

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

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Hi there,

Well folks, it's that time again when our sterling band of helpers are preparing to organise, we hope, another successful Christmas Bazaar. This can only be achieved with your help in contributing items for sale for the stalls, or for the raffle or tombola, coming along on the day to add your support and enjoying yourselves at the same time. Thank you in anticipation for any help you may be able to give us towards your Bazaar.

THE
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
IS ON

Saturday December 3rd 12noon – 3.00pm

Admission 20p. Which includes entrance to a lucky draw.

We will have our usual stalls including Plants, Gifts, Toys/Books, Cakes, Jams/Pickles, also Tombola, Raffle, Sweet Tombola, and Competitions. Refreshments available including homemade soup and roll, teas & coffee of course. Father Christmas hopes to pop in for a nourishing hot soup, to warm up before distributing goodies to all the children.

We hope you will be able to contribute something towards the above stalls, so we shall be collecting around the village (except Dereham Road) on **Saturday November 5th 11.00am – 1.00pm**. Or you can leave items with Grace at No. 31, or Laura at Sunnyside Farm.

If you haven't been asked but would like to help out on the day, please give either Grace (882246) or Laura (889151) a ring. Thank you.

NB: To all helpers, we will be having a final Bazaar meeting at Laura's, Sunnyside Farm on November 8th at 10.00am.

Diary Dates for November

Nov 2 nd	7.45pm	Gardening Club
Nov 5 th	11am-1pm	*Collection for Bazaar
Nov 7 th	1.45pm	Bowls Club
Nov 8 th	10.00am	*Bazaar Meeting –Laura's
Nov 14 th	1.45pm	Bowls
Nov 15 th	7.45pm	Ladies
Nov 17 th	8.00pm	Phot Scrapbooking
Nov 21 st	1.45pm	Bowls
Nov 23 rd	7.30pm	Parish Council
Nov 25 th	7.30pm	*Ladies Group Supper
Nov 28 th	1.45pm	Bowls
Dec 3 rd	12-3.00pm	BAZAAR
Dec 4 th	3.00pm	*Breckland Harmony in Concert

All events in the Village Hall unless marked*

Scotton Trophy

On behalf of the Village Hall Committee, I would like to express my disappointment at having to cancel the annual Scotton Trophy Quiz on October 15th. Despite posters at strategic points around the village and surrounding area, announcements in the Oracle and letters being sent to the usual contesting organisations, only four teams managed to enter. This was deemed to be insufficient to ensure a good contest so the event had to be cancelled. Unfortunately, there were other events on locally and people had other personal commitments to weddings and the like. As October seems to be such a busy time, especially in the light of the Watton Festival every two years, consideration will be given to holding this event at another time – possibly in the Spring. So, plenty of time to get your teams together and swot up on your general knowledge!

Christine

Poppy Appeal

In case you missed it last month, Pansy will be collecting during daylight hours for the British Legion Poppy Appeal from **October 29th to November 12th**. Sadly, with all the conflicts going on and casualties the British Legion need to raise as much money as possible to help meet the needs of service men and women past and present. Very many thanks for your support.

Gardening Club

We had a very good turnout this month when Trevor Harrison gave a talk on 'Late Colour in the Garden'. Trevor comes from South Creake Nursery, he brought so many plants for display and sale, that it looked like a nursery in the Village Hall.

Our next meeting is on **November 2nd** when Mr Tim Fuller will talk on 'Herbaceous Perennials' the Plantsman's Preference. Please come along you won't be disappointed

Bowls Club

The club still meets every Monday at 1.45pm in the Village Hall. Sadly some of our members have been ill, so we have been a bit thin on the ground these last two weeks. So if you wish to join us for two hours of fun you will be very welcome.

Denis says he is not to blame and just one of his sneezes couldn't have caused such a fall in numbers.

Ladies Group

The October Ladies Group meeting was a talk by Mr David Reeve on 'Policing the Royals'. David started telling the ladies why the Royals need protection and the talk ended by being told of some of the blunders David made when first attending royal occasions, especially those involving buffet meals. He made the talk extremely interesting and at the end very funny.

The meeting on **November 15th** will start with the AGM. We will need 3 new committee members for next year. It would be nice to see a good turnout as the AGM will be followed by a demonstration on how to make a Christmas Wreath by Mr Graham Donachie from Oxborough Hall. It should be interesting and we have been told that the wreath should keep until Christmas. The meeting is in the village hall and begins at 7.45pm.

The Ladies Group will be holding a Supper Evening on **Friday 25th November at 7.30pm**. Maria and Bob Warwick, 2 Church Road, will be hosting the evening. All members and husbands or partners will be very welcome.

Church News

Barbershop Concert

Very many thanks to everyone who came to the concert. The Norwich Barbershop Singers who, taking advantage of the wonderful acoustics of Ovington Church gave us a marvellous and varied programme. Their repertoire ranging from light opera to rock n roll and included popular songs from past and present musicals

Their harmonious rendering of classic Lennon and McCartney numbers for instance shed new light on the talents of both the singers and original artists. We hope that lured by the illusive fifth harmony found only rarely in auditoriums such as our church they will return very soon.

Breckland Harmony Concert

Will be held in our Church on **December 4th at 3pm**. Tickets priced £5 (to include refreshments) available during November from Pansy (883978) Christine (885848) or pay on the door.

Don't forget the Bazaar –Hope to see you there.

Church Rota for November

Nov. 6th		No service at Ovington
Nov 13th 9am		Remembrance Sunday
Lesson		Mrs P Westwood
		Mr C Springford
Steward		Mrs P Lovewell
Flowers		Mrs P Westwood
Nov 20th 3pm		Evensong
Lesson		Mrs P Westwood
Steward		Mrs P Westwood
Flowers		Mrs P Lovewell
Nov 27th 9am		Parish Communion
Lesson		Mr C Springford
		Mrs P Westwood
Steward		Mrs P Lovewell
Flowers		None during Advent
Carbrooke 6.30pm		Advent service

September Rainfall - Ted Bowman

September 2005	62mm
September 2004	38.75mm
September 1995	146mm

Ashill Waste Recycling

Should you find the current wheelie bin capacity insufficient for your needs or you have some waste that is difficult to categorise, then you need the Ashill tip.

The opening hours for this quite user friendly facility are as follows:-

March to September 8am to 7pm daily.

October 8am to 6pm daily.

November to March 8am to 4pm daily.

Daily includes Sundays and most bank holidays.

Village Hall.

Yes it's still there, all ready and waiting for just you. Now is the time to start thinking of those Christmas Parties, family get togethers, bun fights for the children, anything that prevents your lounge from being overcrowded.

Just give **Michelle a call on 01953 884544** to book your place, don't delay, book today.

Parish Council News.

A Parish Council meeting was held on October 19th. There were no members of the public in attendance. This did not deter the councillors, and business was conducted in an efficient manner as always. The clerk presented the financial statement to the end of September and it would appear that the P.C. is within its declared budget. Cheques for payment of donations agreed at the last precept were duly approved and signed.

A planning application for a new dwelling on Saham Road had been passed to B.D.C. for consideration by the planning department. Chris Lewis reported on "The Sustainable Community" a project which requires the support of councils to prevent communities becoming Ghost Towns. This matter was discussed at length, with the council resolving to offer its support when required.

The next P.C. meeting will be held on **November 23rd at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall. It will be of interest to all concerned as the Parish Council will set the budget for next year. Which will of course influence your Council Tax demands.

The P.C. is convinced they are spending your money wisely, for confirmation of their confidence you are invited to attend and see for yourselves.

Letters to the Editor

No1.

Do you need a Baby sitter?

I am 15yrs old, sensible, reliable and very good with children, as I have baby sitting experience and also a younger sister.

For more information contact :

Jemma on 07767832673

No2

Memories of Ovington past.

I have lived in Watton for twenty years, which my wife Nancy and myself have always enjoyed, sadly she died five years ago.

Ovington has always been a great friend to us. We have enjoyed many happy times and parties held by Barbara and Bill at Chestnut House, near the village hall. When Barbara used to type the 'What's On' I drew some sketches for her to help fill the page.

Then we had the monthly Beetle Drive organised by Angela, what fun with many children taking part, now most grown up, some I would not even know. Angela always had little gifts for the winners and the losers. Thanks Angela, nice memories.

Then, there were the Whist evenings which Victor organised and we enjoyed taking part in, all held in the village hall, more fun.

Remember the hall when it had the stage and the really good shows of local talent.

The stage was removed to make more room for the Bowls carpet. The carpet was tried for a while with the stage there, it had to be laid diagonal from the entrance door to the toilet door, often the entrance door would open just as one went to bowl, might have helped.

Peggy still soldiers on to keep the Monday afternoon going with appreciative help from Dennis and Molly, who always have the carpet ready for us on arrival.

I could go on with so much, like the Summer fetes in the hall ground, the fireworks, and bonfires hot drinks and eats to warm us, Christmas Bazaar with Santa.

Happy Days

Doug Wickwar

(Thanks Doug, and we still have Father Christmas at our Christmas Bazaar)

No3

Part time Church Administrator required for the parish churches of Ashill, Carbrooke, Ovington, Saham Toney and Watton, based at St Mary's Church, Watton. 12 hours per week.

Please apply enclosing your Curriculum Vitae to Church Administrator, St Mary's Church Office, Church Road, Watton, IP25 6DQ. Closing date 18th November.

Margaret Cator.

No4

Attention all Gardeners:-

Anyone who cares about the state of their roses or the size of their prize marrows should head for Owl Cottage, Water End Farm where there is an abundance of well rotted horse manure available – FREE! If you need directions or have any queries about supplies, please ring Janet Armstrong on 883363.

That's got to be the bargain of the month!

Janet.

October - Lottery Winners

£10 No 11 Christine Hardy

£ 5 No.34 John Hardy

£ 5 No 62 Bob Warwick

2006 Ovington Village Hall Lottery

The December issue of 'The Oracle' will have the application form in for next years lottery. Anyone over the age of 18 is welcome to join. It costs £12 per year and every member is entered into the monthly draw. The amount raised, less expenses(i.e. Lottery Licence) is then divided 50/50 between the Village Hall and the members. The more members we have the larger the prizes.

**Deadline for next month is
November 17th**

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Did you remember to alter your clocks?