

The Ovington Oracle

February 2012

Welcome:

We are sure everyone will join us in thanking Grace Rumsby for the excellent job she has done as Editor of the *Oracle* since March 2005, a stunning 82 issues!

We are pleased to take over production of the *Oracle* and intend to keep it as a vibrant, informative village magazine.

Thank you to the regular contributors for a good mix of village news & reports. We welcome ideas, news and items from everyone.

Diary Dates:

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

All Mondays @ 1:45	Bowls
All Mondays @ 10:30	Coffee morning, until 11:30
All Tuesdays @ 5:15	Karate
11-Feb @ 7:30	Sausage & Mash supper
1-Feb @ 7:45	Gardening Club
21-Feb @ 7:45	Ladies Group
29-Feb @ 7:30	Village Hall AGM

To book the village hall contact Christine Hardy 889920

More at: www.ovington-village.org.uk

Ladies Group:

By: Maureen Simmons

We were very pleased to have had Rod Rumsby entertain us at our January meeting, when he talked about the history of Ovington. A very interesting evening, sprinkled with Rod's humour and aided by Susan White who helped Rod with the writing of the heritage book. A large display of photos and memorabilia of the more recent village history was also much appreciated.

Our next event will be a **Hot Supper Evening** on Saturday 18th February at 7.00 for 7.30 pm to be held at 1 Church Road, by kind permission of Lyndia and Chris Lewis. The price of £8 will cover a main meal, dessert and a glass of wine/soft drink. All ladies group members and other halves/guests are very welcome.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 21st February, at 7.45pm in the village hall. Easton Coaches will come along to give a history of the firm and an overview of their services. The competition for the evening will be something beginning with 'B'. As usual the meetings are open to all ladies of the village and we look forward to seeing you then.

Allotments

By: Christine Reilly

Just a reminder to all those with allotments that the annual closure is imminent. There will be no access to the site on Tuesday 31 January, so remember to harvest any veg for dinner the day before!

Gardening Club:

By: Ed Reilly

The January talk on 'Exhibition Vegetables' by Trevor Last gave an in-depth insight into exactly what you have to do to grow the best veg. It involves a lot of manual work, time, materials and attention to detail from the sowing of the seed, transplanting and growing on with supports for each plant. To get the best from each plant is the objective and then you have to match the right number of each vegetable specimens to obtain your exhibit of as-near identical items. This talk gave a brilliant insight into what is required to win shows by a member of the National Vegetable Society, and left us with a sense of awe at the work and dedication involved.

The February meeting is a talk on 'The Horticultural Year' by Ben Potterton and will take place in Ovington village hall at 7.45pm on Wednesday 1st February. Further details can be obtained from:
Ed on 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719

BRAIN TEASER:

In your pocket you have £5.84, it is made up of four different denominations of coins. The largest denomination is 50p, you have exactly the same number of each coin. How many of each do you have and what are the denominations?

Answer in the next edition.

Village Hall:

By: Christine Reilly

Sausage & Mash 'Bash' 11th February

Tickets are selling fast for the Sausage & Mash 'Bash' on Saturday, 11th February. For the modest sum of £7, you will be treated to a main course of locally produced pork sausages with mash and veg, followed by a choice of desserts. Tea and coffee are included after dinner, but there is no bar so please BYOB. A mini quiz and raffle will be laid on to divert you, and all the proceeds of the evening will go to village hall funds.

Ring Christine (885848) to reserve your tickets.

Following the updating of the kitchen and management procedures we are very pleased to announce that the hall has been awarded the highest available rating by Breckland Environmental Health: '**5 – Very Good**'.

The Village Hall AGM will be held at the hall on Wednesday 29 February starting at 7.30pm. Even if you don't wish to be elected on to the committee, do come along and offer your support or share your ideas. Refreshments will be served after the AGM business is completed. Our Treasurer, Grace Rumsby, is retiring from the committee after many years of loyal service. We would like to thank her for all her hard work and support over the years in her many roles (Treasurer, Lottery organiser, Oracle editor - to mention but three) and wish her a long and healthy retirement. This does mean that at least one vacancy exists on the committee, but more members are welcome to join as 'many hands make light work'. If you are new to the village and would like to discuss the possible work load or tasks needing volunteers, please give me a ring on 885848.

Finally, following some damage to the floor over the Christmas period, we would like to remind anyone who hires or uses the hall about the 'no wearing of stiletto heels' rule. Hopefully, fashions will soon change and we will see more sensible footwear prevail. If not, there is going to be a shortage of orthopaedic surgeons to remedy the damage to a whole generation. In the meantime, please be vigilant and remind any party-goers.

Bowls Club:

By: Grace Rumsby

After almost 25 years the ever popular Bowls Club has entered a period of crisis. Denis, who has expertly run the club for the last 6 years, is suffering from ill health and has just lost his partner Molly. Family circumstances and anno domini have also served to reduce membership to a seriously low level.

The remaining members have agreed to keep the club running for the next six months in the hope of attracting new members, so we are inviting anyone who has a couple of hours to spare on a Monday afternoon to just pop along to the village hall at 1:45, give the game a try (first session free) and hopefully you will see that the game does not need an inordinate amount of skill, but offers a deal of fun.

Light refreshments are available to sustain the inner man/woman and once or twice a year the social activities include either a hot repast in house or a visit to an accommodating hostelry for a good lunch.

Should you require more information prior to a trial bowl then contact either Rosemary Philpot (881081), or Lyn Stillwell (886724)

Church:

by: Ann Johnson

A Happy New Year to you all

What a wonderful turn out we had for the traditional Carol Service – over 70 people – and the church looked beautiful. Thank you to all who helped in any way to make this service special: to those who decorated and prepared the church, those who provided the mince pies and mulled wine, those who took part in the service and those who helped serve the refreshments. How wonderful it would be to have the church filled at every service.

Our Sunday Holy Communion services continue in 2012 at 09:30 on the second Sunday of each month and there is a Said Service of Holy Communion for all the five parishes in the Group on Thursdays of each week at 09:00.

On Sunday 29th January @ 6:30pm the congregation of St Mary's Church, Watton, will be coming over for Evensong. The Assistant Curate, Rev'd Suzanne Cooke, will be leading us in worship at this service and the choir will lead us in the singing. For those of you who have missed the Evensong Service do come along and join us.

Thank you to all who came and read from the King James bible through the 400 anniversary year of 2011. We did not manage to read the whole bible but many chapters were read from people in the village to people in Australia!

Church cleaning will be at 2pm on Monday 6th February.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Date: Friday 2nd March 2012, at 2.30pm

Place: Watton Pentecostal Church

Speaker: Mrs Elsie Warby

Theme: Let Justice Prevail

This year the service has been prepared by Christian women in Malaysia.

Parish Council

by: Timothy Birt

The next Parish Council meeting is on 25 January @ 7:30, a synopsis of our discussion will appear in the next *Oracle*. Agenda items include: village traffic control, allotments and jubilee celebration.

A return slip for our jubilee celebration is included with this copy of the *Oracle*, please complete and return to any Councillor as part of our summer preparations, thank you.

Village Lottery:

by: Alan Powell

The first lottery draw will take place at the Village Hall on Monday 23rd January at the Coffee morning which is open to all. Thereafter it will take place the second Monday in the month, except special months: Fête (9th June) and Bazaar (1st December).

So far 42 tickets are sold with a few more 'promises'; half of the fund comes back as prizes and half goes to help fund the Village Hall.

Winning tickets will be reported in the Oracle.

Let's celebrate:

Have you a special birthday, upcoming wedding, wedding anniversary or other celebration that you would like to share with friends and neighbours then please let us know we can put it in the *Oracle*. Sometimes we do find out about special days by word of mouth and we will try to check if you are happy for the information to be included.

Deadline for next issue: 23rd February

Children's Corner

Hard Word Search ...

Find words which may be in any direction and share letters with other words:

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Ovington
Parish
Hall
Oracle
Church
Bowls
Gardening

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