

# The Ovington Oracle

March, 2013

It looks like the village is coming out of winter hibernation with this great list of monthly events. There is something for everyone so whether you want to get fit on the litter pick, get crafty at the village hall or feast at the supper night, do try to come out and meet new and old friends this spring.

Linda & Tim

<b>Diary Dates</b>	
All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated	
Mondays @ 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays @ 1:45pm	Bowls (except Easter Monday)
Mondays @ 6:00pm	Junior Choir
6th Mar @ 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm
6th Mar @ 7:45pm	Gardening Club
10th Mar @ 9:30am	Morning prayer (family service) for Mothering Sunday - church
16th Mar @ 7:00pm	Allotment Association Italian Dinner
19th Mar @ 7:45pm	Ladies Group
21st Mar @ 7:30pm	Parish Council
23rd Mar @ 10:00am	Litter Pick – meet at village sign
25th Mar @ 7:30pm	Communion Service – church
31st Mar @ 9:30am	Easter Holy Communion – church

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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## ***Village Lottery***

Alan Powell



February winners:

1st Prize (£10)    Adrian Malton (#19)

2nd Prize (£5)    Simon Hardy (#14)

It is not too late to join the Ovington Lottery and it only costs £1 per month for the rest of the year. If you need a form, please ask any of the Committee or forms are available at the coffee morning on a Monday.

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## ***Village Litter Pick***

Timothy Birt



Our annual litter pick will take place on Saturday 23rd March. Anyone who can help please meet at the village sign ready for a 10:00am start. Safety equipment and litter picking tools will be provided and bagged rubbish will be collected throughout the morning.

If we work hard I am reliably informed there may be coffee and cake in the Village Hall to round off the morning.

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## ***Ladies Group***

Christine Hardy



What a terrific evening we all had at our February meeting. Alan Smith not only brought along some of his interesting and mostly unrecognisable bygones he also told us of his upbringing in Bawdeswell and added a few of his "stories" as well. The hall was ringing with laughter and wonder at Alan's unique presentation and wealth of knowledge. Hopefully we shall hear some more of Alan's memories in the future.

February also saw us enjoying our Cheese & Wine evening – our first social event this year – a good time was had by all.

In March we have John Hardy who will be showing us a Shelter Box and explaining its use in disaster areas around the world. The competition that evening will be something beginning with the letter 'M'.

We look forward to seeing old and hopefully new members or guests on March 19th at 7:45pm in the Village Hall.

An extra meeting took place on 13th February to discuss urgent items.

### **Matters arising:**

Discussions took place surrounding the prospective footpath between Ovington and Watton. Councillors were tasked with various jobs to support the detailed working up of a bid to Norfolk County Council, which might pay 75% of the cost. This would still leave the Parish to find a very significant sum; funding options were considered including a low interest fixed rate loan from the *Public Works Loan Board*.

A 'whisper' suggested the Otterwood Kennels Gypsy/traveller site planning application may be resubmitted, however by the time of the meeting nothing had materialised.

### **Events:**

Village litter pick is set for Saturday 23rd March, meeting at the village sign for a 10:00am start. The Parish Council has arranged to borrow Breckland litter pick equipment. Coffee and cake will be available in the Village Hall after the village has been 'spring cleaned'.

### **Next meeting:**

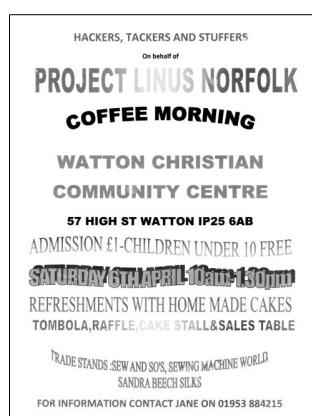
21st March 2013 @ 7:30pm in the village hall committee room. Councillors are available for informal discussion before the meeting.

## Project Linus – Norfolk

Marie Ana Cave

Project Linus, named after the blanket-toting character in the Peanuts cartoon strip, started in America in 1995 to provide quilts and blankets to help sick and traumatised children. Since then 2.3 million blankets and quilts have been delivered worldwide. Project Linus UK started in 2000 and has broadened its focus to include seriously ill, abused, bereaved or traumatised children from premature birth to 19 years old. It is 100% volunteer based and is non-profit making so rely on donations.

The Project Linus is supported by several members of our monthly craft sessions. Advanced notice: A coffee morning in aid of *Project Linus* on Saturday 6 April, 10:00am to 1:30pm



Refreshments with home made cakes. Tombola, Raffle, Cake stall and sales. Also trade stands from Sew and So's, Sewing Machine World and Sandra Beech Silks.

Watton Christian Community Centre,  
57 High Street, Watton IP25 6AB.  
Admission just £1 (under 10 free)

For more information contact Jane on 01953-884215

## Recycle / Small ads

John Lewis zig-zag sewing machine, model JL100 with cover and manual	£40
Frister & Rossmann Cub 7 zig-zag sewing machine with hard case and manual	£30
Morphy Richards 48230 Bread Maker in black, little used	£30
Drop leaf pine dining table, seats four	£50
Please ring Lyndia Lewis on 882222 to view with no obligation.	

## **Annual General Meeting**

At the AGM on 21st February, the Chairman reported on the year's events and thanked the Committee for their hard work during that time. The new Committee is as follows:

Chairman (Gardening Club representative)	Ed Reilly
Treasurer (Breckland Harmony representative)	Christine Reilly
Secretary	Marie Ana Cave
Booking Clerk (Ladies Group representative)	Lyndia Lewis
Allotment Association representative	Gordon North
Bowls Club representative	Lyn Stillwell
Committee Members	Matt Robertson & Adrian Malton

## **2013 Dates**

Several dates have been set for events during 2013, make sure you add them to your calendar in order not to miss them!

Friday 17 May at 7:30pm	The Annual Quiz & Buffet Supper
Saturday 8 June	Summer Fête
Saturday 27 July	Supper Evening
Saturday 9 November	Curry Evening
Saturday 7 December	Christmas Bazaar

We also hope to be putting on an evening of live theatre in association with Creative Arts East – more details after April – and depending on whether or not we actually get some sort of summer this year, there may be a BBQ either after the Fête or later on in the year.

Thank you to everyone who supports the village hall by attending events or donating towards them and many thanks to the retiring committee members for their efforts over the past year.

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## **Gardening Club**

Ed Reilly



The February meeting was a talk given by Ian Stanton on 'Gardening in the Shade'. This involved references to many local gardens in Norfolk and the way in which the owners had matched plants to particular habitats to produce different effects, and was very well received by members.

The March meeting, which will be held in the village hall on Wednesday 6th March at 7.45pm, will be by Tony Goode on the subject of 'Crocus for All Seasons'. For further information, contact Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

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## **Oil Syndicate**

Grace Rumsby

Many thanks to everyone who has supported the Oil syndicate over the last year. The oil company have donated £118.13 to the village hall committee.

If anyone would like to join the syndicate please contact Grace on 882246

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## **Allotment Association**

Paul Alford

Final reminder ... 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.

## Church

Ann Johnson

We are delighted that, by the time you read this, work should have already started on our new heating and electrical system but, because of this, there will be no church cleaning on the first Monday in the month. We will wait for the work to be completed and then have a good clean.

We will be holding a Morning Prayer / Family Service for Mothering Sunday on Sunday, 10th March, at 9:30am. If we are unable to use the church, due to the work being carried out, this service will be held in the Village Hall. Each lady will receive a posy.

On Monday, 25th March, at 7:30pm we will be holding a Communion Service for Holy Week.

On Easter Day, 31st March, we will be celebrating Holy Communion at 9:30am. Children will receive little bags of eggs!

Hopefully the work in the church will be completed so that we can have a joint effort and decorate the church for Easter during the last week of March.

**Advanced notice:** Our Annual Parish Church Meeting will take place at 7:30 pm on Tuesday, 16th April at Ashill Rectory. Do come along and support your local church.

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