

The Ovington Oracle

August, 2022

Elizabeth Wordsworth: 1840-1932

THE GOOD AND THE CLEVER

If only the good were clever,
 If only the clever were good,
The world would be better than ever
 We thought that it possibly could
But alas, it is seldom or never
 That either behave as they should;
For the good are so harsh to the clever,
 The clever so rude to the good.

Two big BBQs in the same month it must be summer!

The first is on Sunday 7 August, see pg.6, and the second is Sunday 28 August, see the Allotment Association report on pg.3.

Both events are in or around the Village Hall and organisers require numbers beforehand so please get in touch.



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Village events this month:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 VH	2	3	4	5	6 C	7 VH, C
8 VH	9	10	11	12	13	14 C
15 VH	16	17	18	19	20	21 C
22 VH	23	24	25	26	27	28 p3,C
29 VH	29	30	31			

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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Allotment Association

Jill Burgess



Ovington Allotment Association are holding their annual Produce Show and BBQ on Sunday 28 August 2022 at the village hall. You are all invited to join us with tickets for sale for £7.50 per adult with children being free.

We will be having a BBQ, plus serving salad etc along with a selection of desserts. As usual it is bring your own bottle/tipple.

Produce will be on display from midday and food served from approximately 1:00pm. We will be wellie wanging again along with other fun and games plus wheelbarrow racing. Jane will also be holding a raffle so come along and join us and we look forward to seeing you all for a fun day out.

Please contact Jill on 07840 873928 or any other committee member for tickets.

Big-C Concert

Mike Murray

Remembering Friends

A concert at Ovington Church on Saturday 3 September at 7:00pm in aid of Big C; tickets £10.00, including refreshments, available from Adcocks, Watton or Mike: 07733 236689

See flyer included with this edition of The Oracle.

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

Parish Council (PC) AGM

Heidi Frary, (Clerk) / Editor

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

Correspondence:

Letter from NARS requesting a donation, PC agreed £100 donation.

NCC - Parish Partnership 2023/24 invitation to bid
<discussed under village issues>

Defibrillator battery and pads, donation request towards replacement (total cost up to £400).

Clerk to check time and lifetime of components as Councillors thought it had not been that long since a donation was made for replacements.

Planning:

3PL/2022/0581/F Retrospective siting of a temporary mobile home.

It was noted that this was merely normalising a long standing position, and Councillors had no comments.

3PN/2022/0019/UC Barn adj to Alston Fm, conversion to dwelling.

This has been discussed and considered a few times previously and Councillors were minded to repeat previous comments. Clerk to draft submission detailing previous comments and discussion.

Financial:

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

Village and Highways Issues:

TB and JW met our Highways Engineer. Items discussed included:

- trod surface finish and drainage – the oflets have been flushed and are now on a rota, it is hoped to apply a new surface finish in the Autumn (budget dependent).
- Drainage, generally but especially along Church Road.
- Logs on road-side on Carbrooke Road, still on-going.
- Road sliding into ditch along The Street – request to farmer to build up ditch to restore the edge.

- road repairs, to ensure edges are well defined.
- grass cutting – investigate possibility of receiving delegated powers for the urban cutting.
- Investigate cost of extending the trod at north Ovington, with a request to see if our County Councillor has funds available to help support it, thus allowing an NCC-Parish partnership bid.

Public Participation:

District Councillor Crane reported that Breckland have received the Gold Standard Award for their Armed Services support.

The Local Plan call for sites has ended and potential sites are displayed on the website, it is however noted that significantly more sites than required have been offered and there will be further consultation before any decisions are made.

The Breckland website is now ranked 9th best of District Councils throughout the country for usability.

TB (as District Councillor) reported the call for sites will need to be assessed against the nutrient neutrality legislation which could affect the location of sites and there are still many uncertainties over new rules. However, potentially three times as many sites are available as are needed for the rest of the plan period so we should have flexibility.

TB gave a resume of the decision notice which the ICO have issued after a year of effort attempting to get increased disclosure of Council assets, specifically Barnham Broom Golf club which the Council owns. The ICO found that Breckland Council have breached both Freedom-of-Information and Environmental Regulations and have been ordered to publish information. The Council blocked any further questions from TB while they took Counsel's opinion (a Barrister). TB queried how much that would cost?

Mr Smith asked about if the speed sign could be reinstated. TB to action

Next Meeting:

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

PC Documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Village Hall (VH)

Christine Reilly

Unfortunately the Quiz had to be cancelled due to lack of entries (only one from the village and two from elsewhere). Perhaps there was just too much going on that weekend. We hope to reschedule the Quiz for the end of September/early October – more details next month.

BBQ

There will be a village hall BBQ on Sunday 7 August, starting at midday. Please ring me (01953 885848) by the 4 August to book your ticket so that sufficient food can be purchased. Tickets are £5 per person, to include one burger + one 'hot dog', plus salad. If you require a vegetarian alternative, this needs to be pre-ordered. People with pre-booked tickets will have priority at the BBQ so please don't turn up without booking or you may go hungry! Tea, coffee and squash will be available, or you can BYOB.

Hopefully, the weather will allow some daft games to entertain us but if the current heat wave persists, perhaps a paddling pool might be more welcome!

Regular Coffee Morning

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.

Church News

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

Services:

7 August – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Adrian Bell)
14 August – 10:30am	Café Church (JR-W) Followed by tea/coffee and cakes
21 August – 10:30am	Family Service (JR-W)
28 August – 6:00pm	Hymns for a Summer Evening (JR-W) Outside (weather permitting)



What lovely weather we have been having. I have found some days rather too hot to be able to enjoy digging and weeding my garden. Some of my plants are feeling the heat and dry soil detrimental, despite my regular watering.

Our Church graveyard has been looked after by our lovely volunteers who have kept the grass around the graves looking tidy. The area which has been left to nature has produced some lovely wild flowers, but due to the hot sun is beginning to look a little tired. Some of the graves are kept looking lovely with fresh flowers.

We are trying to make the older graves look as nice in respect for those who no longer have anyone to care for them. If you would like to add a bit of colour to brighten them up then please feel free to do so,

May God's blessing be also with you all.

Social Events:

Saturday 6 August	Coffee Morning / Book & DVD Sale
Sunday 28 August	Coffee Morning / Book & DVD 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 & DVD's available which we ask for a small donation. and the proceeds will be used for this restoration work on our lovely church.

With love in Christ

Jean – 07749 870485

Rainfall

Tim



June rainfall recorded on my automatic weather station** was just 12.5mm ($\frac{1}{2}$ ").

With just a few days left July looks worse, just 1.2mm ($\frac{1}{16}$ ") so far.

We are in a drought!

** may not be as accurate as a traditional rain gauge, but is close.

And finally ...

Christine

Gravity (from the John Jarrold Printing Museum):

Two in a hammock
Attempted to kiss.
When something happened –
They landed like *siu!*



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