

# The Ovington Oracle

January, 2014

Welcome and a happy new year to all.

Several new residents joined the village in 2013 and the opportunities for people to meet and socialise have been increasing.

There are a couple of informal tea/coffee and chat session (see diary below for the new regular chatter tea), as well as ladies group and the gardening club and the regular village hall suppers. So why not make a new year's resolution to try out one of the growing clubs and events on the monthly calendar, you are guaranteed a warm welcome and at least a cup of coffee.

## 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
7th Jan @ 1:30pm	Chatter Tea
8th Jan @ 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm*
8th Jan @ 7:45pm	Gardening Club*
12th Jan @ 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
16th Jan @ 7:30pm	Parish Council
21st Jan @ 7:45pm	Ladies Group

\*note – second Wednesday

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

More at: [www.ovington-village.org.uk](http://www.ovington-village.org.uk)

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## Your Oracle

Grace Rumsby

Many thanks to Sheila, Christine, Don and Rod for delivering the Oracle every month.

To Linda and Tim for co-ordinating and printing the Oracle and to the contributors who submit articles and news items each month.

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Personal message:

Grace & Rod thank all the lovely people who have sent them Christmas Cards. Our policy for several years now, is to give cards to family only, but to count up the number of cards received and make a comparative donation to a deserving charity. This year is looking to exceed previous years donations ... something to do with higher postage charges!!!

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Tim

An answer to the back page problem:  $3286+1506=4792$

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## Ladies Group

Christine Hardy



What a treat the ladies had to arrive at the Christmas Social to find the Breckland Junior Choir singing for them. Six lovely children with beautiful voices. Thank you so much for the perfect start to our evening. This was followed by an array of lovely food and drink. The evening finished with the committee (suitably dressed) leading old time music hall songs and carols. A great time was had by all.

The January meeting will be a crafty evening – hopefully making something interesting! The competition is something beginning with 'U'.

We are a very friendly, informal group who meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:45pm at the Village Hall with a talk or demonstration. We also hold various social functions during the year, usually in a member's home joined by our husbands/partners and friends. The annual subscription is only £6 – this also includes coffee/tea and biscuits on club nights (what a bargain!). Visitors are always welcome and pay just £1 per session. So why not come along and join us.

Thank you to all the ladies who have supported the group during the year and we look forward to seeing you all again plus many new members in 2014.

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## Parish Council

Timothy Birt

Next meeting is 16th January @ 7:30pm in which the budget for 2014 be considered and the precept set.

As usual Councillors will be available 15 minutes before the meeting for informal discussions.

# Village Hall

Linda Birt

## Ovington Christmas Bazaar 2013

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the village Christmas bazaar, whether you attended on the day, generously gave items for the stalls or helped on the stalls. An excellent sum of **£895.62** was raised which will be shared equally between the village hall and the church.

Below is a breakdown per stall.

Stall	£	Stall	£
Raffle	153.10	Lucky Dip	49.00
Soup	118.26	Refreshments	40.67
Tombola	117.00	Books	20.35
Cakes	115.90	Treasure Hunt	16.39
Crafts	94.40	Peg Game	12.00
Gifts	93.25	Cake Weight	11.00
Hamper	59.00	Donation	1.30
		Expenses (electric)	(6.00)
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£895.62</b>

Christine Reilly

## Live Theatre at the Village Hall

On Saturday 15th March, there will be a live performance at the village hall in association with Creative Arts East. The show is called "Can you Dig It?" and is performed by a musical comedy duo who specialise in gardening and allotments. Tickets will be available in the New Year, priced at £8 each. As this is a completely new venture for Ovington, it would be nice to fill the hall to capacity. It promises to be a very unusual evening's entertainment with, amongst other things, a virtuoso performance on a cucumber trumpet and a love song to Alan Titchmarsh! Keep an eye on village noticeboards and the local press for further details.

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## Chatter Tea

Linda Murray and Lyndia Lewis

We would like to thank everyone who has so far attended the Chatter Tea afternoons. They have been very successful and so we have decided to make it a regular event. These will be held in the Village Hall, on the first Tuesday of each month, from 1:30pm.

There will be a small charge of £1.00 each month.

Come along and have a natter and get to know other people in the village. Tea and cake will be on hand to sustain you!

Bring your children too, and give them a chance to meet and play with other children who live nearby.

As an extension to our Ladies Group activities, we hope that current members will come along to enjoy the chat which we don't always have time for at our monthly meetings!

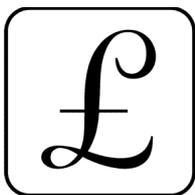
You never know, we might also be able to entice some others to become new members.

**Next Chatter tea : January 7th @ 1:30pm.**

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## Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The Christmas lottery was drawn at the bazaar, (names will be confirmed in the February Oracle). Several people have already signed up for the lottery at only £1 a month. There are still places left and the more people join the bigger the prize so for further information please

contact:

Adrian Malton at 107 Dereham Road, Watton, IP25 6HA

or Christine Reilly on 885848

The January draw will take place at the coffee morning on 20th.

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## Church

Timothy Birt

Thank you to all who made the Christmas Carol service so enjoyable on Sunday 22nd. The church was beautifully decorated and the new heaters kept us cosy. There was barely enough room for us all to fit while singing carols and listening to readings & poems. The congregation enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies both before and after the service, what a great start to Christmas!



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Ann Johnson

There will be no church cleaning this month.

Holy Communion at 9:30am on 12th January.

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## Gardening Club

Ed Reilly



Following the AGM in December, we now have the following officials and committee:

Chairman	Tom Thurston,
Secretary & Treasurer	Ed Reilly,
Committee	Carol Salmons, Gloria Canford, Jill Conie and Joyce Woods.

The programme for 2014 starts on Wednesday 8th January when Terry Rands will speak on 'Managing Pests & Diseases Organically'. Thereafter, meetings are on the first Wednesday of the month and all start at 7:45pm in Ovington village hall. In February we have Ian Stanton on 'Introduction to Pruning'; in March, Ben Potterton will talk about 'Perennials'; in April, we have Simon White on 'Growing for Gold'. On Saturday 17th May there will be a plant sale and coffee morning between 10am and noon in the village hall. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Further details can be obtained from Ed on 01953 885848.

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## Breckland Js

Linda Murray and Paula Paterson

Our Junior Choir is still running and although we only have a few members, they are working hard and singing extremely well.

We performed at concerts with Breckland Harmony, on two occasions this year with great success.

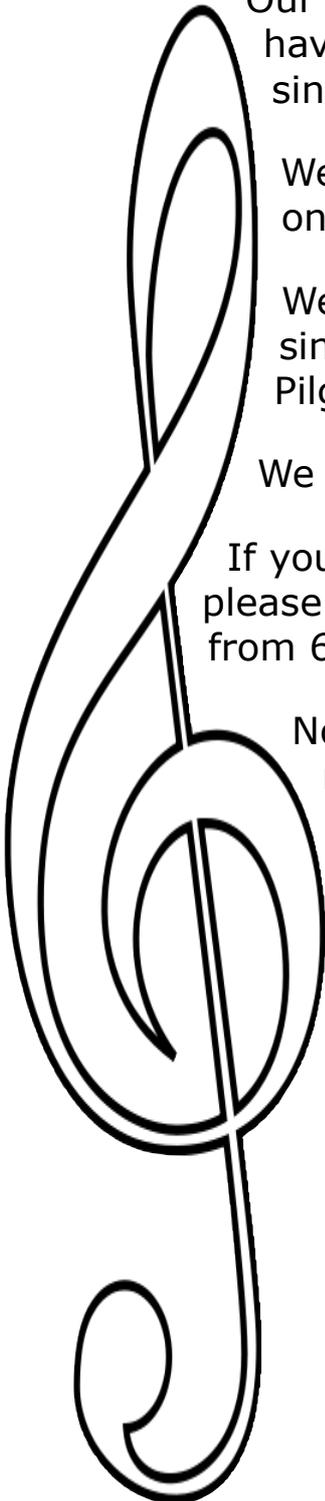
We had fun at our Christmas party and were able to sing our Christmas repertoire for the residents of Pilgrim House in Hingham.

We are always looking for new members!

If you are aged between 7 and 14 and enjoy singing, please come along and join the fun on Monday evenings from 6.00 to 7.00pm at the village hall.

No experience is needed, just a love of all types of music.

New term begins on Monday 6th January.



## And Finally...

Tim

A vaguely seasonally themed cryptarithm ...

$$\text{BEST} + \text{GIFT} = \text{LOVE}$$

Assign the digits 0 to 9 to the letters while keeping the mathematical equation valid. There is more than one solutions to this cryptarithm (one answer is on page two)

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New year quotations ...

*For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice.* T.S. Eliot

*At a dinner party one should eat wisely but not too well, and talk well but not too wisely.* W. Somerset Maugham

*Come, gentlemen, I hope we shall drink down all unkindness.* William Shakespeare

*Many people look forward to the new year for a new start on old habits.* Anon

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