

The Ovington Oracle

June, 2015



Your village needs YOU to help with the annual summer fête on Saturday 13 June, details on page 4.

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Shipdham Surgery

Timothy Birt

This report follows the Patients Participation Group meeting of Thursday 30 April 2015.

New Appointments

Dr Josh(ua) Harrison will be joining Dr Hahn and Dr Chilenge from 5th May. This should help improve the appointment delays following the fall-out from the Watton surgery staffing problems. A new practice nurse has also been appointed.

On-line Medical Record Pilot Scheme

A pilot scheme to enable patients to access their medical records on line was discussed at length. It was decided not to participate in the pilot because of the additional workload this would introduce on the already overworked GPs. Concerns were raised around security, appropriateness and work load for medical and admin staff as all records would need to be reviewed prior to release.

Electronic prescription ordering.

Shipdham Surgery helps fund this service via its dispensary.

If you sometimes use a local chemist, they may ask you to sign up to "electronic prescriptions". While this may be useful for some, please remember it is entirely voluntary and would make a significant dent in the Surgery dispensing income.

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



Our meeting on May 19th was a visit to the Artichoke Collection, at Hackford. We had a good attendance from our members and also 6 guests. We all had a lovely evening and Sarah at Artichoke gave us all advice when required. There was much chatting and laughing which is always a good indication as to how much the evening was enjoyed.

Our meeting in June once again sees us out of the Village Hall. We shall be having our Pub walk. This year we are going to start and end the walk at The Waggon and Horses in Griston. There is a lovely walk between Griston and Griston Road in Watton called Stans Walk which is across the old airfield. Once again we will be hoping for good weather. Anyone wanting to do the walk please be ready to leave the Waggon and Horses car-park at **6:00pm**. Anyone wanting to join us for the meal please be there before 7:30pm as that's the time of the meal. If you are having the meal but haven't seen the menu please **contact Angela (884594) ASAP** as the The Waggon and Horses need to know in advance our choices of food. Looking forward to seeing lots of folk joining us for our Annual Pub Walk on 16 June.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby

The total rainfall for April was 14.5mm or 0.57".

The total thus far for May is significantly higher at: - 39mm or 1.53" and the month still has 11 days to run.

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Summer Fête 1:00-4:00pm, Saturday 13 June

Donations of raffle or tombola prizes are needed, as well as items for the books, gifts, plants and bric-a-brac stalls. If you have any cracked or slightly chipped crockery to dispose of (not glass or Pyrex) please let us have it for the Aunt Sally stall. We will be collecting around the village on Friday 5th June from 7:00pm. Please leave any items for the fête clearly visible from the road. Any donations can also be brought to the village hall on Monday mornings, or passed to a member of the committee. On the day itself, help would be very welcome to put up the marquees and set out the tables and chairs from 9:00am. Cakes for the refreshments and cake stall can be brought along between 9:00 and 12:00 on the day. Although we have received quite a few offers of help to man stalls and games, more people are still needed so that everyone has the chance to circulate and enjoy the afternoon. If you are able to spare some time to help, please let Marie-Ana know on 885019.

Refreshments in the form of tea and cake will be available throughout the afternoon, with filled rolls from 1pm and the BBQ available from 3pm. This year there will also be an exhibition of quilting and stitchery in the hall by Quilting Friends who meet there every week to practise their art – not to be missed! The stalls will be: Raffle, Tombola, Plants, Hamper raffle, Gifts, Books, Aunt Sally, Bric-a-Brac – plus other competitions and games – all the fun of a traditional village fête.

Recycling Bank

Thank you to everyone who supports the recycling banks outside the village hall. Last year we received a staggering £716.06 from Breckland! Glass receipts were down, probably due to people putting glass in their wheelie bin instead of the bottle bank, but Breckland made up the amount to equal the previous year's total of £154.39 for glass. The amazing result was from the textile bank: 1.59 tonnes, or £563.67! Please keep up the good work and remember that the textile bank takes shoes as well as fabric items. So, the heavier the better: any old towels, sheets, blankets, curtains and those platform shoes you have been saving from the 70s! Thank you once again.

Diary Date

There has been a change to our autumn supper evening. Instead of Friday 30th October, we will be holding it the following week on Friday 6th November to include a theatrical show called "Casting the Runes". More details nearer the time, but be ready for a 'chilling ghost story that will keep you on the edge of your seat' ...

Parish Council AGM

Timothy Birt

The AGM is required to perform a number of administrative tasks:

Councillors signed to declare acceptance of office and completed their 'Disclosable Pecuniary Interest' forms. Karen Weir was elected as chairman and Timothy Birt as vice chairman.

A number of mandatory documents were reviewed and accepted:

- The Financial Summary for the year 2014/15.
- The Annual Statement and Annual Statement of Governance for the year 2014/15.
- Arrangements for the management of risk was agreed with the addition of an additional fraud prevention clause
- The Inventory of land and assets including completion of the asset register.
- Financial Regulations and Statement of Internal Control.

Matters Arising

The Council has won funding for our own litter pick equipment.

Highways do not support any reduction in the speed limit through the village, however Councillors are minded that because pedestrians share the space with vehicles a 20mph limit through the village would be appropriate.

Councillors were horrified to hear the trod surface was declared as 'safe for a trod', despite a parishioner tripping and needing hospital treatment. This will be pursued to the strongest possible extent.

Next Meetings

9 June at 7:30pm. Planning enforcement meeting.

2 July at 7:30pm. Ordinary Parish Council meeting.



St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday, 7th June 9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 21st June 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service
Sunday, 28th June 6:00pm	Hymns for a Summer Evening Come along and enjoy singing your favourite hymns. If you have a particular hymn you would like to sing please let Jean Rockett know your choice.
Monday, 29th June 1:30pm	Church Cleaning

Request

via Editor

Calling all land owners, farmers, people that rent land and people that have more than one acre of land in Ovington. We are looking to find a field where we can let our (three) dogs run free for 15 minutes in the morning and 30 minutes in the evening everyday. We will of course (goes without saying), ensure no mess is made by our dogs. We are willing to pay a monthly rent or donate money to a charity of your choice every month for the use of the field, we only need about one or two acres accessible. Please contact us on 07817 950925 if you are willing to help some desperate dog owners who have recently moved to Ovington.

Chris Humphries, Crown Crescent

Your Parish Council

Editor

As the parish election was uncontested there was no husting or opportunity to quiz your prospective Councillors, so I have asked them, and the Clerk, to provide a short 'pen portrait' of themselves.

Cllr Rod Rumsby

Lived in Ovington for 44 years, (only 6 more before complete acceptance into the community). Age, indeterminate. Currently retired from a career, originally as a maintenance engineer and latterly as a gardener.

Married to Grace, with two daughters and innumerable grand and great grandchildren.

Involvement in village affairs ranges from previous membership of the Village Hall Committee, Currently Parish Councillor, fabric and grounds maintenance and tour guide officer St Johns Parish Church, Hon sec & treasurer Ovington Fuel Trust. Keeper of the notice board.

Out of Village activities include, tour guide for St Mary's Church, Houghton on the hill, Chair of Watton Model Engineering Club, secretary & treasurer of West Norfolk Aviation Society and the same for No 6 Group aviation society.

No political affiliations, just to do my best as a concerned citizen of this great village.

Cllr Jeremy Woods

Elected to the Parish Council in the last century and a resident for 28 years, I live in one of Ovington's oldest buildings. I am keen to see the small community prosper and develop. Given its size, a great deal happens in the village, although often supported by only core groups. I would therefore like to see greater participation in any local matters. I run the seagoing side of the Ovington Navy and try to uphold the great village engineering interest. I even have an unrestored version of the world's best saloon car!

Cllr Janet Armstrong

Janet is a school teacher and lives with her daughter at Owl Cottage, Water End Fm. She spends time with her dog and horses.

Janet is chair of the Ovington Fuel Trust.

Cllr Karen Weir (Council chairman)

I am a local taxi driver, with my sister, Ann's cars. I absolutely love motor sport, motorcycle racing being my favourite. I also love photography and knitting.

I am on the village hall and church committees, our community speed watch team, and do lots of other volunteering besides.

My family is all grown up now, and I am nana to 2 beautiful small people, Mia 4 and Theo 2.

We moved here in 1997 which is a good while ago now.

I applied to become co-opted onto the parish council in September 2013.

I hope all of us in Ovington can look after each other, and if I can be a part of that then that's brilliant.

Cllr Timothy Birt

At Stone House Farm, Linda and I, with our children share the space with guinea pigs, chickens and pygmy goats.

I'm a self-employed electronics design engineer, so I spend time inventing stuff, building prototypes and writing computer programs mainly for industrial, automotive and sometimes medical customers. I designed the battery and traction system for Ecotricity's electric sports car, which went on to break the UK electric land speed record.

As a life member of the Green Party and an engineer it's no surprise that I am interested in renewable energy and we are nearly self sufficient in home made electricity.

Heidi Frary, Clerk to the Council

My name is Heidi, I'm 40 (but don't look it!) and live in Barnham Broom with my husband, two teenage sons and an old black Labrador called Gus. I've been clerk with Ovington Parish Council for five years. In my spare time I enjoy cooking (and eating unfortunately!) and walking both with the dog and in the mountains on holiday.

I began clerking eleven years ago and am fully qualified. I have worked with twelve councils ranging from small parish to large town as either permanent clerk, or more recently assisting with difficulties or as locum in times of need.

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



The May meeting was held outside Ovington Village Hall as we celebrated our annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning on a bright Saturday morning. The results were: cakes made £25.80, plants made £76.50, refreshments made £14.50 and the raffle raised £30.00.

So that over all we made £146.80 towards the cost of speakers. Well done to all who helped on the day, made cakes or raised plants.

The June meeting is a visit to the garden of Lisa Bloom at 'Sundown', Hall Lane, Roydon, near Diss at 7:00pm which will cost £5 a head. For further details, ring Ed on 01953 885848

Annual Parish Meeting

Timothy Birt

Friday 15 May saw an opportunity for the various groups, clubs and associations in the village to tell us what they have done over the previous 12 months. It was also open to parishioners to ask questions. Various reports were received in writing which were read at the meeting and copies are available on request from the Clerk:

We heard from:

Parish Council, Village Hall, Fuel Trust, Ladies Group, St John's Church, Breckland Harmony and Young Singers, Allotment Association, Bowls Club, Gardening Club, and The Oracle

District Councillor J Rogers attended the APM and was available to take questions, but because he was re-elected only a week ago had no report. County Councillor S Hebborn was unable to attend but informed the Clerk via text that he is very concerned about the injury sustained by a villager walking on the trod.

There was a light hearted report from the Ovington Navy of which there are two divisions, 'broads' and 'sea going'. The sea going vessel is in 'winter(!) storage' for renovation however there was a very enjoyable ten day expedition to south coast last year. There continue to be strong links with Saham Navy.

What's on locally

Sue Rothwell

Friends of
Dereham
Memorial
Hall



Events at Dereham Memorial Hall

10 June - **Pop In For Poetry!**

Enjoy poetry readings in the coffee shop

25 June - **Coffee Plus!**

Enjoy free live music in the coffee shop

www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Susan Hollingworth - 01953 880205

The Dragonfly Gallery presents: **Seven Year Stitch**

A solo textile exhibition, by Linda Turner

Launch at Coffee morning:

Saturday, June 6th 10.00 – 12.00pm.

Followed by 'the Big Lunch' until 2:00pm
(friendship lunch sponsored by the Big Lottery)

Exhibition closes Saturday, 20th June



During a trip to America Linda discovered the world of quilting and creating with textiles and it was the beginning of a journey which still continues. Seven years later she has written articles and projects for magazines, taught here and in the USA, given talks to groups over a wide area, exhibited with the Grosvenor Shows and won a prize at the 'Festival of Quilts' at the NEC. She has also been invited to tutor a week's course in the French Alps.

A member of the Quilters Guild, Eastern Region Textile Forum, Norfolk Quilters and Alveva Quilters.

Dragonfly Gallery, Wayland House, High St, Watton IP25 6AR
Weekdays 10:00 – 4:00pm, Saturday 10:00 – 1:00pm.

MID NORFOLK SINGERS presents:

Charity Summer Concert in aid of 'Riding for the Disabled'

St Peter and St Paul CARBROOKE 4TH JULY 7:30

Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo!!

Rutter Birthday Madrigals

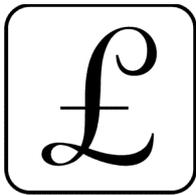
Chilcott A Little Jazz Mass

Tickets £10 to include a glass of wine (under 16 £6.00)

from: Mullenger Estate Agents Watton,
Ceres Bookshop Swaffham,
Dereham Travel Centre or on the door.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



Winners in the May draw:

1st Prize (£10)

Lyndia Lewis,

2nd prize (£5)

Jill Burgess

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
3 June, 11:00am	Crafters' session until 4:00pm
3 June 7:00pm	Gardening Club visit to: Lisa Bloom's 'Sundown',
7 June, 9:30am	Holy communion (church)
9 June, 7:30pm	Planning enforcement meeting
13 June, 1:00pm	Summer Fête (BBQ starts 3:00pm)
16 June, 6:30pm	Ladies Group pub walk: Waggon & Horses
21 June, 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service (church)
28 June, 6:00pm	Hymns for a summer evening (church)

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