

The Ovington Oracle

November, 2014

From the Middle-English period we learn about 'bone-fires' – where bones were burned. Then in 1605 some persecuted Catholics tried to blow up parliament but were caught in the act. Connect these two events together and today we have a jolly good excuse for a primeval celebration – November 5th is nearly upon us!

Please take the usual precautions, especially with animals, check wind direction and be considerate to others. Then enjoy the spectacle.

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
2 Nov, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
5 Nov, 7:45pm	Gardening Club
7 Nov, 7:30pm	Parish Council
9 Nov, 10:30am	Remembrance Sunday Service (Church)
15 Nov, 7:00pm	Finger buffet & cabaret with Mervyn Stutter
16 Nov, 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service (Church)
18 Nov, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
25 Nov, from 2pm	Door-step collection for Christmas bazaar

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



The meeting on October 21st was our AGM. After the business part of the meeting was over we came to the election of the new committee. Linda Murray was standing down due to personal reasons and Lyndia had completed her 3 Years. Jayne Robertson, Rosemary Angell, Dianne Sculfer and Grace Rumsby were all elected onto the committee. Thank you ladies for agreeing to become Ladies Group committee members. We are all so grateful to have a full committee for 2015 as we struggled in 2014 having only 4 ladies on the committee.

Committee members for 2015

Angela Wynne, Rosemary Philpot, Dianne Sculfer, Rosemary Angell, Jayne Robertson and Grace Rumsby.

The AGM was followed by a couple of games of Bingo.

Supper Evening Saturday 8th

Our Hot Supper Evening will be on Saturday 8th November at Lyndia and Chris's. The evening will begin at 7.30pm. We welcome all our friends and family to attend....you do not need an invitation, just turn up on the night. This is our last fund raiser for 2014 so why not celebrate it with a good night out. We look forward to seeing you there.

Lynn Peters will be at our meeting on November 18th demonstrating the art of icing cakes. The competition will be something beginning with 'E'. All ladies are very welcome to join us in the village hall. Our meetings begin at 7:45pm.

Parish Council

Rod Rumsby

Land to Let

The Parish Council are looking to let two parcels of grazing / pasture land in the Parish of Ovington off Church Road, to the North and South West of the allotments. O. S. No's 5271 Pt approximately 5 acres and 4862 Pt approx 1.7 acres.

To view please contact Cllr R. Rumsby on 01953 882246 or at 31 The Street. Ovington. IP25 6RT.
Applications to rent in writing please to above address.

Extra planning meeting (3PL/2014/0839/F)

The points of objection were raised and discussed. The Chair then invited the applicants, Mr & Mrs Jay to give their answers to the points raised. These were discussed and Councillors agreed that subject to a site inspection to be carried out on 5th Oct they had no objections to the application.

Mr. Jay categorically stated that he has no intention of developing a gypsy site, and that all environmental issues have been addressed.

Next meeting: Friday 7 November at 7:30pm

Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



The October meeting was about 'Alpines from Mountain to Garden' by Tony Goode. This was a talk delivered by an expert with vast knowledge of his subject and he took us from the mountains of Switzerland to his garden in Norwich in a superb selection of slides – an excellent evening.

The November meeting will be by Barry Gayton on 'Variegated Plants in the Home and Garden' and will be held on Wednesday 5th November at 7.45pm in Ovington Village Hall. Further details can be found by ringing Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719

Shipdham Surgery

Timothy Birt

I am a member of the newly formed 'Patient Participation Group' at Shipdham Surgery. This is, in part, a feedback mechanism and I am happy to collate and return comment from Ovington which can hopefully improve the service. The team at Shipdham have released this statement to outline the current position:

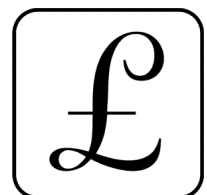
Shipdham Surgery has been under great pressure due the big increase in its list size from the large intake of Watton's de-registered patients and new patients who were within its catchment area who have also decided to re-register with Shipdham. This increase of circa 335 patients has meant that the waiting time for a routine appointment which had been down to around 4 working days is now back up to around two weeks. To improve patient access, Shipdham has taken on a salaried GP and a Trainee Nurse Practitioner to increase the number of appointments available to patients. Shipdham Surgery is working hard to address appointment delays and has also just started a Patient Participation Group (PPG) to get more patient involvement on practice issues.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton

October winners:

1st (£10) Shannon Woollard;
2nd (£5) Rose Angell.



Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Many thanks to all who supported the Ovttoberfest and to Matt for organising it again. It was a wonderful evening – great music, plenty of food and some interesting beers and cider to sample. A fantastic total of £354.60 was raised and a great deal of energy was released on the dance floor!

This month we are holding a cabaret evening with the seasoned satirical songwriter and comedian Mervyn Stutter, with support from the arts and community development charity Creative Arts East. A nice sprinkling of 'Wit, Wisdom and Warmth' is in store for the audience at the Village Hall on Saturday 15th November.

Mervyn Stutter – musician, actor, comedian, song and script writer – brings all of his talents and experience together in a show to delight! This Champion of the Baby Boomers' astute perspective on life and current affairs taps into the comedy of the ridiculous and unnervingly recognisable situations that people of 'a certain vintage' find themselves in! His comedy writing for Radio 2 and Radio 4 has gained a huge following, young Fringe Festival goers have crowned him 'Top Bloke' and performers and critics alike love his razor sharp observations, hilarious and sometimes touching songs of the perils and pitfalls of 'maturity' upon the once flower-powered and invincible youth of the 1960s.

Tickets are going fast: £10 each, to include a finger buffet from 7:00pm, the show starts at 7:30pm. There will be a bar (beers, wine and soft drinks) and a raffle. Ring Christine on 885848 to reserve your seats or visit the village hall any Monday morning between 10 and 12 to buy tickets.

Ovington Bazaar

Saturday 6 December, 12:00-3:00pm

Preparations are under way and stalls will be as follows: Crafts, Gifts, Tombola, Hamper, Chocolate Mountain, Raffle and Cakes. Donations of items for any of the above will be most welcome beforehand (the exception being cakes – on the 5th or 6th December please). We will be collecting donated items on Tuesday 25 November from 2:00pm. If you are not in that day, please leave

any donations in a bag or box outside your front door, clearly visible from the road. Please note that books and bric-a-brac are NOT needed this year. In particular this year, we need chocolate items for the new 'Chocolate Mountain' which is being organised by Grace. Anything from a Mars bar to a box of chocolates will be gratefully received.

More volunteers to help on the day would be much appreciated; thanks to those who have already offered. Please contact Marie Ana on 885019 if you are available to help. There will also be various games of skill and chance for all the family and lunch will be served in the form of home made soups and filled rolls, as usual. Although it appears that there are several other events taking place locally on 6 December, we hope you will all come and support the village hall and church which benefit equally from this major fund raising event.

Bottle Bank

For those of you who don't like the idea of putting glass in your recycling bin, there is good news: Breckland Council will still pay the bottle bank credits to the village hall until April next year. The situation will then be reviewed and, if there is sufficient demand to be worth the rental and emptying charges, they may continue beyond that date. So, please continue to put as much glass in the bottle bank as possible (bottles and jars only). It is not a huge source of income for the village hall, but every little helps.

Please note: toughened glass, Pyrex and sheet glass have to go to the tip – they will not even take this on the kerbside collection.

Some people dump this sort of stuff by the bottle bank, along with other general rubbish which really constitutes fly-tipping. I have recently had to remove, amongst other rubbish, a slow cooker lid, a battered brass coal bucket and several 'bag-in-box' wine containers. Ashill tip is only a few minutes' drive away! I saw a wonderful notice recently in Ireland which read: "Littering is filthy and selfish, so don't do it!"

What's on locally

Susan Hollingworth

The Dragonfly Gallery presents:

'A bit of a Hullabaloo'

Mixed Media Art Exhibition

Solo show by Christine Sanderson
to include a tribute to the 40's.

Saturday 1-15 November



Christine's work on display represents and reflects many of her lifelong interests, which include her hand painted blue and white tiles, especially a range based on C19th French farming scenes. She has a love of all things in the 40's era, handmade hats and knitwear.

Pen & Ink drawings of old derelict and abandoned buildings which Christine feels the need to record the past. You can call in and chat to Christine on Wednesday 5th November 10:00 – 12:00 and Tuesday 11th November (Remembrance Day) where she will be found sewing on her vintage sewing machine.

Preview Evening:

Friday 31st October – Vintage Tea Party. 7:00 – 8:30pm

Wayland House, High St, Watton (01953 880205)

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

Ann Scott (Thompson PCC)

Thompson Christmas Craft Fair

Saturday 29th November, 10:30am – 2:00pm

Thompson Village Hall.

Watton Festive Christmas Market

Sunday 30th November 1:00 – 4:00pm.

We will be selling Christmas decorations and crafts.

Proceeds to Thompson Church.

Email: ann.bossscott@gmail.com

2014 Breckland Art Trail – bigger and better than ever

Building on the success of previous years, the third Breckland Art Trail will offer residents the opportunity to get even more involved with the creative process.

The 2014 Trail not only showcases the work of 57 fantastic local artists, but also gives visitors the opportunity to watch demonstrations and to learn a new creative skill.

Running from 8 – 16 November at 25 venues throughout the Breckland district, the Trail will feature a whole range of unique arts and crafts work including painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, prints, textiles and photography. Feeling creative? Then why not sign up for one of the new workshops? You can make your own ceramic Christmas decoration, have a go at building slab or coil pots, or even try your hand at ironwork!

The Art Trail aims to support local artists and encourage people to explore the district, whilst enjoying a range of work on display at different venues.

A brochure, giving details of artists' work and featuring a map showing the venues will be available in October at each town Library, Customer Service Centres, Tourist Information Centres, Leisure Centres, and Town Council offices. Alternatively, you can find out more about the Trail on the website:

www.brecklandarttrail.com

or call Breckland Council on 01362 656870.

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Services / Events

Sunday 2nd November 9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 9th November 10:30am	Remembrance Sunday Service
Sunday 16th November 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service

It is with real sadness that we learnt of the death of Revd Doug Alexander. He has taken many services in our Church and we shall all miss his sense of humour and the inspired message he gave us each time he visited. Our condolences go out to Jackie, who we shall miss as well, and his family.

Well done to Isabella Scott who, at the age of 7, managed to cycle to 11 churches on the recent Churches Bicycle ride and raised £102 which has been sent to the Norfolk Churches Trust. Half of this amount will be returned to St John's Ovington.

Church cleaning will take place on Monday 24th November at 2:00pm.

Our Christmas Carol Service will take place at 6:00pm on Sunday, 21st December. The Harmonettes and the Junior Choir will be taking part. Mulled wine and minced pies will be served as usual.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby

September was particularly dry we had just 17mm or 0.66"

October is proving much wetter with 73.5 mm or 2.9" up until 21st ... with more to come apparently.

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.

Tim

The scarecrow won a prestigious award ...
... because he was outstanding in his field.

Never trust an atom they make up everything.

Hey dude, you got any *sodium hypobromite*? ... NaBrO

What do you call a parrot in a raincoat? ... polly-unsaturated

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