

West Oxford Community Association

NEWSLETTER

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**WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY
ASSOCIATION
INVITES YOU TO A
HARVEST SUPPER
SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER
5.30-8PM
AT WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**COME AND SHARE A MEAL WITH OTHER
WEST OXFORD RESIDENTS**

**SUPPER WILL BE PREPARED BY TOM AND
VLADIMIRA OF TUMBLING BAY CAFÉ**
Free for members and 3.00 for non members

PLEASE BRING A PUDDING

**JUST SO WE KNOW NUMBERS EITHER
SIGN UP AT THE COMMUNITY
CENTRE RECEPTION
OR**

E-MAIL info@woca.org.uk

ALL AGES WELCOME

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU



**We are looking
for
new and
enthusiastic
trustees!**

The whole community centre is run by a few paid employees and a volunteer group of trustees – we are looking for additional trustees to get involved. The management committee meets just six times per year, with sub-committees that focus on specific projects that they are particularly interested in.

It's a great opportunity to be involved in the local community, meet new people, and feel that you are contributing to West Oxford life.

The only special qualities needed to support the community centre is enthusiasm and a love of where we live!

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Please email:
info@woca.org.uk

WOT'S new AT WOCC...



Weekly Updates on display in the Community Centre
Monthly Updates on community notice boards
 by 'The Vinyl Cafe' and 'Cartridge World', or see our website
www.woca.org.uk

Tom and Vladimira welcome you to Tumbling Bay Cafe !

Please note - New Opening Hours

Tuesday - Sunday
 9.00am - 4.00pm
 Closed Mondays

Contact:
tomas.imre@gmail.com



TO LOCAL MAKERS AND ARTISTS

WOCA Christmas Market 2019

Saturday 23 November and Sunday 24 November

The WOCA Christmas Arts and Crafts Market will be back 2019.

Would any local artist or maker who is interested in taking part- or in finding out more - please get in touch with the office at WOCA, ideally by the end of September?



It's Quiz time!

Celebrating International Oxford

How much do you know about Oxford and its eight twin cities - three recently joined?

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER, 7.30pm



We're planning an evening of fun to raise funds for the Oxford León Association & Trust for development projects in and around Oxford's twin city in Nicaragua



West Oxford Community Centre, Botley Road OX2 0BT

Tickets are £8 per person or £40 for a table of six

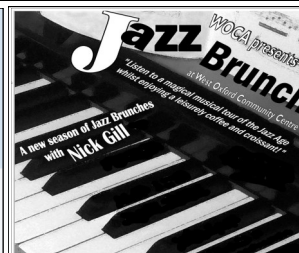
Light nibbles included. There will be a licenced cash bar.

Reserve your ticket now!

To reserve tickets please complete the simple form at tinyurl.com/Leonquiz
 Or contact Jenny Houston jenn_houston@hotmail.com

Find out more about our projects: www.oxleolinke.org.uk

OXFORD LEON ASSOCIATION & TRUST | REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 294149



Jazz Brunches

Following roaring success with his band on the patio at the Fun Day, Supremo of the keys and vocalese Mr Nick Gill will be back at the centre this autumn with tall tales of the Jazz Age and some swinging grooves to get your toes tapping—all over Saturday brunch!

From 10am on

- ◇ 19 October
- ◇ 16 November

Improvements at WOCC...

It's been a busy summer again at the centre, catching up with things after the Fun Day and making various improvements including:

- ✓ A complete refurbishing of the female toilets, including installation of changing facilities. At time of writing, the work is almost done—thanks for your patience!
- ✓ New paint job for the Mary Town Room (thanks WOCArts!)
- ✓ New (lovely looking) seal on the Patio (thanks Tumbling Bay Café!)

Thanks to all who helped, and we hope you like the results!

Ceilidh

Fundraiser for Education for Democracy in South Africa (EDSA) - registered charity (Director Judy Brown, West Oxford resident)

Dancing to Oxford University Ceilidh Band
Saturday, October 26th

Supported by WOCA

More on EDSA at <https://www.edsa.org.uk/>



For any enquiries regarding WOCA or the use of the centre, or if you have an idea for a positive activity

- ☎ Keith or Erin on 01865 245761
- Email info@woca.org.uk
- ☺ Call in! Office usually open Monday - Friday, 1.30 - 6.30 (except Wednesdays)
- Website www.woca.org.uk

Teach Green

**JOIN THE ENVIRONMENTAL KIDS CLUB
AT WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE!
FOR CHILDREN AGED 7-11**

A CLUB FOR THE NEXT GENERATION TO LEARN TO CARE FOR OUR PLANET THROUGH HAVING FUN! SESSIONS INVOLVE A COMBINATION OF LEARNING AND PLAY, COVERING TOPICS FROM THE RAINFOREST TO THE WATER CYCLE, RUN BY TRAINED AND DBS-CHECKED OXFORD HUB VOLUNTEERS

SESSIONS ARE AT WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE, WEDNESDAYS AT 4PM-5PM FROM 9TH OCTOBER UNTIL 4TH DECEMBER. PLEASE EMAIL LIZZIE@OXFORDHUB.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION.



Save your stamps for RNIB

Please collect your used stamps for RNIB and make a real difference to the lives of blind and partially sighted people across the UK. Put your used stamps in the box on the table in the entrance to West Oxford Community Centre. We will send them off to RNIB.



Every day 250 people will begin to lose their sight and many will face a future without any help or support. By supporting RNIB, you can help change this and give people with sight loss the gift of a brighter future.

What's Next?

Six weeks to work out what's next for your career



What's next for your career?

Local careers professional

Lucy Hawkins is re-running her successful 'What's Next?' courses this Autumn.

Whether you're considering a complete career change, or just starting to wonder whether you should aim for a promotion, the course provides the time and space to work out your next steps.

Each course runs for six weeks and takes place on Sunday evenings at the Community Centre. The next course starts in November – see more and book your place at:

<https://workwelloxford.co.uk/publiccourses.htm>

A CALL TO LOCAL ARTISTS!

**wocART at Artweek
16th- 25th May
2020**

Local Artists are invited to exhibit with wocART, as guests, in 2020.

2D and 3D work both welcome.

For further information and a chat, please contact info@woca.org.uk by 11th October 2019.

Mindful Movement- Tai Chi Qigong

West Oxford Community Centre
Botley Rd
Oxford
OX2 0BT

Thursday Mornings

Starting 12th September 2019

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Join us for the start of this beautiful practice of soft, flowing movements
A moving meditation simply flowing with the breath

For more information, contact:
floinqigong@gmail.com
07967432015



Gentle
Nurturing
Revitalising





The Oxford Community Health Hub offers a range of affordable health and wellbeing therapies. Please contact the practitioners directly to book an appointment, or visit our website

Acupuncture

Ben Davies www.acupunctureatoxford.co.uk

Coaching and Counselling

Susie Pye on 07765 587012 or susanmpye18@gmail.com

Cognitive Behavioural Therapy

Esther McNeile Jones on 07774 687 872

Psychotherapy & Counselling

Jayne Wright on 0775 2126 736 or jayne@oxfordcounselling.org

Sappho Morgan on 07967 383103 or healthhuboxford@gmail.com

Anneli Nilsson on 07855 810270 or by email via anneli-nilsson.com

Rebecca Wilson on 01865 396235 or 07946 748947

The Listening Centre low cost therapy on 01865 794794

Careers Counselling and Advice

Lucy Hawkins www.workwelloxford.co.uk or email lucy@workwelloxford.co.uk

www.healthhuboxford.org.uk

Urgent Appeal for Information

This poor young chap was last spotted during the West Oxford Fun Day Gurning Competition, and from the evidence of the photo opposite, he was clearly in some distress.

If you can help, please contact the centre office with the name of the unfortunate individual, and we will ensure it is emblazoned for posterity on the WOCA Gurning Toilet Seat Lid 'Roll of Honour'.

Meanwhile, in the absence of any other information, well done to you sir, and we can only hope that the wind did not alter its course whilst the picture was taken....





**Want to take powerful action to combat the climate emergency together today?
JOIN ACT Now.**

Our FREE one year ACT Now programme starts on October 5th.

It's open to West Oxford residents and nearby neighbours, and draws on a decade of experience in supporting and empowering individuals to do something about the climate crisis.

What does the programme involve?

7 expert-led workshops between now and May 2020, covering MONEY, WASTE, FOOD, TRANSPORT, HOME ENERGY, ENGAGING OTHERS and WILDLIFE

Learn about individual lifestyle changes you can make, plus identify wider-reaching actions we can take individually and as a group to maximise our impact in the short time we have available to act.

At WOCA; free and open to all; priority given to those enrolled in full programme. Attendance optional, pick topics to suit.

Popular FREE expert home energy assessment, with report and small measures, worth £120

Street by Street participants loved this home energy visit from Bierce Surveying, so we're offering it again! Receive a one- to two-hour home visit from an expert energy assessor. Assessment includes checking insulation, lighting, white goods, heating, as well as making sure you are on the most cost-effective energy tariff for your needs (with frequent financial savings).

Small measures (e.g. lightbulbs; radiator panels) completed during visit; post-visit report with recommendations for further possible actions to make your home warmer and more financially- and energy-efficient.

Connect to network of local, quality-checked suppliers and installers for larger measures

For anyone looking to insulate, treat damp or explore home-based energy generation options, like getting solar panels, or to action any other larger measures recommended during the home energy assessment, we'll connect you to a network of pre-approved suppliers and installers, through Cosy Homes Oxfordshire.

Increase your energy literacy; understand how home energy and lifestyle choices impact personal and wider carbon emissions

Use our Quicksilver Calculator with a trained footprint volunteer to understand your own emissions and contribution to national emissions; learn to read your meter; participate in cutting edge energy demand research with the University of Oxford.

Receive £100 towards energy-efficiency measures and other action

This can also go towards childcare to facilitate programme participation. Available to those living within the LCWO charity boundaries only.

Pick'n'mix calendar of other activities e.g. tree planting; cookery workshops; and FUN!



Some ACT Now programme FAQs...

Q I fly regularly and drive a car, and that's not about to change. Is ACT Now for me? I'm worried I'll be judged

A ACT Now is for everyone, whether your lifestyle is 'squeaky green' or not. The lifestyle and behaviour-focussed parts of the programme will be conducted in an informative and non-judgemental way, and no individual(s) pressured into sharing anything with others that they would rather not, including any recent airmiles.

Given that many aspects of a more environmentally friendly lifestyle can prove challenging to people for different reasons, the aim of the programme is to support people with making changes where they can, but we will also maintain a focus beyond individual lifestyle choices, discovering and exploring other points of leverage available to West Oxford residents in the fight against climate catastrophe.

Q Do I need to own my home to take part?

A No. This programme is open to all types of tenancy and ownership, and the majority of information will be relevant to all.

More FAQs, plus programme sign-up and info:

www.WestOxfordACTNow.org

Communicating climate change to kids in a safe and empowering way

We are really proud of our recent work in this important area. As well as coordinating a network of interested organisations locally ('Kid-sCAN'), delivering workshops to concerned adults and being invited into Oxford's schools, working closely with Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon, we have created two pamphlets for children aged 7-11, for use in schools and outside, with lesson plans. The '**Climate Fact Buster**' covers the basic science, and '**Climate Challenge**' outlines 6 child-friendly actions anyone can take, in an engaging way. The materials are all free to use and downloadable from our website.

We now want to circulate these materials to the greatest audience possible. Can you help? Please share widely with schools, teachers, parents, anyone engaged with kids.

www.lowcarbonwestoxford.org.uk/kidsclimateaction

WHAT, no autumn Bring & Take?!

We're sad to cancel our autumn B&T. This autumn, we want to prioritise ACT Now and work with kids and schools.

If you've been collecting things to pass on, there are lots of similar events coming up around Oxford e.g. 22 Sept clothes swap at MakeSpace. See our calendar for others. Also, **Oxfam's fantastic new superstore has just opened**, and is accepting drive-in donations - well worth a look!

We will hold our spring B&T as usual, and before that, **Love your stuff!** on February 15th - a big post-Valentine's repair cafe, on UK Big Fix day.

VOLUNTEERS MAKE our B&Ts POSSIBLE:

Sign up to help us with repair cafes, B&Ts and future activities.

We always desperately need volunteers.

www.lowcarbonwestoxford.org.uk/volunteer

PLANT TREES FOR THE CLIMATE

One of the most effective things we can do to combat the climate emergency is to plant trees. **Come to WOCA on October 5th** to find out about plans to plant trees in West Oxford, and get involved - we need to show Oxford City Council we have enough volunteers ready to plant and nurture the trees. Details on website.

Find out more about our work and sign up to our monthly e-newsletter:

www.lowcarbonwestoxford.org.uk

A few events coming up (more on website):

Fri 20 Sept: Climate Strike

Sat 28 Sept: XR Oxford Art-Science Extravaganza - including LCWO wksp on talking to kids

Sat 5 Oct: First ACT Now workshop - come, meet others, find out more & learn how to read your meter

Also Sat 5 Oct: Planting trees in West Oxford - planning meeting

Wed 9 Oct: Teach Green - FREE clubs for 7-11s

Tues 12 Nov: climate comms for teachers

Frideswide Square—Councillor Pressel writes

I know that many people in the Botley Road area use Frideswide Square frequently. I get a lot of positive feedback about how it looks and how it works, but some people feel it is more dangerous since the re-modelling, especially people with certain disabilities. I have been passing on their complaints. The result is this note from County Council Highways officers:

“Frideswide Square was transformed in 2015 from a traffic-dominated space to a welcoming, people-orientated space. The space given over to vehicular traffic was dramatically reduced and many new crossing points were added. During the design process many options were considered, including options with traffic signals to control the traffic and/or the pedestrian crossings. However it became clear quite early on that the only workable signal-controlled layout was the previous layout (implemented in 1999), which was widely disliked and had many shortcomings.

We found that the only way to improve the square was to use a layout based on roundabouts. This allowed the junction to be greatly simplified and more space given to pedestrians and cyclists, whilst also allowing the traffic to slow smoothly. However ‘normal’ roundabouts can also create risks for pedestrians and cyclists, so the layout needed to be designed to control vehicle speeds carefully and give priority to pedestrians and cyclists. This is how we arrived at the current layout. It is true that the scheme is designed to allow traffic to flow slowly and smoothly, but this was not the over-riding objective, which was to improve the public realm and create a more pedestrian and cycle friendly space. On this point, as you know the county council’s transport strategy for Oxford aims to reduce traffic in the city, building on the 25% reduction in traffic entering Oxford city centre since 1999. Some specific proposals are due to be published this autumn which will help us to cut traffic levels significantly, particularly in the city centre.

Frideswide Square is designed to make drivers feel as if they are passing through a pedestrian zone, so the signs, road markings and other equipment normally associated with roads has been largely avoided. In a layout like this it’s not possible or safe to introduce signal-controlled crossings, as this would send mixed messages to drivers, and highway design standards prohibit signal controlled pedestrian crossings being placed very close to roundabouts, for safety reasons.

During the design process there were many hours of debate, discussion and thought about the impact the lack of formal, controlled crossings would have on people with disabilities, and this was a prominent point in all of the officer reports prepared for the council’s Cabinet on the scheme. The crossings used in the square are mostly “courtesy” crossings, which indicate areas where drivers are expected (but not required) to let pedestrians cross. In practice these work much like zebra crossings: you stand at the edge of the road and wait for the traffic to stop. Unlike zebra crossings, the traffic is not legally required to stop for pedestrians, but in my (almost daily) experience a large enough proportion of drivers *do* give way to pedestrians that it is unusual to have to wait for more than a few seconds before being able to cross. The vast majority of pedestrians can safely judge when the traffic has stopped or slowed to let them cross, so for most people – including many people with disabilities – the greatly increased crossing opportunities and ease/speed of crossing is a big improvement over the old signal-controlled layout.

However we always knew that courtesy crossings (much like zebra crossings) are harder for people with some disabilities to use. In particular, there was the question of how someone would cope with these crossings if their vision or cognitive impairment means they are unable to safely judge whether traffic has stopped. This is an issue for the millions of informal, courtesy and zebra crossings around the world and is not unique to Frideswide Square.

The officer report to the council’s Cabinet in 2012 on the scheme includes the following statement: *“The project team will continue to develop the design to address as many of the concerns of people with disabilities as possible. The usability of the space for people with disabilities will need to be monitored carefully once it is complete, and adjustments made in light of experience where necessary.”*

I have discussed this with colleagues. Now that the scheme has been in place for over three years, and Westgate has been complete for nearly two years, it has been agreed that funding for a review of Frideswide Square will be included in next year’s budget. (Confirming this was what led to the delay in responding!). This would be available from April 2020 and the funding would be for the review only – any funding to make changes would need to be subsequently agreed by the council as part of its budget-setting process. This review would look at all aspects of the scheme, including the usability of the courtesy crossings. We have not received many complaints about the courtesy crossings and there is no suggestion from our accident data that they are unsafe for those who are using them. However the accident data does not reveal people who are avoiding them because of their disabilities, so this is something we need to understand through the review and try to address. As part of the review we would seek input from people with disabilities – particularly those with visual or cognitive impairments.”

If you would like to send me comments ahead of the start of the consultation, you are welcome to do so. I’m always keen to hear your views and can pass them on.

Stand up to Cancer with Nick Cope

Join Nick Cope for a family-friendly event at the Tap Social on Sunday 6th October from 12noon to 2.30pm. Legendary Oxford based musician Nick Cope will be singing songs that children (and parents!) love, from 'The Baby's Done a Poo' to songs about dinosaurs, lizards and rusty robots. There will be fun activities including the chance to decorate your own cardboard guitar and face-painting. If you're feeling peckish there will be tasty lunch offerings and home-baked cakes. You'll also have a chance to find out about the exciting cancer research taking place right here in Oxford. Feel free to stay after the event to enjoy the Tap Social's usual offerings of music, food and drink.



1 in 2 people in the UK will get cancer during their lifetime. Each of us knows someone who has been affected; a friend perhaps, or a family member. So, by coming together to enjoy some of our favourite songs with Nick Cope, we'll be doing something about it. The money we raise together will be used to the fund lifesaving research of Cancer Research UK. Stand Up To Cancer is a fundraising campaign for Cancer Research UK (www.standuptocancer.org.uk).

Tickets are £6. Babies aged 0-1 are free. Tickets are available here: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stand-up-to-cancer-with-nick-cope-tickets-69975228793

If you are unable to attend but would still like to support Stand Up to Cancer, please donate via this link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/su2cwithnickcope>

Thank you for your support. Together we will beat cancer.

www.nickcope.co.uk



**Inspiring curious minds
and responsible citizens**

West Oxford Community Primary School Nursery Places:

We currently still have a few nursery spaces for the afternoon available in school and welcome children the term after they turn three. Our nursery class occupies large airy classrooms on the ground floor of your local school and a dedicated playground for Early Years. The creative and nurturing Early Years team deliver an exciting and inspiring hands-on curriculum giving your three-year-olds the best possible start to their education.

Please contact the school office if you would like to apply for a place:

office.2533@west-oxford.oxon.sch.uk

West Side Stories

A Storm in a Teacup?

What a Creation! I know one of the characteristics of West Oxford is the number of waterways around our fields and meadows, but even so, I was surprised to find myself back in August shipwrecked and wandering bewilderedly around Willow Walk ... and Osney Mead Industrial Estate. It all started with a ticket to see Creation Theatre Company's production of The Tempest, at the King's Centre. At least, that's where we started. We were sitting in what seemed very much like the lounge of a cruise liner, sipping something very like Pimms – when suddenly the floor seemed to heave, and the crew started sliding from side to side, and the ship (?) was buffeted by huge waves.

We found a map and managed to make our way to safety with a group of fellow passengers. Near Willow Walk, we met a very strange fellow called Caliban, who was clearly up to no good. We came across Alonso the King of Naples, very distressed because his son Ferdinand had been lost overboard. We stumbled across Prospero's hideout, in the middle of the Meat Warehouse; we saw Prospero release Ariel, on top of a double decker bus; and we saw Prospero's daughter Miranda and Ferdinand fall in love. And we survived to tell the tale!



China fragments sought!

As part of the Osney Lock Hydro mosaic project, we are on the hunt for fragments of china that have turned up in local gardens and allotments to incorporate into the artwork.

If you've dug up a fragment of an old plate digging up your spuds, or found a chip of patterned pottery weeding the dahlias we'd love them for our project. Ideally fragments should be flat and relatively thin - patterned items particularly welcome. All fragments hugely appreciated, although apologies in advance if your donation doesn't make it into the finished mosaic, as the pieces used this will be determined by the colour scheme of the final design.

The mosaic will create a 'human sundial' to be installed at Osney Lock Hydro. Supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the project is part of a year long celebration our community's centuries old relationship with the river.

If you have a fragment to donate to the project, please contact Josie at josiewebber8@icloud.com

Thank you!

Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil: from Sicily to Botley

Hello Dear Neighbours!

I am writing to let you know that again this year we'll run a campaign on Kickstarter to help us bring to Oxford our organic extra virgin olive oil, produced in Sicily from a grove planted more than a century ago by my great-grand-father. The trees are still tended organically today without the use of any pesticides or artificial irrigation systems. Every year, the olives are harvested entirely by hand and collected in October, early in the picking season when they are greener and not fully ripe, thus yielding a smaller quantity of oil, which as a result is more intense in flavour. If you like the sound of it and wish to contribute, I promise to personally deliver your bottle(s) to your door before Christmas.

I won't have to go far, as I live in Botley myself after all!

Many thanks in advance, *Giuseppe*

This is the link to contribute to our Kickstarter campaign:

kickstarter.com/projects/ogglio/2019-olive-oil-harvest

We'd be immensely grateful if you could help us share our project on Facebook, Twitter, and/or Instagram and of course, also via email!

Website: www.ogglio.org

Email: ogglio.uk@gmail.com

Facebook: Ogglio Ogglio

Twitter: @ogglio

Instagram: @ogglio



St Frideswide's and St Margaret's

St Frideswide's

We warmly welcome everyone in the community to our regular **Sunday services at 10.30am.**

On **Monday mornings at 9:30** there is now a short service of **Morning Prayer** - all are welcome

Children's services are continuing and we are trying out a more frequent schedule. We are aiming for twice a month on a Sunday afternoon. Time: 3 – 4 pm, details on the website.

Look out for the following special events:

Sunday 30 September: Harvest celebration - 10.30am

Friday 19th October St Frideswide's Day Choral Evensong with the Sine Nomine Singers. 7.00pm

Exploring faith We are continuing to run a group for those wanting to explore the Christian faith in a very relaxed setting. Please do contact kate.seagrave@oxford.anglican.org for more information.

Our Concerts Are Back!

Friday 28 September: Musical Banquet (keyboard, strings & countertenor) return with a unique and engaging menu of musical entertainment.

Thursday 18th October: Piano recital by Drew Steanson

Concerts start at 7.30pm. £10 on the door which includes a glass of wine and nibbles.

If you would like to use St Frideswide's church to host an activity, please let us know by sending us an email.

At the east end of the church we have an area where ashes can be buried. Email us to find out more.

If you would like to join us, you can find the times of our regular services, information about our choir, and other information on our website or on the noticeboards outside the church. You can also connect with us on Facebook.

Services at St Margaret's, Binsey

9am a Eucharist on the fourth Sunday of the month.

www.binseystmargaret.org.uk

To arrange a baptism, wedding or a funeral please contact revclare@btinternet.co.uk; or phone the Parish Office on 01865 242345.

W: www.osneybenefice.org
E: osneybenefice@outlook.com
P: 07765 175164
F: www.facebook.com/St.FrideswideOxford

WOCA COMMITTEE

Chair: Rebecca Huxley

Trustees: Elizabeth Ball, Lisa Bird, Martin Bourne, Anne Clilverd, Rebecca Huxley, Gayle Lonergan, Jim McMahon, Sarah Morgan, Helen Reid, Kate Sant, Shan Saunders, and Louise Siddle.

You can contact the committee via the Centre.

Grants WOCA supports community projects beneficial to people in West Oxford, including help with Centre room hire. Application forms available from the centre office or at www.woca.org.uk We want to support you - let us know how we can help!

Can **YOU** help?

Have you got news for us?

Our Winter Issue deadline is
Friday 15 November 2019.



Delivery Team

We only have one road currently not covered by our delivery team—**Venneit Close**. If you think you could help deliver newsletters there, please do get in touch.

Sponsorship/Advertising -

Producing and delivering the newsletter is financed by WOCA, and relies a lot on volunteers.

Do you have a bit of time to help get more sponsors and advertising for the newsletter?

Would you like to contribute in some other way?

Contact info@woca.org.uk for more information.

BRIAN FRENCH

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Contact: 07957 315303

WOCA Member Peter Smith's New Book - 'Oxford's Lost Aerodrome'

New local history book out now – “Oxford’s Lost Aerodrome” is about the WWI flying training aerodrome at the North end of Port Meadow near Wolvercote. It includes chapters on what and who was there, aspects of the training undertaken, the stories of 17 airmen killed associated with the aerodrome, and other notable characters based there during WWI. 78 pages. For sale from the WO Community Centre office for £7, with all proceeds to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

A new stone memorial to the 17 airmen was unveiled in the former bathing area off Godstow Road, Wolvercote in May 2018. There is also an information board outlining the aviation history of the site from 1910 to 1933.

Trees for Oatlands Rec

We are launching a new tree planting project in Oatlands recreation ground. Please contact Susanna (phone number and address below) if you might be able to help with looking after the new young trees. They will need a bit of weeding and occasional watering in dry spells for about 5 years after planting.



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*1/16 page for not-for-profit enterprises

Your Local Democratic Representatives

Your city councillors are:

Colin Cook, 12 Riverside Rd OX2 0HU

Email cllrccook@oxford.gov.uk

☎ 721844

Susanna Pressel, 7 Rawlinson Rd OX2 6UE

Email cllrspressel@oxford.gov.uk

☎ 554001

Susanna is also your county councillor.

Susanna holds a Ward Surgery on the third Saturday of each month from 11.00 until 12.00 noon at the community centre.

Your MP is **Layla Moran**:

House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA

☎ 020 7219 3905

Email layla.moran.mp@parliament.uk