

The Ovington Oracle

December, 2013



The Christmas Bazaar has a reputation for the finest selection of village 'home made' food; for example we understand this year there will be a choice of **six** different soups: Leek & Potato, Parsnip, Pea & Ham, Butternut Squash, Vegetable, Chicken & Chorizzo, all served with bread and butter for only £2! There will also be filled rolls and sausage rolls and then ...



... there are the cakes, mmmmm.

With all this on offer that is Saturday lunch sorted.

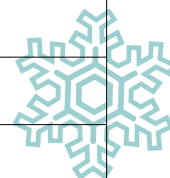
Between refreshments (and we assume you will come back for more!) there are stalls to visit, games to play and the opportunity to buy Christmas gifts.



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
4th Dec @ 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm
4th Dec @ 7:45pm	Gardening Club
7th Dec @ noon	Bazaar, until 3:00pm
8th Dec @ 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
17th Dec @ 7:00pm	Ladies Group (note: earlier start)
22nd Dec @ 6:00pm	Candlelit Carol Service (Church)



To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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

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Obituary

Rod Rumsby

Mrs Gladys Woods

It is with regret that we have to record the passing of one of Ovington's most respected and long lived residents.

Mrs Gladys Woods, widow of the renowned "Paddy" Woods, gunsmith extraordinaire, had lived in Ovington since the 1950's.



We offer our deepest sympathies to Mrs Woods' family, Christopher, William, Guy, Harriet and Grandchildren.

The well attended funeral took place at St John's Church Ovington on November 20th.

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



At our November meeting we had a return visit of the herbalist, Christine Herbert. We had a good turn out this month and we welcomed one visitor. It was a very interesting insight to treating minor ailments and first aid with a lot of every day things we may all have in our kitchens. Christine also passed some tinctures and ointments round the room for us to try or smell.

Our last meeting of the year is our Christmas Social which will begin at the earlier time of 7:00pm. The committee will provide a meal with Christmas treats. This will be followed by some entertainment. The trophy will also be presented to the winner of our ongoing monthly competition.

The Ladies Group would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Parish Council

Timothy Birt

At the meeting on 31st October the PC formally agreed to adopt the village phone box (at a cost of £1), which will be decommissioned and then used to house the village defibrillator.

Traffic issues were again significant on our agenda with an idea to team up with other parish councils to buy a 'shared' vehicle speed activated road sign (SAM2). We also considered teaming up with Shipdam PC on a Community Speed Watch and considered the merit of a traffic mirror at the cross roads (The Street, A1075).

Councillors agreed to make a number of small grants to support organisations and activities which are of direct benefit to the village including: Citizen's Advice Bureau, Ovington PCC for grass cutting, First Response, Each, East Anglian Air Ambulance, Accident Rescue Service.

Next meeting is 16th January @ 7:30pm in which the budget for 2014 be considered and the precept set.

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Ovington Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 7th December, Noon-3:00pm

We will be setting up the hall on Friday afternoon and stalls will be available from 9:00am on the Saturday morning. If you missed the village collection on 27th November and have items to donate, please bring them to the hall on Monday the 2nd or give them to a committee member or relevant stall holder. So far the list of helpers is:

Books.....Matt Robertson & Jeremy Woods
Cakes.....Joyce Woods & Rosemary Philpott
Crafts.....Christine Hardy & Linda Murray
Gifts.....Linda Birt & Mary Davey
Raffle.....Ann Johnson, David Pritchard, Chris Springford
Soups.....Lyndia Lewis & Jill Burgess
Tombola.....Grace & Rod Rumsby
Lucky Dip.....Lyn Stillwell & Daphne Preece
Kitchen.....Christine Reilly, Marie Ana Cave & Gordon North
Hamper.....Jill Malton
Cake Weight.....Mike Murray
Peg Game.....Chris Lewis / Janet Armstrong
Treasure Hunt.....Ed Reilly
Lottery.....Adrian Malton

Other volunteers to help are also welcome, even for only a short period so that the stall holders can also enjoy the bazaar! Marie-Ana is co-ordinating a list of 'floaters' headed, at time of going to press, by Stuart Burgess.

Weather permitting, there will be a marquee outside where you can meet Jan and some of his magnificent birds of prey between 1:00pm and 2:30pm. This is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to see these beautiful creatures at close range. Don't forget to make a cake (or two!), or some sausage rolls, mince pies or anything else similarly scrummy and bring them along to the cake stall on the day, preferably before 11:00am.

Curry Evening

Thank you to everyone who supported the village hall by coming to the Curry Evening in November. Unfortunately, several people were unable to come at the last minute due to illness and we hope they are now feeling better. Nevertheless, a typical Ovington feast was enjoyed by all those present and we raised £249 for village hall funds in the process.

Diary Date for 2014

Put Saturday 15th March 2014 in your diary – Ovington Village Hall is 'going live'. We have an evening of live entertainment booked for your delectation – a musical comedy duo with a leaning towards gardening and vegetable growing. More details in the New Year!

Editor: My records suggest PCSO Tonya Winsley will attend the Coffee morning on 16th December.

Village Lottery

Christine Reilly



Congratulations to the November winners:

First Prize (£10) Jill Conie,
Second Prize (£5) Mary Davey.

The December draw will be done at the Bazaar, with bumper prizes (1st Prize £50!). If you want to join in the Village Hall Lottery for 2014, fill in the entry form included with this Oracle or see Adrian at the Bazaar. It only costs £12 for the entire year, with monthly prizes available. 2014 could be YOUR lucky year!

Church

Ann Johnson

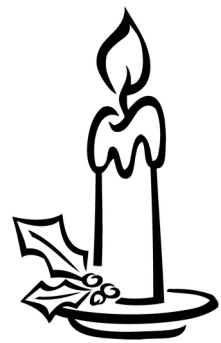
We will be cleaning the church at 2:00pm on Monday 2nd December but there won't be any cleaning in January.

On Sunday, 8th December we will be having our monthly **Holy Communion** service at 9:30am.



If anybody wishes to help with decorating the church for Christmas they are welcome to join us on Saturday, 21st December or, as the church is open daily between 9:00am – 3:00pm, at their convenience during the week before.

Do come and join us for our **Traditional Candlelit Carol Service** on Sunday, 22nd December at 6:00pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service. We look forward to seeing you there. This will be our only service over the Christmas period.



We are indebted to Revd Doug Alexander for taking several of our monthly services this year and to Sandie Cromie for playing the organ at our morning services. Also a very big thank you to all who have helped in anyway towards the upkeep of the church and the churchyard during 2013.

God's Blessings to you all over the Christmas Period and for the New Year.

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



The November meeting was a talk by Robert Maidstone on 'Our Little Lodgers' which was a very entertaining talk on all the creatures which had moved into our environment and how they survived. The next meeting is our AGM and will be held on Wednesday 4th December at 7:45pm in the village hall. Apart from the AGM, there will be a quiz and refreshments and should be a very social occasion

What's On locally

Dragonfly Gallery
Wayland House, High St, Watton. IP25 6AR.

The Dragonfly Gallery are pleased to be the launch venue for the **2013 Breckland Art Trail** on Friday 29th November 7.00 – 8.30pm, limited number of tickets priced at £4 available to include Seasonal refreshments.

Christmas Mixed Media Art Exhibition – Art With A Seasonal Theme.

Saturday 30th November – Saturday 14th December

The Christmas exhibition showcases the talents of some fantastic local artists as well as others from across East Anglia showing and selling their work!

Mediums to include: watercolour, acrylic, oil, jewellery, mixed media, pen & pencil, textile, silk painting, ceramic and gouache.

Opening Times for the Christmas Exhibition: Weekdays 10.00 - 4.00pm, Saturdays 10.00 - 4.00pm, Contact Susan Hollingworth for further information 01953 880205

You can find out more about the Trail on Breckland's website and download details of the various participating galleries:

www.breckland.gov.uk/arttrail

Philippines Crisis coffee morning

Lyndia Lewis

Unfortunately very few people supported this event, on 23rd November, so I would like to thank all the people that made cakes, and attended. Especially Jane for all her help in organizing a tombola.

The total raised was £105 so once again thank you to all who came.

And Finally...

Tim

Did you know that according to the song, "*Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*", Santa has twelve reindeer? The introduction goes "There's Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen, Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen...", but that only makes eight reindeer, there's Rudolph, of course, so that makes nine, but what of the others? They are all in the song ...

There's Olive. ... "Olive the other reindeer used to laugh..." so that makes ten. The eleventh is Howe ... "Then Howe the reindeer loved him..." so we have found eleven reindeer. And number 12? That's Andy ... "Andy shouted out with glee."!

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Q: Why was Cinderella such a poor football player?

A: Because she kept running away from the ball!

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Thank you to all who have contributed to the Oracle over 2013 and a Merry Christmas to one and all. Linda & Tim

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