

The Ovington Oracle

May, 2015

On the 7th May the Parliamentary and Breckland District Council elections take place; Parish Councillors have already been decided in an uncontested election.

The polling station at the Village Hall is open from 7:00am to 10:00pm. Whatever your political colour, many think that this will be one of the most interesting elections ever, so please play your part and vote.

PS: Where did the April showers go?

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 May, 7:30pm	Village Hall Quiz Night
3 May, 9:30am	Holy communion (Church)
6 May, 11:00am	Crafters session until 4:00pm
15 May, 7:30pm 9:00pm	Annual Parish Meeting Parish Council AGM
16 May 10-noon	Gardening Club plant sale & coffee
17 May, 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service
19 May 7:00-8:30pm	Ladies Group visit: Artichoke Fashions, Hackford
25 May, 2:00pm	May Affarye (Ashill Rectory Gardens)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Rainfall

Rod Rumsby

The final amount landing on Ovington for March was 28.5 mm or 1.12".

For April so far we have been subject to downpours amounting to 9mm or 0.35"

Editor:

Considering Rod reported only 6mm for March when the Oracle went to print we must have had a wet final week; will the same happen in April?

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



April 21st saw all the Ladies at Richmond Park Golf Club for our annual meal. As it was also the Queen's 89th birthday we wore red, white and blue and drank a toast to her good health. The Golf Club did us proud and the table looked beautiful. Twenty ladies attended and we all had a great evening.

Our May meeting again sees us out of the village visiting Artichoke Fashions at Hackford. The evening is from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. If anyone needs a lift please ring Angela on 884594. Angela would also appreciate it if you could let her know if you will be going along. If you would like to bring a relative or friend Angela has some tickets at a cost of £2.50. LG members are free. There will be light refreshments and a raffle. Sarah will be giving the Ladies Group 10% of the takings for that evening.

Our June meeting will be the Pub Walk on Tuesday 16th June at 6:00pm. After a discussion with members it has been decided to have a change this year. We shall be going to The Wagon and Horses at Griston. We shall leave cars at the pub and walk along Stans Walk and back. Angela will be contacting you regarding ordering food in due course

Request

via Editor

Reference the field behind the allotments.

The tenant has kindly said he doesn't mind people walking their dogs around the field perimeter however a number of people are letting their dogs off the lead to run across the field. Please be aware that this field is being cropped and this could be ruined trampling down the hay or dog fouling.

via Editor

A similar message has been received about the large field between us and Watton which has been cropped. Please be considerate of the farmer's livelihood by not walking across it. Use the trod!

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



A sincere thank you to our visiting priests who have enabled us to have services whilst Revd Jane recuperates from her recent operation, and a big thank you to Chris, Harriett and Jill who very kindly cleaned out the belfry in the church. This is no mean feat and is very

much appreciated.

Come along to the **May Affarye** on Bank Holiday Monday, 25th May between 2:00 and 5:00pm, in Ashill Rectory Gardens. There will be live bands and entertainment, stalls, refreshments including a bar etc. It is aimed to be the largest attraction in our area on that day. Proceeds will be divided between the four parishes in the Benefice. If anyone has anything to contribute to the tombola, raffle, cake stall etc please pass to Ann Johnson or Jane Lambert or leave on the sideboard in the church. Thank you.

Sunday, 3rd May 9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 17th May 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service
Monday, 1st June 2:00pm	Church Cleaning

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

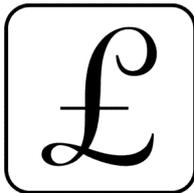
The Ovington Annual Quiz + Buffet

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.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



Winners in the April draw:

1st Prize (£10)

Ethan Tomkins

2nd prize (£5)

Timothy Birt

Happy Birthday

Jayne



Happy 40th Birthday to Matt Robertson on 22nd May from your family and all your friends in Ovington.

Parish Council

Timothy Birt

Election

Your five Parish Councillors all put themselves forward to serve a further 4 years and since there were no other nominations they were duly elected uncontested. While it is good to have a choice and therefore an election, there is a small bonus for Ovington as we will not have to pay a share for the running of the polling station.

In next month's Oracle look out for a brief 'pen portrait' of your Councillors.

Highways

Thanks to Krissy Marwood-Cross for continuing to lobby Norfolk Highways Department about road safety issues on the A1075.

A message from Tim Young (highways engineer) confirms that a detailed design consultation is just being completed and will "include a new 50mph speed limit between Watton and Shipdham".

More work needs to be done on pedestrian safety measures and the Parish Council continues to work towards these goals.

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 start with the Annual Parish Meeting at 7:30pm where we hope to hear from the various groups, clubs and associations in the village.

This will be followed at 9:00pm by the Parish Council AGM, an administrative meeting where new (old) councillors accept their position and elect a chairman.

Gardening Club

Editor



Look out for a full report next month.

The 2015 programme indicates there is a **Plant Sale & Coffee Morning** at the village hall on 16th May between 10-12 noon.

What's on locally

Sue Rothwell

Friends of
Dereham
Memorial
Hall



Events at Dereham Memorial Hall

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 01362 696943

www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Dawn Dewar

The **Wayland Players** will be performing **Blithe Spirit**.

Noel Coward's, *Blithe Spirit*, the funniest ghost story ever written.

Novelist Charles Condomine enlists Madame Arcati, one of the most delightfully eccentric characters you will ever meet, to hold a séance at his home hoping to raise some ideas or a new book. Instead, she raises the ghost of his former wife, Elvira, who is determined to wreak havoc (and succeeds) on Charles' current marriage to Ruth. *Blithe Spirit* is one of Coward's most sparkling comedies.

7:45 pm on 14, 15 and 16 May at the Queens Hall, Watton.

Tickets £7.00 from Adcocks, High St, Watton or on-line

www.waylandplayers.org.uk/

Susan Hollingworth - 01953 880205

The Dragonfly Gallery presents: **Handmade in Norfolk Exhibition**

Saturday 2nd May – Saturday 16th May

Weekdays 10:00 – 4:00pm

Saturday 10:00 – 1:00pm.

The exhibition is celebrating the rich diversity and quality of Nelson's county's arts and crafts.

We will be showcasing Norfolk based crafters, designers, artists and photographer's whose' passion for their work is matched by their love of our great county.



Dragonfly Gallery, Wayland House, High St, Watton IP25 6AR

Stamping Out Leprosy

Grace Rumsby

It is hard to believe that a bunch of used stamps can help to transform the lives of some of the world's poorest people. But the fact is that it can!

In 2014 The Leprosy Mission England and Wales raised 127,341.00 as a result of your help in saving used stamps.

Used stamps can be given to Grace (31 The St). It is preferable for stamps to be left on their backing and have a good border around each stamp so as not to damage the stamp perforation.

Thank you to those of you who already give me their used stamps, every used stamp counts.

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