

OUSDEN NEWSLETTER



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Ousden Village Hall

Well, we did get a bit of summer at last, thank goodness.

It was a beautiful day for our September BBQ and this was really well attended. We had live music from the local Hargrave band, Collage, who played during the afternoon for us in the sunshine.

Thank you to all our helpers who gave their time managing all the food, drinks and raffles. We were pleased to raise approximately £1000.

Our other fundraising event this summer had been the Ousden Open Gardens in June, and again, we were lucky with the weather. Funds from this will help us renovate the playground.

Since the last newsletter, we have been able to draw the Village Hall Lottery in July and will have another draw in October,

Especially if you're a newcomer to Ousden, we would encourage you to join as your contributions help raise funds for our new hall. Details on who to contact can be found on the back page.

Cafe Stop on Sundays has been really successful this summer, too, but by the time you read this, it will have finished until next May. It has helped raise yet more funds for the new hall. Every little helps!

If you would like to join the committee, come along to the AGM in November (it's 7pm on Tuesday 19th). At present there are only 8 of us doing all the work and we could do with some more help. One of our new members this year is Emma Hunter who has set up a new website for us so take a look at it and see for yourself.

www.ousdenvillagehall.org.uk

In December, we'll be holding our popular Christmas Fair and tables will be available should you wish to sell goods. Watch out for more details.

Enjoy the autumn days. We look forward to seeing you later in the year.

Chris Ingham
Chair of Committee



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	

Christmas & New Year Opening Times

Christmas Day—12.00pm—3.00pm
New Years Eve—Normal Opening Hours
New Years Day—Closed

Now showing Sky TV

Tel: 01638 500740



Condolences

It is with great sadness that Martin Frost, husband of Jean Frost passed away on 12th September aged 81 years after a short illness.

Martin & Jean have lived in the Village for over 60 years, raising their 4 children Stephen, Tina, Karen & Penny and being a large part of the village community throughout the years.

The funeral is being held on 8th October 2024, 12.00pm at St Peter's Church, Ousden.

Useful Telephone Numbers

Emergency.....	999
Suffolk Police (non urgent).....	101
Crime Stoppers.....	0800 555 111
Electricity Emergency.....	08007 838 838
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
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Bowls Club.....	01638 500438
Newspaper Deliveries.....	01440 820969
Village Hall	
Bookings.....	01638 500329
Website.....	www.ousdenvillagehall.org.uk
The Fox.....	01638 500740

Nearest Defibrillator

Outside The Fox Public House (Postcode: CB8 8TR / What3Words: dandelions.takers.dignify)
In an emergency, ring 999, the ambulance service will give you an access code if required.

Ousden Website !

For more information on news and events please visit:

Website: www.ousden.onesuffolk.net

Or look up Ousden Village Facebook Page



Ousden Parish Council

A meeting of Ousden Parish Council took place on 10th September 2024. Fiona Bills was co-opted onto the Parish Council which means that we now have our full quota of councillors. We would like to welcome Fiona and look forward to working with her.

Six month budget review

Councillors reviewed the Parish Council's expenditure to date against the budget for 2024/25. The budget is currently on track.

Memorandum of Understanding with Ousden Village Hall

Ousden Village Hall has started to apply for grants for the new hall and has agreed a Memorandum of Understanding with Ousden Parish Council who are Custodian Trustees for the village hall. The Memorandum of Understanding states that both organisations agree to co-operate and manage the project of demolishing the current Village Hall and the construction of the new one.

Why are some footpaths not cut in Ousden?

Only a third of public footpaths in Suffolk are cut by Suffolk County Council due to limited funding and they prioritise footpaths which have high usage and which lead to amenities. Only two public footpaths are on Suffolk County Council's cutting schedule in Ousden, a short section of footpaths 3 and 16 which run from alongside Mill House.

Reporting potholes and other Highways and public rights of way problems to Suffolk County Council

Suffolk County Council is the local Highways authority and any problems should be reported to them. The easiest way to do this is online using Suffolk County Council's Highway's reporting tool. If possible and if it is safe to do so uploading a photograph can be really helpful. When you make a report, you will be given a reference number and will receive updates about what action Suffolk County Council is going to take in any.

To report a problem online visit <https://highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk>

If the issue are reporting poses an immediate danger to public safety, do not report it online but call 0345 606 6171. Examples of highways emergencies include:

- Manholes or gratings are missing, broken or collapsed
- Damaged streetlights, traffic signals, lit bollards, lit signs
- Fallen tree or branch blocking part or all the road or path
- Debris, including mud, chemical and clinical waste
- Extensive flooding resulting in road being impassable. If the flooding is caused by a burst pipe or water mains, contact Anglian Water.
- Large dead animals, for example cattle/deer/horse causing obstruction
- Overhead cables fallen across the highway
- Road signs and other street furniture damaged so they are a direct danger or obstruction to the travelling public, for example it's bent into the path of vehicles
- Structure collapse, for example bridge, culvert, wall, fences, scaffolds, hoarding

Government consultation on changes to the National Planning Policy Framework

The Government recently carried out a consultation on proposed changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. The following key changes were proposed:

- Mandatory housing targets and the reversal of other changes made by the previous government.
- A new standard method formula for assessing housing need.
- The use of grey belt land for housing.
- New "golden rules" for land released in the Green Belt

- The aim to prioritise the types of affordable homes communities need.
- Support economic growth
- Deliver community needs
- Support clean energy and the environment.

Joanne Kirk
Clerk to Ousden Parish Council



St Peter's & St Barnabas

Suffolk Historic Churches Ride & Stride

We welcomed lots of people who participated in both the ride & stride and pedal & drive this year—this was the first time we had been on the pedal & drive route which involved a quiz—the monument to Leticia Moseley of Ousden Hall was the question for Ousden.

A special thank you to Arabella & Oscar Cable who assisted with welcoming the visitors, providing refreshments and the answer to the clue for the Pedal & Drive along with a very thorough clean of the carpets using the carpet sweeper!!

On behalf of the PCC we would like to offer our condolences to one of our flower ladies Jean Frost on the death of her much loved husband Martin. Our thoughts and prayers are with Jean & all her family at this time.

Christmas Fair

We will be selling homemade cakes, cookies and goodies on our stall at the Village Hall Christmas Fair this year along with a 'guess the weight of the cake' competition!

Nicola Nunn

St Peter's Church Services

(10.00am - Holy Communion unless otherwise stated)

6th Oct	Wickhambrook	3rd Nov	Denston
13th Oct	Stradishall	10th Nov	Cowlinge
20th Oct	Stansfield	17th Nov	OUSDEN
27th Oct	Lidgate	24th Nov	Stradishall

Please note these are subject to change, always check the website for up to date details:
www.bansfieldbenefice.org.uk/services

WHATS ON IN OUSDEN

Dates for your Diary.....

Village Hall Christmas Fair

Sunday 1st December
2 - 5pm

Parish Council Meeting

Tuesday 10th December 2024

Mobile Library

28th September / 26th October
23rd November / 21st December

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

The Fox

Coffee Morning

Tea, Coffee & Homemade Cakes

Thursday 3rd October
Thursday 7th November

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OAP Lunch

Thursday 17th October
Thursday 21st November

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OAP Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12th December

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Bingo

6th & 20th October
3rd & 17th November
1st December

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Quiz Night

16th October & 21st November

Christmas Quiz Night

18th December

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01638500816 for details

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