

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

DECEMBER 2010

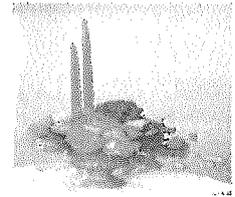
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Hi everyone.

Many thanks for all the generous donations you have given for use at the Bazaar, this is much appreciated. 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 present for someone, or just pop in for a bowl of homemade soup.

OVINGTON

CHRISTMAS



BAZAAR

SATURDAY DECEMBER 4th

Doors open from 12noon to 3.00pm

We will have the following stalls:-

Books/Toys: Chris and Jon

Cakes: Rod and Marie

Crafts: Christine H,

Toy Lucky Dip - Lyn

£1.00. *Stall:* Mac,

Gifts: John H

Tombola: Richard and Ann

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

Hamper Raffle- Pat, *Weight of Cake* – Christine, *Games* - Ed and Alan,

Angela, Daphne and Rosemary will be serving Hot Homemade Soup. (£2.00).

Lyndia, Dot, Linda B and Laura will be serving tea/coffee, cakes, filled rolls etc..

Offers of cakes to be taken to Rod anytime on Friday 3rd December or to the village hall after 10am on Saturday 4th December. Thank you.

Father Christmas may be popping in

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.

WELCOME TO DECEMBER.

OK, admit it, who forgot to put their clocks back in October? We bet that some did. We always feel the very act of messing about with clocks at this time of year really signifies that the onset of winter weather is just around the corner, in fact as we write this, it's really dismal out there, bitterly cold and, what's new? Yes it's raining.

A very bright light is on the Horizon though, the Annual Christmas Bazaar in the Village Hall, where a guaranteed warm welcome (and hot soup) awaits. There, you don't need us to tell you all, just look at the front page. Just come and join in the festive fun.

December Diary

Dec 1 st	Garden Club	7.45pm
Dec 4 th	Our Bazaar	12-3pm
Dec 7 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Dec 13 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Dec 14 th	Ladies Group	7.00pm
Dec 20 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm

Village Supper

At the beginning of November, the village hall was nearly full for a gourmet evening, despite the lure of other events and firework displays in the vicinity. Everyone enjoyed a variety of dishes, followed by an array of desserts (not a calorie in sight - if you took your glasses off!). After dinner, the evening was rounded off by a challenging general knowledge quiz and a raffle. It was good to see so many friends and meet new ones, raising just over £300 for village hall funds in the process. Thank you to everyone involved for making it such a good evening.

Village Hall

The management committee would ask motorists using the car park and ground to the rear of the Village Hall not to drive inconsiderately whilst the ground is wet. Higher gears and light foot will get you in and out of the grounds without making ruts and turning the greener areas into a resemblance of a battlefield. Thank you in anticipation of your co operation.

Church News

Church Lights

We are intending keeping the church lights on for the nights of Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve. If you would like to sponsor one (or more) of these nights - or part of a night - in memory of a loved one please contact Harry and Barbara Hicks at 'Rockfield,' Carbrooke Road. You can 'phone them on 881848, or email them at teech10600@aol.com

We will make a list (if you want to be included) of sponsors and who it was for, that will be displayed in the church and the village hall and published in the next edition of the 'Oracle.'

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 on size A3 paper
All entries will be exhibited in the church for the Christmas Carol service on Friday 24th December at 6:00pm, and must be handed in to Rockfield," Carbrooke Road by 12noon on Saturday 18th December.

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

Prizes are £5, £4 and £3

Thanks

Thank you to all the people who worked so hard and came along to the Benefice service on November 7th. There were about 10 people from Ovington, but about 50 in all, and the singing was just wonderful! Cake and refreshments were enjoyed and the flower arrangements admired.

Church Services for December

Thurs	2 nd	8.00am	said Holy Communion.
Sun	5 th	9.30am	Advent breakfast-Saham followed at 10.30am for the Benefice Service
Thurs	9 th	8.00am	said Holy Communion
Sun	12 th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thurs	16 th	8.00am	said Holy Communion
Thurs	23 rd	8.00am	said Holy Communion
Fri	24 th	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Carols for all
Begin your Christmas celebrations with a good sing and warm refreshments!			
Sat	25 th	10.30am	CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Communion. - Carbrooke
Sun	26 th	10.30am	Group Morning Worship Ashill
Thurs	30 th	8.00am	said Holy Communion (All services led by Rev. Jane)

Flowers

If you wish to put some special flower arrangements in the church, the church is open daily. If, on the rare occasion that you may find it locked, the keys are available from the names listed on the church notice board.

Church Services for January 2011

Happy New Year! May it be a good one!

Sun	2 nd	10:30am	Holy Communion -Carbrooke
Thurs	6 th	8:00am	(Epiphany) said Holy Communion
Sun	9 th	9:30am:	Holy Communion
Thurs	13 th	8:00am:	said Holy Communion
Thurs	20 th	8:00am:	said Holy Communion
Sun	23 rd	9:30am:	All Age Worship (Harry Hicks)
Thurs	27 th	8:00am:	said Holy Communion.

Parish Council.

The latest Parish Council meeting was held on the third of November, where the main item on the agenda was setting the budget for the year 2011/2012. After considering the essential costs of running the council, such as insurance, wages, audit fees etc. it now fell upon the council to decide how they should secure funding and once secured how to distribute it fairly to the various organisations that are considered to be of benefit to the populace of the village. Finally after totalling the figures agreed, it was decided that the precept (the bit that affects you) should be set at £3500. Which is an increase, sadly, on last year's precept, but that is a reflection on the times we are living in.

It is expected that the more noticeable increases in your council tax will inevitably be the demands from Breckland, Norfolk C.C. and of course the Police. On another matter it was agreed at the meeting that the neighbourhood watch scheme would be pursued and that Councillor Rumsby would liaise with the P.C.S.O. responsible for setting up such schemes. The council asked that it be publicised in the Oracle and anyone in Ovington interested in participating in the setting up and running the Watch should contact Cllr Rumsby at 31 The Street for further information. (Why is he not holding his breath Ed.)

The Council had only one application for the post of Parish Clerk and having interviewed said applicant and found her eminently suitable, formally agreed to offer her the post.

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the New Year on Wednesday 19th January at 7.30pm in the committee room of the Village Hall.

Gardening Club

The November meeting was an illustrated talk by Rory Hart on 'Conservation in the Garden' which was very well received by members.

The next meeting is the AGM on December 1st at 7.45pm in the village hall.

Note that all major positions have been filled, so please come along to enjoy a quiz and refreshments! For further details contact Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

Allotment

The allotment holders are preparing the ground for a winter rest period, heavy digging taking place on many plots.

There are still two plots available to rent, now would be a good time to take up a plot and prepare it for next years anticipated record crops.

Ring Christine on 01953 885848.

October Rainfall

October 2010	78.00mm	or	3.12ins
October 2009	62.50mm	or	2.50ins
October 2000	113.00mm	or	4.52ins

Poppy Appeal

Sheila and Jane wish to thank everyone who donated so generously to the Poppy Appeal. The total amount collected was £117.23p. Thank you.

Ladies Group

Pat Barton was our speaker for our November meeting. She gave us a demonstration on flower arranging giving us ideas for Christmas but also for stunning Autumn arrangements. She did five arrangements which were raffled later. It was a very interesting meeting and all the members seemed really absorbed in watching.

Once again there was a full table of red items for the competition.

Our December meeting is a week early this month. **TUESDAY 14TH DECEMBER.** The committee will be serving a hot meal followed by a festive sweet. As members will be having a meal, it has been decided that the Christmas social evening will begin at 7pm. We look forward to seeing you all at our festive meeting.

The January meeting is on Tuesday 18th January at 7.45pm. Mike Wabe will be our speaker and will telling us about Life and Death in a Victorian Prison On behalf of the outgoing committee I would like to wish everyone a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. I would also like to wish the new committee a successful year
Angela

Pride of Breckland Awards 2011

Breckland Council will host its second Pride of Breckland Awards on Friday 18th March 2011 at RAF Marham.

The purpose of the awards is to recognise and reward the true heroes of our district – the volunteers, carers, good neighbours, courageous children and sporting champions, people who help to make Breckland a better place to be.

Nominations are now open and we are asking for your help in nominating deserving people or groups in your community.

Categories open for nominations are;
Carer of the Year

- Greener Breckland Award
- Sporting Excellence Award
- Volunteer of the Year
- Child of Courage
- Good Friend/Neighbour Award
- Safer Breckland Award
- Community Group of the Year

An online nomination form can be completed via http://www.breckland.gov.uk/pride_in_breckland_awards_2011. Hard copy nomination forms can also be collected from Breckland Council head office in Dereham. and the Dereham Times office, or if you prefer a form can be sent to you – call 01362 656870 or email richard.wills@breckland.gov.uk to arrange.

For Village Hall Bookings please give Christine a ring on 889920. Group secretaries don't forget to book your meetings for 2011.

Deadline Day for the January Oracle will be December 15th 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.13 Mr D Rednall
£ 5.00. No.30 Mrs R Rednall

Several members have already joined the lottery for 2011, so if you wish to join the Village Hall Lottery for 2011 please complete the application form below, and return to Grace (31 The Street, Ovington) together with cash or cheque (Payable to Ovington Village Hall) for £12. as soon as possible before the 3rd January 2011

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

A special thank you to Denis 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 2011.

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 Breckland Council 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 2011

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

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

Address.....

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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 3rd January 2011 latest.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.