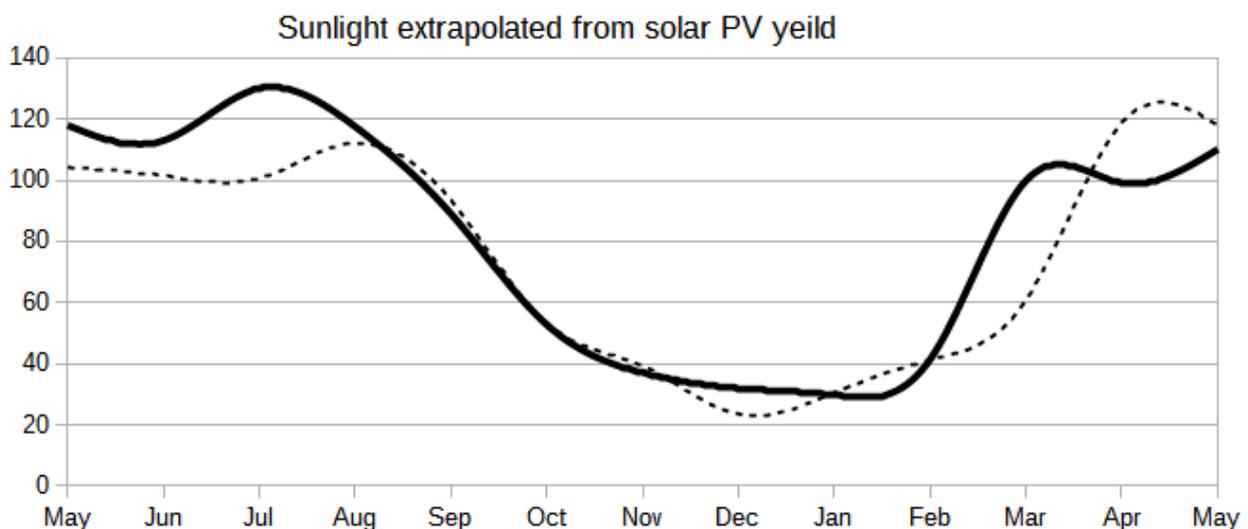
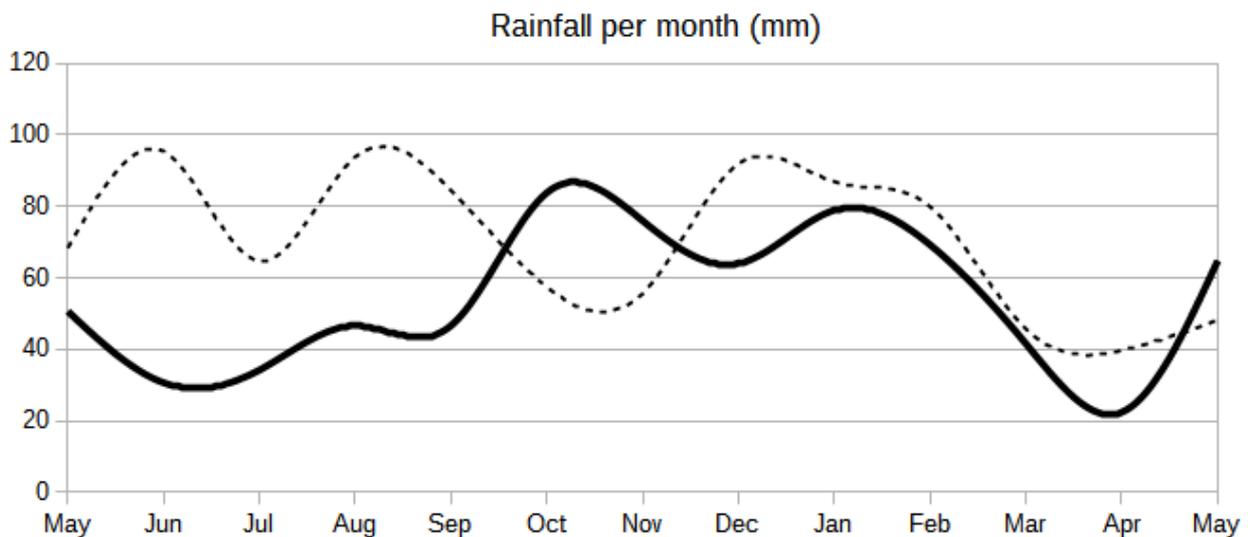
Rainfall (and light-level)

Rod Rumsby & Timothy Birt

The final rainfall figure for May 2014 was 101.5 mm or 4" this compares with May 2013 where we had 63 mm or 2.5"

In June thus far we have had 18mm or 0.7"

Here are graphs covering May to May, with the bold line is the last and the dotted line the previous year. I have used a weighted 3 month average to iron out the monthly randomness on the rain graph, sunshine is more uniform and doesn't need averaging.



In terms of rainfall we were in deficit until May, however the growing season got off to an early start with extra sunshine (it was warm too).

And finally ... random quotes

Tim

"First they ignore you, then they laugh at you,
then they fight you, then you win."

Mahatma Gandhi

"Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication."

Leonardo da Vinci

"Only two things are infinite, the universe and
human stupidity, and I'm not sure about the former."

Albert Einstein

"I love deadlines.
I like the whooshing sound they make as they fly by."

Douglas Adams

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