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OCCOLD & SURROUNDING AREA**

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If you have an interesting hobby or have visited somewhere of interest and feel you could write an article for the magazine, your input would be much appreciated.

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ORAC News

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Carol Peters	Secretary	email: orac.secretary@occold.com

Nigel Woodhouse, Dan Hull, Russell Grange, Gordon Erhorn, Johanna Matta

New members are welcome at any time. If you would like to be involved please contact anyone on the committee.

What does ORAC do?

A comment was made to me recently from a villager that “ORAC does nothing for the village”. This prompted me to think about what ORAC is about and what it does do so people new to the village would have some idea.

ORAC stands for Occold Recreation and Amenities Council and has been established as a charity since September 1986. It is run by Trustees and a management committee of volunteers who’s primary function is to maintain and manage the village hall and provide facilities in the interest of social welfare for the recreation and leisure of the inhabitants of the village and neighbourhood. It is a different organisation to the Parish Council.

Over the years many people have been involved in this committee and have worked hard to meet these aims. Around 1996 the then committee began a huge project to plan, raise funds and build the village hall we have today. Along with their own massive fundraising efforts, grants and funding from the National Lottery, Jubilee Hall opened in 2009. Then in 2021 an additional extension was built to add extra storage and space, enhancing the provision.

The monies needed to run and maintain the Village Hall come mainly from the hire fees received from letting the hall space and the school/nursery room. In addition ORAC organise various social fundraising activities throughout the year to support the letting income. If there are large specific projects, grants can be applied for from other agencies eg MSDC, that partially help towards the total cost along with our own funds eg the new extension, car park re-surfacing. We receive no direct funding from the Parish, Local or District Councils.

This management also includes care of the play area, the playing field and the village green and all the utility bills for water, heating and lighting, cleaning and grass cutting need to be paid to ensure the hall is fit for use.

As with the maintenance of any public building there are many other tasks needed to ensure it is safe and fit for purpose. In the last couple of years we have reviewed and

written a number of essential policies and procedures and established a regular programme of maintenance inspections, checks and equipment servicing eg fire equipment & procedures, playground inspections, heating system servicing etc. We also have to comply with Insurance and Licencing requirement and ensure maintenance programmes are kept up to date. Committee members and helpers have undertaken safeguarding and food hygiene training to ensure we are compliant with these regulations. We try to ensure that some tasks are done 'in house' by committee members and volunteers in order to keep costs down eg playground maintenance days, but we will also employ professional contractors where necessary eg replacing internal fire doors, jetting drains.

The Hall is an amazing space and (although not perfect) I would like to think it is far superior to many other local village halls I have visited. Many private users have complimented us on the range of facilities available and return for other events. It is used regularly as a polling station and the facilities, ease of access and car park are praised by the Presiding Officers.

Last year we were able to attract the Dove Players as they moved from Eye for their annual pantomime and were delighted with the space, facilities and parking availability. They will be returning in January 2025 for their next production.

Occold Primary School has been our biggest supporter over the years and now not only hire the hall space for lessons, clubs and performances but have also extended their own space by using the pre-school classroom for their early years provision.

We hire the hall to Yoga groups, exercise and sports clubs, dance clubs, a big band and other village organisations. Private individuals also regularly hire the hall for parties and other events.

ORAC itself organises regular events for villagers to attend. We played a huge part in the organisation of the Jubilee and Coronations events and after the demise of the popular Lunch Club during Covid a new monthly Monday Coffee Club has been established along with regular monthly Soup Lunches and a monthly Craft Club. Thanks to grant funding from Mid Suffolk other village groups have been able to run the soup lunches free of charge during the winter thus enabling them to raise funds for themselves or other charities. All of these social events are growing in popularity.

Last year we held the Christmas Fair and continue to hold the traditional Village Christmas Dinner. For the last 30 years ORAC has also produced and delivered the Oracle magazine to every home in the village.

We feel that in the last couple of years we have worked hard to establish positive links with many individuals and groups within the village and deliver fully on the aims of the organisation. If you feel there is more you would like to see happening please let us know - but do remember we are a small group of volunteers with families, jobs and other commitments – just like everyone else. We would welcome your ideas but also your

support in organising and delivering new events, and if you could spare even a small amount of time to join the committee we would be very grateful. Many hands make light work!

That's what ORAC does for the Village!

What's on in the Village Hall:

Coffee Mornings

1st Monday of the month:
2nd September, 7th October, 4th November,
2nd December

Soup Lunches

Last Friday in the month:
27th September, 25th October, 29th November

Craft Club

3rd Wednesday of the month:
18th September, 16th October, 20th November

Table Tennis

every Monday 6 – 7.30pm - New Players always welcome, no need to book. £3 per person, £2 for other household members.

Bellicise

every Thursday morning 10 - 11am

Yoga Classes with Abie

Monday evenings 8 - 9pm

Transformational Yoga

Tuesday evenings 6.30 – 7.45pm & Friday mornings 10.00 – 11.15am – see posters for dates.

WI meetings

1st Wednesday of the month –
4th September, 2nd October, 6th November

Orac meetings

7.30pm - please contact secretary if you wish to attend. Next meeting 10th October 7pm

Parish Council meetings

1st Monday of the month, 8pm. Please check dates with Clerk if you wish to attend

WI Harvest Supper

Saturday 5th October 7 for 7.30pm

Neighbour Hood Plan Update

Friday 18th October, 4 – 7pm drop-in

Big Quiz Night

Saturday 16th November – see poster for details

Chrsitmas Fair

22nd November 3 - 5.30pm See poster for details

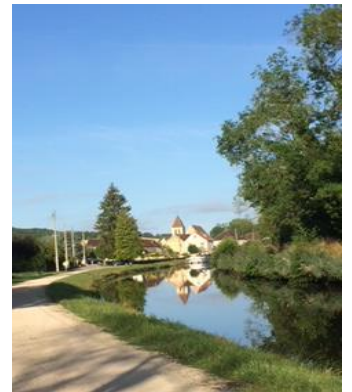
A Postcard from ... Burgundy

Diana & Clive Swinton



During June we set off for our summer stay in our 'other home' situated in Accolay a small village in the Commune of Deux Rivières, Yonne, Bourgogne (as Burgundy is known to the French).

Accolay is a lovely location with the river Yonne and the Canal de Nivernais on its doorstep. The river Yonne, in the past, was the autoroute of mediaeval times, for transporting goods to Paris; whereas now, along with the Canal de Nivernais, it is well used by summer tourists on hire boats and also very large hotel barges known as 'peniches'. One such barge often moors on the canal just opposite our house. It is the Peniche Luciole carrying Americans enjoying their stay on board with a raised sundeck where they are able to admire the beauty of the passing countryside, taking in views of fields of sunflowers and vines on the hillside.



Another bygone building of curiosity in Accolay is the lavoir (old wash house) where the local ladies used to do their laundry. This is a well preserved building with constant spring water running through into the canal. The local 'fleurissement

d'Accolay' now add hanging baskets during the summer to make it a tourist attraction. The locals here also enjoy another French activity, a game of 'boules' during the afternoon on their well shaded boules area.



If there is one event not to be missed, it is the Accolay water jousts (or 'les joutes 'as it's known by the locals). In this traditional tournament at the end of August, it involves the confrontation of two jousters on the river by category (level, gender and age). The two boats are flat-bottomed boats, one red and one blue. Each jouster must push his opponent into the water when the boats cross each other on the right. The jousters are eliminated as the tournament progresses, the winner being the one remaining standing. The loser is declared "wet". The two finalists are designated Dry King for the winner, and Soft King for the loser. A competition which, every year, enlivens the village with the clamour of a funfair, spectators and jousters.



The Route de Compostelle (Pilgrim route to Saint Jacques de Compostelle in Spain) passes through the village of Accolay and many pilgrims walk this route, some even have a donkey to carry their supplies. The route takes them to Vezelay approximately 18 miles away. Vezelay is known for its 11th century Basilica of St Magdalene, where the remains of Mary Magdalen lie. It is a designated UNESCO World Heritage Site.



Of course, we cannot forget the main 'bread and butter' (pain au beurre) of Burgundy which is wine. I am sure you will all have heard of Chablis wine. Chablis is just 14 miles from Accolay and is where our son works as a 'tachon' on his hectares of vines. Another reason for our summer stay here, to spend time together.

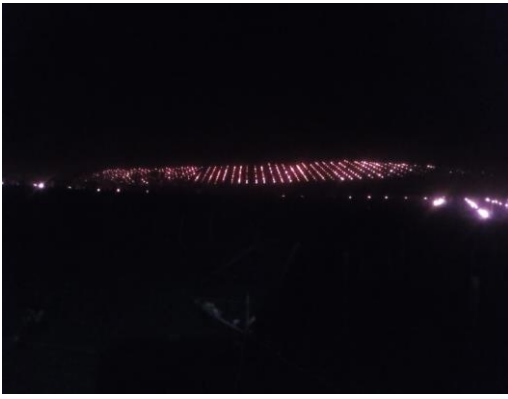


A 'tachon' manages solely an area of vines. It is not the 'fairytale' job many of us might think. It entails a lot of knowledge regarding pruning methods. Once the leaves have fallen in late autumn, the winter pruning starts. The method used in Chablis is 'double guyot'. This work consists of cutting the branches of the



vines so that only two are left; this helps control, regulate, and improve the vegetation when the vine fruits again. It takes most of the autumn and into mid winter to complete this task, during sometimes, very miserable weather conditions.

In spring there is the challenge of late frosts to contend with. Various methods are used, ranging from spraying the spring buds with water, which will freeze, giving protection to the buds; and on the Premier Cru vine slopes hundreds of 'candles' (paraffin wax buckets with a



giant wick) are sometimes used to maintain a constant temperature above freezing. This involves a very early start to the day, around 03:00hrs for the vineyard workers, but it is a magnificent spectacle. After further pruning in late spring and into the start of summer, it is a quiet time before long days of the 'vendage' (grape picking) commence. So, when you pick up a bottle of wine in the supermarket spare a thought for all the hard work of its production by the viticulteurs.

Another summer, sociable gathering is at local markets. Chablis Sunday market has lots to offer from fruit and vegetables, to crafts, artisan food stalls and the most fascinating of all is watching the making of 'boudin chaud', a type of sausage similar to our



black pudding. All health and safety regulations are forgotten, but this doesn't deter people from buying and there is always a queue to make a purchase. Often mid week evening village markets are well frequented too. It's a time for relaxing with friends over a glass of wine and making purchases of various kinds. These can range from craft items, to food and even getting your hair cut!!



Vive La belle France!
(Long live beautiful France)!

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- REFUSE (general rubbish) collection week
- RECYCLING collection week
- Refer to the MID SUFFOLK Christmas and New Year Waste Collection Schedule 2023-24
- Collections following a bank holiday will be a day later than usual for the rest of the week



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Lucy's news – update from Mid Suffolk District Council

It has been a busy few months at Mid Suffolk District Council. I wanted to share some information that might be of interest:

Cost of Living Support: We know the cost of living is causing difficulties for many people. You can find information about the help on offer from the Council here:

<https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/benefits-money-and-debt-advice>

If you are a Mid Suffolk Council tenant and finding it difficult to pay for housing costs, you can apply for the Household Support Fund for some help. You can do this on the website at <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/household-support-fund> or you can phone 0300 1234000, option 3.

Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB) are in Eye Library every Friday morning. Anyone can drop in to talk to them in confidence for advice on debt, benefits and many other issues. You can also phone them through the week on 01449 676060 / 01449 676280

Bringing empty homes back into use: Around the District there are hundreds of properties that have been empty for two or more years. Bringing these back into use is a sustainable way of creating much-needed new homes. The Council's Houses4Homes project works with property owners to make repairs and bring empty buildings back into use. You can find out more (or log a property that you think might be empty) at <https://www.midsuffolk.gov.uk/w/empty-homes> You can also contact the team by emailing enquiries@houses4homes.org or phoning [0300 1234000](tel:03001234000)

Help for listed building owners: We are lucky to have so many beautiful listed buildings in our District – but they can be very challenging (and not very sustainable) to heat. At July's Council meeting, a new initiative was agreed to look at allowing Grade II listed building owners to make sensitive energy efficiency upgrades more quickly and easily. The first such initiative in the country, it will involve both Mid Suffolk and Babergh Councils working closely with Historic England to agree options. Potential upgrades include improving or replacing windows, and permitting solar PV and other renewable technologies to be installed on unlisted outbuildings. The aim is to enable residents to more easily reduce the energy needed to power and heat their listed homes.

For District Council issues, please contact me and I will try my best to help:

- email lucy.elkin@midsuffolk.gov.uk or phone 07928 512590

For news and updates, find me on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CllrLucy

See you soon,

Lucy (District Councillor for Eye Ward - Eye, Occold and Redlingfield)

Useful numbers

- Citizens Advice – for advice on benefits, debts, heating bills and lots more, call 01449 676060 / 01449 676 280 – or pop in to see Citizen’s Advice in Eye Library on Friday mornings (no appointment needed)
- *Report flooding in your property:* <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood-in-suffolk>
- *Report other types of flooding:* <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood-in-suffolk>
- To report a power cut, call [105](tel:105). You can also [search, track and report power cuts online: https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/](https://www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk/)
- Damaged power lines – please stay away and call [105](tel:105). If there is an immediate risk to safety, please also call [999](tel:999)
- Fallen or overhanging trees – if there is an immediate danger, please call Suffolk Highways on [0345 606 6171](tel:03456066171). If not, you can report fallen trees or debris on the road at highwaysreporting.suffolk.gov.uk
 - For updates on the Orwell Bridge, please go to www.trafficengland.com or www.twitter.com/highwayseast
- *Report a blocked drain* to Suffolk County Council: <https://suffolk.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/flooding-and-drainage/highway-drainage/report-a-blocked-drain>
- If your water supply has been affected, please call Essex & Suffolk Water on [0345 782 0999](tel:03457820999).
- If your property has been affected by sewage flooding or there is a sewerage issue, please [report to Anglian Water](#) or call their 24-hour emergency number: [03457 145 145](tel:03457145145)
- Floodline Telephone: [0345 988 1188](tel:03459881188) or visit [GOV.UK flood alerts](https://gov.uk/flood-alerts) for more information
- Dangerous structures please contact customer services on [0300 1234 000](tel:03001234000) (Option 5) or out of hours call [0808 168 7794](tel:08081687794)

Orac Coffee Mornings

First Monday in the month 9.30 – 12.00

Next dates: 2nd September

7th October

4th November

2nd December

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Join the...

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*Every third Wednesday in the month in
Occold Village Hall, 1 - 3 pm*

*Wednesday 18th September,
16th October, 20th November*

*Bring a craft activity to do or share or
just come to socialise and have a chat.*

*Tea, coffee & biscuits
available.*

£2.50 per person



Redlingfield & Occold WI



Our group had a busy month in June.

It started off with 4 of our members attending the Annual National WI Conference that was held this year at the traditional home of the WI – The Royal Albert Hall. One of them was the delegate representing our other local WI groups and fully supported the vote on the Resolution relating to improving Dental Health Matters. The day included a number of speakers on the subject of Violence Against Women and included ex Spice Girl Mel B, the victim of an abusive relationship and Archers actor Timothy Watson, who played Rob Titchener in their storyline about coercive control. Our ladies had a good few days in London, attending the Conference, taking in a show and celebrating a birthday to boot!



Then on 12th June we had our Summer Outing to Somerleyton Hall and Gardens in Norfolk. Despite it being nearly mid-summer, we had a wet & damp day with the heavens opening on a couple of occasions. Fortunately during the heaviest downpour we were having our lunch in the cafe! We enjoyed the gardens, tried not to get lost in the maze and had fun clambering about in the roots and branches of one of the huge trees. A good day had by all.



In July we welcomed Gill Thornton, a local Lino Printer who gave an interesting talk about how she took up the art and gave a demonstration of some of the techniques she uses. Some of us were able to try it out and have also booked onto one of her workshops in October.

Our August meeting was a talk from one of our own members about her life and passion for Guinea Pigs. She has had Guinea pigs since the age of 10, has bred and shown them so talked with a great deal of knowledge and enthusiasm. It was an informative, entertaining talk full of amusing anecdotes, and her current 'family' were in attendance for cuddles afterwards which we all enjoyed.

In September we will welcome Michelle Attrill to talk about British sign Language and October's meeting will focus on Re-cycling. We will hold our annual Harvest Supper on Saturday 5th October at 7/7.30pm in Occold Village Hall. Contact Caroline Miller or Sara for tickets.

We usually meet every month on the first Wednesday of the month in Occold Village Hall at 7.30pm. If you would like more information about our activities please contact Sara Hampson (President) on 01379 678868, or just come along to a meeting. We look forward to welcoming you.

Occold Book Club



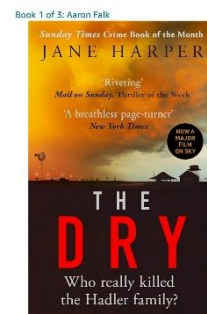
Our June reading was 'The Horse Dancer' by JoJo Moyes. This was a popular book despite some queries about the logistics of the journey that was undertaken. Horse management and training had been well researched. We felt every character played an important role in the story. 8.7/10 scored.

In July we discussed Naomi Ishiguro's 'Common Ground'. This was a story about friendship which some of us really enjoyed but others weren't too enthusiastic about. It raised discussions about the prejudice different ethnic groups experience in this country.

Our August book was 'The Paris Secret' by Natasha Lester. This double love story was set between Europe's war-torn past and the present day, describing the role of female pilots in WW2, secrets of the French Resistance, the haute couture world of Catherine Dior and the experiences of female prisoners in the German concentration camps. We all thought it was beautifully written, well researched and interesting. There were great characters and some twists at the end. We all scored it highly with 8.5/10.

In September we will discuss Jane Harper's 'The Dry' and in October it will be 'The Trial' by Rob Rinder.

All are welcome, we meet at 7.30pm on the first Tuesday of the month at The Beaky





ORAC Christmas Dinner

Saturday 7th December 2024

7.00 for 7.30pm Village Hall

Glass of Prosecco or Bucks Fizz on arrival

Starters

Prawn Cocktail with Marie-rose sauce, brown bread & butter

Melon & Parma Ham

Home-made Roast Butternut Squash Soup with a bread roll (vg)

Mains

Roast Turkey with all the traditional Christmas trimmings

Cheese & Walnut Roast with Stuffed Cabbage Leaves (v)

Vegan option available

All served with assorted seasonal vegetables

Desserts

Christmas pudding with cream or custard (vg)

Trio of Puddings – Bakewell Tart, Chocolate Brownie, Raspberry mousse

Tea or Coffee, Mini Mince Pie, After Eight mints to finish

£25 per person

Please contact Gill (01379678446), Sara (07841128913) or Lesley (07799886914) for tickets or email Gill at orac.treasurer@occold.com

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August 2024





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Cllr Stephen Hubner - Planning

Cllr Andrew Duggett - Personnel/SID

Cllr Heidi Stone - Personnel/Neighbourhood Plan lead

Cllr Tim Weller

Cllr Angela Hall

Cllr Roy St Pier

Clerk & Financial Officer: Awaiting appointment

For more information please contact occoldparishcouncil@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Plan Update

Although things have been a bit quieter over the summer, work has continued on the Neighbourhood Plan. The various consultancy documents that support the creation of the plan for Occold have now been finalised and as a quick reminder, these are:

Design Codes: to provide urban design guidance, design principles and codes for Occold for application to future development and reference when determining planning applications.

Landscape Appraisal: explores the character of the existing landscape and identifies what matters to the community, with recommendations for the protection and enhancement of positive attributes and the improvement of negative elements.

Housing Needs Assessment: which uses available data to carry out a comprehensive analysis to provide evidence that can inform the preparation of the plan.

The next round of grant funding is open and we are in the process of submitting an application to engage our expert consultant Ian Poole from People4Places to draft the actual plan itself. In the meantime, the working group has also drafted a vision and objectives for Occold for the term of the plan and will shortly be drafting an action plan based on the survey results too.

If you'd like to know more, the next **Neighbourhood Plan drop-in event** will be on **Friday 18th October 2024** at Occold Village Hall from 4pm to 7pm. Please do come along, enjoy some refreshments, see the headline results from the survey and everything else we've been doing ahead of starting to write the plan itself and share some feedback on the draft vision and objectives.

Heidi Stone

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12-1pm

Homemade Soup & Roll £5



All Welcome

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27th September, 25th October, 29th November

A reminder that dogs are not allowed on the village field.

ORAC is concerned that despite notices clearly stating that dogs are not allowed on the playing field some people are still exercising their dogs in this area.

The field is a children's play area, a facility used daily by pupils from the village school, a place where families like to sit on the grass and relax, particularly in the summer and an area where children regularly play ball games etc.

Unfortunately dog faeces are being found regularly. They are toxic and unpleasant.

ORAC urges all dog owners to adhere to this rule so the playing field is a clean and safe area for everyone to enjoy. Please clean up after your dog wherever you exercise it. There are dog poo bins at various locations around the village.



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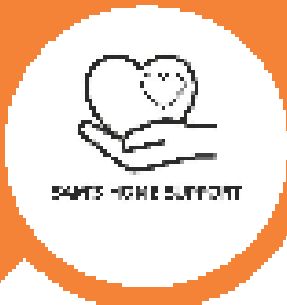
Judith Rivett

*The Opening Ceremony,
Really was a spectacular sight,
Paris was looking so great,
And the crowds were all about.*

*The athletes were at the ready,
All the flags and lights galore,
Medals- gold, silver and bronze,
Celine was there, so lots more!*

*Her song was oh so heartfelt,
Sending a shiver down one's spine,
She sang it so delightfully,
Paris had done it! all so fine.*

*The Olympic flare was presented,
The hot air balloon was raised,
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1½ pt cranberry juice, chilled
1 pt soda water
1 pt lemonade
Ice cubes

In a large bowl mix together all ingredients.

Add ice cubes and serve .

For a finishing touch put a red grape in each cube before freezing.

Cheese Log

8 servings

4oz cream cheese with chives
4oz Stilton crumbled
8oz. Mature cheddar cheese grated
8oz cream cheese
1/2 red pepper seeded and finely chopped
4oz walnuts Coarsely copped

Mix cream cheese with Stilton and place on a sheet of greaseproof paper.

Using paper roll into a sausage shape about 7ins long

Mix Cheddar and cream cheese together with red pepper.

Place on a sheet of greaseproof paper and press out into a rectangle

Place Stilton roll on top and roll Cheddar cheese around it.

Gently mould Cheddar cheese around to fully enclosed Stilton

Press walnuts over cheese log. Cover and chill until required

Good served with a cheeseboard selection and savoury biscuits

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We had a brilliant Sports Day & Summer Fair!

This year's Sports Day was a great success, and we were blessed with gorgeous sunshine all afternoon! We had a variety of individual and team races, and the children displayed wonderful sportsmanship and enthusiasm. Sports Day was followed by our annual summer fair which raised around £500 for the school! Thank you so much to The Friends of Occold School for organising such a fabulous

We had great fun at Whitlingham!

Each year the whole school goes to Whitlingham Adventure and this year was no exception! The children had a go at kayaking, canoeing, sailing and our youngest children enjoyed a trip on the lake in a katanu!

Both children and staff had a great time and made lots of special memories. It was a great way to end the year!



We loved performing in our Summer Production!

During the last week of term, we put on our Summer Production of The Lion King!

The children worked incredibly hard to learn their lines and make their own costumes. They also helped to design and make the set, as well as lots of the props!

Occold Primary School needs YOU!

During the week of **21st October** we will be holding a 'World of Work Week' where we would like to invite lots of adults in to talk about their jobs. The purpose of this week is to open our children's eyes to lots of different jobs which exist and which they might like to do one day.

Do you have a job you think our children might be interested in learning a little about? Or perhaps you have a friend or family member who does and who might like to pop along to school to chat about it to the children. If so, please email **office@occoldprimary.org.uk** for a little more information. Thank you!

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**



Thursday 24th October 2024
2-4pm in the main school



Everyone welcome!



At the heart of learning in our community

Open Evening

Wednesday 16th October

4:30-6:30pm

Please come and see what Occold Primary has to offer you and your child. We are a traditional village primary school on the outskirts of Eye. Our small size and close links with the community mean that all the staff know each and every child and their family very well. This gives us the unique opportunity to create highly personalised learning experiences for our children and provide a nurturing environment that recognises individual circumstances.



Stay and Play Session

for children starting school in

September 2025

Tuesday 3rd December

2:15-3:00pm

You are invited to see our wonderful Reception class in action. This is a great opportunity to meet our staff and children and find out what Occold Primary has to offer. There will be lots of exciting activities for you to enjoy together. Please email or call the school office to book your space.

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The Diamond League formed in 2010 is an annual series of one day athletic meetings held in cities around the world between May and September. It attracts elite athletes who compete for points and prize money.

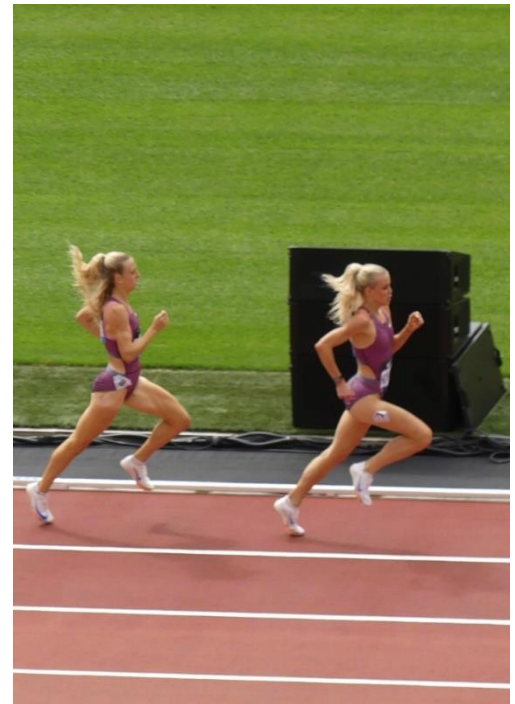
The London Stadium within the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park was constructed for the London 2012 Olympics and is now the home of West Ham United Football Club.

The venue can be converted back to host athletic events when required. For many athletes this London event was the last opportunity to take part in international competition before the recent Paris Olympics.



Having received two tickets as a present for the London event Ruth and I set off early for Diss Railway Station which links to Stratford, East London. Access to the stadium from Stratford Railway Station is well sign posted and a short walk through the Westfield Shops.

An exciting day followed with Keeley Hodgkinson winning the Women's 800m lowering the British Record previously held by Dame Kelly Holmes. GBR runners Jemma Reekie and Georgia Bell took second and third respectively. Hodgkinson went on to Paris taking 800m Olympic Gold and Bell the Bronze in the 1500m.



Katarina Johnson-Thompson entered the Long Jump as a sharpener for Paris where she took Olympic Silver in the Heptathlon.

Success for the men as well in London with Matthew Hudson-Smith winning the 400m lowering the European Record then going on to Paris to take Olympic Silver.

Other successful athletes performing in London included our Pole Vaulter Molly Caudery, USA World Champion Ryan Crouser (Shot Put) and Dutch star Femke Bol (400m Hurdles).

The Flying Scotsman

Apologies to train fans if you were expecting something on famous steam engines. Maybe another time...

As I write, the Paris Olympics are over, consigned to history. It was an exciting 16 days and Great Britain finished a creditable 7th with an impressive total of 65 medals.

Paris had waited 100 years to host the games again and many of us are familiar with the 1924 event as it was immortalised in the Oscar winning British film Chariots of Fire (1981).

It focussed on two athletes, Harold Abrams and Eric Liddell. Both men were fast and expected to win medals in the Olympic finals.

Eric had already excelled in the sport of Rugby Union. Whilst at Edinburgh University he was chosen to play for the Scottish national team and featured in the 1922 and 1923 five nations championships, scoring a total of 12 points (four tries) in 7 games. Following this, he focussed on athletics and the 1924 Olympics.

Eric is famous for taking a stand for his Christian faith, in deciding not to run on a Sunday. The film shows this decision happening within a few weeks of the 100m heats but the reality was, Eric had learned of the schedule some months before and had already withdrawn, due to his convictions, giving him time to concentrate on training for the 400m instead.

On the day, it was a race he had no right to win. Running in the 8th lane, generally accepted the most difficult, he finished in a time of 47.6secs, a new Olympic and World record. Harold Abrahams won the 100m. Both men went on to compete in the 200m, Eric winning bronze and Harold finishing 6th.

Eric raced a few more times in 1925 but then, still aged only 23, he turned his back on the fame and glory, journeying East as a missionary to China, the land of his birth.

He served in China for the next two decades. He did still run occasionally in competition. His running and his faith were not mutually exclusive. In one of the great quotes from the film, Eric says, "I believe God made me for a purpose, but He also made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure."

When the Japanese invaded China during World War 2, Eric was interned at Weihsien Internment Camp. Food and medical supplies were scarce. Eric was seen to put others ahead of his own needs: assisting the elderly, taking Bible classes, teaching and arranging games for the children. It inevitably took its toll. Just 5 months before VJ Day, Eric died from a likely brain tumour, aged 43. As it memorably says at the end of Chariots of Fire, "the whole of Scotland mourned."

The Christian faith is compared to a race in the Bible, which Eric knew so well. It's a race still running in 2024. We run it together at Jubilee and, would love you to consider how you could also enter. I finish with this quote from the apostle Paul:

"Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize". Everyone who competes in the games, goes into strict training. *They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it, to get a crown that will last forever*"(my italics). From the Bible book of 1 Corinthians, Chapter 9, Verse 24.

Greg Noller, Jubilee Baptist Church.



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events we usually
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have you come
along:**

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10:45 AM / Village Hall or Chapel Hall

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Contact 999 by SMS text



What is emergencySMS?

If you cannot make voice calls, you can now **contact the 999 emergency services by SMS text** from your mobile phone. Emergency SMS is part of the standard 999 service which has been designed specifically for people with hearing loss or difficulty with speech.

Since September 2009, the emergencySMS service has successfully handled hundreds of real emergency calls. Thanks to this service criminals have been arrested, lives have been saved and babies have been born safely.

What is an emergency?

Please do not send test or non-emergency texts – only use emergencySMS for real emergencies.

For example, if:

- someone's life is at risk
- a crime is happening now
- someone is injured or threatened
- there is a fire or people are trapped
- you need an ambulance urgently
- someone is in trouble on the cliffs, on the shoreline or is missing at sea.

This service works throughout the UK on all mobile networks, it cannot be used from abroad.

How do I use emergencySMS?

Register

You will only be able to use this service if you have registered with emergencySMS first.

Register now; don't wait for an emergency.

To register, **text 'register' to 999**. You will get a reply – then follow the instructions you are sent.

In an emergency

> Text 999

We need to know:

> Who?

Police, Ambulance, Fire and Rescue or Coastguard.

> What?

Briefly, what is the problem.

> Where?

Exactly where the problem is happening – give the name of the road, house number, postcode or nearby landmark, if possible.

What happens next?

The emergency service will either ask for more information or will tell you that help is on the way.

Don't assume that your message has been received until the emergency service sends a message back.

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Occold Christmas Fair

To be held on Friday 22nd November 2024

3 – 5.30pm

Occold Village Hall

-  **Crafts**
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-  **Refreshments**
-  **Raffle prizes**
-  **Lots of stalls**



For more information contact Carol on
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£10 per table

FREE ADMISSION

News from St Michael and All Angels

The only place to start on this occasion is with a huge thank you to all those involved in the Flower Festival in the middle of August. The displays were magnificent and the church looked amazing. We also raised (including a very generous individual donation) nearly £1,500 for church running costs. As a reminder, it does cost a bit more than £14,000 a year to cover running costs (without carrying our repair works) and we greatly appreciate support for every fund raising event. We will hold a book sale again next Spring, but please do not donate books just yet - we will send out a request for donations early next year.

Looking forwards, we will celebrate the festival day of St Michael, our patron saint, on Sunday 29 September with a choral evensong starting at 4:30 pm. This means that we will benefit from Eye choir singing in our church, alongside the congregation.

We also have the Harvest Festival on Sunday 13 October - see the church noticeboard nearer the date to confirm the time.

And, of course, it is never too early to talk about Christmas! The Carol Service will take place from 6:30 pm on Christmas Eve, with mulled wine and mince pies available afterwards.

Regular services continue at 9:15 on the second and fourth Sunday of each month.

We will be undertaking general undergrowth and overgrowth trimming in October and all volunteers are welcome (please bring tools with you). The date will be 26 October and we aim to start work at 9:30 am, but anyone who can come along should feel free to attend when they can. We usually stop by 1:00 pm. Details will also be on the noticeboard and through social media.

Very best wishes to all

Stephen Hubner (01379 678360) and Gill Richardson (01728 627916), Churchwardens



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