

# Occold Village Report 2018



*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
20 Jan	Darts Night	Jubilee Baptist Church
18 Feb	Band 'Bristol Fashion' at the Beaky	Sue Carlton
24 Feb	Curry & Quiz Night	ORAC
10 Mar	Spring Cemetery Clearance	St Michaels
10 Mar	Quiz Night	Football Club
17 Mar	Jumble Sale	PreSchool
12 Apr	Easter Hunt	PreSchool
21 Apr	Joseph's Grand Raffle	Joseph Hull
24 Apr	AGM	ORAC
28 Apr	Occold PreSchool Coffee Shop & Market	PreSchool
26 May	Occold PreSchool Coffee Shop & Market	PreSchool
16 Jun	Celidh	ORAC
23 Jun	Sports Day	PreSchool
30 Jun	Occold PreSchool Coffee Shop & Market	PreSchool
4 Sep	Tea, Cakes & Bingo	ORAC

22 Sep	Summer Fete	ORAC
29 Sep	Occold PreSchool Coffee Shop & Market	PreSchool
11 Oct	Farrmer's Market	Primary School
27 Oct	Occold PreSchool Coffee Shop & Market	PreSchool
30 Oct	Chocolate Party	Primary School
6 Nov	Operation Christmas Child	Di Noller
9 Nov	100th Anniversary WW1 Book signing	Parish Council
17 Nov	Jumble Sale	PreSchool
23 Nov	Carols and crafts	Friends of Occold School
24 Nov	Occold PreSchool Coffee Shop & Market	PreSchool
24 Nov	Roll of Honour Book Signing	Barry & Patricia Woods
1 Dec	Christmas Party	ORAC
15 Dec	Christmas Draw	Football Club
16 Dec	Candlelight Christmas Carol Service	Jubilee Baptist Church
20 Dec	Christmas Carols	The Beaconsfield Arms
24 Dec	Santa visit	The Beaconsfield Arms
24 Dec	Carol Service	St Michaels

### 3. Major achievements

Date	Achievement
Apr	<b>Joe Hull</b> raised £805 in a Grand Raffle to replace the iPads that were stolen from Primary School
Oct	<b>Jenni Keer</b> launched her book "The Hopes and Dreams of Lucy Baker"
Nov	<b>Di Noller</b> organised the collection of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes - in total 54 were raised by the people of Occold
Nov	<b>Barry &amp; Patricia Woods</b> launched their book "Occold Roll of Honour"
Dec	<b>Jacob Fairweather</b> has had quite a year in 2018 playing in numerous sports but two, in particular, stand out. In football he has been part of the Norwich City Regional Development Programme as both an outfield player and a goalkeeper but last term he was promoted to the elite squad for his goalkeeping. However his greatest sporting achievement this year had to be as a goalkeeper in hockey. As part of the U14 Harleston Magpies team last year they qualified for the national finals for their age group. The final match of which, the 7/8 play off was played on the Olympic Hockey Pitch in Stratford, where he didn't concede a goal. He crosses the border to play hockey for Norfolk and was unbeaten last year and has now started playing for their adult teams, starting in their 6ths, then 5ths and already being asked to play in the new year for their 3rds.

# 4. Fund Raising

## 4.1 National Organisations

Date	Event	In aid of...	Organiser	Amount
7 Mar	Eye Street Collection	Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal	Elizabeth Graham	£339.70
17 Dec	Donations & Roll of Honour Book Signing	Royal British Legion	Barry & Patricia Woods	£209.86
<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>				<b>£548.56</b>

## 4.2 Local Organisations

Date	Event	In aid of...	Organiser	Amount
24 Feb	Curry & Quiz Night	ORAC	ORAC	£533.75
10 Mar	Quiz Night	Football Club	Football Club	£1,037.92
10 Mar	Donation	Football Club	Jim Chapman	£125.00
17 Mar	Jumble Sale	PreSchool	PreSchool	£300.51
12 Apr	Easter Hunt	PreSchool	PreSchool	£306.89
Apr	School Ball	Primary School	Friends of Occold School	£1,277.68
21 Apr	Grand Raffle	Primary School	Joe Hull	£805.00
May	Bingo	ORAC	ORAC	£13.00
Jun	Yard Sale	ORAC	ORAC	£100.00
23 Jun	Sports Day	PreSchool	PreSchool	£401.75
Jul	Quiz Night	ORAC	ORAC	£330.00
Sep	Summer Events	Primary School	Friends of Occold School	£558.40
4 Sep	Bingo	ORAC	ORAC	£22.00
22 Sep	Summer Fete	ORAC	ORAC	£250.00
22 Sep	Summer Fete	Primary School	ORAC	£250.00
2 Oct	Yard Sale	PreSchool	PreSchool	£15.00
17 Nov	Jumble Sale	PreSchool	PreSchool	£251.29
1 Dec	Christmas Dinner	ORAC	ORAC	£600.00
15 Dec	Barrow of Booze Raffle	Occold Forest School Fund	Football Club	£147.00
15 Dec	Barrow of Booze Raffle	Football Club	Football Club	£753.00
31 Dec	Coffee afternoons etc	Primary School	Friends of Occold School	£43.03
31 Dec	Bags to School	Primary School	Friends of Occold School	£200.00
31 Dec	Christmas Events	Primary School	Friends of Occold School	£845.94
<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>				<b>£9,167.16</b>

### 4.3 Occold PreSchool Café Plus

In aid of:	Apr	May	Jun	Sep	Oct	Nov	TOTAL
Pre School Coffee Shop	£55.00	£22.00	£32.70	£63.00	£18.00	£50.61	<b>£241.31</b>
Raffle						£40.00	<b>£40.00</b>
Ugandan Children	£26.40		£32.70		£38.05		<b>£97.15</b>
Macmillan Cancer Support	£9.60						<b>£9.60</b>
EACH			£3.50				<b>£3.50</b>
Great Ormond Street				£20.00			<b>£20.00</b>
Over The Rainbow					£20.50		<b>£20.50</b>
Clic Sargent						£18.00	<b>£18.00</b>
<b>TOTAL TO DATE</b>	<b>£91.00</b>	<b>£22.00</b>	<b>£68.90</b>	<b>£83.00</b>	<b>£76.55</b>	<b>£108.61</b>	<b>£450.06</b>

**Grand Total = £10,165.78**

## 5. Village Organisations & Classes

Name	Name
Beaconsfield Arms	Luncheon Club
Belly Dance for the Over 50's	ORAC
Book Club	Orange Fitness
Carpet Bowls Club	Parish Council
Charities Trustees	Pre School
Community Choir	PreSchool Café Plus
Community Coffee Mornings	Primary School
Dance Classes	Rocking Foxes
Flower Guild	Women's Institute
Football Club	Ss Michael & All Angels
Friends of Occold School	Table Tennis Club
Jubilee Baptist Church	Yoga
Knit & Natter Group	Youth Club

## 6. Parish Registers

Baptisms – None

Marriages – None

Funerals:

- Ruby Haddock
- Doreen Sims

Interment of ashes

- Carole Lee

## 7. Environmental Changes

Sourced primarily from Parish Council Planning Applications albeit not necessarily all applications granted are implemented.

Date	Change
Jan	The VAS has now been installed and can be moved around the village to record vehicle speeds.
Feb	Single Storey three bedroom dwelling and garage; Land to the rear of The Cottage, Mill Road. It was noted that permission has been granted
Mar	Occold Village Hall: Erection of side extension. It was noted that permission had been granted.
Sep	The Beeches. Planning permission granted re cart lodge/garage

## 8. Reported Crimes

According to [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk), there were no recorded crimes in Occold during 2018. Note that local police reports are no longer distributed to the Parish Council meetings.

## 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 12 January 2019, 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 (£99.00 each). It was noted that beneficiaries must be resident in the parish. It was resolved that distribution be made to eight beneficiaries. Each beneficiary would be given cash to help to defer heating costs.

Disbursement	Recipient(s)
£99.00	Parish Council
£99.00	Parochial Church Council
£160.00	8 beneficiaries to receive £20 each
<b>£358.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>£39.43</b>	<b>Carried forward</b>

## 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 12 January 2019, it was reported that the annual income totalled £420.07. When added to funds carried forward the total sum available was £514.91.

- Gifts would be acquired for each of 13 beneficiaries.
- Amazon vouchers to a value of £35.00 each would be given to 9 students
- Amazon vouchers to a value of £10.00 would be acquired for 8 school children in recognition of their achievements in the year 2018

Disbursement	Recipient(s)
£315.00	9 beneficiaries - Amazon tokens to a value of £35 each
£80.00	8 beneficiaries - Amazon tokens to a value of £10 each
£75.00	13 beneficiaries – plants/biscuits
<b>£473.00</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<b>£41.91</b>	<b>Carried forward</b>

## 10. Charitable Donations

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

Charity	Donation
ReVitalise	£100
St Elizabeth Hospice	£100
Eye & District Volunteer Centre	£100
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service	£100
East Anglian Air Ambulance	£100
Occold Pre School	£115
Royal British Legion (poppy wreath)	£35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£650</b>

## 11. Local History

Local history projects completed or ongoing in 2018. 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	The Occold Roll of Honour was finally published in Oct 18. Funded by the Parish Council, the book was distributed to all households in Occold.
People of Occold	This is an online accessible database of families from Occold and surrounding areas. At the end of 2018, the database stood at 2,861 names and 658 families.



## 12. Website

The village website, [www.occold.com](http://www.occold.com), continues to be maintained on a daily basis by a volunteer Editor albeit some sections have been devolved to additional sub-editors.

However, much of the short term activities e.g. events, news, for sale etc go through the Residents of Occold Facebook page leaving the website as the primary place for maintaining archived information...

## 13. ORACLE Magazine

Parish magazine published 4 times yearly and distributed free to ~200 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



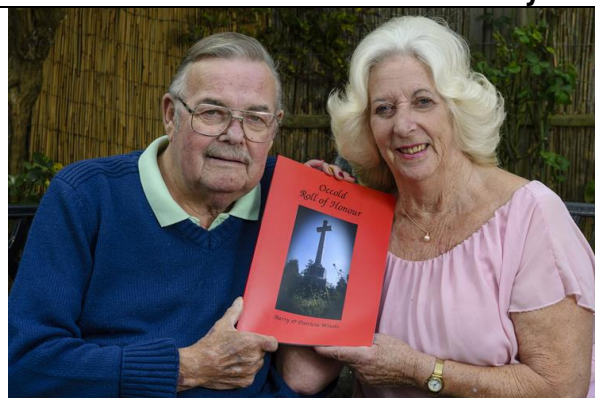
**First snowdrops of Spring**



**“Bristol Fashion” at The Beaky**



**Book publication by Jenni Keer**



**Book publication by Barry & Patricia Woods**





**Joe Hull with a selection of raffle prizes**



**Play Area make-over**



**Recently acquired view of The Street**