

# The Ovington Oracle

March, 2019



**British Summer Time** starts on Sunday 31 March.

Clocks go forward one hour, so we miss an hour of sleep but have lighter evenings.



## Diary Dates

*At Village Hall unless indicated*

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
28 Feb, 7:30pm	Village Hall AGM
1 Mar, 7:30pm	Ladies buffet evening (30 The Street)
3 March, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
7 March, 7:30pm	Parish Council
17 March, 10:30am	All Age Worship (Church)
19 March, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
23 March, 12 noon	Soup lunch
31 March, 10:30am	Mothering Sunday Service (Church)

To book the village hall contact Christine Reilly 885848

Village web-site: [www.ovington-village.org.uk](http://www.ovington-village.org.uk)

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## Message

*Grace Rumsby*

### EDP Lego vouchers

Please save the lego vouchers in the EDP for me to give to my Great Grand daughter for her to take to her school

If you still have last weeks papers there were 11 in each day,

Thank you Grace (31 The Street)

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*Timothy Birt*

### Local Elections

Parish and District elections take place Thursday 2 May, if you would like to stand to become a Councillor please see the information on line from Electoral Services at Breckland Council.

**[www.breckland.gov.uk/councilandelections](http://www.breckland.gov.uk/councilandelections)**

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## Parish Council (PC)

*Heidi Frary*

### Next meeting

7 March 2019 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall committee room.

Legal documents at: [ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home](http://ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home)

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## Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



Sixteen members attended our meeting on Tuesday 19 February. Unfortunately Margaret Cranmer was unable to come and speak and to us about what Watton Library has to offer us as she was unwell. Brian Chatten came along and gave a very interesting talk about scams. He used to work for Trading Standards but has now retired. However

he goes along to various groups telling us how to recognise scams. They can be in the form of telephone calls, emails and even from catalogues enticing us to enter competitions where we could win a lot of money. The thing he emphasised was NOT to give any personal details and most importantly never give anyone your bank details. He left us with various leaflets and door stickers to try to avoid cold callers etc. Several have been left in the Village Hall for anyone to help themselves to. It was a very enlightening talk.

Geof Angell will be showing us photos and videos of one of his and Rose's recent holidays at our meeting on Tuesday 19 March 7:45pm. The competition will be something beginning with the letter 'C'.

Our annual dinner is on Tuesday 16 April at The Windmill at Necton. Transport will be provided by the committee. Details later. If you are a Ladies Group member and wish to come along to our meal please ring Angela 01953 884594 so you can make your choices from the menu. The cost is £16.50

### **Don't forget our main fundraiser:**

It's on **FRIDAY 1 MARCH. 7:00 for 7.30pm**. The cost is £8 which includes your first drink. There will also be a raffle. Everyone is welcome so bring the whole family along and of course friends too.

To be held at Angela's – 30 The Street,

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## Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



The total for January 2019 was 20mm or 0.78"; well below average for January.

So far this month (February 20) it is 29.5 or 1.2" still doesn't bode well for crop growth later this year.

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# Village Hall

*Sue Horton / Christine Reilly*

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## **Event Reports**

Afternoon tea on Sunday the 3 of February was very popular, with nine tables of 4-6 people. We all tucked into a range of sandwiches, savouries and a wide selection of home-made cake, whilst listening and singing along to music provided by the lovely Rachel and Ian.

Last Saturday, 23 February we were thoroughly entertained by a witty production of Ernest, brought to us by two African women who played all of the parts! Well that's not strictly true ... as some of you budding actors will know. They called upon a few of you to stand in. And no-one was left out, as we were all called on to chant, "Prism, Prism ... Where is that baby?" And as the story unfolded, we discovered who had left Ernest in a handbag on a famous London station. The production was sponsored by Creative Arts East, with them undertaking to supplement any shortfall from us 'paying what we decided the production was worth'. The village hall seemed full with 36 people, but takings of only £297.50 means we will be claiming a subsidy of over £400.

## **Maintenance**

The hall is already looking good, but is going to get even smarter when the wooden floor has been refurbished in mid-March.

## **Future Events**

Village Hall AGM – Thursday 28 February at 7:30pm

In the village hall – Everyone welcome. Come along, find out what's happening and lend your support to keep this vital village amenity going. And if you'd like to join the committee, even better!

Saturday 23 March from 12 noon – Soup lunch

Come and meet your friends and neighbours for a home-made soup lunch £2.50. Or give yourself a lunch break from the allotment and pop in for a warm up.

## **Dates for your diary**

Saturday 4 May          Quiz

Saturday 22 June      Mid-Summer Fest BBQ

## **Recycling**

It is with regret that I have to give up the recycling of steel and

aluminium cans for the benefit of the village hall. The prices for scrap metal have dropped so low that it is no longer worth the time spent sorting and bagging them, let alone taking them to the scrap dealer. When recycling first began a few years ago, we used to get about 1p per can – now it is 6p per kilo for steel and 20p for aluminium. So, a big thank you to all who collected their cans, but please now put them in your grey recycling bins.

With regard to the textile bank, if you see anyone emptying it at strange times into a strange vehicle, please contact me as soon as possible. There have been instances in Norfolk of gangs stealing textiles and the police would like to know about your suspicions. The regular dealer usually comes every fortnight on a Monday morning in a white transit van and, if you ask him, will show you his official ID. Anyone else, using a private car, especially late in the evening, is probably up to no good!

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## Ovington, Northumberland

*Karen Weir*

I have been contacted by a resident from Ovington in Northumberland wondering if we would like to become informally 'twinned'.

They've just set up a friendship club, and would love to have some sort of pen pal contact with us.

Would anyone be interested?

I think it might be fun to compare our lovely village with theirs and perhaps make some new friends!

I've also been asked by someone from Norfolk county council to see if we could perhaps organise a befriending group as they have been approached by a resident who feels very isolated and lonely and would love to have a visit with or by someone. Perhaps just a cuppa or even a chat on the phone. Any suggestions or takers?

Again I know we are a fantastic bunch of lovely people, who always look after their fellow neighbours so I feel sure we can help in some way.

Please let me know if you'd like to get involved.

Karen, 17 The Street, 07735 205990

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# St John's Church

*Ann Johnson*



Sunday, 3 March

9:30am Holy Communion

Tuesday, 5 March

1:00pm Church cleaning

Sunday, 17 March

<sup>\*(1)</sup> 10:30am All Age Worship

Sunday 31 March

10:30am Mothering Sunday Service

Saturday, 6 April Annual Parochial Church

<sup>\*(2)</sup> 2:00pm Meeting - in St John's Church

There will be no flowers in church during Lent which begins on 6th March.

<sup>\*(1)</sup> On Sunday 17 March at 10:30am we will be holding a service supporting the Leprosy Mission to help the staff at the Anandaban Hospital, in Nepal, find a cure and heal people with leprosy. Pam Rhodes from BBC Songs of Praise launched this appeal in Peterborough Cathedral on 27 January. She shared stories from her recent trip to Nepal to see the work of the Leprosy Mission. A short film will be shown during the service and literature will be available to take away. Envelopes will be available to put a donation in. Whatever is given in the envelope the UK Government will match it under the UK Aid Match Scheme. I do have a supply of these envelopes and if anybody who isn't able to come to church would like one to put a donation in, I would be happy to deliver you one. Please phone Ann on 885455.

<sup>\*(2)</sup> On Saturday 6 April we will be holding the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. All welcome to come along and see what is happening in your local church.

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## Village Litter Pick

*Timothy Birt*

Keep your diary clear for the morning of:

**Saturday 6 April**

Full details in next month's Oracle



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## What's on nearby:

Fiona Roat



On Wednesday 13 March we have a Photographic Journey around Hingham with Martin Hosier, looking at the wildlife he has seen and recorded over a number of years. We expect it to be rather interesting to discover just how much life is on our doorsteps, if we take the time to look.

We hope to see lots of faces old and new.

Watton Christian Community Centre, High Street, Watton. IP25 6AB  
£2 members, £3 non-members, cost includes refreshments.

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Grace Rumsby

### Bookfest and Breakfast

Saturday 9 March 9:15am – 11:30am

at Watton Christian Community Centre, High St. Watton.

An opportunity to browse good quality second-hand books and enjoy a visit to the Breakfast bar.

In aid of Watton Methodist Church and their charities

Everyone Welcome so we hope to see you there



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## What's on elsewhere:

Bar Pritchard

### Swaffham Jazz

*'The Art of the Trio' with Phil Brooke, Guitar -  
Simon Brown, Piano - Ivars Galenieks, Bass*

£8 on the door – Tuesday 12 March 7:30pm

Swaffham Conservative Social Club, 23 London Rd PE37 7DD  
Details from Norman 01760 722384 / Geoff: 01366 328730



## And finally ...

Rod

- My wife asked if she could have some peace and quiet while she tried to cook dinner



So I took the batteries out of the smoke alarm!

- You know you are living in 2019 when:  
You accidentally enter your PIN on the microwave.  
or ...  
You have a list of 15 phone numbers to reach your family of three.  
or ...  
You e-mail the person who works at the desk next to you.

Did you  
know ?

In 1940 there were over one hundred drainage ditches in Ovington, mainly at field edges and alongside roads, today there are just over twenty left. Just as well the rainfall is low these days.

### Deadline for next issue: 23 March

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