

# OUSDEN NEWSLETTER



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

We have been appreciating a lovely warm, sunny spell of weather recently and this has been enjoyed by dog walkers, ramblers and even the yoga class who have used our wonderful outdoor facilities to great advantage.

Preparations for the cricket season, however, have been more challenging due to the lack of rain. Roderick and Mike, who taken on the task of preparing the cricket pitch for this year's matches, have been busy get the field ready for the Lidgate and Ousden Cricket Club who have several games arranged. We hope they go from strength to strength now that new volunteers have come forward.

Looking to June and July, we are busy with the Café Stop beginning at the end of May and the Summer Fete which is arranged for Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> July. It has a Mary Poppins theme with fancy dress and tea party to keep the children entertained and we're hoping to hold a Dog Show on the same afternoon nothing too serious, though. If you prefer to relax over a beer or glass of wine, enjoying a juicy burger whilst listening to some music and chatting to friends, that's fine too. You can try your luck with the raffle and tombola or enter the decorated cake competition. To find out more, see our website

and posters or ask a member of the committee! Any donations for the raffle and offers of help on the day are most welcome.

It has been a busy time, also, working on funding applications for the new hall and it will be a while before we receive any news but we're feeling positive.

We have received a few enquiries regarding donations towards the new hall and are glad and excited about these as we move forward. Please do let us know if you're considering supporting us with a significant donation or would like to lead a fundraising event so that we can discuss ways you might like to be recognised for your support. You can contact us via the website or via committee members.

Enjoy the summer ahead and we look forward to seeing you at the Fete.

**Chris Ingham**

**On behalf of all other committee members  
Celia Holt, Jessamy Saltmarsh, Julie Pryke,  
Emma Hunter, Mary Burr, John Gale**



*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**



**OUSDEN VILLAGE HALL**

# SUMMER FETE

**Saturday 5th July**  
**Mary Poppins theme**  
**12-4pm**



**DOG SHOW**

Fancy Dress competition  
Best Decorated Cake

BAR  
MUSIC  
RAFFLE  
BBQ



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The Fox.....	01638 500740

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### Ousden Website !

For more information on news and events please visit:

Website: [www.ousden.onesuffolk.net](http://www.ousden.onesuffolk.net)

Or look up Ousden Village Facebook Page



### Ousden Parish Council

Ousden Parish Council's Annual Meeting took place on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025. John Gale was re-elected as Chairman and Sylvia Pettitt was re-elected as vice-chairman.

At this time of year finance and the Annual Audit for 2024-25 are the main items on the agenda. The Parish Council approved the accounts and supporting documentation which have been published on the Parish Council's website.

### New contact details for Ousden Parish Council

Ousden Parish Council has a new email and website address. The new email address is: [clerk@ousdenparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ousdenparishcouncil.gov.uk)

The new website address is <https://ousdenparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

The old email address will no longer be monitored, so please use these new addresses in future.

### Police visit to Ousden

Ousden's Community Police Officer PC Claydon will be visiting the pop up café on **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June from 10-11am in Ousden Village Hall**. Why not come along to meet her and enjoy a cup of tea and some cake at the same time?

### Are you interested in becoming a parish councillor?

There is currently a vacancy on the Parish Council. Are you interested in village life? Would you like to get involved in making decisions that affect Ousden?

Do you feel that you could give your time and enthusiasm to serve your community? No experience is necessary, the work is voluntary, and councillors attend four meetings a year. Meetings take place on Tuesdays at 6pm and last no more than two hours.

If anyone is interested in becoming a parish councillor or would like to find out more, please contact Ousden's parish clerk, Joanne Kirk. The email address is [clerk@ousdenparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ousdenparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **Annual Parish Meeting**

Ousden's Annual Parish Meeting also took place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025. This was a village meeting and an opportunity for residents to meet parish councillors and other local government representatives. County Councillor Bobby Bennett attended the meeting along with Chris Ingham from the Village Hall Management Committee.

All the reports from the Annual Parish Meeting are available on the Parish Council's website at <https://ousdenparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council/annual-parish-meeting/annual-parish-meeting-2025/>

Suffolk County Councillor (SCC) Bobby Bennett spoke about the following:

- Pothole repairs have increased by 34%.
- SCC has purchased a new gritting fleet.
- Their summer road resurfacing programme has started.
- They have received £7.3 million funding for improving electric vehicle charging points.
- They are trying to improve air quality by encouraging vehicles not to idle especially outside schools, carparks and town centres.
- Adult and social care takes up a large amount of SCC funding, She thanked the voluntary groups that support this sector.
- SCC is supporting families through its Strong Families Partnership.
- Funding continues to be a challenge. Suffolk is one of the poorest funded counties for education.
- Local Government reorganisation will move to a unitary model. SCC has proposed one unitary council, district councils have put alternative proposals forward.
- Devolution will see the formation of a combined mayoral authority with Suffolk and Norfolk.

### **Neighbourhood Watch Report.**

Over recent years crime has been very low in Ousden however it is important to remain vigilant as there have been reports of people

scouting the area looking to commit crime. A dark pick-up truck was disturbed on the byway near Lady's Green and smashed through the barrier at end of byway before taking off at speed towards Hargrave. There was also an attempted garage break-in but the burglar was disturbed by a passing neighbour.

Please contact Helen Gale, Ousden's 'neighbourhood watch coordinator' if you see or hear any suspect activities in or around your village as she is regularly in contact with the police and other enforcement/support groups and can get messages to other villagers quickly when required.

**Joanne Kirk**

**Clerk to Ousden Parish Council**

### **St Peter's & St Barnabas**

#### **Events**

The village breakfast was well attended again with everybody enjoying a full English breakfast and the popular raffle. We raised over £600 for the Churches which was fantastic.

We are planning on holding a Harvest Ploughman's Lunch in September, date to be confirmed nearer the time.

Church Box Draw - would you like to support the Church repairs, keeping them both running and be in with a chance of winning some money! We are planning on reviving the Church Box Draw, if you would like to support us please get in contact with Nicola.

#### **St Barnabas**

Would you like to come and learn all about our little Church in the Village? We are holding an open morning on Saturday 14th June from 9.30am where you can have a look inside, learn about its history and enjoy a cup of tea and a slice of cake.

#### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Annual Meeting of the Parochial Church Council took place in St Barnabas on Tuesday 20th May. Both Trevor Harris and Nicola Nunn were re-elected as Church wardens and all members of the PCC were re-elected. Thanks was given to all members of the PCC for their support and hard work during the last year.

**Date 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 last year please let me know and I will forward the details and a sponsorship form. **Nicola Nunn**



# WHATS ON IN OUSDEN

## Dates for your Diary.....

### Village Hall

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
Summer Fete  
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### Parish Council Meeting

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

7<sup>th</sup> June - 5<sup>th</sup> July - 2<sup>nd</sup> August  
Village Hall – 10.35am-11.05am  
Church - 11.10am-11.25am  
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### The Fox

### OAP Lunch

12<sup>th</sup> June & 17<sup>th</sup> July  
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### Quiz Night

18<sup>th</sup> June & 16<sup>th</sup> July  
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### Bingo

1<sup>st</sup> June / 15<sup>th</sup> June / 29<sup>th</sup> June  
13<sup>th</sup> July / 27<sup>th</sup> July  
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### Band in the Garden

27<sup>th</sup> July from 3.30pm onwards

### St Peter's Church Services

(10.00am - Holy Communion unless otherwise stated)

June		July	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Lidgate	6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>OUSDEN</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Denston	13 <sup>th</sup>	Cowlinge
15 <sup>th</sup>	Wickhambrook	20 <sup>th</sup>	Lidgate
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Stradishall	27 <sup>th</sup>	Denston
29 <sup>th</sup>	Stansfield		

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