The Ovington Oracle

July, 2013

Warm days and evening are bound to happen soon so a seasonal reminder to remember your neighbours before lighting a bonfire or firing up the lawn mower.

Summer days also often mean open garden sheds and garden equipment in view, therefore we wanted to let people know that there have been a couple of incidents of trespass and thefts from local property. It has been a while since this happened but Ovington will appear on the next crime statistics, so please be vigilant and if you see unusual behaviour report it using the non-emergency number 101

Let's enjoy the summer without upset.

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays @ 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays @ 1:45pm	Bowls
Mondays @ 6:00pm	Junior Choir
3th July @ 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm
3th July @ 7:00pm	Gardening Club visit to Dunbheagan
14th July @ 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
13th July @ 10:30am	Heart Foundation coffee morning / sale
16th July @ 7:45pm	Ladies Group
27th July @ 7:30pm	Summer Supper Evening

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

More at: www.ovington-village.org.uk

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British Heart Foundation

Jane Lambert

Please come and support my coffee morning at Ovington Village Hall on Saturday 13th July 2013, 10:30am to 1:30pm, in aid of the British Heart Foundation also a raffle, tombola, cake stall and plants.

Ladies Group

Christine Hardy



Yet again we were lucky with the weather for our pub walk in June. A really good ramble around Thompson finishing with 23 members and friends enjoying a good, welcome meal at The Chequers. A good time was had by all.

The first date for your diary this month is 6th July when we are holding a Summer Buffet Supper evening at the home of Angela Wynne. Hopefully we shall be able to make use of her beautiful garden and if you wish play some garden games. The evening starts at 7:00pm at a cost of £7.50 for an adult and £2.50 a child. Everyone, members, partners, guests and friends will be made very welcome – if possible please bring your own chair.

Our meeting on 16th July will see Simon Partridge telling us about the fishing industry of Lowestoft and Yarmouth. Simon is a very good speaker with a wealth of knowledge so definitely an evening to look forward to. The competition is something beginning with 'P'. Even if you are not a member please come along as a guest for just a £1. Look forward to seeing you all.

Missing

Messages to Editors

"Mr Tortoise" is missing! He was acquired soon after WWII so is 60-70 years old and has lived at Alston Farm, Dereham Rd since the 1990's. For identification, he has three holes drilled in the back of his shell.

If anyone has information as to Mr Tortoise's whereabouts please phone Mr Sharman on 01953-884033

What's On locally

Susan Hollingworth

The Dragonfly Gallery presents Geoff Hinchliffe's photographic exhibition – A Display of Natural Wonders

Saturday 20th July – Saturday 27th July

Preview Evening, Friday 19th July 7:00 - 8:30pm.

A limited number of free tickets available. Refreshments

Since retiring from teaching mathematics Geoff Hinchliffe has travelled extensively, visiting the Antarctic, the Arctic and its adjacent sub-polar regions, with an artist's eye behind his camera. His images of the minute and the magnificent, of the "empty spaces" and the micro-cosmic, display his vision in the "description of natural wonders" which defines his title: Thaumatography.

A celebration of beauty to be shared!

Wayland House, High St, Watton.

Opening Times: Weekdays 10:00 – 4:00pm, Except Wednesday 4:00 – 7:00pm Saturdays 10:00 – 1:00pm

For further information call: 01953 880205

Village Lottery

Christine Reilly



Congratulations to the June winners, there are two runners up this month:

First Prize (£10) Jill Burgess

Second Prize (£5) P Powell Tim Birt

Editor: Way-hay that's me!!

Church

Ann Johnson

It was good to welcome the Revd Doug Alexander and his wife to our Holy Communion Service on 9th June and Anne Leighton who conducted a most fitting Pet Service on 23rd June. The congregation included nine dogs of various shapes and sizes and one tortoise and all were very well behaved and were rewarded with doggie treats.

2:00pm on Monday 1st July - church cleaning.

9:30am on Sunday 14th July - Holy Communion.

At 3:00pm on Sunday 21st July we will be holding our Open Air Service led by Watton Silver Band in the grounds of the Village Hall. Refreshments will be served after this service. Do come along and join in this special service in such a beautiful setting.

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly

The June visit to the gardens of Mr and Mrs Bullard of Wood Hill, Gressenhall, was a real delight. The gardens were split into natural sections, starting with a wide gravelled drive up to the house with flower borders on each side. Off to the left was a large lawned area, leading to a huge pond with a cobbled area beyond. Returning past the stable block, you entered into the soft fruit section, leading on to the swimming pool and tennis court in a walled garden. Over the wall was the kitchen garden with raised bedding along the walls. Passing through, the new Wisteria beds led to a walk through woodland with a superb selection of Azaleas and Rhododendrons. Returning to the large fire-pit with its spiral walk around the fire, where we were served a large piece of sponge cake and a cup of tea – wonderful!

The July visit is to Dunbheagan, Dereham Road, Westfield on Wednesday 3rd July at 7:00pm and will cost £4.50 per person.

Thank you

First of all thank you to everyone who supported the annual Fete. Whether you donated, attended or helped on the day, your support is greatly appreciated. It was a fantastic day, raising £961 for the village hall and church, albeit a bit cloudy. Note to self – Do not forget to order the weather next year!

Supper Evening

This month sees our Summer Supper Evening on Saturday 27th July, starting at 7.30pm, you can come and enjoy the 'burger free' Barbecue of a selection of meats and marinades, kebabs, salads and ice creams and fruits. Of course there will be a raffle and a quiz with proceeds going towards the Village Hall Community Defibrillator Project. Tickets are £8 a head and available from Christine 885848 or Matt 885244, deadline for tickets 21st July.

Village Hall Community Defibrillator Project

The village hall is championing a scheme to provide potential lifesaving equipment in the village. The project aims to provide an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) to be available in the village at a fixed point. One option for the location of this device is the village phone box. This would involve the phone box being adopted by the village from BT. The adoption process would mean that the phone is removed from the phone box.

I would like to ask you all your thoughts on the replacing of the phone with the lifesaving equipment and kindly ask that you contact me should you have any questions or concerns, please call me on 885244 or email matthew.robertson4@btinternet.com

Further details of the scheme will be in August Oracle.

Coming Soon at the Village Hall

Ovtoberfest (New for 2013)
Curry Evening
Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 5th October Saturday 9th November Saturday 7th December

Thank you to everyone who supports the village hall by attending events or donating towards them.

Editor: My list says PCSO Tonya Winsley will be at the coffee

morning on the 8th July.

Parish Council Chairman's update

Karen Weir

Well June was hardly 'flaming', especially at our fête, but I was proud to officially open the fête as my first 'official duty' as chairman.

It was well attended, and I would like to thank all the organisers and stall volunteers for doing such a grand job. I am sure lots of money was raised, and I hope everyone had lots of fun.

The parish council also had some wonderful news regarding our bid for funds for our path/trod to Watton. We have been granted the funds to pay for it. After all our hard work, finger crossing and 40 years of wishing for one its going to happen, so once again many thanks for your support in this.

I know it will make such a difference to many of you not having to dice with death walking on the carriageway, so watch this space for updates.

Our next parish council meeting isn't until September 5th now, summer holidays will have been and gone, but please get in touch if there is anything you wish us to look into for you.

We are here for you, to help, advise or sort a problem, our doors are always open.

Ovington Fête 2013 feedback

Christine Reilly

Breakdown of individual fête stalls ...

04.22	
84.22	Refreshments
76.35	BBQ
135.00	Raffle
128.30	Plants
77.10	Tombola
40.01	Hamper
79.20	Cakes
42.95	Bric-a-brac
38.70	Gifts
28.80	Crafts
36.69	Books & Toys
11.20	Aunt Sally
6.58	Hungry Hippo
31.70	Golf Game
17.00	Name the Dog
16.50	Teddy Tombola
17.40	Bigatelle
5.40	Marble Game
10.90	Play Your Cards Right
4.50	Splat the Rat
52.00	Donations (total)
15.50	Hand Massage
5.00	Jewellery 'Table Top' Stall
£961.00	Grand Total

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