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# The Oulton Messenger

*The magazine from Oulton Parish Council*

## **Welcome to the 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Oulton Parish Magazine**

Christmas seems a long way off and the New Civic year is quickly approaching. All Parish Councillors have been busy, their contributions can be read within these pages, so I will not steal their thunder!

There are no council elections this May, but we do have the Police & Crime Commissioner elections, with a hint of Parliamentary Elections on the near horizon. As a Parish Council, we will continue to serve the community regardless of who sits on the District, County or Central Government, and will continue to work with Councillor's elected.

*Cllr Jenny Hinton, Chairman*

## **Supporting Wildlife in Oulton**

We are always looking for ways to support the wildlife in the village. Recently we were asked if bat boxes could be installed. The council purchased the wood and 2nd Carlton Colville Cub Scout group built them for us using a design from the Bat Conservation Trust. This allowed them to gain their nature and craft badges. One of the boxes will be installed in Oulton Street and further two near Jenkin's Green pond.

*Cllr Jo-Anne Illingsworth*

## **Oulton Parish Council Website and Facebook Page**



All the very latest Parish Council news & events can be found on our website and Facebook page. Scan QR codes with your phone camera to launch



# Grants

One of my roles on the Parish Council is Grants Office. It gave me and fellow Councillors pleasure to award a grant to Bonds Meadow Association recently. These monies went towards replacing tools used by the volunteers to help keep and maintain the meadows and walkways.

All residents of Oulton and Oulton Broad can enjoy this nature reserve freely and safely with their children right here on their own doorstep.

*CLLr Robin Hinton*



## Purchase of assets around the Parish

Here are some of the assets purchased within last 4 years using Parish Council Funds



# Jenkins Green Pond Update

We have an update for you about the pond. As you know we were unable to carry out the work as we had hoped last year, but we have been given the go ahead to do some work during this year. I have agreed to continue cutting the grass at Jenkins Green for another year and to continue keeping clear around the pond and cutting back as necessary.

We are pleased to say, the frogs are back and also we think we have a duck nesting. We hope to put up some bat boxes in the near future, which have been made by the 2nd Carlton Colville Cub Scout Group, for which we are very grateful. Owls and a kingfisher have been sighted and the resident moorhens look to be getting ready to breed, which is a good sign. The daffodils and the Primroses are a joy to see and we can expect Bluebells very soon. If any residents close to Jenkins Green would like to help, we would be very grateful.

*Cllrs John and Hilary Sarbutt*

## A piece of history: Parkhill Hotel

We are fortunate to have this elegant Grade II listed property in Oulton. Parkhill Hotel country house hotel and restaurant is set within acres of beautiful private gardens and only a short drive North from the Village. It boasts many features including Late 18<sup>th</sup> century brick, slate tiles, various bow windows, fluted Greek Doric columns which provides the porch for the 6 panelled door with its overlight.

Little is known about the owners or the buildings on site prior Mid 18<sup>th</sup> century, albeit a Mr Roe owned the property who was a brick maker. Early 19<sup>th</sup> century the property was sold and the owner increased the holdings to 400 acres. In 1850, the property was sold to a Mr Woods who extended the property on the South side, turning the main building into a small country home. It was then sold again to the Rackman family.

In 1950, the Council, Lowestoft Borough we assume, purchased all the estate and let the land as 4 small holdings, one of which is Spinney Farm. Mid 1950's, a Major General Stowell purchased the House and remaining grounds, he then sold this on to its present owners in 1980, who adapted it for its current use as a Hotel and Restaurant.



## Dates for Your Diary

**Annual Parish Council Meeting:** Tuesday 7th May 2024 - 7pm

**Annual Parish Meeting:** Saturday 18th May 2024 - 6pm to 8.30pm

**Monthly Parish Council Meetings:** Held in Oulton Community Centre, Meadow Road, Oulton. normally on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend, agenda and minutes for each meeting can be found on our website.

[www.oultopcsuffolk.info](http://www.oultopcsuffolk.info)

## Become a Parish Councillor

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. For further info please contact the Parish Clerk by email

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We have eight Oulton Parish Councillors with a full list of names, contact numbers and responsibilities of each Parish Councillor on the Oulton Parish Council website [www.oultopcsuffolk.info](http://www.oultopcsuffolk.info)

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