

The Ovington Oracle

November, 2015

*A traitor to the Crown by his action,
No Parli'ment mercy from any faction,
His just end should'st be grim,
What should we do? Burn him!
Holler boys, holler boys, let the bells ring,
Holler boys, holler boys, God save the King!*

Remember, remember around the 5th of November:
Animals & pets, be considerate with smoke and noise, have fun,
stay safe.

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
1 Nov, 9:30am	Holy Communion, All Saints (church)
4 Nov, 11:00am	Crafters' session until 4:00pm
4 Nov, 7:45pm	Gardening Club
5 Nov, 7:30pm	Parish Council
8 Nov, 10:30am	Lay Led Morning Worship Remembrance Sunday (church)
15 Nov, 10:30am	Lay led family service (church)
17 Nov, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
19 Nov, 7:00am	County Council election, polls closes 10:00pm
1 Dec, 2:00pm	Village doorstep collection for Bazaar

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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Last moment local event

Grace Rumsby on behalf of Jenny Lusher

Saturday 31 October Coffee Morning to be held in the Watton Christian Community Centre, High Street.

To raise money for the **Neonatal Intensive Care Unit** at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

My tiny 2lb 7oz granddaughter, Emily, was born at the hospital in June and spent her first 5 weeks in the loving care of the unit. As a family, we would like to give something back. The unit has a wish list of equipment that they need. Please help us to help them and to express our thanks for all that they did for Emily during her first few fragile weeks.

There will be coffee and cakes, a cake stall and a raffle. Donations for any of these will be gratefully received.

Thanks, Jenny Lusher

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



The meeting on October 20th was our AGM with 15 members attending. The new committee for the next year will consist of Rosemary Philpot, Rose Angell, Grace Rumsby, Jane Robertson, we also welcome onto the committee Ann Johnson and Christine Hardy. After the business meeting was completed we had several games of Bingo and the usual refreshments.

The November meeting on the 17th will be Christmas flower arrangements from The Dutch Flower Parade and will be held in the Village Hall at 7:45pm

The Competition will be something beginning with '**M**'.

All Ladies are Welcome. Non members cost £1 for the evening.

County Council Election

Editor

Following the resignation of Stan Hebborn (UKIP) from Norfolk County Council (NCC) there will be a new election on 19 November. You should receive your poll card or postal vote soon. The electoral division is named 'Watton' but also includes Caston, Griston, Carbrooke, and Ovington.

NCC are responsible for county wide services like: education (but not academy schools), transport, planning (strategic county provision such as mineral extraction), fire and public safety, social care (both adult and children), libraries, waste management, trading standards and more. Most of our council tax precept goes to NCC to provide these services.

There are four candidates as listed in the official *statement of persons nominated*:

BIRT, Timothy Edward; from Ovington (Green Party)

BOWES, Claire R; from Hilborough (The Conservative Party Candidate)

GILBERT, Keith Stephen; from Watton (Independent)

SISTO, Joe; from Necton (Labour Party)

Allotment News

Krissy Marwood-Cross

Ovington allotment committee would like to welcome our new plot holder, Peter, we hope he has a fruitful year ahead and happy digging.

News Round Up

The winter will soon be upon us so it's time to tidy up and put our plots to bed for the year. There has been a lot of activity on the plots this year. And some sad farewells.

Henry and Claire's plots have looked immaculate,. what I would give to have mine look so good! We are sorry to see them leave and would like to say, many thanks for all the help and advice and for keeping the allotment area tidy.

The allotments have all looked great, plenty of produce and a mass of fruit and some beautiful flowers. We have had a good year let's hope our next season is as good!

Can members check the paths running alongside their plot for stones and remove for ease of mowing. If anyone has any spare grass seed can they pop it on to rejuvenate the path.

We would like to start a plot waiting list, if you would like to put your name down please contact a member of the committee. Or call 01953 886866.

Parish Council (PC)

Timothy Birt

Next meeting is 5 November at 7:30pm, in the committee room of the Village Hall. Councillors usually arrive 15 minutes early for informal discussion. All are welcome.

Reports and discussion to include: Trees, SAM2 Speed Sign, successful Church Heritage Lottery Fund grant, 'Websters car sales', funding to help comply with the 'transparency act'.

Thank-you

Peter Johnson

I would like to say thank-you to all those who sponsored me on the church cycle ride. I visited 15 church/chapels, and raised a grand sum of £174. Hoping to do it again next year, all being well.

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Christmas Bazaar - Saturday 12 December, 12-3pm

Thanks to everyone who has volunteered so far to help at this year's Bazaar. We still have a few spaces left to fill, so if you can spare an hour or two on the day, please let Marie-Ana know on 885019.

We will be collecting around the village
on Tuesday, 1st December from 2pm.

Items most needed are: prizes for the raffle and tombola; unwanted presents (unused), etc., for the gifts stall; small, quality items for the hamper. Following the success of the chocolate mountain last year, we hope to build another one this year so we need LOTS of chocolate items. Anything from chocolate bars to large boxes, biscuits to drinking chocolate. If you miss the collection date, please contact anyone on the committee or you can bring items to the village hall any Monday morning. Once again, please ensure anything consumable is within its expiry date. Let's make this a bumper village event to support the village hall and the church.

Crafters

If you are feeling creative, come along to the Craft Session on Wednesday, 4th November and make things to sell at the Bazaar, either on the Craft or Gifts Stall. Everyone is welcome between 11am and 4pm and there is no shortage of ideas or patterns, whatever your crafting ability. This month, there will be no charge for the session as it is for the Bazaar. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided. There are many creative and talented people in and around Ovington, so don't be shy!

Theatre evening: Casting the Runes

At time of going to press, there were still a few tickets left for this show on Friday, 6th November, but they were going fast! Ring 885848 if you want an evening of spine-chilling theatre, combined with a sausage and mash supper. Only £10 a ticket. Hurry!

St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday, 1st Nov 9:30am	Holy Communion All Saints Remembered		
Sunday, 8th Nov 10:30am	Lay Led Morning Worship for Remembrance Sunday		
Sunday, 15th Nov 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service		
Monday, 30th Nov 1:30pm	Church Cleaning		

It was lovely to see so many people at the recent Pet Service and especially good to welcome five children, three dogs and a tortoise. Thank you Jean for making this service a special one

Well done to Peter Johnson, Chris Lewis, Isabella Scott and Oliver Scott who between them raised £301 for the Norfolk Churches Bicycle Trust. This was a tremendous effort by them all. Half of this amount will be returned to St John's.

Fuel-oil Syndicate

Karen Weir

Had a result this week, thought I'd share. I had a phone around as I needed to order some home heating oil. Called a couple of companies, price was around the 34/35 pence per litre. Called Rix petroleum and was told that if I joined the Ovington oil syndicate I could get my oil for just a little over 30 pence per litre, so on 500 litres ordered I saved just over £20. Not to be sniffed at.

They (Rix) also give back to the village a once a year payment of 0.4 pence out of every £1 spent with them and this year the village hall received a cheque from Rix for just over £100.

So the moral of the story is, now you know about it, don't forget to join the syndicate as it saves you a few quid, generates a bit of cash for the village and as all the deliveries for the village comes in one lorry it's better for the environment too!

What's on locally

Susan Hollingworth - 01953 880205

The Dragonfly Gallery presents:

'When Autumn Leaves Start To Fall'

Mixed Media (2 & 3 dimensional)
Open Exhibition 24 Oct – 7 Nov

'Local Crafts Extravaganza'

Featuring work from Watton & Wayland Artists
10 Nov – 21 Nov

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



Sue Rothwell

Friends of
Dereham
Memorial
Hall



Coffee Plus – Free Live Music!

26 Nov, 10:30am

Come and enjoy a coffee served by the
Volunteering Matters Team. Today's music
will be performed by a Mandolin player.

Full details of all events: www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Geoff Pritchard

Swaffham Arts presents:

"Music with Attitude"

With the return of the talented and highly
entertaining Novinka Folska Band!

Saturday 28th November 7:30pm

Swaffham Assembly Rooms PE37 7AQ

Members £7: Non- members £10, accompanied children FREE

More information on 01366 328648



Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



Following October's meeting, when Jim Payne gave an interesting talk on 'Climate Change', the November meeting will be on Wednesday the 4th at 7:45pm in the Village Hall, when Barry Gayton will be talking about 'Plantsman's Plants'.

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

Information

The Ashill Recycling Centre is closed until late November for essential repair work to the concrete surfaces within the centre. Nearest alternative site for disposal is Dereham, which is also open seven days a week.

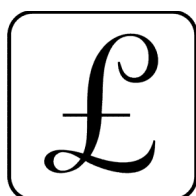
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The next Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting is at the Fire-station on 20 November commencing 2:00pm

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton

Winners of the October draw:



1st Prize (£10)

Rosemary Angell ;

2nd prize (£5)

Kelly Scott;

December will be the biggest draw of the year at the Bazaar and there will be the opportunity to join the Village Hall Lottery for 2016. As they say on TV, you've got to be in it to win it. There will be an application form in next month's Oracle.

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Missing emails

Editor

After printing this months Oracle I discovered that a couple of emails had not arrived, these are now included in this "November supplement".

I am looking the reasons why this happened; the messages were sent but not delivered however no 'undelivered' notification was issued either.

I don't necessarily reply to our regular contributors as they know I'll chase up articles as the deadline approaches. However, I generally acknowledge unexpected Oracle contributions from the village, so if you haven't heard back from me after a couple of days please either email again or phone: 889208

Heritage Lottery Fund

Rod Rumsby

Last month we announced that the possibility of us achieving a successful bid for lottery funding for the repairs and alterations to the Church was looking good.

We can now confirm that our bid was successful and if we can continue to meet the criteria set by the Heritage Lottery Funding committee, we should be able to access the funding allocated, in stages, as the work progresses. After all the effort needed to formulate the bid this is very good news, but the work doesn't end here and we shall be looking to involve you, as members of this community, to give support in various forms over the the next year or so.

Thank you for your support thus far.



Festive Fayre

Grace Rumsby

Watton Methodist Church Festive Fayre to be held in the Christian Community Centre.

on Saturday 21 November 9:30am – 1:30pm.

Bob's Caff selling refreshments, light lunches.

Stalls include:

Christmas Gifts, Cards, Bulbs in pots, Crafts, Toiletries, Cakes, Books etc..

Hope to see you there, you will be most welcome.

And finally ... rainfall

Rod Rumsby

September tended to dry out towards the end of the month and left us with a total overall of 49mm or 1.93".

October started dry and sunny but has deteriorated somewhat and we have a total rainfall up to the 21st, of 33.5mm or 1.3". It's still raining!

