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The Oulton Messenger

The magazine from your Oulton Parish Council

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Dear Residents,

Finally, we are out of lockdown and back to having face to face meetings with residents. It's been a long haul, but we would like to thank everyone for their assistance during these times in helping us to continue our duties as a Parish Council. Special thanks to our County & District councillors for their much continued support.

Our Parish meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at Oulton Community Centre, 7pm. Any member of the community will be welcome to come along and raise any issue with the Parish Council that appears on the agenda under 'public participation'.

We had great feedback on the last issue of The Oulton Messenger & hope you all enjoy this one. The winner of our drawing competition, *Madison Chase*, aged 9 was presented with her certificate & voucher, it was really nice to meet her and her mum, Kerry. Her artwork will be displayed for all to see in the Community Centre. For details of this issues competition, check out the competition page inside.

I would also like to thank *Jane White* for her letter to our news desk that confirms there is a GHOST in the Blue Boar PH. She gave a very interesting insight from the time she lived there when her parents took over the running of the pub in the 1950's. Many thanks for this Jane. Her letter in full is published in this issue as this is history in its making.

Cllr Jenny Hinton, Chairman

Our Neighbourhood Plan consultation in line with Regulation 14 runs for a period of 8 weeks from **1st October - 26th November**.

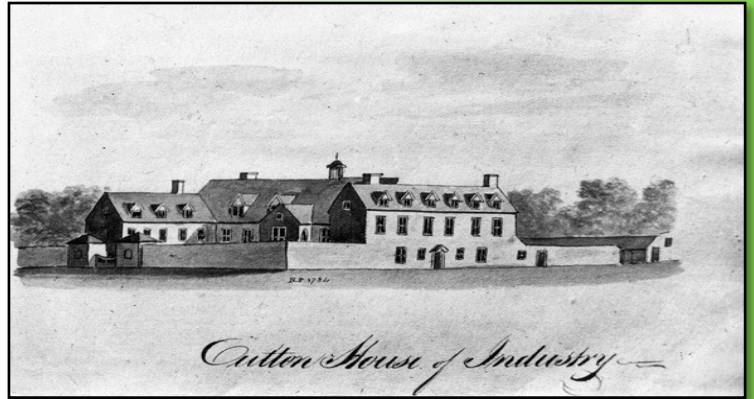
Find our online survey www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Oulton

also link on Oulton Parish Council Website or scan the QR code



The Nutford & Lothingland Workhouse, Union Lane, Oulton

The Lothingland Hospital, Union Lane began its life as a 'House of Industry' in 1765 for £3,000. The workhouse sat in excess of 8 acres of land and the building was 15,000sq feet. It was then expanded to accommodate 233 paupers in 1821.



Marketed as 'The Oliver Twist Workhouse' it went on sale in August 1992 as a property of potential for redevelopment only when the current occupants are relocated to the purpose built bungalows in Airy Close, Oulton.

It was reported that Charles Dickens, who stayed at the Rectory in Blundeston, was inspired to write his novel Oliver Twist after 'happening upon the workhouse', so the rumour goes.

The paupers who died in the workhouse were interred in the grounds, with a reported figure of well over 800 burials. Until the 1930's many vagrants would be seen in the village offering a day's work there in exchange for a nights shelter in the 'House of Industry' as it became known as.

The building, during the 2nd world war years housed Italian prisoners and was eventually taken over by the local health authority in 1950. Its use for nearly half a century was to home people with severe learning disabilities. It has since been completely demolished, which it would seem was an opportunity missed; it would

have been a great working museum and a fine example of 1700 architecture.

Ghosts?

Who knows...



Feedback

We would appreciate any feedback on your Parish magazine.

If you have any interesting stories to share or like us to provide historical facts to places within Oulton, please email our News desk

newsdesk.opcsuffolk@gmail.com

News Around Oulton

St. Michael's Church, Oulton

My name is Rev. Andy Bunter, licensed as the Team Vicar Designate for the Oulton Broad Team Ministry in September. I'm 37 from Manchester, which means I do have a slight accent and I do also support Man Utd. After completing a Law Degree in Aberystwyth, Wales I moved over to these parts where I began my working life as a barman at the Foxburrow Beefeater. After a career with Whitbread working in various locations, I was accepted into the Norfolk Constabulary where I worked for 6 years, before feeling the call to Priesthood which, after another 5 years of training and a Theology Degree later, lands me with you in Oulton as your Team Vicar.

I hope that I get to speak to you all at some point but those people whom I have spoken to already and whom I have met have just been amazing and lovely. You can come and share your life with me and mine with you, as messy as our lives are, and want nothing more than to journey with you and encourage you in relationship with Jesus Christ and enjoy lives in God's love. *"So come and find me; I don't bite"*.



Funday at Tillets Cottage, Camps Heath

Thank you to everyone that came to the Funday in support of the Brainwave Independence Group for brain injury and disability.

The weather was on our side making it an amazing day with stalls, barbecue, drinks and amazing entertainment all-round. Including displays from the Lowestoft Dog Agility and their owners, Jordan Ayers School of Dance provided great dance routines and the wonderful Broad-way players were in attendance with their vocal skills.

Everyone helped to raise a good sum of money for Brainwave. A 'BIG' thanks to the Waveney Bowls Club and their helpers.



Holly Hill Meadow/Playing Field, Camps Heath

It was a pleasure to see the amount of wildflowers and wildlife on the meadow due to it not being cut, it has invariably been cut in the past years gone by and so this spectacle has been lost. Things are changing and the importance of these havens have now been acknowledged to both wildlife and people alike. A brief amateur survey was carried out on the field and some photos were taken and a chart printed off, one of which is on the field gate. The ambience of this meadow can now be enjoyed.

End of 2020 we ordered 2 benches for the meadow so that you can relax while enjoying an ideal view of the sunrise and sunset. Both bases have been laid, meaning the benches should be installed anytime now.



Neighbourhood Plan Updates

Oulton Parish Council for the last 17 months have been working with the wider community to develop a neighbourhood plan. This plan will shape our Parish for the next 15 years. We have worked with the community & independent agencies to develop our own planning policies and community action plans. Once our NP has been adopted by East Suffolk Council (by way of a referendum with the residents), it will influence planning applications and help shape how our Parish develops whilst retaining our wonderful rural ambiance. Councillors on the Parish regard our area as a unique place to live & work and will help maintain this for future generations.

We are at the stage of our Neighbourhood Plan where the final draft will need to be submitted soon to East Suffolk Council. **We will be having an 'open event' at the Oulton Community Centre on Saturday 16th October 11am - 5pm where Councillors of the Parish will be available to go through the workings of this document by way of displays and one to one talks if required.** Views assessment document and Heritage assets will be on display. These locations were chosen by you, the community, after consultation and were agreed worth preserving.

An item which we are proud of as an example of joint working between community and the Parish Council is the K6 telephone box on Angles way. This has been fully restored by the community in Camps Heath after a donation from a well-wisher. We are waiting for the defibrillator that was funded by Cllr Andree Gee which will then be installed in the K6 telephone box. A bench and a village noticeboard will also be installed alongside it.

Minutes of our meetings can be read on the Oulton Parish Council website,

www.oultontpsuffolk.info/neighbourhood-plan



Oulton Community Playing Field

Some of you may have noticed the new bench in the far corner by the Otium Centre. This was purchased back in December 2020 using our Community Infrastructure Levy but due to Covid-19 it has taken 9 months to complete the order.



Oulton Dyke Moorings

Many thanks to Cllr Eddie Back for providing the funding from his locality budget for a soon to be installed bench on the bank of the river Waveney by the old Dutch Tea Gardens, a truly beautiful location.



Jenkins Green

The Jenkins Green team have been busy around the pond while the weather stays good. They have been cutting down the reeds, have also planted Bluebell bulbs and will eventually be digging out the Gladioli bulbs that were planted earlier this year to put them closer to the pond in bunches rather than singularly. They are also cutting back the brambles and trimming around the pond, obviously keeping the grass short. They would like to put some gabion cages at the far end of the pond on Johnson Way side as need to prevent the lamp post and path from falling in towards the pond but it would need to involve a professional person. They will be purchasing some Barley Bales to keep the algae at bay. The pond does need dredging in places as it is a main storm water course so will become a problem if not carried out as it will eventually 'silt up' so will be looking into this asap.

They now have some green paint for the railings and will be eventually painting them to make it look smarter. They continue to maintain the outside of the pond near the pathways and would appreciate some volunteers, if anyone would like to help for an hour or two on a Saturday please contact johnsarbutt.opcsuffolk@gmail.com



Jenkins Green are considering organising a street party for people in June 2022 for the Queen's Jubilee, if allowed, any ideas or help would be gratefully received.

Proposed Residential Planning Policy WLP2.14 Land North of Union Lane, Oulton

This is undeveloped land on Parkhill and part of the site of the former Lothingland Hospital and burial grounds. Allocated for a residential development of approx. 150 dwellings. The site will be developed at a density of approximately 30 dwellings per hectare (2.471 acres) Vehicular access to be off Parkhill with an additional pedestrian and cycle access provided on to Union Lane.

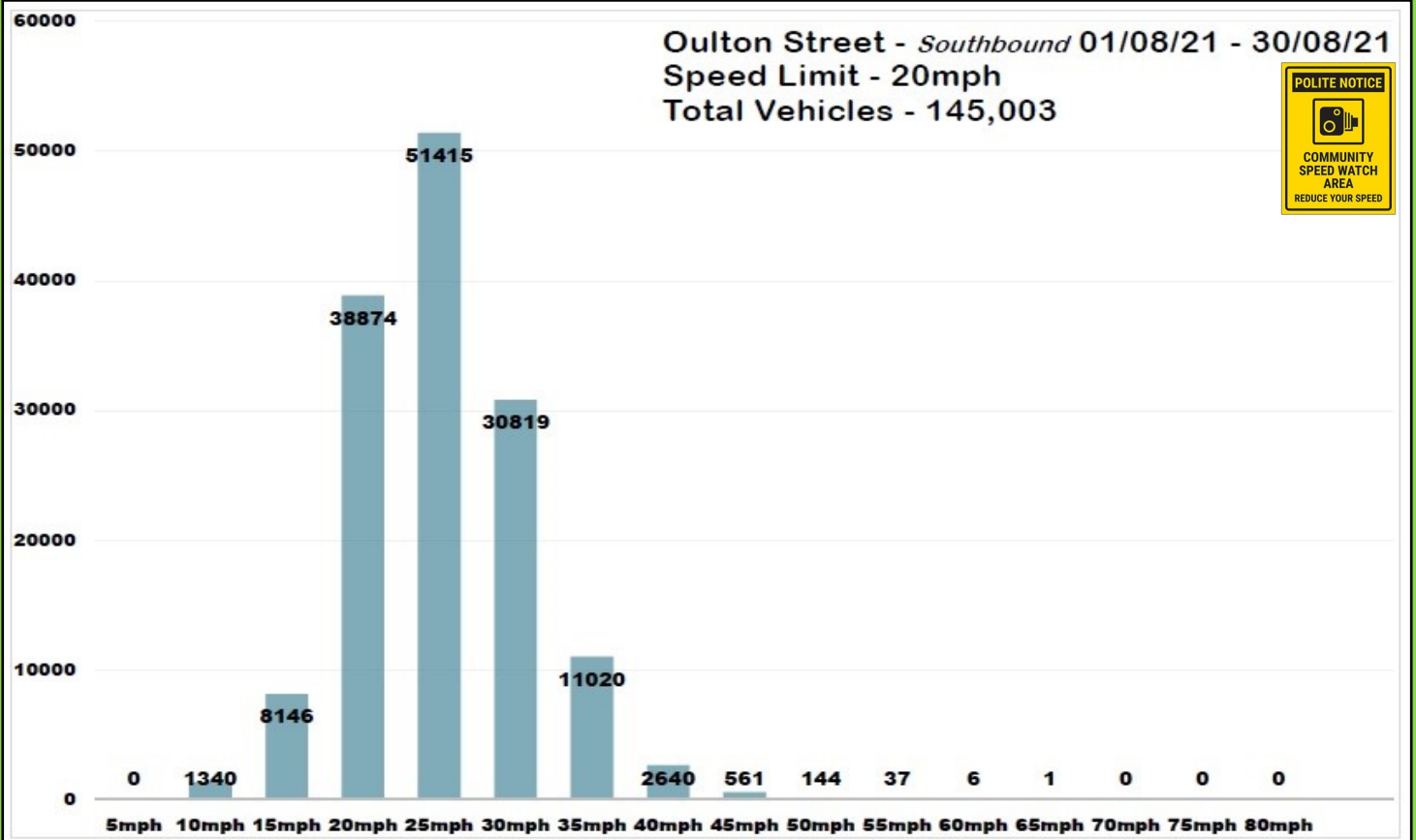
Oulton Parish Council held a consultation event on Saturday 5th June 2021 in Oulton Community Centre. The event was very well attended, thank you. Oulton Parish Council listened to residents concerns and comments then compiled their responses. You can view the list of Respondents to the Consultation including our response on the East Suffolk Councils website below.

www.eastsuffolk.inconsult.uk/WLP2_14_Draft_2021/consultationHome

Thank you for responding

Oulton Speed Watch

The speed through **Oulton Street** southbound from Parkhill is concerning especially if the new development WLP2.14 goes ahead. We had a meeting with Suffolk Police, District & County Councillors to find a solution. The only way forward seems that if the road speed is increased back to 30mph then we will have the support from the Suffolk Safety Camera Team mobile enforcement vehicle along with Suffolk County Council providing an ANPR camera on a temporary basis. Also a possible new road layout with mini roundabouts to coincide with the WLP2.14 development.



Sands Lane (Westbound)		30mph Zone 01/08/21 to 30/08/21	
Speed	Vehicle Count	Speed	Vehicle Count
5mph	0	5mph	0
10mph	744	10mph	477
15mph	1388	15mph	1699
20mph	2371	20mph	2682
25mph	8297	25mph	9831
30mph	37354	30mph	33104
35mph	18568	35mph	19678
40mph	3957	40mph	4587
45mph	743	45mph	824
50mph	196	50mph	155
55mph	77	55mph	35
60mph	16	60mph	9
65mph	13	65mph	5
70mph	1	70mph	2
75mph	0	75mph	0
80mph	0	80mph	0
Total Vehicles	73725	Total Vehicles	73088

Sands Lane (Eastbound)		30mph Zone 01/07/21 to 31/07/21	
Speed	Vehicle Count	Speed	Vehicle Count
5mph	0	5mph	0
10mph	477	10mph	477
15mph	1699	15mph	1699
20mph	2682	20mph	2682
25mph	9831	25mph	9831
30mph	33104	30mph	33104
35mph	19678	35mph	19678
40mph	4587	40mph	4587
45mph	824	45mph	824
50mph	155	50mph	155
55mph	35	55mph	35
60mph	9	60mph	9
65mph	5	65mph	5
70mph	2	70mph	2
75mph	0	75mph	0
80mph	0	80mph	0
Total Vehicles	73088	Total Vehicles	73088

Suffolk Police 'Street Meet'

Saturday 16th October
Oulton Community Centre
10am - 1pm

Bike marking & crime prevention advise is available on the day.

Pc Chris Pallet will be available to talk to.



After reading your magazine I thought I would give you some background info on the Blue Boar. My parents took over the pub in 1951. My dad had retired from speedway and the pub became available. We had three bars, and the pub still had its low beams and if you were over 6ft tall you would have to duck under them in the bar. Mum always welcomed coach parties and had a resident pianist and many old songs were had in the big lounge. We also had a caravan site at the back and always full with holiday makers. Where the houses opposite are was our car park and some land where we kept a goat. The Community Centre was built on stilts and a fun place to play in. I arrived in 1953 and my brother in 1958. We had lovely memories of the pub. And yes we had a ghost, it was said that a man hung himself in bedroom one and had walkabouts in the evening. We had 6 bedrooms and had guests stay and one man said he saw the ghost. So who knows? My brother and I went to the Good Shepard church in Meadow Road. There were two village shops, Arms in Oulton Street and Fletchers in Oulton Road North. There was a second pub in the village called the Red House on corner of Union Lane.

Hope this helps

Jane White-Hill

Your Parish Council needs YOU !

If you are passionate about your local area and interested in making a difference, then being a parish councillor could be the ideal position for you.

Would you like to offer your skills and experience?

Do you have some free time?

Would you like to make a difference in your local community?

What's Involved?

Not a huge commitment, though it will require a certain input.

Training will be provided for the new Parish Councillor.

Attendance at meetings which are usually held on the first Tuesday of the month and start at 7pm in Oulton Community Centre.

Who can apply?

You must be over 18 years of age, meet the required criteria and most importantly be interested in the local community.

All applications will be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

Anyone interested in applying or requesting further information should contact the Parish Clerk. 01502 730166 or email clerkoulttonparishsuffolk@hotmail.co.uk

WE NEED YOU!



Dog Fouling & Litter

We have ordered 3 new dog bins for Oulton Parish but are still waiting for them to be installed for us. Hopefully this will be soon as Covid-19 caused many delays.

Responsible dog owners understand the importance of clearing up after their pets, and so they take their dog for a walk armed with a poop scoop or bag. They will dispose of the waste when they return home or use one of the Council's dog waste bins or litter bins found across the village.

There is an inconsiderate minority who fail to clean up after their dogs. The lack of a nearby bin to dispose of dog waste is not a reasonable excuse for failing to clean up dog faeces. If there is no convenient bin, you must **TAKE IT HOME** for disposal.

If you see a dog owner who allows his or her dog to foul our streets then you can report it to the Environmental Protection Team by *Phone 0333 016 2000* or *Email ep@eastssuffolk.gov.uk*

The Public Space Protection Order makes it illegal to fail to clear up after your dog if it fouls any land that is open to the air and to which the public have access.

Inconsiderate dog owners could face a fixed penalty fine of **£80** or a fine of up to **£1000** if there is a conviction in the courts.

There are voluntary litter pickers that care for our village and do a fantastic job, we thank you but the simple answer is **“DO NOT DROP ANY LITTER, BIN IT”**

Report Issues to Suffolk County Council

You can report highway issues in Suffolk quickly and easily online. The Highways Reporting Tool allows you to report a new defect and monitor the status of existing reports. You can report most issues from blocked drains, pot holes to street lighting. Follow the link www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/report-a-highways-issue/

Other ways to report a problem or find out more information

Call: **0345 606 6171** or Email: customer.services@suffolk.gov.uk

Suffolk Police - CLICK before you call

Need to contact police and it's not an emergency?

Save time, do it online - suffolk.police.uk/contact-us

If you want to report non-urgent crime, anti-social behaviour or a non-injury road incident simply visit website or **scan the QR code** www.suffolk.police.uk where you can make a report in just minutes.



Rest assured, all reports made online will be dealt with in exactly the same way a telephone call would be. There is also a vast amount of information on the website and answers to a large number of questions.

True Fact

King Henry VIII imposed a beard tax that every man must pay to wear facial hair.

Designer beards, rugged manes, and tickly taches are all the rage nowadays. But in 1535, King Henry VIII made you pay for the luxury. He introduced a beard tax that lined his pockets and filled his dinner table. Besides, the higher your social standing, the more you had to cough up.

What if you couldn't pay? Shave it away. Thus, beards became a symbol of status and money. So, whenever you saw men gallivanting around looking like a Tudor Jason Momoa, it's because they were loaded – or broke after spending their last pennies on their beard.

The tax didn't last long but resurfaced with Elizabeth I, who reportedly imposed a similar levy on those with over two weeks of growth.

To this day, it's disputed whether such a tax existed in England, but we love a good mystery.

Just For Fun

15 words connected
with Oulton Parish

How many can you find?

BROWNIES
BUNGALOW
CAMPSHEATH
COMMUNITYCENTRE
COUNTRYPARK
GRASSHOPPER
HISTORIC
HORSE
OULTON
PLAYGROUND
POND
SILVERBIRCH
STABLE
STMICHAELS
SQUIRREL

X	W	E	Q	Q	U	X	P	O	S	P	O	A	E	H	Q	Y	M	D	Z
J	E	K	A	X	C	O	U	N	T	R	Y	P	A	R	K	W	K	T	N
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Children's Pumpkin Competition

Enter our pumpkin carving competition for a chance to win yourself a £10 voucher, certificate and have your photo in our next issue. Just create your scariest or funkiest pumpkin with the help of a grownup, (*Children should always be supervised by a responsible adult while carving*) then take a photo of your creation with yourself standing next to it. **Closing date 14th November 2021**



Email it to our news desk with your name, age to newsdesk.opcsuffolk@gmail.com

Name that Flower/Insect Competition



To enter this competition all you need to do is name the insects and flowers exactly as you can to win a £10 voucher and certificate.

All correctly answered entries will go into a prize draw where 1 lucky winner will be drawn.

Email your answers including your name and age if under 16yrs to our News Desk,

newsdesk.opcsuffolk@gmail.com

Closing date 28th November 2021

These photos have been taken from a meadow in Camps Heath by Bryn Storeton-West

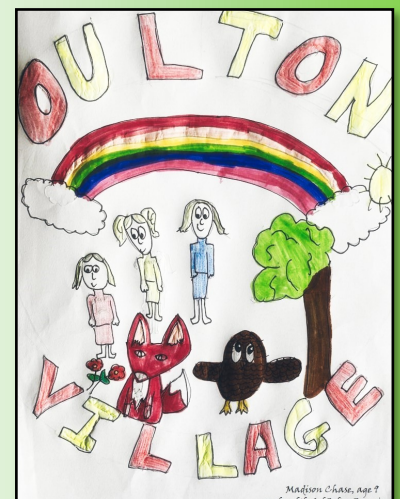


Drawing Competition Result

Congratulations to our winner, **Madison Chase, Age 9**

We surprised Madison during her Brownies class to present her with a £15 voucher, certificate and winners mug at the

Oulton Community Centre,
September 17th 2021.



Dates for your diary

October 2021						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

16th October - Oulton Neighbourhood Plan Consultation,
Oulton Community Centre 11am - 5pm

16th October - Suffolk Police Street Meet,
Oulton Community Centre 10am - 1pm

6th November - Christmas Craft & Gift Fair,
Oulton Community Centre 10am - 4pm

1st Tuesday of the month - Oulton Parish Council meeting,
Oulton Community Centre 7pm

Neighbourhood Plan Working Group meeting, Oulton Community Centre,
PLEASE CHECK Oulton Parish Council WEBSITE FOR DATES



NEW MESSY PLAY SESSIONS
AGES 0-5
OULTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
THURSDAYS 9:30AM - 11:00AM
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Lowestoft Library

Suffolk Libraries knows that not everyone can get to their local library, so are working to reach out to people in their own homes.

Our Home Library Service delivers books to people's homes using a team of friendly volunteers (COVID secure).

If you know of someone who would appreciate this free service, please contact Lowestoft Library on 01502 442810, or email: lowestoft.library@suffolklibraries.co.uk.

For more info, visit:

<https://www.suffolklibraries.co.uk/visit/home-deliveries>

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Oulton Pools Trust **01502 512459**

Rev. Andy Bunter **07425154454 / 01502 816021** www.stmichaelsoulton.org

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