

Oundle Oracle

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OUNDLE TOWN COUNCIL

March 2016

Oundle Town Council Elections

There are currently nine vacancies for town councillors at Oundle Town Council. An election will be held in May to fill these vacancies. Have you considered becoming a town councillor?

To find out more join us for information on Monday 21st March at the Queen Victoria Hall, from 7pm – 10pm. Find out what we do, how you can contribute by becoming a Councillor, what you have to do and when.

Key Election Dates

Close of Nominations	4pm, 7 April
Last day to register to vote	18 April
Last day for receipt of postal vote applications	5pm, 19 April
Polling open	7am-10pm 5 May

Annual Town Meeting

Your Annual Town Meeting is held every year – this is a statutory event that the town council has to run.

The council will provide information on the activities of the past year.

District and Town Councillors will be there to listen and answer questions you may have about local Oundle issues.

People in positions significant to the community are also invited to make presentations and listen to concerns, such as police representatives, county councillors and heads of local schools.

This is YOUR meeting. Please submit your questions to Oundle Town Council.

Thursday 26th May 2016

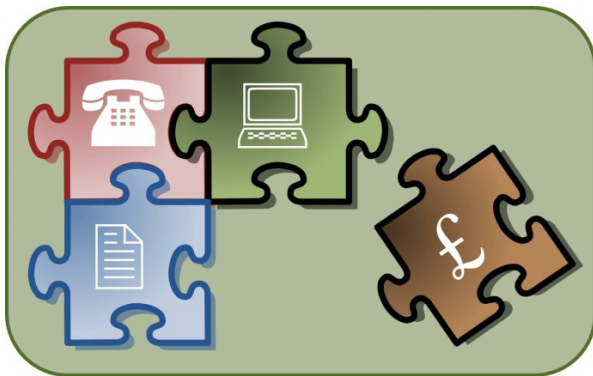
Queen Victoria Hall 7.30pm

Tea and Coffee from 7.00pm

For further information and to submit and questions or agenda items, please contact Oundle Town Council on 272055, or email admin@oundle.gov.uk

Business start-up programme to run in Oundle

Are the pieces in place in your start-up jigsaw?



If you've ever thought about starting your own business you'll know that there are lots of things to consider. A business start-up programme will run in Oundle for 8 consecutive weeks from Tuesday 5th April. The aim is to provide people who are on the point of starting their own business with a safe environment in which to test and develop their ideas.

The two hour evening sessions will have three components: a speaker on a business topic, a case study led by a local business person and time to discuss and develop a Business Plan. Topics range from working with your bank and HMRC to getting the most out of social media and managing paperwork.

The programme has been developed by Transition Oundle and will cost £40. Application forms to join the programme are available from www.transitionoundle.org.uk/ or Oundle Library. (The programme is supported by the East Northamptonshire Council.)

Christians Together in Oundle

Did you know that members of all the Christian church groups in Oundle meet regularly to discuss aspects of the life of the town and community? Have you been to Carols in the Market Place on Christmas Eve, or received a churches Christmas or Easter card? Perhaps your children have been to the Chattabox Holiday Club, held each summer, or dropped into West Porch Café in St Peter's on a Wednesday afternoon? The members of the Christian communities working together have initiated these and many other events.

Christians Together in Oundle would like to hear from you if there are other areas of town or community life that you feel they should address. Or perhaps there are issues of global concern – such as the current refugee crisis – that you are passionate about, and would like some action taken. Perhaps you too would like to get involved or to know more. If so, do contact CTO with your ideas or questions via stpetersoundle@yahoo.co.uk (tel: 01832 275675) or office@oundlebaptist.org.uk (tel: 01832 770010).

Oundle Fairtrade Fortnight

Events to raise awareness of Fairtrade will take place throughout Oundle from 29th February to 13th March. During Fairtrade Fortnight, Oundle Primary School will be having lessons about Fairtrade producing Art Work for the Library and having a Fairtrade Break.

Fairtrade Fortnight Events diary

Fairtrade Breakfasts and Coffee Breaks including BrewBabu Fair Trade Breakfast Specials	29 th February – 13 th March
Oundle Golf Club breakfast	Mon 29 Feb, 9am
Library Fairtrade Rhyme Time	Tue 1 March, 9.15am – 10am
Library: Fair Break, organised by the Friends of Oundle Library (with Oundle Primary School displays and Tradecraft stall)	Thu 3 March, 2pm – 4pm
Oundle Baptist Church Men's breakfast at Number 1 St Osyth's Lane	Sat 5 March, 8.30am
St Peter's Church Fairtrade Breakfast	Sat 5 March, 9am – 11am
Fairtrade Breakfast at The Coffee Tavern. 10% of the takings on these days will be donated to Oundle Primary School for educating children about Fair Trade	Tue 8 March & Wed 9 March
Italian themed breakfast at Dexters	Tue 8 March 9am – 12 noon
Lindum Nursery French/English Theme	Thu 10 March
Oundle Town Council Banana themed Breakfast at The Hub, Fletton House	Fri 11 March
Methodist Church Fairtrade coffee and cakes	Sat 12 March

Events Diary

March

29 Feb to 13 March

Fair trade Fortnight

Friday 18 March

Auditions to take part in the Oundle Royal Variety Show to celebrate HM The Queen's 90th birthday

April

1 April

Opera at Fletton House, 7pm for 7.30pm start
£25 including a cheese table and pudding and the delightful appearance of Maureen Braithwaite and Alec Hone

13 – 16 April

Oundle Festival of Music and Drama
Programme at www.ofmd.org.uk

Sat 16 April

Italian Market, Oundle Market Place

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The Oundle Charity Ball in aid of Supershoes Children's Cancer Charity, Oundle Great Hall, 7pm to late.
£40 to include a sparkling reception whilst listening to the beautiful music of Nick Penny and his harp, followed by a 3 course meal. Then onto dancing to the amazing Claire Barker Band.

Tue 19 April

Cake decorating competition, Queen Victoria Hall, 10am to 2pm

HM The Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations

Thu 21 April

Wear a Hat Day

If you are coming to Oundle to work, school or visit, please wear a hat to celebrate HM The Queen's birthday

The Hub at Fletton House are offering special afternoon teas £10. Please book to avoid disappointment.

Sat 23 April

Corgi Capers Dog Show, Oundle Market Place 11am

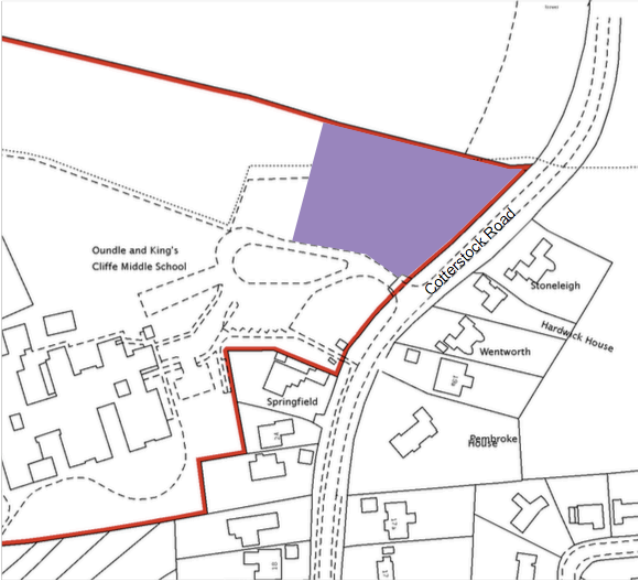
The Oundle Royal Variety Show, Queen Victoria Hall, 8pm

May

15 May

A Sale from a Suitcase. Outside The Hub, Fletton House, 10.30am to 3pm

SAVE OUNDLE'S PLAYING FIELDS



Oundle Primary School Playing Field, Cotterstock Rd



Fletton Field, Oundle Primary School, Glapthorn Rd

Northamptonshire County Council (NCC) is proposing to sell part of Oundle Primary School's playing field at Cotterstock Road and Fletton Field on Glaphorn Road. The sale of these fields would reduce Oundle's amount of green space under community use by approximately 50%.

Before disposal of school playing fields can proceed, NCC must obtain consent from the Secretary of State for Education. They have employed Atkins to submit a "Section 77 application" and as part of this process Atkins is currently carrying out a consultation allowing you to have your say.

To save these fields send your objections to:
Email: section77@atkinglobal.com
**By Post: Section 77 Public Consultation, Atkins Ltd, The Axis
(6 West), 10 Holiday Street, Birmingham, B1 1TF.**

Points for consideration:

- **Insufficient Green Space**
Oundle already has 10 times less accessible green space than Raunds, 5 times less than Burton Latimer.
- **Community Groups Displaced**
Both fields provide valuable outdoor space for community groups. For example, Oundle Junior Football Club use the field on Cotterstock Road and Fletton Field is a vital resource and used regularly by Oundle Pre-School and Oundle PHAB.
- **Both Fields are Irreplaceable**
The two fields serve our community in very different ways, Cotterstock Rd field as a school and sporting facility, Fletton Field as an accessible community green space – this has been recognised in Oundle Town Council's application for Town/Village Green status.
- **Oundle's Current Town Plans**
Neither sites appear in any Town / District Plans for housing and Oundle has already met its required housing quota.
- **Oundle's Monetary Contribution**
NCC has already been in receipt of nearly £2m from the sale of assets in Oundle in the past 24 months.
- **Other Sources of Funding have NOT Been Exhausted**
Despite initial assurances that funding was in place for local educational changes, NCC claim that these sales are essential. However Oundle Recreation and Green Spaces Group have been working with our local MP Tom Pursglove to secure central government funding to assist these changes. This work is still ongoing.

Oundle Festival of Music & Drama 2016



A competitive Festival has taken place in Oundle in the spring since 1909, except during WW1 and WW2. Over the years there have been many changes, including the Festival name. The biggest change this year was the introduction of an on line entry system, a development helped by an Oundle Town Council Community Support Grant. We were delighted that just over 70% of entries were made on line in this first year. As with anything new there were a few hiccups, but the system should make things easier for the next generation of organisers. If you want to join the team of volunteers contact info@ofmd.org.uk or ring 273191. Primary school choirs have always participated, but now it is not just Oundle and the surrounding villages but schools from Uppingham, Stamford, Bourne, Kettering and Peterborough too. You can hear instrumentalists and vocalists, poetry and prose reading, barbershop choirs.

To find out more check out www.ofmd.org.uk.

Programmes will be on sale from March 14th at Oundle Bookshop.

The Saturday Concert on 16 April, 7-9pm, at St. Peter's Church will feature selected performers, both young and old, from the four days of the Festival and celebrate their achievements. Oundle Young Singer 2016 and the recipients of the Oundle Town Council prizes for Speech and Drama will feature in the line up. The competition for Oundle Young Musician of the Year takes place during the concert. You can experience great music making and hear the successor to Ellen Porter, 2014, and Reuben Goldmark, 2015.

Concert Tickets £6 (£2 child) from Oundle Box Office.

Gwen Radcliffe Vice Chairman

Timetable

Wed April 13th	Great Hall	09:15 – 21:00, Pianos
	QVH	09:15 – 16:30, Speech
Thu April 14th	Great Hall	09:45 – 16:15, Bands, Ensembles
	QVH	09:15 – 16:30, Junior Drama
Fri April 15th	Great Hall	09:15 – 16:00, Choirs, Speech
	QVH	09:15 – 12:15, Junior Drama
Sat April 16th	School Chapel	09:30 – 17:00, Senior Choirs
	St Peters Church	09:45 – 21:00, Senior Vocals, Concert

HM The Queen's Birthday



We are holding three events:
Cake decorating competition – the theme is “Fit for a Queen”
“Canine Capers” – a Fun dog Show



With a finale of

Royal Variety Show

Saturday 23rd April Queen Victoria Hall 8pm £10 a Ticket.

Tickets on sale from the 1st April 01832 272055

Our chosen charities are Cancer Research and the Children's Cancer Charity “Supershoes”

Canine Capers

Saturday 23 April

In the Market Place from 11am
Registration £1.50p

Six judging categories:

1. Corgies only
2. Most Stately Gait (any breed)
3. Prettiest Bitch (any breed)
4. Most handsome dog (any breed)
5. Windsor Weave (any breed)
6. Fancy Dress (any breed) Theme “Royal”

Fit for a Queen

Cakes displayed – Tuesday 19th April
Queen Victoria Hall from 10am
Entry £5 – forms available from:
The Hub at Fletton House

Planning Update

In the Oracle for September 2015, I referred to the town council's objection to and the District Council's subsequent refusal of a retrospective planning application which related to installing solar panels on a roof in the conservation area. The District Council is now taking enforcement action which emphasise the risks that are run by those undertaking work without first seeking planning permission.

Oundle Town Council routinely registers its concerns about retrospective applications although it may not always be appropriate to formally object to them. Where the council does object and where that objection results in a refusal by ENC we will always press the District Council to take appropriate and effective enforcement action.

Amongst many planning applications considered over the last 6 months, the application seeking outline planning permission to develop land to the rear of 1 – 3 Glaphorn Road and Abbott House was probably the one that raised most concern. So seriously did we take this that unusually instead of the matter being decided by the planning committee it referred it to full council with a detailed report recommending that the council should object which it did. The primary reasons for this recommendation was our belief that what was sought was contrary to provisions of both the National Planning Policy Framework and the Rural North Oundle and Thrapston Plan.

The council does not accept that the land in question is surplus to the current requirements for open space in Oundle and is supporting the registration of the site as a Village Green because of its historic and continuing importance to the town as a publicly accessible open space and because of the limited availability of such space in the town. In addition the council maintains that any development of this land would have an adverse impact upon both the setting of the Grade 2* Oundle School Chapel in the Memorial Gardens and Magdalen House.

Councillor David Chapple

Town Councillors 2015 – 2016

COUNCILLOR	TITLE	COMMITTEES	WORKING PARTIES
David Chapple 01832 273877	Head of Planning	Planning Operations	Neighbourhood Plan
Val Chesser 01832 272217		Estates Operations	
Neville Oakes 01832 275818		Planning Operations	
Paul Piercy-Hughes 07742 276451		Estates	Neighbourhood Plan
Roy Sparkes 07904 463707		Estates	Neighbourhood Plan

All Oundle Town Councillors are Trustees of the Queen Victoria Hall Charity. The constitutions of several Oundle organisations such as Oundle Museum Trust and CHAT Youth Counselling Agency require Town Council Member. Councillors also volunteer to attend many other groups to maintain links. Profiles of your Town Councillors can be found at www.oundle.gov.uk.

THE OUNDLE CHARITY BALL

SATURDAY APRIL 16TH

THE GREAT HALL, OUNDLE

7PM – MIDNIGHT. TICKETS £40. TABLES OF EIGHT

SPARKLING RECEPTION, 3 COURSE DINNER

ENTERTAINMENT FROM NICK PENNY PLAYING HIS BEAUTIFUL HARP

MUSIC & DANCING TO THE AMAZING CLAIRE BARKER BAND

A BLACK TIE EVENT RAISING MONEY FOR THE SUPERSHOES CHILDREN'S

CANCER CHARITY

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM THE HUB AT FETTON HOUSE

Your Town Council Meetings

You are welcome to attend all Council and Committee Meetings

Meetings are normally held at Fletton House at 7.30pm on Tuesdays. Agendas are displayed on the Fletton House noticeboard and posted on www.oundle.gov.uk by 6pm on the Friday before the meeting.

A public participation spot is provided for you towards the beginning of each meeting for contributions relating to the agenda. You do not have to give advance notice to speak at the following meetings.

Full Council	March 22 nd April 5 th April 26 th May 17 th
Estates Management	Temporarily included in Full Council meetings
Planning Committee	Temporarily included in Full Council meetings
Operations Management	Temporarily included in Full Council meetings

If you wish to speak at a Planning Committee meeting, you are asked to contact the Town Clerk, Debra Harper, at least 48 hours in advance. This will allow the Clerk to make any necessary arrangements. Representations on Planning matters are restricted to 2 minutes.

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