

The Ovington Oracle

January, 2013

Resume of the year:

We inherited a thriving village newsletter in February with the promise of keeping it vibrant and informative; thank you to all who have contributed and helped us towards that goal. 2012 has not disappointed with Ovington undertaking far more than villages many times our size. There were significant high points with the Queen's Jubilee celebration in June and one of our own helping at the London Olympics in August. The allotments have developed despite difficult weather starting with drought and ending in flood. The regular Ladies group and Gardening club have continued with their exciting and varied talks, visits and social events. The village hall acted as a focus with its own Fête and Bazaar as well as a multitude of regular activities.

All in all we can all be proud of our community in 2012.

Happy new year!! Looking forward to 2013.

Linda & Tim (Editors)

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays @ 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays @ 6:00pm	Junior Choir
2nd Jan @ 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm
2nd Jan @ 7:45pm	Gardening Club
13th Jan @ 9:30am	Service - church
15th Jan @ 7:45pm	Ladies Group
24th Jan @ 7:30pm	Parish Council

To book the village hall contact Christine Hardy 889920

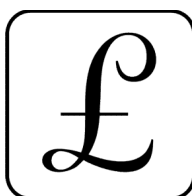
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Village Lottery

Alan Powell



There will be the opportunity to join the lottery for 2013 and have the chance to win a prize each month while supporting your village hall.

Membership is only £12 for the year and has never increased since the 100 Club was initiated many moons ago. The more members there are, the greater the prizes. An application form was included in the December Oracle, return to (or get a replacement from): Alan at Oak Farm, Marie-Ana at Church Farm, Christine at Waverley Cottage, Saham Rd - or to the Committee at any Monday coffee morning. Only paid-up members on 1st January will be eligible for the January draw but members may still join throughout January.



The December meeting was our Christmas social when we enjoyed a supper of cold meats, salads and jacket potatoes followed by the traditional mince pies. It was a good chance to catch up with friends before Christmas and witness the dubious talents of the committee members who

entertained with camp fire songs – all dressed for the part. Luckily everyone joined in the fun and we even managed to sing some rounds. Well done ladies.

January sees the start of our new year with a talk by Air Ambulance. This should be an interesting evening and we look forward to seeing old and hopefully new members on that evening. Our subs are still only £6 for the year, but you do not have to be a member to come along to a meeting. Guests pay just £1 a visit. The meetings start at 7:45pm in the Village Hall.

The new committee to take over in January are:

Chair – Angela Wynne,

Secretary - Christine Hardy,

Treasurer - Joyce Woods,

Competitions – Maureen Simmons,

Refreshments/Birthdays – Lynda Lewis,

Raffle – Linda Murray.

Advance date for your diary – Cheese and Wine on February 9th at the home of Christine and John.

Epitaph

Rod Rumsby

Ovington has sadly lost another of our long term residents. Robert (Bob) Jones late of Ovington lost his fight for life on December 4th.

Our thoughts are with his wife Betty and family at this sad time. The funeral service, conducted with great sympathy, by Rev'd Geoff Garret took place on December 19th at Earlham crematorium. Bob and Betty had lived in Ovington for over twenty five years and had supported most village activities. Bob's big interest was his extended garden and a selection of livestock, some of which provided a plentiful supply of eggs to the local community.

The Ovington Bowls Club has lost one of its most colourful members. Hazel Smith sadly passed away after a long illness on 30th November. Hazel was the most colourful and cheerful person one could ever hope to meet, her love of all things bright and beautiful was reflected in the hymn of the same title, sung with gusto at her funeral service. This service was also conducted by Rev'd Geoff Garret at the Earlham Crematorium on December 19th. Our thoughts are with her husband, twin sister and family at this sad time.

Parish Council

Timothy Birt

Matters arising:

Planning application 3PL/2012/0820/CH – Otterwood Kennels, Watton Road has been reinstated! We are awaiting a further update from Breckland Council.

Next meeting:

24 January 2013, at 7.30pm, Ovington Village Hall in the committee room. Councillors will be available prior to the meeting for informal discussions.

Thank-you

Grace Rumsby

Angela and Grace would like to say a BIG thank you to everyone who gave them bottles for the Bazaar Bottle Tombola stall, without your support we could not have raised £140.00. Once again thank you.

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The number of sweets in the jar were 108 and the nearest guess was Jacob Robertson with 113.

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



The December meeting was our AGM where, apart from the usual items, the meeting closed with a quiz and refreshments. During this meeting the programme for the next year was presented,

starting:

2nd January – Terry Rands	'Container Vegetable Growing'
6th February – Ian Stanton	'Gardening in the Shade'
6th March – Tony Goode	'Crocus for All Seasons'
3rd April – Sue Robinson	'Gardens of Gertrude Jekyll'
4th May – coffee morning and plant sales at the village hall	
5th June & 3rd July – garden visits	
August – no meeting	
4th September – Trevor Illesley	
	'Annuals and Perennials in Colour & Cultivation'
2nd October – John Bridge	'Lilies'
6th November – Robert Maidstone	'Our Little Lodgers'
4th December – AGM.	

Meetings are held in Ovington Village Hall at 7:45pm on the first Wednesday of each month and membership for the year is only £5. Contact Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719 for details.

Annual Bazaar feedback

The day of the Bazaar was certainly cold enough to ensure a steady stream of hungry people tucking in to the tasty home-made soups. Although Santa was too busy elsewhere to pay us a visit this year, there was still plenty of seasonal, festive cheer packed into the village hall and a good time was had by all.

There were bargains a-plenty and lots of prizes to be won. Congratulations to Catherine Thomas on her winning Christmas card entry and commiserations to the runners-up who had put in so much effort. Better luck next year!

Thanks are due to everyone who supported us and helped in any way because a tremendous £977.68 was raised, to be split between the church and the village hall.

Craft Sessions

The first session for this year will be on Wednesday 2nd January from 11:00am to about 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring whatever craft takes their fancy. Cost is only £2 for the day, including tea/coffee and biscuits. Come and pool your creative ideas, borrow patterns, teach us a new craft!

Coffee Mornings

These will continue in the committee room every Monday morning, bank holidays included, from 10.30am – all welcome. Come and start the week with a coffee/tea and a chat, discover what is happening in the village and voice your concerns to our PCSO, Tonya, who pays us the occasional visit on a Monday.

Allotment Association

Paul Alford

You are invited to an *Italian Dinner* by the Ovington Allotment Association on 16th March at 7:00pm in the village hall.

Dress and accent optional

£8 per person, BYOB as no alcohol licence, there will also be a quiz and raffle.

For tickets please contact: Jill Burgess on 883879

Christine Reily

I should entitle this part "Underwater gardening or how to create your own mud spa"! Oh dear, what a year – the wettest drought in history and it doesn't look like drying up in the near future. However, a reminder to all who have allotments that the annual closure date is upon us and that no access to the site is permitted on 31st January. I am sure you will all be devastated as you were planning to use that day to plant your appropriate crops: rice, watercress, cranberries, etc. Fingers crossed for a perfect spring and SOME sort of summer this year!

Church

Tim - editor

Thank you to all who contributed to the candlelit Christmas Carol service. The church was beautifully decorated with natural seasonal greenery. While singing carols and listening to readings & poems the congregation enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies.

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No church cleaning in January.

The next service will be at 9:30am on Sunday 13th January.

Divers were amazed to find that after laying on the seabed for a hundred years the Titanic's swimming pool was still full.

Mick nears the top of the ladder and begins to feel dizzy and starts shaking. He calls down to Murphy and says " I think I will have to go home, I've come all over giddy and I don't feel at all well"

"Have you got vertigo?" asks Murphy.

Mick replies, "No, I only live round the corner"

Two men are out quietly fishing and sipping a little beer. Almost silently so as not to scare the fish, Bob says "I think I am going to divorce my wife. She hasn't spoken to me in over two months". Jim continues slowly sipping his beer then thoughtfully says, "You'd better think it over Bob, women like that are hard to find"

One of life's mysteries is how a two pound box of chocolates can make a woman gain five pounds!

A man came round in hospital after a serious accident, he shouted "Doctor, Doctor, I can't feel my legs" The Doctor replied, "I know you can't, I've cut your arms off"

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