

The Ovington Oracle

January, 2018



Happy New Year!

As you read this daylight hours are increasing, it might not be noticeable for a few weeks, but it is happening – hurray. On 3 January we note perihelion, where the earth makes its closest approach to the sun in its slightly elliptical orbit – 3.1 million miles closer than the furthest part of our orbit.

On a much smaller scale, from 'North Ovington' we welcome Tony and June who have moved into Chanticleer (The Old Cock – where the Rand's used to live).

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
31 Dec, 10:30am	Group Service – St John's Church
4 Jan, 7:30pm	Parish Council
7 Jan, 9:30am	Holy Communion – St John's Church
16 Jan, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
21 Jan, 10:30am	All age worship – St John's Church
27 Jan, 7:30pm	Creative Arts East Show: Rubber Ring

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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In need of a new home?

Lyndia

Ladies racing cycle, clean good condition, new padded saddle **£30**
Tel 882222

Do you own a black cat with white bib and white tips to paws? If it belongs to someone I will not feed, it is visiting via my cat flap every night.
Tel 882222

Village Hall Coffee Morning

Christine Reilly

There WILL be a coffee morning on Monday 1st January from 10:30am. We would like to thank everyone who comes along to support the village hall. It has made a big difference over the past year as we now have around 20 people coming every week. For only £1 you can have tea or coffee, plus whatever goodies are on offer and enjoy a natter with your neighbours or find out what's going on locally.

See you there!

Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday, 19 December, the Ladies Group concluded their year with the Christmas Social. This was a wonderful occasion and we thank all the committee who worked hard to make the evening special. We also thank *The Harmonettes* who enhanced the evening with their beautiful singing.

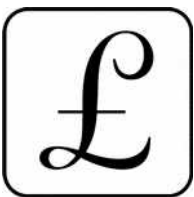
The winner of the Annual Shield for gaining the most points in the competitions throughout the year was Angela.

Next month, on Tuesday 16 January at 7:45pm, we welcome Joan Kurody. The evening is entitled 'Three for the Price of One'. She will talk to us about her life in India which should be really interesting. May I remind you that subscriptions will be due this month and, as we will be paying more for the hire of the hall, the Committee have decided to put the rates up to £7.50 per year and £2 for visitors to any meeting.

The competitions this year are based on materials and for January it will be anything made of Wood. Anyone wishing to join our group would be most welcome. We meet at 7:45 on the third Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise stated in the Oracle.

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



Lottery December winners drawn at the Bazaar:

1st prize (£30)	Amanda Hardy;
2nd prize (£25)	Jeremy Woods;
3rd prize (£20)	Julia Grover;
4th prize (£15)	Steve Jones;
5th prize (£10)	Jan Cockburn;
6th prize (£6)	Angela Wynne.

Don't forget to renew your subscription for 2018 – only £12 for the year, with prizes every month. Draws will be made at the coffee morning on the second Monday of every month, with the exception of January which will be on the 22nd. The more members we have, the more prizes we can distribute and the more the village hall will benefit.

St John's Church

Ann Johnson

The PCC wishes everyone in the village a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



Sunday, 31 Dec
10:30am Group Service*

Sunday, 7 Jan
9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 21 Jan
10:30am All Age Worship

* We will be welcoming our friends from Ashill, Carbrooke, Saham and Watton Churches.

How wonderful to be back in the church for our traditional Carol Service and thank you to all who made this possible. The church looked beautiful and thank you to everyone who helped with the decorating and who took part in the service. Thank you to Jean who led it, *The Harmonettes* whose singing sounded so beautiful, the readers and those who provided and served the seasonal refreshments.

Rainfall

Rod



November final total was 59.5mm or 2.34"

December to date (18th) is 42.5mm or 1.67" some 7mm of this was in the form of snow, which this year was quite wet.

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk) / Timothy Birt

Next meeting.

4 January, 2018 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall committee room.

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Our Community – Our Church

John Hardy and Chris Springford

Church back in use – Schools Concert 3 February 2018

A very successful Christmas Carol service was held in the church on Sunday 17th December with the church beautifully decorated, and full. *The Harmonettes* sang some wonderful carols, and the service was concluded with mulled wine and mince pies.

The final work on the church has been put on hold over the Christmas period to allow services to be held, and should recommence during the spring. There are still several places with flaking plaster due to the historic damp problems which will be replaced and lime washed. Time had not allowed for this to happen in the first stage of works, but when done will restore the church to its former grandeur. It is already noticeable how much better the church looks inside with all the major structural cracks repaired and repainted. There had been slight delays in the final connection of water to the church due to wintery weather, but these problems have been overcome.

As already indicated the schools on site project within the village has completed, but it is going to be hands on with as many people as possible to help with rehearsals for 3 February 2018 performances. During the past year each of the seven schools attending have selected fifteen pupils who will combine with those selected from all the other schools to create a public performance. It is planned to give an entertaining and interesting performance, depicting many of the wonderful things that they have been involved with in the prior year. At the same time there will be an exhibition of their creative work. People of Ovington are invited to buy tickets, there will be two performances, 14:00–15:00 and 16:30–17:30. Tickets are subject availability with a limited supply:
**Tickets available from Linda Murray 01953-880073
or John Hardy 01953-889920.**

Ovington HLF Schools

Community Concert @ Wayland Academy

Merton Road, Watton, IP25 6BA Saturday February 3rd 2018



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Village Hall

Ed & Christine Reilly

Ovington Bazaar

Many thanks to all who helped with the Christmas Bazaar, whether by donating prizes or making cakes or soups, or assisting on the stalls, with the following results:

Refreshments	£78.12	Raffle	£161.00
Soups	£91.50	Cakes	£73.00
Xmas Cake Raffle	£37.00	Crafts	£113.50
Lucky Dip	£42.00	Children's Tombola	£36.00
Hamper Raffle	£63.00	Gifts	£24.50
Tombola	£106.00	Hamper Competition	£37.00

Altogether, the footfall was significantly down on last year but, after expenses, we achieved a grand total of £848.64 which was split between the village hall and the church. So, a great thank you to all involved in attending and spending on the day!

SHOW: Rubber Ring



Our next show, sponsored by Creative Arts East Live, will be on Saturday 27 January at 7:30pm. and is a laugh-out-loud coming of age comedy about sexual identity by award-winning local playwright James McDermott. It is an hour-long fast-paced one-man comedy set in Sheringham and based on James McDermott's own experiences as a working-class Morrissey – obsessed teenager exploring his own sexuality against the backdrop of rural Norfolk. James is a Norfolk – based writer and performer, born in Holt, who graduated from UEA with an MA(Distinction) in Scriptwriting. He won the Anglian Voices Playwriting Competition in 2017 and has previously toured nationally with 'Rubber Ring', receiving rave reviews.

The show is a 'Pay What You Decide' performance, giving audiences the opportunity to come, watch and pay what they think their experience is worth, after the show. As space is limited, you still need to obtain a ticket in advance! Please contact Christine on 01953 885848 or visit the village hall any Monday morning to make your booking. We will be having a limited bar on the night and will be serving nibbles after the show when James will stay to chat with the audience.

What's on nearby

Fiona Roat



NWT Breckland Local Group

We have had a very successful year and thank all of you who have supported us in 2017.

For the first talk of 2018, we have Jo Jones from Breckland Flora Group, a team who help sustain the unique and nationally important plants of the area. Jo is incredibly knowledgeable and interesting and will leave us wishing for the Spring so we can get out and see the plants for ourselves.

Venue: Watton Christian Community Centre, High Street, IP25 6AB

Time: Wednesday 10 January, 7:30pm

Cost: £3 each (£2 members), including seasonal refreshments



Zoe Fletcher

Our Day Out

A fantastic programme, engaging vulnerable older people through high quality participatory arts sessions, delivered by professional artists.

'Our Day Out' continues to welcome all older people, no previous experience necessary, and Creative Arts East is keen to welcome new participants, particularly when the new sessions begin in January. If you, or someone you know would like to find out more about joining or volunteering for the project, then please get in touch with Lea Schiller at Creative Arts East on 01953 713390 or email lea@creativeartseast.co.uk for more information.

There are events throughout Norfolk including at the Watton Christian Community Centre, 57 High Street, IP25 6AB

What's on elsewhere

Editor's Suggestions

New Year's Day walk, finishing with coffee & cake at
The George Hotel (£7.00)

www.DerehamWaW.org.uk

Tue 23 Jan, 7:30pm – Film night: "LOST IN PARIS" (£6)

Fri 26 Jan, 7:30pm – Falling Starr Wrestling, great fun (£12/£8)

<http://derehammemorialhall.co.uk>

And finally ...

Rod

From last month's puzzle Bill & Bert were discussing their respective ages ... Bill is 30, Bert is 90.



- A man goes into a pharmacy and asks the pharmacist if he can give him something for hiccups. The pharmacist promptly reaches over and slaps the man's face.
"What did you do that for?" asks the man.
"Well you don't have hiccups any more, do you?"
The man says, "No but my wife out in the car still does."
- If all the world is a stage, where is the audience sitting?
- Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?

Did you know ...

The sunken lane which leads up to Water End Farm, was used by Roman soldiers as shelter from the biting East Anglian winds whilst en route to areas on the coast, which are now part of North Norfolk. This then was part of the original road that leads northwards nowadays through Dereham and on to Weybourne.

(Tacitus AD 196)



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