

# The Ovington Oracle

March, 2014



The annual spring litter pick will take place on

**Saturday 1st March.**

Please meet at the village sign ready for a 10:00am start. Safety equipment and litter picking tools will be provided (25 sets available so we need lots of volunteers!) and bagged rubbish will be collected throughout the morning.

We anticipate finishing shortly after 12:00 and will meet at the Village Hall for a scrub up and refreshments.

## 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
2nd Mar @ 9:30am	Holy Communion (church)
4th Mar @ 1:30pm	Chatter Tea
5th Mar @ 11:00am	Crafters session, until 4:00pm
5th Mar @ 7:45pm	Gardening Club
16th Mar @ 10:30am	Lay led Family Service (church)
18th Mar @ 7:45pm	Ladies Group
27th Mar @ 7:30pm	Parish Council
30 Mar @ 10:30am	Mothering Sunday Family service (church)
1st April @ 2:00pm	Annual Parochial Church Meeting

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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## Obituary

Rod Rumsby

### **Fred Reynolds 1920 – 2014**

It is with regret that we announce the death of Fred Reynolds on February 3rd 2014.

Fred was the oldest resident of Ovington having moved here in 1920 when he was only months old and lived in the village all his life until a year ago, when ill health decreed he needed full time care which was provided by staff at Dorrington House Watton. He would have celebrated his 94th birthday later this year.



Fred's funeral was at Earlham on Thursday 20th February.

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## Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



For our February meeting Linda Murray compiled a fun quiz. It was a very entertaining and enjoyable evening and it certainly made us all use our brains. So a big 'thank you' to Linda.

On Friday 14th February we held our annual Cheese and Wine Party. It was kindly hosted by Lyndia and Chris Lewis. We gave it a Valentine theme and presented all the ladies with a red rose. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Our March meeting is on Tuesday March 18th. Rosemarie Jacob is going to visit us and her talk is called 'The Confessions of a Newsagent'. I think it will be a very amusing talk. Our competition is something beginning with **W**. We are always very happy to see all our members and any ladies who would like to join us. Our meetings are held in the Village hall and begin at 7:45pm.

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## Churchyard Flowers

Rod Rumsby

Should you have taken a walk round the Churchyard and Village Hall grounds recently, you will have seen the magnificent display afforded by the massed arrays of snowdrops this year.

You may also have seen the green shoots of daffodils lining the pathway up to the Church door, giving us a preview of the floral delights to come.

It is a great pity though, that some of these flowers may not achieve maturity due to being crushed by a vehicle driven, for some unknown reason, along the Church path.

The width of the path should, one would think, indicate that it is designed for foot or wheelchair access only, not vehicular traffic.

The PCC ask that you do not drive cars, vans or other vehicles along the path.

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## Parish Council

Timothy Birt

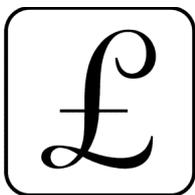
### Next meeting:

27th March at 7:30pm in the committee room at the village hall. Councillors usually arrive 15 minutes before the meeting to discuss any matters arising.

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## Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The draw dates for 2014 are on the notice board in the village hall; the February winners were:

1st Prize £10

Chris Lewis,

2nd Prize £5

Linda Murray.

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## Help Stamp out Leprosy

Grace Rumsby

Wanted used stamps.

Please leave the stamps on their backing and not soaked off. Leave at least a maximum of 5mm of single thickness border around each edge.

2013 was a record breaking year for The Leprosy Mission's Stamps and Collectables team. Thanks to the support of our collectors, we raised £122,610 to help people affected by leprosy.

It is hard to believe that used stamps can help transform lives but even by rescuing the most common stamp from envelopes destined for the recycling bin can help provide healthcare and opportunities for people in desperate need.

Stamps can be given to Grace or dropped in her letterbox at 31 The Street.

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# Village Hall

Christine Reilly

Hopefully by the time you read this, the AGM will have come and gone. Details of the new committee in next month's Oracle.

There are still some tickets available for the live show "Can You Dig It?" on Saturday 15th March at 7:30 pm. Listeners to Radio Norfolk may have heard a taste of what's to come on a recent show. They really are a very talented duo, so don't miss it! Tickets (only £8 each) available from the hall on Monday mornings or ring 01953 885848.

Future dates for your diaries: Saturday 19th April – the Ovington Quiz + Buffet. Teams of 4, £7 a head to include a cold salad buffet – usually quite a spread. Ring 01953 885848 to book in your team as space is limited.

Saturday 18 October – the very popular "Ovtoberfest" returns, featuring several guest ales and the incredible 'Backdrafts' who got the whole hall rocking in the aisles last October.

Finally, there will be no summer fête this year. Instead we will be supporting the church during the flower festival weekend by providing refreshments and a few stalls inside the village hall throughout the holiday weekend. If anyone would like to help, it would be much appreciated as three full days is a very long time in terms of manning the kitchen, raffle, tombola, etc. Donations of suitable items as prizes and cakes, etc. for refreshments will still be needed.

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## What's on locally

Sue Rothwell

Dereham War Memorial Hall (Norwich St. NR19 1AD)



Friends of Memorial Hall presents:

### **Bon Jovi Tribute and Dance**

Wednesday 29th March at 8.00pm (doors open 7:30)

Tickets £10 (£6 concessions inc. students/ unemployed)

available from Norwich Theatre Royal or The Little Gallery, 61a Norwich Street in Dereham.

Dereham Theatre Company presents:

### **Blackadder Goes Forth**

Wednesday 12th March – Saturday 15th March

Performances: 7:30pm each evening, Saturday Matinee 2:30pm  
Tickets £10 concessions £8.00.

Available from Arnie's Attic, Quebec Street

[www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk)

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Susan Hollingworth

The Dragonfly Gallery presents:

### **Marie Dawe – 'Detail' – A New Show in Glass**

Saturday 15th March – Saturday 22nd March

Preview Evening, Friday 14th March 7:00 – 8:30pm.  
A limited number of free tickets available. Refreshments

Inner workings and intricacies of design hold a great fascination for me. The overall effect of a window seen from ground level, eyes raised to the heavens, sunlight encouraging the beauty and wealth

of colour to be seen is where my love of glass began. The distance between eye and item encourages the viewing of a scene but often not the detail so painstakingly created by the artist, sometimes hundreds of years ago, with the most rudimentary of tools.

In this my first solo exhibition, is my latest work in which I too want to give an overall scene or effect but also the availability of touch and a closer look to see the inner workings. Many techniques are used to give me both this controlled and expressive result. Sometimes there is an element of surprise when combining materials with kiln fired glass, it can be a challenge, but fundamentally is always a delight.

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A mixed media exhibition:

### **April Rise – A Celebration of Spring**

Saturday 29th March – Saturday 19th April

Weekdays: 10:00 – 4:00pm, Saturdays: 10:00 – 1:00pm

Our new exhibition, 'April Rise' is truly about the joy of Spring; about how our spirits rise with the first green shoots, the start of the dawn chorus, the first violets or primroses. We hope this will inspire our two and three dimensional artists and our photographers to think about how they can interpret this wonderful time of fresh colour, new life and raised spirits using still life, landscape, jewellery, wood carving, miniatures – in other words every medium and style in the artists' repertoire.

"If ever I saw blessing in the air I see it now in this still  
early day Where lemon-green the vaporous morning drips  
Wet sunlight on the powder of my eye"

Laurie Lee

Wayland House, High St, Watton. 01953-880205

[www.thewaylanddragonflygallery.co.uk](http://www.thewaylanddragonflygallery.co.uk)

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# Church

Ann Johnson

A big thank you to Jean Rockett for enabling us to have a second service each month. The first one in February was very well attended and there were some appreciative comments from those attending.



## **Forthcoming events:**

2nd March, 9:30am      Holy Communion

3rd March, 2:00pm      Church Cleaning

16th March, 10:30am    Lay Led Family Service

26th March, 7:00pm – 8:00pm      Flower Festival Meeting

30th March, 10:30am    Lay Led Family Service – Mothering Sunday  
(A posy will be given to each lady)

1st April, 2:00pm      Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
(held at Village Hall)

## **Flower Festival:**

Plans are well on the way for our forthcoming Flower Festival on 24th, 25th & 26th May, entitled Praise and Thanksgiving, and we will be holding a drop in meeting on Wednesday 26th March between 7pm and 8pm in St John's Church for those who wish to familiarise themselves with their position in the church, pick up some oasis, have any queries, or suggestions, or wish to help in any other way.

## **A Message to all the Children:**

Would any of the children in the village, or children related to residents, like to make a contribution to 'Children's Corner' at the Flower Festival? It can be a picture of your choice using any medium, a poem, a piece of craftwork, a miniature garden or little flower arrangement or something else.

## **A Message to all the Gardeners:**

If anybody wishes to open their garden to the public during the Flower Festival please let us know. We have one volunteer so far.

More details about the Flower Festival will follow next month but if anybody has any queries please contact Ann at 47 The Street, 885455, [barleycroft@tesco.net](mailto:barleycroft@tesco.net) or Jane at 25 The Street, 882232.

A Grand Spring Clean in St John's Church is taking place on Saturday 10th May from 10am onwards. Do come and help. Many hands make light work!

## **The Bishop's Lent Appeal for 2014:**

BILUM BILONG PRIS which supports newly ordained vicars in Papua New Guinea. If anybody wishes to give to this appeal there will be a collection box in the church from 5th March till Easter Day.

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## **Gardening Club**

Ed Reilly



The February talk was on 'Pruning' by Ian Stanton, in which he identified all the types of tool that he uses in his professional career for pruning and cutting. He then went on to identify when to prune according to the time of flowering, based on five groups, and according to the 'D's – Dead, Diseased, Damaged, Deviant. A most interesting talk.

The March talk is by Ben Potterton on the subject of 'Perennials'. This will be in the village hall at 7:45pm on Wednesday 5th March and all are welcomed. Further details can be obtained from Ed on 01953 885848 or Carol on 01760 440719.

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## Announcements

The Old Rectory are pleased to announce the safe arrival of Isla Belle, a new baby sister to Harry, Jack & Malina. Mother & baby doing well. Thank you for your best wishes.

Vanessa & Stewart

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Stop press (thanks Maria-Ana):

Congratulations to Jon Fudge and Kim Ashby on their recent engagement.

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## Women's World Day of Prayer Service

Margaret Cator



Please join us for the annual service on Friday  
7th March 2014 at 2:30pm at Watton Methodist Church

Theme: 'Streams in the Desert'

Speaker: The Rev'd Geraldine Foster

The Service this year has been prepared by  
Christian Women of Egypt

We shall sing hymns, listen to readings and  
enjoy a social time with refreshments

We look forward to welcoming, men as well as women

# Ovington Rainfall and Sunlight

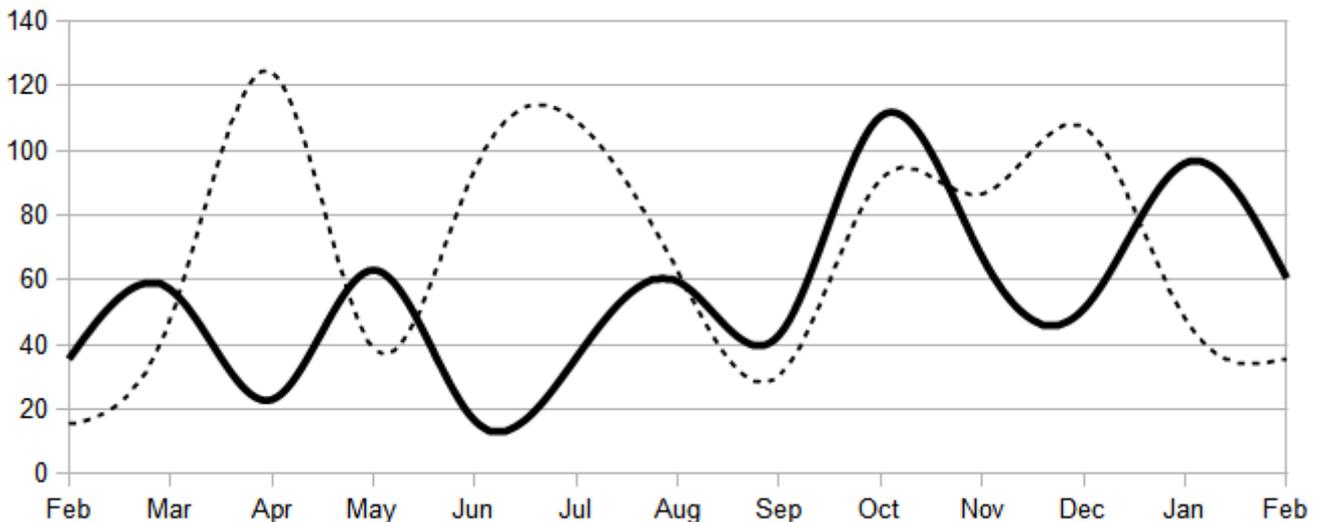
Rod + Tim

Thanks to Rod for doing the hard work of methodically recording the rainfall for years. Final rainfall for Jan 2014 was 96mm, Feb is 49.5mm and counting.

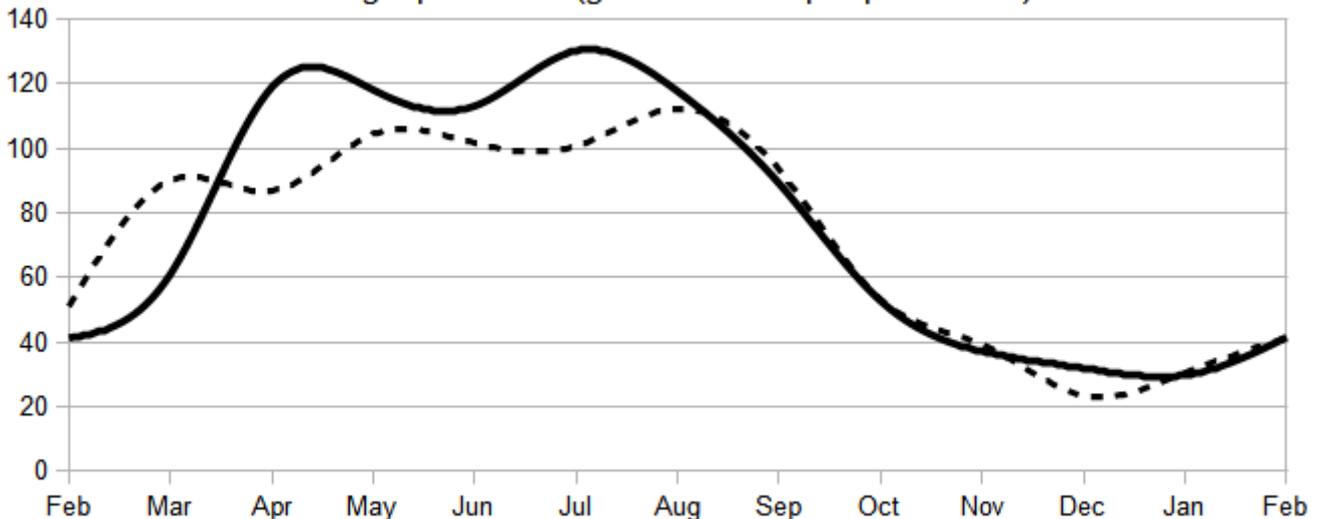
The sunlight figures are created from my solar panel data, hence the weird units, but it gives a fair indication of average light level.

Results from the last 12 months are a bold black line; for comparison, the previous 12 months are shown as a fine dotted line. Totals for this month are not yet complete (so lower than expected). The rainfall is a bit random, so I may find a better way to graph it and space permitting, publish updated graphs later.

Rainfall per month (mm)



Sunlight per month (generated Wh per panel Watt)



# On the hunt for Master Gardeners!

Breckland Council

Do you grow your own vegetables? Are you passionate about the benefits of home-grown organic food and keen to share your knowledge and experience with others? Then 2014 is the year you can make a real difference in your local community!

Breckland Council is calling on enthusiastic and knowledgeable local gardeners to put their names forward to become 'Breckland Master Gardeners'.

Following a two day foundation training course in Gressenhall on 29 & 30 March, Breckland Master Gardeners will become mentors, using their experience to inspire and support local people in growing their own food. After training, a locally based co-ordinator will be on-hand to provide volunteers with ongoing guidance and support, along with top-up training, growing tips and resources.

Volunteers need a minimum of two years' experience growing fruit and vegetables, and should expect to spend about half a day a month in their mentoring role. Previous experience in organic gardening is not necessary as training will be provided. Volunteers will also be expected to promote food growing to their local communities.

To find out more about the volunteer role, please contact Gabbie Joyce on 07584 583803, email: [gjoyce@gardenorganic.org.uk](mailto:gjoyce@gardenorganic.org.uk)

[www.norfolk.mastergardeners.org.uk](http://www.norfolk.mastergardeners.org.uk)

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