

# The Ovington Oracle

May, 2012

## **Welcome:**

Linda & Tim

Shortly after drought measures are put in place, the sky opens ... still, it is good for our gardens. Hopefully the allotment water butts are now full and the crops will catch up.

Those who have missed the village sign may have noticed a phoenix like growth from the spot, soon we will know where we live again!

This month we have again added extra pages to cover all of the contributions from our busy village:

## **Diary Dates:**

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

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| Mondays @ 10:30am | Coffee morning, until 11:30am          |
| Mondays @ 1:45pm  | Bowls                                  |
| Tuesdays @ 5:15pm | Karate                                 |
| 2 May @ 7:30pm    | Annual Parish Meeting                  |
| 12 May @ 10:00am  | Delicious Cake Break, until noon       |
| 13 May @ 9:30am   | Holy Communion (church)                |
| 15 May @ 7:45pm   | Ladies Group                           |
| 19 May @ 10:00am  | Gardening Club – plant sale until noon |

To book the village hall contact Christine Hardy 889920

More at: [www.ovington-village.org.uk](http://www.ovington-village.org.uk)

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# ***Your invitation to:***

Rod Rumsby (Chairman)

## ***ANNUAL PARISH MEETING***

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday May 2nd at 7:30pm.

All residents of Ovington are invited to attend, it is not a Parish Council meeting but is a friendly informal get together where anybody can bring forward their thoughts, ideas, recommendations, even complaints, about how it is thought the village should progress or what you, the people, think could be done to improve our lifestyles.

Various organisations have also been invited to say a few words about their activities over the past year and give an insight on their future plans. This will give them the opportunity to give a plug for their group and perhaps encourage greater participation from the residents in what they do. Typically, contributions are received from:

- Parish Council
- Village Hall
- Ladies Group
- Fuel Trust
- Ovington Church
- Allotment Association
- Bowls Club
- Gardening Club
- District Councillor: John Rogers

There is always the possibility, in true Ovington tradition, that there may be light refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting.

Following on from the food interval the Parish Council will hold their own AGM at 9:00pm, this also is open to the public, as indeed are all our Parish Council meetings.

Look forward to seeing you all on May 2nd.

# ***The Delicious Cake Break:***

Angela and Lyndia



Angela and Lyndia are holding a 'Delicious Cake Break' to raise money for a very worthy charity which helps MS sufferers. This will be for a couple of hours when you can come along to Ovington Village Hall for a coffee and some delicious cake and also to meet friends. Everyone is very welcome and please bring friends and relatives with you.

Date: Saturday 12th May

Time: 10:00am – 12:00noon

Venue: Village Hall

There will also be a donation bottle in the hall.

There will be a RAFFLE, CAKE STALL and a BRING & BUY.

We would be very grateful for donations of cakes and good quality items for the bring and buy. These can be given to Lyndia (Thornborough, Church Rd) or Angela (30, The Street) on Friday 11th May or brought to the Village Hall on Saturday 12 May by 9:00am.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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## **Ladies Group:**

Maureen Simmons



Christine Herbert, a qualified herbalist and allergy therapist who worked for twenty years in the NHS, came along to our meeting in April. She gave us an extremely interesting insight into the healing properties of herbs and plants found in our gardens. This was followed by a wide range of questions from the ladies, many of whom would be going home with the idea of trying out this gentle and effective way of healing.

At our next meeting on 15th May Mr & Mrs Knock will be coming along to talk about 'Traditional Toys'. Members present will receive a small gift to take away with them. The competition for the evening will be something beginning with the letter E.

There will be no meeting at the village hall in June as we are off on our popular pub walk. Full details will be given at the May meeting.

Finally, a reminder that our meetings are open to all ladies in the village. They are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:45 pm in the village hall. You do not have to be a member, you can come along as a guest. We look forward to seeing you soon.

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## **Nearby events:**

Contact: Susan Hollingworth (01953 880205)

The Dragonfly Gallery is hosting an event to promote local artists during Wayland Week: April 28th – May 5th

More details at: <http://www.thewaylanddragonflygallery.co.uk/>

## ***Village Hall:***

Christine Reilly

Dates for events planned at the Village Hall during 2012:

Saturday 9 June.....Fête 1 - 5pm  
Wednesday 25 July.....Cash Bingo 7.30pm  
Saturday 25 August.....BBQ 5pm onwards  
Saturday 8 September.....Table Top & Jumble Sale 11-3  
Saturday 3 November.....Village Hall Supper  
Saturday 1 December.....Christmas Bazaar

### **Summer Fête**

It's THAT time of year again - preparations are in hand for the Ovington Summer Fête. For anyone who missed or was not able to attend the meeting on 20th April, and who is able to help with the Fête in any way, please will they give me a ring (885848) or speak to any committee member. This year, following all the Jubilee celebrations the week before, we would like to make the Fête an even bigger village event to round off the festivities and bring everyone together. As well as all the usual stalls, fun and games which are part of the Ovington tradition, we hope to have some new additions. Final details will be revealed next month! In the meantime, contributions of prizes, bottles (for the Tombola), items for the Hamper or Gift Stall, etc. will be gratefully received by any member of the committee. We are at the village hall every Monday morning, if you would like to pop in for a coffee and a chat about the Fête. The usual collection around the village will be at 7pm on Wednesday 30 May. Items for the Fête should be left clearly visible in bags/boxes. We do ask that items intended for sale should be clean and undamaged, and anything consumable within expiry dates. Thank you in anticipation for your offers of help and donations. With everything going up rapidly in price at present, it is not easy to be so generous (or to ask people to donate), so your support is truly valued and much appreciated.

A big Thank You is also due to those of you who support the

recycling banks in Ovington. We are about to receive the annual payment from Breckland Council, who tell me it will be in the region of £400. So, well done everyone and keep bringing your glass and textiles for recycling. Keep up the good work!

On a less happy note, 'Thanks a Bunch' to the person who deposited a wrecked microwave oven in the village hall car park last Friday. I sincerely hope you do not live in our lovely village, or visit it again if you are from elsewhere. Lucky for you that I was not there at the time for there is very little that makes me angrier than litter or fly-tipping!

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## ***Gardening Club:***

Ed Reilly



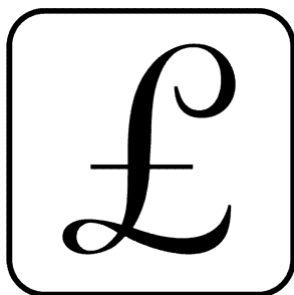
The April meeting was an illustrated talk by John Bridge on 'Vegetable Growing'. He has been an active gardener all his life with two large allotments in addition to his garden and has grown just about everything! This was an interesting talk and gave details on the

varieties of each vegetable that he currently grows as well as varieties he has grown which have been superseded by more modern ones. This talk was well attended and we had visitors from our own allotments and those in Dereham and District.

The May meeting is our plant sale with coffee and a cake sale. This will be held at the village hall on Saturday 19th May from 10am until noon. So, if you want some plants to fill that gap or would just like a cup of coffee and a cake, please just turn up on the morning. All the monies go towards the cost of speakers and if you want more information, contact:  
Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

## ***Village Lottery:***

Alan Powell



April winners of the village lottery:

1st (£10)

Nic Sproston

2nd (£5)

Rosemary Angell

Congratulations and good luck for May

## ***PACT Fund Raising Evening*** *(advance notice)*

Christine Reilly



Staff at PACT recently saved the life of 'Demi' the cat. She has been living locally as a feral cat for about 5 years and in January sustained injury to a front paw which went septic. With the help of PACT, she was caught, treated and returned to full health.

She is now happily back in her old job as chief rodent operative in my garden and surrounding area. As a thank you to PACT, who were brilliant, I would like to do a fund-raising event to go towards the costs of running their excellent animal sanctuary. Therefore an advanced date for your diary ... on Friday, 10th August there will be a sit-down buffet supper (with desserts and coffee) at the Village Hall. Tickets will cost £8 and there will be a short quiz and a raffle. Any offers of prizes or help on the night would be gratefully received.

In the meantime, if you get the chance to visit the sanctuary and see for yourself the excellent facilities they offer to animals in distress, then do go. Unlike some other animal charities, they never euthanase animals that cannot be re-homed.



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## **Comment / Letters:**

### VILLAGE DAFFODILS

There has been a positive reaction to last months report on the apparent destruction of daffodils adjacent to Crown Crescent.

The lad described in the report has come forward with profuse apologies for his behaviour and made a contribution of daffodil bulbs and other flowers to be planted in and around the village.

The lad has to be complimented on his honesty and thanked for his donation. Well done.

Despite this there have still been incidences of people picking armfuls of daffodils from the roadside displays, which is not really the idea behind the planting. We would ask, please, that if you need some daffs to give to mum or brighten up your home it is not too hard to grow them in your garden regardless of its size.

Rod Rumsby - via email

### HORSES

There has been a report of horses, peacefully grazing in a field along Water End Lane, being spooked by people climbing over the fence and running around in the field. This action is to be deplored not only for the bad effect it has on the horses but it could lead to people being injured, if you have ever had a horse tread on your foot you will know how heavy they can be. Please don't do this.

Rod Rumsby - via email

Sunday 13th May – 9:30 Holy Communion

It was good to welcome our friends from St Mary's back again on the last Sunday evening in March for Evensong. The singing was so beautiful.

It was also good to welcome Revd. Tim Weston back to take our Easter Communion. How wonderful to see so many people at this service including the children (and they didn't even know there would be Easter eggs!). Thank you for bringing us the Easter Message Tim.

In view of the first Monday in May being a bank holiday there will be no church cleaning this month.

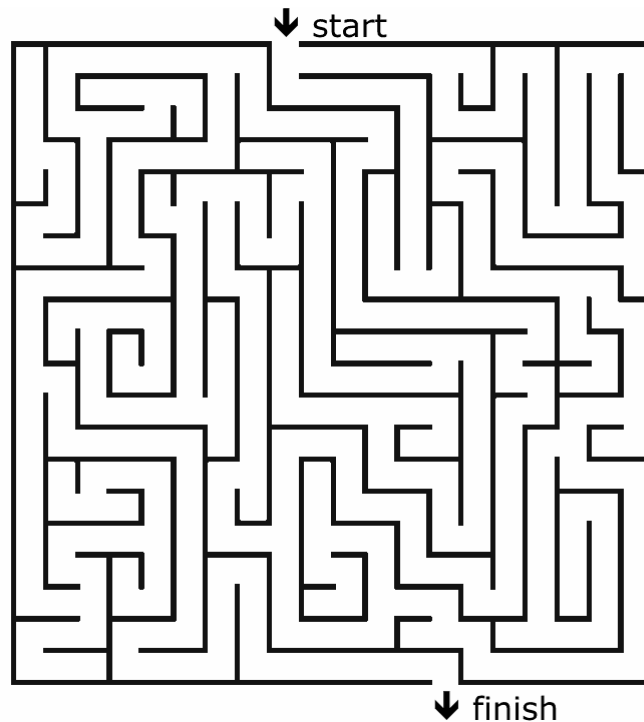
Sadly Jane Lambert has found that she does not have the time at the moment to carry on doing the church flowers. She has devoted many hours over the years in making the church look beautiful and many of the flowers and greenery Barry has grown in the garden. We are very grateful for what they have both done for the church over the years, particularly Barry keeping the back of the churchyard looking very tidy.

If anyone else would like to organise church flowers or would like to have a turn at doing the flowers perhaps they would have a word with me at some stage or phone me on 885455 - Ann - and we could get a rota up and running. Flowers would only need to be placed in the church once a month prior to the service on the second Sunday. If ten ladies volunteered we would only need to do them once a year with a joint effort at Harvest and Christmas. Thank you.

## Children's Corner:

Tim

Maze ...



Q: What bow can't be tied?

A: A rainbow!

Answers to April crossword

Across: 1-safe, 2-omen, 3-deed, 4-ants

Down: 1-soda, 2-amem, 3-feet, 4-ends

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## ***Diamond Jubilee 2 June, 2012:***

John Hardy

Ovington has a wonderfully social and welcoming history, and our Jubilee celebration is continuing down that line. Most of the children are registered for their Jubilee gift and the numbers grow steadily for the village Hog Roast and celebration on Saturday June 2nd.

Remember the garden competition, there will be prizes for the gardens that depict a Jubilee Theme in either colour or design. This theme goes for garden pots as well.

**Then there are the Scarecrows** – Have a go at making a scarecrow depicting any memorable part of our Queen's 60 years. People are already putting ideas together. Construction ideas and straw to help will be with you all very soon.

To register or get further information contact a councillor or the editors.

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