

# The Ovington Oracle

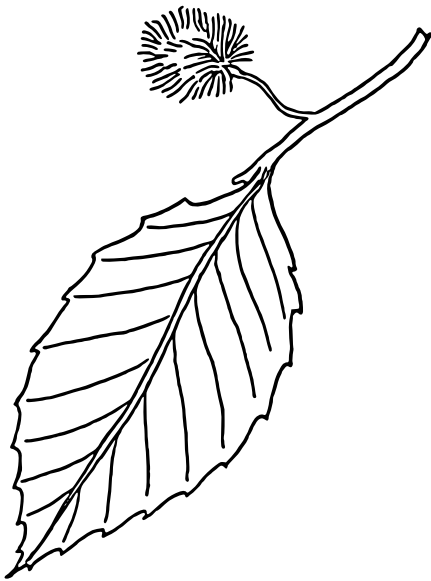
October, 2024

At this time of year the daylight is pulling in at its fastest rate, more than 4 minutes per day.

British Summer Time ends on Sunday 27 October and the clocks go back an hour. As a bonus we 'gain' an extra hour by repeating the time between 1:00-2:00am, try not to make it like Groundhog Day!



As we prepare for the glorious colours of autumn I found this fascinating snippet on the Met Office website ( [www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk) ):



Chlorophyll is the chemical which makes tree leaves green and as it declines other chemicals become more prominent in the leaves.

These are responsible for the vibrant ambers, reds and yellows of autumn. The chemicals responsible are types of flavonoids, carotenoids and anthocyanins.

Did you know some of these chemicals are the same ones that give carrots (beta-carotenes) and egg yolks (luteins) their colours?



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### Village events this month:

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

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

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)

# In memory of Linda Murray

*Mike & Neil Murray*

## **Linda Murray – 4 October 1954 to 28 August 2024**



My dear wife and mother of our son Neil passed away on the 28 August at Priscilla Bacon Lodge.

We thank all that sent cards and knew her for their condolences.

A bright and colourful person with a ready smile and a welcoming nature: She will always be remembered by many for her contribution to the village and church.

Her funeral is taking place at 1:00pm on 4 October at Breckland Crematorium.

Ivan Fisher Funeral Homes will be conducting the ceremony where you can find a 'view a service online' together with a 'make a donation' link.

And after, a celebration of Linda's life will be held at the village hall. All are welcome.

Mike and Neil

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## Village Messages

### Bonfires

Jon and I wish to apologise for the number of bonfires we have had, particularly the one on the last Saturday of August. We have been tackling our overgrown areas that have been wild for many years, and some was not dry enough to burn when it was put on.

Thank you to the immediate neighbours for their understanding. Hopefully, all bonfires are now finished and we can return to low level mowing and weeding.

Best wishes,

Hannah & Jon Wheeler

### George Bunn

For those residents who remember George Bunn, sadly he has died at a very old age. His wife cared for him as long as possible but he needed to go into a nursing home in Kings Lynn in the end. My memory of him was for growing potatoes in his front garden, he thought having a lawn was a waste of ground! He was a lovely, gentle, man.

Lyndia Lewis

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## Rainfall

Tim



According to weather station "Icarus":

Total rainfall for August was 26.7mm ( $1 \frac{1}{16}$ "), almost all fell on two days, 6 & 24 August.

As of 24 September the monthly running total stood at just 20.6mm, but it has been steady for a few days with more to come.

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## Ovington Fuel Trust

*Lyndia Lewis*

Most Norfolk villages have a "Fuel Trust" not everyone knows how they came about. In the 1800s the government of the day passed a law called "the Enclosure Act" where wealthy landowners could fence off their land, thus the "common people" could no longer gather wood to heat their homes. The vicar of the day thought this unfair so began the first Fuel Trust. Using money from rent of homes and land he and a few trusted people used the money to buy the parishioners fuel, usually coal. This is why it is still called "The Fuel Trust". It is of course no longer just fuel.

Ovington's Fuel Trust is run by volunteers under Charity Commission regulations. We give grants to people who are struggling in the present cost of living crisis, and fuel allowance withdrawal. If you or anyone you know are in need please please get in touch. In the past we have helped with school uniforms, leaking roofs, new chimney liners, all sorts, so don't think your need is too trivial.

Your call is treated with respect and total confidentiality.

Lyndia Lewis (Secretary) 01953 882222

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## Parish Council (PC)

*Timothy Birt*

The meeting scheduled for 18 September was postponed and will now take place 2 October

PC documents at:

[ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home](https://ovingtonclerk.wixsite.com/home)

### **Next Meeting:**

2 October in the Village Hall at 7:30pm

### **Future meetings:**

20 November 2024

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# Village Hall (VH)

*Mike Howes (Village Hall Trustee)*

## **VH Management and Training**

- 4 September – Village Hall Management Committee Meeting.  
(Next Meeting 16 October at 7:00pm)
- 17 November and 8 December – Defibrillator training 2 provisional dates from St John Ambulance
- Decoration of Committee Room to be started.  
(The Committee Room has now had a new coat of paint following the damp problem being resolved and our thanks go to Lyndia for keeping the flower beds looking so good.)
- Outside fence needs to be painted for the winter.
- Some outside trees need to be trimmed.
- To check outside drains.

## **Events Review**

### 80's Music with Karen Bell (13 September)

Those who attended had a very good time. Most had decided to dress-up for the occasion. Good music and good fun.

Kaz setup a Photo Booth in the committee room and many hilarious photos were taken.

Unfortunately numbers were very poor. We put these events on for the village, please support them.

## **Forthcoming Events**

Quiz night – Saturday 19 October.

£2 per person and max of 6 to a table. Bring your own booze. The questions will be much easier this year !.

Pot of Gold Shanty Singers – 1 November

Festive Fair – 30 November

Christmas Afternoon Tea – Sunday 15 December

Curry Night – February 2025

All these events are put on for the village, we would love your support.

## **Regular Events**

- Our usual Monday morning coffee mornings at 10:30am are open to all. Please come and meet members of Ovington and surrounding villages.
- Bowls Club is every 2 weeks on a Wednesday at 7:00pm.
- Every last Friday in the month we have our Youth Club.

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

The VH Trustees

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## **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 ensure enough adult helpers please  
TXT or call if you wish your child to attend.

Kaz & Jo (Ovington Youth Club Leaders) – 07880935765

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## New Bus Service

*Timothy Birt*

Konect have introduced a new local service, the number 15. It operates Monday to Saturday around Watton, Carbrooke, Saham and Ovington (our stop is opposite Crown Crescent):

<b>Watton, Crown</b>	10:15	12:15	14:15
Watton, Griston Road	10:15	12:15	14:15
Watton, Blenheim Way	10:16	12:16	14:16
Watton, Lovell Gardens	10:17	12:17	14:17
Watton, Portal Avenue	10:18	12:18	14:18
Watton, Camp Main Gate	10:19	12:19	14:19
<b>Watton, Salmond Road</b>	10:20	12:20	14:20
Carbrooke, Shire Autos	10:21	12:21	14:21
<b>Carbrooke, Bus Shelter</b>	10:25	12:25	14:25
<b>Ovington, The Street</b>	10:30	12:30	14:30
<b>Saham Toney, cross-roads</b>	10:33	12:33	14:33
<b>Watton, Crown</b>	10:37	12:37	14:37

The bold entries are major stops. Official stops are quite far apart; if you live on the outskirts of the village, it will stop on clear stretches of road if you request it.

You might have thought for something positive like this Konect might drop a note to the Parish Council or Ovington Oracle, but neither happened. Furthermore the 'services/watton' page on their web-site doesn't mention the new route.



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## Harvest Festival

*David Welsted*

The traditional Harvest Festival is a celebration to mark “food from the land” being gathered in at the end of the summer, hopefully a bumper crop. The local church would provide the venue for this celebration, i.e. a church service with well known harvest hymns and donated local produce displayed in the church. After the service this produce would be distributed to the poor and needy.

This year St John’s Church Ovington will be holding its Harvest Festival service on Sunday 6 October. As usual all sorts of donated produce will be on display in the church. After the service all the produce will be taken to the Watton Food Bank. (The Food Bank accepts fresh produce as well as packets and tins, etc). Everyone is welcome to attend the service with traditional harvest hymns (tea/coffee & cake served after the service)... but if you cannot come along please consider donating some food or fresh produce by just leaving it in the church the day before. It will be gratefully received and taken to the food bank on the Monday.

P.S. The church door is unlocked between 9:00am and 4:00pm so don’t leave it too late.

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## Norfolk Churches Cycle Ride

*Ann Johnson*

‘A big thank you to all who manned the church for the Norfolk Churches Cycle Ride and welcomed several riders with a snack, a drink and cheery encouragement.

An even bigger thank you to David who oiled his bike and managed to ride round to quite a few churches in the Diocese and who said what a difference it makes when a church is manned. I understand one church had a MacMillan Coffee Morning going on so he was sent off with enough cakes to keep his sugar levels up for his whole journey. The money he raised will be split equally between Ovington Church and the Norfolk Churches Trust.’

## Church News

*Jean Rockett-Woods (JR-W)*

### Services:

6 Oct – 10:30am	Harvest Festival	(Revd. Adrian Bell)
13 Oct – 10:30am	Morning Worship	(JR-W)
20 Oct – 10:30am	Pet Service	
	Please bring your pet or a representation.	(JR-W)
27 Oct – 10:30am	Book of Common Prayer	(JR-W)



Hi to all in our lovely readers of out Ovington Oracle. I hope that you are all keeping well, safe, and warm.

Saint Francis is associated with patronage of animals and the environment. It became customary for churches to hold ceremonies blessing animals on his feast day of the fourth of

October, which became World Animal Day. He was noted for his devotion to the Eucharist. Along with Catherine of Sienna, he was designated patron saint of Italy. He is also the namesake of the city of San Francisco.

This month, 20 October, is our Pet service where we are celebrating God's creatures, especially those which we keep as pets. I am not sure if our cat 'Blacky', named by Jeremy, will be joining with us for this service. He usually follows us up Church Road, and, during the service, has taken to sleeping on one of the chairs at the back of the church. Please feel free to bring your pets. We do not mind if they sing during the hymns, or in fact at any time during the service, so please don't be put off bringing them along.

My daily prayers are for you all.

With love in Christ,

Jean (07749 870485)

### Future events and services:

9 Nov – 10:30am	Special Coffee morning, run by Jane Lambert, with a raffle, to raise funds for the Poppy Appeal
10 Nov – 10:30am	Remembrance Sunday

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## Out of Village Events

*Fiona Rout*



### **NORFOLK WILDLIFE TRUST**

(Breckland Local Group)

After the Fungus Foray at the end of September, we now start our season of talks.

On Wednesday 9 October we have the author Conor Jameson telling us all about Goshawks. Conor has had a book published on this subject and previously worked for the RSPB.

The talk starts at 6:30pm at The Methodist Centre, High Street, Watton. IP25 6AB. No booking needed, refreshments served. Cost £3 non-members, £2 members.

Future talks (same place and time):

- On 13 November Lynne and Tony Fry giving a talk on Sustainability and Conservation on their Sussex garden.
- On 11 December Will Russel NWT Lead Officer Woods and Heaths will give a talk on Adders.

## And Finally ...

*The Puzzler*

The answer to last month's word puzzle was: **ivory**



### Classic paradoxes to mess with your mind...

- "I know that I know nothing." – Socrates (c. 470 – 399BC).
- "Does the set of all those sets that do not contain themselves contain itself?" – Bertrand Russell (1872–1970).
- "I always lie." – Jean Buridan (c. 1300-1358).
- When running for a 'bus', you must complete half the distance ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), then half the remaining distance ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) then half the remaining ... ad infinitum, thus never reaching the 'bus' – Zeno of Elea (c. 490–430BC)

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