

The Ovington Oracle

January 2020



We wave goodbye to the old decade and embrace the new full of hope, dreams and ambition. Wishing you a happy new year full of peace, and prosperity.

The solstice has been and gone. Ever so slowly the day-light is now increasing, by the middle of January it should be noticeable.

Those who like to keep an eye on celestial events will note perihelion (the earth's closest approach to the sun) on 4 January.

We extend a warm welcome to those who have recently joined us in our village, it's a great place to call home.

Diary Dates

At Village Hall unless indicated

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
29 Dec, 10:30am	Group Service (Church)
31 Dec, 7:30pm	New Year's Eve Social
5 Jan, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
15 Jan, 7:30pm	Parish Council
19 Jan, 10:30am	All Age Worship (Church)
28 Jan, 7:00pm	An evening of Carpet Bowls

To book the village hall contact Christine Reilly 885848

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

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Messages

Grace Rumsby

Thanks: Thank you to Jill, Sheila, Krissie, Christine and Rod for delivering the Oracle each month. Also, to Tim for co-ordinating all the news and printing the Oracle.

Rod Rumsby

The Last Supper: Following the sad demise of the Ovington Carpet Bowls club it was decided to maintain an age old tradition for one last time and have a final Christmas Lunch. This was subsidised by using the remaining funds in the club's account. Sadly some of our long serving members were unable to attend due to serious illness, however the remaining able members enjoyed a splendid meal at the Chequers Inn Thompson, whose staff, especially the chef, did us proud. Pity we had to stop what was a most enjoyable Monday afternoon get together, but it seems to be a sign of the times.

Rod and Grace thank you all for the Christmas cards they have received. In lieu of cards, their donation this year will go to Epilepsy Research.

Ladies Group

Angela Wynne



On Tuesday 17 December our meeting was our annual Christmas Social. Fifteen members attended which included four committee members. We were also joined by The Harmonettes, (one of whom is a Ladies Group member), who would entertain us after the meal. The table looked really attractive with the crackers and serviettes which members had made at our November meeting. Well done and thank you to all the ladies who were involved in that fun evening.

Prosecco was given to our members and guests as they arrived. Angela and Rose spoke about arrangements that may be made in the new year so members will be able to keep in touch ☺. The meal of cold meat, salad and jacket potatoes was enjoyed by all, helped down with wine and fruit juice. We then drank a toast to absent friends. The meal concluded with mince pies and tea/coffee.

Angela presented the Competition Trophy to this year's winner who was Grace Rumsby. How apt, as our lovely Grace was one of our founder members. Rose had prepared a short quiz based on Christmas Carols which everyone seemed to enjoy after the meal. The winner was Linda Murray and she was given a box of chocolates. We then had The Harmonettes sing for us. It was truly wonderful and a huge Thank You to the four ladies for their beautiful singing. We also were able to sing some Christmas carols and songs which was lovely.

It was truly a very happy occasion on what was also a sad time as it was the last formal evening for Ovington Ladies Group.

☺ Since that meeting Rose has let Angela know that she will organise a meal at The Willow House on Tuesday 21 January 2020 at 12-noon. She will ring round the ladies to see who would like to attend. I'm afraid that transport can't be arranged but we shall be delighted to see as many of the ladies that are able to attend. She also hopes to be able to organise a trip on the Mid Norfolk Railway (possibly in April) which may include a meal. This will be funded in the main by the remaining Ladies Group funds. Those attending may have to contribute to the cost if the remaining LG funds don't cover the full cost.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE

Village Hall

Sue Horton

We were thoroughly entertained by Mumbo Jumbo on Saturday 23 November, delivering their 'No Hit Wonders'. A range of excellent singing, musical excellence and witty sketches. They dished out kazoos for us to accompany and everyone was in fits of laughter as we tried to make some music of our own. Alcohol helped!

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 Dec.

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.

Tues 28 January

An evening of **Carpet Bowls** 7:00pm onwards

As the daytime bowls club has folded, we thought some of you may prefer to meet up in the evening instead. This would enable others to attend, who are hard at work during the day. No experience necessary. Come along and give it a try. There will be a token charge of £1 per head, to cover tea and coffee etc. If this is a success, it will run once a month and might develop into a games night, offering other games.

Sat 22 February

'I, AmDram' – By Hannah Maxwell doors open 7:00pm for a 7.30 start

Weaving storytelling, stand up, live art and a manageable amount of musical theatre references. A one woman show. IAmDram traces the distance between queer, quirky London and the rehearsal halls of Home Counties suburbia; minding the gap between the identities we assert and the worlds we leave. Intrigued, come along and find out what it's all about. Tickets £10 will include some savoury nibbles. There will also be a limited bar selling beer, wine and light refreshments. And don't forget a few extra pounds for the raffle. Tickets available from Christine at

Monday morning coffee or by ringing Christine on 885848.

Thurs 27 February

Village Hall **AGM** 7:30pm

Everyone welcome. There have been quite a few newcomers to the village. Come along and see what goes on and let us have any ideas of the type of events you'd like to see at the village hall.

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

Sat 16 May

Canterbury Tales – [LATEST: booking now confirmation]

Plea for raffles prizes

If you have any unwanted gifts, please donate them to the village hall. We can use them for future raffle prizes. This all helps to raise funds to cover village hall activities and expenses. Bring them to the village hall on a Monday, or ring Christine to arrange collection.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year. Many thanks to all who support us regularly. Watch this space for news of 2020 events and bring your friends.

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk)

Next meeting:

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

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



Rainfall for November was 82.5mm or 3.25"

This month, is turning out slightly wetter as we have had 90mm or 3.54" so far (21st), the forecast doesn't look too good for the rest of the month either. Ah well next year will be better.

St John's Church

Ann Johnson



Sunday, 29 Dec

10:30am Group Service

Sunday, 5 Jan

9:30am Holy Communion

Sunday, 19 Jan

10:30am All Age Worship

A very Happy and Healthy New Year from the clergy and PCC at St John's Church.

Thank you to everyone who has made the church look so beautiful for the Christmas Services, and thank you to all who have helped in anyway to maintain the church and the churchyard over 2019.

There will be no church cleaning in January.

General Election Result

Editor

There are four candidates for the Mid-Norfolk constituency:

Name	Party	Votes
AQUARONE, Steffan Luke	Liberal Democrats	7,739
FREEMAN, George William	Conservative Party Candidate	35,051 ELECTED
HEALD, Adrian Hugh	Labour Party	12,457
O'GORMAN, P J	Independent	939
Spoilt ballots		335

Turnout: 68.76%

Contributions

Editor

Could you write a report for the Oracle?

- Do you know about a local 'special' place?
- Grown or cooked something different?
- Maybe you have recycled or re-purposed something?
- Let us know about congratulations or special celebrations you would like to share.

Share it with us ... interesting snippets from real life add greatly to The Oracle, just 150 words makes an half page story.

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What's on nearby:

Fiona Roat

As a Local Group, our aim is to raise awareness of Norfolk Wildlife Trust and their work in the county as well as raising funds to help that work.



The group funds itself, so has to pay hall hire cost and speakers costs and obviously for refreshments. We are all volunteers and we hold our committee meetings in our homes to save further hire cost. We have bought a few items in the four years since we were reformed, a projector, bat detectors and FSC Wildlife ID guides. These items stay as property of the local group or NWT if the group were to stop. Any surplus funds are given to NWT, however, at the moment we have put forward the idea of helping to start NWT's own herd of Bagot goats. Those you may have seen on our reserves are 'on hire'. We are holding the fund for the time being.

To start 2020 we will be looking at the Wildlife of Borneo with Martin Hosier, local photographer.

Date & Time: Wed 8 January, 7:30pm

Venue: Watton Christian Community Centre, High Street. IP25 6AB

Cost: £2 members, £3 non-members (no booking is necessary).

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

And finally ...

Rod+Tim

Random thoughts:



- >> I can't believe how old people my age are!
- >> I have a condition that prevents me from going on a diet ... I get hungry.
- >> If you weigh 200 pounds on earth, you'll only be 76 pounds on Mars. You're not overweight, you're just on the wrong planet.
- >> How you elect to spend New Year's Eve will depend on:
 - ▶ your age
 - ▶ remaining levels of optimism
 - ▶ and pain threshold.
- >> Look forward to the New Year for a new start to old habits.

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