

# ***THE OVINGTON ORACLE***

**January 2006**

**No. 1/06**

*MERRY  
CHRISTMAS EVERYONE*



The Village Hall management committee wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We thank you for the support you have given us, and hope you will continue so to do. To those of you who have been unwell this year, we wish you a healthier 2006.

## **Christmas Bazaar**

Once again the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December was a great success. The village hall had been beautifully decorated by Ed and Christine and on Friday a trusty team of volunteers, led by Grace, had all the tables ready for the stall holders to set up for business on Saturday. The generous donations meant that the stalls were very well filled and the event was well supported throughout the afternoon. The kitchen was kept busy serving soup, rolls, tea, coffee and cakes.

We were delighted to have so many new faces helping with the bazaar, as well as our regular band of volunteers. An enormous thank you to you all. We were supported both by people from our own village and from our neighbouring villages and town.

At the end of the afternoon we were delighted to have raised £662.34, which will be shared between the Church and the Village Hall.

## **Village Hall Lottery**

### **December Winners**

£20.	No. 58	Laura Sproston
£15.	No. 5	Alice Penfold
£12.	No. 37	Mrs Jeffreys
£10	No. 23	Eileen Ednet
£ 5	No. 16	Rosemary Philpot
£ 5	No. 57	Bill Glanville



The proceeds from the 2005 lottery were divided as follows. We gave £369.00 to the lottery winners, £369.00 to the Village Hall and paid £17.50 to Breckland for the lottery licence. The Village Hall management committee thank everyone who has taken part in the Lottery this year and hope you will join again in 2006. If you wish to do so, please fill in the Lottery Form printed on page No 4 and return to Grace at 31 The Street, Ovington, with your subscription of £12.00. This enables you to be entered into the monthly draw.

## Diary Dates for January 2006

Jan	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1.45 pm	Bowls Club
Jan	4 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	Gardening Club
Jan	9 <sup>th</sup>	1.45 pm	Bowls
Jan	16 <sup>th</sup>	1.45 pm	Bowls
Jan	17 <sup>th</sup>	7.45 pm	Ladies Group
Jan	19 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 pm	Photoscrapbooking
Jan	23 <sup>rd</sup>	1.45 pm	Bowls
Jan	30 <sup>th</sup>	1.45 pm	Bowls

All events in the Village Hall

### Future Dates:-

Feb 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Village Hall AGM
Mar 4 <sup>th</sup>	Scotton Trophy Quiz and chips
Apr 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Table Top Sale
June 10 <sup>th</sup>	Summer fete
Sept 30 <sup>th</sup>	Livewire Opera Co Concert

### Scotton Trophy

This has been re scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> 2006 and will include a Fish and Chip supper. Further details next month.

### Ladies Group

Thank you to everyone who came to our Supper Evening at Pansy's on an extremely cold and wet night in November and a very big thank you to Pansy for so graciously offering her home. Well, it was all worth it because we had a very pleasant evening, warming up with Chilli con carne or sausages in cider followed by delicious puddings. We also made a very healthy profit towards running the club. This is my final report for the Oracle as I have served my maximum of three years on the committee, so I would like, on behalf of the Ladies group to wish you all a happy new year and look forward to seeing you at the meetings in 2006.

Maureen Simmons

**Ladies** - if you would like to try out the group, why not make a new years resolution and come along to our next meeting which is on **January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.45 pm** in the Village Hall, when the speaker will be Mair Talbot whose talk is entitled 'The real Vicar of Dibley'. Do come along, we would love to see you. It gives the lads a night off too.

### Parish Council

The Parish Council's meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov played once again to a packed public gallery. (The PC trusts you enjoyed the drama Mac !!) Under correspondence a letter from N.C.C stated that footpaths 1 & 2 will be inspected. A letter had been received from the Norfolk Police Authority regarding the impending creation of strategic police forces throughout the U.K. After much discussion it was agreed that the amalgamation of Norfolk, Suffolk & Cambridgeshire forces would be the best option for the local area.

The budget for next year was discussed at great length, particularly the means by which expenditure could be reduced whilst maintaining essential services. The budget was eventually set at £2810.00, a slight reduction on last years with the precept being set at £2900.00.

The clerk reported that Planning approval had been granted for the erection of a timber stable block in Redhill Lane. But the dwelling at Dairy Farm had not been approved.

The next meeting, to which all parishioners are cordially invited, will be on **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. The Parish Council wish you the compliments of the season and a happy and healthy New Year

### Gardening Club

The next meeting of the Gardening Club will be on Jan 4<sup>th</sup> 2006 at 7.45 pm in the Village Hall.

The subject will be 'The Natural World of Photography', by David Boulton. Everyone welcome.

The membership fee for a whole year is only £5 or if you wish to only attend the odd meeting then it is £1 per person.

### Thank you

The combined staff of the Oracle production team would like to thank our distribution networkers for their sterling efforts over the past nine months.

They are:- Don and Rhona Rednall  
Ed and Christine Reilly  
Rod & Grace Rumsby.

Thank you for ensuring everyone in the parish (and quite a few outside in foreign parts) gets the Oracle promptly.



### Christmas Concert

Ovington Church was filled with the sound of Christmas carols, old and new, on Sunday 4th December. The ladies of Breckland Harmony, conducted and accompanied by Julia Grover, gave a concert of carols from various countries, including America and Poland. The musical offerings were interspersed with some thought-provoking and humorous poems read by members of the choir.

Thanks go to Elizabeth Wright who provided instrumental support with her flute and to Julia who stepped in at the last minute to play keyboard (as well as conduct!) when the planned accompanist discovered a double-booking.

Feeling suitably festive, everyone repaired to the Village Hall afterwards for a warming cuppa and buffet supper. Although the church was by no means full, profits of £140 were made for church funds.

p.s. If any ladies would like to join us, all you need is a voice and enthusiasm, not necessarily the ability to read music. We meet on Monday evenings 7.30-9.30 in the Village Hall and would welcome new members. A sociable bunch of girls, we also manage to fit a Christmas/New Year Dinner, a summer BBQ and a few quiz nights into our busy concert schedule each year. Already we have concert bookings for March, June and November 2006, so will be starting rehearsals in earnest on the 16 January. We are happy to sing anywhere in Breckland for a good cause and are also available for weddings at very reasonable rates. Phone Christine on 01953 885848 for further details.

**Don't forget the Ovington Lottery**

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**with the form overleaf**

## Church News

A congregation in fine voice and the Church decorated to perfection, ensured the annual Christmas Carol service was successful. Canon Mair welcomed almost a full house and thanked all those responsible for ensuring the service was able to take place in the absence of our stalwarts, Churchwarden Pansy who is in hospital and organist Jill who is not well.

Particular thanks must go to Barry Lambert for providing the greenery, decorating the magnificent Christmas tree and lighting the Candles which provided a most seasonal glow in our lovely little Church

There will be an extra Christmas Eve Crib service on **Saturday December 24<sup>th</sup> at 2pm** in the Church, kindly arranged by Chris Springford. This will be specifically aimed at our younger generation so all children will be made most welcome and --- you never know, who else might be there?

## Church Rota

<b>Jan 1<sup>st</sup></b>		No Service
<b>Jan 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	Parish Communion
Lesson		Mr C Springford
		Mrs P Westwood
Steward		Mrs P Lovewell
Flowers		Mrs P Westwood
<b>Jan 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3pm</b>	Evensong
Lesson		Mrs P Westwood
Steward		Mrs P Westwood
Flowers		Mrs P Lovewell
<b>Jan 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9am</b>	Parish Communion
Lesson		Mrs A Johnson
		Mr D Pritchard
Steward		Mr D Pritchard
Flowers		Mrs C Springford
<b>Jan 29<sup>th</sup></b>		Benefice Service

## Village Hall.

To book the hall for your meetings or parties just give **Michelle** a call on **01953 884544**, don't delay, you know it makes sense.

**N.B. Deadline for next month is January 18th**

### Membership Application Form for Ovington Lottery 2006

First Name.....

Surname .....

Address.....

Tel No.....

Membership is £12.per annum. Payment enclosed: Cash or Cheque.  
Please make cheques payable to '**Ovington Village Hall**' and return  
To Grace at 31 The Street, Ovington by 5<sup>th</sup> January 2006