

# ***THE OVINGTON ORACLE***

**DECEMBER 2009**

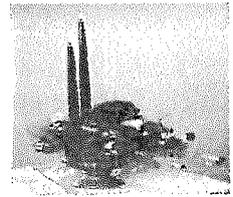
**12/09**

Hi everyone.

Many thanks for all the generous donations you have given for use at the Bazaar, this is much appreciated especially at this Credit Crunch time. Sorry if we missed you, you can still leave any contributions for the Bazaar at 31 The Street, We hope you will come and visit the Bazaar, you might find a card or a present for someone, or just pop in for a bowl of homemade soup.

# OVINGTON

# CHRISTMAS



# BAZAAR

## ***SATURDAY DECEMBER 5th***

## **Doors open from 12noon to 3.00pm**

We will have the following stalls:-

Books/Toys: David

Cakes: Pansy and Hannah

Handmade Christmas Cards: Ann J

Crafts: Christine H

£1.00. Stall: Chris.

Gifts: John

Tombola: Richard and Ann

Raffle: Christine R and Barbara (to be drawn at 2.45pm)

Also a Hamper Raffle, Guess No of Pennies, Weight of cake and Treasure Hunt, Angela and Daphne will be serving Hot Homemade Soup. (£2.00).

Lyndia, Dot, and Rute will be serving tea/coffee, cakes, sausage rolls, mincepies etc..

Offers of cakes to be taken to Grace anytime on Friday 4th December or before 10am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

Father Christmas may be popping in after 1.00pm

Proceeds from the Bazaar will be divided between the Village Hall and the Church.

**EVERYONE WELCOME – Free Admission.**

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

## DECEMBER DIARY

Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gardening Club	7.45pm
<b>Dec 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>OVINGTON BAZAAR</b>	<b>12-3pm</b>
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Group	7.00pm
<b>Dec 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>DEADLINE - ORACLE</b>	<b>12noon</b>
Dec 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Dec 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm

## SUPPER EVENING

Anyone passing the village hall on Saturday 14 November would have been forgiven for thinking there was a party going on. Well there was, of sorts, and if you missed it, you really missed out. The hall was full to bursting and by the end of the evening so were the diners.

We have a saying in Ovington

"Nemo esuriens domum it", which loosely translated means "nobody goes home hungry" and I think that was the case at the Village Supper. After a choice of half a dozen hearty main courses, the dessert table was groaning under the weight of puds both hot and cold.

There was a mini quiz to keep everyone awake after all the exertion of eating so much and the evening was rounded off with a raffle.

A great time was had by all and the wonderful sum of £356 was raised for the Village Hall. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success, whether setting up, cooking, clearing up or donating items.

Those who came from outside the village were impressed by the team effort and the warm friendly atmosphere.

Make a note of **23 January** in your diaries now: our first supper evening of 2010 (and I can't believe I just typed that date!) promises to be food on a European theme. Watch this space!

Christine"

## BAZAAR QUIZ

Once again Janet has set us a Quiz. The **quiz sheets** are available for £1. with the money going to the Bazaar.

Please return the **Quiz sheets** to Rod in a sealed envelope as soon as possible **before** the Bazaar. Do not worry if you cannot answer all the questions, neither can I.

Our thanks, to Janet for setting this Quiz for us.

## OCTOBER RAINFALL

October 2009	62.5mm	2.5ins
October 2008	82.5mm	3.3ins
October 1999	52.5mm	2.1ins

Thank you Ted

## GARDENING CLUB

The November meeting was on the question of 'Squash it or not?' which was answered by Robert Maidstone in a most informative way. We all learnt that the answer was never simple because of the lifestyle of garden pests, what they actually did in the garden and the way that they interacted with other creatures as part of a complex life cycle which was actually beneficial to gardeners. In many cases the results were a real eye-opener! The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting of the Club, which is not as onerous as it sounds. The main positions all have volunteers to be voted in and the evening is mainly a social celebration of the year with refreshments, so please come along! This meeting is on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.45pm in the Village Hall. For further information, call Ed on 01953 885848 or Carole on 01760 440719."

## THANKS

To the Village Hall Committee for all their hard work during the year, keeping the Village Hall in good working order.

To every one who has supported the Hall committee, in any way throughout this year.

To any one who has contributed items to the Oracle.

To Sheila, Christine, Don and Rod for distributing the Oracle each month.

Our grateful thanks to you all.

## THANKS

"Very many thanks to you all who sent me cards, good wishes and visits to see me in hospital as a result of a fall when I broke my hip. Pleased to say I am now at home and getting about, albeit very slowly. Also thank you to everyone for your visits and help you are giving me at home. Your kindness is very much appreciated, both by me and my daughter Yvonne, who at the moment is suffering from a broken shoulder. Pansy

## **LADIES GROUP**

Our November meeting was held on 17<sup>th</sup> November in the Village Hall. Linda Scoles gave us a talk entitled 'God Rest Ye Merry'. She told us about her life at Christmas with her family...well actually it was more about buying the present for her husband which was 'just what he wanted!!' I looked round at the ladies as Linda was speaking and I think everyone had a smile on their face. I know I was laughing all the way through. It was a very entertaining talk.

## **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

We shall be enjoying a Christmas Social evening with Fish and Chips and the usual Christmas trimmings. The evening will begin at 7pm and we look forward to seeing all our members enjoying a festive evening. There will be no competition or raffle and the winner of the year's competitions will be announced.

The Ladies Group committee would like to wish all readers of the Ovington Oracle a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS. We hope that the year ahead will be trouble free and happy.

NB Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Time to be advised. A Cheese and Wine will be held at Lyndia and Chris's. once again this will have a Valentine theme.

## **ROYSTON PHILPOT**

We were saddened to hear that Royston had passed away after a long but bravely borne illness. He had lived in the village for some twenty-eight years. The funeral has taken place and donations in his memory were for village hall funds. Our deepest sympathy goes to Rosemary.

Rosemary would like us to convey her thanks to everyone for their support, for all the lovely cards, and messages of sympathy she has received.

## **PARISH COUNCIL**

A meeting of the Parish Council on 18<sup>th</sup> Nov considered in the main the budget for 2010. It was decided that despite the possible expenses which may be incurred by providing allotments, the budget and thereby the precept should be reduced by some 10%. Which is good news for us ratepayers.

The allotment project is progressing, but slower than the Council had hoped, due to problems arranging tenancy agreements with the Diocese.

All Councillors wish residents of Ovington a very Happy Christmas and peaceful New Year.

## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **Church services for December**

<b>Dec 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Steward	Mrs B Hicks	
Reader	Mrs B Hicks	

<b>Dec 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>Decorate the Church</b>
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<b>Dec 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Carols by Candlelight</b>
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<b>Dec 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>
Steward	Mrs P Westwood	
Lessons	Mrs P Westwood	

Each Thursday Communion at 8am. except 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> December

### **Decorating the Church for Christmas –**

The church will be opened from 10am on Saturday December 19<sup>th</sup>. We would be very grateful for donations of flowers, greenery and help in decorating the church for Christmas.

**Carols by Candlelight Service** - This will be held on Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm. Mulled wine, and mincepies will be served after the service.

A warm welcome to you all to join with us for this special service.

The Churchwardens and P.C.C wish you all a blessed Christmas.

### **COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS**

Christmas can be a busy time of year, especially for your rubbish bin, and the last thing you want to be thinking about is recycling!

So this year, Breckland Council want to say a big thank you for all your recycling efforts.

On every recycling collection day in December, a recycling bin will be picked at random, and if all the items in the bin can be collected through our kerbside collection scheme, the lucky householder will receive a £20 shopping voucher.

Here's a quick reminder of the items which can go into your black recycling bin:

Paper, Cardboard, Plastic Bottles, Aerosol cans  
Steel and aluminium cans.

So for the chance to receive a £20 shopping voucher, all you need to do is continue recycling and placing your black bin out for collection! For more information about the Countdown to Christmas, contact Environmental Services on 01362 656878.

**For Village Hall Bookings** please give Christine a ring on 889920

**Deadline Day** for the *January Oracle* will be **December 15<sup>th</sup> 12noon.**

**NB Please submit your items if possible well before this date as the schedule will be tight this month for printing it.**

**Editors**

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**LOTTERY**

**NOVEMBER LOTTERY RESULTS**

£10.00. No.20 Maureen Rands

£ 5.00. No.28 Christine Reilly

Several members have already joined the lottery for 2010, so if you wish to join the Village Hall Lottery for 2010 please complete the application form below, and return to Grace (31 The Street, Ovington) together with cash or cheque for £12. as soon as possible before the 3rd January 2010.

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 1<sup>st</sup>

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

A special thank you to Denis and 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 2010.

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 prize winners.

The more people who join, the larger the prizes will be.

Once again, many thanks for your support.

Grace (Ovington Lottery coordinator)

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR OVINGTON LOTTERY 2010**

First Name(s)and Surname.....

Address.....

Tel No.....

Membership is £12 per annum. Payment enclosed: Cash or Cheque (payable to Ovington Village hall) and return to:- Grace at 31 The Street Ovington **by the latest 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2010 latest.**