

## 9Ovington Ladies Group report for annual parish meeting 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Since the previous annual meeting Ladies group have celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrated at the November meeting with Cake and a toast. We welcomed back old members who had left the village and there was time to peruse old pictures and events and remember previous members. The celebration was published in the Watton Times.

Our main charity fund raiser was afternoon tea in August kindly hosted by Ann Johnson and prepared and served by the committee. We raised £151 for the Elsie Bertram Diabetic centre

As a group we continue to attract new members and once again we have 22 paid up members. We strive to keep annual fees low at £7.50 and £2 for guests. However as the cost of speakers continue to rise (now often in excess of £60 ) we are reliant on fund raising to keep the accounts in balance.

To raise funds In 2019 we had a very successful supper evening hosted by Angela Wynne and raised just over £200, which will be used to pay village hall fees and speakers.

We strive to offer a varied programme to ladies of Ovington including over the past year speakers from The Grange a home of sanctuary, How to avoid a scam from Trading standards and this month a visit by Pets are Therapy group. Events in the village hall are interspersed with meals out including the popular pub walk and a summer social.

Looking to the future we need to continue to increase new members and we are always looking for local people to provide talks or lead a session on crafts.