

Occold Village Report 2015



Village Sign



The Beaconsfeld Arms



Ss Michael & All Angels



The Bottles Inn



Primary School

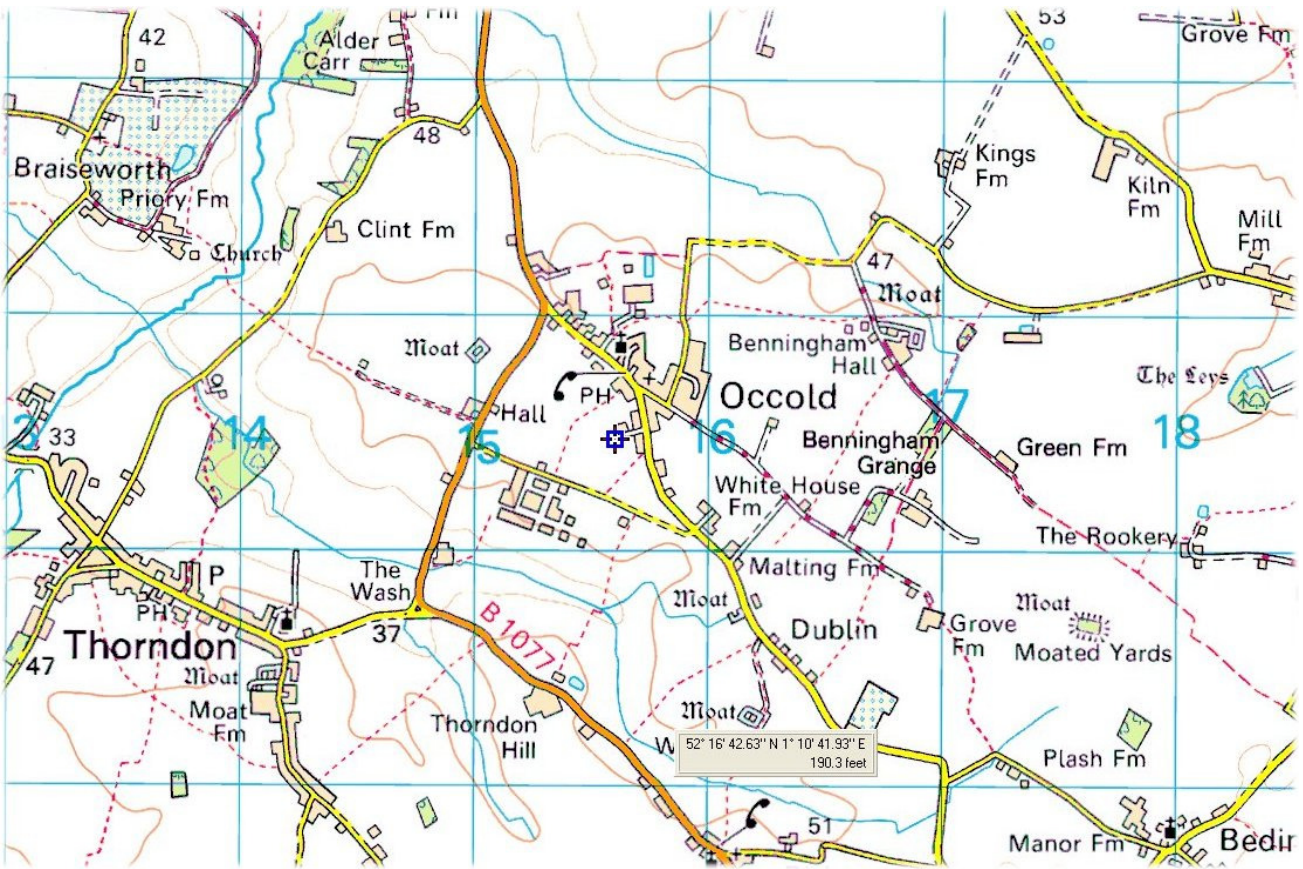


Baptist Chapel

1. Location

Occold is a small, rural village located in Suffolk at latitude 52.1748°N, longitude 1.0980°E and is 180ft (55m) AMSL (Above Mean Sea Level). OS map coordinates TM 157 707.

The total population is circa 520 (395 on the current electoral roll) in around 190 households.



2. Major Events

Date	Event	Organiser
10 Jan	Annual Darts Competition	Jubilee Baptist Church
31 Jan	Cemetery Clear-up	St Michaels
13-15 Feb	Annual Youth Club Camp	Jubilee Baptist Church
22 Feb	Film 'Facing the Giants'	Jubilee Baptist Church
24 Feb	Fund Raising Appeal launched by Ss Michael & All Angels	St Michaels
28 Feb	Jumble Sale	Pre School
14 Mar	Quiz Night	Football Club
5 Apr	Film 'Jesus is Alive'	Jubilee Baptist Church
24 Apr	Frog Racing Championships	Rotary Club
25 Apr	Spring Fayre	ORAC
25 Apr	Pop-up Pub	ORAC
26 Apr	Film 'Fireproof'	Jubilee Baptist Church
7 May	General Election Polling Station	MSDC
8 May	VE Day Fireworks and Beacon Lighting	ORAC
15 May	Cheese & Wine Party	St Michaels

Date	Event	Organiser
16 May	Plant Sale	Flower Guild
16 May	Summer Ball	Friends of Occold School
19 May	Wreath laid at Roclincourt Cemetery to honour Ernest Arthur HADDOCK and the other names on the Occold Roll of Honour	Parish Council
22 May	Pop-up Pub	ORAC
30 May	May Fayre	ORAC
27 Jun	Summer Fayre	ORAC
3 Jul	Donation of Picnic Benches	Alison Brice & Kerry Dearing
4 Jul	VE Day Fete	ORAC
12 Jul	Youth Club Family Fun & BBQ	Jubilee Baptist Church
21 Sep	Huntingdon Life Sciences, Harlan Laboratories and three subsidiaries have announced that the combined companies have today re-branded as Envigo	HLS
11 Oct	Film 'October Baby'	Jubilee Baptist Church
31 Oct	Cemetery Clear-up	St Michaels
31 Oct	Halloween Fayre	ORAC
28 Nov	Christmas Fayre	ORAC
29 Nov	Film 'Unconditional'	Jubilee Baptist Church
4 Dec	Crafts and Carols	Friends of Occold School

3. Major Achievements

Date	Achievement
Jun	Occold Preschool have achieved a 'Good' rating by Ofsted
Jun	Caroline Miller, Terri Andrews and Lucy Cooper from the WI attended a WI Centenary party at Buckingham Palace hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall and other Royals
Aug	Greg & Di Noller prepared and led a children's Bible holiday club at Hunstanton
Dec	Alison Cooklin launched her first children's book - "The Light Travellers - Luke's Journey"

4. Fund Raising

Event(s)	Organiser	Amount
Frog Racing in aid of Eye Opportunity Group and Rotary Charities	Rotary Club of High Suffolk	£1,400
Events for donation of picnic benches to the Play Area	Alison Brice & Kerry Dearing	£442
Jumble Sale in aid of Occold Pre School	Pre School	£307
2 x wreaths in aid of Royal British Legion poppy appeal. No house-to-house collection this year!	Parish Council	£60
Occold Fayres in aid of Suffolk Animal Rescue	ORAC	£572
Occold Fayres in aid of Pre School	Pre School	£401
Occold Fayres in aid of Ugandan Children	Chris Couchman	£272

Event(s)	Organiser	Amount
Supporting the Village Hall, Playing Field, Play Area and Village Green. 3xPop-up Pubs (£332), VE Day Celebration (£89), Fete (£875) and Christmas Dinner (£556)	ORAC	£1,852
Supporting the Primary School – May Ball, Community Coffee Mornings, Fete and Crafts & Carols Evening	Friends of Occold School	£3,200
Total raised for all good causes		£8,506

5. Organisations

Name	Meets
Carpet Bowls Club	Weekly
Charities Trustees	Annually
Community Coffee Mornings	Monthly
Fayres - Crafts, Market & Car Boot	6 per year
Flower Guild	Monthly
Football Club	Weekly
Friends of Occold School	4 times yearly
Jubilee Baptist Church	Weekly
Luncheon Club	Fortnightly
ORAC	Monthly
Parish Council	Monthly
Pre School	Daily (weekdays in term time)
Primary School	Daily (weekdays in term time)
Women's Institute	Monthly
Ss Michael & All Angels	Weekly
Youth Club	Fortnightly

6. Village Hall Classes

Name	Meets
BellyTone	Mon eve
Fitness for Life	Wed eve
Line Dancing	Tue eve
Over 50's Stretch-and-Tone	Thurs am
School P.E. and Brass Band	Tue & Wed
Watercolour painting	Thurs pm

7. Parish Registers

Baptisms

Date	Forenames	Parents	Surname
25 Jul 15	Thomas Edward George	Tanya Loise & Ion	HUTSON

Date	Forenames	Parents	Surname
30 Dec 15	Walter John	Daniel & Amanda	HULL

Burials

Date	Forenames	Surname	Age
19 Feb 15	Doreen Elsie	HAYWARD	93
20 Feb 15	Jennifer	REED	48
4 Mar 15	Kathleen Margaret	MILLAR-BEGLEY	54
2 Apr 15	Maurice Robert	DAMANT	83
9 Jun 15	Kenneth William	POLL	72
1 Jul 15	Alfred William 'Bill'	STRATTON	76
24 Jul 15	Kathleen Ellen Alice	CASS	93
10 Sep 15	Winifred 'Joan'	CARTWRIGHT	82

Marriages & Banns - None

8. Environmental Changes

Date	Change
Jan	Planning approved - Reduce the size of lime trees at 16 Old Rectory Gardens
Jan	Planning approved - Erection of agricultural building at Occold Hall, Castle Hill, Occold
Feb	Planning approved - Erection of Single Storey Rear Extension, Church Place, Church Lane Occold
Feb	Planning approved - Erection of External Acoustic Porch, Occold Village Hall
Feb	Closure of The Beaconsfield Arms
Mar	Planning approved: Erection of external acoustic porch at Occold Village Hall
Apr	Planning approved - Church Place, Church Lane - single storey rear extension
May	Not a change as such but just a reminder that the strip of land outside the houses in Redlingfield Rd is PRIVATE and is not available for public parking
Jun	Planning approved - "Te Maru", Redlingfield Rd - two storey extension
Jul	The Noise Limiter has been fitted to the Village Hall and appears to be working
Jul	Planning approved: Canopy to provide outdoor space in all weathers for the younger children at Occold School
Sep	New Early Years Outdoor Area now in place
Sep	Re-opening of The Beaconsfield Arms
Oct	Parish Council takes over ownership of the village website - www.occold.com
Oct	Planning approved - Williams Barn, Benningham Green: Single bay cart lodge extension, installation of garage doors, log store and porch
Nov	New sign for The Street installed at the apex of The Street and Mill Road

9. Reported Crimes

Date	Crime
May	Burglary other building. A business premises which had shut down had 4 metal containers stolen from its site
Sep	Theft from an honesty box
Dec	Theft of a tractor

10. Charities

Henman Charity - No 213106

By John Henman - From investment income, distributes money to Parish Council (used to support the village hall) and to Parochial Church Council (contributes to fabric repairs) with the balance allocated to help parishioners defray fuel costs.

Income for 2015 was £438.11 which was disbursed as follows:

Disbursement	Recipient(s)
£93.75	Parish Council
£93.75	Parochial Church Council
£50 each to defray heating costs	Mrs A Tye, Mr & Mrs F Sherman, Mr G Crane, Mr J Parker, Mr S Page

Lees and Last Charity - No 213108

By William Lees and Mary Ann Last - From investment income distribute to those in need in the parish, cash (in lieu of contribution to grocery costs) and, to those in the parish felt by the trustees to merit consideration and a gesture of support for events of the past year or to students to assist in meeting the cost of studying.

Income for 2015 was £567.53. The Trustees feel that they want to acknowledge the great range of skills and achievements of the younger parishioners, as well as show support for some who have had set backs or been affected by illness and loss in the last year.

Disbursement	Recipient(s)
£300	Installation of a defibrillator at the Village Hall – earmarked from money unspent in 2014
Plants and chocolates up to an aggregate value of £88	Mr S Regan, Mr J Parker, Mrs P Stratton, Mrs J Samman, Mr A Crisp, Mrs B Mutton, Mr D Turner, Mrs Y Halliday, Mrs G Leveridge, Mr & Mrs L Kemp and Messrs S & R Parker
Amazon vouchers of £35 each	Ms C Newall, Ms E Owen, Ms R Frost, Ms L Pringle and Ms I Hubner
Amazon vouchers of £10 each	S Hull, J Hull, Ms M Westmancott, Ms B Howard, J Regan and Ms A Regan, J Fairweather, Ms M Grange, S Burnett, A Erhorn, J Grange
Book tokens of £10 each	Walter Hull and Thomas Hutson

11. Charitable Donations

Made by the Parish Council under S137 on behalf of the people of Occold:

Charity	Donation
St Elizabeth's Hospice	£50
MacMillan Cancer Support Suffolk	£50
Eye & District Volunteer Centre	£50
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	£50
East Anglian Air Ambulance	£50
ReVitalise	£50
Occold Pre-School	£50
Royal British Legion (2 x poppy wreaths)	£60
TOTAL	£410

12. Local History

Local history projects completed or ongoing in 2015 - some may have been started in 2014. Each one is archived alongside this report but over a period of time, they will be published in Oracle magazine.

Project	Description
Rectors	List of past Rectors added from Hugo DE LUFFENHAM in 1301 to Stanley Padbury STRINGER in 1949. A copy has been posted in the Church.
Rectors	Family history of Rectors from Nathaniel D'EYE (1771-1884) to Stanley Padbury STRINGER (1911-1986)
Roll of Honour	Of the 15 names on the Roll of Honour, the family histories of 13 of them have been recorded. In most cases, it identifies ancestors back to the late 1700's and also identifies descendants where possible.
Pubs	Identifying the two known pubs in Occold (The Bottles Inn and The Beaconsfield Arms). A list of the known publicans from 1830 onwards together with their family history.
Directory	A transcript of Kelly's Directory for 1912
Mills	An initial look at the Mills in Occold together with a family history of millers from 1838-1920
Photos	A collection of old photographs - 92 in total and still growing
Old Rectory	At long last, we have managed to find not one, but two pictures of the Old Rectory built in 1846. We have also traced a rough timeline until it was demolished around 1985.
Events	Re-published an article on the Occold v Redlingfield Show originally published in the Ipswich Journal, 21 Jun 1889.
People of Occold	In view of all the intermarriages between different families associated with all the above research, all this information has been captured in a single, searchable database. In 2015, this database was made accessible to anyone with a subscription to ancestry.com.

13. Website

The village website, www.occold.com, was originally set up in 2006 by one of the parishioners and was maintained by private funding. In 2011, it moved to a host provided free by Suffolk County Council.

During 2015, it received 8,243 visitors or about 23 per day.

As well as providing news items, events, organisations and local businesses, it also serves as a repository for local history information relating to people, places and events in Occold and important village documents e.g. Parish Council minutes and finances.

The website also manages the Email Alert Service on behalf of the Parish Council whereby urgent news e.g. police alerts, weather warnings, lost and found can be quickly disseminated to all households - or at least the 10% who have taken the trouble to sign up!

In 2015, the Parish Council took over 'ownership' of the website on behalf of the people of Occold and will maintain the www.occold.com domain at a cost of £22pa...

14. ORACLE Magazine

Parish magazine published 4 times yearly and distributed free to ~300 households in Occold.

It is kindly printed free by Envigo (formerly Huntingdon Life Sciences). Copies of the magazine are archived alongside this report.



Lizzie – one of the Fete Princesses



Kerry Dearing & Alison Brice donate the Picnic Benches



John Everson lays a wreath at Roclincourt Military Cemetery



Local author publishes her first children's book