

The Ovington Oracle

December 2019



Season's Greetings

Diary Dates

At Village Hall unless indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
1 Dec, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
15 Dec, 10:30am	All Age Worship (Church)
17 Dec, 7:00pm	Ladies Group
22 Dec 6:00pm	Carol Service, followed by mulled wine (Church)
25 Dec, 10:30am	Christmas Day Service (Church)
31 Dec, 7:30pm	New Year's Eve Social

To book the village hall contact Christine Reilly 885848

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

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Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



We had 10 members attend our 19 November meeting on Tuesday and we spent a really fun evening making crackers and folding serviettes ready for our Christmas Social next month. Our table will look really festive. We had several entries for the competition – something beginning with H. The overall annual winner of the competition will be announced at our Christmas social. Rose told the ladies of our plans for the New Year. We need to use our funds for the benefit of our members so a trip on The Mid Norfolk Railway will possibly be booked, maybe in April. Also a meal at The Willow House will be booked. If this seems a viable arrangement further meals will take place in future months. It all depends on how many people take up the chance to meet and keep in touch. All of this years paid up members will be kept informed of any arrangements made.

Our Christmas Social will be Tuesday 17 December and will begin at the earlier time of 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you all there. There will be a meal and entertainment so should be a good final meeting. The trophy will be presented to the competition winner.

We continue to send Rosemary our love and very best wishes and we are thinking of her all the time.

On behalf of the Ladies Group Committee I wish everyone
a very happy Christmas and all good wishes for 2020

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



Rainfall for October finalised at 107.7mm or 4.23"

At 22 November it had reached 50.5mm or 2" approx.

[Editor: We might not have had as much rain as other places in the UK, but the sky have still been very dark – I need some more phonons for my solar panels.]

Bowls Club

Grace Rumsby

It with sadness that Rosemary and I (with failing health) have decided to close the Monday Afternoon Bowls Club.

The club has been going for about thirty years and we have run it for the past eight years. Unfortunately with no new members coming forward and losing former members due to moving away to be near their families, illness and death, it was not viable to continue.

Our last meeting was on November 25

General Election – Thursday 12 December

Editor

Voting takes place in the village hall between 7:00am and 10:00pm, you don't need your poll card to vote although you may need some proof of identity.

There are four candidates for the Mid-Norfolk constituency:

Name	Party	Address
AQUARONE, Steffan Luke	Liberal Democrats	North Norfolk
FREEMAN, George William	Conservative Party Candidate	Islington North
HEALD, Adrian Hugh	Labour Party	Salford and Eccles
O'Gorman, P J	Independent	Suffolk

Disappointingly, none of the candidates live in the constituency, nor even a neighbouring constituency.

Please exercise your democratic right. If you can't support any of the candidates, say so on your ballot paper and your vote will still be recorded as a 'spoilt ballot'.

Village Hall

Sue Horton

Apologies to those of you who bought tickets for Supper Night on 2 November. As numbers were low, we moved it to the 16 November and sold 32 tickets! Everyone enjoyed a variety of home cooked dishes, followed by some delicious fruit crumble. And some came back for seconds. Many thanks to the chefs. A fun evening was had by all, with some silly games ... and some unusual prizes. Thanks to our compere on the mike Dave and to Steve who did an excellent job entertaining us and getting everyone involved.

'No Hit Wonders' by Mumbo Jumbo is coming up next on 23 November – 36 tickets sold to date. I'll report back next month.

Future Events

Just a reminder that Monday morning coffee will take place as normal throughout the festive period. So look forward to seeing you on Mon 30 December

Tues 31 December New Year's Eve – Social 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 and an opportunity for some karaoke, so don't miss it.

Seasonal good wishes for Christmas and the New Year

Further diary date – More information to follow nearer the time

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

Feb/Mar 'Whack-A-Mole' – Unfortunately they weren't available.

We are in the process of booking a one-man show 'The Canterbury Tales' for 16 May.

A report derived from the Clerk's unconfirmed minutes.

Correspondence

The Allotment Association made representation regarding the state of the entranceway to the allotment site. After discussion it was agreed to investigate if there might be a geotextile solution. To be investigated and brought to a future meeting.

Mr R Rumsby, submitted a tree survey report which indicated the trees were in good health, however he noted that the tree stumps in the Crescent represented a trip hazard. Clerk to obtain quotes for stump grinding.

Planning

3PL/2019/1356/HOU: in discussion councillors expressed some concern about the overall height relative to the property boundary.

Payments

Full detailed breakdown is available on the website. Councillors reviewed and approved payments and signed cheques.

Financial Regulations

An update to financial regulation was approved to permit the Clerk to access on-line banking.

Precept

The Council will make a precept request of £4,757 to cover the requirements of 2020/21. In cash terms it is a negligible change from the previous year but due to a tax base change it represents a 2% increase in real terms.

Emergency Plan

The Clerk reported that there had been just ten responses to date, including those from Councillors. No further action until there are more responses.

Adjournment for Public Speaking

County Councillor Bowles reported that the NCC budget consultation is open and available on their website. A consultation from the Fire and Rescue services is also open, and there are initiatives for supporting

children and their parents / carers. NCC Child Safeguarding has been praised by Ofsted and there are significant improvements since the last inspection in 2017.

District Councillor Birt reported that the Local Plan has returned from the Planning Inspector and is likely to be accepted by Breckland Council later in this month. He asked if the Parish have views on the extensive modifications that have been made which remove some of the limits on developments, change some quantitative words to less defined words as well as the support of self builds across the district. There was a discussion about policy HOU05 and the “5 year land supply”. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support TB voting in the best interest of the village in whatever way he feels best.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, 15 January 2020, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Carbrooke Primary School & Nursery

Hannah Wheeler

Congratulation to St Peter & St Paul Carbrooke Church of England Primary Academy and Nursery, celebrating a “**good**” Ofsted inspection.

The Academy had its first section 5 Ofsted inspection with the Diocese of Norwich Education and Academies Trust (DNEAT) at the beginning of October this year. This was under the new, revised Ofsted framework, that came into effect from September 2019.

Headteacher, Mrs Hannah Wheeler, said:

“ We are so pleased to formally celebrate the successes achieved at Carbrooke. Our school family work hard together to get the best from each other – celebrating differences and making each and everyone feel confident in their learning.”

“ The recent inspection focuses our next steps in line with our plans – developing the curriculum to allow children to understand the ‘why’ in learning, and to look closer at how the younger children develop their strategies in spelling.”

The Ofsted report stated how:

“leaders have improved many aspects of the school since the previous inspection”, and “pupils behave well”.

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Sunday, 1 Dec

9:30am Holy Communion

Thursday, 5 Dec

1:00pm Church Cleaning

Sunday, 15 Dec

10:30am All Age Worship

Sunday, 22 Dec

6:00pm * Carol Service

Wednesday, 25 Dec

10:30am Christmas Day service

Sunday, 29 Dec

10:30am ** Group Service

- * We hope you will all come up to our Traditional Carol Service, after which we will serve mulled wine and festive food.
- ** At the Group Service we welcome our friends from Ashill, Carbrooke, Saham and Watton Churches.

What a meaningful Remembrance Service we had – thank you to Jean and Chris for all the thought you had put into this service – and it was good to learn more about Philip Thomas Wright, the only person we lost in two world wars.

Messages

Grace Rumsby

Wedding Congratulations

We send our congratulations and best wishes to Robert Goody (Saham Road) and Megan Ward who were married at Watton Methodist Church on 19 October.

E Darby

VH Show

Great evening seeing 'Mumbo Jumbo' at village hall last night [23 Nov]. Thanks, especially to Christine Reilly.

Grace Rumsby

House Numbers in The Street

We have had strangers knocking on our door during the dark evening trying to find house numbers.

If you do not have a number on your gate or fence, please could you arrange for one so it is visible in the dark from the road. Some of you have a number on your garage door but unfortunately this cannot always be seen from the road in the dark.

Village

Thinking of

Our best wishes go to Jean Rockett who, hopefully now, has a brand new hip after her operation was cancelled last week.

Also our good wishes go to Stephen Fosh who is in hospital recovering.

What's on nearby:

Fiona Roat

On 20 October a small group of us joined Jonathan Revett for a Fungi Foray at Brandon Country Park. We were lucky to have a dry and still morning to enjoy a wonderful beech and birch woodland and no sooner had we set out than we found a lovely specimen of a Pestle Puffball. We went on to find many different species including a small group of the rare Earth Star.



11 December: Our last event of this year is a talk by Philip Parker, Bats and Churches.

2020 talks:

8 January with local wildlife photographer Martin Hosier giving a talk on "Wildlife of Borneo".

12 February, a talk by a senior member of the NWT staff, we don't know who yet. This will be preceded by our AGM for members only.

11 March, a couple from Kent giving a talk "Return of the Osprey".

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.

Grace Rumsby

Christmas Coffee Morning – Watton Methodist Church



Saturday 14 December 9:30am – noon, at Watton Christian Community Centre, Crackerjack Cafe serving seasonal refreshments.

Stalls: selling gifts, books, cards, toiletries, cakes, preserves, Christmas bulbs and other festive treats.

Also a display of nativity scenes.

Hope to see you there

What's on slightly further afield:

Breckland Council



Breaking the Magicians' Code with Kane & Abel, sees these twin tricksters tell the story of taking over the family magic business from their grandfather while committing crimes against the art of magic. Codes broken during the show include: never reveal the secret behind a trick, never perform another magician's trick, never repeat a trick and never perform with food or animals.

Thur 5 Dec, 2:00pm-3:30pm at **Shipdham WI Hall**

Also at Ashill Community Centre (Mon 2), Harling Old School Village Hall (Tues 3), Attleborough Town Hall (Wed 4), Necton Community Centre (Fri 6).

Tickets: £5 including refreshments. Booking recommended via the website or by calling: 01362 656870. If anyone needs transport assistance to attend the event, please contact Silver Social on above number. For future events see:

www.thesilversocial.com/events

Geoff Pritchard

Swaffham Jazz

*The Colin Mason Quartet with
Eleanora vocals and keyboard.*

£8 on the door – Tuesday 10 Dec 7:30pm

Swaffham Conservative Social Club, 23 London Rd PE37 7DD

Details from Norman 01760 722384 / Geoff: 01366 328730



Dereham Memorial Hall

Dereham Band Christmas Concert

Carols and Christmas music, plus film and show tunes
Saturday, 7 December at 7:30pm

Dereham Theatre Company (£15 / £13)

Bring their fantastic Christmas Panto Aladdin!
Various dates 27 Dec – 1 Jan, both 7:30pm and 2:30pm.

More details at: www.derehammemorialhall.info

And finally ...

Rod+Tim

Random thoughts:

- >> If a mime is arrested, do they tell him he has a right to talk?
- >> John was so old that he asked the Doctor how long he might live, the Doctor replied "If I were you I wouldn't buy any green bananas".
- >> There's only one sunset, and it's been going around the earth for billions of years.
- >> Why having an ugly passport photo is good ... rather someone thinks "wow, that's a bad picture" than "wow, he really let himself go".
- >> Why do they call the mars bars "fun size"? Wouldn't it be more fun to eat a big one?



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