

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

DECEMBER

12/07

HELLO EVERYONE.

Many, Many thanks to those of you who gave to our collection for the Bazaar. We hope you will be able to come along and have an enjoyable afternoon at your very own:-----

CHRISTMAS



BAZAAR

SATURDAY DECEMBER 1ST DOORS OPEN FROM 12 NOON – 3.00pm.

We will have the following stalls: -

Cakes - Pansy

Toys/Books - Daphne

Handmade Cards - Ann

Christmas Gifts - Christine

Tombola - Richard & Anne

Raffle - Sue & Marie Ana (To be drawn at 2.45pm)

£1.00 Stall - Rosemary

Hamper Competition - Grace

Other Competitive Games - Janet, Ed & Jeremy.

Lyndia & Chris will be serving hot soup with a roll for just £1.50 from 12.30pm;
Laura and Maria will be serving the usual tea, coffee, cakes and mince pies etc..

Father Christmas has said he will pop along with a little gift for all the children
sometime during the afternoon.

Offers of cakes can be taken directly to Pansy at 30 The Street, or if you
prefer, deliver straight to the Village Hall from 10am on Sat 1st Dec.
Thank you.

The Final Village Hall Lottery draw of the year will take place
during the Bazaar.

GARDENING CLUB

The club entered the Croxton gourd growing competition on 28th October and we were very pleased when we won the windowsill section. We had a great time and would like to congratulate and thank all involved in the preparation for the day.

Our speaker for November from the Plantsmans Preference Nursery was Jenny Fuller who gave a very informative talk on hardy geraniums, which was illustrated with some beautiful slides.

The next meeting will be the AGM, with competitions for the best photograph, the best flowering shrub and the best indoor plant. There will also be light refreshments. This meeting will be held on **Wed 5th December at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall.

All are welcome; the new programme will be available when joining for next year.

Further info from Jenny (01760 723306) or Carol (01780 440719)

PARISH COUNCIL

This happy band of brothers and sister met on Nov 1st to discuss Parish business and decide on a budget for the coming year.

Following the last meeting where letters from residents appealing for the local Watton / Dereham bus to be diverted through the village were read out. The council agreed that a letter be sent to the highways authority outlining this suggestion. A negative reply was received from this authority. At this point the two members of the public left the meeting.

Due consideration was then given to the expected costs of running the council from next April. The clerk advised the council that costs for services and wages had risen during 2007. Taking this into account, coupled with the need to support village and Church organisations, it was agreed to increase the budget proportionally. The first significant increase in four years.

The next meeting, open to all, will be on **Thursday 17th January at 7.30pm**.

OCTOBER RAINFALL

October 2007	70.5mm
October 2006	62.5mm
October 1997	43.75mm

Thank you, Ted for these figures.

When you are next in Edward's newsagents in Watton, pick up a copy of "Looking Back" It looks similar to the Wayland News, but is full of fascinating historical details of Watton and its neighbourhood. It does cost a pound in real money, but is worth every penny.

THANK YOU.

The editorial staff would like to take this opportunity to thank the generous people who sponsor The Oracle, those who contribute reports and articles, and the deliverers Don, Christine, Sheila and Rod, who, in all weathers, take to the highways and byways and ensure you all get your copies on time. We are eternally grateful.

WELCOME.

We have new residents in Ovington this month; at No 32 The Street and Cedar Cottage, we welcome them with our usual, but sincere, greetings.

We have no names at this time but we hope to meet and get to know you soon, and a golden opportunity presents itself at the Christmas Bazaar this coming Saturday.

Do come along and make yourselves known, we are renowned in Ovington for being nice to everyone.

POPPY APPEAL

Pansy and Sheila wish to give you all our very grateful thanks for giving so generously to this year's Poppy Appeal. Your contributions exceeded last year by 100% resulting in a total of **£160.00**. Well-done Ovington.

LADIES GROUP

This month's meeting was the AGM, which was very well attended. A new committee was elected and, for the first time in some years, we have a full complement of ladies on the committee. This will stand us in good stead as we prepare for our 30th Anniversary celebrations in 2008.

The next meeting is on the **18th December at 7.45pm** in the Village Hall and this will be our Christmas party.

Those wishing to attend who have not yet placed their order for food for the evening should let Connie know directly – so that the catering arrangements can be finalised.

Connie Springford (tel: 889541)
Hon Secretary

WANTED

Assistant administrator for the Parish Churches of Ashill, Carbrooke, Ovington, Saham Toney and Watton, based at St. Mary's Church Watton. 12 hours per week.

This is a part time position in a very busy, lively office. Please telephone the church administrator for an application pack on 01953 881252.

DID YOU KNOW?

$111,111,111 \times 111,111,111 = 12,345,678,987,654,321$

Bet the calculators are buzzing by now

DECEMBER DIARY

Sat	1 st	Grand Christmas Bazaar	12-3pm.
Mon	3 rd	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Wed	5 th	Gardening Club AGM	7.45pm
Mon	10 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Sat	15 th	Concert in Church	7.00pm*
Mon	17 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Tue	18 th	Ladies Group	7.45pm

All the above in the Village Hall, except where marked*

SUPPER EVENING

Went down well. Tributes all round. 42 hungry people sat down to a sumptuous feast, created and cooked to perfection by the ladies from the Village Hall committee. There was the odd bottle of fermented grape juice passed around, which did help to create the conviviality common to these occasions.

Once the oh so naughty desserts had been consumed and before the tall stories began to emerge (from the blokes---who else) the happy throng was given a little mind-bender quiz, just to work off the calories you understand. The winner was Ann, who received some more fermented juice to rejuvenate her brain cells.

One of the messages the village hall received, we think, sums up the evening precisely.

We would like to thank you and your band of helpers for a *magnificent* evening on Saturday. Quite an amazing choice of menu for both courses too!

Many thanks. (Signed)

We all look forward to the next one, and the one after that, and then --- perhaps, just one more? A very big thank you to the Chefs, planners, heavy gang, decorators, vintners, washer uppers, but most of all to you for supporting us.

BOWLS CLUB

Continue to run every Monday afternoon, anyone is welcome to join them and have an afternoon of fun. Their last meeting this year will be on the 17th Dec, they will be back again on Monday 7th January. As an added incentive the club members regularly enjoy a feast, sometimes it's a collation concocted by super-chef Molly, at others it could be a piping hot fish & chip supper, and then again it could be a slap up --- but sit down----- meal. These guys know how to live.

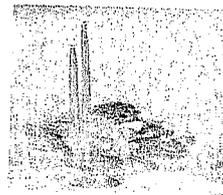
QUESTION.

If men climb mountains "because they are there"
Why not do the washing up?

CHURCH NEWS

At the risk of being accused of repetition we must remind you again of the concert by The **Breckland Harmony Singers** and friends being held in the Church on **Saturday 15th December at 7pm.** (Not 7.30pm as stated in last months Oracle) Do come along, we know you will be royally entertained. On a commercial note it will cost you **£5**, pay on the door or tickets available from Mullengers of Watton, this includes refreshments afterwards.

On Friday December 21st at 7.30pm we feature the traditional Carols by candlelight. It's magic folks, do come along.



A Christingle Service follows this on **Sunday 23rd December at 11am.**

During this service we present oranges to the children to represent the fruits of the world and Jesus as light of the world. Although this service is primarily for children, we are all young at heart and everyone is welcome!

CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

Dec 2 nd		No Service
Dec 9 th	9am	Parish Communion
Lessons	Mr. R. Akister.	Mrs. B. Hicks
Steward	Mr. R. Akister.	
Flowers.	No Flowers.	
Dec 15 th	7pm	Concert, (details above)
Dec 16 th	4.30pm	Peace Light Service,
		Saham Toney Church. With Scouts, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows & Trefoil Guild.
		Decorating any time during the week for Friday evening, otherwise Saturday morning.
		Donations of Greenery and flowers very much appreciated
Dec 21 st	7.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Dec 23 rd	11am	Christingle Service
Dec 24 th		Midnight Service
Dec 25 th	9am	Christmas Day
Lessons	Mrs. P. Westwood,	Mrs B. Hicks
Steward	Mrs. B. Hicks	
Dec 30 th	10.30am	Benefice Service at
		St Mary's Church, Watton. A morning Service of the Word from Common Worship. The service organised by all the Churchwardens.

NB. 'ORACLE' DEADLINE FOR JANUARY 2008 is 13TH DECEMBER 20

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS

To book the Hall for your meetings or parties. Please ring Michelle on 884544.

VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY

November Winners

1 st	£ 10.	No. 13	Richard Akister
2 nd	£ 5	No. 50	Wendy Kennaugh
3 rd	£ 5	No. 47	Sue Mortimer

Thank you to everyone who has taken part in the lottery this year.

A special thank you to Mollie who has faithfully collected the lottery money from the Bowls members

To those of you who do not know about the Village Lottery and wish to join for 2008.

It only costs £12 per year per person. You are then entered into a monthly draw, which is usually drawn on the third Tuesday each month at the Ladies group meeting. The money collected, less the licence (£20) and any other expenses, is then equally divided between the Village Hall and the monthly prizewinners. The more people who join, the larger the prizes will be.

If you wish to join the Lottery, please let me have your cheque or cash accompanied by the application form below by the end of December.

It is unfortunate that these payments coincide with Christmas expenses, but we have to comply with the requirements of Breckland Council, who only issue licences on January 1st

Once again, many thanks for your support.

Grace (Ovington Lottery coordinator)

Membership Application Form for Ovington Lottery 2008

First Name(s)

Surname.....

Address.....

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Tel No.....

Membership is £12. Per Annum. Payment enclosed: Cash or Cheque and return to: -
Grace at 31 The Street Ovington by 5th January 2008 latest.

If paying by cheque, please make it payable to "Ovington Village Hall"