

# THE OVINGTON ORACLE

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Hi everyone,

You can probably guess what is top of the agenda for next month, yes you are quite correct. It's food. No surprise really knowing Ovington's obsession with really good nosh. So we expect you all to be queuing at the village hall doors on November 6<sup>th</sup> bringing with you good appetites and of course the obligatory bottles of fruit juice!!!!

It would be great to have the planned bottle bank in situ before that evening, to save you the long trek up to Tesco's and although we have been reliably informed that progress is being made, it is not quite there yet. Watch this space-----or should we say watch the space outside the village hall.

You may have noticed that certain foliage growth along Church Road has had a long overdue trim, we think it will look great next year when it greens up again. We just thank our lucky stars that we were able to complete the blackberry harvest. For those amongst you who are only familiar with the electronic version, let us remind you that the blackberries here are of the edible kind.

Right let us have a look at what else is in store for you during November.

## November Diary

Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Parish Council	7.30pm
Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gardening Club	7.45pm
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Supper Evening	7 for 7.30pm
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Nov 15 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Nov 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Group	7.45pm
Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Collection for Bazaar from	2.00pm
Nov 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Bazaar	12-3pm

## September Rainfall

Sept. 2010	97.00mm	or 3.88 inches
Sept. 2009	21.50mm	or 0.86 inches
Sept. 2000	79.75mm	or 3.19 inches

Thanks again Ted.

## Village Supper – 6<sup>th</sup> November

Have you booked your ticket yet, if not, don't delay, give Christine a ring now, as she may have one or two left at £7.50 each.

Don't forget suppertime is **7.15pm for 7.30pm.**

We have been promised a general knowledge quiz, which you may enter if you wish.

## Bazaar - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 12 to 3pm.

Don't forget we will be collecting around the village for items you wish to donate for the Bazaar **Tuesday November 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 2pm.

Or if you so wish you may leave items at 31 The Street or give to any member of the committee.

There will be the usual stalls/competitions: Books, Raffle, Tombola, Hamper Competition, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Cakes and Gifts, Children's Lucky Dip. NO Bric a Brac.

Homemade Soups and refreshments. Hopefully Father Christmas will pop in.

There will be a Quiz sheet available shortly, the winner being announced at the Bazaar.

As usual all proceeds to be divided between the Village Hall and the Church.

## Ovington Gardening Club

Our October meeting was a fascinating talk on Garden Insects by Robert Maidstone, which was delivered in his own light-humoured way and was most informative.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday **3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.45pm** in the village hall when Rory Hart will give our final talk for this year on Conservation in the Garden. For further details contact Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

### French Club

Don't forget you can come to French Club on **Friday nights** between 7.30pm and 8.30 pm. We are a small club of mixed ages and mixed levels but we share a love of the language and a desire to learn. We are having fun playing games, watching DVDs and practising our language skills as well.

For more information call Janet on 883363 or e mail [jarmstrong1000@aol.com](mailto:jarmstrong1000@aol.com)"

### Clocks

Don't forget your clocks should be put back an hour at **2am on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

### Wayland Heritage - Ovington

Did you pop into the Queens Hall recently? If you did, you would have seen all the villages in the Wayland area displaying photographs, maps etc. old and new, of their villages and people living there. The only village displaying very little was Ovington. We have tried many times asking people if they have photos, especially old school photos or certificates and any other information about Ovington in the past, which we could borrow and scan (with your permission). We have made this request previously, but nothing so far has been forthcoming. So come on Ovington please find your hidden gems and photos, and let Rod borrow them, he guarantees to treat them with the utmost respect and return them within the hour.

### Village Hall

Once again we have had complaints from hirers of the hall, that children are peering in the windows whilst the hall is occupied. Please parents do tell your children not to go to the village hall when it is in use.

Thank you

### Parking

Beware: If you shop at Morrisons in Dereham you have 3 hours parking, go over the limit and you will be fined £70. as quite a few people have found to their cost. Perhaps it might be an idea to impose a fine on people in Ovington who park irresponsibly in the village and cause upset to their neighbours and passing vehicles.

### Ladies Group

We had a fairly good turn out for the AGM on 19<sup>th</sup> October. Angela, Lyndia and Rosemary had completed their 3 years on the committee so were standing down. Christine Hardy, Joyce Woods and Maureen Simmons were all willing to stand on the committee for 2011.

The committee will be  
Jill Malton  
Sheila Scotton  
Daphne Preece  
Maureen Simmons  
Joyce Woods  
Christine Hardy

Ann Akister volunteered to help out when needed.

Thank you ladies for helping to make sure that Ovington Ladies Group will survive for another year. It is one of the oldest surviving clubs in the village and it would be sad to see it fold. I wish the new committee a very successful year.

The AGM was followed by a fun game of Bingo which was followed by refreshments which included some delicious cakes Lyndia had made

The November Meeting is on **16<sup>th</sup> November.** Pat Barton will once again be giving a demonstration on making Christmas flower decorations. The meeting will begin at 7.45pm and the competition is something RED.

### Oil Syndicate

The next delivery of oil should be the early part of November, to make sure you belong to the syndicate, ring Rix 01953 457057 and tell them you wish to be part of the Ovington syndicate and would they please be sure to let you know when they will be delivering to Ovington. The minimum they will deliver is 500lts. They do deliver at other times but it would not be at the special rate.

## Church News

### November Church Services

**7<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am** will be the Benefice Service here at Ovington, when members of the other three parishes will be joining us.

It will be led by Rev. Tim, with Harry preaching. Everyone welcome!

**Every Thursday 8.00am** - Said Holy Communion There is no singing, but a little incense.

**14th November at 9:30**

Service of Remembrance. led by Harry.

**28<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30am** a Service of Morning Prayer led by Shirley Blake and Jean Rocket

The auction after last month's harvest service raised £58.60. Thank you!!

### **Church Flowers**

If you would like to be on the flower or readers' rota please let Barbara know.

### **Bonfire Party**

There will be a bonfire party/get-together/fundraising event at Ashill Rectory on **November 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.**

This is a ticket only event (we have to plan the catering....) Barbara has tickets; they are £6 and accompanied children under 12 go free!

Bring your fireworks to be let off by John. Soup, baked potatoes and hot dogs are available.

Proceeds will go towards buying a marquee for the benefice. Bring your own chair and drinks, we'll do the rest!

There is a Christmas Bazaar for the church and the village hall, at the village hall on **Saturday December 4th** at 12:00noon. Come and have a nutritious, warming lunch of home-made soup and rolls. Do your Christmas shopping and meet Father Christmas!

### **Advance notice:**

Our Carol Service is on **Christmas Eve at 6:00pm!** Get your preparations completed early and join us for mulled wine and festive nibbles (and a good sing!).

### **Christmas Art Competition 2010**

Children living in the village of Ovington of school age (up to, and including year 11), are invited to create a

#### **Christmas Biblical scene**

in any medium on paper up to size A3.

All entries will be exhibited in the church for the Christmas Carol service on

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 6:00pm, and must be handed in to Rockfield, Carbrooke Road by 12noon on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>**

**December.**

(Please make sure that your name, age and address is on the back!)

1<sup>st</sup> prize is £5,

2<sup>nd</sup> prize is £4,

3<sup>rd</sup> prize is £3.

More details from Harry and Barbara Hicks at the above address or by 'phoning

881848 or

by email: teech10600aol.com.

### **Wisdom?**

The fundamental reason that women do not achieve so greatly as men is that women have no wives!

(Marjorie Nicholson)

Men's inclination for mechanical technology does not extend to the washing machine!

(Penney Kane)

Sometimes a husband would leave home if only he knew how to pack!

(Margie Brand)

### **Village Hall Lottery**

The December lottery will be drawn at the Bazaar and will be about £195.00 to give away to members.

The application form for next year's lottery will be in next months Oracle and must be returned by 3rd January.

### **Lottery Winners for October**

£10.	No 23	Cyril Richmond
£5	No 26	Richard Akister

### Spree Booklets

There are one or two Spree booklets still available so give Christine a ring if you wish to purchase one at £23.

For every book sold £5 goes into Hall funds.

### Parish Council

The last meeting of the Parish Council on 13<sup>th</sup> October, was a very intimate affair, with just three councillors attending and the poor clerk also being unavailable having been laid low with medical problems. Mind you from what we hear the usual voluble throng of public supporters were also absent. Having said that the meeting progressed with expediency, due to exemplary aplomb of our highly experienced councillors.

Planning applications for Barton House were approved.

Payment of rent for allotment and adjacent field was approved and cheques signed.

The chairman will attend the next police action evening to discuss setting up a neighbourhood watch scheme, and seek to resolve the problems with indiscriminate parking in The Street.

The clerk was asked to contact Highways department to clarify the situation re - the 7.5 ton weight restriction on Church Road, and to ask for removal of redundant Bus Timetable in The Street.

A meeting is to be arranged between Parish Council and prospective Clerk to decide employment details.

The next meeting is to set the budget for 2011 / 2012. This will be held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm in the committee room of the village hall, all welcome. So if you have as yet to submit requests for donations to your (Village) activity, time is getting away.

### Carbrooke School

Some of our village children go to Carbrooke school where they will be holding their school's festive Bazaar on **20<sup>th</sup> November** at the school from 12 till 4pm.

There will be lots of craft stalls including Usborne books, pampered chef, body shop, chocoholics, a cake raffle, refreshments, games and loads more, even reindeer food!

### Allotment Corner

After the briefest of Indian summers, which you could have been forgiven for missing altogether, winter has now set in with a vengeance and the wind is cutting across the top field. A few hardy gardeners can be seen clearing their plots and digging furiously, if only to keep warm! There are still a few plots available for the coming year and they are well worth the outlay and effort involved.

As promised, the archaeology expert from Gressenhall paid us a visit and returned all the pottery sherds, duly catalogued.

He left with an even bigger bag full to be identified! In his opinion, there must have been a settlement on this site from at least Saxon times, if not Roman, due to the huge number of finds. Our earliest find so far dates back possibly to the late 9<sup>th</sup> century, a piece of Thetford-type pottery. There are also many pieces of glazed and unglazed pots from medieval times. There is even a piece of a glass bottle from the late 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> century! Although many of them are only small fragments, he has identified jar rims, handles, bowls, bases – all fascinating stuff.

We hope to display some of our finds at the Village Supper on 6<sup>th</sup> November.

On a sadder note, I picked my last courgettes this week and will be counting the weeks until I can plant some more seeds in the greenhouse. I will have to make do with the spuds, leeks and parsnips for the time being (that and the freezer full of beans!).

Christine

### Village Hall Bookings

Please ring **Christine Hardy** on 889920  
To book your party or meeting.

### Deadline Date

For the December 'Oracle' is **12noon on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2010 or earlier if possible.**

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