

# The Ovington Oracle

February, 2015



Advanced notice ... prepare your gloves and wellies for the spring litter pick. While still in consultation, the pencilled date is Saturday 28 March.

As usual, it is hoped that this will be a big village effort, followed by a get together to put the world to rights.

## Diary Dates

*All at Village Hall unless otherwise indicated*

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:45pm	Bowls
-	Breckland Js Junior Choir – restarts in March
1 Feb, 9:30am	Holy communion (Church)
4 Feb, 11:00am	Crafters session until 4:00pm
4 Feb, 7:45pm	Gardening Club
13 Feb, 7:30pm	Cheese & Wine - Ladies (41 The St.)
15 Feb, 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service
17 Feb, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
21 Feb, 7:00pm	Show & finger buffet: "A touch of Class"
24 Feb, 7:30pm	Village Hall AGM

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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## Allotment Association

*Chris Lewis*

As is to be expected at this time of year only "hardy" souls are to be found up at the allotments. I hope it is not tempting fate to say that our sheds have in the main weathered the winter storms and now stand in need of a coat of creosote. Now, also is the opportunity to dig in that compost and fork over the soil in preparation for Spring which will be upon us before we know it. Start planning your planting for next season and don't forget that we get a substantial discount on the D.T. Brown catalogue through our affiliation to the Dereham AAGS.

When I started to write this we still had three allotments without tenants but I'm pleased to say they have all been snapped up so you will have to wait another year or lobby the Parish Council to release more land!

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## Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



Our meeting on January 20th was a talk given by Julie Button about Dementia and Alzheimers. It was nice to see so many ladies in the hall on a very cold and frosty evening. We had 3 new members, which was very encouraging. Julie gave us a very interesting talk on Dementia, explaining signs and also explaining about the different levels and sorts. It made us all aware about living with Dementia Thank you Julie

### **FEBRUARY 13th – CHEESE AND WINE 7:30pm**

This will be held at 41 The Street, the home of Rose and Geof Angell. It begins at 7:30pm and costs £8. This includes your first drink. There will also be a Raffle.

This will be our only fund raiser this year. We need to keep our bank balance healthy as speakers can now cost us as much as £75 for a talk. Obviously some are cheaper and some we give a donation to charity if the speaker doesn't make a charge. We look forward to seeing you on 13th February. Friends and family are also welcome.

Our meeting on February 17th will be a Quiz and Games evening. This will be easy and an enjoyable evening, so please come along to gather with your Ovington friends for a fun time. The competition is something beginning with 'G'. As usual the meeting will be at Ovington Village Hall beginning at 7:45pm. All ladies are very welcome and if you are new and would like someone to call for you just ring Angela on 884594.

Ovington Ladies Group would like to wish Linda Murray a speedy recovery after unexpected surgery at the beginning of January. We look forward to seeing you back at Ladies Group Linda.

## St John's Church

*Ann Johnson*



A Happy New Year to you all.

What a wonderful turn out we had for our traditional Carol Service. Thank you to everyone who made this service very special, either by taking part in it or in the preparations.

Sunday, 1st February 9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 15th February 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service
Monday, 23rd February 2:00pm	Church Cleaning

## Gardening Club

*Ed Reilly*

We start this year with our February meeting which will be held in Ovington Village Hall on Wednesday 4th February at 7:45 pm. The speaker will be Tim Fuller from Plantsman's Preference on the subject of 'Materialistic Gardening'.



Visitors are welcome and the first meeting is free of charge (membership for the year is £10 for 10 meetings + AGM).

Further details can be obtained from  
Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

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## What's on locally

Sue Rothwell



Events at Dereham Memorial Hall

Free music at **Coffee Plus!** in the Gallery  
Thursday February 26th 10:30 – 12:00

**Norwich Puppet Theatre: 'The Pied Piper'**

Wednesday 18th February 2015, 11:00am and 1:30pm

For 3–7 year olds. Tickets £8.00 for adults, £6.00 for children

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

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

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Susan Hollingworth

The Dragonfly Gallery and Tourist Information Centre will be opening its doors for the new season on Saturday 28th February.

To celebrate this event we will be holding a coffee morning, freshly made cakes/biscuits will be available from 10:00 – 12:30. All are welcome to attend.



Artist Phil Hazlehurst will be demonstrating the art of painting on ceramics he will be glad to answer any questions you might have about his choice of paints and techniques.

In place also will be our first main exhibition entitled:

**Ceramic Showcase – Handmade in Britain**

Fabulous unique designs from five artists.

Saturday 28th February – Saturday 14th March

The Dragonfly Gallery, Wayland House, High St, Watton.

Monday to Friday 10:00am – 4:00pm, Saturday 10:00am – 1:00pm

Contact: Susan Hollingworth, Arts & Events Manager 01953 880205

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# Parish Council

*Rod Rumsby & Timothy Birt*

## **Dog Fouling**

Once again there have been episodes of what appears to be a large dog depositing its waste products along the Street. This an area where several small children live and play and this mess can be particularly harmful to children if touched. Please dog owners, clear up after your dog, you should be aware by now what the penalties are for not clearing up, and there are watchers about.

~ooOoo~

From the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting on 8 January, 2015

## **Matters arising and Correspondence**

Tenancy agreement completed for field;  
NICEIC safety certificate received for phone-box;  
Parish will not be 'match funding' a PCSO;  
Highways update on A1075 noted, Council to review in 12 months;  
Arboriculturalist report received and will be actioned.

## **Response to Local-Plan consultation**

In view of the lack of services and facilities, Councillors did not consider Ovington suitable for significant expansion considering the considerable emphasis placed on 'sustainable living' and the requirement for smaller houses which tended to require access to local services. Most aspects of the consultation do not apply, so only a general statement was returned to Breckland Council.

## **Precept**

Considering risks and financial obligations, the Council agreed to maintain the value of the precept more-or-less fixed, which would require a 2% rise to keep pace with inflation (at the time of calculation).

## **Future meetings**

Councillors suggested fixing meetings to the first Thursday of every other month. Additional meeting would be arranged as required.

## **Next Council Meeting**

Extra planning meeting: 29 January 2014 at 7:30pm.

Standard schedule: 5 March 2014 at 7:30pm

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# Village Hall

*Christine Reilly*

The AGM will be held on Tuesday 24 February at 7:30pm in the village hall. Please feel free to come along and join in – new members are always welcome on the committee, but it is not obligatory! It usually takes less than an hour, including the refreshments afterwards.

## **A Touch of Class** - Saturday 21st February, 7:00pm

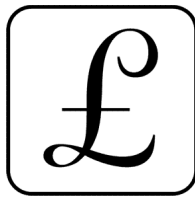
A humorous musical glimpse into the great British class system promises a delightful and whimsical evening at the village hall on Saturday 21st February at 7:00pm, with support from the arts and community development charity Creative Arts East. Long before the world of bankers' bonuses, Downton Abbey and Eastenders, the fascinating subjects of money and class have provided a wealth of songwriting material, comedy inspiration and social comment.

This trio of incredibly gifted and versatile musicians take the audience on a thoroughly entertaining guided tour both upstairs and down, with songs ranging from music hall to folk and pop, and including classics from Noel Coward, Bessie Smith, Jake Thackray, Marilyn Monroe, Ray Davies and Victoria Wood. 'A Touch of Class' reflects on the very British way of how we love to look up – or down – at each other in this hilarious and enlightening stroll through a century of songs about high society and low life, of money makers, gold diggers and penny pinchers in this lovely mix of musical musings!

Tickets are available at £10 each from the village hall on Monday mornings 10-12, or phone 01953 885848 to reserve yours a.s.a.p. as they are going fast. The price includes a finger buffet. A limited bar will serve beer, wines and soft drinks and there will be a raffle. Black tie and tiaras are optional – just come along for a great night out!

## Village Lottery

*Adrian Malton*



Winners in the January draw:

1st Prize (£10)	Roger Kennaugh,
2nd Prize (£5)	Maureen Rands

Lottery accounts for 2014:

B/fwd	0.14
Received from members	695.00
Plus interest from N&P	0.33
Less Licence Fee & envelopes	(21.00)
Total	<b><u>674.47</u></b>
Paid to members	337.00
Paid to Village Hall	337.00
Total paid out	<u>674.00</u>
C/fwd to 2015	0.47

## Rainfall

*Rod Rumsby*

Final rainfall figure for December 2014 was 52mm or 2". The total for the year 2014 was 711mm or 28".

A bit of useless information: 1" of rain falls over 1 acre of ground weight of water deposited equals 1ton.

The rainfall for January 2015 so far is 30.5mm or 1.2", there has been a smattering of snow but not enough to register.

Don't put your umbrellas away just yet.

### **Deadline for next issue: February 20th**

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