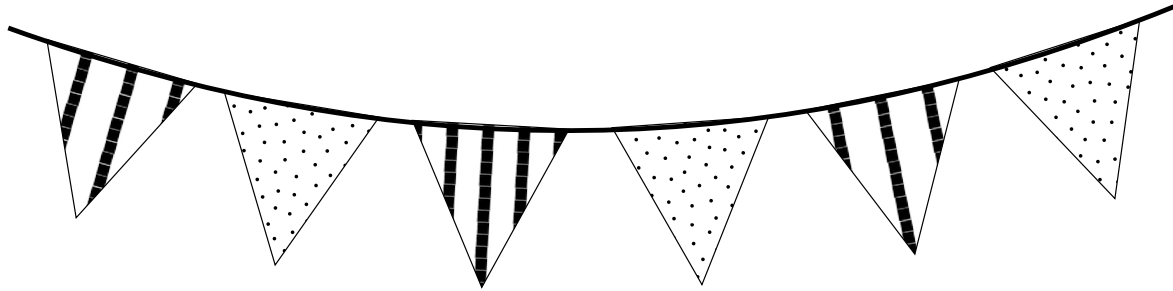


The Ovington Oracle

May, 2023



Join us for *THE BIG LUNCH!*

Ovington residents, you are invited to:

Coronation Celebrations

BBQ, Buffet, BYOB, Fun & Games

Where & when:

Ovington Village Hall,

Sunday 7 May, 12:00 noon

RSVP: Please Text or Call

07774939315 or 07880935765

(Please only contact one of us to avoid duplicating)

Crown Competition



Design and make a crown at home

Bring it to *THE BIG LUNCH* for a chance to win a prize

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Village events this month:

| Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | Sun |
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Parish Council: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Oracle back copies: ovington.org.uk/oracle

Village Information: ovington-village.org.uk

Local elections Thursday 4 May

Editor

The Parish Council election was 'uncontested' but there are three candidates for the two seats to represent us as District Councillors:

BATE, Peter Kevin (Green Party)
8 The Street, **Ovington**, Thetford, Norfolk, IP25 6RX

CRANE, Helen Susan (Local Conservatives)
Meadow Bank, Carbrooke Lane, **Shipdham**, Norfolk, IP25 7RP

SAWYER, David Robert Mullenger (Local Conservatives)
School Lodge, The Green, **Caston**, Attleborough, Norfolk, NR17 1DB

You may vote for one or two (or none) of the candidates. Our polling station is at The Village Hall on Church Road, which opens 7:00am and closes at 10:00pm. The ballot boxes will be sealed and the count takes place on Friday 5 May.

I will give a report the full result in next month's Ovington Oracle

Photo Identification



To vote at a polling station, new rules apply and you will need photo ID. There are many forms of acceptable ID, especially for older people, but fewer options for younger people.

An expired passport or driving licence is acceptable, however the photo must still "look like you", there is no guidance as to how good a likeness!

For a full list see:

[www.electoralcommission.org.uk/
i-am-a/voter/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id/accepted-forms-photo-id)

Church News

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

St. John the Evangelist, Ovington



Services:

| | |
|------------------|------------------------------|
| 7 May – 10:30am | Holy Communion (Adrian Bell) |
| 14 May – 10:30pm | Family Service (JR-W) |
| 21 May – 10:30am | Family Service (JR-W) |
| 28 May – 10:30am | Family Service (JR-W) |
| 4 June – 10:30am | Holy Communion (Adrian Bell) |

Spring definitely sprang for us here in Ovington. We have had some lovely warm weather during April with showers of rain allowing plants and bulbs to continue springing up everywhere. Grass is growing well and I must thank our lovely grass mowers who not only have mown the grass around the village hall and church graveyard, but have allowed an area at the south of the church to go wild and already cowslips are showing their beauty.

We had a lovely Easter Sunday service last month and a sweet little girl called Hariett enjoyed the after-service Easter Egg Hunt. She had great fun and managed to find all the Easter Eggs which were hidden in different parts of our church. The adults who attended enjoyed a cup of coffee and homemade cakes.

Our Sunday services continue as normal during May and I look forward to seeing you at our Coronation celebrations.

With love in Christ,

Jean – 07749 870485

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



Total rainfall for March was 48mm or 1.9" the same as the amount printed last month.

As of 21 April, we have had 59mm or 2.3", just hope it doesn't all dry up as it did last year.

Messages

Villagers

Coffee Morning for East Anglian Air Ambulance

Hi Everyone!

I am on the scrounge again asking anyone with unwanted gifts or any bottles to donate for a tombola prize. I am holding a coffee morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 22 July , 10:00am until 2:00pm for EAAA. Everyone is welcome to join us and support this amazing charity. Also a big plea for anyone to make cakes for me to sell or serve with tea/coffee on the day.

Any gifts, etc, please leave at 25 The Street.

Many thanks,

Jane Lambert



Sporting Update

Our young football ace hasn't been knocking in the goals lately as the season has concluded. However as I write this he is keeping his feet in by playing in a friendly, don't know how well he performed as yet. He is also continuing his intensive training sessions two evenings a week, learning about the tactics of the game as a whole, not just how to put goals in the back of the net. Go for it Brody.

Rod Rumsby



Walk in aid of The Stroke Association

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who sponsored me for the 100 mile walk in March which I did for The Stroke Association, raising £350

Thank-you,

Jane Lambert



Available to Ovington Parish residents

Plain field/garden wire, barbed wire, large square mesh wire, posts in various conditions!

The Crown, The Street (tel: 01953-883953)

Jeremy Woods

Events feedback

Timothy Birt

Litter Pick

It certainly wasn't an April fool with a fantastic turn out for the annual village litter pick, so many attended that I ran out of equipment! All of the Parish Council kit and all of the borrowed Breckland kit was used and a large pile of litter collected.

Thanks to all who attended and also those who contributed to the refreshments at the Village Hall afterwards.



The group picture isn't everyone as some were already out in 'North Ovington' and more even turned up a few minutes later, about 35 of us in total.

I have attended litter picks in some other places and Ovington has always had the largest turnout by far, this year we excelled.

Coffee,
Cake &
A Warm
Welcome!



You Are Warmly Invited To
Our Weekly Coffee Mornings,
At Ovington Village Hall
Mondays at 10.30am
Everyone Welcome, Just Pop
Along & Pay Just £1
Registered Charity Number 1038889

Annual Parish Meeting

Heidi Frary (Clerk)

The Annual Parish Meeting of Ovington will be held at Ovington Village Hall on 17 May 2023 at 7:30pm

THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held in May 2022
3. Matters Arising
4. Reports from Local Organisations
 - Parish Council.....Karen Weir
 - Village Hall.....Bruce Smith
 - Fuel Trust.....Lyndia Lewis
 - Ovington Church.....Jean Rockett-Woods
 - Allotment Association....Mike Howes
 - Ovington Oracle.....Tim Birt
 - District CouncillorsTim Birt / Helen Crane
 - County CouncillorClaire Bowes
 - Ovington Navy.....Jeremy Woods
5. Any Other Business

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk)

Next Meeting: 17 May (AGM), 7:30pm in the village hall.

Future meetings: 19 July, 20 September and 15 November

PC Documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Village Hall (VH)

Bruce Smith

Well, another busy month with hall improvements, the lovely ladies of the Tues sewing group made us some lovely curtains and matching cushion to hang in the foyer, and on the comfy chair in there. They have also supplied and hung curtains in the back room – known as the ‘committee room’. A massive thank you to the ladies for their lovely work, and the support they are showing our village hall.

The Big Lunch – Coronation Celebrations 7 May

Plans are well advanced at time of writing this, for what promises to be a fun day for all the residents of Ovington. There will BBQ, food, kid’s games and activities to do, adult games, music, a crown making competition for the kids, so please get your children making a crown, to be judged on the day. There will be prizes for all sorts of things, plus a few free giveaways for the children, and maybe even the odd adult ? Keep an eye out for the timetable of when the various activities will approx. be happening.

We do need to know if all intend to come however, so that we can cater for you. Every home in the village has received an invitation by early April, please reply ASAP or you may miss out on the free BBQ. The event is a BYOB – bring your own bottle (or however many you need) of your desired tipple.

A couple of notes that we do need to bring to your attention. ALL children MUST be accompanied by an adult, this is a strict rule, for everybody’s safety.

The second note is that with the front car park being used for the celebrations, only the smaller rear car park will be available. So, we ask that ONLY people with mobility issues drive to the hall. Remember that a lovely stroll through our beautiful village is always a joy, so please leave your car at home, and think of those less mobile than yourself.

Monday Coffee

With the mention of the coffee mornings these really are going from strength to strength, so if you get a chance, please come along between 10:30 and 12:00, enjoy cake, chat, and banter with your neighbours, along with unlimited tea or coffee, all for one pound each !!

NEW: Yoga Classes – starting 23 May

Every Tuesday 7-8:00pm

£8 per class, with discounts available for block bookings.

More details at: www.yogavision.co.uk (mobile: 07803028815)

The Opera Dudes – 27 May

Do not be put off by the word Opera, it is just what the guys call themselves. It is an evening of varied music styles, and gentle humour. When they performed here a few years ago, it was a very well received sell out show. Their show this time is called 'O what a beautiful evening, we are sure it will be. Tickets can be arranged by texting or calling 07928 337528. Of course, they can also be purchased at the regular Monday morning coffee mornings too. Tickets £12 each, including a free drink.

Afternoon Tea

Well, what a fantastic afternoon it turned out to be on the 23 April, when the new committee held the first event of this year. The hall was packed with guests, who had travelled from surrounding areas, as well as residents of Ovington. The hall looked stunning, decked out in colourful bunting, beautifully decorated tables, and the food was simply superb. The atmosphere was buzzing, lovely to hear good conversations and laughing returning to hall. We have had nothing but great feedback, both on the day, via our Facebook page, and in person afterwards.

Thanks must go to Christine Moss for overseeing the arrangements, and the team who worked very hard with her, including the music, support, and welcoming 'staff'. Fantastic job everybody. A nice sum was raised towards the upkeep of our village hall too.

Plans and Diary Dates

Friday 23 June, 7:30 we will be holding a games and social evening. Come along, bring a drink of your choosing, tea and coffee will be available too.

Saturday 1 July will see what promises to be the best summer Craft Fair we have ever held, one not to miss for sure. Starts at 11:00am.

Saturday 8 July, will be a quiz night, you will not need to be some sort of Mastermind, or such like. This is a fun quiz night.

12 August will see the annual Village Hall BBQ so that is a big one for your diary for sure.

The Season Kicks Off!

We didn't expect this, rain, rain and more rain. Intermittent sunshine, high winds, rain and frosts are certainly unwelcome bedfellows for bees. Probably, the most dangerous time of year, no nectar flow and fluctuating temperatures could catch out a small colony. If there are insufficient bees to form a meaningful clump, they're as good as dead! Dead-outs are common.

Hedgerows are beginning to green up and flower. Anxious beekeepers keep a beady eye on weather conditions, hoping temperatures reach the magic 15 degrees Celsius! This is when beekeepers can confidently start to conduct inspections, looking for queens, checking for disease and getting a 'health' update on their colonies.

Constructing 'supers' and cleaning equipment has been the main focus of attention. Supers are shallow boxes used to collect honey; these sit atop the brood box (where the queen and larvae live). As the weather warms up the queen will raise her game, laying 2000 eggs per day. As the population explodes supers are added to give space for the ever-expanding colony.

Each brood box is scorched and scraped removing burr comb and propolis! This also helps to rid the hive of wax moth, after 6 months the place has gone to pot! Occasionally beekeepers can find mice living in the brood box!

Asian Giant Hornets- beekeepers don't want these appearing in their apiaries. Each year one or two make it across the Channel but as climate change continues to warm up our environment it won't be long before these monsters are a common site in our gardens.

European Hornets are already frequent visitors to our hives picking off bees as they come back home loaded with pollen. Hornet queens beware, the traps are set!

Drone On! (Drones are male bees and do very little)



VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS



TO HIRE THE HALL PLEASE CONTACT LYNDIA - 01953 882222

**£12 PER HR TO THE WIDER COMMUNITY,
£6 PER HR IF YOU ARE AN OVINGTON RESIDENT**

The Ovington Crower

'Anon'

Har yew gittin on tergitha, hent gittin a lot warma hev it. Horry cum rownd last wik an sed "Dew yew cum rownd mine Sid an see wot I're found" "Wos thet then" I say. "Niva mind, jist yew cum an hev a look" So off we went an got tew his shed where this ole sheet wos draped ova suffin. "Wot dew yew rekkun o thissun Sid" he say as he pulled tha ole sheet away. Cor blarst me thar was this ole motor bike. "Go tew hell, thas niva yore ole bike from when we wos yunguns, ware'd yew find thet" "Thas bin at tha back o my shed orl tha years, hid ahind sum ole rubbitsh" "Dew she still cog?" I say tew him "Ihint tried it yit" he say "Thet'll want a bit o tricolatin fust, afore I Kick har oova" "Goo tew hell, were dun sum miles on har Horry, thas knocking on a bit must be wuth a fortoon by now" "Huh" he say "Thas part o tha famly I hent gittin rid o har, dew yew cum back nex week arta I're clent har up a bit, an we'll see if we kin git har gooin agin, got git sum oil an petrol in har an orl an pump tha tyres up" " Can't wait tew here her runnin agin, blarst she yewsed tew rattle tha winders when we opened har up, yew'll hatter git a licence an insurance afore we goo on tha rud" "Waal I niva had them afore Sid, so I probly shant botha tha time"

Orl tha best from boy Sid.

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