

The Ovington Oracle

April, 2015

My Bonie Bell (verse 1)

The smiling Spring comes in rejoicing,
And surly Winter grimly flies;
Now crystal clear are the falling waters,
And bonie blue are the sunny skies.
Fresh o'er the mountains breaks forth the morning,
The ev'ning gilds the ocean's swell;
All creatures joy in the sun's returning,
And I rejoice in my bonie Bell.

Robert Burns, 1792

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 (from 20 April)
1 April, 11:00am	Crafters session until 4:00pm
1 April, 7:45pm	Gardening Club
5 April, 9:30am	Easter Day holy communion (Church)
8 April, 8:00pm	Village Fête planning meeting
19 April, 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service
21 April, 2:00pm	Annual Parish Church Meeting (Church)
21 April, 7:00pm	Ladies Group Dinner (Richmond Park Golf Club)
2 May, 7:30pm	Village Hall Quiz Night

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Rainfall

Rod Rumsby

The eventual total rainfall for February was 48.5 mm or near as dammit 2"

The March total thus far is only 6 mm or 0.25"

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



Our meeting held on March 17th saw all the ladies making an Easter card. Our committee member Jayne had put a package together for all our ladies to be able to make a very pretty Easter card. The hall was alive with lots of chat and laughter and the results were all beautiful. That's what our meetings are all about, fun and laughter and the occasional serious evening. Thank you Jayne, who was ably assisted by Jacob. We all had a great evening.

Our April 21st meeting is to be our Annual Dinner which this year is being held at Richmond Park Golf Club. We would like all members to arrive at 6:30pm for 7:00pm. Angela is sorting lifts out and will be in touch shortly. It would be great if all the ladies could dress with a bit of a royal theme as 21st April is the Queen's birthday. If you are a paid-up member and missed the March meeting and would like to come to the dinner, please ring Angela before 14th April (884594).

Our May 19th meeting is an outing to Artichoke at Hackford. If you would like to bring a friend to this outing Angela has tickets at a cost of £2.50 for non-members ... more details on next month's Oracle.

Comment

Rod Rumsby

The speed watch team were active in Ovington on Tuesday 17th March, thankfully all motorists passing through the village were well within the speed limits.

Christine Reilly

If you are out walking after dark, PLEASE observe a few basic rules: wear or carry something light or reflective and walk on the right-hand side of the road, facing oncoming traffic. Someone was walking on the left-hand side of the road the other night, dressed all in black, with their back to my car and I only just saw them in time. What might have happened just doesn't bear thinking about.

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



What a lovely service we had on Mothering Sunday. Thanks to every one who made it special. Each lady (and gentleman) received a beautiful primula plant and everyone also received a lovely bag of chocolates.

Could all ladies help to decorate the church on Easter Saturday to make Easter Day special please?

On bank holiday Monday, 25th May the four parishes in the Benefice, namely Ashill, Carbrooke, Ovington and Saham, are holding a Grand Fête to celebrate Revd Jane's ten years as our vicar and to raise much needed funds for our churches. Ovington are running a tombola so if anyone has any spare items to contribute please could they leave them on the sideboard at the church or drop off to Jane Lambert (25 The St) or Ann Johnson (47 The St.) Contributions for cakes would also be appreciated. Many thanks.

Sunday, 5th April 9:30am	Holy Communion for Easter Day
Sunday, 19th April 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service
Tuesday, 21st April 2:00pm	Annual Parish Church Meeting. A warm welcome to all to attend this very important meeting in St John's Church.
Monday, 27th April 2:00pm	Church Cleaning

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

The Ovington Annual Quiz + Buffet

Saturday, 2nd May 7:30pm

Attention all you quiz buffs! The annual Quiz + Buffet is taking place in the village hall, Ovington, on Saturday 2nd May at 7:30pm. Ring 01953 885848 to enter (teams of 4) without delay as space is limited and tickets will not be available on the door. Tickets cost £7.50 per person and include a full buffet supper of cold cuts or veggie options and salads. Proceeds from this and the raffle will go to village hall funds.

Fête planning

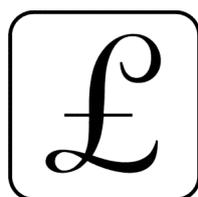
Plans are being made for the rest of this year's programme of events and entertainment in the village hall. Following the quiz we have the summer fête on 13 June. We will be having a pre-fête meeting on **Wednesday 8 April at 8pm** in the village hall, to which EVERYONE is invited. Please come along and share your ideas on what you would like to see at the fête. We will need lots of help before, during and after the fête so volunteers will be welcomed.

Further events

Following the success of all three shows, we aim to put on two more this year, possibly during July and November depending on the availability of the performers. Apart from that, we hope to do a Table Top Sale in August, perhaps a BBQ (if we get a decent summer!), a Ploughman's Lunch in September and a Halloween Supper + Quiz. When dates are confirmed they will be on the notice boards and in the Oracle.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



Winners in the March draw:

1st (£15)	Mary Davey;
2nd (£10)	Paula Paterson;
3rd (£5)	Kelly Scott;
4th (£5)	Maureen Rands.

Parish Council

Timothy Birt

Notes from the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting on 5th March.

Matters arising (from previous meeting)

Tree risk assessment has been completed on the tree in The Crescent and its removal has been postponed until next year.

Fuel Trust / Village Hall representative

There was a lengthy and detailed discussion about the future of the fuel trust and the effect and consequence of disposing of Fuel Trust properties. The Parish Council representative on the fuel trust was provisionally appointed as Michelle Girling, although not a Councillor she has considerable relevant experience.

Cllr Karen Weir was appointed as the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall committee.

Speed Sign

The SAM2 speed sign is in the village again, data will be available at the next Parish meeting. It was hoped to use the sign in Church Road this time, however the bracket fixings did not match the post size, if this can be rectified before the end of the month the sign will moved.

Village Litter Pick Equipment

Breckland are offering grant funding for villages to own their litter pick equipment, the Clerk will apply. It is likely we would still have a 'big' litter pick in spring but this could be supplemented by smaller adhoc picks throughout the year.

Planning

Planning enforcement at Water End Farm was still to be actioned by Breckland, however the situation may have now resolved itself. Mike Curtis from Capita (Breckland planning) will be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss issues.

Public Participation

A number of requests for consideration were received including: lowering of 40mph limit to 30mph on the approach from Carbrooke; replacement of carriageway edge markings; reports of blocked gully; traffic speed at Water End Farm; surface condition of the

trod. Some answers were available at the meeting but the Clerk will forward requests to relevant bodies for further comment.

We heard from Charles Carter, who is District Councillor for neighbouring ward which will be combined with our own at the forthcoming local election. Cllr Carter said he was passionate about planning issues and claimed he has attended many planning committee meetings and, whilst not sitting on the committee, has 'friends' who do.

Next Meeting

The Parish Council must hold a meeting shortly after the election, so we will be a little out of sync with our schedule. The next meeting is: **Friday 15th May**, which will be both the Parish Council AGM and Annual Parish Meeting where we hope to hear from the various groups, clubs and associations in the village.

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



The March meeting was a series of very interesting slides of various garden fungi in all their different forms, ranging from tiny myxomycetes to the large puffball. This talk was given by Robert Maidstone and gave a fascinating insight into the smaller hidden realms of the

garden.

The April meeting will be on Wednesday 1st April at 7:45pm in the village hall on Church Road, Ovington, IP25 6RY. Please feel free to join us for the next meeting which will be given by Simon White on the subject of 'Climbing and Rambling Roses'. Simon is the Sales Manager of Peter Beales Roses of Attleborough. For more details, ring Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

What's on locally

Sue Rothwell

Friends of
Dereham
Memorial
Hall



Events at Dereham Memorial Hall

The **Ceilidh Band 'Whirligig'**

Friday 17th April. Dancing starts at 7:30pm.

Tickets £8.00

Eric Clapton tribute band: **Classic Clapton**

Friday 15th May at 7:30pm

Tickets £15

New Box Office:

Tickets from '*Bead this Craft that*' at
4, Nunn's Way. Telephone 696943

www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

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