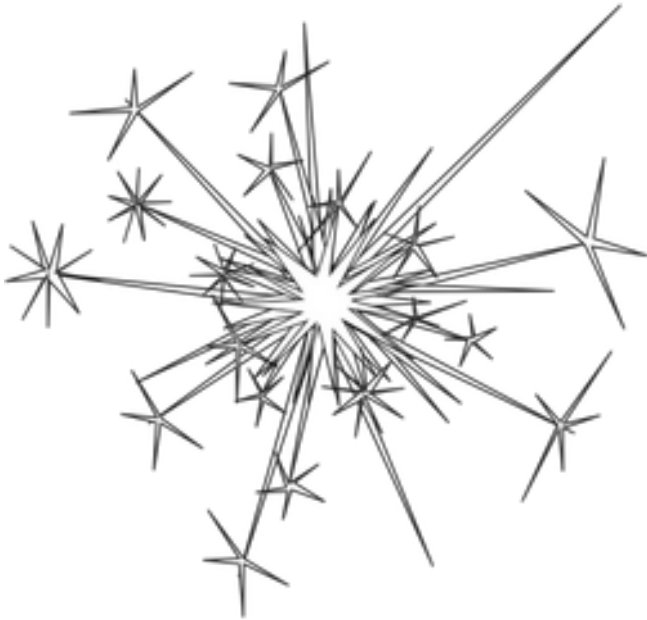


# *The Ovington Oracle*

November, 2025



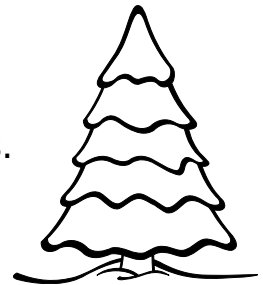
*Bonfire Night* events are imminent, or been and gone in the case of Watton Town Council!

Please consider that animals and pets can be scared by the noise and flashes; be considerate with fire and smoke; have fun and stay safe.



It seems to have come round quickly, but the next issue is December and I would welcome any Christmas messages.

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### Village events this month:

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

VH=Village Hall Event, C=Church (not 30th),  
PC=Parish Council, Y=Yoga, YC=Youth Club, B=Bowls

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# Messages

Village

## Greetings

Jean Rockett-Woods

Well finally Jeremy and I are living in Ashill. We have been welcomed by both new friends and those who knew me when I previously lived in Ashill with my family.

We are still emptying boxes and probably will be for some months to come. I hadn't realised just how much baggage we had accumulated. The local charities are benefiting from donations of spare furniture and linen, and today we took three teapots to PACT in Swaffham, where we were able to enjoy the fun of their tombola, raising money for this wonderful charity to help animals.

Jeremy and I are still enjoying the company of all who meet together at the Ovington Coffee morning in the village hall each Monday. Do join us for a mardle.

We have regular visitors from the ducks who reside not far from us, The other morning I counted twenty-four. They are no trouble, and for me it is a pleasure to see them.

Jean & Jeremy

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## Parish Council (PC)

*Laurie Shepherd – Parish Clerk*

### **PC documents at:**

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

### **Next Meeting:**

12 November, at 7:30pm in Village Hall.

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## Church – St John the Evangelist

*Jean Rockett-Woods*

### Services:

2 Nov – 10:30am	Holy Communion	(Revd. Patrick Morrow)
9 Nov – 10:30am	Morning Praise	(Jean Rockett-Woods)
16 Nov – 10:30am	Family Service	(Jean Rockett-Woods)
23 Nov – 10:30am	Book of Common Prayer	(Jean Rockett-Woods)
30 Nov – 10:30am	Benefice Service – Saham Toney.	
	<u>No Service at Ovington</u>	(Revd. Patrick Morrow)



This month we remember those who have left this life. At our church service on 2 November we will read out the names of those who remain in our hearts. Please do come and celebrate their lives with us.

Our Pet service last month was attended by both live and representations of those pets we no longer have living with us.

This month is a time to remember those souls who gave their lives during the two World Wars so that we may remain free.

Poppies will be available in the church for you to make a donation to help those who have been injured fighting for freedom. I am sure that a door-to-door collection will be available, as in other years.

I must say a big THANK YOU to our church cleaners, flower decorators and providers of refreshments after our services, and also to the gents and ladies who give up their time to mow the grass in our churchyard.

I look forward to seeing you at our next service. My daily prayers are for you all.

With love in Christ,

Jean. Tel: 07749 870485

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## Village Hall (VH)

Mike (Village Hall Trustee)

**Review:** Dan Star, Friday 10 October.

By popular demand we welcomed Dan Star back again to entertain us. Unfortunately numbers attending had diminished somewhat, but those who attended had a great evening of songs and dancing.

The village hall needs more people to attend these functions or we will not be able to book them. It is up to you.

### **Forthcoming Events:**

<b>Ovington Festive Fayre</b> – Saturday 22 November noon – 3:00pm
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<b>Festive Afternoon Tea</b> – Sunday 7 December. 3:00pm
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We will hold our very popular Ovington Festive Afternoon Tea. This is usually booked out very quickly so get your tickets to avoid disappointment.
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£15 for adults and £10 for children.                      For tickets text: 07880935765
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### **Regular Events:**

- Coffee mornings every Monday from 10:30am to noon. Tea, coffee and plenty of cake!
- Messy Moments, weekly on a Monday 1:30pm to 2:30pm.  
(messymomentsnorfolk@hotmail.com)
- Yoga classes every Tuesday.
- Indoor carpet bowls alternate Wednesdays 7:00 for 7:30pm, come and try your skills.
- 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 ( <a href="mailto:mike@snicket.uk">mike@snicket.uk</a> ).
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The hall is there for the village so please come and support us. If you wish to contact the committee with any ideas etc please email us at [ovingtonvillagehall.ovington@gmail.com](mailto:ovingtonvillagehall.ovington@gmail.com)

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

The VH Trustees

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## Rainfall

*Tim*



September rainfall was 85.9mm ( $3\frac{3}{8}$ "), nearly 34mm fell on 26 September alone.

As of 25 October the monthly running total stood at 96mm, which I think is plenty.

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## Youth Club

*Kaz Mason*



**Meets last Friday of the month**  
(usually last Friday of the month)  
at the Village Hall 6:00 – 8:00pm

**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 for updates:  
Ovington Youth Club, Norfolk

Please txt / call if you wish your child to attend.

Ovington Youth Club has earned the 'Welcomes Young Carers 2025' badge. Our session dates for the remainder of the year:

31 October – Halloween Fun & Games (fancy dress optional),

28 November – usual session,

19 December – Christmas Special

(earlier than usual – more info to follow).

At these sessions we will be trialling the relaunch of our meal options.

Kaz & Jo (Ovington Youth Club Leaders) – 07880935765

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# Nicene Creed

Revd Patrick Morrow

*“We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth...”*

If you go or ever went to church – and by no means just the Church of England – it is likely that you recognise these words. They are from “the Nicene Creed”. This can be traced back to the Council of Nicaea, which took place in modern Turkey in 325 CE, though it has some later additions. It follows that this year is the 1700 anniversary of the first universal Christian Creed or declaration of faith. This is worth reflecting on.

I believe(!) that people easily misunderstand the Creed. They think it is a string of propositions which the Church demands people assent to without evidence, or else it’s a set of abstract philosophical speculations from another age, which can now be dropped without loss. On either reading, the real driving force of Christian faith and life lies elsewhere: in our songs, our prayers, in our tasks, in our wider experience.

Let us be clear that the single word we translate “we believe” does not mean “we have made the rational deduction”. The original Greek means “we trust”, “we place our trust in”. And something similar might be said of the Latin “credo”, which gives us the very word “Creed”. And did you know that “believe” ultimately comes from the same root as “beloved”? This means we are free to think of the Creed as being a natural part of Christian worship. Here, we worship, by declaiming our trust in God. We might say we are singing our love song to God.

This is a long way from justifying all the words of the Nicene Creed. They include big – the biggest – claims about Jesus: Jesus is God in the way that God is God! Making sense of that is beyond this piece. It might be said that a Church is a group of people who are together exploring just what that means; how it all coheres and invites us to live in response. It might further be said that, at least when times are narrow for us, we all need someone or something to place our trust in. May you find yours!

Revd Patrick Morrow,

Email: [patrickmorrow@live.co.uk](mailto:patrickmorrow@live.co.uk)

Tel: 01760 330258

## And Finally ...

Tim

Random thoughts after stumbling across a Keats quotation:

I have long maintained we learn more from failure than success; it's just that an engineer must not fail at the point where it matters.

However, one of England's greatest poets puts it so much better than I ever could:

“Don't be discouraged by a failure.  
It can be a positive experience.  
Failure is, in a sense, the highway to success, inasmuch as every discovery of what is false leads us to seek earnestly after what is true, and every fresh experience points out some form of error which we shall afterwards carefully avoid.

John Keats (1795 – 1821)

When treated positively failure:

- forces creativity and innovation,
- is an opportunity for learning and improvement,
- fosters resilience and empathy,
- promotes the refining of priorities and goals.

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