

The Ovington Oracle

October, 2023



At this time of year the nights are pulling in at their fastest rate. British Summer Time ends on 29 October and the clocks go back an hour at 2:00am Sunday. We 'gain' an extra hour by repeating the hour, use it wisely!

John Keats

(31 October 1795 – 23 February 1821)

To Autumn:

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
Until they think warm days will never cease,
For Summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

... more at: wikipedia.org/wiki/To_Autumn



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Village events this month:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
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2 VH	3 Y	4	5	6 VH	7	8 C
9 VH	10 Y	11	12	13	14	15 C
16 VH	17 Y	18	19	20	21	22 C
23 VH	24 Y	25	26	27 p12	28	29
30 VH	31 Y					

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

Recipe of the Month

Gill Welsted

CHEESY Sage and Sesame Biscuits

Ingredients:

- 180g plain flour, plus extra for dusting
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp hot smoked paprika
- ½ tsp fine salt
- 150g unsalted butter, softened
- 130g Parmigiano Reggiano, finely grated
- 2 tbsp finely chopped sage leaves
- 1 egg, beaten
- 4-5 tbsp sesame seeds

In a bowl, combine the flour, baking powder, paprika and salt, thoroughly beat together the butter and cheese until smooth, then gradually incorporate the dry ingredients and sage to form a smooth dough.

Halve the dough and, on a lightly floured surface, roll each piece into a 4cm-diameter log. Wrap each in baking parchment and chill for 1 hour. When chilled, brush both logs with the beaten egg and roll in the sesame seeds to coat. Chill for another hour, then wrap and freeze one log to use another time (it will keep for up to 1 month). Cut the other log into 15 x 1cm-thick rounds.

Preheat the oven to 200°C, gas mark 6. Put the rounds on a lined baking tray, spaced slightly apart, and bake for 12-14 minutes or until golden (you may need to do this in batches or use two trays). Allow to cool and firm up, then store in an airtight container for up to 7 days or freeze for up to 1 month.

Per biscuit: 95kcal/7.1gfat/3.8g saturated fat/4.6 carbs/trace sugars/0.5g fibre/3g protein/0.1g salt.

Recipe Correction

Ann Johnson

I apologise for missing an ingredient out of my recipe in last month's Oracle for apple cake! I thought I would make one today and realise I missed out **150gms of melted butter**! Sincere apologies to all.

Ann

[Editor: the online Oracle version has been updated. Ann's instructions always mentioned melted butter, it was only that we had to guess the quantity. Did everyone guess correctly?]

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



The total for August was 113mm or 4.5".

As of 25 September, we have had 42mm or 1.6"

Messages

Jean Rockett-Woods

Used Stamps

Our dear departed friend Grace Rumsby used to collect used stamps and sent them to a charity which could sell them on and make a small profit for their organisation. Her lovely husband Rod has taken this task on and is asking that we continue to support the charity.

Please will you help by collecting the stamps from your post, preferably cut from the envelope with a small border attached and put them either in an envelope or plastic bank money bag and pop them through his door. If you are unsure of Rod's address then please pop them through my door, The Old Crown, and I will deliver them myself.

Many thanks.

Jean

Lyndia Lewis

Dog Poo

Every month I deliver the 'Oracle' along the Carbrooke road. On the way home I pick up any litter I can see within reach. What I don't expect to pick up is dog poo bags. This month it was 2 bags, last month it was 3 bags. I cannot understand why people bother to bag it and leave it: if it is to pick up on the way back, PICK IT UP! Having said this I am not convinced it is villagers, but someone walking in the other direction, away from the bin, so if you see anyone please tell them to pick it up.

Lyndia

Timothy Birt

Wheelie Bin stickers

The PC has purchased some 'Twenty is Plenty' stickers to remind motorists of an appropriate speed in this shared space. If you would like one for your wheelie bin (or elsewhere visible by traffic), please let any member of the PC know.

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk to the Council)

A report derived from the unconfirmed minutes of additional PC meetings held on 20 September.

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

In attendance: The Clerk and 3 members of the public

Apologies: Cllr Karen Weir (KW), DC Crane

Minutes: of the meetings held in July and August 2023 were approved.

Matters Arising:

TB reported that he has lodged a complaint with Royal Mail regarding the lack of deliveries in the village. He will report back if there is any update.

Correspondence:

The clerk explained that a request has been received from Ovington PCC towards the petrol costs for grass cutting of public land. It was agreed that a donation of £50 be made.

A resident shared a letter requesting funds to support the recently formed youth club for the Parish. The resident explained the reason behind the funding request and the Councillors asked questions of the applicant.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would donate games, art and equipment up to the value of £100.

Planning:

3PL/2023/0792/VAR: Barn Adj to Alston Farm, Dereham Road – design changes including removal of veranda and new double garage.

There was discussion and it was noted that the comments which included questions submitted in August have not been answered. It was agreed that this response should reiterate the previous comments concerning the lack of mitigations and village contributions.

Financial:

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

Village or Highways issues

- The Clerk reported that an informal tree survey is due to be completed. It was agreed that PB would look at the trees and report any concerns to the Clerk.
- There was discussion around purchasing signs saying '20 is plenty'. It was noted that there is an outstanding request to turn the 40mph zone into a 30mph. Clerk to chase. It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase 50 wheelie bin signs.
- PB has contacted Breckland Tree Officer, Richard Fisher, regarding a TPO and removed hedge in the parish and has also contacted Breckland Enforcement. The Clerk to contact Breckland Tree Officer, and ask him to either attend a meeting or provide information.
- The hedge next to the post box is in need of cutting. It was noted that this is completed annually by a contractor through the Parish Council

Adjournment for Public Participation

- A resident reported that a local dog is showing signs of aggression and threatening residents in public spaces. Clerk to contact Breckland dog warden for advice.
- The water stop cock in Crown Crescent is obscured by brambles near the children's play area. It was agreed that KW arrange for this whilst the hedge is being cut.
- The seat on the Crown Crescent is in poor condition. Clerk to add to a future agenda
- A resident reported that dogs are being allowed to foul on graves within the churchyard. It was suggested that this be reported to the dog warden.

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

Future meeting: 24 January, 20 March, 15 May, 17 July, 18 September and 20 November 2024

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 are at **Dereham** on 7/8 October, 9:00am – 4:00pm, full details at:

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

Expect the recycling centre to be very busy!

Village Hall (VH)

Mike Howes (Village Hall Trustee)

The Village Hall is feeling sorry for itself at the moment. There are a few loose/slipped tiles on the roof and there is also a leak in the storeroom ceiling.

Some of the artex ceiling will have to be removed to find the source of the leak. The problem is, is there asbestos present? A big worry as it will cost a lot of money to remove it. A specialist company has been brought in who took samples in both storeroom and committee room. We have just received the report stating there is no asbestos present, a relief for all.

We are also replacing the fence at the front of the hall. Several quotes have been obtained. We have also decided to extend the fencing, to include the border to the pathway to the church, this will vastly improve the appearance of the hall.

On 27 August this year we decided to join with the Allotment Association for their annual barbecue. This was a great success even though a huge deluge of rain tried to halt the proceedings. Hopefully everybody who attended enjoyed it.

On 23 September the Village Hall hosted a tabletop sale, although all the tables were taken not many people attended. Please support these events.

Regular Events

On Monday 25 September our regular Monday Coffee Morning was dedicated to Macmillan Cancer, an annual event organised by Jane Lambert. Over 30 persons attended, where a good time was had by all. There was a raffle and £260 was raised. Well done Jane.

Regular Yoga sessions take place every Tuesday at 7:00pm and Youth Club once a month on a Friday.

Forthcoming Events

A pleasant reminder that Dan Star is coming to Ovington on 6 October at 7:30pm. There are still tickets available. Please ring 07880935765.

Please support this event as I am sure it will be a great evening.

On 18 November we have our Festive Craft Fayre from 11:00am until 3:00pm.

Refreshments will be available. If any of you attended last year you know that this is not to be missed.

Remember the Village Hall is for you, the village, and we need the village support.

The VH Trustees



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

Church News

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

St. John the Evangelist, Ovington

Services:

1 Oct – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Revd. Adrian Bell)
8 Oct – 10:30pm	Family Service (JR-W)
15 Oct – 10:30pm	Family Service (JR-W)
22 Oct – 10:30pm	Family Service (JR-W)
29 Oct – 9:30pm	Benefice Service Group Communion at Ashill (Archdeacon Catherine)
5 Nov – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Revd. Adrian Bell)



The weather is becoming colder and winds are blowing around our garden shaking the leaves from our trees. A sure sign that Autumn is upon us.

The graveyard wild flowers have now been mown and it is looking quite tidy.

Unfortunately, I received an email from a rather distraught lady. She had come to the graveyard to put flowers on her husband's resting place only to find that the memorial stone had been moved and some sweet papers were laying nearby. I do not know who would have moved the memorial stone, but I will ask you to keep an eye out for any further disturbances in our churchyard.

Christmas will soon be with us, and we will be celebrating this special event with our Annual Carol Service. Our lovely singers of Quality Corner have said that they will once again entertain us with a few special carols. If you would like to join them in this much appreciated form of entertainment then please contact Stuart Burgess who is organising the event this year.

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.

With love in Christ,

Jean – 07749 870485

The Ovington Crower

Boy Sid

Well thas bin a bit of a chearnng in tha seasons, tha ole nights are drorin in an that hent so hot arter tea now. Orl tha years Ire had on this bit o hound yew'd ha thort I'd hev got yewsed to it woont yer.

Larst time I was tellin yew about our ole mooterbike' when Horry an me rekkuned we orta give it up, so we got his nephew tew take it tew see if he cud git a good price for it. Well he did, an we was flummoxed at how much he sed it were worth, so we're in tha money now an cos tha ole boy did a lotta werk onnit we saw he was orlright an orl. He sed tha blook who bought it sed if we hed left it as we bought it we wood've meard a lot more, well we wos happy wi wot we got so no good a worritin abowt it.

Tha ole willage seem tew stay tha searm, but we was torkin abowt tha ole chairmawtha, cos we nor ennybody hev sin hide ner hair on har for sum time, she hent bin sin gooin rownd tha street gien a bit o stick tew orl she see dewin suffin she dint like. Har wot live nex door say sheeze still abowt but bin vary kwiet. I no we hent allus sin eye tew eye but sheeze bin a grate ole part o tha willage fer sum time an weed hate tew see har goo unda. Cos we hent bin up tha horl fer a council meetin leartly, so hent sin har in akshun. I shell hatta goo rownd wun day an see wos a gooin on wi har.

Tha folk wot hev tha 'lottomints hed a bit o a khees up tha otha wik an showed orf tha stuff they hed grown,

well I wos sprized cos otha years my vegies wood hev knocked spots orffen thar offrins, but this year I hed tew hand it tew them thar wos sum soolers layed owt on tha tearbles. Cos thar got sum propa muck on tha mold up thar an thas meard sum difference tew wot thar hev grown, yew cant beat a good ole lood o muck on yey gardin, I're allus sed. Boy Barry wud agree, cos heeze allus put plenty o muck around an he dew grow sum rare ole stuff.

I hafta menshun our football star cos heeze bin playin sum grate ole football of leart, since tha new season hev got gooin. His team hent allus won but thet hent cos he hent shewn wot he kin dew. He kin run like a hare an kip tha ball unda control, an if he git in front o tha goal thet need a gud ole keeper tew kip him from scorin. He played so well tha otha week thet they awarded him man of tha match, an thet dunt cum orften.

Heeze still got tha way o bendin tha ball, so thet cum rownd an inter tha goal afore tha keeper know wos gooin on.

He was corled up fer tha senyer team larst weekend but they warnt a patch on his reglar team, an he went hoom moost disappointed cos the wosnt up tew his standard. He stiil goos training twice a week an thet seems tew be payin orf cos his skills are gitten betta evra gearm. Kip yew a troshin Brody, were orl ahind yew.

I hent betta oovastay my welcome so I shell say cheerio an dew yew kip a troshin tergitha.

Boy Sid.

Youth Club

Kaz Mason

Meets last Friday of the month: 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.

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