

# The Ovington Oracle



December, 2014



The Ovington Christmas Bazaar has a reputation for quality stalls, fun and the finest selection of village 'home made' food; see inside for more details. With the flower festival in the summer and the Bazaar in the winter we really are a village "with attitude"!



Come and join in at noon on Saturday 6 December.



## 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
3 Dec, 11:00am	Crafters session until 4:00pm
3 Dec, 7:45pm	Gardening Club AGM & social
6 Dec, noon	<b>BAZAAR</b> – until 3:00pm
16 Dec, 7:45pm	Ladies Group - Christmas social
21 Dec, 6:00pm	Candlelit carol service (Church)

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222



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## Rainfall

*Rod Rumsby*

Hi Oracaleers,

Final rainfall for October was an incredible 87mm or in old money 3.42"

Thus far in November, up to 20th, we have had 40mm or 1.57"

If the American snow comes this way, we might be measuring the precipitation in metres and feet. Time will tell.

Regards

Rod of the 'dampened dome'.

*Editor:*

*The winter solstice is not long now (21-Dec at 23:03)  
will the rain stop by then?*

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## Ladies Group

*Angela Wynne*



Lynne Peters gave a very interesting demonstration on decorating cakes at our November meeting. The ladies thoroughly enjoyed the evening and I think we all learnt quite a lot about decorating cup cakes and sponges. It was good to see several visitors.

Our meeting in December is on 16th. It will be our Christmas Social with food and entertainment. There will be no competition. We look forward to seeing all our members for a fun evening.

Our January meeting will be on Tuesday January 20th. Julie Button will be our speaker telling us about Alzheimer's.

I would like to wish everyone a VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

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## Gardening Club

*Ed Reilly*



The November meeting was a talk by Barry Gayton about types of variegation in plants and was delivered in his usual manner with many photographs of plants he had grown from seed.

The AGM will be held on Wednesday 3rd December at 7:45pm in the village hall. This will be a social evening when the programme for next year is presented and there will be a small quiz before getting to the food!

Further details can be obtained from Ed on 01953 885848.

Synopsis from the unconfirmed minutes of meeting on 7 November

## **Correspondence**

Breckland are consulting about the 'local plan', which will be the planning policy for our district until 2035. There is currently nothing specific to Ovington, but concerns were raised as to how the voice of local people will be heard?

## **Parish Land**

With one written expression of interest and a couple of verbal tentative enquires the council had a detailed discussion as to the best way to proceed. The Council wishes to proceed quickly or we will incur additional cost in maintaining the land, therefore it was resolved to offer the land to the formal applicant as long as they could bring it back into good order quickly.

## **Speedwatch**

Two councillors and a parishioner will undergo speedwatch training.

## **Trod**

Highways have confirmed that the Trod has been rolled, sprayed and he has authorised a sealant to be applied in due course. Work to rebuild the convex mirror is still pending.

## **Planning**

It appears Breckland have no resources for the enforcement issue brought to their attention – no date has been set to investigate.

There was no decision regarding Otterwood Kennels.

Councillors had no concerns with the extension at 2 Rose Cottages

## **Finance**

Councillors reviewed our financial position and signed cheques, including some modest grants for bodies who benefit the parish (EAAA, Wayland First Response, Mid-Norfolk CAB, EACH and Norfolk Accident Rescue)

The outline position for setting next year's precept was discussed, but no decision made. It seems likely that there will be very little

change; a formal decision will be made at the next meeting.

### **Next Meeting**

8th January 2014 at 7:30pm

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## **Ovington Ladies Group**

*Angela Wynne*

Ovington Ladies Group would welcome new members. We are a small friendly independent group who meet in Ovington Village Hall at 7:45pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month. Our annual membership is just £6 or £1 for visitors. This includes refreshments. Ladies of any age are very welcome.

Our programme for 2015 includes a pub walk, annual dinner and a fashion show and our talks vary from beauty to Alzheimer's.

For more details or a friend to walk in with contact Angela – 01953 884594.

Come along any month - you are guaranteed a warm welcome.

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# Village Hall

*Christine Reilly*

Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the evening with Mervyn Stutter such a success. The song about men and their sheds struck a chord with just about everyone there (particularly the women!). If you enjoyed the show, or missed out on getting tickets, then make sure you put 21st February 2015 in your diary and don't miss the next one. "Something Happened" are performing 'A Touch of Class'. They are a musical trio who perform songs ranging over the last century relating to class. It will be a cabaret-style evening including a (probably posh) buffet and tickets can be reserved on 885848 or at the Monday coffee mornings.

## **Found**

A pair of black leather gloves found on the bench outside committee room door at village hall, contact Christine.

## **Village Hall & Church BAZAAR**

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

See opposite for a list of stalls, games and food.

We also need a bank of other helpers (at time of going to press, only 2 strong) to relieve stall holders so that they can circulate and enjoy the bazaar. Please ring Ed on 885848, Marie Ana on 885019 or come to the Village Hall on the Monday morning before the Bazaar if you are able to volunteer some help on the day. If you missed the village collection on Tuesday 25th and have anything to donate for the raffle or tombola, please contact us. Donations of cakes for the cake stall or refreshments will be welcome on the day. Stalls are available for setting up and decoration from 9:00am on the day itself. Finally, tell all your friends and relations about the event just in case they missed the local press and posters.

See you there!

# Christmas Bazaar Organisation

Marie-Ana Cave

## STALLS

## HELPERS

Cakes	Rosemary Philpot
Chocolate Mountain (£1 a ticket)	Grace Rumsby
Crafts	Christine Hardy.
Cake Weight	Jill Malton
Gifts	Linda Birt
Hamper (£1 a ticket)	John Hardy (Christine R. will make up)
Lucky Dip	Lyn
Name the Teddy (30p a go)	Daphne
Raffle (30p each or 5 for £1)	Ann Johnson, Chris Springford, Mary Davey
Refreshments	Christine R. and Marie Ana
Soups	Lyndia Lewis and Linda Murray
Tombola (30p each or 4 for £1)	Chris Lewis and Mike Murray
Village Lottery	Adrian Malton

## **GAMES** (in committee room 30p a ticket)

Card game	Jeremy Woods
Snap/match	Matt Robertson
Treasure Hunt	Rod Rumsby
Possible helpers/floaters (floats will be provided)	Ed Reilly, Stuart and Jill Burgess

### URGENT:

After the collection, many items are still desperately needed: bottles for the tombola, raffle prizes, items for the hamper. Please, help support the bazaar by providing something to fill the stalls.

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## What's on locally

Susan Hollingworth

The Dragonfly Gallery presents:

### 'Let it snow'

The Christmas exhibition

Starts Saturday Nov 29

(with seasonal refreshments)

until end-of-season event on Saturday 20 Dec.

Wayland House, High St, Watton (01953 880205)

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



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Ann Scott (Thompson PCC)

Special events at our neighbours in Thompson:

### **Christingle Service** (Tuesday 23 December 4:00pm)

Suitable for all ages. A lovely way to celebrate the coming of Christmas with all the family. This year there will be a nativity pageant in which all children are invited to participate.

### **Midnight Mass** by candlelight

(Wednesday 24th December 11:30pm)

All are welcome to this traditional service at St Martin's, Thompson.

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

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Sue Rothwell



Events at Dereham Memorial Hall

### **'The Michael Buble Christmas Songbook':**

Friday 3rd December at 7.30pm: Tickets £15

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

Thursday 11th December 10:30 – 12:00

Tickets from Sounds in Nunns Way Dereham. Tel: 01362 696995

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

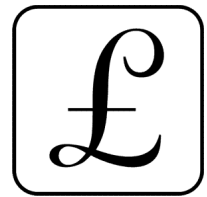


# Village Lottery

Adrian Malton

November winners:

1st (£10) Chris Lewis;  
2nd (£5) Linda Birt.



The December draw will be done at the Bazaar, with bumper prizes. If you want to join in the Village Hall Lottery for 2015, copy or cut out the entry form below. Fill in and send to Adrian, or see Adrian at the Bazaar. It only costs £12 for the entire year, with monthly prizes available.

## Membership Application Form for Ovington Lottery 2015

Full Name (1): .....

Full Name (2): .....

Address: .....

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Post code:..... Tel: .....

Membership is £12 per person per annum. Payment enclosed by cash or cheque payable to "Ovington Village Hall". Please return to: A.C. Malton, 107 Dereham Road, Watton, IP25 6HA

Promoted by: A.C Malton of 107 Dereham Road, Watton, IP25 6HA  
on behalf of: Ovington Village Hall Management Committee. Registration number: SL0110

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# Chocolate Mountain

*Grace Rumsby*

Help to make a mountain of chocolate

One of the main attractions at this years Christmas Bazaar will be  
the CHOCOLATE MOUNTAIN

To help build this mountain and to ensure that all participants on  
the day go home with ...

CHOCOLATE in their POCKET

the mountain builder would welcome any donations of chocolate,  
ranging from boxes, bars to packets.

Please hand your choccy bits to Grace at: 31 The Street.

Thank you

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# St John's Church

*Ann Johnson*



## **Services / Events:**

### **Traditional Candlelit Carol Service**

**Sunday 21st December 6:00pm**

There will be no morning service on 7th December as Saham Church will be hosting a Group Confirmation Service at 10:30 with the Bishop of Lynn and we are all welcome to attend this special service.

If anybody wishes to help with decorating the church for Christmas they are welcome to join us on Saturday, 20th December or, as the church is open daily between 9:00am – 3:00pm, at their convenience during the week before.

If any of the children or grandchildren of village residents would like to colour or paint a nice Christmas picture to be displayed at the Carol Service we would be most grateful. Either bring it up to the church or drop off to Jane at 25 The Street.

Do come and join us for our Traditional Candlelit Carol Service on Sunday, 21st December at 6:00pm. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served at the service. We look forward to seeing you there. The Harmonettes and Breckland J's Junior Choir will be taking part. This will be our only service over the Christmas period and there will be no Lay Led Family Service on the morning of this Sunday.

There will be no church cleaning this month.

God's Blessings to you all over the Christmas Period and for the New Year and grateful thanks to all who have helped in any way both inside the church and outside in the churchyard during the year. We have had visitors from all over this country and from several countries abroad and there have been some lovely comments written in our visitor's book.

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## Welcome to the village

*Rod Rumsby*

We send a warm Ovington welcome to Sam Scott, who has recently moved into the street. We look forward to meeting you at some of our Ovington functions.

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## And finally ...

*Tim*

Like the best cracker jokes these must only just qualify as a joke...

Q: What is a snowman's favourite breakfast?                      A: Frosties.

Q: How many presents can you fit in an empty Christmas stocking?  
A: One, then it isn't empty.

Q: Why do Christmas trees like the past?  
A: Because the present is beneath them.

Q: What did the snowflake say to the fallen leaf?  
A: You are so last season.

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