

The Ovington Oracle

December, 2018



Seasonal good wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Just a few weeks to the winter solstice on 21 December, at 10:22pm to be precise. The day length now is about 8hr10min, whereas at the solstice it will be 7hr38min, so only half hour less. Then we start the slow change back to brightness.

Diary Dates

All at Village Hall unless indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
1 Dec, 7:30pm	Show: Boudicca, "Rebel Queen"
2 Dec, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
16 Dec, 10:30am	All Age Worship (Church)
18 Dec, 7:00pm	Ladies Group Christmas Social
23 Dec, 6:00pm	Carol Service (Church)
25 Dec, 10:30am	Christmas Day Service (Church)
31 Dec, 7:30pm	Social Evening to see in the New Year

To book the village hall contact Christine Reilly 885848

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Ladies Group

Ann Johnson



On Tuesday, 20 November, 24 ladies, including three past members, celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the Ladies Group. This is a remarkable achievement in such a small village. Five ladies brought treasured mementoes and said a few words about them. The Chairman cut a beautiful cake and each lady had a piece and raised a glass of Prosecco, or sparkling Elderflower, to the future of the Group. There was much reminiscing with all the photos and scrapbooks relating to the last forty years.

Next month, on Tuesday, 18 December, we will be having our Christmas Social and please note we will be starting at the earlier time of **7:00pm**.



Messages

Sheila Johnson

Thank you to everyone who donated to the East Anglian Air Ambulance in memory of Peter. The total amount raised was £775.



Sheila

Grace Rumsby

The Post Office in Watton Edwards News will open January 2019

Opening Times are Monday to Saturday 6:00am to 5:30pm
and Sunday 6:30am to 1:00pm

Grace

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary

Matters arising

Still no news on the trod. Ben Raynor our previous Highways engineer said it would be done by October; however he has now been replaced by John Cotton who has said he will not answer emails addressed directly to him! Claire Bowes (NCC Councillor) to follow this up urgently.

There are still some bin stickers available, contact Karen.

The (WWI) memorial trees have been planted in Crown Crescent and fitted with tree guards and small plaques. The variety is American Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) which has a very open canopy.

Correspondence

NCC budget consultation is at www.norfolk.gov.uk/budget, where anyone may make representation.

Planning

The refusal of application 3PL/2017/0904/F: (Building adjacent Alston Farm, Dereham Road) is being taken to appeal. The PC agreed its previous comments still apply.

3PL/2018/1135/HOU: The Old Mill House, Carbrooke Road. The PC raised no concerns.

Finance

Councillors reviewed accounts, the precept position and signed cheques. Details of receipts and expenses are reported in minutes.

A discussion about the budget (and precept) for 2019/20 resulted in amendments and revisions to the working spreadsheet. As the decision is not required until February it was agreed to defer the decision until January to allow for further consideration.

Other business

Following an insurance recommendation the PC will need to complete a tree survey formal inspection by an Arboriculturalist.

Next meeting

3 January 2019 at 7:30pm at the Village Hall committee room.

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



October total amounted to 37mm or 1.45"

Coincidentally, the amount for November so far (20th) is the same 37mm or 1.45"

Village Lottery

Adrian Malton



The November draw produced the following prize winners:

First prize (£10) Mike Murray;
Second prize (£5) Claire Barker

Prizes for the December draw total £115 – to be drawn at the coffee morning on 10 December.

This will be the final lottery draw due to lack of interest and administrative time. Many thanks to our supporters over the years.

Christine



Village Hall

Sue Horton



It's been a busy few weeks at the village Hall. But will become a little quieter as we move into winter. The painters start work on 21 November, so the decorating will soon be finished.

On Saturday 27 October at the Craft Fair there were 10 stalls, selling a wide range of hand crafted items. Everything was quite unique and ideal for Xmas gifts. A wide range of items made in wood – exquisite jewellery boxes, Christmas decorations, reindeers and bird feeders. Some beautiful art work, jewellery, tapestry and much more. Not forgetting plenty of home-made cake.

John Peel's Shed was a complete sell out the week following, on Saturday 3 November. People phoned up for tickets on the day, but unfortunately had to be turned away! John Osborne told his true story about winning John Peel's record collection as a young graduate. We all enjoyed a glass of wine or beer with some nibbles as he played some of the records and told some funny radio stories.

This was followed up with a home-made soup or chilli con carne lunch on Saturday 17 November. This was a popular event, giving friends and neighbours a chance to catch up for a chat over lunch and raising around £100 for VH funds.

Events

Boudicca, "Rebel Queen" – Saturday 1 December 7:30pm

Brought to us by the Rebel Queen Storytelling tour of Norfolk. The storyteller spins the wild tale of Boudicca's challenge to Rome in a dramatic and humorous show with incidental music. Tickets £7.50 available Monday mornings at the village hall or ring Christine on 01953 885848.

New Year's Eve – Social – 31 December, 7:30pm onwards

Come and spend the evening at the VH with your friends and neighbours, any time from 7:30pm. Night owls can see in the New Year, but don't feel a party pooper if you don't want to stay that late!

The evening is free but we ask you to bring a plate of food for sharing and, of course, your own drink. There will be fun and games for all, so don't miss it.

Next year

We need to start planning for 2019, so please let us know if there is something different you'd like to see at the village hall. We're always looking for new ideas.

www.ovington-village.org.uk/ovington-village-hall

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St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Sunday, 2 Dec
9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 16 Dec
10:30am All Age Worship

Sunday, 23 Dec
6:00pm Carol Service

Tuesday, 25 Dec
10:30am Christmas Day Service

We are looking forward to our Carol Service when we hope to be joined by The Harmonettes. After the service Mulled Wine and Festive Food will be served.

A Blessed Christmas from St John's to you all.



Churchyard Burials

Rev. Jane Atkins

There is a common misconception that, when a loved one is buried, the grave space has been purchased; this is not the case. The money paid is for the right to be buried there, not the actual burial ground, that space still belongs to the Church. In order to ensure that you and the Church know what your rights are regarding the grave, the Church of England has published a document entitled "Churchyard Regulations". This document should be available on the notice board of every parish church (I say 'should' because they sometimes go missing!), it is also available online at Diocese of Norwich website:

www.dioceseofnorwich.org/churches/registry/churchyards/

These regulations are written in law and if your Rector / Vicar is found to contravene these regulations, they could be taken to court and possibly lose their living.

It has been brought to the attention of your Parochial Church Council (PCC) that there is a grave within Ovington churchyard which contravenes the Churchyard Regulations. We do understand why this sort of things happen; civil cemeteries come under completely different rules, so people see different rules being applied and assume they cover everywhere. Before placing anything on a grave, including vases and ornaments, but especially fences, chippings or coverings, permission has to be sought from the governing body. However, as we cannot give permission for anything outside of our regulations, permission is unlikely to be granted.

We have tried to reach the family of the grave which contravenes our regulations, but they have moved away from the village. If anyone knows how they can be contacted, please could you let a member of the PCC or the Rector know.

What's on nearby:

Fiona Roat



Join us for December's talk, entitled **Wild Breckland**. This is with local wildlife photographer David Mason, who along with his wife Jill, will be known to many of you for their wildlife books. David will speak about the wildlife of the area, but also touching on the history and illustrating his talk with his photos.

This will also include seasonal refreshments.

Wednesday 12 December 7:30pm

Watton Christian Community Centre, High Street, Watton. IP25 6AB
£2 members, £3 non-members, cost includes refreshments.

What's on elsewhere

A selection of events across Breckland:

Dereham Carnival Committee

Dereham Christmas Market and Lights

From noon on Sunday 2 December

The Christmas Market is based in Dereham Market Place and will open to the public from noon. There will be in the region of 50 stalls this year selling products ranging from deluxe chocolates to handmade ornaments.

Throughout the day expect live music, children's activities, food and drink, live performances, Father Christmas grotto, magical donkeys and more...

Lights switch on at 5:00pm

Swaffham Jazz

*The Colin Mason Quartet with
Eileanora, Keyboard & Vocals
plus Tap Robinson, Guitar*



£7 – Tuesday 11 Dec 7:30pm

Swaffham Conservative Social Club, 23 London Rd PE37 7DD
Details from Norman 01760 722384 / Geoff: 01366 328730

www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

Dereham Band Christmas Concert

Sat 15 December, 7:30pm

Concert of band music featuring carols and Christmas music, plus film and show tunes

Tickets £6 under 14s free

Reserved tickets from the secretary on 01362 692374



Sleeping Beauty Pantomime

Dereham Theatre Company's Annual Christmas Pantomime

27 & 28 December 7:30pm only

29 December 2:30pm & 7:30pm

30 & 31 December 2:30pm only

1 January 2:30pm & 7:30pm

Tickets £15 adults or £13 under 16

Available from www.derehamtheatre.co.uk or from Bright & Beautiful Flowers, 3a Wellington Road (01362 288124)

Details at: www.derehammemorialhall.co.uk

And finally ...

Rod



- A day without sunshine is likenight.
- He who laughs last thinks slowest.
- Grandchildren are Gods reward for not killing your own children.

Did you know?

Having recently planted two trees in the open spaces at Crown Crescent, it may be of interest to know that if the project to straighten Ovington bends had gone ahead, there were plans to plant on either side of the new road around one thousand trees and bushes of varying types, giving much the same effect as the existing planting along major road and motorways around the country. Things that might have been eh!

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