

# The Ovington Oracle

October, 2014

**Autumn Fires:** In the other gardens  
And all up the vale,  
From the autumn bonfires  
See the smoke trail!

Pleasant summer over  
And all the summer flowers,  
The red fire blazes,  
The gray smoke towers.

Sing a song of seasons!  
Something bright in all!  
Flowers in the summer,  
Fires in the fall!

Robert Louis Stevenson  
(from A Child's Garden of Verses, 1885)

## Diary Dates

*All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated*

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:45pm	Bowls
Mondays, 6:00pm	Breckland Js Junior Choir
-	Crafters session – resumes December
1 Oct, 7:45pm	Gardening Club
5 Oct, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
18 Oct, 7:30pm	<b>Ovtoberfest</b>
19 Oct, 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service
21 Oct, 7:45pm	Ladies Group (including AGM)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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## Caution

*Christine Reilly*

A word of warning to all ladies who walk alone: Unless you are walking a large, protective breed of dog, it may be a good idea to avoid remote or lonely areas for walking. Several ladies in the village have been stopped recently by a man asking for information about footpaths. What he then goes on to talk about becomes slightly more concerning so do be on your guard. Please ring 101 and notify the police about any suspicious encounters as they will be very interested, particularly if you can back it up with a car registration number. Apparently, there has also been an unnerving incident at Bradenham recently involving a 'flasher' which they are investigating.

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## Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



Gill Bushnell a colour and style consultant was our speaker at the September meeting. It was very interesting and the ladies listened intently to Gill's talk all about wearing the right colours and styles to suit your colouring and personality. Carol, Chris Lewis'

sister came along and enjoyed being a Ladies Group member for an evening.

October will be our AGM and is on Tuesday October 21 at 7:45pm. Lyndia has served her 3 years so will be standing down and Linda, due to other commitments is also standing down. The committee is run on an informal basis holding only a few meetings a year. I have been told that some of the ladies aren't keen to come onto the committee because of our fund raisers that usually involve food preparation. If anyone has an idea as to how we could raise funds in another way we are always open to suggestions. So ladies, put your thinking caps on and see if you can come up with a different sort of evening that doesn't involve food that we have to prepare. New ideas are always welcome.

After the business of the evening we shall have a few games of Bingo which I'm sure everyone always enjoys. The competition is something beginning with '**D**'. All ladies in the village are always welcome and we look forward to seeing some new members. If you would like to come along but feel a bit shy, just give me a ring, Angela 884594 or any other Ladies Group member and we can go up the hall together.

## Summary from unconfirmed meeting minutes

- Our bid for a 5-a-side goal post was unsuccessful.
- It was agreed that as the tenant has not maintained the Parish land in accordance with his tenancy agreement, and there have been complaints from residents and the allotment association, his tenancy agreement is now terminated. The Parish Council are now looking at the best way to quickly restore the land into a suitable condition to re-let it.
- A 'tree management policy' was adopted. An arboriculture survey on parish trees will be completed in the autumn.
- An enforcement request has been lodged with Breckland planning over an issue at Water End Farm but the planning department have no idea when it might be addressed.
- Our financial position was reviewed and cheques signed.
- We have seen the first visit of the speed sign to the village. It has a built in data-logger and based on that we will be liaising with the police about the few people who have been through at nearly 50mph!

## Extra planning meeting

Just as the Oracle is printed there is an extra meeting to discuss planning application 3PL/2014/0892/F.

The proposal from Mr Jay at Otterwood Kennels is to:

“The use of land for the stationing of one mobile home  
for 1 no. gypsy pitch and day /utility room”

Since this has previously caused considerable disquiet, a carefully considered set of comments will be submitted to Breckland Council. Any individual can also make a comment, for more details see:

[www.breckland.gov.uk/content/planning-application-search](http://www.breckland.gov.uk/content/planning-application-search)

Enter the above reference number into the search box.

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## Village Hall

*Christine Reilly*

Some tickets are still available for the popular 'Ovtoberfest' on Saturday 18 October at 7:30pm in the village hall, featuring the amazing Backdrafts (resplendent in their firefighters' kit!) who got everyone up and dancing last year with their rousing music. At time of writing they are in the USA, having been invited to play a memorial gig in New York! There will be real ales available from the bar and the ticket price of £10 includes a supper of sausage & mash, followed by a home-made dessert. Please ring Matt on 07730880111 as soon as possible to reserve your ticket, or come to the village hall any Monday morning between 10 & 12. Hurry, space is limited!

Next month we are hosting an evening with the wonderfully entertaining Mervyn Stutter, so keep Saturday 15 November free and book your tickets with Christine on 01953 885848 or visit the village hall on a Monday morning. For only £10 there is a light buffet before the show followed by an evening of Mervyn's incisive wit and brilliant songs. There will be a limited bar available. The evening is sponsored by Creative Arts East Live.

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## Ovington Fuel Trust

*Rod Rumsby*

The Ovington Fuel Trust has a remit to offer aid to Ovington Parishioners who find themselves in financial difficulties, who need help with educational provisions, require assistance with domestic issues and are not in receipt of other benefits. Should you feel eligible for this aid, or for any other problems, please contact the OFT secretary at:

31 The Street, Tel No 882246.

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## What's on locally

Susan Hollingworth

The Dragonfly Gallery presents:

### **'A Passion for Fruit'**

Apples - Mixed Media Art Exhibition

Saturday 11-25 October



Our Autumn Exhibition is about a passion for autumn and its fruits.

Laurie Lee who has provided the theme for this year's exhibitions:

Autumn is when the hedges and trees are weighed down with hips and haws, cob nuts and chestnuts, blackberries, crab apples, sloes and damsons – all kinds of hedgerow fruits for us and the animals to squirrel away for the winter.

Wayland House, High St, Watton (01953 880205)

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

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Sue Rothwell

Forthcoming events at Dereham Memorial Hall



### **'The life and songs of Edith Piaf':**

Friday 7th November at 7:30pm: Tickets £10

**Coffee Plus!** free music (in the Gallery):

Thursday 9th October 10:30 – 12:00 and

Thursday 13th November: 10:30 -12:00

### **'Sherlock Holmes and the case of the Christmas Card':**

Friday 28th November at 7:30pm, Tickets TBA

Tickets available for concerts from:

Sounds in Nunns Way, Dereham. Tel: 01362 696995

More details on the website [www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk)

## **Thompson Harvest Lunch**

12th October

Harvest service 10:30am (robed choir)

Lunch 12:00-1:00pm

Lunch will be served in Thompson Church after the Harvest service. Everyone is very welcome to attend both the service and the lunch or to join us just for lunch. £5 Ploughmans and Apple crumble.

Proceeds to Thompson Church.

Email: [ann.bossscott@gmail.com](mailto:ann.bossscott@gmail.com)

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*Dawn Dewar (Wayland Players)*

One hundred years ago this August saw the start of what has become known as the war to end all wars. To mark this anniversary the Wayland Players have put together "**Keep the Home Fires Burning**" an evening of drama, poetry and music to commemorate this important event to be performed in the Queens Hall, Watton, 13, 14 and 15 November.

"Keep the Home Fires Burning" will be performed in the Queens Hall, Watton, 13, 14 and 15 November. Tickets priced at £7.00, are available from Adcocks Electrical, High Street, Watton or on-line at [www.tinyticket.co.uk](http://www.tinyticket.co.uk)

As a mark of respect The Players will be making a donation from ticket sales to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

# St John's Church

Ann Johnson



## Services / Events

Sunday 5 October 9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 19 October 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service
Monday 27 October 2:00pm	Church Cleaning

Thank you to all who manned the church for the Norfolk Churches Bicycle ride. I appreciate some of you were not very busy but it was important to be in the church from 9:00 – 5:00 to welcome the 12 riders who did call with sustenance and encouragement.

A big thank you to all who helped in anyway to make our Harvest Festival Service and Auction a very special one. The church looked beautiful with all the harvest produce and flowers and was a rich reminder of God's promise to us:

*'that there will always be a harvest'.*

If anybody would like to join the flower rota and take a turn once a year to do the flowers in the church and join all together for Christmas, Easter and Harvest, we would be very pleased to welcome you. Monies are available for any reimbursement of expenses incurred, if you so wish.



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## Gardening Club

*Ed Reilly*



The September meeting was a great success when we were introduced to 'The Perennial Mr Potter' by Bryan Thurlow. He was dressed in character as an aged gardener living in an old country house and described his lifetime in gardening in vivid detail. This was an unusual evening and was very well received.

Our next meeting is at Ovington Village Hall on Wednesday 1 October at 7:45pm when Tony Goode will be speaking about 'Alpines from Mountain to Garden'. For further details contact Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

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## Recycling Revolution

*Dale Wilder (Breckland Council)*



You'll soon be able to put even more in your black recycling bin. From October 2014, Breckland residents will be able to recycle a range of new materials, helping to cut down on waste sent to landfill.

The new items that can be accepted for recycling from October include clean plastic food pots, food tubs and trays, food and drink cartons, clean foil and foil trays, and glass jars and bottles. These will be in addition to the materials you can already put in your recycling bin.

The first black recycling bin collection in Breckland under the new arrangements will be on 6 October.

More information at: [www.recyclefornorfolk.org.uk](http://www.recyclefornorfolk.org.uk)

Note: glass and textiles can be recycled outside the Village Hall and this brings money directly back to the village.

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## Crafts Sessions

*Christine Reilly*

Unfortunately, due to absences, the crafts sessions in the village hall for October and November have had to be cancelled. They will resume on Wednesday 3rd December.

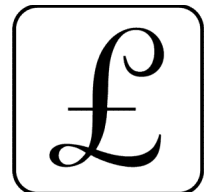
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## Village Lottery

*Adrian Malton*

September winners:

1st (£15)	James Hardy;
2nd (£10)	Jeremy Woods;
3rd (£5)	Brenda Burkin;
4th (£5)	Mike Murray



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## Rainfall

*Rod Rumsby*

The total rainfall for August was 95.5mm or 3.75".

September thus far is somewhat drier at 11mm or 0.43"

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## **Do you know a Star of Norfolk?**

*Norfolk County Council and EDP*

We're all being encouraged to take a moment to think about the tremendous contribution to local communities made by our colleagues, neighbours and friends.

The Stars of Norfolk Awards scheme aims to recognise the dedication and passion of local people and is now open for nominations. It is being run by Archant Norfolk – the publisher of the EDP – in partnership with Norfolk County Council, and Breckland Council has signed up to support the initiative to ensure our local shining lights get the recognition they deserve.

So why not take this opportunity to say 'thank you' to the people you know who go the extra mile by entering them in the awards? The 16 categories include Team of the Year, Community Group of the Year, Small Business Community Support of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Carer of the Year, and Outstanding Bravery of the Year – so there really is something for everybody!

Finalists will be invited to a glittering awards evening in November to celebrate the wonderful work that goes on in our district and across our county, often carried out by unsung heroes who might not otherwise be thanked for their often selfless acts of courage, kindness, commitment and dedication.

For more information about the awards and to submit your nomination via the online form, go to:

[www.edp24.co.uk/home/stars-of-norfolk-awards-2014](http://www.edp24.co.uk/home/stars-of-norfolk-awards-2014)

Hard copies of the form are occasionally printed in the EDP. The closing date for entries is October 13.

# Villager Anniversary

Rod

Congratulations to Don Webster of Crown Crescent who has recently celebrated his 90th birthday, well done Don, we will be knocking back a few "Tiger Tops" in celebration.

*If you have a local event to publicise or congratulatory announcement please put it in the Oracle – contact details below.*

## **Deadline for next issue: October 21**

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