

The Ovington Oracle

September, 2015

Heritage Open Days is a national event running from 10-13 September and offer the opportunity to visit some stunning heritage sites for free! Norfolk and Breckland (especially Thetford) have joined in, find out more at:



www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Last time I looked there were 309 events available in Norfolk!

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 Sept, 11:00am	Crafters' session until 4:00pm
2 Sept, 2:45pm	Gardening Club visit Peter Beales Rose Garden
3 Sept, 7:30pm	Parish Council
5 Sept, 10:00-noon	Coffee Morning in aid of Church funds
6 Sept, 9:30am	Holy communion (church)
12 Sept, 10:00am	Church Bike Ride, refreshments at Village Hall
17 Sept, 7:30pm	Bazaar planning meeting
20 Sept, 10:30am	Lay Led Family Harvest Festival (church)
15 Sept, 7:45pm	Ladies Group

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Welcome

The Village

As we say farewell Carol and Rob Handforth from the old stables who have moved to Chester We welcome new residents to Ovington, Mr and Mrs Gibbs moving to the old stables.

Parish Council

Rod Rumsby

The Parish Council wish to express their grateful thanks to Jane Lambert for the lovely array of flowers she has planted and maintained around the Village Sign. Their lovely splash of colour gives a visual delight to all who live in Ovington and a brilliant welcome to our many visitors.

Well done Jane and thank you.

Next meeting

3 September at 7:30pm, in the committee room of the Village Hall. Councillors usually arrive 15 minutes early for informal discussion. All are welcome.

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



The Ladies Group meeting on July 21st was our annual picnic. Unfortunately the weather was awful and we had to eat all the lovely food, brought by members, in the hall. There were only 12 ladies present due to holidays etc, but we had a very enjoyable evening. It's good sometimes not having a speaker as we can all have a good catch up with friends.

Our September meeting on 15th has had to be changed. Unfortunately, Jackie who was coming along to speak about Nail Care has family problems. However, Stephen Pope will be coming along to talk to us about Norfolk Workhouses. As usual our meeting will be in the Village Hall and commence at 7:45pm. Back to normal this month. The competition is something beginning with '**K**'. Jayne has asked if any ladies have anything other than toiletries suitable for our raffle.

Our October meeting will be our AGM. Only one committee member has completed her 3 years so we will be looking for a 'willing' volunteer.

Coffee Morning

Jane Lambert

In aid of Ovington Church on 5 September.

In the village hall between 10:00am and noon.

Cake Stall, Raffle, Tombola

Any ladies willing to make a cake or donate any prizes will be much appreciated

Please drop in to Jane Lambert at 25 The Street.

with many thanks.

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Churches Bike ride refreshments – Saturday, 12th Sept

The village hall will be open on the day of the churches bike ride for anyone (cyclists or otherwise) who would like refreshments or a light lunch. As usual, there should be plenty of home made cakes as well as filled rolls. If the weather looks cold and wet, there may even be a hearty soup! We open at 10:00am and any proceeds will go to village hall funds.

Bazaar Planning Meeting – Thursday, 17 Sept, 7:30pm

Everyone is invited to attend this meeting at the Village Hall. Please come with your ideas and offers of help. Refreshments will be served

Funding Opportunities

Rod Rumsby

The following organisations are offering grants for worthwhile projects in the community.

European Growth Programme. Norfolk Community Foundation. Arts Council England Large Capital Grants. Freemasons Grand Charity.

Think Big With O2 Youth Programme. BBC Children in Need Main Grants Programme. People's Postcode Lottery's Dream Fund. Idlewild Trust. Feminist Review Trust.

Neighbourhood Planning Grants. Rural Community Energy Fund. European Growth Programme. LEADER Funding.

Should you personally, or any village organisation feel they may be eligible please contact for more details.

Tel: 01362 698216

e-mail: office@communityactionnorfolk.org.uk

St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Saturday, 5 Sept 10:00-noon	Coffee Morning, in the Village Hall. Raffle, tombola, cakes etc.	
Sunday, 6 Sept 9:30am	Holy Communion	
Saturday, 12 Sept	Church open to welcome the cyclists.	
Sunday, 20 Sept 10:30am	Lay Led Harvest Festival Family Service, followed by cider, cakes and the usual auction of produce.	
Monday, 28 Sept 1:30pm	Church Cleaning	

What a lovely Benefice Service we celebrated with the Bishop of Lynn here at St John's. We feel very privileged that Bishop Jonathan asked to take this service in our church. Afterwards, during the refreshments, he circulated and chatted to all.

The two evenings of 'Hymns for a Summer Evening' have been a great success and enjoyed by all. Thank you Jean for the work you have put into these services. How nice to have a young person at each of the services playing the Ocarina.

Harvest festival preparation

Could the ladies on the flower rota have a joint effort of decorating the church please any time during the week, at their convenience? If anyone has an abundance of fruit or flowers in their garden they might like to bring them up to the church during the week.

What's on locally

Susan Hollingworth - 01953 880205

The Dragonfly Gallery presents:

Fabric Fibre & Thread

An exhibition by Pauline Wrighton

Saturday 26 Sept - Saturday 10 Oct



Using hand and machine stitch I create panels, hangings and accessories. Fabrics may be created from raw fibres or re-cycled materials, others hand coloured and textured, deconstructed or altered. Organic, natural forms are a favoured conceptual source.

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

Geoff Pritchard - 01366 328648

Swaffham Arts events

The season opens on Saturday 19th September at 7.30pm in Swaffham Assembly Rooms (PE37 7AQ) with the Torriano Ensemble presenting a Classical Music Concert to include Mozart's Clarinet Quintet in A major K.581

Members £7: Non-members £10: Accompanied children free.

Membership, costs £15pp or £25 for a family at the same address.

Details of the 2015-2016 programme can be seen at:

www.norfolkrcc.org.uk

Sue Rothwell

Friends of
Dereham
Memorial
Hall



Pop In For Poetry! 9 Sept, 10:30am

An opportunity to read your favourite poems or prose in friendly and relaxed surroundings whilst enjoying a coffee/tea served by the Volunteering Matters Team.

Coffee Plus – Free Live Music! 24 Sept, 10:30am

Come and enjoy a coffee served by the Volunteering Matters Team. Today's music will be guitar and vocals.

Full details of all events: www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Food: reduce waste – save money

Pam Sayle – Breckland Council

The average UK household throws away £470 per year through food waste! As well as the cost to our pockets, there's a cost to the environment too as the food waste goes to landfill and produces greenhouse gases equivalent to a quarter of all cars in the UK.

This autumn, Breckland's Environmental Services Team is focusing on a different area every month. September's focus is on preventing food waste and the team has found some helpful advice for residents, to help you save money whilst protecting the environment.

The 'Love Food Hate Waste' website has lots of useful tips including advice on portion planning and tasty recipes to help you use up odd items of leftover food

<http://england.lovefoodhatewaste.com/>

If you have any unwanted items of food that are not perishable and still in-date, you can donate them to your nearest food bank to feed local people in crisis.

Thetford Food Bank: 01842 820825
Swaffham Food bank: 01760 725349
Dereham Food bank: 01362 850624

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



The August meeting was a visit to Blacksmith's cottage, the home of Ben Potterton, near Dickleburgh. This is a very specialised garden which is divided into different areas, all of which are overrun with animals – especially rare or endangered ones – which require careful management if they are to thrive. He has many spectacular successes.

The September meeting is on Wednesday 2nd Sept. at 2:45pm at Peter Beales Rose Garden in Attleborough. This promises to be a special day out and costs £5 a head. Please contact Ed on 01953 885848 or Carole on 01760 440719 for further details or if you require transport.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby – Precipitation Practitioner

The final rainfall for July was 94mm or 3.3", which made it a tad damp for a summer month.

For August we had no rain for the first two weeks, but it turned a little wet towards the middle of the month.

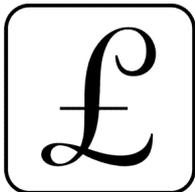
The total thus far is 24.5mm or about an inch. It's chucking it down as I write so the month's total is going up as I speak.

Keep your umbrella handy.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton

Winners of the August draw:



1st Prize (£10)
2nd prize (£5)

Peter Walmesley,
Rosemary Philpott

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