

Occold Village Report 2017



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
14 Jan	Darts Night	Jubile Baptist Church
19 Jan	Park Radio Quiz Night	Park Radio
25 Feb	Cemetery Clearance	Gill Richardson
25 Feb	Garden Party	Pre School
11 Mar	Quiz Night	Occold Football Club
27 Mar	Easter Bake Sale	Pre School
12 Apr	Friends & Neighbours Darts Night	Jubilee Baptist Church
16 Apr	Flix in the Stix at Six 'Risen'	Jubilee Baptist Church
24 Apr	Occold was featured on BBC Radio Suffolk	Barry Woods
29 Apr	Spring Fayre	ORAC
29 Apr	Defibrillator Demonstration	Parish Council
6 May	Jumble Sale	Pre School
10 May	Annual General Meeting	ORAC
12 May	Circus comes to Occold	Primary School
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13 May	Occold School Ball	Friends of Occold School
27 May	May Fayre	ORAC
6 Jun	Community Coffee Morning in aid of Dementia Awareness	Friends of Occold School
23 Jun	Sports Day & BBQ	Pre School
24 Jun	Summer Fayre	ORAC
1 Jul	Pop Up Pub	ORAC
4 Jul	Afternoon Tea	Friends of Occold School
7 Jul	Strawberry Puddings & Wine Evening	St Michaels
8 Jul	An Afternoon Tea	Pre School
14 Jul	Pop Up Pub	ORAC
16 Jul	Stepdance Day	East Anglian Traditional Music Trust
17 Jul	Summer Bake Sale	Pre School
21 Jul	Pop Up pub	ORAC
28 Jul	Pop Up Pub	ORAC
31 Jul	Creepy Crawlies Fun Afternoon	Pre School
4 Aug	Pop Up Pub	ORAC
11 Aug	Pop Up Pub	ORAC
18 Aug	Pop Up Pub	ORAC
25 Aug	Pop Up Pub	ORAC
11 Sep	After-School Club starts	Pre School
12 Sep	Boogie-Mites MJsic & Dance starts	Pre School
23 Sep	Harvest Quiz Night	ORAC
30 Sep	Autumn Fayre	ORAC
5 Oct	Macmillan Coffee Morniing	Friends of Occold School
7 Oct	Harvest Supper	WI
11 Oct	Second Hand Book Sale	Friends of Occold School
11 Oct	Knit & Natter Group starts @ The Beaky	WI
14 Oct	Jumble Sale	Pre School
15 Oct	Welcome to the new pastor	Jubilee Baptist Church
16 Oct	Terry Brice Photography	Pre School
21 Oct	Karaoke	The Beaconsfield Arms
28 Oct	October Fayre	ORAC
28 Oct	Cemetery Clear-up	Gill Richardson
31 Oct	Yoga Classes start in Occold	Michelle Mellor
2 Nov	Chocolate Party	The Beaconsfield Arms
11 Nov	Quiz Night	ORAC
12 Nov	Remembrance Day Service	St Michaels
24 Nov	Christmas Fair & Carols	Friends of Occold School
25 Nov	Christmas Fayre	ORAC
2 Dec	ORAC Christmas Dinner	ORAC
6 Dec	WI Christmas Meal	WI

10 Dec	Sing Carols This Christmas	Jubilee Baptist Church
12 Dec	Christmas Tree Festival	St Michaels
20 Dec	Beer & Carols at The Beaky	Jubilee Baptist Church
22 Dec	Sing Your Heart Out	Community Choir
24 Dec	Santa Visits The Beaky	The Beaconsfield Arms
24 Dec	All Age Christmas Celebration	Jubilee Baptist Church
24 Dec	Carol Service	St Michaels
25 Dec	Christmas Day Worship	Jubilee Baptist Church
30 Dec	Let's Make Music	Community Choir

3. Major achievements

Date	Achievement
Feb	Occold Pre School received a £3,000 lottery grant to re-lay the outside play area with artificial grass
Jun	Occold Pre School achieved an Ofsted Rating of OUTSTANDING
Oct	Occold Pre School have been successful in their application for the Co-Op Token Scheme
Oct	Occold Primary School - worthy winners of the 2017 Silk Pearce Trophy awarded to the school with the best entries to the Poetry Competition - our 'School of the Year'.

4. Fund Raising

4.1 National Organisations

Date	Event	In aid of...	Organiser	Amount
23 Apr	London Marathon	CLIC Sargent	Bill Bulstrode	£2,500.00
4 Jun	Coffee Morning	Alzheimers Society	Friends of Occold School	£65.00
24 Jun	Football Tournament	Aplastic Anaemia Trust	Scott Regan	£170.00
16 Jul	Stepdance Day	East Anglian Traditional Music Trust	East Anglian Traditional Music Trust	£208.00
5 Oct	Coffee Morning	Macmillan Cancer Support	Friends of Occold School	£82.00
15 Oct	Knit & Natter	Eye Opportunity Group	Knit & Natter Group	£50.00
17 Nov	Cake making	Children in Need	Pre School	£48.30
TOTAL				£3,123.30

4.2 Local Organisations

Date	Event	In aid of...	Organiser	Amount
25 Feb	Garden Party	Pre School	Pre School	£190.38

11 Mar	Quiz Night	Football Club	Football Club	£1,375.00
Mar	Books/CD sale	Pre School	Pre School	£56.03
27 Mar	Easter Bake	Pre School	Pre School	£85.40
9 Apr	Half Marathon	Pre School	Zia Hull	£766.10
6 May	Jumble Sale	Pre School	Pre School	£470.34
13 May	Summer Ball	Primary School	Friends of Occold School	£1,317.00
23 Jun	Sports Day/BBQ	Pre School	Pre School	£349.79
1 Jul	Pop Up Pub	ORAC	ORAC	£632.00
4 Jul	Afternoon Tea	Pre School	Pre School	£313.00
7 Jul	Strawberry Soiree	St Michaels	St Michaels	£645.00
7 Jul	Bicycle Ride	St Michaelaals	St Michaels	£106.00
8 Jul	Afternoon Tea	Primary School	Friends of Occold School	£18.00
14-16 Jul	Pop Up Pub & Stepdance	ORAC	ORAC	£437.00
21 Jul	Pop Up Pub	ORAC	ORAC	£139.70
28 Jul	Pop Up Pub	ORAC	ORAC	£151.50
31 Jul	Creepy Crawlies	Pre School	Pre School	£271.20
4 & 11 Aug	Pop Up Pub	ORAC	ORAC	£536.50
18 Aug	Pop Up Pub	ORAC	ORAC	£342.25
25 Aug	Pop Up Pub	ORAC	ORAC	£173.90
23 Sep	Quiz Night	ORAC	ORAC	£880.49
14 Oct	Jumble Sale	Pre School	Pre School	£294.56
2 Nov	Chocolate Party	Primary School	Friends of Occold School	£70.00
11 Nov	Quiz Night	ORAC	ORAC	£444.00
25 Nov	Christmas Fair	Primary School	Friends of Occold School	£400.00
25 Nov	Diss Christmas Lights	Primary School	Friends of Occold School	£100.50
1 Dec	Eye Christmas Shopping	Primary School	Friends of Occold School	£100.00
2 Dec	Sale of Dusty Eggs	Pre School	B & J Hull, Church Farm	£30.00
23 Dec	Raffle	St Michaels	Beaconsfield Arms	£143.00
24 Dec	Christmas Tree Festival	St Michaels	St Michaels	£272.10
30 Dec	Let's Make Music	St Michaels	Community Choir	£28.50
TOTAL				£11,139.24

4.3 Occold Fayres

In aid of:	Apr	May	Jun	Sep	Oct	Nov	TOTAL
EACH	£38.65	£15.60	£23.76	£22.76	£39.55	£110.78	£251.10
Pre School Coffee Shop	£47.00	£70.00	£228.55	£45.00	£62.55	£78.31	£531.41

Ugandan children	£81.15		£54.50	£45.00		£37.20	£217.85
Eye Opportunity Group	£15.00						£15.00
Occold School						£42.00	£42.00
TOTAL	£181.80	£85.60	£306.81	£112.76	£102.10	£268.29	£1,057.36

Grand Total = £15,319.90

5. Village Organisations

Name
Beaconsfield Arms
Belly Dance for the Over 50's
Carpet Bowls Club
Charities Trustees
Community Choir
Community Coffee Mornings
Fayres - Crafts, Market & Car Boot
Flower Guild
Football Club
Friends of Occold School
Jubilee Baptist Church
Knit & Stitch Group
Luncheon Club
ORAC
Orange Fitness
Parish Council
Pre School
Primary School
Women's Institute
School P.E. and Brass Band
Ss Michael & All Angels
Table Tennis Club
Yoga
Youth Club

During 2017, we lost 1 organisation (Line Dancing) but gained 3 (Community Choir, Knit & Stitch and Yoga)

6. Parish Registers

Baptisms – None

Marriages – None

Banns - TBA

Burials - None

7. Environmental Changes

Date	Change
Feb	Erection of a single storey side extension. Erection of a first floor rear extension: Darwyn, Redlingfield Road, Occold, IP23 7PG
Mar	The Cedars, Occold: Alterations to existing outbuilding to provide store and personal gym (retrospective)
Mar	Closure of the Beaconsfield Arms
Apr	First floor extension - Hampton House Church Street
Apr	Installation of a Defibrillator at the Village Hall
May	Ash Tree Farm, Benningham Green: move door and insert three roof windows in single storey extension
Jul	Ash Tree Farm Benningham Green: Change of Use from Domestic Annexe to Dwelling
Aug	Retention of permanent siting of poultry shed for the housing of free range poultry The application related to the poultry sheds on land to the west of the B1077. These had initially been erected with permission as mobile units, and planning permission had been obtained for the vehicle access created. The applicant was now applying for retrospective planning permission for the sheds to be retained as a permanent structure following advice from the planning enforcement officer that they were not considered temporary
Sep	Re-opening of the Beaconsfield Arms
Oct	Outline Planning Permission for erection of a dwelling at Tollgate Cottage, Clint Road
Nov	It was noted that Outline Planning Permission for six new dwellings and garages on Land at Church Street, Occold had been granted
Dec	Single storey 3 bedroom dwelling with garage on land behind The Cottage, Mill Road
Dec	Barton Thatch – 2 storey rear and 1 storey side extension
Dec	A speed warning VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) has been obtained and will be moved around various village locations

8. Reported Crimes

Source: www.police.uk.

Date	Incident
May	Anti-social behaviour
Oct	Burglary

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.

At the annual meeting, hosted by Lynette Bulley on 13 January 2017, and after calculating the annual income, it was noted that there would be distribution of one quarter of the income to Occold Parochial Church Council and one quarter to Occold Parish Council. It was noted that beneficiaries must be resident in the parish. It was resolved that distribution be made to eight beneficiaries.

Disbursement	Recipient(s)
£97.11	Parish Council
£97.11	Parochial Church Council
£200.00	8 beneficiaries to receive £25 each
£394.22	TOTAL
(£0.21)	Carried forward

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.

At the annual meeting, hosted by Lynette Bulley on 13 January 2017, it was reported that the annual income totalled £411.39. However, it was noted that the sum of £150 set aside for donation to the school was not actually spent and so the sum was carried forward in the current bank balance. The Trustees resolved to allocate, for the benefit of all children in the parish, a sum of £100 towards the Jubilee Baptist Church Youth Club towards the cost of the annual trip. Stephen Hubner would liaise with the school headmaster to deliver the sum of £150 carried forward and with Mrs Dawn Crisp regarding the contribution to the Youth Club and the use made of these funds.

Gifts would be acquired for each of beneficiaries.

Amazon vouchers to a value of £35.00 each would be given to 5 students

Amazon vouchers to a value of £10.00 would be acquired for 5 school children in recognition of their achievements in the year 2017

Disbursement	Recipient(s)
£175.00	5 beneficiaries - Amazon tokens to a value of £35 each
£50.00	5 beneficiaries - Amazon tokens to a value of £10 each
£75.80	15 beneficiaries – plants/biscuits
£150.00	Sum reserved for Primary School
£100.00	Contribution to Youth Club
£550.80	TOTAL
£94.84	Carried forward

10. Charitable Donations

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

Charity	Donation
Suffolk Age UK	£50
Macmillan Cancer Support	£50
Eye & District Volunteer Centre	£50
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	£50
East Anglian Air Ambulance	£50
Occold Pre School	£115
Royal British Legion (poppy wreath)	£35
TOTAL	£400

11. Local History

Local history projects completed or ongoing in 2017. 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 2017, an additional 4 of these have been documented and published in ORACLE magazine. During 2018, it is hoped to publish these in a booklet to mark the Centenary of the end of WW1.
People of Occold	This is an online accessible database of families from Occold and surrounding areas. During 2017, around 400 names were added and it currently stands at 2,755 names and 637 families.

12. Website

The village website, www.occold.com, continues to be maintained on a daily basis by a volunteer Editor. Recent Government legislation means that the Parish Council is obliged to make certain documents freely available online hence Parish Council have taken over responsibility for the website.

During 2017, it received 9,500 visitors, or about 26 per day, from 111 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.

It also links to Residents of Occold Facebook page which is a useful resource for short term updates.

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.

14. Pictures of the Year



Circus comes to Occold



Welcome to the new Pastor of Jubilee Baptist Church



Sunset over St Michaels



The new Pre School Garden



Winners of the Silk Pearce Trophy for Best Overall School



Outright winners – Elsa and Joseph Suffolk Young Poets