

The Ovington Oracle

August, 2024

Rather unexpectedly Julian Horn has recently dropped off a new version of The Wayland News, so I'll include it with The Ovington Oracle as we used to previously. It is now reworked into the "Watton & Wayland Times" with August 2024 being issue 1.

The Ovington Oracle is a booklet produced monthly and delivered to every house in the village, a few copies are also sent further afield.

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Could you write a report for the Oracle?

- * Been somewhere unusual locally ?
- * Grown something different ?
- * Can you share a recipe ?
- * Maybe you have recycled/re-purposed an object and others could do the same ?

Share it with us ... interesting snippets from real life add greatly to The Oracle, just 150 words makes a half page story.

See back cover for where to send contributions.



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Village events this month:

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

VH=Village Hall, C=Church, Y=Yoga, YC=Youth Club
B=Bowls, A=Allotment(BBQ)

Parish Council: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

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Village Information: ovington-village.org.uk

Village Messages

Wood for sale

Sue Horton

Air dried split logs for sale from trees I had taken down over two years ago. I have several log stores full and plenty stacked and covered ready to split.

I'm afraid I don't have a trailer to be able to deliver. People have come with a trailer and we've loaded up, or filled half ton bags and old compost bags

Please contact me if you're interested or pass my details on if you have friends or family who might be interested. We can price up depending on how much you want to take. Cheaper than you'd buy elsewhere.

Tel or message Sue at The Willows, Water End Farm 07392391236

Criminal Damage !

Editor

I am informed by a local farmer that teenagers have been seen trespassing on land between Ovington and Watton and a trail of footprints leads back to the village. Worse still they have caused £2000 worth of damage to agricultural storage facilities and the police are involved. Anyone caught on the land will be prosecuted!

Apart from the malicious damage, it is also extremely dangerous to climb on roofs (now broken) and climb on hay bales which could so easily crush someone. Farming is one of the most dangerous occupations so this is not an idle warning.

If you have any information please phone 101 or you can phone crime-stoppers anonymously 0800 555 111.

Village Hall (VH)

Mike Howes (Village Hall Trustee)

July and August are very quiet months at the village hall.

There have been no trustees' meetings in June or July. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4 September.

Paint has been bought and we are ready to paint the Committee Room.

The security lights are now working thanks to Dave.

The outside of the Hall is now looking spick and span following its annual spring clean.

Congratulations go to Christine and Sam for passing Food Safety Level-2

Regular Events

- Coffee Morning is held in the village hall every Monday morning from 10:30am everyone welcome.
- Every 2 weeks on a Wednesday at 7:00pm we have our Bowls Club.
- Every last Friday in the month we have our Youth Club.

Forthcoming events

On August 11 The Allotment Committee are holding their Annual Barbecue Day .Tickets are available from Jill on 07840873928.

On 13 September we are having an 80's Night with live music and songs by Karen Bell. Doors open at 8:00pm.

Tickets must be purchased before the event at £10 for adults and £5 for children, please ring 07880935765.

Fancy dress if possible, a prize to the best.

Parking

Please, when parking at the village hall, use the designated areas.

There are plenty of places to park without parking on the grass, unless using it as an overflow area at special occasions.

This also applies to both the allotment members and those using the church.

ovingtonvillagehall.co.uk

The VH Trustees

Rainfall

Tim



According to weather station "Icarus":

Total rainfall for June was 'just' 39.9mm (1 $\frac{9}{16}$ ").

As of 25 July the monthly running total stood at 99.5mm, with the forecast saying not much more expected.

Allotment Association BBQ and Produce Show

Jill Burgess



Ovington Allotment Association will be holding their Annual Produce Show and BBQ on Sunday 11 August from midday onwards at the village hall. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy an afternoon of good food and fun. Try your hand at judging the allotment plots and you might get lucky on the raffle. Tickets are £7.50 for adults and £4 for children under ten. Please contact Jill on 07840 873928 to buy your tickets.

Parish Council (PC)

Editor / Laurie Shepherd (Clerk)

This report is a summary of *The Clerk's* draft minutes from 17 July, the full copy is available at:

ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Present: Chair – Karen Weir, (KW), David Welsted (DW), Pete Bate (PB), Tim Birt (TB), and Jeremy Woods (JW)

Matters Arising:

TB had a request for the PC to object to Breckland District Council's (BDC) proposed car parking charges. PB gave councillors an insight into BDC proposal: free first hour then £2.50 for rest of the day, but there was not much data presented on the impact on high street footfall, furthermore BDC specifically targetted parking in the town and taking the bus to Norwich. Councillors noted this could lead to increased pollution and congestion with increased car journeys.

TB said this had been a long term goal of BDC and that he had previously established that it would need to charge 8 to 10 times the current cost of providing car parks in order to cover the cost of infrastructure, ticketing, enforcement, etc.

PB said the policy has gone through Cabinet but still needed to be ratified by Full Council for the final decision.

KW suggested TB to draft a response for Councillors to edit.

[A copy of the objection is available on the PC website]

Correspondence:

PC received a request for a donation to help with grass cutting in the churchyard. The PC noting this is a public space enjoyed by many and approved a £50 donation.

KW to follow up

A resident complained that the "20's Plenty" signs ordered by the PC had only been made available to a select few. DW confirmed they had been available at the Village Hall coffee mornings, but agreed that the PC had been somewhat lax at getting the message out more widely.

TB to take a couple of signs to the resident concerned and put a message in the Oracle.

More generally, Councillors wanted to see an official 20mph limit through the village. DW to undertake some research to gauge residents' opinion. JW reminded councillors of how many blind corners there were with pedestrians and cars sharing the same space.

Planning:

3PL/2024/0474/HOU; OVINGTON – 4 The Street, IP25 6RX. Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension. Change of Use of Outbuilding to Annexe for uses ancillary to main dwelling. APPROVED by BDC.

3PL/2023/1134/F; OVINGTON – The Bungalow, Water End Farm Church Road: change of use of a property known as “The Bungalow” from Holiday Let to Residential. APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78 (Appeal Reference APP/F2605/W/24/3343596).

Finance:

Payments received: none

Payments to be made: Clerk reimbursements (Heidi) £29.01
(Laurie) £50.70

Village / Highways Issues:

DW reported that the old telephone box needed renovation, or at least a repaint. DW and JW to investigate and do whatever was required.

TB to follow up with NCC to try and establish the status of our local Highways Engineer and to request a visit to the village.

Future Business:

DW noted that the village sign and notice board were very overgrown along with the verges in Crown Crescent.

TB had previously managed to get the play area on the BDC cutting rota, for which the PC is grateful; but the other areas are NCC responsibility, but they had done nothing for at least two years.

JW agreed to look at notice board area, update at next meeting.

Date of Meetings:

Next meeting: 18 September in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

Future meetings:

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

20's Plenty Bin Stickers

Laurie Shepherd (PC Clerk)



To request an A4 sized bin sticker please email
The Clerk, with your name and address, a Parish
Councillor will drop them off for you:

ovingtonnpc@gmail.com

Church News

Jean Rockett-Woods (JR-W)

Services:

4 Aug – 10:30am	Holy Communion	(Revd. Adrian Bell)
11 Aug – 10:30am	Morning Worship	(JR-W)
18 Aug – 10:30am	Family Service	(JR-W)
25 Aug – 10:30am	Book of Common Prayer	(JR-W)



Our churchyard is looking clean and tidy, with a few flowers, both fresh and silk, to make the place bright and cheerful.

My Churchwarden and I walked around last month to check that all was well, and to our disappointment we found that some decorations had been added

to the graves which are not acceptable in a Church property. I know that some council graveyards accept ornaments and plastic decorations, but the churchyards belonging to the Diocese do not accept these trinkets. I have checked once again with the Churchyard rules and only fresh and silk flowers are acceptable. If you have placed plastic items, gnomes, cherubs or wire flower supports I must therefore ask you to remove these items, as there is a risk of them being broken by the grass mowers, or even causing damage to the mowers themselves.

I am sorry if this causes you to be upset, but I have been told by Barbara Harrold that you were advised, when arranging for the burial of your loved one, that you did not purchase the piece of land that your loved one was interred in, and it was only for the ability to do so, with permission to lay a memorial stone to mark the place of your loved one within 6 months of the burial of same.

My daily prayers are for you all.

With love in Christ,

Jean (07749 870485)

General Election Results

Editor

Mid-Norfolk Constituency results:

FREEMAN George William	Conservative	16770
HAYNES Ash	Green	2858
HOWARD Stuart	Liberal Democrats	3126
KHER Kabeer	Reform UK	9427
ROSEN Michael	Labour	13716
Rejected Ballots (spoilt)		222

Turnout was low at just 61.3%

Out of Village Events

Sue Rothwell



Dereham Walkers are Welcome is a not for profit organisation. Please come and join us for an enjoyable walk in and around Dereham.

We have a varied programme of longer walks including regular 'short walk' of around four miles is on the first Friday of the month and for those looking for a shorter, slower walking experience our 'Easy Tuesday Walks' of just two miles are on the second Tuesday of each month.

August includes a 'garden party walk' where we finish at a Dereham garden for refreshments.

There is no charge for 'normal' walks, although donations gratefully accepted. More at:

DerehaWaW.org.uk

And Finally ...

Tim

Notes from last time:

Apparently the sudoku was a bit harder than the “easy” I suggested. The middle three blocks were fairly straightforward but then finding a key to expand this required a bit of multi-cell elimination. I have a solution, email if you would like a copy.

Oops, that was my new spelling of ‘puzzle’ an error I introduced after proof-reading, doh!



- >> A philosopher’s guide to science:
Biology defines us all, but is merely applied chemistry which in turn is just applied physics which can only be explained by the purest thinking subject of all ... maths. TB
- >> All that we are is the result of what we have thought. Buddha
- >> I think, therefore I am. René Descartes
- >> If you think you can do a thing or think you can’t do a thing, you’re right. Henry Ford

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