

# *The Ovington Oracle*

August, 2023

## **August trivia:**

- Originally named Sextilis in Latin because it was the sixth month in the original ten-month Roman calendar, with March being the first month of the year.
- About 700BC, it became the eighth month when King Numa Pompilius added January and February to the year before March. He gave it 29 days.
- Julius Caesar added two days when he created the Julian calendar in 46BC, giving it its modern length of 31 days.
- In 8BC, it was renamed in honour of Caesar Augustus.

... so let's see what is happening in Ovington this August



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### Village events this month:

| Mon      | Tue | Wed      | Thu | Fri      | Sat      | Sun          |
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|          | 1   | 2        | 3   | 4        | 5        | 6<br>C       |
| 7<br>VH  | 8   | 9        | 10  | 11       | 12<br>VH | 13<br>C      |
| 14<br>VH | 15  | 16       | 17  | 18       | 19       | 20<br>C      |
| 21<br>VH | 22  | 23<br>VH | 24  | 25<br>p3 | 26       | 27<br>p10, C |
| 28<br>VH | 29  | 30       | 31  |          |          |              |

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

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## NEW: Youth Club

Kaz Mason



For Ages 8-14yrs 😊

6pm-8pm

Starting 25th August

**THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH  
AT OVINGTON VILLAGE HALL**

FREE ENTRY, SQUASH & BISCUITS

Light Meal Option Available To Purchase Along With Tuckshop Items

Please Text or Call 07880935765 If You Wish  
Your Child To Attend (This Is To Ensure We Have  
The Correct Adult To Child Ratio)

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## Parish Council (PC)

*Heidi Frary (Clerk) / TB*

A report derived from the unconfirmed minutes of the PC meeting held on 19 July. [Abbreviations: BDC – Breckland District Council]

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

**In attendance:** The Clerk, DC Crane.

### **Correspondence:**

Highways sent an invitation to bid for Parish Partnership (50:50) funds 2024/25.

BDC have Fly Tipping signage to purchase. Councillors considered that it may have unintended consequences by highlighting fly tip areas.

BDC have mobile deployable fly-tip surveillance cameras, but Councillors didn't think we have sufficiently regular instances to warrant a camera – this will be reviewed if the situation changes.

### **Planning Applications:**

- 3PL/2023/0711/F: Agricultural Holding Rose Farm, Installation of a new highway access to the site and subsequent closing of the existing access. The Parish Council support the improvement of access onto the site. They request the condition that the verge is made good when the existing access is closed.
- 3PL/2023/0513/EU: The Bungalow, Water End Farm, Church Road - Confirm residential use of The Bungalow. No PC comments

### **Planning Notifications:**

- 3PL/2023/0280/F: Barn adj Alson Farm – Erection of dwelling. APPROVED by BDC
- 3DC/2023/0189/DOC: Chanticleer, Dereham Road – Discharge of conditions on 3PL/2021/0241/F. ACCEPTED by BDC

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

Consideration of rent for parish land due to increased charges to the PC.

It was agreed that as there has been no increase in rent, it would be increased by £50 per annum for both the Allotment Association and the private tenant from April 2024.

Councillors agreed two donations for the financial year

- Air Ambulance – £100
- CAB – £100

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

### **Village or Highways issues:**

JW shared the results of the traffic survey, a copy of the data to be held within Parish records.

There was discussion around purchasing signs saying '20 is plenty'. Clerk to investigate costings and report back.

A resident requested the 30 mph zone be extended to cover the existing 40 mph in the eastern side of The Street in Ovington. Clerk to contact CC Bowes and Highways.

KW reported that some residents have experienced issues with their post being damaged and opened before being delivered. TB to investigate the complaints procedure for Royal Mail and inform KW.

It was noted that the Parish Council noticeboard is being used by residents for flyers which are not being approved by Council first. It was agreed that TB would put a notice on the board and in The Oracle to inform people to contact TB or KW before any notices are placed.

It was noted some time ago that an Oak Tree (with TPO) had been substantially trimmed and part of an ancient hedge removed within the parish. BDC were involved and action was to be taken following the two contraventions but more than a year has passed without action; PB has been chasing Breckland Enforcement for action. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support PB if he does not receive an update in the next two weeks.

### **To review agreements issued by the PC:**

It was agreed that the tenancy agreements be standardised going forwards.

**Next Meeting: 20 September, 7:30pm** in the village hall.

Future meetings: 15 November,

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

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## Church News

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

### St. John the Evangelist, Ovington

#### Services:

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|--------------------|---|
| 30 July – 10:30am  | Benefice Service for Ashill, Carbrooke, Saham Toney, Ovington (Revd. Neil Crawford-Jones) |
| 6 Aug – 10:30am    | Holy Communion (Revd. Adrian Bell)  |
| 13 Aug – 10:30pm   | Family Service (JR-W)   |
| 20 Aug – 10:30pm   | Family Service (JR-W)   |
| (27 Aug – 10:30am) | If requested: Family Service (JR-W)   |
| 27 Aug – 6:00pm    | Hymns for a Summer Evening (JR-W)   |
| 3 Sept – 10:30am   | Holy Communion (Revd. Adrian Bell)  |



The weather hasn't been too great these past two weeks, but it has allowed me to get on with my garden, not that it is very noticeable from the road!

I have been able to take communion to those unable to get to our church. If you would like communion brought to you then please give me a ring and I will

arrange a day and time most suitable to you.

Do come and join with us on 27 August at 6:00pm for our next evening service where you will be able to choose your favourite hymns. I hope that you will be able to join us as we will also be singing Hymns suitable for children.

There will be no morning service on that Sunday unless requested.

With love in Christ,

Jean – 07749 870485

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# Recipe of the Month

Sam Howes

## Sam's easy (no bake) Key Lime Pie

### Ingredients

For the base (use a loose bottom cake tin or a spring form for easy removal):

- 200g ginger nut biscuits (some prefer digestive) perfectly fine
- 50g butter

For the filling:

- Juice and zest of 5 limes
- 1x 397g can of condensed milk
- 1x 300g double cream

### Method

Place the biscuits in a strong plastic bag and using a rolling pin crush the biscuits until fine crumbs.

Melt the butter in a pan (take off the heat) and add the biscuits, mix well and place in the bottom of your cake tin. Press down evenly and put inside the fridge to cool.

For the filling you can use a food mixer or a hand mixer

In a bowl pour in the condensed milk, the juice of the 5 lemons and the zest and simply whisk together for a few minutes then add the cream and whisk for a few minutes more.

Pour the mixture over the cooled biscuit base and place back into the fridge to set (up to 1-2hrs). You can decorate the top as you please I like to cut after dinner mints into 4 pieces and place around the edges points up, the mint chocolate and the lime go well together.

... Enjoy 😊

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## Village Hall (VH)

*Mike Howes*

July has been a busy month, not only for events but also for the management of the Village Hall.

No doubt some of you have recently heard several rumours, which we think now need explanation.

During the last few weeks the Chair and Vice-Chair, both on different dates, decided to step down, and management now continues under the guidance of the Trustees, helped by committee members.

At this time we have decided not to vote for a new Chairman, but that at the beginning of each committee meeting, one of the trustees will be voted in to act as the Chair for that meeting.

Late June saw a hastily called emergency meeting during which time two new trustees were appointed, Mike Howes and Rosemary Jones, replacing Don Clark and Marie Ana Cave respectively who had earlier retired. We welcome Rosemary and Mike to the VH Committee and we wish to thank Don and Marie Ana for all their help.

### **Maintenance**

An electrician has now repaired the faulty switch to one of the wall heaters in the hall and installed a new on/off switch for the water heater in the kitchen enabling a quick and easy check on the water heater before locking up the hall at the end of functions.

We are also taking advice and quotes concerning the damp issues in the store and committee rooms.

### **Craft Fayre**

Saturday 1 July saw a successful large Craft Fayre – fortunately the rain held off. A large number of exhibitors set up tables in the hall, plus several gazebos in the car park. An enjoyable day was had by all. This was a “Joint operation” with the PCC (Parochial Church Council) who provided teas, coffees, cakes and filled rolls for everyone – at a small charge. Sadly not so many people turned up as was hoped as there were several other events happening in Watton and surrounding villages, but the stall holders still enjoyed the event. They were very complimentary on the organisation behind the Fayre and said they would like to come back again.

## Fun Quiz Night

This was a complete sell out; 11 teams of 4 persons had a fun evening with some tricky questions set by Rod and his daughters and asked by our resident quiz master Stuart. To add to the excitement we also had a raffle with many prizes. A very enjoyable evening was had by all.

## Coming Up

Saturday 12 August – Village Hall BBQ

Time now to get your tickets for the Village Hall BBQ. Please contact Kaz or Richard. Cost is just £6 a ticket, (£4 Child), for lunch & ice cream dessert. Bring Your Own Drinks, teas and coffees will be available. Games ?? Starts at 12-noon and goes on until late.

Wednesday 23 August, 7:00pm – Trustees meeting in the Village Hall.

If you have anything you would like discussed, please e-mail Rosemary [rosemaryjones152@gmail.com].

This meeting will be followed by a full committee meeting.

We plan to hold another Craft Fayre, probably with a seasonal touch, in November – please save the date of Saturday 18 November.

The VH Trustees

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## Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



The rainfall for June totalled 17.5mm or 0.7"

As of 23 July, which has been a bit wetter, we have 58.5mm or 2.3" and more rain is forecast!!!

[ **Editor:** *I have retired the short lived sunshine symbol and returned to rain again* ]

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## Messages

*Villagers*

### Notice Board

The public notice board by the village sign is used to display legally required documents of the Parish Council, however it is plenty large enough for additional village information. If you would like something displayed please give it to either:

- Tim at *Stone House Farm*, The Street, or
- Karen at 17 The Street.

Please don't open the display board yourself.

Parish Council



### Football report:

Our football star has taken a few weeks off to seek out warmer climes and perhaps challenge some local lads to an international kick about. More details next month once I have had a full report.

Rod Rumsby

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## Allotment Association BBQ

*Jill Burgess*



Ovington Allotment Association are holding their annual BBQ and Produce Show on Sunday 27 August at the Village Hall. We are charging £6 per adult and £4 per child and everyone is welcome to join us. Produce will be on show from 12 noon and food served from 1:00pm onwards. Please feel free to bring your own bottle of choice.

Please contact Jill on 07840 873928 or any other committee members for tickets.

Boy Sid is indisposed.

## And finally ...

'Anon'



>> What is Au-gust without gust?  
Gold.

>> Did you hear about the man who celebrates Halloween in August?  
He says: "When you show up at someone's door at night in August with a mask on, you get better stuff."

>> Why do bananas use sunscreen in August?  
Because they peel.

>> Why did the scarecrow win an award in August?  
Because he was outstanding in his field!

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