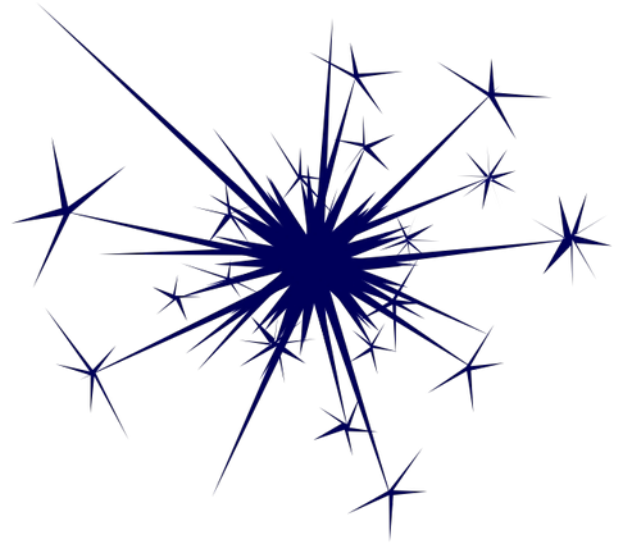


The Ovington Oracle

November 2021



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



If you receive your Oracle before November remember the clocks go back at 2:00am Sunday 31 October. We gain an extra hour of sleep by repeating the hour.

National COVID-19: www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Village Information: ovington-village.org.uk

Parish Council: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

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November Public Village Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 VH	2	3	4	5	6	7 C
8 VH	9	10	11	12	13	14 C
15 VH	16	17 PC	18	19	20	21 C
22 VH	23	24	25	26	27	28 C
29 VH	30	27	28	29	30	

VH:Village Hall, PC:Parish Council, C:Church, (p):see page p

Tales from our Church

Chris Lewis

Disturbance at St John's, Ovington

We find the Rector, Rev. John Trendle on 13 August 1598 appealing to Sir Bassingbourn Gawdy, Justice of the Peace for Norfolk from 1591 and High Sheriff of Norfolk (1593 -1594) for help in dealing with an unruly member of his congregation thus:

Since Ambrose Longwood has been encouraged by Sir Robert Southwell, he proceeds to disturb and vex Trendle in his sermon time. "Yesterday by frowning, putting out his mouth, setting his teeth, knitting his brows, whispering to himself, clapping his hand upon his knee with malcontented gestures the same as heretofore, stamping his feet to the offence of others". Trendle could not proceed, and has charged the constable with him, but the justices are afraid of him. Asks Gawdy to bring up the case; the witnesses are, John Pickas, Nicholas Weightman, Ambrose Clement and Israel Trendle. Trendle spoke to Mr Hassett about it who was at the Sessions, but heard no motion made, and marvels that the recognizance should be in Sir Robert's pocket. As to going to Sir Robert that is out of the question, as he has threatened to whip Trendle naked.

On 22 August 1598 Trendle writes again to Sir Bassingbourn and encloses a letter which he begs to have forwarded to Sir Nicholas Bacon. Trendle is "as a man perplexed ... I have preached the gospel this twenty-four years in Norfolk, ... and was never so hardly dealt with before".

Sir Robert Southwell was a previous High Sheriff (1589-1590) and Vice-Admiral of the coast of Norfolk. He died on 12 October 1598 at Woodrising.

Sir Nicholas Bacon held the office of Sheriff of Norfolk from 1597 to 1598.

I really must be more careful how I behave in church!

Gardeners Delight

Barry Lambert

Runner Bean Seeds

The dry brown pods can be taken off the plants and shelled and dried for next year's seed. A trench can be dug out ready for next year, not forgetting to fork the bottom for drainage before adding manure for next years "Runner Beans".

Sweet Peas

A trench, as above, is also beneficial for sweet peas as watering is much more effective.

Wallflower

The next few weeks are an ideal time for the planting of spring sown Wallflower and Sweet William plants in well prepared beds after working in a handful of "lime" and the plants firmly planted.

It is also an ideal time for the planting of Strawberries and all bareroot fruit bushes for a crop of fruit the following season.

Elder

The flowers are used for Elderflower "Champagne" and the berries for "wine". The berries boiled and the juice preserved with sugar makes a wonderful drink like blackcurrant juice. Serve watered with a dash of "lemon and lime".

The wood of this bush was of much more interest to boys than the fruit, as a piece about 9" to 10" long and about 2½" thick with the pith (the soft centre of the stem) removed by the use of a long "Brace and Bit" or, as we all had open fires, a red hot poker, a "pop gun" could be made. The ammunition to be used was acorns, which this time of year could be found anywhere in the countryside. With the pith removed and a clean and smooth bore through the length of the Elder-wood, next a length of hazelnut wood to act as a plunger was cut and shaped to fit snugly in the hollowed out stem with a handle left on the end. Acorns placed in halfway down the barrel formed a vacuum, and when the plunger was forced through, the acorns would shoot out with terrific force. The pop gun would take about 2 hours to make.

Remembrance Coffee Morning

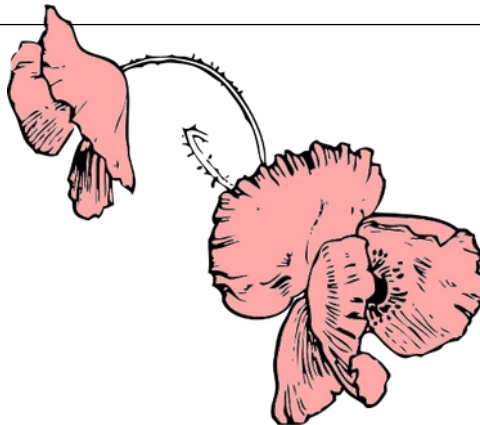
Jane Lambert & Gill Welsted

Please join us at St John's Church for a special Remembrance Coffee Morning on **Saturday 13** November from 10:30am onwards.

As well as ***tea, coffee & biscuits*** you will be able to view the WWII memorabilia display and decorations in the church; all set up in readiness for the Remembrance Service on Sunday.

Hope to see you there, Jane & Gill

PS: Raffle tickets will also be available for Christmas Raffle – there's a wonderful prize of a Christmas Hamper ... which will also be on view!!



St John the Evangelist
Church, Ovington

Will be holding a
Service of
Remembrance

On Sunday 14
November
at 10:30am

There will be
refreshments for all
after the service

Messages

Bob Warwick

Can you reuse some plain roof tiles?

Approx. 550 Aged Red Concrete Roof Tiles (26 x 16.5cm) + 8 Ridge Tiles 46cm long from our 12' x 10' shed. No charge, but a donation to PACT Animal Shelter would be very nice but not compulsory.

Call Bob on 07874 200286

Rod Rumsby

Thank You Ovington

Following on from my words in last months Oracle, I would thank those lovely people from the village who attended the thanksgiving service for our Grace in Watton Methodist Church. Then again for coming to the reception held in, where else, Ovington village hall, where we were able to meet and greet so many good friends and neighbours, although two had only travelled from Glasgow! We hoped that by following Ovington traditions, no one went away hungry.

Special thanks must go to the three ladies from the Village Hall Committee who worked tirelessly throughout the whole day to ensure that everyone was fed and watered and to relieve us, the family, from the essential backroom tasks which tend to mount up on such occasions. Bless you and thanks from all Grace's family. Christine, Jan & Marie Ana. If I add "Bless your cotton socks" they will know what I mean.

STOP PRESS:

Grace wanted donations at her funeral and at the later reception for her chosen charity which was "Epilepsy research". We are pleased to say that the total raised was £409.00. Many thanks to all those who donated.

Charity Coffee Morning Success

I would like to say a very big thank-you to everyone who donated prizes for my tombola stall, we ended up with over one hundred prizes. Also to the ladies who kindly made cakes and helped on the day.

The coffee morning, which I held for a local charity, NARS (Norfolk Accident Rescue Service), raised an amazing £600 for them.

So, many thanks again to everyone who came along.

Village Hall

Christine Reilly

VH – Help Needed!

The village hall will be running a "**Raffola**" stall at Watton's Festive Market on Sunday 28 November. For this we need about 200 prizes! At present we have amassed around 40, so we are asking for your help. If you have any items suitable for a raffle or tombola prize, you can donate in the following ways:

- bring to the VH any Monday morning from 10:00am
- phone me (01953 885848) to arrange collection
- leave item with Committee members: Jan at the Old Chapel, Marie Ana at Church Farm, Dave at 3 Church Road, Chris at 1 Church Road, Sam at 6 Church Road.

Donations of cash could also be given for us to buy prizes. Items should be as new (something you would like to win) and please note consumable items must be in date and unopened. Perhaps when you do your weekly shop you could add one item to your list to donate. Whether it's a bottle of wine or squash, some sweets or a jar of mincemeat, it will go towards funding YOUR village hall.

Thank you for your support.

Church News

Jean Rockett-Woods, Lay Minister



Services at our church are continuing to get back to “normal”, but if you wish to attend with a face mask that is up to you. Antiseptic hand gel and wipes are available for your use.

Services and events for November :

7 Nov– 10:30am	Holy Communion
14 Nov – 10:30am	Remembrance Sunday (JR-W)
21 Nov– 10:30am	Family Service (JR-W)
28 Nov – 10:30am	Family Service (JR-W)

Last month we had two Pet Services due to a mix-up of dates printed in the Oracle, for which I apologise. We had our lovely four-legged friends attending plus two ‘representatives’ as the owner’s dogs could not be present. Harriett brought along Patch and Jill brought along ‘Hugo’. Both were very well behaved. Our ‘live’ friends were Ellwood, Oscar, Costa and Brodie.

Our Communion Service was led by Rev. Adrian Bell who also led a Baptismal Service for little Theodore. It was a lovely service which was held at 12-noon on 17 October.

This month we have our very special Remembrance service which I hope many of you will be able to attend. The church is usually decorated by our lovely flower arrangers, and this month Jane Lambert will be adding her special touch to the proceedings.

For your information the following services are being held in November. I look forward to seeing you there.

As always, my prayers for each one of you continue daily.

Jean – 07749 870485

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



We had a total of 43mm or 1.7" which accumulated over only 4 separate days of that month.

So far (20 October) we have had much more, 72mm or 2.8" the bulk of which fell in the first 5 days of the month with 30mm falling recently ... and it is still raining!!!

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary, (Clerk)

Next Meeting

17 November, 7:30pm in the village hall

Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Editor

There is some very mixed messaging at the moment. The Government stating there is no need for further mitigation, pointing to a study by the *London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine* which predicts a drop to 'just' 5000 cases a day by Christmas. At the same time many bodies such as the *British Medical Association* and the *NHS Confederation* are calling for basic mitigation measures to be reintroduced to avoid the risk of harsher measures later.

So much depends on booster update and the effect of the new 'Delta-plus' variant but some things are clear: Coronavirus remains a serious health risk, especially as vaccine efficacy reduces over time. The 'booster vaccine' will restore or improve the original protection. Also, taking the Flu vaccine will reduce potential pressure on the NHS.

You should stay cautious to help protect yourself and others.

- Meet outside, or open windows and doors for indoor visitors
- If you think you have symptoms stay at home and take a PCR test
- Wear face coverings in crowded places and on public transport
- Check in to venues when you go out
- Wash your hands with soap regularly, and for at least 20 seconds
- Get vaccinated !



Bike Register

Chris Lewis

The National Cycle Database

Join the UK's national, Police approved, bicycle marking & registration scheme. Here you can use the serial number stamped under the bottom bracket to register your bicycle so in the event someone steals it and it is recovered it can be returned to you.

You can also check to see if the used bike you are about to buy has been stolen and, for a one off fee, clearly mark your bike so as to deter potential thieves.

Start here at www.bikeregister.com

And finally ...

Rod

Home schooling for the over – 60's (remember?)

- >> My Mother taught me religion:
"You'd better pray that will come out of the carpet".
- >> My mother taught me about the science of osmosis:
"Shut your mouth and eat your dinner".
- >> My Father taught me logic:
"Because I said so, that's why".



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