

# The Ovington Oracle

January, 2015

You are never too old to set another goal  
or to dream a new dream.  
C.S. Lewis

Happy New Year

## 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
4 Jan, 9:30am	Holy communion (Church)
7 Jan, 11:00am	Crafters session until 4:00pm
8 Jan, 7:30pm	Parish council
-none-	Gardening Club
18 Jan, 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service
20 Jan, 7:45pm	Ladies Group

To book the village hall contact Lyndia Lewis 882222

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## With Thanks

*Grace Rumsby*

Very many thanks to everyone who gave me chocolate for the Bazaar 'Chocolate Mountain' the amount raised was £104.00.

Many thanks to Sheila, Christine, Don and Rod who deliver our monthly news letter and to Tim and Linda who collate and print it for us.

*Editor:*

*Please keep the contributions coming, the Oracle is nothing without village news.*

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## What's on locally

*Sue Rothwell*



Events at Dereham Memorial Hall

Free music at **Coffee Plus!** in the Gallery:

Thursday January 22nd 10:30 – 12:00

Thursday February 26th 10:30 – 12:00

**Norwich Puppet Theatre: 'The Pied Piper'**

Wednesday 18th February 2015 11:00am and 1:30pm

For 3–7 year olds. Tickets £8.00 for adults, £6.00 for children

*Tickets from Sounds in Nunns Way Dereham. Tel: 01362 696995*

*More details on the website: [www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk](http://www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk)*

# Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



## Supper Evening Tuesday 16th December

There were 19 ladies at the evening, who all ate and drank plenty. We sang 'Happy Birthday' to not one but two member with birthdays this week. Rosemary Philpot won the competition for 2014. A Big thank you to Muff for stepping in at the last minute to help with the entertainment which was based on the twelve days of Christmas, caused much laughter and lots of photographs were taken. The evening finished at 10:00pm with lots of Christmas Carols. Any ladies in the village please come along and join us we always have a good time, not just at Christmas. If you don't want to walk in on your own which can be daunting, give one of us a ring we will walk up with you. We look forward to the new programme for 2015.

Our first meeting of 2015 will be on Tuesday 20th January in the Village Hall beginning at 7:45pm; Julie Button from Total Health will be talking to us about Alzheimer's. The competition is something beginning with 'F'. We look forward to seeing you all at our first meeting of the new year.

The Ladies Group committee for 2015 would like to wish all members and family and friends a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR



## St John's Church

Ann Johnson

Sunday 4th January 9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 18th January 10:30am	Lay Led Family Service
Monday, 26th January 2:00pm	Church Cleaning

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# Gardening Club

*Ed Reilly*

The December meeting was our AGM when our management team was elected as follows:

Chairman – Tom Thurston,  
Secretary/Treasurer – Ed Reilly,

Committee Members – Carol Salmon, Gloria Canham, Joyce Woods.



The programme for 2015 will be:

January	no meeting
4th February	'Materialistic Gardening' by Tim Fuller
4th March	'Garden Fungi' by Robert Maidstone
1st April	'Climbing and Rambling Roses' by Simon White
16th May	10-12 noon, Plant Sale & Coffee Morning at the village hall
3rd June	Garden visit to Sundown, Hall Lane, Roydon, Diss
1st July	Garden visit to High House Gardens, Blackmoor Row, Shropham
5th August	Garden visit to Ben Potterton's nursery, Blacksmith's Cottage, Langmere Road, Langmere nr Dickleborough
2nd September	to be arranged
7th October	'Climate Change' by Jim Payne
4th November	'Plantsman's Plants' by Barry Gayton
2nd December	AGM

The meeting closed with a quiz, which was won by Christine Reilly after a tie-break with Helen Freyer, and refreshments provided by members.

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## Parish Council

Rod Rumsby

The Parish Council, being current owners of the old Telephone Box now housing the Defibrillator, would like to give thanks to Chris & Lyndia for their sterling work in repainting this icon of Ovington history. It has regained its former scarlet glory and now stands out as a symbol of, we hope, life saving potential. Thank you Chris & Lyndia.

The Fields adjoining the Allotments have been let to a new tenant, who we hope will give them a bit more TLC than heretofore. He has asked us to stress to dog walkers around these fields that it is imperative that they continue to clear up any dog poops left from their canine perambulations. These deposits do have a serious and detrimental effect on horses fed on hay contaminated by said dog droppings. Cows and sheep apparently are not so seriously affected, but would still prefer their foodstuffs to be pure and free from extraneous additions.

There are no objections to dogs being walked around the periphery of the fields, but please owners and fellow walkers please clear up after them. It is a fact that the law concerning Dog Fouling does apply wherever the dogs deposit their post prandial doo's, unless it is on their owner's own property.

**SNAP Meeting** (Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel)  
at Watton Fire Station January 21st 2:00pm

**Next Council Meeting**  
8th January 2014 at 7:30pm

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## Rainfall

Rod Rumsby

The final rainfall for November 2014 was 78.5mm or 3.1"  
For December, up to today 22nd, we have had 22.5mm or 0.9".

*Editor:*

*Those of us who like to follow physical solar events, which drive the weather: January 4th is perihelion, the point at which the Earth is closest to the sun.*

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# Village Hall

*Ed Reilly*

## **Christmas Bazaar**

Once again you all deserve a huge thank you for all the efforts you made in helping at the hall, helping on the day, preparing food and crafts and clearing up afterwards. Every effort was worthwhile in raising £523 each for the Church and the village hall. This was particularly good in the light of how many other organisations held their events on the same day. Many thanks to Barneys for generously providing the bread.

The breakdown of the amounts raised was as follows:

Raffle	£173.78	Choc. Mountain	£104.00
Hamper	£122.00	Lucky Dip	£36.00
Soups	£128.50	Name Teddy	£6.00
Refreshments	£44.61	Cake Weight	£20.80
Cakes	£63.95	Card game	£10.60
Tombola	£65.26	Treasure Hunt	£13.80
Gifts	£84.65	Snap game	£9.90
Crafts	£181.80		

After deducting £19.60 costs, this totalled £1046.05 to be divided between the Church and the Village Hall.

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*Christine Reilly*

## **Craft Sessions**

Will resume at the village hall on Wednesday 7th January (11:00am – 4:00pm) and hopefully continue on the first Wednesday of each month. Any type of craft is welcome – come and be creative: share your expertise or learn something new. It doesn't matter if you can't stay all day. Just drop in whenever you can during the day.

## Coffee Mornings

The village hall is open for coffee EVERY Monday morning between 10:30 and 11:30am, even on bank holidays. It only costs £1 for a hot drink with biscuits or home-made cake. The committee would like to thank the regulars who have supported the village hall throughout 2014 and hope to see you again in 2015.

## A Touch of Class - 21 February 7:00pm

Save Saturday, 21st February in your diary for this musical show. Tickets will be available in the New Year at £10 each, to include a finger buffet. The act are 'Something Happened' from South Norfolk and the trio perform songs on the theme of 'Class'. It is a hilarious, foot-tapping musical journey from Berkeley Square to Skid Row which will make you laugh and provide food for thought. As always, space is limited so reserve your seats as soon as possible (885848 or at the hall any Monday morning).

Finally, on behalf of the village hall committee, we wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

### Membership Application Form for Ovington Lottery 2015

Full Name (1): .....

Full Name (2): .....

Address: .....

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Post code:..... Tel: .....

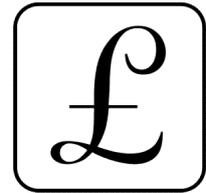
Membership is £12 per person per annum. Payment enclosed by cash or cheque payable to "Ovington Village Hall". Please return to: A.C. Malton, 107 Dereham Road, Watton, IP25 6HA

Promoted by: A.C Malton of 107 Dereham Road, Watton, IP25 6HA  
on behalf of: Ovington Village Hall Management Committee. Registration number: SL0110

# Village Lottery

Adrian Malton

The final Lottery draw of 2014 was made at the start of the Christmas bazaar in the Village Hall on December 6th. The winners were as follows:



£50	no 7	Christine Hardy
£25	no 16	Mary Davey
£15	no 50	Peter Walmsley
£10	no 36	Marie-Ana Cave
£7	no 19	Brenda Burkin
£5	no 40	Mark Babey

The full list of winners for 2014 is now up in the Village Hall and many thanks to all who supported the lottery in 2014. There were 33 prizes drawn during 2014 and the most successful winner was Rose Angell, whose number was drawn three times. Twice drawn were the numbers of Linda Birt, Brenda Burkin, Christine Hardy, Chris Lewis and Jeremy Woods. 20 other numbers were drawn once, resulting in 26 of the 58 numbers appearing during the course of the year.

For the 2015 lottery, it is hoped that more people will sign up. If you have not joined for 2015 yet, please send £12 cash, or cheque payable to Ovington Village Hall, to Adrian Malton at 107 Dereham Road, Watton, IP25 6HA so that it is received by Sunday 18th January.

The first draw of 2015 will be on the third Monday of January, the 19th, at the coffee morning in the Village Hall. All the other monthly draws will be at the coffee morning on the second Monday apart from June's and December's which will be drawn at the fête and bazaar respectively.

## **Deadline for next issue: January 21**

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