

The Ovington Oracle

July, 2022

On 4 July the Americans celebrate something or other, but I'll be raising a glass to aphelion, the furthest the earth gets from the sun in our slightly elliptical orbit. At 8:10am we will be 152million km from the sun, whereas on 4 January the sun was 'only' 147million km away, it is enough to make a difference.

(For the record: distances measured centre-of-earth to the centre-of-sun and rounded to the nearest million km).

Trivial facts about July:

- On average it is the hottest month in the northern hemisphere
- Named after Roman emperor Julius Caesar, his birthdate was 12 July, 100 BC
- Previously named *Quintilis* (fifth month)
- A century ago it was pronounced 'Julie'
- St Swithin's Day is 15 July, a day on which tradition says predicts the next 40 days weather:

St Swithin's Day, if thou dost rain,

For forty days it will remain.

St Swithin's Day. if thou be fair,

For forty days 'twill rain nae mair'



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June 2022 Village Events

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4 VH	5	6	7	8	9	10 C
11 VH	12	13	14	15	16 VH	17 C
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25 VH	26	27	28	29	30	31 C

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

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Village Information: ovington-village.org.uk

Parish Council: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

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Village Hall (VH)

Christine Reilly

Quiz Time!

Get your teams together for the traditional Ovington Village Hall Quiz on Saturday 16 July at 7:00pm. An evening of brain-teasing fun is on offer with proceeds going to village hall funds. Teams of 4 are invited to participate. As space is limited, ring me on 01953 885848 to book in your team BY 14 July. This date is for catering purposes: there will be a Ploughman's Supper included in the price of £7.50 per person. Please BYOB, but we could probably rustle up a cup of tea or coffee if necessary. There will be a raffle during the evening and a 'heads & tails' competition. Fundraising events like this are essential to keep the village hall going so do try to come along and support it. Don't worry if you don't have a full team – there may be others available to complete it.

Future Events

We are hoping to have a BBQ on Sunday 7 August between 1:00 and 3:00 pm, tickets at £5 per person. Of course, this will be dependent on the weather, so we will be watching the forecasts carefully in time for next month's Oracle. Another show from Creative Arts East is being planned for the end of November and I am waiting for confirmation of the exact date. It will be an exciting new show from the very talented 'Bowjangles' entitled "Dracula in Space". More details next month.

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.

Parish Council (PC) AGM

Heidi Frary, (Clerk) / Editor

Next Meeting:

20 July 7:30pm in the village hall. (then: 21 Sept and 16 Nov)

PC Documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

In memory of Laurence Howe

Village



Long term Ovington resident Laurence Howe sadly passed away in hospital on 19 June at the grand age of 95. Laurence had lived in The Street since 1966 with his late wife Babs and son Gerald.

Our sincere condolences to Gerald and his wife Sue.

Laurie's funeral is at 12-noon on 13 July at *Breckland Crematorium*, Scoulton with a reception in the village hall afterwards.

Church News

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

Services:

3 July – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Adrian Bell)
10 July – 10:30am	Café Church (JR-W) Followed by tea/coffee and cakes
17 July – 10:30am	Family Service (JR-W)
24 July – 6:00pm	Hymns for a Summer Evening (JR-W) Outside (weather permitting)
31 July – 10:30am	<i>To be advised</i>



We have been holding some services outside the church on warm sunny days, surrounded by a carpet of wild flowers. We are hoping that the weather is kind to us during July so that we can enjoy our Hymns for a Summer Evening service outside on 24 July at 6:00pm.

Where have all those lovely long summer days gone from our youth? I remember, as a child, being told that once I got to being 21 then the days would seem much shorter. Well for me they truly are. Perhaps that is because I am now over 21, or it may be that I try to cram too much into each day. I get to Friday and think, oh my gosh, I haven't prepared my sermon yet!

Mind you, that isn't such a bad thing as I often change what my original sermon thoughts were.

My first thoughts come to me on a Monday as I am driving on my way to Dereham to run the St. John Ambulance Badgers and Cadets, and then I get other thoughts come to me on my way back home! This seems to happen each day, even up to Sunday morning. I shouldn't be concerned though, as in the end God has the final say, even as I climb the steps to the Pulpit.

Back to those long summer days. We have enjoyed some glorious weather and I hope that you will be able to join me on a warm evening at St. John the Evangelist church, Ovington as we meet for the "Hymns for a Summer evening" services.

Our church is looking splendid, but there is still a bit more work to be done on the inside walls which need redecorating, but I am sure that, with God's blessing, the work will be completed. May God's blessing be also with you all.

Social Events:

Saturday 2 July	Coffee Morning / Book Sale
Sunday 24 July	Coffee Morning / Book Sale

We are holding these two coffee mornings to raise enough money to have the inside walls of our village church re-decorated. There will be some books for sale and the proceeds will be used for this restoration work on our lovely church.

With love in Christ

Jean – 07749 870485

Notice Board

Jane Lambert

Remembering Friends

A concert at Ovington Church on Saturday 3 September at 7:00pm in aid of Big C.

Quality Corner and *The Harmonettes* will be holding a big raffle on the night, anyone willing to donate any prizes such as bottles of wine (including non-alcoholic), spirits, chocolates, Gents or Ladies toiletries would be much appreciated. Please drop off to Jane Lambert, 25 The Street. Thank you

Mobile Food Store

Run by Kick Start and Breckland Council the mobile food store aims to provide affordable food to members within communities who may be struggling with access to affordable and healthy food; facing increasing living costs and pressure on household budgets; experiencing other barriers that makes it difficult to access food, such as social isolation. There is a £3 joining fee which give access to food at much reduced price and some free of charge fruit and vegetables.

Wells-Cole Community Centre, Saham Toney 1:30pm Wednesday's

Rainfall

Tim



Unfortunately Rod is unable to provide a figure at the moment.

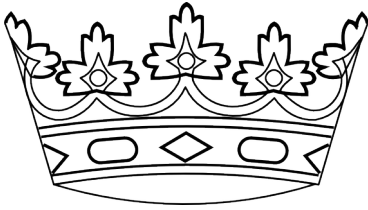
The rainfall recorded on my weather station (which is not as accurate as a proper rain gauge) for May was just 11.5mm (7/16"), this figure is subject to correction by Rod later.

My weather station is called "Icarus" and can be found at:

www.wunderground.com/dashboard/pws/ITHETF33

Platinum Jubilee

Sue Horton



Ovington Platinum Jubilee will have made memories that will be talked about for years to come. A big thank you to everyone who helped to make it a huge success. We have such a great village community.

It was great that so many people joined in. Some having lived in the village for sometime, but we haven't seen as they're busy working. Hopefully some new friendships have been formed and they will join in with future events.

After publishing the time for lighting the beacon, we weren't wholly sure whether it should have been 9:15 or 9:45. Well we started at 9:15 in the daylight and had a few issues lighting it! But it was probably a good thing, as by 9:45 darkness had crept in and it lit up the sky.

Rod had a difficult task deciding the winner of the best decorated house. The prize a voucher kindly donated by Tesco Watton went to Rachel, Andy and Edward Malthouse.

The sun shone for the children's picnic and games. Their faces were a picture, running the 3 legged and egg and spoon races and lots more. They were all stars.

We were so lucky with the weather on Sunday. The BBQ was a huge success. A lot of fun was had by adults (being children) and the children welly wanging, wheelbarrow and sack races, tossing the caber etc. All rounded off with some karaoke.

The church was decorated with flowers and memorabilia. There were a number of scrapbooks of pictures showing the village and events over previous years. Rachel is putting a scrapbook together to capture Ovington's Platinum Jubilee. So if anyone has any photos please email to rachelmalthouse@hotmail.co.uk

Platinum Jubilee Children's Party

Ruby – Crown Crescent

I shall start by saying a big thank-you to all the adults who helped organise and pay for the party. Now I think we should see what some of the children have to say ...

Indigo (9): My favourite part was the 'pass the parcel'

Daisy (7): I enjoyed all of it but especially the games. Maybe we could have more get-togethers for children.

A big thank you from Ruby, Indigo, Sapphire and Daisy all from Crown Crescent.

And finally ...

Tim

- >> Two aerals met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn't much...
... but the reception was excellent.
- >> The best time to add insult to injury is when you're signing somebody's cast.
- >> Never trust atoms. They make up everything!



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