

# The Ovington Oracle

October 2015

Our resident 'precipitation practitioner', Rod Rumsby has had a hard time keeping up this month following some dramatic storms:

August's total was a disastrous (for farmers) 82.5mm or 3.25" this was augmented by 41mm that fell on 30th / 31st of the month.

September thus far has been consistently damp with one exceptional rainfall of 24mm (just short of an inch) in a brief but quite fierce downpour. The total thus far is 39.5mm or 1.55"

His summary is:

"Don't store away your brollies yet."

## 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
7 Oct, 11:00am	Crafters' session until 4:00pm
7 Oct, 7:45pm	Gardening Club
4 Oct, 9:30am	Holy communion (church)
18 Oct, 10:30am	Lay led 'family pet service' (church)
20 Oct, 7:45pm	Ladies Group

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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## Parish Council (PC)

*Timothy Birt and Heidi Frary (Clerk)*

Notes from the unconfirmed minutes of 3 September meeting.

### Matters Arising

The PC are taking legal advice about the condition of the trod.

NCC will not consider reducing village speed to 20mph, but PC felt we met the conditions given. PC to consult further.

The new dog bin location was rejected, but the reason was unclear. We have asked for placement guidance and will try again.

### Correspondence

Councillors felt membership of the Local Council Award Scheme was not value for money as we already comply.

The hedge adjacent allotments needs trimming back, PC to action.

### Finance

Payments were reviewed and cheques signed. After careful consideration Councillors felt the increase in Glebe land lease was reasonable and the documents were signed.

### Next meeting

5 November at 7:30pm, in the committee room of the Village Hall.

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## Ladies Group

*Angela Wynne*



Our September meeting held on 15th had to be changed as Jackie, who was going to give us all advice on Nail Care, had to pull out because of family problems. However, we were very lucky to have Stephen Pope come along who spoke to us about Norfolk Workhouses. It was very interesting and made us all feel really glad that we didn't live in those days. However quite a lot of children had a good education whilst living in the workhouse and consequently lots of them ended up with a good job and did well for themselves as they reached adulthood.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday October 20th and it is our AGM. Please don't let this put you off coming along to join us as we shall be having our annual game of bingo, which is always a lot of fun. We have two committee members coming off this year so we will be looking for 2 ladies to join us on our friendly committee. We will have our usual competition which is something beginning with 'L'.

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## Defibrillator

*Christine Reilly*

Questions have been asked recently about the village defibrillator.

The short answer is that it has been in operation for almost a year now but, luckily, no-one has needed to use it yet! In an emergency, if you suspect someone is having a heart attack, then you should DIAL 999 immediately. The emergency services will direct you to the defibrillator in the old phone box and give you the code to access the equipment, while an ambulance is summoned. You will then be talked through what to do next and the equipment itself will give clear instructions. Let us hope that it will not be needed, but having it centrally in the village should give us all peace of mind.

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## Fruit Harvest

*Call: 01953-889507*

We have a fair bit of fruit ripening - plums, apples and pears - (damsons, victoria, etc - total of about 5 fruit trees laden), too much for us this year. If anyone would like some for jam/stewing/eating please call: 01953-889507

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# Village Hall

Christine Reilly

## **Live Theatre at Ovington Village Hall**

In association with Creative Arts East, Ovington Village Hall presents an evening of live theatre from 'Boxtale Soup' on Friday, 6th November with "Casting the Runes".

You're invited to the edge of your seat...into the darkest corners of the night. Our advice? Don't come alone...

Edward Dunning, academic expert in the occult, has recently rejected a paper by a man named Karswell. Things take a dark turn for Dunning when he is passed a mysterious strip of paper covered in runic lettering. With the help of a new acquaintance, Dunning must uncover the secret of the runes before the dark presence at his heels finally catches up with him...

This adaptation of M.R. James' classic thriller features just two performers, one handmade puppet and a haunting soundtrack of original music. With minimal set and innovative design, we hope to present you with a chilling and entertaining hour of theatre.

Tickets and further details are available from the village hall any Monday morning or by ringing 01953 885848. Tickets cost £10 each, which includes a sausage & mash supper at 7pm before the show. Soft drinks will be available for purchase and there will be a raffle. Space is limited, so hurry and buy your tickets ... if you dare!

## **Village Hall – Open for Lunch**

Many thanks to everyone who popped in on the 12 September – for coffee, lunch or tea – and supported the village hall. There was a lovely relaxed atmosphere and people were able to chat and catch up with friends over a bowl of soup or plate of cake. Watch this space as we will probably do two or three similar events over the next year.

## **Ovington Christmas Bazaar**

Saturday 12 December, 12-3:00pm

Plans are going ahead for the Bazaar on Saturday 12 December, 12-3pm. This is the biggest event of the year, supporting both the village hall and the church and your help is needed to make it a success. Please tell Marie-Ana (885019) if you will be available to

help on the day as many more volunteers are needed.

This year there will be: Soups & Refreshments, Cakes & home-made goodies, Raffle, Tombola, Crafts, Hamper, Gifts, Chocolate Mountain, Guess the weight of the cake and a Lucky Dip or children's tombola.

There will be a collection around the village from 2pm on Tuesday 1st December. Donations for any of the stalls should be left in front of your house, clearly marked and visible from the road please. If you miss this date, please contact the committee for collection. Alternatively, donations can be brought to the village hall any Monday morning.

The hall is being set up on the Friday afternoon and tables can be accessed for decoration, etc., from 9am on the Saturday. Cakes and home-made goodies will be needed for the cake stall as well as refreshments so, to quote a well-known show, "ready, get set, BAKE!"

Finally, tell all your friends and relatives to come and support us on the day and let's try to surpass last year's total of over £1,000!

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## Gardening Club

*Ed Reilly*



Following a summer of garden visits, we return to the village hall for our October meeting on Wednesday, 7th at 7:45 pm to hear about 'Climate Change' from Jim Payne.

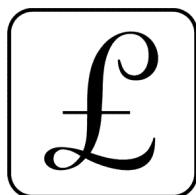
For any further information, contact Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

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## Village Lottery

*Adrian Malton*

Winners of the September draw:




1st Prize (£15)  
2nd prize (£10)  
3rd prize (£5)  
4th prize (£5)

Joyce Woods;  
Ethan Tomkins;  
Jared Tomkins;  
Jill Burgess

## St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday, 4th Oct 9:30am	Holy Communion	
Sunday, 18th Oct 10:30am	Lay Led Family Pet Service	
Monday, 26th Oct 1:30pm	Church Cleaning	

Thank you to all who manned the church to welcome the riders on the recent Churches Bike Ride and a big thank you to Peter Johnson, Chris Lewis, Isabella Scott and Oliver Scott who kindly rode and raised money for St John's Church and the Norfolk Churches Trust.

£31.20 has been paid into the Leprosy Mission Account for the past 12 months. Thank you to all the box holders who support the work of this charity in assisting those suffering from the effects of this horrific disease.

## Heritage Lottery Funding: Church

Chris Springford

It must all seem like a long time ago when we first applied for a Heritage Lottery Funding grant to do the work necessary to maintain the church and to fix its urgent structural problems.

Meetings have been held with the Diocesan Architects and Heritage England - who have been assessing our bid on the basis of the architectural needs. A photographer has visited from the HLF and generally more activity and dialogue between the PCC and the HLF gives us cautious optimism for a positive outcome in response to our third application for funding.

The outcomes may just miss this edition of the Oracle, but we are looking forward with some confidence to a substantial part of our claim being approved. If we are successful, the next stage will be approval and funding supplied for a development project to scope the entire project in some detail; obtain quotations for remedial

repair work and develop the schools programme element of our proposal. (We have outline involvement from eight local schools and the plan is to get up to 2000 children to visit the church and get involved in researching a number of eco-, historical-, photographic-, and exhibition- projects).

The main infrastructure involvements will be ensuring the weatherproofing of the roof, repairs to the tower, fixing drainage and water goods and internal changes to the church – including moving of the font, cleaning & re-gilding the reredos, development of a sound system and potential broadband links to the village website - and to the schools involved. Photography to record the project in its various stages and the development and linking of a Heritage Trail are also envisaged – as is a time capsule to capture all this for posterity.

A key requirement to succeed with this project will be measured outcomes that demonstrate a wider involvement in the local community as a result of the HLF process – whether churchgoers or otherwise. Those who volunteered for the various support projects nearly two years ago will be approached again to see if they are still willing to be involved.

This is a massive project for our small village and the skills and experiences of many people will be required to make it all work. What an opportunity this is to provide continuity for our historic church and to forge closer links within the village for future generations.

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## Coffee Morning Success

*Jane Lambert*

A very big thank-you to those who donated prizes for the coffee morning which we held on September 5th; it was enjoyed by many. Thanks also to the ladies who made lovely cakes and helped on the day.

We raised £320 in aid of Ovington Church.

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## What's on locally

Susan Hollingworth - 01953 880205

The Draganfly Gallery presents:

### **Fabric Fibre & Thread**

An exhibition by Pauline Wrighton

Saturday 26 Sept - Saturday 10 Oct



Using hand and machine stitch I create panels, hangings and accessories. Fabrics may be created from raw fibres or re-cycled materials, others hand coloured and textured, de-constructed or altered. Organic, natural forms are a favoured conceptual source.

Dragonfly Gallery, Wayland House, High St, Watton IP25 6AR  
Weekdays 10:00 – 4:00pm, Saturday 10:00 – 1:00pm.

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Sue Rothwell

Friends of  
Dereham  
Memorial  
Hall



### **Coffee Plus – Free Live Music!**

22 Oct, 10:30am

Come and enjoy a coffee served by the Volunteering Matters Team.

**Dance with Lee Vasey** 23rd Oct, 7:30pm

Raising money for the 2016 Dereham Carnival. Come along and have a great evening with the Lee Vasey Band playing from 9-10pm and 10:30-11:30pm. When the band are not playing there will be a disco. Tickets £12

Full details of all events: [www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk)

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