

The Ovington Oracle

February, 2023

As the days are noticeably lengthening, spring is definitely on the way.

I am reminded of a third-century Roman saint who is commemorated on 14 February, St Valentine ...



Robert Burns

(1759-1796)

February Days

My luvie is like a red red rose
That's newly sprung in June;
O my Luve's like the melodie
That's sweetly play'd in tune;

As fair art thou, my bonnie lass,
So deep in luvie am I;
And I will luvie thee still, my dear,
Till a' the seas gang dry;

Till a' the seas gang dry, my dear,
And the rocks melt wi' the sun;
I will luvie thee still, my dear,
While the sands o' life shall run.

And fare thee weel, my only Luve
And fare thee weel, a while!
And I will come again, my Luve,
Tho' it were ten thousand mile.

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Village events this month:

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 VH	24	25	26 C
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VH:Village Hall, PC:Parish Council, C:Church, (p):see page p

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

Village Hall (VH)

Christine Reilly

AGM

The AGM will take place at 7:00pm on Thursday 23 February, followed by tea & coffee. The hall is run by a committee of Trustees, all volunteers, on behalf of the village. While new volunteers are always welcome, we also want your ideas: tell us what you want to see happening in your village hall.

Programme

A programme of events has been planned for the next 6 months as follows.

- Sunday 23 April – Afternoon Tea (with entertainment)
- Sunday 7 May – The Big Lunch to celebrate the Coronation
- Friday 23 June – Quiz evening
- Saturday 8 July – Supper evening (theme to be decided)
- Saturday 12 August – Village BBQ

There will also be a joint festive event, with the Church, on Saturday 18 November.

We hope to welcome back to Ovington the Opera Dudes, who wowed us all with their wide-ranging vocal talents a few years back.

With regard to the Coronation celebrations, we aim to provide a free slap-up tea party for the village at the village hall, with plenty of fun and games. However, we need a firm idea of numbers in order to be able to do this, as the weather in early May is not reliable and we may have to move everything indoors at the last minute! Committee members from the village hall will visit households in person to find out who wants to participate in the Big Lunch.

Finally, we are all being told to become more active and not everyone enjoys going to the gym! We have equipment for carpet bowls and would welcome any interest in afternoon or evening bowls sessions. The village hall has sufficient space for other activities and could purchase equipment for indoor curling (which can even be done sitting down) or table tennis. Please let us know your views at the AGM.

Litter Pick 2023

Timothy Birt



Advanced notice, the litter pick equipment has been booked for 1 April – we should be on guard for April Fool pranks, but that is the way the calendar falls!

More details to follow and I'll also post something at:

www.ovington.org.uk/litter

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk)

A report from the unconfirmed minutes of meeting held 18 January.

Present: Cllrs Karen Weir (KW), Timothy Birt (TB), Jeremy Woods (JW) and Dave Welsted (DW)

In attendance: The Clerk, DC Crane

Apologies: Pete Bate, CC Bowes

Planning:

Applications

- 3PL/2022/1436/F: Jen Dee Farm, Red Hill Lane – retention of log cabin style dwelling. Councillors had no objection to retention, however the PC requests that consideration be given to making it conditional on improving the energy efficiency to bring the building up to modern housing standards.

Notifications

- 3DC/2022/0322//DOC: Barn adjacent to Alston Farm, Dereham Road. Discharge of conditions on 3PN/2022/0019/UC. COMPLETE
- 3DC/2022/0290/DOC: Chanticleer, Annex, Dereham Road – Discharge of conditions on 3PL/2021/021/F. COMPLETE

Accounts and Precept:

There was discussion with careful consideration given to the recent cost-of-living rise. It was agreed that the Parish Precept will remain at £5,433, zero increase for 2023/24. While this may constrain future project funding it was not felt it would excessively curtail the PC's aspirations.

Councillors reviewed and agreed payments to be made, full details on PC web-site, see below.

Highways or Village Issues:

TB is looking to meet with NCC Highways Engineer to discuss issues in the parish.

A resident has expressed concern about speeding within the village. It was agreed that speeding in the village be raised with the police at their SNAP meeting. TB to attend the next meeting if possible and request assistance. Clerk to report to the Police.

The village litter pick is provisionally agreed to be held on 1 April. TB to book equipment.

A traffic survey will be completed during the spring (JW).

Public Participation:

DC's Birt and Crane shared their reports which are available on the website. DC Crane asked if the Parish had considered formulating an emergency plan. It was noted that this was considered recently however the response was very poor.

Next Meeting: 15 March 2023, 7:30pm in the village hall.

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

PC Documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Church News

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

St. John the Evangelist, Ovington



Services:

5 Feb – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Adrian Bell)
12 Feb – 10:30pm	Family Service (JR-W)
19 Feb – 10:30am	Family Service (JR-W)
26 Feb – 10:30am	Family Service (JR-W)
5 Mar – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Adrian Bell)

The weather has been quite cold, but we are continuing to hold services in our village church. Jeremy and I are going to the church early each week to put the heating on so that it will be a bit warmer for you all.

We are still without a permanent Vicar/incumbent. Your PCC attended a meeting last month to put forward our village requirements for the benefit of our village.

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 village church.

Coffee mornings every Monday at 10:30am in the Village Hall.

4 March – Book Sale in the Village church at 10:30am – 12 noon.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



Rainfall for December was 46mm or 1.8"

Giving us a total for the year 2022 of 532.5mm or 21 inches, which is a bit down on previous years, no surprise there.

At 20 January, the monthly total so far stands at 48mm or 1.9"

Boy Sid (and Horry)...

'Anon'

Evenin orl, Boy Tim hev sed I'm orl ahind wi my contribooshun so I're hed tew git my little ole gel tew get tha ole poota agooin tew git suffin down. Yew orl kippin well an hint froze up, cor thas bin suffin cold tha larst week hent it I must be gitten sorft cos wen I wos workin this wos the time fer gitten tha ole beet up an thet warnt tha best job wen thet was cold like this. I hent bin tew sharp o leart so I're missed owt on a lot of tha gooins on in tha willage, so hent got a lot of juicy tearls to tell yer. I got wrong agin cos I missed tha ole cowncil meetin, an when I saw tha ole chairmawther cumming up my path tha otha day I jist hid up an she giv up arta a lot o bangin on tha door. I don't think Horry got away withowt an ear bashin tho'. I wanted tew goo along cos I're gittin concerned about tha traffic wos gooin tew farst thru tha willage o leart, I hent got enny idee wot they're in sich a tearin hurry for, why dunt they jist start owt a bit arlier is wot I say. I did hev a word wi boy Tim, cos heeze on tha cownsil, but I hent hard nothin back yit so dew thet mean thet orl tha wuns beltin thru' are on tha cownsil. I shoont think so.

Yew'll nootis I're put my nearm at tha top o this bit, cos sum onnya hent got enny idee who the blook A, Non is, nor me tew be honest, I jist hoop he ent tew raw fer hevin his name left orf.

Tell yew wun thing abowt tha frorst tho thas whooly made tha ole parsnips tearst better, yew carnt beat a bit o deep freeze tew gi them a bit more flavour. Tha searm goo fer sprowts, thas if yew grow yore own an I'm shore up tha 'lottomints thar hev a row or tew gitten ripe fer pickin.

Sum while agoo we hed a new young lad cum ontew tha darts team, an when he arsked where we wos playin next, an I tell him thas wun of our ole 'ponints at tha Dutty Duck. So he say "I hent hard o thet pub afore , whar is it" so I sat tew him I say "Waal thas owt in tha fens nigh tew Downhan" When next we wos in tha pub havin a bit o practis he say tew me he say "I're looked thet pub up on tha intanet" he say "an I can't find it" AR" I say "Try yew tha Black Swan thas tha same wun, only we call it tha Dutty Duck cos thet git em orl riled up an they git so's thar carnt throw a dart fer tuppence" True enuff we beat 'em an tha ole boy did well won three of his ends.

Waal I rekkun thas abowt my lot fer now, jist hoop thars more tew tell nex munth. So fare yew well tergetha an dunt ferfgit, Dew yew kip a troshin.

I forgot tew tellya abowt our young football star, young Brodie ,waal heeze still knockin a few onnem in but tha weatha's bin agin tha team jist lately. Fust orf one pitch was all sodden wet an since then tha ole grownds have bin froze solid, bit like playin on concrete. I know that when tha weatha turns he'll be knockin 'em in like no bizness.

orl tha best from Boy Sid

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