

The Ovington Oracle

October, 2022



The clocks go back at 2:00am Sunday 30 October. We gain an extra hour of sleep by repeating the hour, but make sure you only repeat it once!

John Clare
(1793-1864)

Autumn:

The summer-flower has run to seed,
And yellow is the woodland bough;
And every leaf of bush and weed
Is tipt with autumn's pencil now.

John Clare wrote a number of poems entitled 'Autumn', if you liked this, there are a further 40 verses.



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Village events this month:

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

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

COVID-19 (it hasn't gone away!) : www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Village Information: ovington-village.org.uk

Parish Council: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Oracle back copies: ovington.org.uk/oracle

Village Hall (VH)

Christine Reilly

Curry Night

Come and join us at the village hall on Friday 21 October for a Curry Night, starting at 7:00pm. Diners will be treated to a choice of chicken and vegetarian curries, with accompaniments, followed by a scrumptious dessert for only £10. Contact committee members by the 14th to reserve your tickets, which will also be available on Monday mornings at the hall. Tea or coffee will be available, but you should BYOB. There will also be some fun and a raffle – all in aid of village hall funds.

Festive Craft and Gift Fayre

Looking forward to next month, we are holding a Festive Craft and Gift Fayre on Saturday 19 November between 12:00 noon and 3:00pm. This is a combined event, to benefit the village hall and church equally. Homemade soups and cakes will be available as well as hand-crafted gifts for sale. We would be grateful for any donations to the Raffola stall and will be making a doorstep collection next month. If you can remember back before lockdown, a competition was initiated to decorate a Christmas stocking. These will now be judged at the Fayre! For anyone still wishing to enter, 'blank' stockings can be purchased from me at £3; you can decorate them in any way you wish and there will be cash prizes.

Musical

Finally, don't forget 'Dracula in Space', the live musical theatre show brought to us by the amazing Bowjangles on Sunday 27 November at 4:00pm. Only £10 a ticket, with coffee and a mince pie after the show.

Regular Coffee Morning

The Village Hall is open every Monday morning for coffee, tea, cakes. 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)

Heidi Frary (Clerk)

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

Apologies: Cllr Tim Birt, CC Bowes and DC's Birt & Crane

Matters Arising:

Defibrillator update: The Clerk explained that the battery and pads were in need of replacement and the regular checks have not been completed which has resulted in the equipment being recorded as out of service. It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase the necessary parts and KW will undertake the checks until a permanent solution can be found.

Correspondence

Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments – Option to opt out.

Norfolk County Council – Norwich Western Link consultation.

Breckland District Council – Local Plan (Partial Review) Regulation 19 Consultation.

Planning

3PL/2022/0901/F: Land at Water End Farm, Church Road – Demolition of holiday accommodation and existing outbuildings and erection of a new dwelling house. No comments submitted.

3PN/2022/0019/UC: Barn adj Alston Farm, Dereham Road – prior approval for change of use of an agricultural barn to a dwelling (within Class Q Permitted development). Comment submitted:

“The agricultural use 'evidence' for March 2013 is missing, merely that local Farmer Geoff Smith used it 2020/21”

Planning Authority Outcome: Prior Approval Granted

Financial:

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

(details on web-site)

Village and Highways Issues:

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- Receipt of Arboriculturalist survey: This was discussed and no immediate action needed. Remedial work to be taken in Spring.
- Road sliding into ditch along The Street – request to farmer to build up ditch to restore the edge. The clerk wrote to the landowner with no success. NCC Flood and Water Management to be asked to write.
- Grass cutting – investigate possibility of receiving delegated powers for the urban cutting. The clerk contacted NCC and it was found that there is no urban cutting in the parish so no further action will be taken.
- 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.

Whilst Highways will provide an estimate for this project, they expressed concerns that there is much work that would need to be done to reinforce the ditch and arrange safe crossing points which are likely to make the project cost prohibitive. It was agreed not to proceed at this time.

Policy Review:

The following were circulated prior to the meeting and agreed:

- Community Engagement Strategy,
- Complaints Procedure,
- FOI Publication Scheme / Core classes and documents,
- Media Relations Policy

(policies available on web-site)

Next Meeting:

16 Nov 7:30pm in the village hall.

PC Documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Church News

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

Services:

2 Oct – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Adrian Bell)
9 Oct – 10:30am	Café Church (JR-W) Followed by tea/coffee and cakes
16 Oct – 10:30am	Pet Service (JR-W)
23 Oct – 10:30am	Family Service (JR-W)
30 Oct – 10:30am	All Saints Day (JR-W)



A book of remembrance for the Queen is located in the Church.

Jean – 07749 870485

Memories – The Queen's ship

Jeremy Woods

I woke up as everything was silent and still. When you are in a ship at sea, you do not expect that! The ship was called Ceramic, belonging to the Shaw Savill line and we had just left Hobart after a 10 day wait to fill the holds with fruit. With my Mother and Sister, we were going home to the UK after 4 years in New Zealand, as my father was in the navy.

I stayed awake, wondering why the ship was not moving. In the early light I heard and felt the engines start and the ship began to move in the calm sea. The stop was still a mystery. However, at breakfast we met the Chief Engineer who explained the night's events.

Our ship was the sister ship to the Gothic owned by the same company. The Gothic was the Queen's ship, visiting Commonwealth countries in 1954. To guarantee reliability, better engine parts were swapped over from the Ceramic, creating a machinery reliability risk on our ship!

There were no more delays for us, as we travelled to Plymouth, via the rabbits on Table Mountain, in Cape Town, where Father came aboard.

Celebrating Friends

David Welsted

A night to remember ...

Saturday night, 3 September, was certainly a night to remember for all those who came along to support and enjoy Ovington's Charity Concert, Remembering Friends! Held in the packed church of St John's our local singers and musicians gave a superb performance (although I say so myself) of various musicals ranging from My Fair Lady, Oklahoma through to South Pacific and Phantom of the Opera.

Poems were also recited recalling the antics of our departed friends Steve Horton and Chris Lewis. That part was a time of reflection accompanied by photographs shown on the large screen at the front of the church – but the mood was quickly raised by everybody joining in with a medley of ABBA hits. The evening concluded with a “Karaoke” performance by everybody, singing and dancing ... YMCA!

The concert was conceived and organised by our own Linda Murray with many people chipping in to help with a raffle, an auction and later refreshments – all to raise money for the Big C Charity. It was a great success with over £3,000 collected and sent to the Big C.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



August 2022 amounted to 44mm or one and three quarters of an inch (1.75 ")

Until 23 September it has seen a bit more water from the sky, so far 35.5mm or 1.4". This has resulted in the lawns reverting back to their natural lush green and a proliferation of the more noxious weeds, can't win 'em all..

And finally ... Boy Sid

Anon

The boy Sid, you may know him from the Wayland News, came round the other day a bit upset because having just recovered from a debilitating illness, was getting into the swing of writing his usual squit in the WN only to find out that the October issue will be the last. He wondered if the Oracle would like some of his stuff in an abridged form. I gave him the editor's contacts and after a bit of discussion they have agreed that there might be room for some of his smaller offerings, so all is not lost on the Norfolk dialect front. Mind you some folk have not found it easy to interpret it into everyday English, try harder is the recommendation.

For an easy taster here's an excerpt from one of his earlier scribblings:

Horry an me hossed up tha rud an tuk a luk inna tha willage horl cos thar was a lotta row cummin owta tha door, cor blarst thet was a cowncil meetin an tha ole chairmawtha was givin wun o har cownsillers a reel gud tellin orf, cos thar was suffin he hent dun. She was wavin har ole woodin hammer abowt an we wos shure she was gonna gi him a rite dingin oova, poor blook he loked real frit and wos almoost reddy tew start blahrin his eyes owt. "Goo ter hell" sez Horry "She hed me down fer tew goo on tha cowncil larst munth, suffin glad I neva tuk har up on har offa" I tuk 'nutha luk at thet poor blook an cort Horry by tha lug an got him owta thar afore he got cort up in a rite ole barney. Thars a hint thar, doont goo onna tha cowncil if you want a long life.

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