

The Ovington Oracle

September, 2023



Heritage Open Days are back, with access to some places you can't normally go and free access to sites that normally charge.

8 – 17 September

www.heritageopendays.org.uk

Lists of 315 events over the week in Norfolk alone!

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, involving thousands of local volunteers and organisations. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE.

Hazardous Waste Days

Norfolk County Council

The waste recycling centres don't normally take items such as paint and weedkiller, however they hold annual free household hazardous waste days (amnesties) when they do accept certain hazardous waste items.

These are for residents disposing of household hazardous waste only and not for any business, group or other organisation.

The next Household Hazardous Waste Days will be 9:00am – 4:00pm.

At **Thetford** on 16/17 September, and **Dereham** on 7/8 October,

also at other centres on different dates, full details at:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/rubbish-recycling-and-planning/rubbish-and-recycling/hazardous-waste

Expect the recycling centres to be very busy!

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Village events this month:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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4 VH	5 Y	6	7	8	9	10 C
11 VH	12 Y	13	14	15	16	17 C
18 VH	19 Y	20 PC	21	22 p3	23 p5	24 C
25 VH	26 Y	27	28	29	30	

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

Parish Council: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Oracle back copies (and more): ovington.org.uk

Village Information: ovington-village.org.uk

Youth Club

Kaz Mason

By the time *The Ovington Oracle* is delivered the Youth Club will have had its first meeting; it meets last Friday of the month, except in September when it will be **22 September**, then

27 October,
24 November,
29 December



For ages 8–14 years 😊

6:00 – 8:00pm

At the Village Hall

FREE entry, squash & biscuits

Light meal option available to purchase
along with items from a tuck-shop

Check out our Facebook page for updates:
Ovington Youth Club, Norfolk

If you wish your child to attend, please TXT or call 07880935765 so we can ensure we have the correct adult/child ratio, thanks.

Church News

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

St. John the Evangelist, Ovington

Services:

3 Sept – 10:30am	Harvest Festival with Holy Communion (Revd. Adrian Bell)
10 Sept – 10:30pm	Family Service (JR-W)
17 Sept – 10:30pm	Family Service (JR-W)
24 Sept – 10:30pm	Family Service (JR-W)
and – 6:00pm	Hymns for a Summer Evening (JR-W)
1 Oct – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Revd. Adrian Bell)



Harvest Festival – Special Celebration

By the time that you read this message, combine harvesters will already have been working in and around the village for some weeks. Harvest is always a tense and urgent time of year for farmers, especially if the weather doesn't play ball; an entire year's work can hang in the

balance.

Church Harvest Festivals are traditionally held in mid-September, by which time the cereal harvest is completed and the next years crops are about to be planted. As always the church will be decorated specially for the occasion and, as always, the church will be open to visitors as well as villagers. Please do join us for this special service.

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 24 September at 6:00pm for our next Hymns for a Summer 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.

With love in Christ,

Jean – 07749 870485

Church Fundraising

Jean Rockett-Woods

On Saturday 23 September we will be holding a Tabletop sale in the village hall. We will be selling a mixture of homewares, personal accessories, books and dolls. to name but a few. Please support us as all proceeds will be put towards the Church Building Fund.

The Crown Field Access

Jeremy and Jean Woods

It is with much sadness that we will be closing the access to our garden and field from the garden gate in Crown Crescent to the top of our field adjoining the Church field which is rented out to Dave Patience. This is due to the fact that some careless dog walkers have allowed their dogs to defecate, both in our garden, and on the field which is used for a hay crop.

We know that people from outside of our village have been using this walk and it may be that their dogs are the culprits, but as we are not standing guard 24/7 to check on who is using this walk-through we cannot be sure as to who the thoughtless persons are.

Gates will shortly be erected, locked, and notices displayed advising potential users of the restrictions.

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



The rainfall for July was 102.5mm or near as darn 4" that's a bit different to last year if you recall that drought.

At 20 August the monthly amount had reached 84mm or 3.3", still a bit high for this time of year

Recipe(s!) of the Month

Ann Johnson & Marie Warwick

[Editor: We are spoilt again this month with two recipes from Ann and Marie and I can't choose between them, so best to try both!]

TASTY APPLE DESSERT CAKE

Ingredients:

- 225g self-raising flour
- 1 level teaspoon Baking Powder
- 225g Caster Sugar
- 150g Melted Butter
- 2 Large Eggs
- ½ teaspoon Almond Extract
- 250g Cooking Apples, peeled & cored
- 25g Flaked Almonds

Preheat oven to 160C, fan 140C, Gas-mark 3. Lightly grease a deep 20cm loose-bottomed cake tin.

Measure the flour, baking powder, sugar, eggs, almond extract and melted butter into a bowl. Mix well until blended, then beat for a minute.

Spread half this mixture into the prepared tin. Thickly slice the apples and lay on top of the mixture, piling mostly towards the centre. Roughly spoon the remaining mixture over the apples. This is a bit awkward but just make sure that the mixture covers the centre well as it will spread out in the oven.

Sprinkle with the flaked almonds.

Bake in the preheated oven for 1¼-1½ hours until golden and coming away from the sides of tin.

Best made to serve warm with custard or cream but can be made the day before and, once cold, can be wrapped and frozen for 3 months.

Enjoy, Ann

WHOLEMEAL FARMHOUSE CAKE

This is an easy way of using up leftover cake (as if !!)

If fruit cake is used, decrease the amount of fruit in the recipe. Any kind of dried fruit can be used – try chopped dates.

Ingredients:

- 125g (4oz) wholemeal flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 125g (4oz) cake crumbs
- 125g (4oz) demerara sugar
- 50g (2oz) butter
- 2 large eggs
- Milk
- 175g (6oz) mixed dried fruit
- 2 teaspoons demerara sugar to finish

Mix flour, baking powder, cake crumbs and sugar in a bowl, rub in the butter. Break eggs into a jug, beat lightly, and make up to 175ml (6fl-oz) with milk. Add egg mixture to the flour with the fruit and beat until thoroughly mixed.

Turn mixture into a greased and floured 500g (1lb) loaf tin and sprinkle over extra demerara sugar.

Bake in a pre-heated oven at 200°C (400°F), Gas-mark 6, for 40-50 minutes until golden and firm to the touch. Turn out and cool on a wire rack.

Enjoy, Marie

Parish Council (PC)

Cllr Timothy Birt

A report derived from the unconfirmed minutes of additional PC meetings held on 7 August and 22 August.

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

In attendance: Members of public from 'North Ovington'

Apologies: The Clerk (TB to take draft minutes).

Planning:

These additional meetings were called to allow public discussion to better inform the PC response of planning application **3PL/2023/0711/F**:

“Agricultural Holding Rose Farm – installation of a new highways access to the site and subsequent closing of the existing access with associated landscaping to infill the existing access.”

This plan was briefly discussed at the PC meeting on 19 July at which time the PC accepted the claim that moving the access would give a (marginal) improvement to visibility and therefore, on the basis that it was a one-for-one change, had no objection. However, the PC was concerned to ensure that the existing entrance was permanently and properly closed with the verge made good.

It then transpired that residents of 'North Ovington' residents had not been informed of the application by the planning authority in time for the PC meeting and they asked for an additional meeting which was held on 7 August.

Residents provided significant additional information about the site and its planning history. The PC was able to significantly increase the number and detail of its comments about the application, raising concerns in multiple areas.

Then the applicant posted further documents on the planning portal which detailed turning in and out of 6-axle (44 tonne) articulated lorries. Residents requested a further meeting which was held 22 August. The PC added further comments and revised its view to one of formally objecting to the application.

The PC also made comment about application **3PL/2023/0792/VAR** complaining about the lack of feedback about points it had previously made.

Full copies of the draft minutes for both meetings are available at:

ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home/2023

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

Future meeting: 15 November

Coffee Mornings

Jane Lambert

In support of East Anglian Air Ambulance (EAAA)

I would like to say a big thank-you to those people who came and supported my coffee morning held on Saturday 22 July; and also those who gave me donations and gifts.

A big thank-you also goes out to all the helpers and the ladies who made lovely cakes on the day.

We raised £650 for EAAA.

So again a big thank-you from me.

Jane



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding a very special coffee morning on Monday morning of 25 September to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. There will also be a raffle.

It starts at 10:30am in the Village Hall

So please come along and join us for a cuppa + cake to help us support this amazing charity.

Jane.

Village Hall (VH)

Mike Howes (Village Hall Trustee)

August has been a quiet month so far.

Regular Monday Coffee Mornings are still very popular, inviting on average 20 hungry and thirsty souls. It is a great place to chat to your fellow villagers and catch up on village news.

We decided this year to amalgamate the village barbecue with the Allotment produce show. Originally the barbecue dates were only two weeks apart. This decision has proved very popular as it has been sold out.

There will be a Table Top Sale on Saturday 23 September from 11:00am – 3:00pm. If you wish to purchase a table, £5 please ring 07880935765. Come and sell your 'has beens' and get some pocket money.

If you like the music from 70's to present time you will like our forthcoming event DANSTAR. He is performing at the Village Hall on Friday 6 October at 7:30pm.



DANSTAR

Live Singer



At Ovington Village Hall
Friday 6th October
Doors Open 7.30pm
Starts 8pm
£10 Adult Ticket, £5 Child Ticket
To Book; 07880935765

Covers from Depeche Mode, Soft Cell, Bon Jovi, Guns & Roses, The Killers, Kings Of Leon, UB40, Pink Floyd, U2, Bryan Adams, Bruce Springsteen, Foo Fighters & Many More
All Proceeds Go To Registered Charity Number: 1038889

Further details, ie prices, etc, will come available on Facebook or Village Hall website (under construction) nearer the date.

Remember the Youth Club is now running every last Friday in the month.

We would like to thank all concerned for cutting the grass at the back of the hall, and keeping the church grounds in such good condition.

The VH Trustees

And finally, Sid is back ...

Boy Sid

Har yew gittin on tergitha, sorry I hent bin arowndjist leartly bin a bit under tha wethar, gitten betta tho'

Mind yew Horry hent bin no betta, must be suffin gooin abowt. He cum rownd larstweek wi his arm in a sling an he wos all of a ditha. So I sez tew him I say "Wot yew bin an dun then ole partna" "Thas thet B moota bike" he say "I wos tryin tew git har started cos my neffi hev dun a lot of wuk onnit an he got it gooin no trubble" so I say tew him I say "Wot, did it kick back an throw yew orf then?" "no" he say. "I rekkun thet wos tew heavy an when I kicked har oova she keeled oova wi me under har, took me an my naybor moost of tha day tew git har back on tha stand an me up tew tha docter, he rekkun I hent brook nothin but got sum bad broozin an put my arm in thissun an tolt me tew take it eezy fer a week. So I think me an tha ole bike hev reached tha end of tha rood, lest yew wanta hev a goo tew git har started Sid" "Waal" I say "I hent tew sharp jist now an I dasnt git myself orl in a flummaks jist when I wos gitten betta arta the larst bitta botha, dew yew rekkun we orta give har up fer adopshun by sum yunga lad?" "Yis" he say "I think we 're gittin parst orl this hossin abowt abowt at ower aerg" "Dew yew think yore neffi kin find sumwun wot mite teark it on, fer a fair price o corse?" "Waal" he say "He did tell me he rekkuned it would fetch a gud price from wun o these clecters of old bikes, so we might be orlrite fer a few pints arta orl Sid" "Sownds gud tew me" I say "Git him tew cum rownd wun day an gi us his pinyun onnit". Then I hed a thort I hent sin tha ole bike since thas bin dun up cos I bin layed up fer sum time, so I say tew Horry," Hold yew hard, Ile cum alonga yew now an hev a look at wot yew've dun, see wot she luk like now" Waal we lukked a gud ole pair o crocks walkin back up tha street, him orl bound up wi bandeges an me wi a pair o walkin sticks, thet tuk us a fair while tew git rown tew hissun cos people kep askin wot weed dun an we wernt travlin tew kwick eetha. Waal wen I fust saw tha ole bike I coont bleeve my eyes, thet wos orl polished up an thaole moota hed orl tha ole khaki paint took orf an wos orl shon up, tha ole Army writin hed gone an tha BSA badge wos back on tha tank. Thet looked jist like thet hed jist cum owta tha factory "Waal" I say "If thet dunt meark a few hunnert quid I'll eat my hat"

Waal I betta git tew tha end o this bitta squit cos tha editor will be gittin orl riled up an He'll say I're dun tew much. So dew yew kip well an dunt fergit tew kip on troshin,

orl tha best from Boy Sid.

And more finally (football)

Boy Sid

Larst we heard was he was orf tew warmer climes fer a bit o holiday well thet wos a bit tew warm so he dint dew much tearin about and got his exersizin in a swimming pool, but heeze hoom agin now an int tew long afore the new season dew start up so he is dewin training every week, heeze a bit orf cos tha wimmins team dint win tha world cup, but he reckon thar played a blinder. I'll kip yew orl up tew daert on wot heeze dewin as tha season dew git goin.

Orl tha best Boy Sid

Autumn Equinox

Tim

And even more finally!



It is the Autumn Equinox on 23 September, at 7:50am to be excessively precise.

I usually use this as an excuse to open a bottle of cider, but maybe that is too early and it will have to wait until later.



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