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Oundle plans to welcome back Christmas

Oundle Town Council is planning to welcome in Christmas 2021 with a slightly reimagined version of its traditional Christmas Fair on Saturday December 4th.



Clearly, and as we're so used to now, plans for what will be entirely an "outside" fair will have to be flexible depending on Government guidelines at the time, but most of the favourite elements should be in place – live reindeer, a socially distanced Santa's Grotto, lots of stalls, and of course our excellent Christmas lights, and tree (as ever kindly donated by Fotheringhay Christmas Trees – it should be going up on November 21st so please be kind to anyone stopping traffic that morning in the Marketplace!). It's been a tough two years for so many, so we hope to bring a bit of safe seasonal cheer.

A manned one-way system (clockwise around East Road, South Road and Milton Road) for vehicle traffic will be in place throughout the day (0800-2100).



Keep an eye on the Oundle Town Council Twitter and Facebook feeds, our website (Oundle.gov.uk) and loveOundle.org and the electronic noticeboards in town for more details as they are confirmed. And keep your fingers crossed!!

OTC correspondence on some weighty matters

Please look at the OTC website for details of these correspondence items – they are really important.

- OTC Letter to Cllr Jason Smithers North Northants Council 21 July 2021 <https://www.oundle.gov.uk/uploads/otc-cllr-smithers-21072021.pdf>
- Tom Pursglove MP & Cllr Jason Smithers Letter to OTC 25 August 2021 <https://www.oundle.gov.uk/uploads/tom-pursglove-mp-250821.pdf>
- OTC Letter to Tom Pursglove MP – Declaration of a Climate Emergency 24 September 2021 <https://www.oundle.gov.uk/uploads/t-pursglove-climate-emergency-240921.pdf>

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John Woollard



Many residents will have come to know John Woollard, who ran the Estates team for the Council before his retirement just this year. We are saddened to pass on the news of his death this October, and we will find a fitting way to commemorate all he did for us as Oundle residents and our beautiful environment.

Our thoughts are of course with his family.

Planning news

Few residents will be really happy with the onslaught of housing coming Oundle's way in the next decade. Some good news comes though in the form of North Northants (NNC) planning officers asking at least two developers (for Cotterstock/St Peters Road and Stoke Doyle Road) to rethink and resubmit their initial plans. We continue to hope that NNC officers will keep working in partnership with Oundle Town Council to make sure that the impact of the new housing on existing residents is mitigated, and the services the new housing will demand are in place before building starts – see our letter of July 21st above.

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New Councillors

We're delighted to welcome two new Councillors – Jamie Arnold and Reb Desbois. Both help shift the Council's demographics (!), and have started with energy and enthusiasm, joining the Planning Committee and Estates Committee respectively.



Community Hub@Fletton House

The aim is to open Fletton House (without of course the Hub café which has sadly closed) as much as is safe to, as soon as possible.

Annual Town Meeting **April 28th** AND Queen's Platinum Jubilee **June 4th-5th** 2022

Oundle Town Council is working with partners (including Oundle Business Association and Oundle Museum) to plan events to celebrate this unique occasion, around the theme of "Celebrating 70 Years of the second Elizabethan Age", around the town centre and hopefully on Fletton Field. We want to liaise with as many interested individuals, groups and organisations as we can over the next two months, to discuss ideas and create with a "whole town" plan. **If you wish to help, or have some ideas then please contact us.** We hope to provide an opportunity for the town to review the ideas before we commit, so look out for an open invite to the Queen Victoria Hall (via the OTC Twitter and Facebook feeds, our website (Oundle.gov.uk), loveOundle.org and the electronic noticeboards.

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