

THE OVINGTON ORACLE

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Hi everyone

Happy New Year to you all. We hope you have all had a very happy Christmas and did not over indulge. Looking back over the last year we seem to have excelled with the social events and our main money-spinners fete and bazaar were more than successful. At the bazaar this last month we had several visitors from adjacent parishes, who not having previously attended one of our main events, registered amazement at the warm friendly atmosphere and, naturally, were most impressed with the range and quality of all the displayed wares, raffle, tombola and most of all the food. We just replied "Oh it's always like this in Ovington" Let's do it all again next year!!

Diary Dates

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| Jan 4 th | Gardening Club | 7.45pm |
| Jan 17 th | Ladies Group | 7.45pm |
| Jan 25 th | Parish Council | 7.30pm |
| Feb 11 th | Village Supper | 7 for 7.30pm |
| Feb 29 th | Village Hall AGM | 7.30pm |

Coffee Mornings every Monday from 10.30am – 11.30am starting on Jan 9th

Bowls Club every Monday at 1.45pm

Martial Arts every Tuesday
5.15 –
7.15pm

All held in the Village Hall

December Lottery Results

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| £30 | No.25 | Eileen Gammon |
| £25 | No.26 | Ethan Tomkins |
| £20 | No.36 | Laura Tomkins |
| £15 | No.14 | Denis Todd |
| £15 | No. 5. | Dave Carr |
| £10 | No.31. | Rosemary Philpot |
| £10 | No.23. | Jean Mayhook |

£ 5 No 56 Pat Powell
£ 5 No 22 Jill Malton
Mr Alan Powell is now taking over as promoter of the Village Hall Lottery._

If you wish to take part in 2012 please complete the form at the end of this newsletter, and return it with your money to Alan or Christine R

Bazaar Stall Results 2011

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| Books | 26.50 |
| Cakes | 134.30 |
| Crafts | 178.00 |
| Cake weight/iced cakes | 40.00 |
| Gifts | 100.02 |
| Hamper | 76.00 |
| Card Game | 11.20 |
| Raffle | 170.00 |
| Refreshments | 69.72 |
| Soup | 93.00 |
| Tombola | 128.50 |
| Lucky Dip | 15.00 |
| Treasure | 13.43 |
| Ted's Birthday | 17.30 |
| No Sweets in Jar | 9.60 |
| | <u>1082.57</u> |
| Less expenses | 5.97 |
| Total | <u>£1076.60</u> |

Which gives a total of £538.30 each to the Village Hall and the Church.

Very many thanks to everyone who supported our Bazaar in so many ways, donating gifts, helping on the day, and coming to spend money, as you can see we did well again. Your support was much appreciated.

Competition winners were:

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| Card Game | - Steele |
| Treasure | - Callum |
| Hamper | - Richard |
| Weight of Cake | - Tony Scotton (2281grms) |
| No of Sweets | - John Simmons (230) |
| Bear's Birthday | - Barbara Anderson (February 26 th) |

The only entrant for the children's competition was won by Isabella

Thanks

As you know, this is the last 'Oracle' I will present as editor.

Many thanks for the support I have been given during the past seven years by all the regular monthly contributors.

Also thank you to Sheila, Christine, Don and Rod for delivering the Oracle and the Wayland News each month.

My thanks go to Linda Birt for offering to be the new editor for the Oracle.

Please contact her with all your news, reports and notification of forthcoming events to Stone Farm, The Street, Ovington Tel No 889208 or email to

oracle@ovington-village.org.uk

Gardening Club

The December meeting was the AGM, which progressed as usual. The officials and committee were voted in as follows:

Chairman - Vernon Conie;

Secretary/Treasurer - Ed Reilly;

Committee - Carol Salmons, Ann Akister, Gloria Canham and Brian Borwick.

The Secretary issued a full list of next year's programme of all-new speakers.

The Treasurer produced the accounts, which showed a surplus of £80 for the year.

The meeting continued with three beautiful films made by Brian Salmons, which were a very professional presentation and concluded with refreshments provided by members.

January's meeting will be at 7.45pm on **Wednesday, 4th January** when Trevor Last will be talking on the subject of "Exhibition Vegetables".

This talk is by an award-winning exhibitor and should also be of interest to allotment holders!

Membership costs only £5 for the year or £1 per talk for visitors.

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

Sausage & Mash Supper

Reserve the date of Saturday, **February 11th** in your diary for a Sausage & Mash Supper in the Village Hall. Starting at 7.30pm, you will be treated to delicious sausages (from locally reared pork), accompanied by mash & vegetables and followed by some equally yummy desserts. Proceeds from the evening, including a raffle, will go to village hall funds. We will devise some form of fiendish brainteaser to entertain you. So make sure you reserve your tickets as soon as possible in the New Year.

Coffee Mornings

If you want to banish the wash-day blues, recover from the weekend or just meet up with people to have a natter, come along to the village hall on a Monday morning between 10.30 and 11.30 (**starting 9th January**). For a modest outlay, enjoy a coffee/tea and biscuits (maybe even a cake!) and meet up with other folk from the village. We are hoping this will become a regular event where you can get to know people in a relaxed atmosphere, especially if you are new to the area, and find out more about societies and events in the village while enjoying some light refreshment. Come along and share your ideas for new activities or events. Give us some feedback on what's gone before. Or, just come and have a coffee - and read the paper! Hope to see you on the 9th, in the Committee Room.

Congratulations

We send our congratulations and best wishes to:

Lyndia and Chris Lewis who celebrated their Ruby Wedding Anniversary on December 18th 2011.

And to Jill and Stuart Burgess who celebrate their Silver Wedding Anniversary on January 3rd 2012.

Ladies Group

Happy New Year to all our members and, indeed, to all Ovington Ladies. Then to be P.C. I should say to all the gentlemen and children as well. So Happy New Year Everyone!

Another year has flown by and it was a busy one for the ladies group committee, but all very worthwhile. Apart from some very interesting speakers, we also arranged a Cheese and Wine Evening, our annual Dinner, a BBQ, a 50/50 sale, a "Fashion Show" and a Chinese Christmas supper.

Ladies Group really can be fun, with a wide variety of events and we would be so happy to see some new faces at our monthly meetings. So please come along and give it a try. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday evening of the month at 7.45 pm in the village hall. If you would like someone to pick you up and introduce you to the group, please give a committee member a ring and we will be happy to do so.
Chairperson - Christine Hardy: 889920
Treasurer - Jill Malton: 881053
Secretary- Maureen Simmons: 882772
Raffle – Daphne Preece: 883173
Competitions – Joyce Woods: 883953
Birthdays/Refreshments
– Lyndia Lewis 882222

Our next meeting is on **17th January at 7.45pm** in the village hall, when Ovington's very own Mr Rod Rumsby will be entertaining us. The competition for the evening will be something beginning with the letter A. We look forward to seeing you then.

Thanks

Thank you to the Ladies who filled 8 shoe boxes with gifts for the needy Children's Christmas appeal. Watton Methodist Church were able to send 155 boxes including our eight

boxes to children who otherwise would not have a present on Christmas day.

Breckland Harmony

We are a choir of ladies (of all ages and backgrounds) who enjoy singing together. Every Monday evening we rehearse in Ovington village hall between 7.30 and 9.30pm, kept more or less in order by our conductor, Julia Grover. We sing all kinds of music, in all kinds of places - mostly in Breckland. For 2012 we have a concert planned in April in aid of a children's charity and hope to be singing at a wedding or two later in the year. If you like singing, are blessed with an alto range and can sing in tune, we would like to hear from you. There is no necessity to be able to read music, in fact the majority of our members do not. If you would like further details or would like to come along to one of our rehearsals, please give Hazel a ring on 01953 483771 or contact Julia on 01953 483654.

OVINGTON HISTORY.

The Wayland Heritage project has reached the end of its three-year research and writing exercise with the launch of books outlining the history of the 13 Wayland villages. Rod has researched and written the Ovington version, and if you are interested in your Village history, copies of the attractively bound book with accompanying DVD will be available for sale in the very near future at a cost of £6.00. Proceeds from the sale will assist in financing further copies. Rod explains, since the launch of the book several more interesting facts and stories have come to light, which may lead to either a volume two, or a reprint of the original, some time in the future. Should you wish to pre-order a copy then contact Rod at 31 The Street. 882246 or call in at the Wayland Partnership, Wayland House, High Street. Watton.

Church News

Sunday 8th January - 09.30 -

Holy Communion Service

There will be no church cleaning in January.

Rev Jane writes:

Once again, we are overwhelmed by the proceeds from the Christmas Bazaar. Thank you to all who made such a wonderful effort in putting it together and to everyone who supported the event. We, at St John's, enjoy being part of the village and, it would seem from your efforts, you enjoy our presence here too!

There are a number of people we do need to thank as we leave 2011 behind. Firstly, a big thank you to those who work hard to keep our church yard so beautiful; we realise that it is physically a very demanding task and we really appreciate it. Secondly, thank you to those of you who keep the interior so beautiful too; those who clean and those who fill our vases with flowers.

This year we have been able to leave the church open for visitors and we can see from our Visitors' Book, that this is really appreciated.

Our grateful thanks to Harriet, who unlocks and locks every day.

Finally a big thank you to our congregation and our Parochial Church Council who work so hard to support this church; we may be few in number, but big in heart.

As we look forward to the New Year, we will continue with our service of Holy Communion with hymns on the second Sunday of the month and our weekly service of Holy Communion, using traditional language and incense, every Thursday. We also look forward to taking our heating plans forward in 2012.

The Church of St John, Ovington, wish all the residents of our village, a very happy New Year.

Bottle Bank

Please, please rinse out your bottles before placing them in the bottle bank. Recently someone has left a bag of jars which were half full of choc spread, jam etc..left in a dog food bag. (Not the first time this has happened) These ended up in the landfill rather than the bottle bank, so **please, please** rinse your jars and bottles first.

Village Hall Bookings

Please ring Christine Hardy on 889920 to book the village hall.

Deadline Date

For items to be included in the February edition of the 'Oracle' is 12 noon on the 19th January 2012 or earlier if possible. E mail to oracle@ovington-village.org.uk

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