

# The Ovington Oracle

February 2020

Having been reminded of 14 February, this seems apt:

Antoine  
de Saint-Exupéry

Life has taught us that love does not consist of  
gazing at each other,  
but in looking outward together in the same  
direction.

## Diary Dates

*At Village Hall unless indicated*

Mondays, 10:30am	Coffee morning, until 11:30am
28 Jan, 7:00pm	An evening of Carpet Bowls
2 Feb, 9:30am	Holy Communion (Church)
16 Feb, 10:30am	All Age Worship (Church)
22 Feb, 7:30pm	Show: 'I, AmDram' – By Hannah Maxwell (doors open 7:00pm)
27 Feb, 7:30pm	Village Hall AGM

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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## In Memory

Village

### ROSEMARY PHILPOT

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Rosemary on 8 January. She had had a debilitating illness for some months and after long spells in hospital was moved to a care home in Attleborough, where she passed peacefully away in her sleep. Rosemary was a prominent person in the Village always involved in local affairs and a willing volunteer at all Village activities.



She served as clerk to the Parish Council for many years, was a committee member on the Ovington Ladies Group, helped with 'whist drives' and 'beetle drives' when they were prominent activities in Ovington. She also helped run the Bowls Club for the last eight years. There were many other interests that she was involved in outside the village, an avid whist player she attended whist drives in many local villages, at one time had a stall on the WI market selling produce from her husband's allotment in Watton.

Rosemary had many friends in Ovington and will be sorely missed.

*Rosemary's funeral is at Scoulton Crematorium at 10:00am on Monday 27th January – donations for Macmillan.*

### ALAN DOCKRAY

Another recent loss was the passing of a good village friend, Alan. Although he lived just over the border in Watton, he and his wife Roz supported many village events and until its demise was a keen participant in Ovington's Bowls Club. During his career as an agricultural and ground works contractor he carried out many works in Ovington and was renowned for his skills in that field.

*Alan's funeral is at 12noon on Thursday 30 January at Scoulton Crematorium – donations for Parkinsons.*

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# Parish Council (PC)

*Heidi Frary (Clerk)*

Report compiled from the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting on 15 January 2020

## **Matters arising**

The tree stumps in Crown Crescent have been ground flush.

An engineered solution to the allotment entrance would be very expensive and suggested that soil and stones (with lime to stabilise the clay) should be trialled in the interim.

## **Correspondence**

Following discussion with the Village Hall about confirming an electrical inspection on the defibrillator The Clerk to research and obtain quotes for the relevant work if needed.

## **Planning**

3PL/2020/0032/VAR: It was noted that the full details are not available on Breckland Council website. The Clerk to request the full information and a comment to be agreed by delegated authority outside the meeting.

## **Policy review**

Disciplinary Procedure, Equal Opportunities Policy, Grant Awarding Policy, Grievance Policy, Training Policy and Travel & Expenses Policy were all agreed and will be published at the web-site below.

## **Finance**

Councillors reviewed the financial position with respect to the budget. Payments to be made were reviewed and cheques signed.

## **Next meetings:**

18 March, then 20 May (AGM and including Annual Parish Meeting), 15 July, 16 September and 18 November. All at the Village Hall at 7:30pm

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

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## Get Creative!

*Christine Reilly*

The creative challenge for this year's competition at the *Wacky Scrappy Gravity Race* is to decorate a Christmas stocking.

For the entry fee of £3 you will be given a plain calico stocking to decorate in whatever fashion you choose.

Winners will be decided by public vote and cash prizes awarded. Start planning your entry now and get your stocking from me (tel: 885848) or at the coffee mornings.

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## Messages

*Village*

We offer a warm welcome to Adam & Lizzie who have recently moved into The Street.

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*Rod Rumsby*

Following the closure of the Monday Bowls Club it is with great sadness that we have to record the passing of two of our former members, Rosemary and Alan, may they rest in peace.

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# Village Hall

Sue Horton

Ovington's New Year's Eve social was definitely a night to remember. Disappointing that the hall wasn't full, like the year before, as some of you missed a really good night. Everyone brought along food and nibbles for sharing and whatever they fancied to drink. There were lots of laughs with numerous party games, a quiz and karaoke.

One of our key karaoke stars had to work ... what were we going to do? A surprise full size cardboard clothed cut out appeared. But then the real man himself turned up ... sent home from work early just in time to see his twin!

## **Future Events**

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 7:30pm 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.

## Sat 16 May – Canterbury Tales – 7:00pm for a 7:30 start

A one-man performance. Revered as one of the most important works in English literature, 'The Canterbury Tales' paints an ironic and critical portrait of English society in the middle-ages.

All of life is here in these few bawdy, funny, serious and sometimes shocking, short stories. Experience a journey down the foul and fetid footpaths of 14th century England, told with the usual irreverence, wit and silliness! There will be middle-ages naughtiness and nonsense, There may be tights and a codpiece. There will, no doubt, be some medieval swearing. Let's Party like it's 1387! This is Chaucer ... but not as you've ever seen it.

Tickets £10 will include some savoury nibbles. There will also be a limited bar selling beer, wine and soft drinks. Don't forget a few extra pounds for the raffle. Tickets available from Christine at Monday morning coffee or by ringing Christine on 885848.

### **Plea for raffle 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.

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## Ladies Group

*Linda Birt*



Although Ladies group sadly disbanded at the end of 2019, several friends were able to meet for lunch at the Willow House on Tuesday 21 January. We had a lovely meal and a good catch up.

The next meal is at the Willow House on Tuesday 18 February at 12:00 noon. There is no need to book, simply turn up as we have reserved a large table in the dinning room.

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## St John's Church

*Ann Johnson*



Sunday,  
2 Feb, 9:30am Holy Communion

Tuesday,  
4 Feb, 1:00pm Church Cleaning

Sunday,  
16 Feb, 10:30am All Age Worship

Church Flowers up to 26 February, the beginning of Lent, when we don't put flowers in the church – Ann

A message from Jean Rockett,  
Lay Minister, St. John's Church

God always has something for you:

A KEY for every problem,

A LIGHT for every shadow,

A RELIEF for every sorrow,

A PLAN for every tomorrow.

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## Rainfall

*Rod Rumsby*



Total rainfall for December was 80 mm or 3.15"

So far this month (20th) it is 49.5mm or just short of 2 inches.

For those who like to wallow in nostalgia the total rainfall for 2019 was 661.5 mm or 26.04" a bit up on 2018.



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## What's on nearby:

*Fiona Roat*

Our talk in December from Philip Parker about Bats and Churches, was very well received and very interesting. Twelve species use churches and Norfolk has some of the most important roosts of Natterers in Europe.



On Wednesday 12 February we will have a talk by senior NWT staff member Helen Baczowska, asking the question, What do NWT Conservation Officers actually do?

Note: This talk is preceded by our AGM, for members only. Non-members please arrive from 7:20pm, talk usual start time is 7:30pm.

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

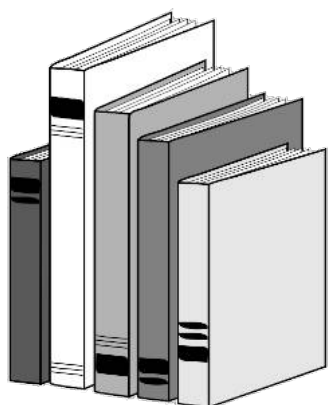
Cost: £2 members, £3 non-members (no booking is necessary).

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

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*Caroline Archer*

## Thompson Grand Second Hand Book Sale



Our first Bookworm sale of 2020 will be on Saturday 7 March at Thompson Community Hall IP24 1PY, from 10:00am until 4:00pm. The books on offer will include fiction, reference, children's and poetry, and still with no book costing more than one pound. There will be hot and cold drinks, home-made soup, cakes, savouries and snacks to eat in, including those wonderful freshly-cooked scones, plus whole bakes to take away. We are selling plants, both indoor and garden varieties, to kick start your summer display, potted and cut daffodils, and garden tools, pots, etc. There will be an assortment of Easter and Mothering Sunday goodies and the very popular Chocolate Tombola. If all that isn't enough to tempt you, we are once again putting out CDs, DVDs, music/audio cassettes, and vinyl!

Entry is free and open to all, so come along to browse through our huge choice of books, new every time.

If you have any spare plants, either indoor or garden varieties, or any garden paraphernalia, all donations will be most welcome. So too any of the music items mentioned above, but not VHS videos thank you. Collection can be arranged, just give us a call (01953-880153).

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## What's on slightly further afield:

Breckland Council



From Off-Broadway to Village Halls, Kate Dimbleby takes her one-woman shows all over the world.

Her new show, Sing Happy, will have you singing and laughing along as Kate weaves classic songs from the last 60 years with stories about the human voice and mesmerising layered vocals from her critically acclaimed album Songbirds.

Thur 6 Feb, 2:00pm-3:30pm at **Shipdham All Saints Church**

Also at Ashill Community Centre (Mon 3), Harling Old School Village Hall (Tues 4), Attleborough Town Hall (Wed 5), Necton Community Centre (Fri 7).

Tickets: £5 including refreshments. Reserving tickets is recommended using the form on the web-site or by calling: 01362 656870.

Free Transport: If you are a Breckland resident and need a lift to any of our events, please let us know.

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

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Geoff Pritchard

### Swaffham Jazz

*Colin Mason Quartet and Friends.*

£8 on the door – Tuesday 11 Feb 7:30pm

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



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FoDMH

Friends of  
Dereham  
Memorial  
Hall



Regular fourth Thursday (27 Feb) 10:30am

### Coffee Plus!

Come and meet your friends, enjoy a coffee and live music. February includes guitar and vocals with Paul & Diana. Free, just buy a drink

Contact: Dorothy Sneesby 01362 694654  
or [dorothy.sneesby@btinternet.com](mailto:dorothy.sneesby@btinternet.com)



## And finally ...

Rod+Tim

### Random thoughts:

- >> Apparently you have to eat healthily more than once to get in shape. This is cruel and unfair!
- >> Be the reason someone smiles today.  
Or the reason they drink. Whatever works!
- >> What do you get when you cross a joke with a rhetorical question? ... !



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