

# The Ovington Oracle

March, 2015



We start **British Summer Time** on Sunday 29th March.

Clocks go forward one hour, so we miss an hour of sleep but have lighter evenings to do all those outside jobs.

The **litter Pick** on 28th March is open to all, young and old, so whether you are 8 or 80, please come and help.

## 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 (after Easter ??)
1 March, 9:30am	Holy communion (Church)
4 March, 11:00am	Crafters session until 4:00pm
4 March, 7:45pm	Gardening Club
5 March, 7:30pm	Parish Council
15 March, 10:30am	Lay Led ' <i>Mothering Sunday</i> ' Family Service
17 March, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
28 March, 10:00am	Litter Pick – meet at village sign

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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## Elections

*Rod Rumsby and Timothy Birt*

You may have heard rumours that there is to be a general election on 7th May of this year. No doubt some of you may not be entirely happy with the current government and others will want more of the same, either way to have your say you must be registered to vote and there are a lot of village people missing from the register!

To register to vote contact Breckland District Council electoral services department or visit: [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

If you are interested in being a Parish Councillor then details and application / nomination forms can be obtained from:

[www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/candidate-or-agent)

Navigate to the "*Parish and community council elections in England and Wales*" section. Forms are also available from the Parish Clerk or can be obtained by any current Parish councillor.

Breckland District Councillors are also being elected, for more information see the above web address and navigate to the "*Local elections in England and Wales section*".

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## Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



On February 13th we held our Cheese and Wine evening at Rose and Geof's which was a very enjoyable evening. It was a shame that numbers were low, but we all had a great evening and made a nice little profit for our funds. A big 'THANK YOU' to Rose and Geof for opening up their home to us. Also a big thank you to the committee for putting on a good spread of food.

Our February meeting on 17th was an informal meeting with no speaker. We all enjoyed a game of Beetle. There was so much giggling and laughing during the evening, which was a real pleasure to hear. Just what is needed for everyone in February. Sometimes we don't need a speaker to enjoy our meetings.

Our March meeting on 17th is a craft evening. Our committee member Jayne will be helping us all to make an Easter Card. I'm sure all our ladies are looking forward to that. The meeting begins at 7:45pm as usual in the Village Hall and we look forward to seeing you all there.

The competition is something beginning with 'H'.

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## Obituary

Angela Wynne

### **Sylvie Ives**

It was sad to hear that Sylvie sadly passed away last week. She had been a valuable member of Ladies Group for many years. After a long battle with parkinson's and heart problems she spent the last three years in a nursing home in Swaffham. I have lovely memories of a very sweet lady. Our thoughts go to Ray and her family.

Her funeral is on Tuesday 10th March at Mintlin Crematorium at 2:30pm.



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# St John's Church

*Ann Johnson*



We wish Revd. Jane a speedy recovery from her recent operation.

We are very grateful to the anonymous person who has supplied us with a new lawnmower enabling the churchyard to continue to look so nice. We have also

had a donation of a candelabra which is on the first windowsill on the left. Anyone is welcome to light a candle in memory of a loved one or, if they wish, to give thanks and praise God. A 'Book of Days' will shortly be kept on this windowsill for anyone to write in it.

We will be supporting the Diocese Lent Appeal 'Supporting the Suffering Church in the Holy Land'. A collection box will be in the church throughout Lent, for anyone wishing to support this very worthy cause.

In the summer we plan to hold two or three 'Hymns for a Summer Evening Services' - more details about this later.

Sunday, 1st March 9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday, 15th March 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service for Mothering Sunday
Monday, 30th March 2:00pm	Church Cleaning
Tuesday, 21st April 2:00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held at St John's Church

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## Spring Litter Pick

*Timothy Birt*

Saturday 28th March.

As usual, it is hoped that this will be a big village effort to give the village a spring clean. We will conclude the morning's exertions with a get together in the village hall to put the world to rights.



Meet at the village sign at 10:00am to collect equipment and listen to my mesmerising safety talk – on no account must anyone hurt themselves!

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## Rainfall

*Rod Rumsby*

Total for January was:

57.5mm or 2.26" of which approx 5mm was snow.

February so far for February is:

37.5mm or 1.5" of which approx 6mm was snow.

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## Village Hall

*Christine Reilly*

First of all, thanks to everyone who supported the show on the 21st. "A Touch of Class" was very entertaining, with amusing and thought-provoking songs and some amazing guitar-playing.

The AGM was poorly attended. Three committee members stood down this year, leaving some village organisations unrepresented. However, the 7 committee members are as follows:

Ed Reilly (Chairman), Marie Ana Cave (Secretary), Christine Reilly (Treasurer), Lyndia Lewis (Booking Clerk), Adrian Malton (Lottery Organiser), Chris Lewis and John Woods. We will endeavour to keep the village hall running smoothly and put on the sort of events you want to see.

Our next event is the annual Quiz & Buffet on Saturday 2nd May. Teams of 4 – please enter your teams as quickly as possible (ring 885848) £7.50 a head, including supper.

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## What's on locally

*Suzanne Rhind (Wayland Partnership)*

### Create Your Own Website

Training for Community Groups and Small Businesses

The Wayland Partnership is delighted to offer a half day 'Blog Websites from Scratch' workshop in conjunction with Voluntary Norfolk. With so much being online these days it is important that you have a presence that tells people what you do, if people can't find you online, they may go elsewhere.

This three hour course will take place on Tuesday 14th April at Wayland House, High Street, Watton and can be held during the daytime or, if preferred, in the evening. There is a charge of £40 for the half day course and places are limited to 12.

Contact Suzanne: 880204 or email [Suzanne@wayland.org.uk](mailto:Suzanne@wayland.org.uk) to book or to request further information.

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*Rod Rumsby*

### Defibrillator training

The Inner Wheel in Watton are sponsoring a Defibrillator training session at the Watton Christian Community Centre on March 24th between 10:00am and 4:00pm for anyone interested in, or wishing to be involved in using the defibrillator.

The training will not take up too much of your time and could well be instrumental in saving someone's life. Just turn up between the times stated.

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## Gardening Club

*Ed Reilly*



The February meeting was a talk by Tim Fuller on Naturalistic Gardening accompanied by some beautiful slides illustrating how a less formal approach can still provide colour and interest throughout the year. The March meeting will be a talk by Robert Maidstone on Garden Fungi. This will be held in the village hall on Wednesday 4th March at 7:45pm. Visitors are welcomed and the first visit is free of charge. For further details, ring Ed on 01953 885848.

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## Parish Council

*Timothy Birt*

Notes from the unconfirmed minutes of the additional Parish council meeting on 29th January.

### **General**

Litter pick equipment is booked. Tree Preservation Order details are to be requested from the district Council. Decayed tree removal in Crown Crescent is outstanding (likely schedule for spring). Overhanging trees on Carbrooke Road to be investigated.

### **Allotment Association**

Councillors were pleased to receive an informative report from Paul Alford. The association is in a sound financial position with good occupancy rates; it was agreed to advertise in the Oracle if plots become vacant. Members have purchased a weed control 'flame-thrower', which it was suggested should be stored off site.

### **Planning** – 3PL/2014/1358/F

Consistent with previous comments about traffic speed and danger on the A1075 Saham Hill, the Council objected to the removal of previous planning conditions.

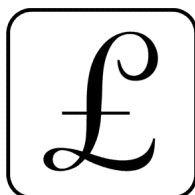
### **Next Council Meeting**

5 March 2014 at 7:30pm

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## Village Lottery

*Adrian Malton*



Winners in the January draw:

1st Prize (£10)      Adrian Malton,

2nd Prize (£5)      Angela Wynne

If you have forgotten to renew for 2015 it's not too late; please send your subs (£10 for the rest of this year) as soon as possible to: Adrian Malton, 107 Dereham Road, Watton, IP25 6HA, or to Christine Reily (885848).

Cheques payable to "Ovington Village Hall".

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## Oracle deliveries

Rod Rumsby

The distribution network for the Oracle would like to take this opportunity to give our grateful thanks to Mr Don Rednall for his many years of conscientiously delivering our local newsletter, the Wayland News and the Five Alive. His aim was not only to see that all those living along the Dereham Road area were kept up to date with local news but to meet with those people and ensure they were in good health and were in no need of help of any kind. Thank you Don.

We welcome Chrissie who has taken over from Don and wish her well in her travels up & down the Dereham Road, not forgetting negotiating around the Ovington Bends.

Thank you Chrissie.

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## And finally

*Rod started this and I found a couple more ...*

Politicians are people who, when they see the light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel.

This government is much like a rainbow:  
It looks good from a distance, but on close inspection it has no real substance, you can see right through it and it's only there because of *The Sun*.

Capitalism is the unequal distribution of wealth.  
Socialism is the equal distribution of misery.

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### Deadline for next issue: March 22nd

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