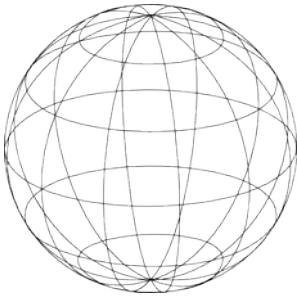


The Ovington Oracle

July, 2024

With all the election excitement I forgot to mention the solstice which marked the start of (astronomical) summer at precisely 9:51pm on 20 June. Meteorologists prefer to use whole months so class June, July and August as summer. Whichever you prefer, the bottom line is that the nights are now pulling in – albeit very slowly!



Our next significant solar event is aphelion, the day after the general election on 5 July at 6:06am, this is the time when the earth is furthest away from the sun. We will be about 5 million km further from the sun than at perihelion, but it is only a fraction of the total distance so the consequence is small. It gives us a slightly longer and slightly cooler summer, both of which seem fine to me.

Editorial Comment:

I mentioned last month that I, along with many others, expect:

“... the Election campaign to be vicious, with dirty tricks, manipulation, AI and social media fakes including fake fact checking sites.”

and it seems to be so, with one party already rebranding its twitter/X account to mimic a tax fact-checking service. Expect more of the same during the last few days.

There appears little or no consequences for making stuff up, outright lies or avoiding disclosure of important material facts. I hope we can find a way to restore civility and openness in our political process thus allowing a proper discussion ... but in the meantime beware !!



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Village events this month:

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

VH=Village Hall, C=Church, Y=Yoga, YC=Youth Club
PC=Parish Council, GE=General Election

Parish Council: ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home

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

Village Hall: ovingtonvillagehall.co.uk

Village Information: ovington-village.org.uk

General Election – 4 July

Editor

The candidates for the Mid Norfolk Constituency are:

FREEMAN George William	The Conservative Party Candidate (address in the South Norfolk Constituency)
HAYNES Ash	The Green Party (address in Norwich)
HOWARD Stuart	Liberal Democrats (address in Hertsmere)
KHER Kabeer	Reform UK (address in the Mid-Norfolk Constituency)
ROSEN Michael	Labour Party (5 Crocus Street, Wymondham, NR18 0FD)

Unless you have already made arrangements to vote by post or proxy your default voting method is to attend Ovington Village Hall between 7:00am and 10:00pm on 4 July



To vote in person you need approved photo-ID, which is limited – especially for younger people – and it is now too late to apply for a Voter Identification Certificate.

The list of approved ID is available at the electoral commission:

www.electoralcommission.org.uk

Many can vote positively for one of the candidates, however due to our first-past-the-post electoral system there is a growing use of 'tactical voting' where a vote is cast for the most likely to stop a disliked candidate. If you don't like any candidate there is another option and that is to spoil your ballot paper, these are recorded and counted.

Whatever your reasoning, it is honourable to participate in our democratic process.

Village Hall (VH)

Mike Howes (Village Hall Trustee)

Summary of Meeting 29 May 2024

Committee Members: Kaz Mason (KM), Richard Moss (RM), Lyndia Lewis (LL), Dave Welsted (DW), Mike Howes (MH), Jill Burgess (JB), Stuart Burgess (SB), Rosemary Jones (RJ) and two members of the public, Christine and Sam.

The Chairman welcomed new members SB & JB

Events:

Congratulations for May afternoon tea which was a great event.

D-Day event was discussed

Training:

RM advised that Breckland Council cancelled face to face Food Safety Training and therefore SB, RJ, Christine & Sam would need to complete online.

Following the incident in The Crescent it was agreed that more first aid training would be a good idea.

Maintenance:

The back room is now ready for decoration and a working party to be agreed to clean the outside of the hall.

The Fence also will need to be treated by the end of the summer.

If you wish to view the full meeting minutes this will be published on the web-site

www.ovingtonvillagehall.co.uk



Events Review

D-Day celebrations

On Saturday 8 June about 50 residents celebrated D-Day.

A great day was had by all. The food was amazing, a beautiful Hog

Roast together with salad ,followed by an ice cream cornet.

We all had so much food that it was difficult to move afterwards, but we managed to have a lively sing-song of all the old 40"s music.

Afterwards we celebrated the best dressed person who won a bottle of wine.

Thanks to all concerned for a great day.

Forthcoming events

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

On 13 September we are having an 80's Night

Live music songs by Karen Bell.

Doors open at 8:00pm.Tickets are £10 for adults and £5 for children, booked in advance, please ring 07880935765.

I am sure it will be a good night.

The village hall committee work hard to put events on at the hall, please support us by attending them.

ovingtonvillagehall.co.uk

The VH Trustees

Rainfall

Tim



According to weather station "Icarus":

Total rainfall for May was 117.6mm (4 ⁵/₈").

As of 20 June the monthly running total stood at a much more reasonable 39mm, it almost looks like summer.

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.

We have two plots that have just become vacant so if anyone from the village is interested in taking one on please contact Jill on the above number.

Parish Council (PC)

Timothy Birt

We thank Heidi Frary for many years of service as our Parish Clerk, keeping us legal and compliant with the ever changing guidance and rules. We wish her well in a new career.

This will be the first meeting under the supervision of our new Clerk, Laurie Shepherd. We welcome Laurie to Ovington.

Date of Meetings:

Next meeting: 17 July in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

Future meetings:

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

Village Messages

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

Jean Rockett-Woods

Thank you Jeremy for three wonderful years of marriage. A
celebration of love, trust, partnership tolerance and tenacity.

With all my love from Jeannie xxx

Funeral Celebrant

Karen Weir

Hello July!

My celebrant course is coming to a close. As I said last month, I submitted one script, which was marked and I passed with 98%.

Second script written and marked with a grade of 95%. Next, I've had to do a script recording and a live read of it with my mentor Julie.

I belong to the Boo and Hiss theatre group. (As an aside, we are doing Vicar of Dibley this year and I am playing Mrs Cropley! I hope to see lots of you there in September!)

My group chums were my funeral guests when I did my recording. I passed this part with 95%.

Next up then, my live read. I'm happy to report that I was graded 100%. And her comments were amazing. I will be making a website soon and will share with you all what she said on there. I am so happy with this.

The reason I've wanted to become a funeral celebrant is to help the bereaved. I love to help people. To make their lives, even if it's just for a moment, maybe, slightly less awful. It's one of the worst times we ever experience. But it's one of the few things in this game we play each day called life, that's definitely guaranteed.

I will be honoured to be chosen by a family as their celebrant. I will always do my best.

And I guess by the next Oracle issue I should be done, graduated with a certificate and badge.

Until August then, take care of each other!

(soon to be graduating as a Funeral Celebrant)

Karen (07778 374781)

Church News

Jean Rockett-Woods (JR-W)

Services:

7 July – 10:30am	Holy Communion	(Revd. Adrian Bell)
14 July – 10:30am	Morning Worship	(JR-W)
21 July – 10:30am	Family Service	(JR-W)
28 July – 10:30am	Book of Common Prayer	(JR-W)
4 Aug – 10:30am	Morning Worship	(Jessica Rockett)



I can't believe how quickly the months are passing and we are now halfway through the year. At last the weather seems to have changed for the better with warmer days in which we can enjoy the sunshine in our gardens.

I have been battling the wild flowers (some call them weeds) and brambles to make gardening an easier task. Due to the lateness of summer the crops in the fields and allotments have been late in maturing, so we have arranged for our Harvest Festival to be a little later in the year than we usually do. As always we hope that you will support us in our services.

Revd. Adrian Bell is still taking services in our church in the absence of an appointed vicar. He does take such lovely services, for which we thank him, and he usually gives us food for thought as well as a few laughs.

My thanks once again go to all who support our village church through attendance at our weekly services, kind donations, cleaning of the church building, and mowing of the churchyard.

With love in Christ,

Jean (07749 870485)

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.

On Wednesday 17 July we have a special Thuxton Train Walk, where we will take the Mid Norfolk Railway to Thuxton and walk back to Dereham with optional coffee/tea and cake/traybake on our return. There is a charge for this event to cover the train fare and refreshments, please see the web-site for more details.

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.

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

DerehaWaW.org.uk

And Finally ...

Tim

A few maths based riddles, answers on back page:

- Q1: We went to Tesco and bought 10 apples. Unfortunately, on the way back home, all but 9 got ruined. How many apples are left in a good condition?
- Q2: I am an odd number. Take away a letter and I become even. What number am I?

And these are more puzzles:

- Q3: A father is four times as old as his daughter. In 20 years time the father will be twice as old as her. How old are they both now?
- Q4: This is a harder one is for maths enthusiasts. What is the next number in this sequence: 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 14, 18 ...

Sudoku

Easy ??

				4			9	7
		6	1				3	
	4		9					
		5	6		7	1		3
	1	8		3		2	7	
3		7	4		8	5		
					5		4	
	7				1	9		
2	6			9				

Each of the nine 3x3 squares and each complete column and each complete row must have the digits 1-9 only once.

Answers to riddles / puzzles:

A1: 9, notice the 'but'

A2: Remove the 'S' from Seven

A3: Father is 40 and the daughter is 10

A4: 20. The sequence is the primes+1

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