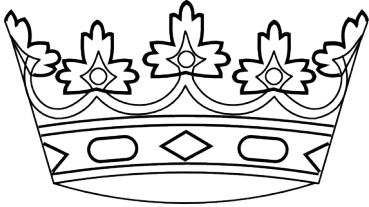


The Ovington Oracle

June, 2022



Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration

2-5 June

See centre pages for the programme.



The summer solstice
occurs precisely at
10:13am (BST) on 21
June. We will be half way
through the solar year.



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June 2022 Village Events

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

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

National 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

Church News

Jean Rockett-Woods (JR-W), Lay Minister

4 June	Flower Festival
5 June – 10:30am	Morning Worship (JR-W)
12 June – 10:30am	Morning Worship (JR-W)
19 June – 10:30am	Café Church / Fathers Day (JR-W) Followed by tea/coffee and cakes
26 June – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Adrian Bell)



Sad news:

We have been advised that our Archdeacon, Ian Bentley, is seriously ill and is now being cared for by the palliative care team at Priscilla Bacon Hospice. Ian had been looking after our Benefice since the retirement of Revd. Jane Atkins. If you would like to contribute to a gift for him and his wife

Caroline then please contact David Welsted at 3 The Street.

Our next coffee morning is on Saturday 4 June in the church which will be decorated for our flower festival in recognition of our queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration.

Unfortunately we will not have a Communion service on Sunday 5 June. Instead the service will be held on Sunday 26 June by Revd. Adrian Bell.

We have been holding some services outside the church on warm sunny days, surrounded by a carpet of wild flowers.

Our next Café Church is on Sunday 19 June when we will be celebrating our Father's Day. I look forward to seeing you at this event for a chat over a cuppa and a slice of cake.

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

With love in Christ

Jean – 07749 870485

Parish Council (PC) AGM

Heidi Frary, (Clerk) / Editor

Report based on the unconfirmed minutes of the 18 May meeting.

Councillors: Karen Weir (KW, chair), Pete Bate (PB), Timothy Birt (TB, vice-chair), Dave Welsted (DW) and Jeremy Woods (JW).

Matters Arising:

- NALC informed the Council that their legal services include a free 20 minute consultation and access to the National Association of Local Councils legal services department. It was agreed not to join at the current time.
- A quote for a tree survey was received at £175.00+VAT. It was agreed to proceed.
- Remedial works have been completed to the Oak Tree on the crossroads with a preservation order and without permission. Breckland Enforcement who are investigating this along with the removal of a native hedge.

Correspondence:

The Clerk reported that as part of the call for sites as indicated within the Local Plan, Breckland Council are calling for sites to be designated as Local Green Spaces to secure local amenity land. There was discussion and it was agreed that no sites will be submitted at this time.

Administration

The following were reviewed, agreed and accepted unanimously:

- Financial Summary for the year 2021/22 and Asset Register.
- Management of risk, statement of internal control and financial regulations.
- Certificate of Exemption 2021/22.
- Annual Statement of Governance 2021/22.
- Accounting Statement 2021/22.

Planning:

None

Financial:

Payments and current financial position against budget were reviewed and agreed.

Income (precept): £2591.00

Total expenditure: £1274.97

It was agreed to tie into a 5-year agreement with Zurich Insurance Co.

Crown Crescent Amenity Area grass cutting:

TB explained that the amenity land in Crown Crescent and the verges have been cut historically by Breckland Council on behalf of NCC however this has ceased. Breckland have agreed to continue to cut the amenity land as there appeared to be a historic contract however they will not cut the verges.

Public Participation:

Request for play equipment to be considered for Crown Crescent. This was discussed and it was agreed not to be cost effective at this time.

Highways are trying to get the logs along the verge on Carbrooke Road removed. Clerk to contact County Councillor Bowes and request an update

Request to enforce the extended speed limit along Dereham Road. TB reported that there has been a camera van and police speed checks have taken place.

There was a report of an animal business being run from a property within the Parish. The resident will contact Enforcement to report this.

Next Meetings:

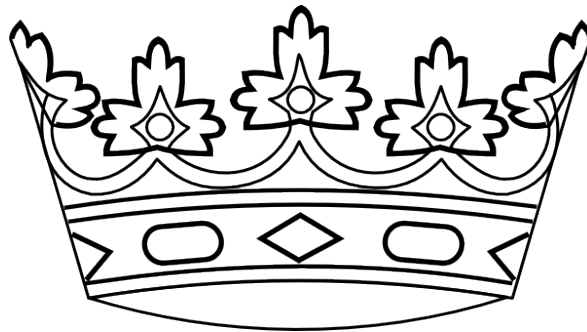
20 July 7:30pm in the village hall.

(Future meetings: 21 Sept and 16 Nov)

PC Documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Platinum Jubilee

Sue Horton



There will only be a few days to go before the events, when this month's issue is distributed. So just a reminder of timings and important things you need to know for each. We will be holding a final meeting on Mon 30 May to look at the weather forecast, to see if we need to amend any of the events to run indoors. Keeping everything crossed for sunshine!

Thurs 2 June – Light the Beacon

Event starts 7:30 at the Village Hall. Beacon to be lit at 9:15 in line with timing across the country. BYO drink and nibbles.

Fri 3 June – Judging of the best decorated house.

Rod will be going round the village on Jean's scooter to judge on Friday. The winner will be awarded a prize at Sunday's BBQ

Sat 4 June – Children's picnic and games 2:00pm in Crown Crescent

We will start to set up from 10:00am and the event will end by 5:00pm during which time Crown Crescent will be closed to vehicular access. We have around 30 children attending with ages ranging from babies to 14 year-olds.

Don't forget the crown competition. Children need to make a crown beforehand and wear it to the picnic. There will be a prize for 0-5 and 6 and over age categories.

Important: Please note to meet Health & Safety requirements at least one adult is required to attend with their child/children to take responsibility for them.

Sun 5 June – Platinum Jubilee BBQ, Village Hall grounds from 2:00pm

BBQ & ice cream are being provided free of charge, but you need to BYO drink & anything else you wish. We have a number of games lined up and music. The prize for the best decorated house will be awarded.

Thurs to Sun – Church open for people to view the display of flowers & memorabilia.

Annual Parish Meeting

Heidi Frary, (Clerk)

Representatives from the village organisations presented reports to the Annual Parish Meeting on 18 May, including:

- Jubilee committee
- Parish Council
- Village Hall
- Fuel Trust
- Ovington Church
- Allotment Association
- Ovington Oracle
- District Councillor
- County Councillor
- Concluding with ...
The Ovington Navy !

All reports are available on the PC web-site at:

ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Village Hall (VH)

Christine Reilly

After 27 months, it has finally happened: the first live show in the village hall since the pandemic began. It was wonderful, after so much screen-based entertainment, to have real live professionals performing to a real live audience. Kick in the Head Productions gave us an insight into Joyce Grenfell's background and the work of her accompanist, William Blezard, in the first half. After the interval, they went into performance mode with songs and monologues, bringing back happy memories of a gentle and unique style of comedy. Even some of the audience were humming along to 'Stately as a Galleon'.

Future Events

We should have the programme of shows available for the autumn very soon so watch this space for further details. The Opera Dudes might be returning to Ovington with their new show ... !

Regular Coffee Morning

Don't forget that the Village Hall is open every Monday morning for coffee, tea, cakes and sometimes sausage rolls! From around 10:30am to 12:00 noon, for only £1, you can partake of refreshments and catch up with friends and neighbours.

Notice Board

Village

90th BIRTHDAY

Betty Jones past member of Ladies Group would like to thank all her friends for sending cards on her 90th birthday. She has never received quite as many cards, 35 in all. She tells me she is only just coming down to earth. Ladies thank you so much.

Please save the date:

Saturday 3 September 2022, 7:00pm

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Quality Corner and **The Harmonettes** are proud to present a concert in aid of BIG C, remembering our village friends. More details to follow.

Fuel Trust

Timothy Birt

It may have been noticed that considerable work is being carried out at Town Farm, 25 The Street. This property and the land behind is owned by the Fuel Trust, which has been necessarily quiet for some years.

In 2016 The Fuel Trust took expert legal advice about the legitimacy of a claim for succession to an 'Agricultural Holding Act' tenancy at very substantially below free market rent. That advice was clear and the Trustees felt obliged to follow it as it significantly affected the value of the asset. The Trustees opposed the succession claim despite the potential of very high costs if contested. The Charity Commission was kept informed at all times. After a long and protracted case, that legal advice proved correct and the Fuel Trust regained full possession of Town Farm in February 2022. As the previous occupier left they took with them all the gates, so the Trustees has to quickly secure the site; a new metal gate has subsequently been installed by the farmer renting the fields. A new fence has been installed between Town Farm and its neighbour.

The house has not been lived in for a considerable time and while basically sound, a considerable amount of work is required to modernise it; that work is underway. The Fuel Trust plan to offer the house for rent, after it has been fitted with additional insulation, new heating, a new kitchen, a refurbished bathroom and a myriad of other jobs, all being done by local contractors. There are still many weeks of work ahead!

We will restore the ditches and hedges to good order and have engaged with a local farmer to whom we have let the fields, at reduced rent, on the basis that this work be done.

The Trustees have been left with the expensive task of removing an asbestos barn and asbestos roofing.

To recover our legal costs and help fund the future work of the Charity, the now unused old barn may be converted to a separate single dwelling, if planning permission can be obtained.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



Total rainfall for April was just 10.5mm (0.4"), it only rained two days in the month.

As of 21 May, we have had 19mm (3/4"), but don't throw away your brolly yet!

And finally ...

Rod

>> Holidays:- The period when those rainy days for which you are saving up, usually arrive.

>> Judge: "This a very serious case of bigamy"
"You married no fewer than six wives, why six may I ask?"



Defendant: "Yes my lord; I was trying to find a good one."

>> "Can a man marry his own sister?" – Of course he can't ...
Yes he can ... if he's a parson.

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