

The Ovington Oracle

November 2019

Thanks to those who have responded to our *Emergency Plan Questionnaire*. If you are yet to complete one, extra copies can be found online, along with back copies of *The Ovington Oracle* at:

www.ovington.org.uk/oracle



With *Bonfire Night* events imminent, please remember animals and pets, be considerate with smoke and noise, have fun and stay safe.



A little background on the talk (see inside cover) which I thought was rather impressive: The organiser wanted to attend the presentation at Ladies Group, but being the wrong gender and not a member, he couldn't. Instead, he hired the hall and organised a repeat!

Diary Dates

At Village Hall unless indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
Mondays, 1:30pm	Bowls
2 Nov, 6:00pm	Supper night
3 Nov, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
10 Nov, 10:30am	Remembrance Service (Church)
17 Nov, 10:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
19 Nov, 7:45pm	Ladies Group
20 Nov, 7:30pm	Parish Council
23 Nov, 7:30pm	Show: 'No Hit Wonders' – Mumbo-Jumbo doors open: 7:00pm
25 Nov, 7:00pm	Talk: "Sustainability and Self Sufficiency"

To book the village hall contact Christine Reilly 885848

Village web-site: www.ovington-village.org.uk

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Sustainability and Self Sufficiency

Alan Osborn

This talk is a similar talk given to the Ladies Group in September but now us boys and friends can come!

An evening talk and debate with **David Bowyer** on:

How to avoid the supermarket crush & improve your self esteem.

Monday 25 November 7:00pm

at Ovington Village Hall

£4, Tea/Coffee and Cakes included.

RSVP: 01953 884681 – alan@aloz.org.uk

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



The Ladies Group meeting held on Tuesday 15 October was our AGM. We had 3 committee members present and 8 paid-up members. After the Chairmans report and treasurers report we came to electing of a new committee. Unfortunately nobody came forward. The present committee had foreseen this so had been discussing what could be done. Angela read a report outlining what the committee had been discussing. The members were all understanding and seemed happy with our thoughts. However we said that we will discuss it again at our November meeting.

Our meeting on 19 November will see us all folding serviettes and making crackers ready for our Christmas Party on 17 December. The competition will be something beginning with 'H'. We look forward to seeing you at the village hall at 7:45pm on 19 November.

As I write this I am sad to tell you that Rosemary Philpot is in hospital. She hopes to be home soon and would love to see anyone who could call in and see her. She is staying very cheerful and seems to be coping well with her condition. We're all thinking of you Rosemary.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



Final rainfall for September was 77.5mm or 3.05", virtually all of which fell in the latter half of the month

Thus far for October (22) it is 98.5mm or 3.9" which is considerably higher than the last two years, and the month still has just over a week to run.

Parish Council (PC)

Timothy Birt (TB)

Next meeting:

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

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Charity Christmas Cards

Don't miss the opportunity to purchase 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. Christine has made one tour of the village, knocking at your doors and sold quite a few packs. But for those who weren't at home, they are available for purchase at Monday coffee mornings, at any events in the lead up to Xmas or direct from Christine by ringing 01953 885848. Stocks are limited.

Events

Saturday 2 November Supper Night from 6:00pm

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

Saturday 23 November 'No Hit Wonders' – Mumbo-Jumbo

7:00pm for 7:30 start.

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."

www.mumbo-jumbo.biz

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

Some of you will have noticed that there have been changes to the fencing in front of the village hall. The clothing bank has been moved slightly and the bottle bank will soon be moved alongside. This is to facilitate extra parking behind the village hall.

Thanks to those who have dropped some loose change in the collection box for Creative Arts East. £13.02 has been match funded, doubling the proceeds.

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

Tuesday, 31 December New Years Eve Event.

Saturday, 22 February 'I, AmDram' – Hannah Maxwell

Please note the change of date as Hannah has been head hunted for the Australian Fringe!

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Sunday, 3 Nov Holy Communion
9:30am

Tuesday, 5 Nov Church Cleaning
1:00pm

Sunday, 10 Nov Remembrance Service
10:30am

Sunday, 17 Nov All Age Worship
10:30am

It was lovely to welcome five dogs and bless them at the Pet Service.

Remembrance Sunday – 10 November – 10:30am

A warm welcome to you all to come to our Special Remembrance Service when we remember and honour all those who have sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom, especially Philip Thomas Wright, from this village.

***At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.***

Future Church Events

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

Messages

Rev. Jane Atkins

For David Welsted

From all your friends at St John's Church. Many congratulations on your Confirmation on Sunday 29 September by the Rt Revd Jonathan Meyrck, Bishop of Lynn.

Chris Lewis

Why Ovington?

Have you ever wondered why people come to live in Ovington. You probably paid a premium for a house in a village and yet there are no shops, no pub, no gas, no bus service, no mains drainage. The list goes on.

Some of us would say it is for the community life but it is always the same people who support village events and who give their time and practical help running the Parish Council, Village Hall, Church and Allotments. A large proportion of the inhabitants are to all intents and purposes invisible! So what is the attraction for them?

We now have a **Facebook page**, "OvingtonNorfolk" (not to be confused with other Ovingtons) where you can post your comments about the village, discover other residents with similar interests to yourselves and ask questions.

Please make use of the page, it's free and an opportunity to swap information with your neighbours. Let's hear your views about how you can play your part to make Ovington even better

www.facebook.com/OvingtonNorfolk

Welcome

Village

A belated welcome to Ewa and Igor who have bought 5 The Crescent, and are bravely taking on its renovation. In accordance with the Village house purchasing policy, Igor is of course an Engineer!

We hope to meet you at some of our village events.

What's on nearby:

Fiona Roat

13 November – a member of the Norfolk Rivers Trust, speaking about Norfolk rivers.

11 December – Philip Parker presenting Bats and Churches.

2020: details next month

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

No booking is necessary. Cost is £2 members, £3 non-members.

Contact Fiona (fionaroat@btinternet.com) to be added to our email list.



Sue Dent

Watton Festive Christmas Market

Details at:

www.wattontowncouncil.gov.uk

Including a Fancy Dress Fun Run (or walk or buggy push!)

5km, starts at 10:30am.

Adults £5

Under 16's free

To book a place

www.ticketsource.co.uk

James Lorne

Book launch on Friday November 8 at 2:00pm in Carbrooke village hall

A Village School At War

The log book of Carbrooke school during the Second World War.

Christmas bazaar

Saturday 30 November from 10:00am until 3:00pm in the village hall

More details at: www.carbrookeonline.co.uk

What's on slightly further afield:

Breckland Council



These events have proved extremely popular and the November 'Letterpress Christmas Cards' is fully booked. For future events see:

www.thesilversocial.com/events

Geoff Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz

*The Art of The Trio: Phil Brooke guitar,
Simon Brown piano and Ivars Galenieks bass.*

£8 on the door – Tuesday 5 Nov 7:30pm

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



And finally ...

Rod

Random thoughts:

- >> I watched my dog chasing his tail, I thought how easily dogs are amused. Then I realised I was watching the dog chase his tail.
- >> The perks of being my friend? You'll be the normal one.



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