

# OUSDEN NEWSLETTER



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## Ousden Village Hall & Playing Fields (registered charity 304932)

What a beautiful summer we've been having and, as I write, we also have some welcome rain.

Fortunately, it didn't rain for our Summer Fete at the beginning of July but we certainly had plenty of blustery wind which nearly blew away the BBQ and raffle tables. We had a great time and were delighted to have made a profit of £2,963 with a couple of generous donations thrown in.

Our thanks go to Jayne Pope and Mike Hole for taking up the Mary Poppins theme, decorating the hall and providing a tea party for the children who participated. Lots of raffle prizes were donated and we had plenty of volunteers on the day so if you were one of these kind people, please accept our grateful thanks once again.

We are awaiting the results of a National Lottery bid for the new hall and are keen to hear if we can proceed to the second round of funding by September or October. We need some new members on the working party because our numbers are dwindling and we will lose a very valuable member at the end of August. Julie Pryke has remained on both committees for

many years whilst living in Ousden and will be a great loss to the village and community.

Thank you, Julie, for all your support over the years and many good wishes to you, Ollie and family in your new home.

If anyone of you wishes to come forward to join us, either on the committee or working party, please get in touch with me or any member of the committee. We particularly need somebody to take the minutes at working party meetings which take place every month as, unfortunately, other committee members are already heavily committed to other activities.

Café Stop was really successful at the end of June with cyclists queuing for coffee and cake as well as locals who enjoyed a good catch up.

This cafe is organised by committee members who also make the cakes so if you have the time to volunteer for one or more of these activities you will be helping raise money for us.

The same can be said about the Lottery which comes round every quarter and requires people to organise and supervise it. There are still not enough of us to continue undertaking all these activities so please think seriously about volunteering and helping your community.

This newsletter is produced by Nicola Nunn with the help from other contributors and the committee is pleased to support them by delivering a copy to every household in the village. Thank you, Nicki, for organising it on behalf of the Ousden community.

Future events to be held later in the year are being discussed and we'll keep you informed about these possibilities. Meanwhile yoga, bowls and dog training continue to meet at the hall so check the website if you're interested in joining.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

**Chris Ingham**

**On behalf of all other committee members**



*Quiz Nights  
Bingo  
Coffee Mornings*

### Opening Times

*Monday – Sunday  
12.00pm – 11.00pm*

### Meals Served

Wednesday, Thursday      Sunday Roast  
Friday & Saturday      12.00pm - 3.30pm  
12.00pm—8.00pm

*Tel: 01638 500740*



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Anglian Water Emergency.....0800 145 145  
Power Cut .....0800 3163105  
Power Cut From mobile..... 0333 3232105  
West Suffolk Council.....01284 763233  
Suffolk County Council.....0345 6066067  
Wickhambrook Surgery:

Appointments.....01440 820140  
Repeat Prescriptions.....01440 823801

### Ousden Parish Council

Clerk—Ms Joanne Kirk.....07880 686069

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### Church Wardens:

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Trevor Harris

Rev Eve Bell.....07815 441304

### Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator:

Helen Gale.....07971 282545

Wickhambrook Stores.....01440 820220

Garage.....01638 500080

Bowls Club.....01638 500438

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### Village Hall

Bookings.....01638 500329

Website.....ousdenvillagehall.org.uk

The Fox.....01638 500740

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Outside The Fox Public House (Postcode: CB8 8TR / What3Words: dandelions.takers.dignify)  
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### Ousden Website !

For more information on news and events please visit:

Website: [www.ousdenparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.ousdenparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Or look up Ousden Village Facebook Page



### Lidgate & Ousden Cricket Club Fixtures

3rd August - Ousden vs P Gysin xl @ Ousden

17th August - Ousden vs Barrow @ Ousden

All home games have a 1.30pm start time.

Would you like to play or help the club?  
Please contact using the barcode which will take you to their facebook page or alternatively find them on [play-cricket.com](http://play-cricket.com)



The Fox Inn  
Ousden 

## ABBA Tribute Act with Chelsea Francis

Sunday 10th August

from 3.30pm



## St Peter's & St Barnabas

### St Barnabas

After a very long break (8 years!) we have started to hold Services at St Barnabas again. Trevor has very kindly taken Evening Prayer on 2 occasions which have been enjoyed by all who attended.

If you would like to join us we will be holding another service on Thursday 21st August at 7.00pm. Further dates will be added for September with a view to possibly making them a permanent fixture every month. Please keep an eye out for the posters which are displayed on the gate at St Barnabas with the date of the Service or alternatively all Services for the Benefice can be found at [www.bansfieldbenefice.org.uk/services](http://www.bansfieldbenefice.org.uk/services).

Thank you to Lavinia & Alastair Robinson for the very generous donation to the Church with funds raised at a recent garden visit at Ousden House.

### Dates for your Diary....

The Suffolk Historic Churches Ride & Stride and Pedal & Drive is being held on Saturday 13th September this year. If you would like to

support this worthy cause which raised nearly £200,000 for Suffolk Churches last year please let me know and I will forward the details and a sponsorship form.

Saturday 4th October - Harvest Lunch at the Village Hall - Ploughmans & Crumble! If you would like tickets please contact Nicola Nunn on 07470 611700.

Sunday 5th October - Harvest Festival at St Peter's Church.

Nicola Nunn

## Did you know the annual cost of running both St Peter's & St Barnabas is approximately £11,000 per year

If you would like to make a donation towards keeping these beautiful & historic buildings open and enjoyed by all. The QR code below can be used to make a donation which will be used to carry out necessary repairs and running costs.



Thank you

### St Peter's Church Services

(10.00am - Holy Communion unless otherwise stated)

August		September	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wickhambrook	7 <sup>th</sup>	Lidgate
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>OUSDEN</b>	14 <sup>th</sup>	Denston
17 <sup>th</sup>	Cowlinge	21 <sup>st</sup>	Stradishall
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>OUSDEN</b> 7.00pm Evening Prayer St Barnabas	28 <sup>th</sup>	Wickhambrook
24 <sup>th</sup>	Stradishall		
31 <sup>st</sup>	Stansfield		

Please note these are subject to change, always check the website for up to date details or use the QR code for the services website.

[www.bansfieldbenefice.org.uk/services](http://www.bansfieldbenefice.org.uk/services)



## OUSDEN POP UP COUNTRY CAFE



On the **LAST SUNDAY** of each month between **10am and 12noon**



29<sup>th</sup> May  
26<sup>th</sup> June  
31<sup>st</sup> July  
28<sup>th</sup> August  
25<sup>th</sup> September

Fresh Coffee & Tea  
Home made cakes  
Free Water Refill

at Ousden Village Hall (between Hargrave and the B1063)

All proceeds to support Ousden Village Hall and Playing Field

Registered Charity No 304932

# WHATS ON IN OUSDEN

## *Dates for your Diary.....*

### **Parish Council Meeting**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Parish Council Meeting

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### **Mobile Library**

2<sup>nd</sup> August - 30<sup>th</sup> August - 27<sup>th</sup> September

Village Hall – 10.35am-11.05am  
Church - 11.10am-11.25am

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### **The Fox**

#### **OAP Lunch**

21<sup>st</sup> August & 11<sup>th</sup> September

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#### **Quiz Night**

13<sup>th</sup> August & 17<sup>th</sup> September

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#### **Bingo**

10<sup>th</sup> August / 24<sup>th</sup> August  
7<sup>th</sup> September / 21<sup>st</sup> September

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### **Mamma Mia by Chelsea Francis**

10th August from 3.30pm onwards

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## **VILLAGE HALL LOTTERY**

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Contact Jessamy Saltmarsh:  
[j.saltmarsh194@btinternet.com](mailto:j.saltmarsh194@btinternet.com)  
or 01638 500816 for details

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