

The Ovington Oracle

December, 2023



Season's Greetings!



Solar News:

The solstice is on 22 December, at 3:28am to be precise. It seems to me an ideal excuse to raise a glass and look forward to increasing daylight ... although the next day the sun is only 5 seconds longer above the horizon so it may take a while to notice.

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Village events this month:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
				1	2 C	3 C, VH
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	21	22	23	24 C
25 C	26	27	28	29 p8	30	31 VH

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

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



The total rainfall for October was 120mm or 4.75"

It was rather a wet month with two quite serious rainfalls, flooding was narrowly avoided, as far as I'm aware.

As of 25 November the amount dropped on us is 73.5mm or just a fraction shy of 3", still on the damp side though.

Recipe of the month

Tim (at the last moment)

Extra cheesy, cheese straws ideal for dipping in cheese!

Ingredients:

- 100g Self raising flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon mustard powder
- 50g butter
- 100g grated cheese (Cheddar or Red Leicester or both!)
- 1 medium egg (beaten)

Method:

1. Grease a baking tray and pre-heat oven to 180°C (gas mark 4)
2. Mix flour, salt and mustard, rub in the butter.
3. Stir in the grated cheese and egg to form a stiff dough
4. Roll out to 6mm (¼") thickness and cut into 6mm (¼") strips.
5. Bake for 10-12 minutes.

Serve with baked Camembert (brushed with honey and a rosemary sprig) for a maximum cheese experience.

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk to the Council)

Present: Cllrs K Weir (KW), P Bate (PB), Dave Welsted (DW) and Jeremy Woods (JW).

In attendance: The Clerk

Apologies: Cllr Birt and DC Crane

Declaration(s) of interests: None

Minutes of the meeting held in September 2023 were approved.

Matters Arising:

Clerk Recruitment: It was agreed that a working party consisting of KW, PB, TB, DW, JW be formulated to begin the recruitment process.

Proposed: PB, Seconded: KW

Correspondence:

Breckland Local Plan Consultation. Retained by the Clerk.

Planning:

To consider the view of the Council about the following planning applications.

Applications: none

Responses submitted under delegated powers:

- 3DC/2023/0286/DOC: Alston Farm, Dereham Road. Discharge of conditions on 3PL/203/0792/VAR

Notifications:

- 3PL/2023/0792/VAR: Barn Adj to Alston Farm, Dereham Road – garage materials amended and bedroom window added for fire escape purposes. APPROVED by BDC
- 3DC/2023/0286/DOC: Alston Farm, Dereham Road. Discharge of conditions on 3PL/203/0792/VAR – COMPLETE
- 3PL/2023/0711/F: Agricultural Holding, Rose Farm – New highway access to the site. APPROVED by BDC

Financial Matters:

Councillors reviewed receipts and agreed payments to be made. Full details are available on the PC website along with other documentation at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Any Village or Highways issues:

- Crown Crescent Bench: It was agreed that the bench would benefit from maintenance. JW agreed to sand and paint / varnish it. JW to action.
- Tree Survey: PB completed his survey and circulated his report outside the meeting. It was agreed that the missing tree should be replaced.

Future Business:

- Clerk recruitment
- Consideration of funding a basic tree survey qualification for PB.

Date of Next Meetings:

24 January, 7.30pm at Ovington Village Hall

then: 20 March, 15 May, 17 July, 18 September and 20 November 2024

Boundary Dispute Resolved

Christine Reilly

I am pleased to report that, after nearly 8 years, the boundary between the village hall and the church has finally been settled to the satisfaction of the Land Registry. It was originally caused by an error on the Ordnance Survey map, giving a strip of village hall land to the church, which was only picked up when the village hall tried to register its land.

After about 5 years of meetings, emails, phone calls and huge amounts of documentation, along came Covid which put the Land Registry into a state of paralysis. When they finally started to recover in July, there then followed further demands for documentation and even more emails, phone calls, etc. However, it is a great relief to have the Title plan corrected as it means that access around the back of the hall can be maintained, even if the building is extended in the future

Messages

Bob & Marie Ana Cave

Sending our warmest wishes ...

... to all our friends in Ovington for a wonderful Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year. Xxx

We will no longer be distributing our Christmas cards around the village, instead we have decided that in future we will make a donation to a local charity.

Kindest regards to everyone.

Bob and Marie Ana xx

Jean Rockett-Woods

Happy Birthday Jeremy on 17 December



I couldn't add any more candles in case it set fire to the Oracle!!!

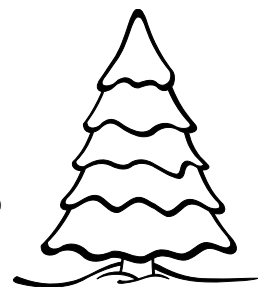
Love from Jeannie xxx

Tim and Linda Birt

Seasons Greetings

Linda and Tim wish all our neighbours and friends a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year. In lieu of cards this year we are giving a donation to the **YMCA Norfolk**,

"Each night YMCA Norfolk provides a safe and supportive home to over 240 young people across the county."



Linda & Tim – Stone House Farm

Church News

David Welsted (Ovington PCC)

2 Dec – 10:30am Coffee Morning

Services:

3 Dec – 10:30am Holy Communion (Revd. Adrian Bell)

10 Dec – 10:30pm Lay Led Service (JR-W)

17 Dec – 18:00pm Christmas Carol Service (JR-W)

24 Dec – 10:30pm Lay Led Service (JR-W)

25 Dec – 10:30am Holy Communion (Revd. Adrian Bell)



November seems to have rushed by; seems like only yesterday that we had the Remembrance Weekend with both a detailed and moving Service on the Sunday, and a Coffee Morning with an Exhibition of World War I & II Memorabilia on the Saturday. It was great to see our little church so nicely decorated with Poppies, Union Jacks and flowers. Many thanks to Jane for all her hard work in decorating the church, to those who set up the exhibition and to all those who knitted poppies that were so beautifully displayed outside the church on a long net forming a wall of poppies at the entrance (Big thanks to Barry). On that Saturday Jane also organised a raffle the proceeds of which, plus the money raised by donations for coffee, tea and lovely home-made cakes (again many thanks to all those who made and donated cakes), went to the Royal British Legion and the St John's Church fund, split equally so that each received the magnificent sum of £94.02.

December brings:

- a) our winter monthly Saturday Coffee Mornings on the first Saturday of Dec, Jan & Feb – come up and enjoy a hot drink plus a cake and a chat;
- b) our Carol Service where we will have festive songs from the Harmonetts and Quality Corner as well as your favourite carols; and
- c) a Christmas Day Service in addition to the normal weekly Sunday Services (Every Sunday except the 5th Sunday).

Stay warm and have a safe and happy Christmas.

Ovington PCC

Youth Club

Kaz Mason

Meets last Friday of the month 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.

Village Hall (VH)

Mike Howes (Village Hall Trustee)

On Saturday 18 November we held our Festive Bazaar. The weather was not very good but fortunately the rain stopped just before the start. Hot soup, rolls and cakes were provided by our brilliant ladies and a raffle held thanks to Jane.

A very good day was had by all.

The only forthcoming event this month will be our 'Festive Afternoon Tea'



Festive Afternoon Tea
At Ovington Village Hall
Sunday 3rd December
Starts 3pm
Adult £12.50 each
Children £8 each
To Book Contact Mike; 07733236689

Menu
Assorted Finger Sandwiches
Sausage rolls
Fruit Meringue Nest
Chocolate Brownie
Christmas Cake
Choux Bun
Lemon Mousse
Fruit Scone With Jam & Cream
Tea, Coffee or Squash

Proceeds Go To Ovington Village Hall Registered Charity Number: 1038889

Tickets are going fast so if you wish to reserve a table please ring me on 07733236689 or come to my home:

Chestnut House, Church Road, Ovington.

We will require full payment please before we can allocate a table as numbers are restricted.

Don't lose out; it will be a great event.

There will be a Trustees Meeting on Wednesday 13 December in the Committee Room.

Please also remember we will be having a New Year's Party in the Village hall. More news about this in next month's Oracle, Facebook and online at:

ovingtonvillagehall.co.uk

The VH Trustees

Football update

Rod Rumsby

The season is now well underway and our young star is making his mark, being awarded “Man of the match” after more than one game. Admittedly his team have not always won, because their opponents have become aware of Brody’s skills in attacking the goal, so have strengthened their defences and given more training to the goal keeper.

They had a significant win beating a strong team at Mulbarton 5-nil, where our top scorer knocked in three. His abilities have been recognised by the senior teams and he is usually drafted in to boost their scoring rate most weekends. He plays for his normal team on Saturday, the senior team on Sunday and trains Monday and Tuesday. So it’s a heavy demand for the lad, but he seems to thrive on it. Long may this enthusiastic approach to the great game continue.

Are there any more budding stars coming along in the village I wonder? It would be great if we could form a whole team of boy stars or more likely these days: a girls team.

... Go for it young Ovington.



Football maths

Timothy Birt

A bit of geometric trivia about the familiar football made up of 20 hexagons and 12 pentagons:

The shape is derived from an icosahedron, one of the five ‘platonic solids’ studied extensively by the Greek mathematicians such as Archimedes and Plato around 2500 years ago. The icosahedron is formed entirely of equilateral triangles, but when it has its corners cut off it makes the iconic hexagon–pentagon football, which is formally called a ‘truncated icosahedron’.

There is something rather special about the football shape which relies on a particularly pleasing number called the ‘golden ratio’ to define the position of each corner. The number is ‘irrational’ so can’t be written down as a decimal because it goes on for ever without repeating.

The Ovington Crower

Boy Sid

Waal har yew orl gittin on tergitha,
cor thas tunned cold of leart hent it,
dunt know why we're sprised evra
year cos thas gunna happen.

Larst time I told yew thet tha ole
Chairmawtha was gooin tew git back
owt an sort tha willage owt. Tha otha
day I was Gooiin up tha street tew
hev a wud wi Horry when I heard this
yell from ahind me, "Sid" an I knew
she was abowt agin, so I tunned
arownd an she cum hussin up on har
bike, orl of a lartha an I thort I was
gooin tew git a rite earful, But no,
wen she got har breath back she say
"Sid I,m Hurt, cos yew hent bin
rownd tew try my new caerk wot I
meard, cos yew sed yew was cumin
rownd" Oh lordy I fergot how good
har ceark was larst time so I hed tew
spin har a yarn abowt how bizzy I're
bin an I thort I hed cort a cold an dint
wanta gi ha more trubble. "Waal Sid"
she say "If yew hent tew bizzy now
dew yew pop in an I'll meark a pot o
tea an orl, wot dew yew say?" Waal
tha thort of a slice o har ceark was
tew much tew refuse har offa, so I
say tew har I say "Why yis thank
yew, I jist haffta hev a word wi Horry
an I'll be rite rownd" She was on har
bike an scorched orf up tha rud like
suffin was afire. I still cant meark owt
why sheeze bein so nice tew me, but
if she keep hussin thet ceark inta me
I hent gooin tew complane.

Cos wen I tolt Horry he got orl snotty
cos she hent invited him tew hev a
wodge of ceark, "Waal" I say "Yew
hent bin rownd tew see har an gi har
sum o yore hoom brew tew meark
har throat betta cos I tolt yew she
hent bin tew gud, she ont bite yew
know" "Hah" he say "I hent so sure
abowt thet, shell I cum rownd wi yew
now, yew kin meark sure she ownt
set har teeth in me" "Goo on then" I
say "But doont blearm me if she tell
yew tew git lorst" Waal tew my sprise
she welcomed hin in like an ole
meart an we sune meard a gret ole
hole in har ceark, she say thas a
tearster fer har chrismuss wun.
Rekkun I shell hafta goo rownd
Chrismuss morn an wish har well,
wot dew yew think.

Waal I hent told yew abowt our
football star yit but I shell hatta dew
thet shortly cos tha editor is gittin
tetchy agin. So fer now dew yew kip
well an dunt fergit Dew yew kip a
troshin.

orl tha best. Boy Sid

Drag & Racing in Carbrooke

Bruce Smith

A report of activities at our neighbouring village ...

In the last few weeks, we have attended a couple more events at Carbrooke Village Hall. These were the Race night and Drag Bingo.

As always, we enjoyed a very warm and friendly greeting. The first event was the Race Night, a very well attended, sold out evening. This, as always, is an exciting fun evening, with edge of the seat moments, cheering your horse on. I had a very consistent evening, in that I lost in every race !

I never even won anything in the Raffle, LOL !

However, the evening did raise over £400 for their village hall, so a very good evening.

The second event was on the evening of the 18 November, when we attended the Drag Bingo evening. I had never been to a Drag Bingo event before, so was a new thing to me, and I was not sure what it would be like. Well, it was fun from the moment it started, maybe a little more for the broad minded, but we laughed all evening, along with some singing and dancing thrown in for good measure. And this time I did win a 'full house' game, so that was a very nice bonus. All round another successful evening for Carbrooke Village Hall.

Following some recent successful grant applications, the village hall at Carbrooke will, in the coming months, be having a completely new roof fitted, so this will be a further improvement for the coming years.

Bruce

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