

# *The Ovington Oracle*

June, 2023



The summer solstice is on Wednesday, 21 June 2023, at 3:57pm BST to be precise. In the astronomical calendar that marks the start of summer.

No doubt there will be stuff going on at Stonehenge.

With UV levels rising, remember:



SLIP on some sun-protective clothing.

SLOP on some broad spectrum, water resistant SPF30+ (or greater) sunscreen.

SLAP on a hat to protect your face, head, neck and ears.

SEEK shade from the sun wherever possible, especially between 10:00am and 3:00pm when the UV is at its peak.

SLIDE on some polarised sunglasses.

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### Village events this month:

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

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

Parish Council: [ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home](http://ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home)

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## Local election results

*Editor*

The **Parish Council** election was 'uncontested', congratulations on the re-election of:

Karen Weir

Pete Bate

David Welsted

Jeremy Woods

and Timothy Birt (co-opted).

At the **Breckland District Council** election of the Saham Toney ward (which includes Ovington and Scoulton, Carbrooke and Bradenham) election congratulations to Pete Bate (Green) and the re-election of Helen Crane (Conservative).

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## Recipe of the Month

*Lyndia Lewis*

### **Lyndia's Sausage Rolls**

- 6oz Butter
- 8oz Plain flour
- Approx 4 fluid oz Water

This recipe needs to be started the day before you need it by putting the wrapped butter in the freezer for 24-hours.

The next day sift the flour into a bowl and grate the butter into it (cheese grater side). This has to be done fairly quickly as the warmth of your hand will melt the butter. Stir butter into flour, add water a little at a time.

Wrap in cling film place in fridge for a couple of hours. This again is to make sure the butter chills back down after handling. Roll and use to wrap your filling.

Personally I like sausage rolls warm, I cannot believe they taste the same cold. Enjoy

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## Annual Parish Meeting

*Heidi Frary (Clerk)*

Thirteen members of the public attended the Annual Parish Meeting of Ovington held at the Village Hall on 17 May and heard reports and asked questions from Local Organisations:

Parish Council.....Karen Weir  
Village Hall.....Marie Ana Cave  
Fuel Trust.....Lyndia Lewis  
Ovington Church.....Jean Rockett-Woods  
Allotment Association....Mike Howes  
Ovington Oracle.....Tim Birt  
District Councillors .....Tim Birt (out-going) / Helen Crane  
County Councillor .....Claire Bowes  
Ovington Navy.....Jeremy Woods

Followed by tea and biscuits and cake!

All written reports are available at:

[ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home/2023](https://ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home/2023)

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## Rainfall

*Rod Rumsby*



The eventual total for April was 62mm or 2.6"

As of 22 May there has been 47mm or 1.8". The forecast for the next few days is for continued fine weather, so I might close down the weather station and take a few days recuperating from an excess of mathematical calculations.

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## Church News

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

### St. John the Evangelist, Ovington

#### Services:

- 4 June – 10:30am Holy Communion (Adrian Bell)
- 11 June – 10:30pm Family Service (JR-W)
- 18 June – 10:30am Family Service (JR-W)
- 25 June – 6:00pm Hymns for a Summer Evening (JR-W)
- 2 July – 10:30am Family Service (JR-W)



Our churchyard continues to look neat and tidy, many thanks to our villagers who spend time mowing the grass, not only in our churchyard but also around our village hall.

Our Coronation celebrations went well and it was lovely to have the village children, plus a few grandchildren, who attempted to do the church quiz looking for different carvings in wood and stone and a few other pieces of church decoration which had been printed on A4 sheet.

Well done to those who managed to find all the items.

I bought Coronation mugs for each of the village children. I apologise if you have not received yours yet as I had to order a few extra mugs as I miscounted how many children we have in the village. If your child/children have still not received a mug then please either ring or text me on my mobile phone and I will be round as soon as possible.

Our Sunday services continue as normal during June except for 25th June where there will be no morning service and instead of this we will be holding a 6pm Service singing Hymns for a Summer Evening. I hope that you will be able to join us as we will be singing Hymns suitable for children.

With love in Christ,

Jean – 07749 870485

We are planning to hold another Book and knick-knacks sale at the church from 11:00am on Saturday, 1 July. There will also be cakes and refreshments if you so desire.

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## Parish Council (PC)

*Heidi Frary (Clerk)*

A report from the unconfirmed minutes of the meeting 17 May meeting.

**Present:** Cllrs Karen Weir (KW), Pete Bate (PB), Tim Birt (TB), Dave Welsted (DW) and Jeremy Woods (JW).

**In attendance:** The Clerk, CC Bowes, DC Crane and 2 members of the public.

### **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:**

PB proposed Karen Weir as Chair, this was seconded by DW. There were no other nominations and KW accepted. She completed her declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

DW proposed Pete Bate as Vice-chair, this was seconded by JW. There were no other nominations and PB accepted.

### **To co-opt onto the Council:**

It was unanimously agreed that Tim Birt should be co-opted onto the Council. He duly signed his declaration of acceptance of office.

### **Matters Arising:**

TB reported that he met with Matt Lines, Highways to address issues in the Parish. Trod defects have been identified and will be addressed when possible. Potholes have been reported via the Highways line and will be filled as funding allows.

TB was due to attend the SNAP meeting in April via Teams however was not admitted from the waiting room. He has emailed to complain and not received a response. However he will follow this up and attend a future meeting.

### **End of Year Financial Matters:**

Councillors reviewed, agreed and signed:

- Statement of Internal Control, General Risk Assessment and Financial Regulations.
- Internal Auditor's Report, Asset Register and Financial Summary for 2022/23
- Certificate of Exemption and Annual Statement of Governance 2022/23

- Annual Accounting Statement 2022/23

### **Correspondence:**

Letter from a resident expressing concerns over visibility when joining the B1075 from the village. There was discussion and any suggestions to address this issue will be considered at a future meeting.

### **Planning applications:**

3PL/2023/0280/F: Barn adj Alston Farm – erection of dwelling. No PC comments submitted

Planning notifications from Breckland were noted

### **Payment of Accounts and Precept update:**

Councillors reviewed and agreed payments to be made (list on website).

### **Future Business:**

A branch overhanging the road was reported. It was noted that this is the landowner's responsibility. However, if the issue is not resolved, the clerk can write a letter to inform the landowner of the issue.

A resident has requested that the provision of play equipment be considered. There was discussion and it was agreed that the cost and insurance implications mean that it is not viable at the current time.

There will be a youth club opening in the village which will provide activities for children within the village.

There will be a traffic survey in the next four weeks

**Next Meeting: 19 July, 7:30pm** in the village hall.

Future meetings: 20 September and 15 November

PC Documents at: [ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home](https://ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home)

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## Village Hall (VH)

*Bruce Smith*

Another great month for the village hall, with events happening, events being planned, and a little more maintenance on our lovely 1855 village hall. More of which is planned over the next few months to maintain and preserve the building which means so much to us. On that note we have to thank Jane for the donation of the lovely sign for the main car park to replace those that were looking rather weather beaten.

By the time you read this the Opera Dudes would have performed their show called 'Oh what a beautiful evening'. Hopefully we can bring you a report on that next month.

### **The Big Lunch**

What can be said other than WOW, what a great day to celebrate the Coronation of our new King.

All the groups within the committee, and the volunteers worked very hard planning the day, setting up, the day itself, and pulling down the following day. There was a BBQ, games for both adults and children, children's activities both inside and outside of the hall, quizzes on the tables for all to try their knowledge. A crown competition, judged by our newly elected Breckland councillor Pete Bate.

We even laid on an impromptu bee keeping demonstration, by the Oracle's own bee keeper, Richard, as he retrieved a swarm from the church wall facing the village hall. This was very fascinating for those that watched, thank you Richard.

It was fantastic to see so, so many Ovington residents joining us, many of whom we had the pleasure of greeting for the first time at an event. The event went on into the evening with everybody enjoying socialising and making new friends, or enjoying the company of old friends.

It was lovely to have so many people thanking us for a great event as they left. For me in particular I was very touched by one of our lovely village 'elders' saying to me that it was the best event we have had in the village for some years. That not only blew me away, but also means we have laid down a marker for future events, LOL.

### **Yoga**

After requests from some residents, we investigated arranging yoga classes, a contact was found, negotiations done, and I'm happy to say



that classes have begun of Tuesday evenings between 7pm and 8pm. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age or abilities. I'm told they are going well and being enjoyed by all. So why not give it a go.

### **Youth Club**

We are in the early stages of organising a youth club at the village hall, which will be held on a Friday evening, once a month, as yet undecided which one. To this end, the ladies who will be running the youth club, have met with an officer from Breckland District Council, who has inspected the hall, and is very happy with that (of course !), and has seen that Safeguarding, First aiders, and DBS checks are all in place for the running of such. They went away very happy with what they had seen and heard. The BDC officer has promised to look into what support they can offer the youth club, and will be getting back in touch, in due course.

### **Future Events**

We have the social and games (table top) evening on Friday Evening 23 June from 7:30pm onwards. A great chance to have a get together with our friends and neighbours. There will be tea and coffee available, or of course you can BYOB if you fancy something a little stronger. It will be just £2 each to help cover costs. Look out for the posters in the village notice boards, or of course keep fully up to date via our Facebook page.

On the 1 July, the Mega craft fair is on. This promises to be the best ever, with tables inside and outside, sellers we have never seen in the village before. Again keep an eye out for the advertising, and Facebook updates.

Later, on 22 July, between 10:00am and 2:00pm, we have an event, raising money for a cause that is close to many of our hearts, raising money for the East Anglian Air Ambulance, such a worthy cause. This will take the form of a Coffee Plus! There will be a tombola stall, Bric a Brac stall, a craft stall, and of course tea, coffee, and cakes. This is being arranged by Jane, if you have ever been to one of her events before, you will know how good, and worthwhile they are.

We are very pleased to have arranged the very talented, recording artist Dan Star to perform for us at the village hall on Friday evening 6 Oct. So please save the date, and keep a close eye out for when the tickets go on sale later this year. The tickets are sure to sell out very quickly. Check Dan out on either Facebook or YouTube, you won't be disappointed !

Remember that our regular coffee mornings are on every Monday, and are well attended by all that can. Always plenty of treats and cakes are on offer, with unlimited tea or coffee. A great social meeting to start your week if you can make it. From around 10:30am to 12noon, and all for £1!

The book, CD, and DVD is going well in the foyer, with items turning over at a nice steady pace, so whenever the hall is open, please just pop in and browse whatever is available at the time, take or exchange something that catches your eye.

Remember to check those village notice boards, or our Facebook page, should you be a user of that media, for the latest info, on what is happening at YOUR hall.

Have you got an event, wedding, birthday, christening, or whatever that you would like to hire the hall for, just call Lyndia on 07860 638125 to discuss hiring the hall, there are very good rates for the residents of Ovington.



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## Messages

Villagers

### Special Thanks

Thanks to all who helped make the “Big Lunch” such a success, with a special thanks to Christine Reilly and Marie Ana Cave for the work they put in behind the scenes beforehand and by managing to secure a full £500 grant, without which it would not have been so much of a success.

David Welsted



### For Sale – new laminate flooring

3 unopened packs of Gladstone dark oak laminate flooring, easy to fit, over ordered! Each pack will cover 1.996m<sup>2</sup>, so in total just under 6m<sup>2</sup> (64ft<sup>2</sup>).

£27.92 a pack in B&Q, £50 for all three.

Please ring 01953 882222

Lyndia Lewis



[ **Editor:** *I thought Boy Sid was reserved for the back cover, but he seems to have crept in here too with a football report! ]*

### Football report of Ovington stars

Waal I gotta tell yew tha boy Brody hev bin knockin them in, moostly in friendly gearms cos tha league hev finished. Thar wos a football ternamint tha otha week and wi thutty teams orl playin hard thet kep tha yunguns busy. Brody's team won moost of thar gearms an cum forth overorl, corse he kep tha scoring up by eetha knockin em in or settin up his teem mearts fer them tew score, he dun well, good onnya boy, kip em cumin.

Boy Sid

# The Ovington Crower

*'Boy Sid'*

Hullo orl yew ole boys an gels har yew gitten on, bin a bit warmer o leart hent it. Waal I was tellin yew afore abowt Horry findin our ole mootabike, I was gooin tew say har we got tha ole thing in tha fust plearce. Horry niva had a reglar job but he yewsed tew pick up a job with hooeva needed a man , he cud work hard when tha money was rite. Ole John B had a smallish job at Thetford in tha army stores an took Horry on as a labrer. Waal Horry took a look rown in his lunch break an come acrorst a cuppla big ole shuds full o army lorries an wun of mootabikes. He sed tew tha blook in charge "Wos gooin to happin tew these" he say. Tha blook sez thar wos orf tew aukshun but thar niva meard enny money. Horry say dew yew wanta meak a bob or tew on tha quiet like, I'll gi yew a cuppla quid for wun onnem. A cuppla quid in them days was nearly a weeks pay, tha blook he say he dassnt dew thet, so Horry he say tha blook orta think abowt it. Tha nex day tha blook corled Horry oova an sez thars wun more bike thar than wos on the inventory, har yew gooin tew git har away if we dew a deal, horry thort a bit an sed I got sum ole number plearts orfa a tracter, I'll put them on an ride har hoom, thars lots of ole army surplus stuff on tha ruds so nowun will teark much nootise of anutha. Orlrite sed tha blook git me tha money an yew kin hev it leart on Friday artanoon when moost of tha othas hev gone hoom, but yew hent sin me orlrite. Cos horry cum rownd tew my plearce thet evnin an sed did I wanta be in on tha deal, thet'll corst yew a quid Sid he say. Waal I thort abowt an bein yung an daft I sed yis. Thet orl went tew plan an wi a bottle of petrol from tha cement mixer orf he went, heed niva driv a moterbike afor an cum home on jist one gear, I went an hed a good look at in on Satdi evenin and thet wos a tidy ole tewl. A BSA 500 so thet hed plenty of poke an hed only dun abowt a hunert miles. Thet wos tha start of us hevin tha time of our lives an wunce we got tha hang of it we did sum hunerts of miles an thet niva let us down, as long as we kept sum petrol in tha tank, Horry moostly sawtew thet, I niva arsked.

Orl tha best from boy Sid.

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