

The Ovington Oracle

January, 2024



Happy New Year

A few observations attributed to Albert Einstein which might help 2024 go well:

- Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts.
- Failure is success in progress.
- The difference between genius and stupidity is that genius has its limits.
- Three great forces rule the world: stupidity, fear and greed.
- An intellectual solves a problem. A genius avoids it.
- The secret to creativity is knowing how to hide your sources.

Solar News:

Perihelion occurs at 0:38am, 3 January when the earth is closest to the sun. At 'only' 147,100,632 km it is around 5 million km closer than it will be in 6 months. Enjoy the extra warmth!

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Village events this month:

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

VH:Village Hall, PC:Parish Council, C:Church, Y:Yoga, YC:Youth Club

Parish Council: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

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

Village Information: ovington-village.org.uk

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby



November: 86.5mm or in old money 3.4", enough to be going on with.

As of 20 December, which seems to be following the trend, we have been dampened down to the sum thus far of 60mm or 2.36".

I hope next month, if my abacus isn't water logged, to give you the year's totals. Please have a Joyful Christmas and a Healthy New Year.

Parish Council (PC)

Heidi Frary (Clerk to the Council)

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

Football News

Rod Rumsby



The lad from Ovington, young Brody continues to thrill the world of football lovers with his skill and his very presence on the football field. He continues to score, even when the conditions are far from encouraging, one match being called off, after he was on a scoring run, due to torrential rain, and we have all experienced those days of late. Because of his skills he is still being called up to play for the senior team, where he is able to demonstrate his potential. This season still has a way to run and going on his recent performances I don't doubt he will continue to increase his skills and should, in my mind, be deserving of some significant award from the football authorities. Carry on the good work Brody, Ovington is proud of you.

This has been translated from Boy Sid's interpretation of Brody's progress, Sid being his biggest fan. Brody says Happy Christmas to all his fans.

Church News

Jean Rockett-Woods (Lay Minister)

Services:

7 Jan – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Revd. Adrian Bell)
14 Jan – 10:30am	Family Service (JR-W)
21 Jan – 6:00pm	Family Service (JR-W)
28 Jan – 10:30am	Book of Common Prayer (JR-W)



By the time that you receive this message Christmas Day will have come and gone. We wait all year for this one day, buying presents, sending cards, cooking Christmas cakes and puddings, and then ...

I celebrate Christmas Day every day, as God sent His son, Jesus Christ, to forgive us our sins, and be with us every hour of each day.

On Sunday 17 December oil lamps lit our way up the dark path to our church for our annual Carol Service, thanks to Stuart Burgess. Once again our church was beautifully decorated by Jane and Barry Lambert, Gill, Jill, Christine, Sam, Harriett, Sue and Penny. The Christmas tree and all the decorations looked fantastic! Many thanks to all, including Gill, Ann, Stuart, Mary and Lyndia who provided the nibbles and Mulled Wine. Many of you were able to attend, including Dudley Dog, and we were entertained by Quality Corner with some Christmas favourites and blessed by the beautiful singing of The Harmonettes. We listened to eight readings from members of our community and joined in singing our favourite carols to a “live” organ played so nicely by Julia. The evening was rounded off with mince pies, chocolate éclairs, etc and mulled wine. A wonderful time was had by all.

We will be holding a coffee morning on the first Saturdays of January and February, and I hope that you will be able to join with me also on Sunday 28 January when I will be leading a service using the Book of Common Prayer.

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 suitable to you.

With love in Christ,

Jean (07749 870485)

Messages

Rumsby family

Thank you ...

Rod and his family would like to thank all our friends and neighbours in dear old Ovington and surrounding areas for all the lovely cards and best wishes that have arrived through our letterbox this year. You may recall that some while ago, Grace and I decided it would be a worthwhile cause to donate to a suitable charity instead of sending and giving cards. That charity, for obvious reasons, has been the big C or cancer research. Just heard today that a cure has been found for the cancer that took my Grace away, so although it is a bit late for us at least someone else will benefit. So thank you all again, it's good to know that some good has come from our decision. Please, our good wishes go with you and here's hoping we beat in its entirety this terrible disease. Happy Christmas and Healthy New Year.

Thank you Rod, Julie & Helen.

Lyndia Lewis

Best wishes ...

My very best wishes for a happy Christmas to all my friends and neighbours, I am afraid although I am now home from hospital I am in no state to write cards so please accept my good wishes.

Lyndia

Jean + Jeremy Woods

Happy New Year!

Village Hall (VH)

Mike Howes (Village Hall Trustee)

December Events

On Sunday 3 December our village hall hosted a wonderful festive afternoon tea for over 30 people. A truly delightful afternoon to gather with friends in a warm festive atmosphere to relax and chat whilst being served a delicious variety of savoury and sweet treats accompanied by unlimited tea & coffee!

The event was a great success with many participants requesting another tea in the new year!

It goes without saying these events cannot be successful without the incredible support of many individuals from the village providing the planning, menus, and especially the spectacular variety of delicious food (we are incredibly lucky to have so many good cooks in Ovington). Please please come and support our village hall in future events. There's one thing for sure you will never go hungry!!!

Sam Howes

On Sunday 10 December we trailed our first training session with St John Ambulance. Two first aid trainers, Martin and Ethan, took the all-day course which involved a lot of rolling around on the floor for those who attended!

Ten people in total enjoyed several hours of practice and theory in how to deal with bleeds, strokes, heart attacks, using a defibrillator and to administer CPR. This course was enjoyed by all who attended and we hope this will entice other people to attend future courses.

Please let us know if you are interested either by email or text. Alternatively, please speak to another committee member.

rmba22875@btinternet.com

or 07907118300

Richard

Forthcoming Events

Remember coffee morning is every Monday at 10:30am, enjoy a coffee and a catchup, we would love to see you.

Dan Star

On Friday 2 February 2024, Dan Star, is making a repeat appearance in Ovington. He was well received by everyone last time with most

attendees taking to the dance floor. For bookings, please contact:
Kaz (07880935765).

New Year's Party

On New Year's Eve we will be having a party for anybody from the village who would like to attend. Starting at 8:00pm it should be a great night with games and karaoke. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles and a plate of food for the buffet table. The party will end when the last person leaves.

Ovington Village Hall AGM

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Wednesday 28 February. This year we will be following a new, more open, voting procedure to select a Village Hall committee; only residents of Ovington will be able to nominate candidates for the new committee, This needs to happen BEFORE the AGM. Procedure as follows:

Nominations to serve on the VH committee

Any person seeking election to the committee must be proposed by a qualifying resident (ie a person who resides in the Parish of Ovington and is at least 18 years old) and seconded by another qualifying resident. The name of the candidate, their proposer and seconder should be emailed to our current secretary by the 1 February 2024:

rosemaryjones152@gmail.com

Note: Any qualifying resident may propose or second up to a maximum of five different candidates.

Actual Election of VH Committee

An election of correctly nominated candidates will take place at the AGM; only qualifying residents are eligible to vote and must be present at the AGM to do so. Please get your nomination in early.

Dave Welsted

As this year draws to a close, I would like to thank all those who have supported the village hall events this year. We cannot do it without you.

Finally, The Trustees would like to thank all committee members for all their hard work, especially our ladies for the many hours they have spent cooking for our various functions.

We hope you all have a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The VH Trustees

Youth Club

Kaz Mason

Meets last Friday of the month

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.

The Ovington Crower Christmas Greeting

Boy Sid

Well har yew orl gittin on wi orl tha rearn were bin hevin, I hoop thas not a wornin of a dry spell wos cumin. As thas cumin up tew Chrismus I rekkun yew'll hev plenty tew dew so I ent gooin tew run on a bit. Jist tew wish yew orl a happy time an gud health fer nex year. So dew yew orl hev a grat ole time an doont hev tew much o tha Chrismus spirit, but grab as much tarky as yew kin but goo eesy on that ole pud, cos thet kin lay hevvy. I'll hev anutha mardle wi yew in tha new year. Teark care an dunt fergit, Dew yew kip a troshin.

Boy Sid

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