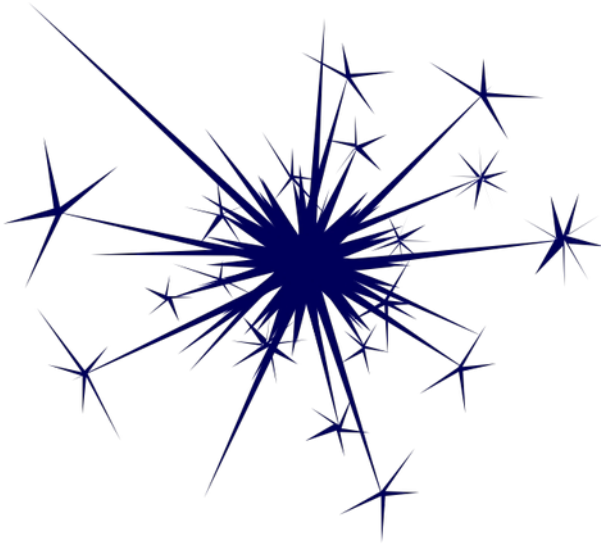


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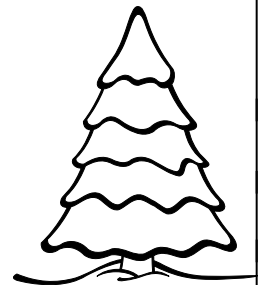


Bonfire Night events are imminent, or even a week early in the case of Watton Town Council.

Please consider that animals and pets can be scared by the noise and flashes; be considerate with fire and smoke; have fun and stay safe.

With Christmas fast approaching, I would be delighted to include appropriate messages in next month's edition.

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Village events this month:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2	3	4	5 C
6 VH	7 Y	8	9	10	11 C	12 C
13 VH	14 Y	15 PC	16	17	18 VH	19 C
20 VH	21 Y	22	23	24 p9	25	26 C
27 VH	28 Y	29	30			

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

Parish Council: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

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Village Information: ovington-village.org.uk

Remembrance Day Coffee Morning

Jane Lambert & Gill Welsted

Please join us at St John's Church for a special Remembrance Day coffee morning on Saturday 11 November from 10:30am until 1:30pm. We will be serving tea & coffee and home-made cakes.

The Church will be decorated in readiness for the Remembrance Service on Sunday 12 November (10:30am).

We will be selling raffle tickets for one big box of goodies. All proceeds made on the day will go to the Royal British Legion and Ovington Church.

Hope to see you there

Jane & Gill

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



The total rain for Sept was 45mm or 1.7"

October so far has been somewhat wetter, as you may have noticed. On two days the amount was just shy of 2" or 50mm, right, so far we have received 121mm or 4.75" and the forecast doesn't look too promising.

... Umbrellas to the fore!

Recipe of the Month

Christine Moss

Rock Cakes

Ingredients:

- 350g self raising flour
- ½ teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon grated nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice

- 80g lard
- 95g hard margarine ... I use Stork

- 150g Demerara sugar
- 125g mixed dried fruit

- 1 large egg, beaten
- 1-2 tablespoons milk

Set oven to 170°C fan and grease 2 baking sheets

Sieve dry ingredients together.

Add fats and rub in to make a breadcrumb texture.

Stir in fruit and sugar.

Mix in egg and milk to make a very stiff dough. Do not over-mix.

Place 12-14 very rough blobs onto the baking sheets leaving a little room between.

Bake for approximately 20-25 minutes until golden.

Leave on trays for 5 min before transferring to cooling rack.

Eat on same day or freeze.

Messages

Lyndia Lewis

FREE Ride on mower

May need some attention to get it going as it has been sitting, covered, in my garden for 18 months as I daren't use it and didn't know what to do with it, but when my husband used it, it worked perfectly.

Please call me on 882222

Jeremy and Jean Woods

Access through our Garden and Field

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.

Gates are being erected, locked, and notices displayed advising potential users of the restrictions.

Jean Rockett-Woods

Used Stamps

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 Rod Rumsby's door. If you are unsure of Rod's address then please pop them through my door, The Old Crown or leave them in the church, and I will deliver them.

Many thanks.

Jean

Lyndia Lewis

Found – 6 white cups

Monday 23 October: Found by the bottle bank: Ikea box when investigated lots of packaging, covering 6 white cups, I suspect the person who left it didn't know the cups were in there, If you would like the cups please ring 01953 882222

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk to the Council)

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.

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

Field Access withdrawn

Timothy Birt

For many years the farmer who crops the fields adjacent to the allotments has kindly allowed us (with dogs) to walk around the edge. Most people respect this very generous offer and have acted responsibly, however a few have not. Despite signs to clear up after dogs and requests to keep to the edge, a small minority have abused the privilege.

As a tenant farmer, he rents the field in order to make a living from the hay crop it provides, he has lost 15 feet around the edge this year and has repeatedly found dog fouling.

After multiple attempts to resolve the problem, he has reluctantly said he needs to withdraw access and fence it off. It is disappointing that a small minority show so little appreciation or respect that it ruins it for everyone else.

Village Hall (VH)

Mike Howes (Village Hall Trustee)

October has been a quiet month.

On Friday 6 October we welcomed Dan Star. The evening was fairly well attended but those who did had a great time singing and dancing along to all the old songs. Everybody asked to have him come back, which I am glad to say will happen sometime in 2024.

The village hall roof is going to be repaired by Christmas ready for the winter, and the fencing replacement should be completed early next year.

Coffee mornings still seem to be very successful: such a nice way to keep up to date with village news.

The youth club goes from strength to strength with now 20 members, and our thanks go to all the hard work this entails.

Festive Craft Fair:

As advertised before the *Festive Craft Fair* is on 18 November, 11:00am – 3:00pm. Come and buy your Christmas presents. Refreshments will be available.

Luxurious Festive Afternoon Tea:

On Sunday 3 December we are having a *Luxurious Festive Afternoon Tea* at 3:00pm. If you have been to our previous one you will realise what a great occasion it will be. As far as I know the numbers will be limited so book now or you will be disappointed. The price this time will be £12.50 per person. All proceeds will be shared with the church.

Ring 07733236689 and I will reserve your place.

Future Events:

We will be hosting a New Year's Eve Party where there will be fun and games and plenty of music. Bring your own booze and food. Details will follow in Next month's Oracle.

In 2024 we hope to have an extensive diary of events. Please come to them as they are for the village, we cannot do them without your support.

The VH Trustees

Church News

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

St. John the Evangelist, Ovington

Services:

5 Nov– 10:30am	Holy Communion (Revd. Adrian Bell)
12Nov – 10:30pm	Family Service (JR-W)
19 Nov – 10:30pm	Family Service (JR-W)
26 Nov – 10:30pm	Family Service (JR-W)
3 Dec – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Revd. Adrian Bell)



We have experienced a very wet October but the churchyard is still looking okay, thanks to our wonderful mowing team. The church also is looking good, thanks to our lovely cleaners and flower monitors.

Our next special service is of course on Sunday 12 November which is our service of remembrance for those who gave their lives so that we might have ours. Not everyone was physically fighting the enemy as there were people in the Home Guard, Land Girls, Factory Workers, Farmers, and all who were working at home. Please do come along to our 10:30am morning service and WE SHALL REMEMBER THEM.

As I wrote in October's Oracle, 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, and we are hoping that the *Harmonettes* will also be able to join with us. They are busy practising for this event. If anyone would like to sing with *Quality Corner* then please contact David Welsted, who, I am sure, would like to hear from you. If you don't know David then you can find him at the Monday Coffee Morning in the Village Hall from 10:30am onwards.

I am always available for a chat if you are unable to get to church or Coffee Morning. 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

Youth Club

Kaz Mason

Meets last Friday of the month: 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.

Selected events nearby

Editor

Breckland local group of Norfolk Wildlife Trust (NWT)

[www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/
support-us/local-groups/breckland-local-group](http://www.norfolkwildlifetrust.org.uk/support-us/local-groups/breckland-local-group)



This month, on Wednesday 8 November at 7:30pm, we have Anne Mason, from Friends of Thetford Forest, who will fill us in on The Warrens of Breckland, the history, archaeology and remaining evidence of the 600 year old industry.

As ever this is held in The Methodist Centre, High Street, Watton. IP25 6AB. Cost NWT members £2, non-members £3. Refreshments will be served. No need to book.



Annual Watton Festive Market and Christmas lights

Sunday 26 November between 1:00pm and 5:00pm on Watton High Street.

Organised by Watton Town Council, lots of festive stalls, family entertainment and of course the Town Christmas Lights Switch on.

Santa will be there, free to visit and all children will receive a small gift, there will also be free face painting and entertainment.



Regular events from Dereham Walkers are Welcome

On the First Friday of the month a “Short Walk” of no more than 4 miles and on the second Tuesday of the month an “Easy Tuesday Walk”, no more than 2 miles on good surfaces. For details see:

www.DerehamWaW.org.uk



The Ovington Crower

Boy Sid

I hope yore orl well an hent bin washed away wi orl tha rearn was fell on tha willage of leart. Cor blarst bor thet dint know wen tew stop, jist as well yew dint wanta goo anywhere cos thar weren't many roods wot was oopen.

Larst time I was tellin yew thet I was gitten worrit abowt tha ole Parish Chairmawtha, soo I thort I orta goo rown tew har plearce an see wos up. I sed tew Horry I sed "Are yew cumin alonga me tew hev a werd wi har?" "Cor Sid" he say "I dassent, arta orl tha ole squat Ire sed abowt har, sheel knock me oova tha moon." Waal thet meard me think hard, wos I dewin tha rite thing, yis I tolt meself goo yew on an see wos up wi tha ole gel. So I took orf my cap, polite like, an tapped on har door, thet took a while fer har tew arnser an nigh on ran orf, but she cum tew tha door an I waited fer har tew tell me tew git on my bike an cleer orf. No, she wos as nice as pie, "Why hello Sid" she say. So I say tew har I say "Jist thortl orta pop rownd an see if yew wos orl rite, cos I hent heard yew arownd leartly" She hed a bittofa corf an dint sownd tew good. "Well thas reel kind of yew Sid" she say "I hent sin anywun leartly, they orl rekkun Ire got suffin wus an thare orl worrit thet thar mite git sum onnit" "Waal as long as yew hent tew bad I'll leave yew in peece then" ...

"Stay an hevva cup o tea and Ire jis meard a Choclit ceark if yew'd like tew try sum?" Waal I wos took reel back cos I'de niva heard har be so nice tew ennywun afore. "Dew yew cum along in an teark a seat, an I'll meark us a nice cuppa tea" I'de niva bin in har house afore an thet were orl tidy wi nice comfy chairs, so I sit fearcin har kitchen jist in case she chearnge har mind an gi me a ding o tha lug. WE hed a nice cuppa tea and a gret ole slice o ceark, which was a gut filler an no misteark, sheeze a good cook. We hed a chat an she sed har throot was gittin betta an would be back gooin rownd tha willage tew kip an eye on things. Waal I thanked har fer tha tea and ceark an telt har thet orl she haddta dew wos gis us a showt if she need enny thing. I thort she wos gooin tew blaar wen I sed thet, wonda why?

Cos wen I told Horry orla bowt my visit tew har he wos orl offa tussock, cos he luv his ceark an wos moost upset thet he missed owt.

So I,m lookin forrard tew seein an hearin har abowt tha willage agin an if she showt at me I shell jist give har a wink. I bet sheel larf.

Waal I better say cheer o and wish yew orl well an dew yew kip a troshin,

orl tha best. Boy Sid

Football Report

Boy Sid

I ended larst months report by sayin tha boy got the Man of the match fer wun o his gearms, waal heeze dun it agin. His team hent wun as many gearms this season as larst one but tha boy hev dun good as allus. The team thet is in a higher age group hent dewin attall well so they hev bin borrowin good players from the younger teams to help git 'em back on track, cos our Brody is wun o tha best so he git picked moost times, an thas wen he got his last man o tha match award. Although his regla team hent allus won thar gearms thet ent fer his not tryin hard, thet teark more than wun ole boy to meark a good team. His team on Satdi, despite orl thet rain played well an they wun wi a good result wi ower boy keepin up his scorin rate. Tha season hev a gud way tew run yit so I rekkun heel knock a few more in afore thas dun. Gud onnya boy dew yew kip a showin em how thas dun.

From Boy Sid, his Numba wun supporta.

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