

# THE OVINGTON ORACLE

December 2011

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Many, many thanks for the donations received so far for the Bazaar, very much appreciated. Thank you

## OVINGTON CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
12 – 3pm  
in the Village Hall

Stalls: Competitions  
Refreshments/Hot Soup

Free Admission

Proceeds for Hall  
and Church Funds

Please bring Cakes/Preserves for  
Cake stall and Refreshments  
either **Friday 2pm - 4pm** or  
**Saturday 9.30am -11am**

Hope to see you there,

**Everyone Welcome**

## December Diary

Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>	BAZAAR	12 – 3pm
Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Gardening Club	7.45pm
Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Dec 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Dec 20 <sup>th</sup>	Ladies Group	7.00pm
Dec 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Candlelit Service	6.00pm*

Every Tuesday Karate Club 5.15pm

All events held in the village hall unless marked\*

**\*Bazaar Competition for  
children under 16years of age\***

## DESIGN A CHRISTMAS CARD

Please bring your card with you on the day (no bigger than A5 when folded), with your name and age written on the back, for judging at 2pm. Cards will be displayed and prizes awarded after the Raffle is drawn, just before 3pm.

## Village Supper

Tickets for this annual event sold out well in advance, such is Ovington's reputation for the enjoyment of good food! After a hearty main course of casserole, curry, chilli or pie guests tucked into an array of desserts. The quiz was a brief trip down memory lane for those of a 'certain age' - well done, Alan, for winning. A raffle rounded off the evening which boosted village hall funds by an amazing £351. My thanks to everyone who helped with the preparations, food or clearing up afterwards. It was a great team effort, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

## Ladies Group

On 15<sup>th</sup> November we were entertained by a delightful gentleman, Mr Trevor Burlingham, who gave an interesting talk about the magic lantern, followed by a picture show. The comical pictures proved that we can still be entertained by the simple things in life, whilst the historical photos gave an insight into life around Thetford over one hundred years ago.

Our next meeting on **Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December**, will be the Christmas Social. Please note the evening will commence at the earlier time of **7.00 pm**, in order that we can sit down for a Chinese meal at 7.30 pm. For those ladies who do not like Chinese food, chicken and chips will be provided (please make sure you have mentioned your preference to a committee member).

Sadly, Sylvia is still in hospital and we are all thinking of her and wish her a speedy recovery.

On behalf of the committee, I wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Maureen (Sec)

## Gardening Club

The November meeting was a talk by Barry Gayton on 'Annuals and Biennials of the Flower Border'. This was a talk given by an expert with superb pictures to match, and was very well received by members.

The December meeting will be our AGM and will take the form of a social evening after the business part of the meeting is over. This meeting will commence at **7.45pm** on Wednesday **7<sup>th</sup> December** in the village hall.

## Poppies

Sheila and Peter would like to thank everyone who donated to this year's Poppy Appeal.

The total collected was £117.26p

## Ovington History

The official launch of the recently published "History of Ovington" will be on Saturday November 26<sup>th</sup> at the Wells Cole Community Centre in Saham Toney as part of the Wayland Heritage Project.

All participating communities will be exhibiting the results of their labours between 2.30pm and 5.30pm.

## Church News

It was good to welcome Harry and Barbara back for our Remembrance Service and it was good to welcome people from the village to this very special service.

Thank you Harry for taking our service and for playing the organ.

We will be cleaning the church at **2pm** on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December** but there won't be any cleaning in January.

On Sunday, **11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am** we will be having our monthly Holy Communion service

If anyone wishes to donate flowers or make a donation towards the cost of decorating the church for Christmas would they please contact Jane Lambert at 25 The Street.

Equally if you would like to help with the decorating this would be greatly appreciated. As the church is unlocked during the hours of daylight then feel free to decorate at your own convenience during the week leading up to the Carol Service.

Do come and join us for our Traditional Candlelit Carol Service on Friday, **23rd December at 6pm.**

Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service.

We look forward to seeing you there. This will be our only service over the Christmas period.

## Parish Council

A Parish Council meeting was held on **26<sup>th</sup> October 2011**. The following is an abridged and unconfirmed report of the meeting.

The Council appointed a new clerk, Mrs Heidi Frary, who was introduced to the public and district councillor attending the meeting. The Clerk and Chairman signed the contract of employment and the meeting got underway.

The clerk was computerising the accounts and would be able to inform all councillors of the financial standing shortly.

The Village sign is still undergoing maintenance, but progress is being made.

Councillor Rogers is working on the highways issues to try and get better pedestrian access along the Dereham Road.

Councillor Rumsby has been into Barclays Bank and arranged the changes of details for signatures and addresses.

The Allotment Association are still in the process of confirming an agreement with the Parish Council. There was some uncertainty regarding the allocation of plots, the clerk to write and ask for an update on the current situation.

There has been concern that the signs indicating footpaths in the Parish are no longer visible, Clerk to write to NCC asking that they be replaced.

Planning: The council approved an application for holiday bungalows at Ash Farm, King Row.

The council discussed forthcoming Celebrations for the Queens Jubilee in 2012.

It was agreed that daylong activities, which could include a series of social events, competitions, etc., would be appropriate. Planning to start soonest with Cllr John Hardy to spearhead the event with full backing from remaining councillors.

Cllr Rumsby to contact all Village organisations to apprise them of the

event and request their participation and ideas.

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

Next meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2011 at 7.30pm.

**Unconfirmed report on Parish Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November,** All councillors present, no members of the public in attendance.

The councillors discussed, and confirmed, the arrangements for the Queens Jubilee celebrations, a programme of events was suggested by Cllr Hardy and it was agreed that a flyer be sent to all householders in the new year to include a returnable slip indicating attendance, or not, at the Hog Roast.

Alternative menus would be available.

The Clerk had approached the Allotment Association with requests for clarification of their plot allocation system due to an apparent irregularity in allocations; there had been no response or clarification thus far.

Clerk to progress this situation and request a signed agreement between the A. A. and the Parish Council.

The Council discussed the future of the village newsletter, the Ovington Oracle. They all agreed on its importance for keeping the villagers informed, but the Chairman said that so far no one had come forward to take on the responsibility for producing it with effect from January 2012.

The budget for next year was discussed and approved with only a 2% increase in the precept.

Payments for donations agreed at the last meeting were approved and cheques duly signed.

Cllr Hardy proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for her efficient management of council affairs, all agreed.

**Next meeting 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012. at 7.30pm in the Village Hall committee room**

All welcome.

### WANTED – Oracle Editor

After seven years looking after our village newsletter, Grace is giving up after the January issue. We are grateful for all her hard work, and it is often like getting blood out of a stone trying to get people to contribute articles!

Therefore, from January we are looking for someone who has a way with words, can use a computer and who would be willing every month to compile the snippets of village life and news into the Oracle we all know and love.

Please give me a ring if you are interested in taking on this exciting challenge and I can fill you in on the details.

Christine (885848)

### Lottery Winners

£10.00	No 48	Cyril Richmond
£ 5.00	No 2	Richard Stillwell

The December draw will take place at the Bazaar when there will be £135.00 divided into 9 prizes.

### Dragonfly Gallery

Christmas Art Exhibition – Art With A Seasonal Theme

**Saturday 3rd December – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Preview Eve Friday 2nd December 7.00 – 8.30pm, limited number of free tickets available. Refreshments.

Dragonfly Gallery, Wayland House, High St, Watton.

The Christmas exhibition showcases the talents of artists across East Anglia at one venue.

Mediums to include: pastel, acrylic, oil, mixed media, photography, textile, silk painting ceramic and linocut.

Housed within the gallery is Dragonfly Gifts and Cards – a small retail area to support both the artists and the Gallery.

Unique art cards and unusual crafted gifts, all hand-made by local artists

Opening Times: Weekdays 10.00 - 4.00pm, Saturdays 10.00 - 1.00pm

Contact Susan Hollingworth for further information 01953 880205

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#### Beginners Computer Course

Designed to give people who have very little, or no computer knowledge, tuition and practise to enable them to confidently operate a computer to a basic level.

We are now taking bookings for our 10-week course, which starts in the Spring 2012.

For further information call Breckland on 01362 850130 or 01362 695388

### Last Chance for a Spree book!

I still have a few books of Spree vouchers left, but it will be your last chance to purchase one of these useful, money-saving booklets before or at the Bazaar. They cost only £23 and contain about £4,000+ in vouchers, valid until 1 October 2012. This is a way of supporting your village hall and having a good time in the process. Not all of the vouchers are for places in Norwich: restaurants in Attleborough, Wymondham and Dereham are included, as is the cinema in Dereham. Ring me on 885848 if you would like to inspect a copy. They make great Christmas presents.

### Hall Bookings

Please give Christine Hardy a ring on 889920

**Deadline for January Oracle will be 12 noon on December 15<sup>th</sup> 2011**

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**We wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Peaceful New Year.**