



**Summer 2021** ISSUE 2

# The Oulton Messenger

*The magazine from your Oulton Parish Council*

## **MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN**

Thank you to all who gave us positive feedback on our 1st edition of our new Parish magazine, 'The Oulton Messenger'. We just hope this edition gives as much enjoyment as the first edition.

The Parish Council receive many enquiries through the course of the month which our Councillors respond to. Each Councillor has allocated responsibilities', this enables the Clerk (Carla Petersen) to ensure any enquiry is dealt with efficiently.

Flooding in Camps Heath has been a major problem this month for the residents along Angles Way. Whether the flooding is caused by the drains blocked by run off from the fields or run off from the 'new build' in Wood Lane is irrelevant, this has been reported to Highways and we will ensure the matter is pursued. This is just one example of how we as a Council work with the community in solving problems.

We also would like to introduce something new to this issue and also have as a regular feature, a competition with prizes! We hope the youth of Oulton will participate in our drawing competition, we look forward to receiving their pieces of artwork.

See inside for details.

Good luck to all that enter.

*Cllr Jenny Hinton, Chairman*

## **Proposed Residential Planning** (urgent action needed)

Policy WLP2.14 - Land North of Union Lane, Oulton. *Public consultation opened.*

Policy WLP2.15 - Land Between Hall Lane and Union Lane, Oulton.

*See page 4 how you can help...*

**A DIGITAL VERSION OF THIS MAGAZINE IS AVAILABLE FROM  
THE OULTON PARISH WEBSITE**

# The Blue Boar, Oulton

In the heart of the village in Oulton Street you will find this Grade II listed building, sadly vacant due to the recent pandemic but rumour has it that it is up for sale. Nevertheless, it has served the village since the 1600's.

In the 17th century, on the west side of the main road through the village a new ale house was built called the Blue Boar. The owner managed a farm to the rear which was also the site of an undertakers prompted earlier by the Black Death. Against the north wall of the inn was a barn used as a cattle pound and on the opposite side of the road was a field belonging to the inn used for bowling, in the 20th century to become a car park which had a small shoemaker's workshop on one corner.



Locally known as Boar Inn, which over the years it had changed hands many times and has had various occupants from Post Masters to Blacksmiths and of course Ale Houses. You will find all occupants listed in Historical Public Houses, Taverns Inns and Beer Houses,

<https://www.pubwiki.co.uk/Suffolk/Oulton/oulton.shtml>

The building features different stages of build, late C18 rear range with an early C19 front block facing the road. Colour washed brick with pantile roofs. Rear wing of 2 storeys, the west side lit through a late C20 casement to the ground floor and 2 first floor 6/6 sashes. Gabled roof.

Truncated wall stack on west side. The front block is of 4 bays. C20 glazed doorway to the right. Two 6/6 sashes left and a blocked doorway extreme left of elevation. The upper floor has four 6/6 sashes. Gabled roof with a ridge stack left of centre and an internal gable-end stack to north.

An added bonus is to be found at the rear of the property where a WW2 Pill Box is sited, this is also a listed structure by Historic England.

No stories of ghosts for this building.... *Or are there?*

RIGHT: Ipswich Journal, 8th Jan 1853

**John Gallant** was charged with stealing, on the 27th October last, one live cockerel, and two live pullets, the property of Robert Jillings, of Blundeston.

Mr. Cooper prosecuted, and Mr. Palmer defended the prisoner.

In this case, the prosecutor had a cockerel and two pullets fastened up in his pigstye on the 27th Oct. last. He missed them on the following day, and went with a police constable to the Blue Boar at Oulton, kept by John Wilkins; and on searching the hay loft, they found a hamper containing two pullets and a cockerel, which the prosecutor identified as his. Wilkins said he had bought them of Smith, who had purchased them of the prisoner; the latter having subsequently re-purchased them of Wilkins.

The prisoner was convicted and sentenced to six months' hard labour.

## 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](mailto:newsdesk.opcsuffolk@gmail.com)

# News Around Oulton

## **Suffolk Wildlife Trust Carlton Marshes / Oulton Marshes**

It was a great honour for Oulton Parish Council to be invited to the official opening of Carlton Marshes visitor Centre, habitats and networks of accessible footpaths in early May to celebrate the 60 years anniversary of the Suffolk Wildlife Trust.

HRH The Princess Royal was the special guest who 'cut the ribbon' and all were given a tour of this special place which is abundant with wildlife, flora and fauna. This reserve is situated in Carlton Colville, Lowestoft NR33 8HU

As you are aware, we share a unique part of the world with Carlton Marshes. As a neighbour across the River Waveney we have our own unique Oulton Marshes, also managed by Suffolk Wildlife trust.

We thank them for all the stewardship shown to our lands providing walkways, viewing places and moorings.

We are so lucky to have natural nature on our doorsteps, all free to walk around and enjoy.



## **Oulton Community Centre**

Oulton Community Centre is situated off Oulton Street, next to the Playing Field. It features a large hall, small hall, lounge & kitchen to hire at reasonable rates. There is also a private car park with disabled parking.

There are a wide variety of groups and activities for all ages that you can join.

Oulton Community Centre now has its own website with a booking calendar to make bookings simpler.

Large Hall: 130 sqm, Small Hall: 65 sqm, Lounge: 25 sqm

For more information on our venue, please visit

<https://hallbookingonline.com/oultion/index.php>

If you have any further questions, please get in touch.

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## **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 <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/roads-pavements-and-verges/report-a-highways-issue/>

## **Woods Meadow Country Park**

The hayfield and wildflower meadow have now been sown. The hayfield has had a late maturing mix as the field will not be harvested until after the skylarks have finished nesting in late June. The wildflower meadow has native wildflowers in the mix that are common plants used by insects to take nectar form. We are asking visitors to keep to the edges of the fields while the seeds germinate and establish.

A new picnic area will be sited near the Hall Lane entrance, talks are in progress to create an added hedgerow boundary by the stables with new road signage by the Hall Lane entrance.

The issue of horse riders accessing Long Fields footpath is being looked in to by East Suffolk Councils legal team.

Volunteers worked hard mulching up the hedging plants that were planted in the Winter. The woodland planting will go ahead this Autumn all being well, so a big community effort will be needed to plant the trees.

Please contact: [Chris.Ryde@ncsgrp.co.uk](mailto:Chris.Ryde@ncsgrp.co.uk) for details how you can get involved with volunteering.

## **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 approximately 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. (see Oulton Street Speed Watch page)

Oulton Parish Council are asking you to view the draft residential development brief and submit your comments online before **21st June** when consultation ends, either from Oulton Parish Council website in the **News & Info** section or the link below:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/24fdfdf19a9d49228f7b9860a4048b25>

Or at the Community Centre, Saturday 5th June between 10am to 2pm where you can submit your comments to Councillors to pass onto East Suffolk Council Planning.

### ***Policy WLP2.15 - Land Between Hall Lane and Union Lane, Oulton***

Allocated for a residential development of approximately 190 dwellings.

The site will be developed at a density of approximately 30 dwellings per hectare (2.471 acres) Vehicular access to be primarily off Hall Lane where a secondary vehicular access could be provided off Union Lane, subject to demonstration that the access is safe and suitable.

Additional pedestrian and cycle access to be provided on to Union Lane.

The development policy WLP2.15 can be viewed online at East Suffolk Council

<https://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy-and-local-plans/local-plans/>

Oulton Parish Council will invite you to a meeting at the Community Centre when the policy reaches the Public consultation stage.

## Neighbourhood Plan Update

Our neighbourhood plan is running to schedule, with the draft papers circulated to all members of the working group for feedback at the next meeting in June. This document will then go to a public presentation scheduled for September and October at the Community Centre.

The document will shape how you the residents see how our Parish develops over the next few years, hoping to preserve all that we feel strongly about: green spaces, places of natural beauty and our historic buildings. To see and read all about the work undertaken, you can visit the Oulton Parish Council website, <https://www.oulttonpcsuffolk.info/neighbourhood-plan>

Now we have entered a Covid route back to normality, perhaps we will start seeing all the street furniture that the Parish Council has ordered for the Community finally installed, benches, seats, litter bins and new notice boards.

The Parish Council are in process of providing a new toddler swing and bench for the Brendon Way play area. This is the result of a recent survey and an online consultation with the residents of the area through our Neighbourhood Plan working group.

## Jenkins Pond

The Parish Council would like to congratulate the members of Jenkins Green community group for all their hard work bringing the Pond area back to a place of natural beauty.

We have been informed the wildlife is teeming.

Thank you to everyone that helped.

## Bus Shelter, Sands Lane

Recently, the Parish Council bus shelter towards the end of Sands Lane came to our attention that it was in need of some tender loving care. It has been washed, now leaving a cobweb free, clean shelter to be used by the local bus users.



## Suffolk Constabulary—Report It Online

If you or someone else is in immediate danger or risk of harm dial 999 straight away.

Use the simple to understand, confidential online service from Suffolk Constabulary to report any crime you've been a victim of or witnessed, from assault, theft, criminal damage, harassment to a road traffic accident, <https://www.suffolk.police.uk/contact-us/report-something>

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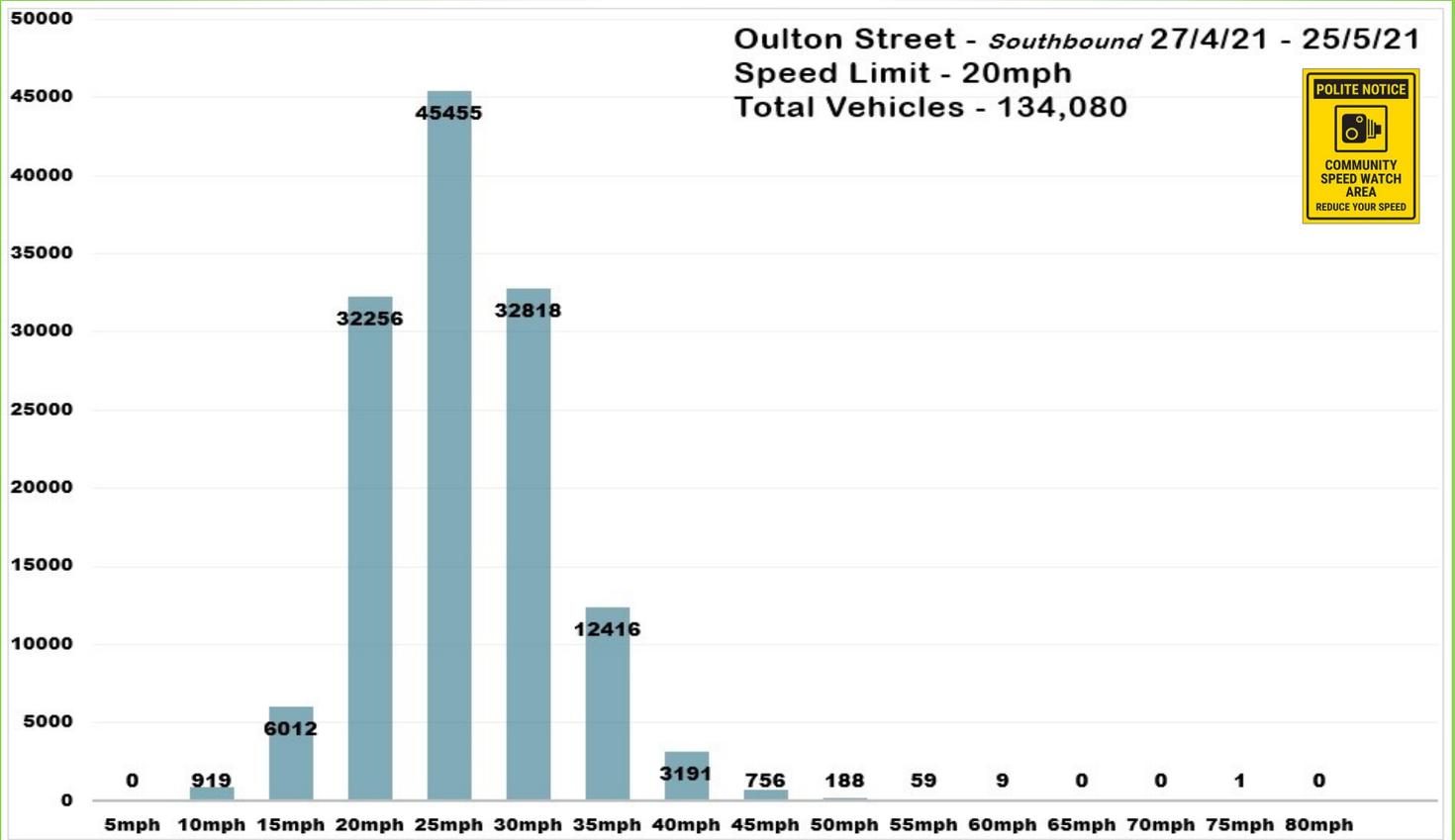
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# Oulton Speed Watch

We are now the proud owners of 2 'Speed Indicator Devices' thanks to our County & District Councillors. We are in the process of indicating which roads need to be included in our 'Speed Watch' areas but there are regulations that we need to follow.

Suffolk Constabulary and Suffolk County Council are aware of the speed issues within the village so will be enforcing action.

## Latest 'Vehicle Count' Vs 'Speed'



Sands Lane Eastbound		30mph Zone 24/4/21 to 16/5/21	
Speed	Vehicle Count	Speed	Vehicle Count
5mph	0	5mph	0
10mph	1812	10mph	677
15mph	1541	15mph	1028
20mph	1734	20mph	2008
25mph	6894	25mph	7096
30mph	23944	30mph	24572
35mph	14007	35mph	11915
40mph	2977	40mph	2430
45mph	536	45mph	466
50mph	93	50mph	103
55mph	15	55mph	37
60mph	4	60mph	5
65mph	1	65mph	3
<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>53558</b>	<b>Total Vehicles</b>	<b>50340</b>

Sands Lane Westbound		30mph Zone 25/3/21 to 18/4/21	
Speed	Vehicle Count	Speed	Vehicle Count
5mph	0	5mph	0
10mph	1812	10mph	677
15mph	1541	15mph	1028
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## Children's Drawing Competition

Our competition gives children up to the age of 16 years the chance to use their imagination to create a drawing that reflects living in Oulton village.

There are 3 different age groups, 5 years & under, 6 to 10 years, 11 to 16 years.

One winner from each age group will win a £10 gift voucher, a certificate and drawing published in the next issue of 'The Oulton Messenger'.



Entries must be submitted by 23rd July 2021 either by handing in to Community Centre or scan & email to our News Desk - [newsdesk.opcsuffolk@gmail.com](mailto:newsdesk.opcsuffolk@gmail.com) please remember to include your name, age & contact details.



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