

# The Ovington Oracle

May, 2024



## The curious moon in May:

May is a good time to observe *earthshine*, sometimes called *ashen glow*. This is where light reflected off the earth illuminates the unlit portion of the moon surface. It is best observed a few days before or after the new moon on 8 May.

Full moon, on 23 May, is appropriately known as the *Flower Moon* in the northern hemisphere due to the abundance of wild-flower blooms.

The Anglo-Saxon name for the May full moon is *Milk Moon* from the Old English "Rimilcemonā". It means three-milking month because cows were milked three times a day at this time of year.

See [www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primilcemōnab](http://www.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primilcemōnab)

The Celtic and Old English names of the full moon are: Mothers' Moon, Bright Moon, Hare Moon, and Grass Moon.



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### Village events this month:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		1	2 E	3	4	5 C
6 VH	7 Y	8	9	10	11	12 C
13 VH	14 Y	15 PC	16	17	18	19 C, VH
20 VH	21 Y	22	23 see p3	24	25	26 C
27 VH	28 Y	29	30	31		

VH=Village Hall, C=Church, Y=Yoga, YC=Youth Club  
PC=Parish Council, E=Election(PCC)

Parish Council: [ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home](http://ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home)

Oracle back copies (and more): [ovington.org.uk](http://ovington.org.uk)


Village Hall: [ovingtonvillagehall.co.uk](http://ovingtonvillagehall.co.uk)

Village Information: [ovington-village.org.uk](http://ovington-village.org.uk)

# An Evening of One Act Plays

Jenny Mann

**THE WAYLAND PLAYERS**  
On Tour  
Proudly Present




**“Green Favours”**  
by  
Frank Vickory

A gentle comedy of will they/wont they set in an allotment shed

and

**“The Two of Us”**  
By  
Michael Frayn

A manic farce about a catastrophic dinner party.



Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Ovington Village Hall  
Doors Open 7.00 pm Curtain Up 7.30 pm  
Tickets £7.50  
(cash only please)

'Produced by special arrangement with Samuel French Inc'

Following their successful Spring tour of 2023, The Wayland Players, based in Watton, are bringing two one-act plays to Ovington Village Hall on 23 May with curtain up at 7:30pm.

‘**Green Favours**’ is a gentle comedy of ‘will they, wont they’ set in an allotment shed while ‘**The Two of Us**’ is a hilarious farce of a dinner party which goes catastrophically wrong.

Tickets will be available on the door at £7.50 (Cash only please) or can be reserved by calling 01953 881054.

## Rainfall

Tim



According to my weather station “Icarus”:

Rainfall for March was 39.4mm (1 <sup>9</sup>/<sub>16</sub>”).

It seemed more than that, it was certainly a dull month.

For April it would be fair to say “showers”

... but that’s what is supposed to happen!

# Village Hall (VH)

*Mike Howes (Village Hall Trustee)*

## **Committee Meeting:**

On Wednesday 17 April we held our regular committee meeting, with three new members.

We would like to welcome Stuart Burgess as a new co-opted member, together with Jill Burgess and Jane Lambert, both as representative members of the Allotment Club and Youth Club.

It was also decided that in the future, each meeting minutes will be published in the following month's Oracle magazine.



## **Events Reports:**

On Saturday 20 April we held our Quiz night.

Thirty eight people took part divided up into teams of four persons. Although the questions were quite hard, after 3 hours, good scores were reached.

Congratulations go to the Timbles Team, our overall winners and also the Rugrats Team for a very high score in the picture and dingbats round.

Our thanks go to Stuart who acted as our question master and adjudicator.

## **Forthcoming Events:**

### Afternoon Tea

On Sunday 19 May at 3:00pm we hold another of our very successful Afternoon Teas.

Tickets are going fast so act fast!

Please ring 07880935765 to reserve a seat.

## D-Day Celebrations

A very important date to put in the calendar is the up and coming 80th Anniversary of the D-Day Landings.

This will be held on 8 June

We are going to celebrate this day with a Fun day with music and games at the village hall.

This will be free and open to all Ovington residents.

There will be a 40's fancy dress competition.

We hope to have the following also:

\*\* Bouncy Castle

\*\* Hog Roast

\*\* Mr 'Whippy' in the afternoon

This will be a great day and we hope that many of you will attend.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Oliver our "litter picker" for all his hard work in removing all the litter from our street.

Although the village hall is managed by a few people, it is there for you, and we welcome any ideas or comments you have. Please let us know, send to [mike@snicket.uk](mailto:mike@snicket.uk), together with your name and address.

Please check events on Facebook or the village hall web-site.

[ovingtonvillagehall.co.uk](http://ovingtonvillagehall.co.uk)

The VH Trustees

As always a Coffee Morning is held in the village hall every Monday morning from 10:30am

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# Annual Parish Meeting

*Heidi Frary (Clerk to the Council)*

The Annual Parish Meeting of Ovington will be held at Ovington Village Hall on 15 May 2024 at 7:30pm. This is your opportunity to hear what is happening in the village and ask questions. The meeting is hosted by the Parish Council, but is not a PC decision making meeting.

## AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting held in May 2023
3. Matters Arising
4. Reports from Local Organisations:
  - Parish Council
  - Village Hall
  - Fuel Trust
  - Ovington Church
  - Allotment Association
  - Ovington Oracle
  - District Councillor
  - County Councillor
  - Ovington Navy
5. Any Other Business

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## Parish Council (PC)

*Heidi Frary (Clerk to the Council)*

### **Date of Meetings:**

Next meeting (Annual General Meeting of the PC):  
15 May in the Village Hall, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting

Future meetings:  
17 July, 18 September and 20 November 2024

## Youth Club

Kaz Mason



Meets last Friday of the month  
at the Village Hall

For ages 8–14 years  
6:00 – 8:00pm

FREE entry, squash & biscuits

Tuck-shop selling: Milkshakes, Fizzy  
Drinks, Crisps, Chocolate Bars, Sweets  
and Home-made Goodies.

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

To book your child's space go to our  
Facebook page or contact 07880935765

## Election – Police and Crime Commissioner

Editor

The PCC election is held on 2 May with voting at the Village Hall from 7:00am-10:00pm. You will need **approved** photo ID to vote – not all photo ID is acceptable, especially for younger people (see: [www.electoralcommission.org.uk](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk))

The candidates are:

- CROFTS, John Peter (Liberal Democrat)
- ORPEN-SMELLIE, Giles Rackley (Conservative Candidate -  
More Police, Safer Streets)
- SCHMIERER, Martin Kenneth Albert (The Green Party)
- TAYLOR, Sarah (Labour and Co-operative Party)

If you don't like any candidate, or don't approve of political police commissioners, there is a splendid tradition of 'spoiling your ballot paper', which is recorded in the election result. So there is no reason not to vote for one (or none) of the candidates!

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# Funeral Celebrant

*Karen Weir*

Happy May!

As we welcome May and look forward to the April showers ending my course has now progressed to writing a funeral script.

I knew this was not going to be easy, but it's definitely giving me cause to think!

It's more than just asking questions.

It's more than just getting your family to fill in a generic questionnaire.

It's conversations and note taking, then creating something. After that, more conversations, more note taking and rewriting.

But still incredibly interesting.

For me, it's going to be trusting myself to get the information I need.

And getting the hang of choosing relevant information to craft a service. I'm sure this will come with practice.

So practice I will!!!

Just a little bit this time as I'm watching some course videos and frantically jotting down some notes!

But as I always say, if you want to find out more give me a call.

Till next time!

Karen (07778 374781)



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## Church News

*Jean Rockett-Woods (Lay Minister)*

### Services:

5 May – 10:30am	Holy Communion	(Revd. Adrian Bell)
12 May – 10:30am	Rogation Sunday	(JR-W)
19 May – 10:30am	Morning Worship	(JR-W)
26 May – 10:30am	Book of Common Prayer	(JR-W)
2 June – 10:30am	Holy Communion	(Revd. Adrian Bell)



On Sunday 21 April I took a Service of Common Prayer at Merton church, who have recently joined our Benefice. If you would like to join in these services at St. Peter's Church, they will be held on the first Sunday of each month starting at 9:30am. I know that you will be made very welcome.

As I was not available to take the morning service at our village church our churchwarden, Jessica Rockett, took the reins, and I have been told that it was a lovely service.

Following this service we held our APCM where we voted in our two Churchwardens, Jeremy Woods and Jessica Rockett, and voted in our PCC made up of Ann Johnson (Secretary), David Welsted (Treasurer), Gill Welsted (Community Liaison Officer), Lyndia Lewis (Fabric Officer), and a new volunteer Mary Rudd. Thank you Mary for your support. I and our two Churchwardens are also on the PCC and we will ALL strive to make sure that our lovely village church will be cared for. I thank all who stayed to support our PCC meeting.

Rogation Sunday falls on 5 May but we will be celebrating on Sunday 12 May. I hope that you will be able to join us for this special event. We will start the service in church and then travel around the grounds of the village hall to bless the crops in the allotments and other areas.

Each week, after our church service, we serve coffee, tea and cakes at no cost. There will also be some books made available for you to buy, or loan, for a donation to our church funds, and you will find these on a bookcase at the back of the church.

With love in Christ,

Jean (07749 870485)

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## Recipe of the Month

*Jill Burgess*

### **Fruit Shortcakes**

#### Ingredients:

4oz Margarine  
4oz Sugar  
6oz Mixed dried fruit  
8oz Self raising flour  
1 egg

#### Method:

Rub the fat into the flour then add the sugar, fruit, and egg. Mix to a stiff dough then roll out to about 1 inch thick and cut into rounds.

Bake at 180°C until done, approx 15 to 20 mins. You can add grated orange rind or mixed spice for more flavour if you wish.

Jill x

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## Out-of-village activities

*Fiona Rout*



### **NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

(Breckland Local Group)

Tim Holt-Wilson gave a very interesting talk in March on the Lost Beasts of Norfolk and Suffolk. It's very strange to think there were Mammoths, Rhino and Giant deer roaming these parts many, many years ago.

At the time of writing we have yet to have our visit to Lynford Arboretum and with that at the end of the month our next outing is not until the 1 June. This is a visit to East Wretham Nature Reserve to hopefully hear and see Nightjars. And other night creatures. James Symonds will lead us starting at 8:30pm.

Meet at the car park IP24 1RU. Cost £3 non members, £2 members. Booking essential 01953 718119. Bring a torch.

## Village Messages

**CHURCHYARD:**

Jean Rockett-Woods

A special *Thank You* to all who give up their time to keep our church clean and our churchyard neat and tidy.

**CLEARANCE:**

Lyndia Lewis

Free trolley jack.

For sale gas BBQ clean, all cooking tools with it also a full gas bottle £60.

Please telephone 01953 882222 Thank you

**MUSICIAN WANTED:**

Jean Rockett-Woods

If any of our villagers, or maybe someone that you know, is available to play the organ, or any other musical instrument, for our Sunday services then please let me know.

Jean (07749 870485)

## And Finally ...

*Tim*

A few witty quotes and words of wisdom from Oscar Wilde:

- >> Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.
  
- >> A bore is someone who deprives you of solitude without providing you with company.
  
- >> I'm so clever that sometimes I don't understand a single word of what I'm saying.
  
- >> Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.
  
- >> Every saint has a past, and every sinner has a future.
  
- >> I am not young enough to know everything.
  
- >> A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything, and the value of nothing.

... and there are so many more.

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