

The Ovington Oracle

July, 2015

Back in May, I asked the question "where have all the April showers gone?" We might have found them albeit somewhat late as the solstice passed in cloud and drizzle on Sunday 21 June.

At 20:41 on 6 July is aphelion, the point at which the earth is furthest from the sun. Perhaps this will mark the point at which the summer weather will start?

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
Restart August	Crafters' session until 4:00pm
1 July 7:00pm	Gardening Club visit to High House Gardens
2 July 7:30pm	Parish council
5 July, 9:30am	Holy communion (church)
19 July, 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service (church)
21 July, 7:00pm	Ladies Group – treasure hunt
26 July, 10:30am	Benefice Service (church)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Parish Council

Timothy Birt

On 9 June we received a presentation from Chris Curtis who is employed by Capita, but he still regards himself as a 'Breckland man'. The planning enforcement department is tiny and currently short staffed, but will be back up to full strength (2½) soon.

Breckland receives around 500 planning enforcement complaints each year. The preferred method to deal with them is via negotiation, so only a handful of these result in a legal enforcement notice. On receipt they are classified into a priority group:

High – listed building damage or severe harm to local amenity.

Medium – unauthorised structures or breach of planning conditions.

Low – unauthorised advertising, untidy land.

To avoid intimidation names are treated with utmost confidence, only the enforcement team know contact details. Best method of submitting a complaint is via the web-site:

www.breckland.gov.uk

Select 'Planning and Building Control', then 'Planning Enforcement'.

Next Meeting

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

Note: SNAP meeting to set policing priorities is at the Fire Station 2:00pm, 29 July, it is open to all.

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



Tuesday 16th June saw 24 Ladies Group members and husbands plus 2 junior walkers meet at the Waggon and Horses at Griston for our annual pub walk. We were blessed with a beautifully warm and sunny evening. Everyone present said they enjoyed the walk along Stans Walk which took us from Griston to Griston Road in Watton and back again. The walk goes through the old RAF grounds which is now 'worked' arable land owned by local farmers. We then had a really delicious meal at the Waggon and Horses. Scott and Susanne gave us a very enjoyable 'after the walk' social time.

Our July meeting is to be a Treasure Hunt in and around the Village Hall and Church grounds. Please be at the Village Hall by **7:00pm**. We shall still have the competition and this month it's something beginning with 'I'. We look forward to seeing all members there.

The Ladies Group would like to wish Rosemary Philpot a speedy recovery. She has cracked her pelvis and it will be a few weeks before it is healed. Get well soon Rosemary. We miss seeing you about.

Rosemary Philpot

I wish to thank all those that came to my hour of need. Jill, Angela and Grace who had to raid my house for essentials. Also Joyce, Daphne, Christine and many others. And a big 'thank you' to Jeremy who made several trips to rescue my car from a Dereham car park.

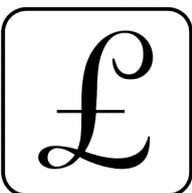
Thanks for all my cards and get well messages, they help a lot.

Many thanks again, Rosemary

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton

Winners in the mid-year special June draw:



1st Prize (£15)
2nd prize (£10)
3rd prize (£5)
4th prize (£5)

Chris Lewis,
Martin Davey
Vernon Conie
Roger Kennaugh

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Craft Day

Sorry, once again there will be no Crafters' Session in July (should have been on Wednesday 1st) due to holiday absences. They will definitely resume in August. Attendance has been poor this year. Where are all you crafters? There are a lot of creative people in Ovington, so don't be shy. Bring along your craft – any craft (stitching, knitting, crochet, card making, scrap-booking, etc., in fact anything that can be transported to the village hall) and spend a relaxing few hours in good company being creative. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided. See you in August!

Future Events ...

Table Top and Book Sale

Saturday 15th August, 11:00am – 3:00pm

Start sorting out all that surplus stuff you have been hoarding and meaning to sell. We are holding a table top and book sale in the village hall on 15th August. Tables booked in advance (ring Lyndia on 882222) cost only £5 – on the day the price rises to £6. There will also be a book stall (proceeds to the village hall) and plenty to eat. Plans for refreshments include burgers, bacon rolls, filled rolls and lots of cake. Mmmm!

The Christmas Bazaar is scheduled for Saturday 12 December this year. To ensure its success, there will be a 'pre-Bazaar' meeting on Thursday 17th September at 7:00pm in the village hall, to which EVERYONE is invited. Please come and give us your ideas and/or support. If you have recently moved in to the village it would be lovely to meet you, so don't be shy!

Mature single friends coffee morning club

Stephen Fosh

Stephen Fosh from Saham Toney is aiming to set up a new informal social group for mature single people. There will be no charge to attend. The aim of the group is to meet for coffee and enjoy any events planned by the members. Members may like to introduce their hobbies, share garden produce organise a meal out.

For more information please contact Stephen Fosh 01953-880491

Ovington Fête feedback

Ed Reilly

After weeks of dry weather, we unfortunately chose a damp day to hold our fête and suffered a day of on and off drizzle which reduced both the footfall and takings. There were problems setting up the marquees and so by the time that one o'clock arrived, we were just about ready, although visitors had been arriving from about half an hour before opening. Refreshments were suddenly switched from outside to inside the hall and thankfully most stalls and events did quite well (see breakdown below). The final result was £806 (divided between the church and the village hall) which is about £150 down on the previous fête. Thanks go to the Quilting Friends who staged an inspirational exhibition of their work within the hall and made a generous donation to funds. Many thanks to those who helped in any way from providing gifts and prizes to running stalls on the day, although more help would have been appreciated to relieve people running the stalls so that they could also enjoy the day.

Breakdown: Raffle £120, Tombola £142, Hamper £58, BBQ £15.01, Plants £20, Refreshments £113.21, Cakes £71, Gifts £75, Books & Toys £41.10, Bric-a-Brac £25.65, Name the Rabbit £12.40, Golf £12.30, Card Game £6.40, Aunt Sally £6.85, Beat the Buzzer £9.30, Treasure Hunt £12.10, Peg Game £4.10, Bigatelle £11, Hook a Duck £6.70, Donation £46.50. TOTAL (after expenses of £2.62) £806.00.

Ed Reilly, Village Hall Chairman

Wayland House

Jan Godfrey

The car park at Wayland House is a valuable asset to the many people who use the building, however it is being abused. Vehicles and cyclists using it as a cut through are a danger to pedestrians. Vehicles parked during school pick-up leave no space for visitors and those eating take-away in their cars create rubbish.

From 1st September the entrance/exit to Wayland House on George Trollope Road will be closed to prevent vehicles from taking a short cut, making it safer for pedestrians and those parking legitimately and would ask all who do not have a reason to visit Wayland House to use the free Public Car Parks in the town.

What's on locally

Susan Hollingworth - 01953 880205

The Dragonfly Gallery presents: **In The Frame**

An art exhibition by Chris Warne

Saturday 4th July - Saturday 18th July

Preview event, coffee morning:

Saturday 4th July 10:00 - 1:00pm

Please do join us.



Chris returns to The Dragonfly Gallery for his second solo exhibition, where he will be displaying in excess of 40 oil paintings.

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

Steve Jaggard



The Wayland Agricultural Show returns on Sunday 2nd August at the Wayland Showground, Brandon Road, Watton.

A marquee devoted entirely to horticulture will be the hub for visitors wanting to test their skills in the home and garden categories. The adults classes include 'Chutney', 'Swiss Roll' and 'Tea Loaf' cookery competitions while the craft section has prizes for quilted, knitted and crocheted items. The photo competition theme is 'Flora and Fauna of the British Isles'.

For children, there will be a brand new and free to enter 'ScareAnimal' competition (rather than boring old scarecrow!) with a cup and a cash prize; also the 'Children's Sewing' classes, 'Decorated Wooden Spoon' and, in the Cookery section, a Celebration Cake which you can decorate to your heart's delight.

Entering other competitions at the show costs just 50p per item and there are prizes to be won for the first 3 places in each class.

The show's major attraction is the livestock competitions, with a variety of classes including, pigs, cattle, sheep and fur and feather.

Much more information and how to enter the competitions can be found at:

www.waylandshow.com

or follow on twitter:

@WaylandShow

Breckland Harmony will be joining with Aquarius Singers from Bury St Edmunds to sing at the Queen's Hall, Watton on Saturday 11 July. Tickets are available from Adcocks in Watton at £7 each, proceeds going to Nelson's Journey, a charity benefiting bereaved children. The charity's Patron, Carol Bundock, will be the compère and there will be a raffle for the charity.

Beth Roberts

Bumblebee Walk led by expert Nick Owens

Thursday 23 July, 11:00am – 1:00pm at Thompson Common

Bumblebees are one of our most important pollinators, but did you know in the UK we have 24 species?? Come and learn to identify these fuzzy creatures with expert Nick Owens as he helps us to explore Thompson Common. A great chance to learn more about these common visitors to our garden, whether you are an expert or have never identified a bumblebee before, this is open to all.

To sign up please e-mail beth.roberts@breckland.gov.uk

St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday, 5th July 9:30am	Holy Communion	
Sunday, 19th July 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service	
Sunday, 26th July 10:30am	Benefice Service with the Rt Revd Jonathan Meyrick, Bishop of Lynn – hopefully we will hear Bishop Jonathan sing at this special service. A summer punch and refreshments will be served after the service.	
Monday, 27th July 1:30pm	Church Cleaning	

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby - Senior raindrop counter

The total rainfall for May was 52mm or 2".

Thus far for June is 23.5mm or 0.9".

And we do need a lot more for the benefit of the vegetable gardeners amongst us.

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



The June meeting was a visit to 'Sundown' in Hall Road, Roydon, which is the home of Liza Bloom. The garden is about an acre and surrounds a modern house with a south facing terrace edging a lawn. The plants are chosen for their all year round foliage and the flowers are planted to get a colour picture that changes but still leaves the foliage as the main feature. All in all, this was a gardener's garden and was quite lovely to look at.

The July visit is on Wednesday 1st July at 7:00pm and is to High House Gardens in Blackmore Row, Shipdham (take the airfield road or Cranworth Road off the A1075 in Shipdham and turn into Blackmoor Row. This is a repeat visit and quite a lot of work has been done since our last visit. If you need transport or have any queries, contact Ed on 01953 885848

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