

The Ovington Oracle

March, 2012

Welcome:

Linda & Tim

From snow to snowdrops: how quickly the seasons change in Ovington. It certainly feels like spring at the moment with the bulbs starting to appear in gardens and on the roadside. As thoughts turn to spring cleaning how about joining us on the annual village tidy up, details inside.

Diary Dates:

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

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| All Mondays @ 10:30 | Coffee morning, until 11:30 |
| All Mondays @ 1:45 | Bowls |
| All Tuesdays @ 5:15 | Karate |
| 6 March @ 7:30 | Parish Council meeting |
| 7 March @ 7:45 | Gardening Club |
| 17 March @ 10:00am | Village litter pick Meet village green – by post box |
| 20 March @ 7:45 | Ladies Group |

To book the village hall contact Christine Hardy 889920

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



Ladies Group:

By: Maureen Simmons

On Saturday, 18th February, we held our first fund-raiser of the year, which was a Hot Supper Evening. This was a very enjoyable evening with plenty of good food and good company. It was nice to see some new faces as well. Thank you to all who supported the evening and in particular to Lyndia and Chris who hosted the event.

Nigel from Easton Coaches came along to our monthly meeting on 21st February. He gave an interesting talk on how the business started way back in 1953, up to the present day, with plenty of detail and humour. A real success story for this popular Norfolk company. A donation was made to East Anglian Air Ambulance, their chosen charity.

Names for the annual dinner on 27th April are now being taken. This year we will be going to Broom Hall for a 3 course meal plus coffee and mints for £21. There will be no mini-cabs this year, so we will be relying on husbands and friends to provide lifts. If you would have a problem with this, please let a committee member know and they will arrange transport for you. As usual, wine and soft drinks will be provided by club funds. If you cannot make the next meeting and have not yet made your menu choices, please telephone Maureen on 882772.

The next monthly meeting is on Tuesday, 20th March, at 7.45 pm in the village hall. Candii Clouds will be giving a demonstration of Cake Decorating with an Easter theme. Hand-outs will be provided to give you some good ideas and the cakes will be raffled at the end of the evening. The competition for the evening will be something beginning with 'C'. As usual the meetings are open to all ladies of the village and we look forward to seeing you then.



Gardening Club:

By: Ed Reilly

The February talk was on "The Horticultural Year" by Ben Potterton. This was a very entertaining talk given with no reference to film, slides or notes. He started the talk on Snowdrops and had brought a few examples to show us. One very large-bloomed snowdrop was found growing in his own garden and is, as yet, un-named and a further green-flowered variety, bought at a cost of £200 for one bulb, which has yet to flower! He talked about his travels all over the world in search of flowers as well as his other conservation projects with birds and animals, and was a very interesting speaker.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 7th March at 7.45pm in the Village Hall, when the subject is "Mind the Gap - Keeping Borders Full of Interest" by Sheila Ashe. Further details can be obtained by ringing Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

Comment / Letters:

We are happy to receive comment. Please give us your contact details even if you wish to remain anonymous. Where possible we will invite an answer or reply to queries from relevant groups throughout the village.

I have heard through the grape vine that the Village Hall Committee are considering having solar panels for the village hall.

Personally I feel that such a project and the money involved, that the villagers should have been consulted, as you rely on us to support and raise funds for the upkeep.

Surely it will be several years before any benefit will be gained from this venture.

R Philpot (via email)

Village Hall:

By: Christine Reilly

The Sausage & Mash Bash was a sell-out on 11 February and everyone tucked into the supper with great gusto. Being near to Valentines Day, the quiz had an appropriate theme and several people were heard singing some of the answers. Well done to Stuart and team who won but just how do you know so much about Upsy Daisy and Iggle Piggle? After a raffle, the evening raised over £318 for village hall funds. Many thanks to all who helped to make it such a success.

At time of going to press, the Committee is still considering the installation of solar panels on the village hall, but is wading carefully through all the advice of various experts. It would be a considerable investment in the future of the hall but villagers can rest assured that the decision would not be taken lightly. With energy costs spiralling ever higher, we are seeking to secure the future running costs of the hall over the next 25 years so that it is available for the local community to use at reasonable rates.

Just a reminder about the coffee mornings, every Monday between 10:30 and 11:30 in the Committee Room come rain, snow or shine! Enjoy a drink and usually something home-made (this week we had pancakes!) for only £1 and support the village hall.

Oil Syndicate:

By: Grace Rumsby

Many thanks to everyone who has taken part in the Ovington Home Heating Oil syndicate set up with Rix Oils. They have just sent us a cheque for £101.80 for Village Hall funds. Thanks again.

Parish Council:

by: Heidi Frary

As you may be aware, I have recently taken over the role of Clerk to the Parish Council. My contact details are available on the website, and in most Parish Council publications.

I have been a clerk for the last six years, and am very pleased to have started working with Ovington. At the last Parish Council meeting I was delighted to be able to inform the Council that there is a possible £1600 funding for play equipment in the village - Rod Rumsby and I are drafting a bid at the moment. Other matters discussed included the allotments, speeding in the village and plans for the Diamond Jubilee Celebrations.

Our next Parish Council meeting is Tuesday 6th March at 7:30pm



Annual Litter Pick:

Rod Rumsby (Parish Council Chairman)

The Parish Council, ever keen to make Ovington a pleasant place to live, are once again organising a Village wide litter pick. To that end they are asking for volunteers, of all ages, to help out with this worthwhile exercise. Believe it or not, this venture into parts of Ovington that are not normally seen, can be most enjoyable, fun even. Naturally there will be light refreshments provided in the village hall along with washing facilities at the conclusion of the pick. Meet up at the letter box by Crown Crescent at 10:00am on March 17th.

Protective clothing and necessary equipment will be provided, with a comprehensive risk assessment put into place to ensure your safety.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Church:

by: Ann Johnson

How much we all enjoyed the Evensong when the congregation from Watton came to worship at St John's. Thank you to Suzanne for leading the service, Rod for preaching, Lorraine for playing the organ and to the choir for leading us in our singing. We look forward to the next Joint Evensong on Sunday 25th March.

As the weather was snowy and cold in February church cleaning will now take place on Monday 5th March at 2pm.

Our next Holy Communion Service will be at 9:30 on 11th March.

Please join us for the annual
Women's World Day of Prayer Service

On Friday 2nd March 2012 at 2.30pm
at Watton Pentecostal Church

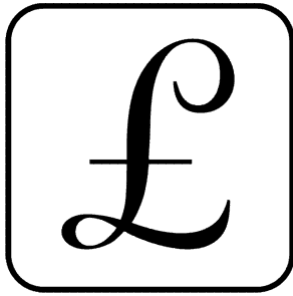
The Service this year has been prepared by Christian Women
in Malaysia

We shall sing hymns, listen to readings and enjoy a social
time with refreshments

We look forward to welcoming, men as well as women

Village Lottery:

by: Alan Powell



Winners for January were:

1st Prize (£10) Linda Birt

2nd Price (£5) Lyn Stilwell

Winners for February were:

1st Prize (£10) Lyndia Lewis

2nd Price (£5) Pat Powell

Congratulations and good luck for March

The Norfolk Hospice Furniture Store in Kings Lynn are offering a free collection of unwanted furniture which is too good to throw away. Rather than trying to sell, your donation could help this worth cause.

Please call: 07570 917857 or 01553 767752 for more details.

For more information about The Norfolk Hospice see:

<http://www.norfolkhospice.org.uk/>

Jubilee Celebration

Thank you to all have returned the slips in last month's Oracle. Plans are progressing with John Hardy putting in sterling work behind the scenes.

Further information about events taking place around the period of the Diamond Jubilee will soon be available. As the Jubilee draws closer information sheets and ideas on how to take part will follow. We look forward to seeing as many as possible on June 2nd.

Children's Corner

Answer to the February 'Brain teaser':

Eight coins of each... $8 \times 50p + 8 \times 20p + 8 \times 2p + 8 \times 1p = £5.84$

JOKE:

Why did the chicken cross the road, roll in the mud
and cross the road again ?

Because he was a dirty double-crosser !

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