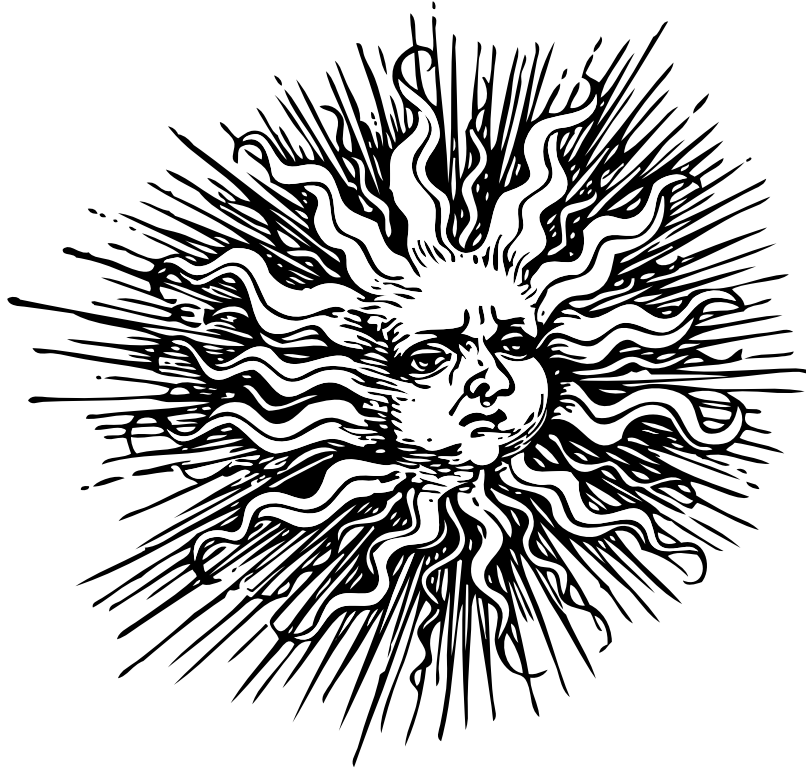


The Ovington Oracle

July, 2026



Solar News:

With the summer solstice now behind us the next significant solar event is aphelion where the earth is furthest away from the sun, although with the recent weather you would be forgiven for thinking we are at closest approach. Aphelion occurs on Monday, 6 July 2026, 6:30pm.

Full moon is 29 July (at 9:48am). The Anglo-Saxons called it the "Hay Moon".



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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 PC	9	10	11 VH	12 C
13 VH	14 Y	15 B	16	17	18	19 C
20 VH	21 Y	22	23	24	25	26 C
27 VH	28 Y	29 B	30	31 YC		

VH=Village Hall Event, C=Church, PC=Parish Council
Y=Yoga, YC=Youth Club, B=Bowls,

Parish Council: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

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

Allotment Association Produce Show and BBQ

Jill Burgess



Ovington Allotment Association invites you to our annual produce show and BBQ on Sunday 16 August at the village hall from 12-noon onwards. Come and have a walk around our allotments for inspiration for your own gardens and have a go at judging as well.

We will be serving burgers and hot-dogs along with ice creams. Tickets are £8 for adults and £4 for under 12's. Please feel free to bring your own tippie of choice to enjoy although we will be serving tea or coffee.

Jill (18 The Street)

Rainfall

Tim



May 2026 rainfall total: 33.5mm ($1\frac{5}{16}$ ").

As of 27 June we have had 60.5mm of rain. It has been a month of extremes with very heavy showers and super hot sunshine.

Parish Council (PC)

Laurie Shepherd – Parish Clerk

Next Meeting(s):

8 July 2026 at 7:30pm in Village Hall,

then: 16 September, 25 November.

PC documents at:

ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

Village Hall (VH)

Mike Howes (Village Hall Trustee)

Event Review:

[Editor: *Apologies, I forgot to include the 17 May review last month*]

Afternoon Tea Sunday 17 May

This event had been fully booked for several weeks due to its popularity.

A superb selection of sandwiches, sausage rolls and many cakes washed down with oodles of tea and coffee.

Our lovely committee ladies excelled again with their lovely cooking, all their hard work together with all the helpers, was fully appreciated, under the guidance of Christine.

We thank them all, once again. The feedback from those who attended was amazing.

Quiz Friday 12 June

This was a very popular evening together with a great raffle. Categories were: general knowledge, politics, biology, food and drink, sport, telly followed by a picture and then dingbats round; we finished with a rather long music round.

We all had a good time. Thanks go to Stewart as quiz-master, Jane for the raffle and also to Mike for setting the questions. Congratulations go to the winners 6-1 who kindly donated their prize back to the village hall.

Forthcoming Events:

Ovington is Going Country – Saturday 11 July at 12:30pm.

Back by popular demand we welcome again '*The Flying Line Dancers*'. Last year was great fun and enjoyed by all. Get dressed up! £10 per person to include food, but bring your own bottle.

An Evening of Mediumship with Jon Julian – 3 Oct 7:00 for 7:30pm

Book early so as to avoid disappointment.

£10 per person paid in advance, tickets from Kaz: 07880935765

Should be an interesting evening.

Car Boot Sale – Saturday 5 September

Timing to be confirmed

For further details of these events visit our Facebook page or web-site:
ovingtonvillagehall.co.uk

Regular Events:

- Coffee mornings every Monday from 10:30am to noon. Tea, coffee and plenty of cake!
- Yoga classes every Tuesday, 7:00-8:00pm.
- Indoor carpet bowls alternate Wednesdays 7:00 for 7:30pm, come and try your skill.
- Youth Club last Friday of the month.

The Village Hall is available to hire, only £6 per hour for village residents or £12 if you live outside the village. Please ring Mike on 07733236689 (mike@snicket.uk).

If you wish to contact the committee with any ideas etc please e-mail
ovingtonvillagehall.ovington@gmail.com

St John the Evangelist Services

Jean Rockett-Woods (JR-W)



With love in Christ, Jean (07749 870485)

Sun	5 July – 10:30am	Holy Communion	PM
Sun	12 July – 10:30am	Morning Worship	JR-W
Sun	19 July – 10:30am	Family Service	JR-W
Sun	26 July – 10:30am	Book of Common Prayer	JR-W
Sun	26 July – 6:30pm	Hymns on a Summer's Evening	PM

Calendar of Saints

Revd Patrick Morrow

You probably know that the Church has a calendar of saints. Some of these dates even make it into our collective consciousness. We might indeed mention St George's Day (23 April). What dates are there in July? Well, it might be good to make more of St Mary Magdalene, on 22 July, for all kinds of reasons. A lesser-known aspect of this calendar is that, in some variations, it also has days to honour some of the great heroes of the Old Testament (also known as the Hebrew Bible – the Bible Christians share with Jews).

So did you know that 20 July is the Feast of the Prophet Elijah? His story is told in 1 Kings 17 – 2 Kings 2. What a complex character he is! He is the archetypal biblical prophet, in terms of his signs and wonders, and his fierceness - his sense of a need to fight for the God of the people of faith, over against false gods, supremely one called Baal. He calls for a contest of miracles between the two divine characters, and is not above mocking Baal. At least as importantly, he told the kings of his day when they were getting things wrong.

It's likely we wouldn't want to be put in a room with Elijah for too long. But he is not one-dimensional. He it is, precisely after one of his fierce rows, who retreats to a mountain, and there experiences wind, earthquake and fire. But – and here the surprises begin – God is not in these. Instead, there comes along a “still small voice” (other translations are available), and, yes, here is God. It is true to say that this does not immediately change his character: he goes back to tell more kings what to do, as before; but his story is not finished.

In the Bible's account, Elijah seems not to die, but to ascend into heaven on a fiery chariot. So the idea arose that he would return at the end of the age. And – another surprise - not as fearsome challenger. Rather, it is as reconciler. Malachi tells us he will turn the hearts of the parents to the children, and the hearts of the children to the parents (Malachi 4.6a). Imagine that! If the loudest shouter in the Bible ends up being the one who can heal the most painful estrangements of all – those within families – then surely there is hope for us all!

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Youth Club

Kaz Mason

6:00 – 8:00pm last Friday of the month

For ages 6–16 years

FREE entry, squash & biscuits

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



Check our Facebook page: Ovington Youth Club, Norfolk

Please txt / call Kaz if you wish your child to attend: 07880935765

Ovington Youth Club earned the 'Welcomes Young Carers 2025' badge.

PCC Election

Tim

The Police and Crime Commissioner has resigned. Despite the role being officially described as a “failed experiment” and being abolished by 2028 there is a legal requirement to elect a replacement. The election will take place 16 July at a cost of around £2m!

Candidate	Party
Christopher John Brown	Lib-Dem
Mark Rhoades Buckton	Restore
Beth Jones	Labour
Marcus Howard Pearcey	Ind
Martin Kenneth Albert Schmierer	Green
Colin Sutton	Reform
Matthew Patrick Taylor	Con

I hope you can find someone to vote for, but if not there is a splendid tradition of spoiling ones ballot paper in protest (just write a comment rather than putting your cross in a box). Spoilt ballots are officially counted.

Our polling station is the Village Hall which is open 7:00am to 10:00pm, remember to bring approved photo ID.

Fraud Report Warnings

Editor

There has been an evolution and increase in '*Courier Fraud*' disproportionately targetting the over 70's.

Fraudsters exploit trust in institutions such as the police and banks, as well as using pressure tactics, fear and urgency to manipulate victims into complying with instructions. Do not trust 'caller ID' on your phone. Your bank or police will not ask you to transfer money into, for example, a "safe account".

Warning for online shoppers after a spike in criminals gaining unauthorised access to retailer accounts following data breaches. Criminals access the leaked accounts and buy goods using 'click and collect'. Report Fraud has seen a significant increase in cases mentioning Argos, but other well known brands are also affected.

And Finally

Tim

>> How do you prevent a summer cold?

... catch it in winter.



>> Why is camping so hard for some people?

... because it's really 'in-tents'.

>> Where do boats go when they are sick?

... to the dock

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