

# The Ovington Oracle

October 2019



The clocks go back at 2:00am Sunday 27 October, we gain an extra hour of sleep – unless you wait up for the excitement of watching an automatic clock move its hands backwards.

## **Village Emergency Plan**

There is a loose leaf form included with this Oracle as the Parish Council prepares an 'Emergency Plan'. Ovington has a long history of looking out for each other and this helps that process. Please complete the form and return it so, should the worst happen we can quickly ask villagers to help if they have equipment or relevant experience and we know who might need assistance.



## Diary Dates

*At Village Hall unless indicated*

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
6 Oct, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
15 Oct, 7:45pm	Ladies Group AGM and bingo
20 Oct, 10:30am	Pet Service (Church)
2 Nov, 6:00pm	Supper night

To book the village hall contact Christine Reilly 885848

Village web-site: [www.ovington-village.org.uk](http://www.ovington-village.org.uk)

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## Hyper-fast Broadband

*Christine Reilly*

County Broadband will be writing to everyone in Ovington again about the possibility of bringing this service to the village. They will be holding a consultation evening in the Village Hall, either in late November or early in the new year to answer any questions you may have.

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## Ladies Group

*Angela Wynne*



On Tuesday 10 October, eleven of us made our way to Gressenhall Rural Life Museum. Not many people but we all had a really nice time. The weather was perfect so we were able to have a good look around the museum and all the outside cottages, church etc. A few of us went as far as the farm where we saw some day old black pigs. They were so cute.

I'm sure you can guess where we ended up .....of course, the tea shop. Where we had a lovely cuppa and some delicious cake. So a good time was had by all.

On Tuesday 17 September was a usual evening meeting and David Bowyer gave us an informative talk on sustainability and self sufficiency, explaining the challenges he faces in trying to be self sufficient on a small holding.

Our meeting this month is on 15 October starting at 7:45pm. It will be our AGM. After the official business we shall enjoy a game of BINGO. Our competition will be something beginning with '**G**' We look forward to seeing you there.

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## Rainfall

*Rod Rumsby*



I've been hoping for rain to make my results and subsequent calculations believable.

Total rain fall for August was 27.5 mm or just over an inch. This was spread over the month so no serious inundations.

Rain fall for this Month so far (23rd), is 10.5 mm or just under 0.5 inches.

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## Messages

*Grace Rumsby*

### **Used Stamps**

Many thanks for the used stamps I have received recently. The latest thank-you letter from The Leprosy Mission tells us that an amazing £64,780 was raised in 2018 from donated stamps, postcards and coins.

Don't forget every stamp counts towards helping people suffering with the effects of leprosy. Thank you.

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*Jeremy Woods*

### **Joyce Woods**

A very big thank you to all those in the village and beyond who helped with Joyce's Funeral and Memorial Service. She would have been incredibly pleased! In addition, £506 was raised for Cancer Research UK.

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*Caroline Archer*

### **Grand Second Hand Book Sale**

The last sale of the year was held recently in Thompson Community Hall (TCH). Thanks to the efforts of our volunteers and customers, we raised a fantastic £1,510.04. This will be divided between the three charities involved: Griston Church, Thompson Church, and TCH. We send a massive THANK YOU to everyone who has supported us this year, enabling us to distribute in excess of £4,000 to our charities. The sales are continuing, with three booked for next year, donations of books, CDs, DVDs, audio cassette tapes, and vinyl, will be appreciated. Collection can be arranged, or items can be left at TCH or with us in Griston. Many thanks, Keith and Caroline 880153.

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## Shipdham Surgery – Flu Vaccination

*Melissa Greeves*

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Please contact the Surgery to book your Flu Vaccination slot on **Saturday 12 October** for all aged 18+.

A separate clinic for under 18's will be announced at a later date.  
Housebound patients please contact the Surgery to be vaccinated.

Please support your GP practice by having your vaccination with us.

The Flu vaccination provides the best protection against an unpredictable virus which infects many people and can cause serious illness and death each year.

The vaccination is free and recommended yearly for those most at risk of flu. This includes:

- Children who are aged 2 to 10 (but not eleven years or older) on 31 August 2019 \*
- Pregnant women
- Those aged six months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups.
- Those aged 65 years and older.
- Those in long stay residential care homes.
- People with caring responsibilities
- Those in close contact with immunocompromised individuals

If there is someone you rely on to care for you, please ask them to contact their own GP Practice as they may be eligible for a free flu vaccination.

\*Preschool children aged 2 to 3 years will be vaccinated at their general practice. Children aged 4 to 10 years (born between 1 September 2008 and 31 August 2015) will usually be vaccinated at school.

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# St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Wednesday, 2 Oct

1:00pm Church Cleaning

Sunday, 6 Oct

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 20 Oct

10:30am Pet Service

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## **Norfolk Churches Bike Ride**

Thank you to everybody who manned the church for the Norfolk Churches Trust Cycle Ride, but a very big thank you to Oliver Scott (and Kelly), who biked to several local churches and raised £145 in sponsorship. This money will be split equally between our own church and the Norfolk Churches Trust. Well done Oliver.

## **Harvest Festival**

Thank you to all the people who decorated the church and brought produce for the Harvest Festival. Considering the dry conditions this summer, there was a wide variety of fruit and vegetables. An auction followed the service and raised £82 for church funds. The church looked beautiful.

## **Coffee Morning**

Another thank you goes to all who helped us raise £460 at the recent Coffee Morning. To those who donated items, to those who worked hard on the various stalls and to all those who came and spent, a big thank you.

## **Future Church Events**

10:30am	Sunday, 10 November	Remembrance Service
6:00pm	Sunday, 22 December	Carol Service
10:30am	Wednesday, 25 December	Christmas Day Service
10:30am	Sunday, 29 December	Group Service

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## Parish Council (PC)

*Timothy Birt (TB)*

This report is derived from meeting notes but is not an official record.

### **Planning**

There were no new planning applications. The following notifications were received by the planning authority (Breckland Council):

3PL/2019/0543/HOU was approved

3PL/2019/0652/VAR conditions removed from 3PL/2009/1126/F

Enforcement consideration at The Old Mill House is closed, but the situation will continue to be monitored.

### **Finance**

The PC bank account has been transferred from Barclays to Lloyds. An instruction was signed by all Councillors and ex-councillors present to close the old account.

Councillors reviewed the financial position. Payments were reviewed and cheques signed.

### **Gravity Race Feedback**

It was agreed to be a very successful event. A proposal to have a “year off” was considered. However the feedback has been so positive and following a number of requests to do it again, it was provisionally agreed to hold another race in August 2020.

### **Community Emergency Plan (CEP)**

The form was finalised and is included with this Oracle.

### **Public Participation and reports**

Claire Bowes (Norfolk County Council): The minerals extraction consultation closes 30 October. A recycling ‘amnesty’ for items not normally accepted occurs 28/29 September at Dereham.

TB (Breckland Council): has challenged exclusion of press and public at some meetings. The Local Plan and 5 year land supply are still looking problematic.

### **Next meeting:**

Wednesday, 20 November 2019, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Legal documents at: [ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home](http://ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home)

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# Village Hall

Sue Horton / Christine Reilly

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## **Charity Christmas Cards**

Now on sale, our very first 'Ovington Village Hall' charity Christmas cards. There are two designs to choose from, priced at only £2.50 per pack of 10 high quality cards. Each card is printed with Ovington Village Hall charity details and has the greeting "With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year". Please support your village hall by buying at least one pack to send to your friends and relations. They are available at Monday coffee mornings, and events leading up to Xmas or direct from Christine by ringing 01953 885848. Stocks are limited, so don't miss out.

## **Future Events**

***Supper Night*** – Saturday 2 November from 6:00pm

Lighting of the beacon, followed by a selection of hot food, jacket potatoes with chilli, curry, cheese, coleslaw etc. nicely followed with fruit crumble. You can also expect a few fun games. Tickets £6 at Monday coffee or direct from Christine as above.

***Show: No Hit Wonders*** – Saturday 23 November, 7:00pm for 7:30.

Songs and Laughter from three singer-songwriters who still haven't quite hit the 'big time'. The song that nearly made it to the Eurovision Song Contest ... but didn't. The song written for the Mavericks, but in the end they didn't record it. Twice nominated in the British Blues Awards, but yet to win one, and now four new Christmas singles that are yet to set the seasonal airwaves on fire. The new show combines all of the musicianship and songwriting skills you expect combined with chat and laughter from the guys who have been individually and now collectively on the edge of the big time for over 40 years each.

"Mumbo-Jumbo are well-loved stars of the rural touring circuit and this show combines their fun and catchy music alongside their warm audience patter – a great entertaining night out for all."

Tickets £10 will include some savoury nibbles. There will also be a limited bar selling beer, wine and light refreshments. And bring a few extra pounds for the raffle

***Dates for your diary*** – More information to follow nearer the time

Tuesday, 31 December      New Years Eve Event.

Saturday, 29 February      'I, AmDram' – Hannah Maxwell



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## What's on nearby:

Breckland Council



The Tangram Theatre presents John Hinton's 'The Origin of Species,' a musical comedy about Charles Darwin.

This is a joyful, exhilarating musical comedy about the scientist whose (r)evolutionary ideas would change humanity forever – and his real life race to finish fittest in the discovery of evolution. As he

rushes headlong towards publication, he can't help but share his surprising family history, his rollicking adventures aboard the beagle, his unexpected foray into songwriting, and his bizarre obsession with barnacles!

'The Origin of Species' has been performed at leading international venues including the Royal Albert Hall and Natural History Museum, receiving critical acclaim and standing ovations across the world.

Join us at one of the following venues (all 2:00pm-3:30pm):

Monday 7 October, at Ashill Community Centre

Tuesday 8 October, at Harling Old School Village Hall

Wednesday 9 October, at Attleborough Town Hall

**Thursday 10 October, at Shipdham All Saints Church**

Friday 11 October, at Necton Community Centre

£5 including refreshments. To book (recommended) or if you need assistance with transport 01362 656870

For information on this and future events see:

[www.thesilversocial.com/events](http://www.thesilversocial.com/events)

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## What's on slightly further afield:

Ken Hawkins

### Dereham to Thuxton Mid-Norfolk Railway Walk

Sunday 6 October

Join us for a 7 mile walk (about 3 hours) starting at Dereham railway station, 10:15am, ready to take the 10:30am train.

Enjoy a triple treat:

- First, a ride on the Mid-Norfolk Railway's heritage diesel railcar to Thuxton.
- Second, a walk through the fields and along tracks, back into Dereham.
- Third, a drink (tea, coffee or soft drink) and cake at the Station Refreshment Room on return.

Tickets are £7.50, which includes travel, the walk, and drink and cake on return. Booking is strongly advised, contact Ken at 07505 426750 or [dtc.fpwarden@talktalk.net](mailto:dtc.fpwarden@talktalk.net)



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[www.derehammemorialhall.info](http://www.derehammemorialhall.info)



### Coffee Plus! – 24 October, 10:30-12:00

Organised and hosted by the Friends of Dereham Memorial Hall, this month's Coffee Plus! is raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

With a raffle, books, Tropic treats and home-made cakes, why not come and meet your friends, enjoy a coffee and some live music!

More information: 01362 694654 or [dorothysneesby@btinternet.com](mailto:dorothysneesby@btinternet.com)

### Dereham Theatre Co. show – RENT

1-5 October, 7:30pm (5 Oct also at 2:30pm)

Rent is a rock musical about a group of impoverished artists, loosely based on Puccini's opera La bohème

Tickets £15 - available from [www.derehamtheatre.co.uk](http://www.derehamtheatre.co.uk) or Bright & Beautiful Flowers

## Extended Outdoor Season:



Last year the BBQ was the last of our outdoor events, but we've extended the season this year, so on Sunday 20 October we have a Fungus Foray led by Jonathan Revett at Brandon Country Park. IP27 0SU. This starts at 10:30am.

There is a flat charge of £5 per head, booking is essential, please ring Lesley on 01953 717227.

Then on Wednesday November 13, we start our season of talks with a presentation by a member of the Norfolk Rivers Trust and on Wednesday 11 December we have Philip Parker giving a talk on Bats and Churches.

The talks are held at Watton Christian Community Centre, IP25 6AB and start at 7:30pm.

No booking is needed for these.

Contact Fiona ([fionaroat@btinternet.com](mailto:fionaroat@btinternet.com)) to be added to our email list.

## And finally ...

Rod

- >> I recently went to Mc Donald's and saw on the menu that could have a choice of six, nine or twelve McNuggets. I asked for a half dozen nuggets. "We don't have half a dozen nuggets" said the teenager at the counter.  
"You don't?" I replied.  
"We only have six, nine, or twelve" was the reply.  
"So I can't order half a dozen nuggets, but I can order six?"  
"That's right"  
So I shook my head and ordered six McNuggets. This made me seriously wonder about the next generation!!
- >> "Did you know" that the main function of the little toe on your foot is to make sure that all the furniture is in place!



## Did you know ?

From last month standing at the highest point in Ovington, the church towers visible are:

Saham, Watton, Ovington, Carbrooke and Griston. If you stood on a tall man's shoulders you could also see, on a clear day, Scoulton. Funnily enough the hardest one to distinguish was Ovington, as it blended in with the rectory trees. Shipdham was hidden behind the the copse opposite Otterwood Farm, or thereabouts.

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