

The Ovington Oracle

September, 2022

Heritage Open Days are back for 2022, with access to some places you can't normally go and free access to sites that normally charge.

9 – 18 September

norfolkheritageopendays.co.uk

Lists of 313 events over the week in Norfolk alone!



Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, involving thousands of local volunteers and organisations. Every year in September it brings people together to celebrate their heritage, community and history. Stories are told, traditions explored, and histories brought to life. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences – and it's all FREE.

The Autumn Equinox is creeping up on us again, 23 September at 2:03am marks the exact time.



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Village events this month:

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

VH:Village Hall, PC:Parish Council, C:Church, (p):see page p

COVID-19 (it hasn't gone away!) : www.gov.uk/coronavirus

Village Information: ovington-village.org.uk

Parish Council: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

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Village Hall (VH)

Christine Reilly

Village Hall BBQ

Many thanks to everyone who helped with or attended the BBQ last month. It was another glorious day and everyone enjoyed a relaxed afternoon following the BBQ lunch. As a bonus, £106.26 was added to village hall funds after costs.

Quiz

Postponed from July, it is now on Friday 30 September at 7:30pm. Teams of 4 compete for prizes (but mostly the glory!) in an evening of friendly rivalry and fun. Tickets cost £7.50 per person and include a ploughman's-style supper. BYOB if you need anything stronger than tea or coffee. We will have a raffle and all proceeds go to village hall funds. Space is limited however, so book your team in as soon as possible by ringing me on 01953 885848.

Mark the 21 October in your diaries if you like a curry. We will be having a Curry Night at the village hall. Details in next month's Oracle.

STOP PRESS:

On Sunday 27 November at 4:00pm we have now had our next live show confirmed by Creative Arts East – Bowjangles are coming to Ovington! For anyone who hasn't seen their previous shows in Watton, they are a multi-talented and very funny quartet who sing and dance while playing stringed instruments and telling a story. This time the show is called 'Dracula in Space', so who knows what delights they have in store for us! Save the date on your calendar as they are very popular and demand should be high. A few years ago at the Watton Festival, they filled the Queen's Hall and received standing ovations for their highly energetic performance.

Regular Coffee Morning

The Village Hall is open every Monday morning for coffee, tea, cakes. From around 10:30am to 12:00 noon, for only £1, you can partake of refreshments and catch up with friends and neighbours.

Church News

Jean Rockett-Woods (JR-W), Lay Minister

Services:

4 Sept – 10:30am	Holy Communion (Adrian Bell)
11 Sept – 10:30am	Café Church (JR-W) Followed by tea/coffee and cakes
18 Sept – 10:30am	Harvest Festival Service (JR-W)
25 Sept – 6:00pm	Hymns for a Summer Evening (JR-W) Outside (weather permitting)



Our lovely Churchyard helpers have been busy mowing the grass and caring for the graveyards keeping the grass around the graves looking neat and tidy. Some of the graves are usually kept looking lovely with fresh flowers, but due to the August heat it has been difficult to keep fresh flowers looking good. We have had some of the older graves brightened up with silk flowers which have added a lovely splash of colour to otherwise drab memorials. If you would like to add a bit of colour to brighten them up then please feel free to do so.

We are continuing to have a couple of coffee mornings each month and I look forward to meeting you at one or both of these.

If you are feeling lonely, or need someone to talk to, I will be very happy to visit you, or just have a natter on the phone. Just give me a ring. I look forward to hearing from you.

May God's blessing be with you all.

Social Events:

Saturday 3 Sept	Coffee Morning / Book & DVD Sale
Sunday 24 Sept	Coffee Morning / Book & DVD Sale

We are holding these two coffee mornings to raise enough money to have the inside walls of our village church re-decorated. There will be some books & DVD's available for which we ask for a small donation, the proceeds will be used for this restoration work on our lovely church.

With love in Christ

Jean – 07749 870485

Rainfall

Rod Rumsby

Evening all, I thought it was time I made a reappearance on these pages and rid your esteemed editor of the onerous task of rushing out to empty the 5 gallon can every time it rains. So, if I recall, I gave the intermediate reading for June but from then on there has been no updates so let's start with the totals for June and venture on from there.



Rainfall total for June 2022 was 27mm or just over one inch.

For July the amounts recorded were 5.5mm or just under a quarter of an inch

August thus far up until the 19 of the month is 4mm or just over one eighth of an inch.

You can see from the above the reason for the grass being the untraditional colour that it is. Keep doing the rain dance please.

[Editor: Welcome back Rod. Some rain did turn up along with a magnificent electric storm – must have been your rain dance – but we'll have to wait until next month to see how much it added to the monthly total.]

Jam makers and tree planters

Lyndia Lewis

Anyone thinking of making Jam or chutney? I have hundreds of jam jars which I would be more than willing to give you.

Anyone thinking of planting a tree? I have walnut tree saplings Oak tree saplings courtesy of a Squirrel with dementia

Please call me if you want either of these:

01953 882222, Lyndia

Village and events further afield

Mike Murray

Remembering Friends:

Saturday 3 September at 7:00pm

A concert at Ovington Church in aid of Big C, including *Quality Corner* and *The Harmonettes*; tickets £10.00, including refreshments, available from Adcocks, Watton or Mike: 07733 236689

Christine Reilly

Next film night

Friday 23 September at 7:00pm – £5 (including popcorn).

At Thompson Community Hall (IP24 1PY): “Downton Abbey”

Fiona Roat

Norfolk Wildlife Trust (Breckland Local Group)

Sunday 11 September from 10:00am to 12noon.

We will be walking in Thetford along the Thet and Little Ouse rivers. Thetford River Trust will be guiding and informing us of their work monitoring the rivers' wildlife and health. They do regular patrols on canoes and kayaks for this purpose and for collecting litter.

Meet at Abbey Meadows, near Canterbury Way road bridge adjacent to Bishops Primary School. IP24 1EB. Cost members £2 non-members £3. Booking essential 01953 718119.

Sue Rothwell

Dereham Walkers are Welcome

We are a not for profit organisation, please come and join us for a walk in the Dereham area. We meet on the first Friday of each month to complete a 'short walk' of up to four miles.

There is also a programme of longer walks and events, for up to date information, please check our website at

www.DerehamWaw.org.uk

DixieMix:

Friday 14 October, Queens Hall, Watton, doors open 7:00 for 7:30pm.

A charity evening in remembrance of *Martin Anscombe*; tickets £12.50, including a "light supper", available from Adcocks, Watton and on the door.

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Next Meeting:

21 Sept 7:30pm in the village hall. (then: 16 Nov)

PC Documents at: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

The Old Crown Garden

Jean Rockett-Woods

I have been struggling to bring the Old Crown garden back to its former glory. Thankfully, due to the dry conditions and slow weed growth, I have been able to clear a lot of overgrown areas. My favourite tool for this job has been Jeremy's hedge trimmer used at ground level. My aim is to make less borders and more 'grass' areas which will be easier for Jeremy to mow rather than for me to weed!

Both our ponds lacked water, which has enabled me to clean them out and remove unwanted growth. The water lily in the ornamental pond had taken over but I have divided it and returned one plant. The remaining 4 plants are kept wet in the same pond and if anyone would like one or more then please call round. I will be very grateful to anyone who can re-home them. I hate destroying such lovely plants which produce lovely pink flowers each year, but if no new home can be found I am afraid that I will have to send them to the compost bin.

And finally ...

Rod+Tim

Famous quotes:

- >> Laugh and the world laughs with you, snore and you sleep alone!
- >> A chip on the shoulder is often a piece of wood that has fallen from the head!
- >> Even if you are on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.



And a few more ...

- >> When your mother asks, "Do you want some advice?" it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer "yes" or "no", you're going to get it anyway.
- >> Friends are God's way of apologising for our families.
- >> Doing nothing is very hard to do, you never know when you've finished.
- >> Behind every great man is a woman rolling her eyes.

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