

The Ovington Oracle

January, 2023



Happy New Year

Our next significant solar marker is perihelion on 4 January. This is the Earth's closest approach to the sun on its slightly elliptical orbit. It happens at 4:17pm to be ridiculously precise!

- >> My wife still hasn't told me what my New Year's resolutions are.
- >> What is a New Year's resolution?
Something that goes in one year and out the other.
- >> An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in.
A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.



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Village events this month:

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

Editor – Tim

This edition completes the eleventh year I have produced *The Ovington Oracle*. That is a long enough stint to suggest that if there is another willing volunteer I would be delighted to hand over the reins.

Under my editorship, editing is generally very light, mainly formatting, such as putting dates and time in the 'house' style and fixing the odd 'spefling' typo.

Constructive criticism is permitted alongside compliments, but this isn't Twitter and all comments must remain eminently cordial. If you feel something can be improved it is usual practice to step-up and volunteer with that organisation.

Over the years I have had a few totally anonymous contributions pushed through my letter box, they don't get printed! Contributors may ask to remain anonymous, but for fairly obvious reasons the editor must know their identity, even if they are attributed to 'anon' in print. Usually, this would be for modesty or amusement – exactly where does Boy Sid come from? Anonymous contributions, if accepted for publication, are likely to be more heavily scrutinised in the edit.

Appeal for contributions

The Oracle has no 'paid-for' advertising and is edited, printed and delivered by volunteers. Time and materials are donated freely.

Could you write a short piece for the Oracle?

- Found an unusual local location worth a visit?
- Have you got a special recipe to share?
- Grown something different?
- Maybe you have recycled or re-purposed some 'junk'? Tell us how.

Share it with us ... interesting snippets from real life add greatly to The Oracle, just 150 words makes an half page story. A black-and-white line drawing also adds to interest. Contact details on back page.

Finally, a thank you to the volunteers who deliver your Oracle every month.

Your Village Hall

We will be resuming the Monday coffee mornings in the village hall from the 2 January. This is an important means of fund raising to keep the hall going, while providing a hub for people to catch up with friends and neighbours over a hot drink and something indulgent! If you are relatively new to Ovington, it can be a way to break the ice and find out what's going on locally. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

Film Night

We are still hoping for more feedback on the possibility of starting film nights in the hall. It will only be viable if people are prepared to say in advance that they would be interested as it would involve borrowing or hiring equipment and ensuring payment of any licences.

2023 Opportunities

Creative Arts East have a programme of live shows available for 2023 including:

- The Opera Dudes – Oh What a Beautiful Evening!
- Lear – an inventive (and irreverent) solo adaptation;
- Poppyland Songs – a musical celebration of Norfolk history and folklore;
- And a new work by the author of 'John Peel's Shed' about his granddad's collection of the Radio Times.

The committee will be getting together soon to plan events for 2023, so let us know your ideas and preferences. There will be an opportunity at the AGM (usually late February) for people to join the committee and take an active role in what goes on or to air their views. More details next month.

Six go to Carbrooke

Bruce Smith

The second weekend of December, found six of us, Dave and Gill, Sue and Tony, Jude and myself, off to Carbrooke Village Hall to see the ABC Blues Brothers tribute act perform. Two other village people were meant to be with us, but sadly were unable to be with us due to illness. We wish them a speedy recovery.

On arrival, we were greeted by the friendly, smiling faces of a couple of committee members, a little banter was exchanged, and we were made very welcome by all. Through to the nice bar area, an area which throughout the evening was visited regularly, ensuring we helped to boost their takings! Into the nice main hall, a warm and welcoming place, a table was found quickly, and we made ourselves comfortable, for the show to begin.

The first set was a solo performance of a wide variety of songs, all good sing along stuff, which of course we did. This naturally added to our thirst, which meant more trips to the bar!

After the first set, there was a raffle, with a nice selection of prizes. This was drawn, with much fun and laughter, plenty of leg pulling. A jovial atmosphere that we had experienced all evening. I won a nice scented candle by default which was a bonus.

The second set was the Blues Brothers' set. A good selection of songs from the film, which again we all sang along to, causing more thirst – bet you can guess the next bit ... yes, bar!

After the guys had finished the Blues Brothers' set, it was straight into a set, which also took in requests from the audience: such was the range of the guys, that every single request was performed. Even at one point going straight from a Black Sabbath number to a Chas 'n' Dave song, something I think many 'big time' stars would struggle with to be fair! So lots of singing along, more thirst ... you now know the next bit!

All in all, a fantastic evening, much fun, great entertainment, nice venue, to which we were all welcomed by everybody there. Check out Carbrooke's Village Hall Facebook page, where all their events are well advertised. Tickets for their shows can be bought direct from the hall, which is a good excuse to just go. They are open every Friday evening, for a chat, and drink from the bar there – Dave and I did this a few weeks ago, on one Friday evening. Or they have an eTicket system,

whereby the tickets can be bought online.

We all agreed that we will certainly be taking in more of the shows that they put on there in the future. Recently, they had a Jersey Boys tribute act there, which sadly we were unable to go to, but talking to the committee, this too was a fantastic and successful evening for them.

Bruce

Church News

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



Services 2023:

1 Jan – 10:30am	Family Service (JR-W)
8 Jan – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Adrian Bell)
15 Jan – 10:30pm	Family Service (JR-W)
22 Jan – 10:30am	Family Service (JR-W)
29 Jan – 10:30am	Saham Toney Benefice Service
5 Feb – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Adrian Bell)

We enjoyed a wonderful Carol service on the third Sunday of December. The service was organised with 8 lessons and carols interspersed with the songs by Quality Corner. The church was beautifully decorated and the Christmas tree seemed pleased to be on display again. Another lovely service was held on Christmas day. Revd. Adrian Bell took the service and he remarked on how wonderfully our church had been decorated.

This month a Benefice Service has been organised at St George's church in Saham Toney on Sunday 29 January. All four churches in our benefice; Ashill, Carbrooke, Ovington and Saham Toney, will join together in worship of our Lord. There will be no service at Ovington on that day.

Jeremy and I were late in posting Christmas cards around the village and we chose the wettest day to do it! I apologise if you received a wet card, or if you didn't receive one. We are planning for next year and will start writing cards in October.

I look forward to seeing you all during 2023. I am licenced to take Communion to anyone who would like communion at home or cannot get to church. If you would like me to visit you then please ring me.

With love in Christ,

Jean – 07749 870485

Church Social Events:

The Allotment Group hold a coffee morning every Tuesday morning from 10:30am in the church whilst the weather is too inclement to hold them at the allotment. When the warmer weather comes again in the spring they will return to the allotment for their Tuesday get together. If you fancy a coffee, tea or homemade cake I am sure that they will make you feel very welcome.

Don't forget that coffee mornings are also held in the village hall every Monday from 10:30am.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



The rain fall for November 2022 was 103.5mm or just over 4", making up for the previous dry spell.

At 21 December the readings so far is 12.5mm or 1". Sadly a large deer has trampled on my best rain gauge so my secondary gauge is being used and its accuracy is not 100%.

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary

Next Meeting: 18 Jan 2023, 7:30pm in the village hall.

Future meetings: 15 March, 17 May (AGM), 19 July, 20 September and 15 November

PC Documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Boy Sid (and Horry)...

'Anon'

Well tergitha, har yew gittin on, hope yew dint git too cold oova tha larst week or tew, cor hent hed a frorst like that fer menny a year. Cos years agoo evra winter wos like that, an I remember bein frooze up for a cuppla months or more, hed tew light a fire round tha ole pump inna tha yard tew git sum water fer tha kitchin. Cos thet wos soo cold tha ole snow kep hanging about fer weeks. I shink sum onya kin remember that year. I rekkun we're gittin sorft tha days. I hear yung Brody's still playin a blinder he hent scored so menny goals of leart, but he's kep his team mearts fed wi balls so they kin git 'em in tha net. Tha team hev scored severn wunce or twice of leart.

Dint I tell yer thet me an Horry missed tha larst cownsil meetin, an he say tew me heed sort it owt wi' tha ole chairmawtha. He dint dew much of a job cos she collared hold of me up tha street an gi me a rite ole ear bashin, cos I'd sed I wos gooin tew be thar. I dint git charnce tew say a wud cos she neva let up fer jist abowt half hour, by now half the street wos on tha rood orl enjoyin har performance. Betta than tha ole televisson, I rekkun. I got a new calendar so I betta write down tha date o tha nex meetin in red ink.

Horry say tew me he say "I're gotta speshul brew fer Chrismus" he say "I'll bring a drop or tew rownd an yew kin tell me wot yew think onnit" Thas a cuppla wiks agoo an I'm still weartin, so I shell hafta goo down tha pub an git a bottle or tew tew have by me fer my Chrismus dinna, if I hent bunt it tew a cinda. I hent yit got tha hang o tha cookin lark, thars allus tha chip shop iffen I git owt o grub in tha pantry, yis still got wun o those, bin in tha famly fer many years, duz me orlrite. Looks like I're run owt of time agin, so jist in cears yew hent hed yore Chrismus yit, dew yew hev a goodun an dunt fergit "Dew yew kip a troshin"

orl tha best from Boy Sid

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