

# THE OVINGTON ORACLE

JANUARY 2011

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**Hi Everyone,**  
**Blarst he say, Thas bin suffin raw tha larst cuppla weeks.**

As we write the snow has almost gone but looks to be coming back, the bookies are not giving good odds on it being a white Christmas this year, so it is recommended that breath be not held until Jan 1<sup>st</sup>.

We hope this is distributed before the festivities begin and we (sadly) do not have to wait this month to deliver the Mid Norfolk Times. Therefore the editorial team would take this opportunity to wish each and every one of our readers a very **Happy Christmas, a healthy, prosperous, and warm New Year.**

## January Diary 2011

Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Jan 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club	7.45pm
Jan 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Jan 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Jan 18 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Group	7.45pm
Jan 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Council	7.30pm
Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Jan 31 <sup>st</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm

## December Lottery Results

£35	Mavis Scammell
£30	James Hardy
£25.	Betty Carr
£20.	Wendy Kennaugh
£20	Simon Hardy
£15	Cynthia Bowman
£15	Ann Johnson
£10	Jon Wheeler
£10	Shannon Woolard
£5	John Hardy
£5	Dave Carr
£5	Pat Powell

Don't forget, the more members we have join the lottery, the more money we can give out in prizes.

Lottery Application form on the back page

## Bazaar Stall Results 2010

Books	33.90
Cakes	97.50
Crafts	148.45
Cake weight	37.50
Gift	123.36
Hamper	98.00
Card Game	15.50
Pound	40.00
Raffle	136.00
Refreshments	42.00
Soup	106.60
Tombola	125.40
Toy Lucky Dip	10.00
Treasure	16.00
Quiz	21.00
Donation	50.00
	1101.21
Less expenses	19.17
Total	<u>£1082.04</u>

Very many thanks to everyone who supported our Bazaar in so many ways, donating gifts, helping on the day, and coming to spend money, as you can see we did well again. Your support is much appreciated.

## Quiz Results

Many thanks to Janet for devising a quiz to commemorate the opening of the village allotments; all the answers were to do with gardening.

The winner was Christine Reilly with 14 correct answers out of 15.  
£21 was added to the Bazaar Total.

Here are the answers for those of you who bought a quiz paper, but didn't complete the quiz.

1. Crocus
2. Spinach
3. Ivy
3. Pumpkin
5. Cauliflower
6. Privet
7. Brussels Sprout
8. Comfrey
9. Cold frame
10. Prune
11. Crab Apple
12. Sloe
13. Rhubarb
14. Hoe
15. Pear

### Ladies Group

On 14<sup>th</sup> December we celebrated our Christmas Social and were treated to a lovely meal cooked by the committee members, followed by mince pies and cream. The Christmas spirit flowed in more ways than one and we sang a few carols and played a party game. The evening was very enjoyable and we have our stalwart committee members to thank so much for all their hard work. This would also be a good time to thank especially our retiring Chairperson, Lyndia, and Secretary, Angela. Well done girls!

Finally – a very Happy and Healthy New Year to you all.

The January meeting is on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.45pm**. Mike Wabe will be our speaker and will be telling us about Life and Death in a Victorian Prison

### November Rainfall

November 2010	70.75mm	2.63ins
November 2009	124.5mm	4.98ins
November 2000	100mm	4.00ins

*Thank you Ted*

### Church News

#### **Church Services in December 2010**

Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8.00am	Said Holy Communion
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Christmas Eve Carols
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Communion - Carbrooke
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship at Ashill
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup>	8.00am	Said Holy Communion (All services led by Rev. Jane)

#### **Church Services for January 2011**

Happy New Year! May it be a good one!

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10:30am	Holy Communion – Carbrooke
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	(Epiphany) Said Holy Communion
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:30am	Holy Communion (Rev Jane)
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Said Holy Communion
Thurs 20 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	Said Holy Communion
Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30am	All Age Worship (Harry Hicks)
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am	said Holy Communion.

### **Thursday at 8am**

This is a Said Service lasting only half an hour, there is no singing, but there is a little incense. You're welcome! (In fact, you're welcome to all the services in church!!!)

### **Thank you**

For the money received for the church from the Annual Bazaar and for your support on that occasion.

For the donations to 'Leaving The Lights On' in Church over the Christmas and the New Year.

For the flowers given for Christmas and throughout the year (you know who you are).  
For the Christmas tree, festive candles and tea lights.

Please can you help with the removal of the Christmas decorations from the Church on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January it would be much appreciated.

### **The Reading of the Bible.**

In 2011 it will be 400 years since the publication of the Authorised Version of the Bible, popularly known as the King James Bible.

It has – and has had – a huge impact on our language, culture and theology. It has inspired, corrected, challenged, humbled, freed, captivated, directed, enlightened and enthralled mankind. It has been ignored, cherished, taken to the moon, parodied, copied, abused and treasured. It is a beacon of hope, a treasure of wisdom and a rock upon which we can reliably build our faith in - and knowledge of – God. It has puzzled us, divided us and enjoined us. It has inspired writers, artists, travellers, playwrights and revolutionaries. It has changed lives and nations. It is personal and national. It is as relevant now as it ever was.

To commemorate this event Ovington Church will leave a copy of the Authorised Version of the Bible on the lectern for the year. The church is open every day. You are invited to read a chapter or two out loud in the church. There'll probably be nobody else there, so you'll be OK. Just fill in the book at the side so that the next person will know where to read from. Then fill in where you have read up to. There will also be a modern translation. If we try to read four chapters a day we'll get through the whole Bible in the year.

### Welcome

We give a warm welcome to the return of Angela who has recently moved back into The Street.

Saham's loss is our gain.

### Gardening Club

Following the December AGM, the main positions of the Club were elected as follows: Chairman - Vernon Conie, Secretary/Treasurer - Ed Reilly, Committee Members - Carole Salmons, Gloria Canham, Ann Akister, Brian Borwick.

The programme for the year was produced by the Secretary and a copy is posted on the notice board in the village hall. This programme starts with a talk by Terry Rands on the subject of 'Practical Self Sufficiency' which is in the village hall on Wednesday 5th January at 7.45pm. Membership for the year costs £5.00 so please come along if you are interested. or if you would like to come to the odd meeting the charge is £1.00.

Further information can be obtained from Ed Reilly 01953 885848 or Carole 01760 440719.

### Bottle Bank

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting the site to be dug out and gravelled. The recent inclement weather has prevented us from completing the work earlier. So please keep saving your glass bottles and jars.

We have just heard that the preparative work will be carried out between Christmas and New Year, weather permitting.

### Diary Dates for 2011

Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>	Starter/Pudding Evening
Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Village Hall AGM
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fete
Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Christmas Bazaar

### Maurice Addison

We would like to send our best wishes to Maurice who has been in Hospital for the last four weeks, we know he is looking forward to coming home and by all accounts is making good progress.

### Deadline Date

for items for the February 'Oracle' is **12noon on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011** or earlier if possible.

### Allotment Corner (or Round the Bend)

As the wind howls across from the top field, the allotments look very sad and soggy. The bad news is that hungry deer have popped in and devastated all the brassica's. I'm hoping they don't develop a liking for leeks as I was looking forward to lots of soup through the cold weather. Just a reminder for those allotmenters who are not renewing for 2011 to remove any crops and structures by the end of January so the plots' new tenants can start tilling the soil. Also, a general reminder that the site is officially closed for one day on 31 January - so pick enough sprouts on the 30th to last through until February!

Happy New Gardening Year to you all.

### IN COMPLETE CONTRAST

A doctor after examining a woman who had been rushed to the emergency room, took her husband aside, and said, "I don't like the looks of your wife at all" "Me neither Doc" said the husband. "But she's a great cook and really good with the kids"

Or

"Mr Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully" the divorce Court Judge said, "And I have decided to give your wife £250 a week" "That's very fair your Honour" the husband said, "And every now and again I'll try and send her a few quid myself"

The following are howlers from exam papers.

The Greeks were lazy people because the worshipped idles!

Egypt was inhabited by Mummies who wrote in Hydraulics.

In midevil times most people were alliterate.

### Village Hall Bookings

Please ring Christine Hardy on 889920  
To book your group meetings or parties.

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM FOR OVINGTON LOTTERY 2011**

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

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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 **3<sup>rd</sup> January 2011** latest please