

The Ovington Oracle

September 2020

Road traffic has returned to pre-COVID levels and unfortunately we are seeing increased speeding throughout the village too. The Parish Council will make representation through the usual channels and hopefully we can get some additional enforcement.

While most cases are through traffic, some are not. Please may I offer this concerning statistic:

“a [survey](#) of 3,800 people found that three out of 10 crashes happened less than a mile from home”.



For those keeping an eye on the shortening daylight, a reminder that the autumnal equinox is on 22 September, at 14:30 to be precise.



Could you write a report for the Oracle?

- Been somewhere unusual?
- Grown something different?
- Found a fabulous recipe?
- Maybe you have recycled/re-purposed an object?

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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Web links

COVID-19: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Village Information: ovington-village.org.uk

Parish Council: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Oracle back copies: ovington.org.uk/oracle

Welcome

Village

We offer a warm Ovington welcome to Maddy Talbot and Sam Martin, new residents at No.4 The Street. With current restrictions there are not many social events going on in the village but we hope you will join us in village activities in the future.

Ovington Cycling Group

Chris Lewis

[Editor: It appears the Ladies Cycling Group have been infiltrated and the Gentlemen are tagging along too.]

Some people say Norfolk is flat, but, since I joined the Ovington Cycling Club I have discovered several nearby hills. Strangely these are levelling out as the weeks go by. Perhaps we are wearing them down.

Started by ladies deprived of their weekly fun run, they have now been joined by several men pedalling bravely in their wake.

Bounded as we are by the army training area to the south west and constrained by the need to avoid roads with a lot of traffic we have a choice of heading south towards Caston, Stow Bedon and Thompson or west to Saham Toney, the Cressinghams and the Arms, exploring the byways and rediscovering some of the traditional Norfolk countryside and rural pursuits.

Fortuitously, just as we are building up our stamina, along comes the annual Norfolk Churches Trust cycle ride. This is an event where you are sponsored to cycle to as many churches as possible. Money raised is divided between the trust and your nominated church and will take place this year on Saturday 12 September. Full details here:

norfolkchurchestrust.org.uk/bike-ride

Why not make a day of it and take a picnic.

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk)

Next meetings:

16 September and 18 November – subject to change.

Legal documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



The rainfall for July was concentrated during the early part of the month, overall the total was 56.5mm or 2.22".

The amount so far for August is 68.5mm or 2.7", most of which fell on 16th, this amounted to 52mm or 2". Compared with other villages in this area we got off pretty lightly, nearly 152 mm or 6" was recorded over Stanta training area. As I write this we still have another week to go in August, so anything can happen.

[Editor: at the west side of the village, we seemed to have more than 2" during the storms. Thor must have been particularly annoyed with us!]

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

The village hall will remain closed for the remainder of 2020.

We hope that by the end of this year we will be able to see a way forward for 2021 to welcome everyone back to the village hall again.

For those getting ahead for the festive season, Christmas cards are available at £2.50 for a pack of 10 – all proceeds to Village Hall funds. Last dates for posting to USA, etc. are usually around 8 October! Ring me on 885848 if you would like to buy some.

Church News

Jean Rockett, Lay Minister



Our church here in Ovington opened for weekly services on Sunday 2 August. It was so lovely to see you all in person. At the moment we are keeping to Covid-19 guidelines by wearing protective masks and refraining from Hymn singing, and I must thank Chris and David for the quiet musical breaks which are in place of this, and which gives us time to reflect on what is happening in our world. Our services start at 10:30am and last approximately 30 minutes, which allows plenty of time to put the Sunday roast on.

Revd. Jane Atkins led our first service. It was lovely to see her once more in our church. She will be taking the first service in September, so please come along. Unfortunately we are not able to socialise with cake and coffee, or tea, after the services end, which is sadly missed, but perhaps in time this will also resume.

Social distancing is still being observed and therefore only some of the pews have been made available, but there is plenty of space for as many of you who would like to join us. I have been asked to make a note of names and phone numbers of anyone attending services, so that if an outbreak of the Covid-19 virus should rear its ugly head with one of our congregation, then it will be easy to contact you.

The usual hand sanitising facilities are available to you on entering and leaving the church. Regular thorough cleaning after services has been and will continue to be carried out. Thank you to all who have worked so hard to keep our church clean and the churchyard and graves tidy.

My prayers for each one of you continue daily. My mobile phone number is 07749 870485. Please give me a call if you would like a chat or prayers said for someone special in your life.

With love in Christ

Jean

Feral Cat and Kittens

Lynda Lewis

Having finally trapped all three cats, (mum and two kittens) I transferred them to "Feline Care". I am told by the lady that runs it that they have all been neutered are doing well and all are together. If anyone is interested in adopting a cat, this is the contact:

Feline Care
Roudham Road
NR16 2QN
Tel: 01953 718529

Nearby Event News

Fiona Roat



Norfolk Wildlife Trust, Breckland Local Group

We hope you have all stayed safe and have been able to enjoy your gardens and local wildlife in these trying times.

The group took the decision to cancel the whole year's planned events as we thought it would be difficult to maintain social distancing, a lot of the speakers/walk leaders would not be available or maybe not willing under the circumstances and many of our audience are not so young and would be very cautious about group meetings, as are we.

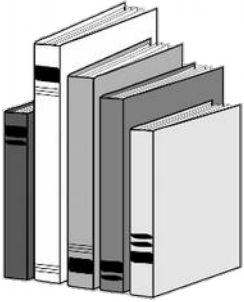
Our events organiser has been very busy rearranging these events for next year, where she has been able and we hope to run something every month starting from January.

However, as we are finding being said by most organisations; with constantly changing advice we cannot guarantee to be able to do this.

So please look in this publication or on the NWT website for further information in future months:

www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/home

We look forward to seeing you all in 2021.



Thompson's Grand Second Hand Book Sales

As I write this on a blisteringly hot August day it is interesting to reflect on the year so far. How life has changed for so many of us! As we try to adjust to the “new normal” of social distancing, facial coverings, and contact with many of our loved ones reduced to remote mediums, we wonder what the future will bring. Rest assured, that all involved in the Second Hand Book Sales are doing their utmost to continue. Understandably, given the current restrictions, and with everyone's safety in mind, the 10 OCTOBER event has been CANCELLED.

We are looking to have 3 next year as normal; the dates still to be decided. Watch this space!

Regrettably, we have also put a halt to donations too. What we already hold in stock will see us through until next year. When we can start collecting again will be notified here, but realistically that might not be until January 2021.

Please take care everyone, stay well, and we look forward to seeing you all next year. Keith and Caroline 01953 880153.

And finally ...

Tim / Rod

Last months tennis based logic puzzle:

Andy and Serena play tennis against each other and they bet £1 on each game. Andy wins three bets and Serena wins £5. How many games did they play?

Answer: **Eleven games.**

Andy wins 3 games before his knee started to ache, overall Serena wins 8 games recovering the £3 she lost and then gaining a further £5

Daft bits from Rod's alter ego, in best Norfolk dialect:

- >> The Council Chair she say:
"There's only one thing wuss than bein torked abowt.
Thas not bein torked abowt!!
 - >> "If people think you're a fule, keep your mouth shut, then they won't know".
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Did you
know ?

Do you know what a "mawkin" is?

Answer will be given in next issue.

Unfortunately, the editor says no prizes will be awarded for a correct answer.

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