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# The Oulton Messenger

*The magazine from your Oulton Parish Council*

## **MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN**

Welcome to our 4th Edition of the 'Oulton Messenger'. Throughout lockdown the Parish Council have tried to keep all in touch by various means and the Oulton Messenger has played its part. We know it has been received really well in the Parish because of the feedback.

I have pleasure to inform you all that during 2021 the Parish Council applied for Foundation Status, which is similar to Ofsted inspection. I am pleased to say that we passed. Many thanks to our clerk, Carla Petersen for steering us through this process.

Thanks to Brynn Storton–West for taking all the photos of the flowers & insects for our previous competition. It was a great pleasure to present the winners with a WHSmith gift voucher and certificate along with a personalised mug.

Good news received this week from Suffolk County Council regarding the traffic orders soon to be published in and around Camps Heath, speed limits will be reduced to 30mph. These orders will be out for consultation. The safety of Horse Riders and Pedestrians are paramount, so we hope the community of Camps Heath will be supportive of this.

Woods meadow, the tree planting is coming along and even though we have had three storms breeze through, the young saplings are still standing. We are working with Suffolk County Council to achieve joint footpath / bridleway status across the country park and as soon as there are any advancements on this, we will notify all. Look out for NEW noticeboards around the area soon, as Norse will be installing them.

*Cllr Jenny Hinton, Chairman*

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.

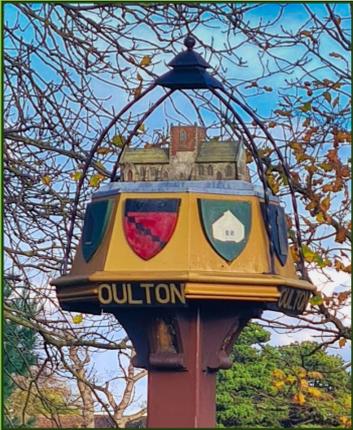
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## Oulton Village Sign

Our village Sign is situated close to the Somerleyton Road / Gorleston Road roundabout, on the corner of the community field. It was erected in 1990, after being designed by the Parish Council.

The photograph (right) records the unveiling ceremony, performed by two children from Woods Loke Primary School (although not within the parish it is nonetheless the school that the children of the village attend during their primary school years).



The sign is a unique structure depicting the varied history of the parish. A ‘time capsule’ containing various records, including the names and photographs of the parish councillors who put it all together, is buried alongside the sign.

The top of the sign has a three dimensional model of St. Michaels Church. The octagonal base on which this stands shows eight panels that condenses symbolically Oulton’s past.

1. A copy of the ‘brass’ effigy of John Fastolf Esq. (Lord of the Manor of Oulton (Houton) from 1419 until his death in 1445). John and his wife Katherine are both interred in St. Michaels Church.
2. The summer house of the author George Borrow (1808 - 1881) who resided in the south of the parish.
3. The Arms of the Hobart family who were Lords of the Manor from the late 1500s until 1631.
4. The ‘Stook of Barley and Crossed Malt Shovels’ which symbolises Oulton’s agricultural past and its once flourishing malt houses.
5. A copy of the ‘brass’ effigy of Katherine Fastolf, the wife of John Fastolf Esq. who died in 1478. Katherine was a member of the Bedingfield family of Norfolk who later built Oxburgh Hall.
6. Oulton High House, the old manor house of Oulton, built by the Hobart family in the mid to late 1500s. The front extension to the house was done during the Victorian era.
7. A ‘Sailing Wherry’ which was a common sight on the waterways to the south of the parish in bygone years.
8. The Arms of the Bacon family

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

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# News Around Oulton

## Oulton Community Centre

The Committee would like to thank everyone, especially the local businesses that donated to the Christmas Craft & Gift Fair and all that attended the event. It was a fantastic day with over 30 stalls, a huge raffle, refreshments, a Santa's Grotto and guests Mickey & Minnie Mouse and Olaf dropping in. The total raised was £1121.85 which goes towards the new roof for the Centre.



Due to the success of this event more are being planned for this year.



and many  
more !

## Cleaned for you

We had received complaints about the condition of the play equipment by the Oulton Community Centre. We are pleased to tell you that East Suffolk Council have cleaned it for you. Now it can be enjoyed by all once again.

**“Thank you East Suffolk Council”**



## Are you interested ?

Oulton Parish Council are keen to encourage and assist in helping the residents of the parish to engage with their neighbours and other members of the community.

Ideas that have been discussed and might be of interest are: Football club - for casual Saturday morning matches, veterans or even walking football. Gardening - possibly to create an Oulton in bloom display for the summer, or to help create and maintain a garden area around the village sign.

Any other ideas are welcome and the council will endeavour to support these groups whenever possible. If interested in the above or have any other suggestions contact Councillors [Paulkeyte.opcsuffolk@gmail.com](mailto:Paulkeyte.opcsuffolk@gmail.com) or [tonyknight.opcsuffolk@gmail.com](mailto:tonyknight.opcsuffolk@gmail.com)

## Queens Platinum Jubilee

Street parties are a great opportunity for communities to come together on national occasions. Road closure fees will be waived in recognition that Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee on Sunday 5th June. The event must meet certain criteria which can be found on the Suffolk County Council website, [www.suffolk.gov.uk/](http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/)

***Applications need to be submitted by 11pm on 27th March 2022.***

## Neighbourhood Plan Update

Nearly there! We are coming to an end of the compilation of the Neighbourhood Plan. It has taken two years of consultation with the residents in the Parish. This whole process started on 2015 as an Area of Designation by Waveney District Council & the Broads Authority.

The original Consultation took place in 2017 to all households in Oulton, followed up by an open event at the Limes Academy. Being a living document and resident led, every time a consultation took place, your views were taken on board and the Neighbourhood Plan was adjusted.

The consultation statement is attached to the NP for all to see. The final submission will be sent to East Suffolk Council where, in future, developers will have to take onboard Oulton Parish's policies as written in the plan when they submit planning applications.

This is written with protection of our Parish, views, assets and the design of any more build applied for in our area and to protect our unique open space, flora & fauna.

I would like to thank all the residents & Councillors that have helped shape this document, who have met on a monthly basis to compile this document & to those that have delivered the various consultation papers to homes across the Parish in Covid times, & to all statutory bodies that have assisted us and of course Collective Community Planning and AECOM for the valuable assistance in pulling it all together.

**When the Neighbourhood Plan goes out to referendum in the SUMMER, we hope that you will support us by ticking the ballot paper as YES, our Parish and our children's future will be in your hands.**

## Local Council Award Scheme

Oulton Parish Council has been awarded 'Local Council Award Scheme Foundation level'. This is a major achievement for the Parish Council. The certificate and logo will be displayed on the Parish Council website. There are only 3 other parishes in Suffolk who have achieved this level.

This shows that we all work together in a well-organized and competent way within the council and with the aid of our Parish Clerk, Carla Petersen who made this possible.



# Oulton Street Speed Watch

This has been going on for decades! with a previous change of speed limit from 30mph to 20mph along with speeding humps and cushioning. The traffic calming humps were quickly removed as they were keeping residents awake. Once taken out this then made the 20mph road unenforceable as the police will not consider this part of the street through the village as a 20mph zone, unless it looks like a 20mph zone and the accident data for this part of the street over the last 20 years is nil and as such this street is classed as LOW risk.

Some of the residents are suggesting that more traffic calming measures are required and others have set up a campaign that Oulton Street remains a 20mph zone. However, these have been tried before, cost money to put them in and more money to take them out when they cause a knock on impact. There is therefore a need for a more permanent solution where speeding motorists can be properly cautioned.

The Parish Council along with the County Councillors purchased Speed Indicator Devices (SID) to monitor the speeding traffic through the village and the results are published here and on our web pages. These results are also sent to the Police & Suffolk Highways and with their advice and guidance to achieve an enforceable speeding camera in the village we need a constant speed limit throughout the street of 30mph, not different speeds limits.

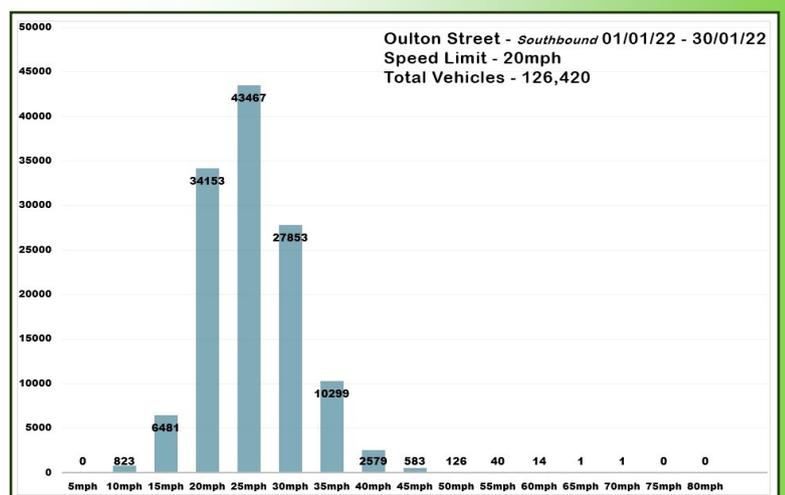
Suffolk County Council and Suffolk's Police have launched the use of Automatic Number Plate Recognition cameras. Once there is a constant speed limit an **ANPR camera** will be installed at this site on a shared basis, with SID cameras remaining in place at other times.

These measures along with the formation of **Community Speed Watch** organised by Janet Davis, resident of Oulton Street will have a great bearing on reducing the speed of traffic and with the opening of the Third River crossing reducing the volume of traffic through Oulton Broad & Oulton, this should have a positive outcome for the residents in the Street.

If you are interested in volunteering for a Speed Watch placement contact [janet.davies38@googlemail.com](mailto:janet.davies38@googlemail.com) for more information.



*We hope that when the traffic orders are published by Suffolk Highways in the coming months we all have your support.*



## Jenkins Green Pond

All the reeds have now been cleared, thanks to the kindness of the residents of Jenkins Green and Johnson Way, donating their bins which allowed us to clear the debris. We would also like to thank our volunteers who helped us to pick up and clear it. We have managed to plant some bulbs through the winter, i.e. bluebells and daffodils, we still receive many nice comments from the public, making our efforts worthwhile. We still hope that we can arrange something for the Queen's Jubilee this year, we just need some good ideas from our neighbours, so if you can think of anything that would be good to do for the adults and children of the area and can help please let us know. We will be shortly planting around the pond 2 new oak trees, which were donated by the crown for her Jubilee Celebration. [johnsarbutt.opcsuffolk@gmail.com](mailto:johnsarbutt.opcsuffolk@gmail.com)

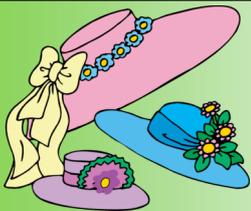
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## Easter Bonnet Competition

With Easter approaching it seemed appropriate to have an Easter bonnet competition. We ask the children to create their own easter bonnet / hat with the help from an adult. Your bonnet could be made from card, paper, use a baseball cap/sunhat/woolly hat as a base or be more unique. Then decide what you would like on the bonnet, it could be flowers, signs of new life such as rabbits, chicks and chocolate eggs. Let your imagination run wild with your own Easter design.

Age groups, 8yrs & under, Winner/Runner Up - 9yrs plus, Winner/Runner Up

All winning a Gift Voucher, Easter Egg & Certificate

*Please send your name, age, photo of your wonderful bonnet and another with yourself wearing it to: [newsdesk.opcsuffolk@gmail.com](mailto:newsdesk.opcsuffolk@gmail.com)*

*Closing Date - 30th April 2022*

**Congratulations to our October competition WINNERS**

1st Prize. Pumpkin carving *Harriet Soanes 8yrs old*

2nd Prize Pumpkin carving *Lily Rose 6yrs old*

1st Prize –Flower/Insect *Lily Hatton 9yrs old*



# Dates for your diary

March							April						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5						1	2
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
27	28	29	30	31			24	25	26	27	28	29	30

May							June						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
29	30	31					26	27	28	29	30		

Parish Council meeting **1st Tuesday of the month**

**27th March** - Final day for street party application

**5th June** - Queens Platinum Jubilee Street Parties

## OTHER DATES

**27th March** - Mothers Day

**15th April** - Good Friday

**2nd May** - Early May Bank Holiday

**2nd June** - Spring Bank Holiday

**3rd June** - Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

**19th June** - Fathers Day

## 18 words to do with Easter In Oulton

*How many can you find?*

**BASKET  
BONNET  
BUNNY  
BUTTERFLY  
CELEBRATION  
CHICKS  
CHOCOLATE  
EASTEREGG  
GOODFRIDAY  
HOLIDAY  
HOTCROSSBUNS  
HUNT  
LENT  
PAINTING  
RABBIT  
SPRING  
SUNDAY**

S H U Q H R P F X R K Q V X Z V L U G Y  
 J N O T F G W U V E R B L C K B R X N A  
 A I N T X G V X A J W F O N K A D Q I D  
 H B Y Y C E V O U E R R L N B M W N B I  
 B I J S P R I N G E X M N B N V D Y X R  
 K U W E K E O B K F C B I J W E B A A F  
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 A Z J E F L D K S Z C Z S W E E Z J R Q  
 O T G V O Q Z W Q H Z I V I J D A R Z X  
 H Y N H D I L C O C S Q H P B U N N Y S  
 L N M E I Z K C R Y L F R E T T U B U J  
 Q E J H L J O O P P D C V R V A W P X V  
 E M Z S H L O H V C E L E B R A T I O N  
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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.oultonpcsuffolk.co.uk](http://www.oultonpcsuffolk.co.uk)

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