

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

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The fates have smiled on Ovington's fete.
Giving us some of the sunniest weather this year and drawing in crowds that gave a record breaking result. What a great day. As somebody once said "I like it when a plan comes together" and come together it did on June 13th. It made all the hard work and diligent organisation (thanks Ed) worthwhile.

JULY DIARY

July 1 st	Garden Club visit	6.40pm*
July 4/5 th	Terry's Open Garden	10-4pm*
July 6 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
July 11 th	Social Evening	6.30pm
July 12 th	Open Air Service and Cream Teas	3.00pm
July 13 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
July 20 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
July 21 st	Ladies Group	7.45pm
July 27 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
July 30 th	Parish Council Meet	7.30pm
Aug 1 st	Pansy's Coffee Morning	10.00am*

In the Village Hall except marked *

OVINGTON SUMMER FETE/BBQ

Saturday June 13th proved to be an excellent day for a fete with good sunny weather and only a light breeze. Starting at 9.30, the site crew erected all the tents, gazebos and awnings by 11am, together with the requisite tables and chairs. Over the next four hours, the fete gained substance as stallholders laid out their wares and attractions and by 3pm, the compact area was filled with the inviting stalls and games of a traditional fete.

The next two hours were a blur of activity and noise as people enjoyed themselves and the fete gradually changed into a barbeque from 5pm onwards. Once all the equipment of the fete had been dismantled and stored away, the evening turned into a restful social chatting over a glass or two of wine and the gates finally closed at 11.45pm. For those who were not able to attend, you missed a brilliant day in the life of the village.

Many thanks are due to all who helped with the fete in any way, from the donations and village collection to help with setting up, running the

stalls, competitions, games, sustaining all with teas, refreshments and BBQ and all the activities which made this a successful day. This success was that we broke both the £1000 and the £1100 barriers with a total of £1,136.48 to be split 50/50 between the village hall and church.

Stall and competition results:-

Books	41. 40
Bric a Brac	25. 23
Cakes	101. 51
Christine's Crafts	102. 60
Gifts/£1.	59. 85
Plants	69. 90
Raffle	143. 00
Refreshments	77. 80
Tombola	158. 25
Aunt Sally	25. 24
Big a Telle	14. 19
Card Game	11. 10
Car Auction	30. 00
Clothes Line	7. 20
Golf	18. 82
Hamper competition	53. 00
Hippo	13. 20
Lawn Darts	12. 50
Marbles	5. 65
Mike's Cash Bottle	18. 70
Profit from Mike's Bottle	109. 45
Pik a Stik	11. 20

BBQ	<u>51. 69</u>
Total	£1161. 48
Less Expenses	<u>25. 00</u>
Total Profit	<u>£1136. 48</u>

Mike's Cash bottle contained £145.93 in 1p and 5p pieces. The nearest guess from Mr Saxon was £147.00 so he won 25% of the money, the profit to the fete was £109.45. Thank you, Mike for saving your loose cash and giving us a new kind of competition.

VILLAGE SOCIAL EVENINGS

At the BBQ after the fete, it was suggested that we hold more 'social' events at the Village hall during the summer, when it can be pleasant to sit outside and have food, etc..(Let's hope last Monday's deluge was a 'one-off'!) So, as an experiment this year, we will be having a 'village social' on **Saturdays July 11th and August 8th, from 6.30pm onwards**. Everyone is welcome to come provided they bring a plate of food each to share – and their own drink!. There will be no charge, but there will be a raffle in aid of village hall funds to cover costs and a nominal charge for tea/coffee, if required later on Weather permitting, there will be a few games for the more active and competitive amongst you.

In order to plan seating, etc. please give me a ring on 885848 to say if you will be coming to the first evening on **July 11th**. If everyone is away on hols that week, it might be better to wait until August. Thanks for the suggestion – keep them coming – and hope to see you there

GARDENING CLUB

Following the successful visit to Mrs Parfitt at Springfield Farm and Nursery, North Tuddenham, the visit for **July** is to Mrs Mansey, Cottage Garden, East Lode Nursery Lane, Hockwold (Tel 01842 827096).

This visit is at 6.40pm on Wednesday **July 1st** and there will be a charge of £1 per head. For further information, call Ed on 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719

Please note that Holme Hale Hall has an open garden on August 2nd under the National Garden Scheme – go along for a preview, as we hope to arrange a visit next year.

TEENAGE CANCER TRUST

As you will probably know Girl Guiding is 100 years old next year and all units have been asked to do something to 'Improve the World' The Watton and District Trefoil Guild, of which I am a member, have decided to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust.

I will be having a **Coffee Morning from 10am onwards on August 1st at 30 The Street**.

I look forward to meeting you then.

If you would like any further information about the trust I will endeavour to help.

Pansy Westwood.

MAY RAINFALL

May 2009	60.00mm	or 2.40ins
May 2008	65.25mm	or 2.61ins
May 1999	20.25mm	or 0.81ins

Once again thank you Ted

LADIES GROUP

We had a most enjoyable meeting on Tuesday 16th June Darrell Stevens came to our meeting and spoke about his work as warden for the Norfolk Wildlife Trust at East Wretham. His work covers a wide area of Breckland. It was interesting to hear about the rabbits, the flying flock (sheep), Stone Curlews and many other things. It was so nice to hear what a special area Breckland is regarding wildlife and rare plants amongst other things. The competition was something beginning with V and it was amazing to see a table full of all sorts of things beginning with that letter.

Our July meeting will be on **Tuesday July 21st at 7.45pm** in the village hall. Arthur Barrett will be giving us a light-hearted look at Gilbert and Sullivan. The competition is something beginning with W, so get your thinking caps on.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday, August 22nd at 6pm. John and Christine Hardy will be hosting a BBQ. This is another of our main fundraisers. We are steering away from the usual burger in a bun and the evening will be called A BBQ JOHN HARDY STYLE. The price will be £7.50 and children under 12 £5.50. Tickets will be available at the July meeting or from any committee member after that meeting. We are just hoping for a beautiful warm summer evening.

QUIZ

I forgot to say on the June Oracle how well the Ladies Group team did at the Village Quiz in May. We were a very creditable 4th place, so well done to the team.

Angela (Sec)

CHURCH NEWS

We are looking forward to our Open Air Service with Watton Town Band on Sunday **July 12th at 3.00pm.**

Cream Teas will be served afterwards in the Village Hall at a price of £2.50. A warm welcome to you all to come to this very special service.

CHURCH DIARY

July 12th	3.00pm	Open Air Service
July 19th	10.30am	Confirmation Service St George's Church, Saham Toney
July 26th	9.30am	Family Service
Each Thursday	8am	Said Communion

GARDEN OPEN

Terry and Maureen are opening their Organic Garden at Chanticleer, Dereham Road Ovington, on **July 4th and 5th 10am – 4pm** To raise money for HDRA, Quidenham Children's Hospice and the Balloons4Hearts Appeal.

Adults £2. Con £1.50 and children Free.

THANKS

Dear Editor,
Please be kind enough to print this note of thanks in your monthly newsletter:

Many thanks, to all of you that voted for me in the County Council Elections for the Watton District.

Thanks to you, I have been elected to represent you for the next 4 years.

To those who voted otherwise, or did not vote, I am here to help everyone regardless of Party Politics. I will not be able to achieve all your wishes, but I can try.

John D Rogers

PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting was held on June 2nd, four councillors, two members of the public and the district and county councillor attended.

The matters under discussion were mainly of a routine nature, with correspondence and audit analysis taking a greater part.

A planning application for new properties at Rose Farm was discussed with the council agreeing that with the proposed site being a green-field one and outside the local planning boundary it was not acceptable. Road access was also a determining factor for the application not being approved by this council. Watton surgery; the situation is still giving concern but as only three complaints have been recorded by village members, it was felt that the matter would be raised at a future meeting. The acquisition of land for allotments and possible recreation area is still in the process of negotiation, but the council is assured that progress is being made.

Concerns were again raised about the lack of vision at the crossroads when approaching from the Saham Toney direction, and speeding traffic at the east end of the village. The clerk was asked to include these matters on the agenda for the next meeting, which will be held on **Thursday July 30th at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. All welcome.**

TEACHING'S OF ZEN.

If you think nobody cares whether you are living or dead, try missing a couple of mortgage re-payments!

OVINGTON LOTTERY

The three lottery winners this month were all members of the Bowls Club.

£10.00	No.51 Cyril Richmond
£10.00	No.48 Desmond McQuoid
£ 5.00	No.47 Ronald Scammell

HIRE OF HALL

If you wish to hire the Village Hall for your party or meeting, please ring Christine on 889920

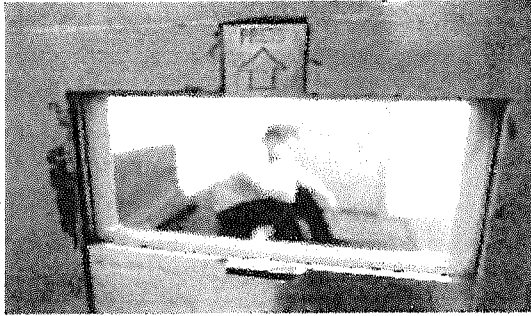
The **DEADLINE DATE** for the August ORACLE is **NOON on July 23rd 2009**

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NORFOLK POLICE AUTHORITY

If this were you....



Wouldn't you want someone to check on your welfare?

Independent Custody Visitors are volunteers from the local community who visit police stations unannounced and in pairs to check the welfare of detained persons and the conditions in which they are held. They play a valuable role in maintaining public confidence in this important area of policing.

Independent Custody Visitors do not need to know why a person is being detained in custody; and they do not talk to those held about their arrest or follow up on what happens subsequently. The role is purely objective and ensures that the detainee's legal rights have been explained and given; treatment has been fair and reasonable and that the conditions of the cells are satisfactory.

The Police Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining the Custody Visiting Scheme and, in Norfolk, there are 5 Panels of Visitors covering the County. Each Panel has a volunteer Co-ordinator who ensures there is a rota for regular, unannounced visits to the custody suites at a variety of times of the day and night. Independent Custody Visitors are unpaid, but receive allowances to cover traveling expenses. They come from a variety of backgrounds and sections of the community but must be over 18 years of age and have no direct involvement in the criminal justice system – this is to prevent possible conflicts of interest for the individual and to maintain the independence of the Scheme.

If you are interested in becoming a custody visitor or to find out more about the Scheme, please contact Sarah Bryant, Scheme Administrator at Norfolk Police Authority on 01953 424455 or e-mail policeauthority@norfolk.poa.police.uk. Further information can also be found on the Norfolk Police Authority website www.norfolk-pa.gov.uk

From The Gardener's Week-End Book of 70 years ago (by Eleanour Sinclair Rohde & Eric Parker), the Nature Calendar for July reads:

- “2nd Hairstreak Butterflies on wing.
- 3rd Titmice rear their second broods.
- 5th Catmint and Purple Loosestrife in flower.
- 6th Great Bindweed flowering. Early Bolet (*Boletus reticulatus*) appears.
- 7th Giant-tailed Wasp (*Sirex gigas*) appears.
- 8th Harebell begins flowering.
- 9th Convolvulus Hawk-moth appears.
- 10th White Admiral Butterflies emerge. Blackbirds cease singing.
- 13th Marbled White Butterflies appear.
- 14th Humming-bird Hawk-moth visits Geranium and Clematis flowers.
- 18th Garden Tiger-moth appears. Traveller's Joy in flower.
- 19th Song Thrushes cease singing.
- 22nd Sedge Warblers cease their song.
- 24th Heaths in bloom.
- 25th Ring Doves congregate. Hedge Accentor ceases to sing.
- 26th Purple Emperor Butterfly flies in oak woods.
- 28th Small Skipper Butterfly appears.”

(these notes were compiled by the Curator of the Haslemere Educational Museum)

How many of these creatures do we still see?