

# Occold Village Report 2016



*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
9 Jan	Village Darts Competition	Baptist Church
27 Feb	Jumble Sale	Pre School
4 Mar	Beer & Sausage Festival - Live Music	Beaconsfield Arms
5 Mar	Beer & Sausage Festival	Beaconsfield Arms
5 Mar	Village Clean Up	W.I.
12 Mar	Book signing	Alison Cooklin
12 Mar	Presentations	Football Club
13 Mar	Flix in the Stix "King's Faith"	Jubilee Baptist Church
15 Mar	'Most Active Community Awards' Finals Presentation	SCC
21 Apr	HM The Queen 90th Birthday Beacon Lighting	ORAC
23 Apr	Camel Racing Night	Alice Regan
30 Apr	Spring Fayre	ORAC
14 May	Annual Plant Sale	Flower Guild
21 May	Masked Ball	Friends of Occold School

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Organiser</b>
27 May	The Muppits	Beaconsfield Arms
28 May	May Fayre	ORAC
4 Jun	Four Village Challenge Sponsored Run/Walk	James Regan
7 Jun	Discover Occold Cemetery	Suffolk Wildlife Trust
25 Jun	Summer Fayre	ORAC
25 Jun	5-a-side Football Tournament	Scott Regan
2 Jul	Village Fun Day	ORAC
15 Jul	Cakes & Bakes	Pre School
24 Jul	Stepdance Day	East Anglian Traditional Music Trust
4 Aug	Wine & Food Night	Beaconsfield Arms
20 Aug	"Brave the Shave" in aid of Macmillan	Elizabeth Graham
7 Sep	Talk, Slide Show and Wine Tasting	WI
10 Sep	35th Bike Ride and Stride	St Michaels
10 Sep	Infrared Penguins	Beaconsfield Arms
18 Sep	Harvest Service	Jubilee Baptist Church
24 Sep	Autumn Fayre	ORAC
1 Oct	Pre School Jumble Sale	Pre School
2 Oct	Harvest Service	St Michaels
8 Oct	Harvest Supper	WI
8 Oct	Celidh	Rotary Club of High Suffolk
29 Oct	October Fayre	ORAC
29 Oct	Autumn Cemetery Clearance	St Michaels
29 Oct	Halloween Disco	Alice Regan
25 Oct	Christmas Fair & Carols	Primary School
4 Nov	The Muppits	Beaconsfield Arms
13 Nov	Remembrance Service	St Michaels
19 Nov	Flix in the Stix@Six "Summer Snow"	Jubilee Baptist Church
25 Nov	Christmas Fair - Crafts & Carols	Primary School
26 Nov	Christmas Fayre	ORAC
26 Nov	Book Launch Party	Alison Townrow
3 Dec	Christmas Dinner	ORAC
11 Dec	Sing Carols This Christmas	Jubilee Baptist Church
14 Dec	Festive Bake Sale	Pre School
22 Dec	Beer & Carols	Beaconsfield Arms & Jubilee Baptist Church
24 Dec	Santa visits Occold	Beaconsfield Arms
24 Dec	Christmas Eve Carol Service	St Michaels

## 3. Major achievements

Date	Achievement
Mar	<b>Occold</b> gained 3rd place in the 'Most Active Community Awards'
Apr	Huge Congratulations to all players, officials and supporters of <b>Occold Football Club</b> , who battled to a 1-1 draw away at Cheveley FC this morning, and as a result have won promotion to Bury and District League Division 2!
May	<b>Occold Pre School</b> for being nominated for an award "Working with Children with Sensory Difficulties"
Nov	<b>Alison Cooklin</b> launched her 2nd children's book - 'The Light Travellers - Noura's Journey'
Dec	<b>Alice Regan</b> achieved her goal of raising £4,100 for her school trip to Ecuador

## 4. Fund Raising

### 4.1 National Organisations

Date	Event	In aid of...	Organiser	Amount
23 Apr	Camel Racing	Camp International	Alice Regan	£2,000.00
24 Apr	London Marathon	Alzheimer's Society	Bill Bulstrode	£6,596.25
7 May	Midnight Walk	St Elizabeth Hospice	Caroline & Jimmy Whayman	£529.30
25 May	Race Night	Prostate Cancer UK	Beaconsfield Arms	£108.00
4 Jun	Four Village Challenge Sponsored Run/Walk	British Lung Foundation	James Regan	£490.00
24 Jul	Stepdance Day	East Anglian Traditional Music Trust	Katie Howson	£320.00
29 Oct	Halloween Disco	Camp International	Alice Regan	£524.60
31 Dec	Brave the Shave	Macmillan Cancer Support	Elizabeth Graham	£316.00
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£10,884.15</b>

## 4.2 Local Organisations

Date	Event	In aid of...	Organiser	Amount
Mar	Jumble Sale	Pre School	Pre School	£244.04
24 Apr	HM 90th Beacon Lighting	ORAC	ORAC	£216.50
Apr	Sponsored Walk	Pre School	Pre School	£192.51
14 May	Plant Sale & Dinner	St Michaels	Flower Guild	£730.00
May	Church open for Suffolk Organists Association	St Michaels	St Michaels	£40.00
21 May	Masked Ball	Primary School	Friends of Occold School	£2,500.00
Jun	Sports Day	Pre School	Pre School	£337.65
26 Jun	Orwell 25 Walk	Primary School	Kerry Dearing Elly Chevous Stefan Chevous Alison Brice	£300.00
2 Jul	Village Fun Day	ORAC	ORAC	£150.00
2 Jul	Village Fun Day	Pre School	ORAC	£143.30
15 Jul	Cakes & Bakes	Pre School	Pre School	£20.00
28 Oct	Halloween Hunt	Pre School	Pre School	£173.00
4 Dec	Christmas Dinner	ORAC	ORAC	£670.00
14 Dec	Festive Bake Sale	Pre School	Pre School	£74.30
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£5,791.30</b>

## 4.3 Occold Fayres

In aid of:	Apr	May	Jun	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
Suffolk Animal Rescue - Donations & Raffle		£42.90	£32.18	£26.81	£26.47	£103.20	<b>£231.89</b>
Suffolk Animal Rescue - Tombola	£29.50	£35.00		£25.00		£30.00	<b>£119.50</b>
Pre School Coffee Shop	£86.00	£60.00	£115.95	£63.00	£93.00	£64.20	<b>£482.15</b>
St Elizabeth Hospice	£219.30						<b>£219.30</b>
Primary School		£90.00	£80.00	£7.00	£50.30	£15.50	<b>£242.80</b>

In aid of:	Apr	May	Jun	Sep	Oct	Nov	Total
Ugandan Children	£29.40	£32.50	£18.40	£63.57	£52.55		£196.42
Camp International				£40.00	£21.00		£61.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£364.20</b>	<b>£260.40</b>	<b>£246.53</b>	<b>£225.38</b>	<b>£243.32</b>	<b>£212.90</b>	<b>£1,553.06</b>

**Grand Total = £18,228.51**

## 5. Village Organisations

Name	Meets
BellyTone	Weekly
Carpet Bowls Club	Weekly
Charities Trustees	Annually
Community Coffee Mornings	Monthly
Fayres - Crafts, Market & Car Boot	6 per year
Fitness for Life	Weekly
Flower Guild	Monthly
Football Club	Weekly
Friends of Occold School	4 times yearly
Jubilee Baptist Church	Weekly
Luncheon Club	Fortnightly
Monterey Line Dance Club	Weekly
ORAC	Monthly
Over 50's Stretch-and-Tone	Weekly
Parish Council	Monthly
Pre School	Daily
Primary School	Daily
Women's Institute	Monthly
School P.E. and Brass Band	Weekly
Ss Michael & All Angels	Weekly
Table Tennis Club	Weekly
Youth Club	Fortnightly

# 6. Parish Registers

## Baptisms

Date	Forenames	Parents	Surname
3 Jul 16	Edith May	Christopher & Zia	HULL

## Burials

Date	Forenames	Surname	Age
29 Jan 16	Fritjof Anne	HENRIKSEN	83

## Ashes interred

Date	Forenames	Surname
5 Nov 16	Margaret Lorna	HARROWER

## Commemorated but interred elsewhere

Date	Forenames	Surname
31 Mar 16	Jack	PARKER
3 Jun 16	Brenda	MUTTOCK

## Marriages & Banns - None

# 7. Environmental Changes

Date	Change
Mar	Closure of the Beaconsfield Arms
Apr	Planning approved - Grove Farm. Demolition of UPVC conservatory. Erection of one and half storey extension to dwelling to east. Erection of 3 bay cart lodge. Creation of ground & first floor access doors to new extension. Reconversion of east loft space. Insertion of 2 No. windows to east gable.
May	Re-opening of the Beaconsfield Arms
Sep	Planning approved - The Cottage, Church Lane, Occold: First Floor Rear Extension.
Oct	Occold Hatchery, Barric Lane, Occold, IP23 7PX: Change of use from hatchery to industry (for the manufacture, sale and distribution of treatment couches), creation of hard standing, bund and external alterations to elevations
Dec	Planning approved - extension to Occold Village Hall
Dec	Planning approved - The Cedars, The Street, Occold: Alterations to existing outbuilding to main house, including replacement roof and external cladding to provide new store and personal gym



## 8. Reported Crimes

Source: [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk), PC Police Reports, Local Press

Date	Incident
6 Jan	Trio arrested after a factory of 2,000 cannabis plants were found in Occold. Street value estimated at £350,000-£400,000
Feb	Drugs offence on or near Mill Road
May	Violence and sexual offence on or near The Street
Sep	Theft of cash from the Egg Shed in Church Lane
Nov	Public order offence on or near Ash Tree Close – unable to prosecute

## 9. 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 2016 was £360.48. It was noted that beneficiaries must be resident in the parish. It was resolved that distribution be made to seven beneficiaries – each to receive £25 to defray heating costs.

Disbursement	Recipient(s)
£89.96	Parish Council
£89.96	Parochial Church Council
£25 each	Mrs A Tye, Mr T Warnes, Mr G Crane, Mr P Bush, Mr S Page, Mrs P Brown, Ms A Cook/Mr M Bull

### Lee and Last Charity - No 213108

*By William Lee 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 2016 was £475.66. The Trustees resolved to make provision for acquiring and donating assets to the village to benefit all children, with the specific intent that £100 be contributed to the cost of acquiring new uniform for the school, and £50 be set aside for contributing to the cost of the annual school residential trip. The Trustees also resolved to award gifts to individuals as noted below:

Disbursement	Recipient(s)
Amazon vouchers to a value of £35 each	Ms E Nightingale, J Kirk and J Jeffries
Amazon vouchers to a value of £10 each	L Holding, J Hull, Ms F Hobson, Ms E Howard, T Griffiths and Ms L Nicholson in recognition of their achievements and circumstances in the year 2016
Book tokens to a value of £10 each	Parents of Edith Hull and Zosia



Disbursement	Recipient(s)
Plants and chocolates to an aggregate value of £56.41	Mrs J Manton, Mr J Scott, Mr L Kemp, Mr T Muttock, Mr G Turner, Mrs A Tye, Mr & Mrs B Mayhew, Mrs P Rose, Mrs P Cripps, Mrs J Hardwick, Mrs R Ince, Mrs A Hobson, Mrs H Underwood, Mr C Johnson

## 10. Charitable Donations

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

Charity	Donation
East Anglia' Children's Hospice	£50
Marie Curie Cancer Care	£50
Eye & District Volunteer Centre	£50
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	£50
East Anglian Air Ambulance	£50
ReVitalise	£50
Occold Pre-School	£65
Royal British Legion (poppy wreath)	£35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£400</b>

## 11. Local History

Local history projects completed or ongoing in 2016 - some may have been started in 2015. Each one is archived alongside this report but over a period of time, they will be published in Oracle magazine.

Project	Description
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. During 2016, 4 of these have been documented and published in ORACLE magazine
Photos	A collection of old photographs - 95 in total and still growing
People of Occold	This is an online accessible database of families from Occold surrounding areas. During 2016, around 1,000 names were added and it currently stands at 2,300

## 12. Website

The village website, [www.occold.com](http://www.occold.com), continues to be maintained on a daily basis by volunteer effort.

During 2016, it received 9,120 visitors, or about 25 per day, from 110 countries.

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.

Features added in 2016 include:

- Link to Residents of Occold Facebook page
- Front page summary of monies raised for good causes
- Front page reminder of forthcoming major events
- A link to the People of Occold database and regular updates on progress
- Front page summary of Beaconsfield Arms events

## 13. 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.



Stepdance Day



Clean for the Queen



Occold Football Club



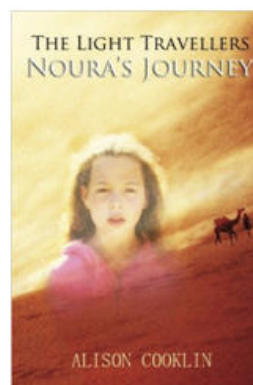
Remembrance Day



Most Active Community Award



James Regan  
Fundraiser for  
British Lung  
Foundation



Alison Cooklin  
New book  
signing