

# The Ovington Oracle

May, 2013

A last second contribution (post proof reading) has resulted in some shuffling and a slightly smaller font this month in order to squeeze it all in.

Just room for some curiosities about 'May':  
Origin widely accepted to derive from 'Maia' the Greek goddess of spring. The number of days in May has remained constant, but Julius Caesar moved January and February from the end of the year to the beginning, therefore May moved from the third to the fifth month.

Linda & Tim (editors)

## **Diary Dates**

All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated

Mondays @ 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays @ 1:45pm	Bowls
Mondays @ 6:00pm	Junior Choir
1st May @ 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm
4th May @ 10:00am	Gardening Club plant sale, until noon
11th May @ 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
15th May @ 7:30pm	Parish Council APM / AGM
17th May @ 7:30pm	Quiz & Buffet Supper
21st May @ 7:45pm	Ladies Group
28th May from 7:00pm	Fête contributions collected

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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## ***British Heart Foundation***

Jane Lambert

### **Advance notice:**

Please come and support my coffee morning at Ovington Village Hall on Saturday 13th July 2013, 10:30am to 1:30pm, in aid of the British Heart Foundation also a raffle, tombola, cake stall and plants.

Or if you would like to join in the fun on Sunday 14th July 10:00am to 12:00 noon at Watton Sports centre for 2 hours of ZUMBA £10 per person, or you if you would like to sponsor me in aid of the British heart Foundation call in at 25 The Street.

With many thanks Jane Lambert

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## **Ladies Group**

Christine Hardy



In April we were lucky to have Julie Hurst, of Raffique, at our meeting. Not only did we have the chance to try on her beautiful raffia hats, she also described how they were made and told us a good deal about the history of hats and their meaning within different communities. Angela modelling a variety of hats through the ages was definitely a highlight of the evening!

In May we have David & Angela Knock, of Knockabouts, with their Traditional Toys. This should bring back some memories and a chance to have a 'play' with some of the toys. The competition is something beginning with 'O'. As usual all ladies in the village and surrounding areas are welcome. Come along as a guest for just a £1. We look forward to seeing you all.

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## **Allotments Associations**

Chris Lewis

Just in time, as the weather starts to improve, we have all our plots occupied for this year. While there is always much activity up at the far end, where figures can be seen at most times industriously digging, there is evidence on all plots that people have been out turning over the earth and constructing mysterious wooden devices guaranteed to increase the yield many times.

The fine weather is welcome as it warms the soil and enables us to catch up after a late start but I fear that the row of little turnips I spotted after just a week in the ground may be nipped in the bud if the forecast for the next few days proves correct. We may also have to resort to transporting water again if we do not get at least some rain and our chairman may come to regret emptying 1000 litres on to his allotment quite so soon.

But allotment gardeners are nothing if not stoical and optimistic and so expect to see many exotic and unusual varieties emerging above ground over the next few weeks. Whether they survive beyond that is another matter.

## **Annual Quiz & Buffet Supper – Friday 17th May 7:30pm**

As the days get longer, why not make the most of it and test your grey matter at the same time, whilst enjoying a cold buffet supper of meats, pies, salads, vegetarian options and good company. Spaces are limited and open to teams of four. Starting at 7:30pm, there will be a raffle with proceeds going towards the village hall. Don't forget your thinking cap!!

Tickets are required in advance and are available from Christine on 885848 at £6 a head (in teams of 4) BYOB

## **Fête Collection – Tuesday 28th May 7:00pm onwards**

In preparation for next month's Summer Fête we will be undertaking the annual collection of your kind donations and contributions of prizes, bric-a-brac, toys and books. Please leave your items outside by the front door. Donations can also be left with any committee member or brought up to village hall on any Monday during Coffee Morning.

As well as your kind donations, could you help us on Fête day? As little or as much time as you could spare, will be gratefully received. Please contact Matt on 885244 or any member of the committee if you can support.

## **What's On**

The Annual Quiz & Buffet Supper	Friday 17th May at 7:30pm
Summer Fête	Saturday 8th June
Supper Evening	Saturday 27th July
Ovtoberfest (New for 2013)	Saturday 5th October
Curry Evening	Saturday 9th November
Christmas Bazaar	Saturday 7th December

Thank you to everyone who supports the village hall by attending events or donating towards them.

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## ***Village Etiquette and General information.***

Comments made to Editors

### **Village Daffodils**

With the better weather encouraging growing conditions it has been good to see the daffodils finally gracing the roadside verges around the village.

Sadly, as always at this time of the year, we have some people who are not content with simply admiring the golden blooms but feel compelled to pick them and take them away.

The bulbs have been planted over many years by the Parish Council to give a bit of colour to the village after the winter doldrums and provide a welcome to visitors and passers by.

So we would ask, the young entrepreneurs in particular, to stick to selling their wares and please leave the daffodils for others to enjoy.

### **Plastic bottle tops**

Please save your plastic milk bottle tops for charity and drop them into the Wednesday Country market which is held in the Watton Christian Community centre in the High Street or take them to Wayland House.

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## ***Obituary – BERNARD PREECE***

Rod Rumsby

We sadly have to report the death of Bernard on Wednesday 17th April, Bernard had been unwell for some time and has finally lost his fight.

Bernard was aged 93 and had lived with his wife Daphne in Ovington for 21 years.

We offer Daphne and Bernard's Son & Daughter our deepest sympathy.

### **Extraordinary meeting to consider Footpath**

Councillors have met with Paul Sellick (Highways) and a county bridge engineer for a site visit of the proposed footpath. With their input, the Clerk and Councillors have worked up a bid which has been submitted to Norfolk County Council for the project. If we are successful, NCC will fund 75% of the cost leaving us to find the remainder. We are extremely grateful to the Fuel Trust for their significant contribution to go with the ring-fenced funds already allocated by the PC.

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

The APM is scheduled for 16th May. We would welcome reports from all the village associations, groups, clubs, etc. This is an ideal opportunity to tell us about your organisation, your achievements and future plans. Typically, contributions are received from:

- Parish Council
- Village Hall
- Ladies Group
- Fuel Trust
- Ovington Church
- Allotment Association
- Bowls Club
- Breckland Harmony
- Gardening Club

### **Annual General Meeting**

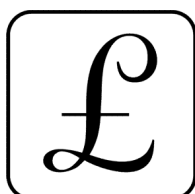
Following the APM, the Parish Council will hold its AGM. This also is open to the public, as indeed are all our Parish Council meetings.

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## **Village Lottery**

Christine Reilly

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Congratulations to the April winners:

First Prize (£10) Jenny Warden

Second Prize (£5) Roger Kennaugh

The next draw will take place at the coffee morning on 13 May

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## **Gardening Club**

Ed Reilly



The April meeting consisted of a slide presentation of 'The Gardens of Gertrude Jekyll' by Sue Robinson. This covered the many gardens that she designed, some in conjunction with Edward Lutyens, that remain today in roughly the same form with the same types of planting.

Many still show the semi-circular steps and mill-stones that are typical of her designs.

The May meeting is our annual plant sale which will be held on Saturday 4th May between 10 and 12 noon at Ovington Village Hall. Please turn up, if only to buy a coffee and a cake and to participate in the raffle. For more information, phone Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

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## **Nearby Events:**

Commercial events at Editors discretion

### **Dragonfly Gallery**

Our May exhibition celebrates the world of fiction. 'Every Picture Tells a Story' will support the Book Event in the High Street on May 4th.

Saturday 11th May – Saturday 18th May

Preview Eve Friday 10th May 7:00 – 8:30pm, a limited number of free tickets. Refreshments will be available.

Dragonfly Gallery, Wayland House, High St, Watton.

Open: Weekdays 10:00 – 4:00pm, Saturdays 10:00 – 1:00pm

More information from Susan Hollingworth on 01953 880205

## **Church**

Ann Johnson

How beautiful the church looked on Easter Sunday. We had a lovely service followed by the distribution of Easter eggs. Thank you to everyone who contributed in any way in the preparation of this very special occasion.

2:00pm on Monday 6th May – Church cleaning

9:30am Sunday 11th May – Holy Communion

## **Church Yard Grass Cutting**

Rod Rumsby

We are looking for volunteers to help with cutting the grass in the Church Yard, mowers and petrol are provided. The more volunteers we get the less frequent your turn will be.

Please, if you can spare an hour or so, let Rod know (01953 882246 at 31 The Street).

Thank you.

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