



NEWSLETTER



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W.O.C.A. invites everyone to

PONY RIDES

Live Music

Bouncy Castle

West OXFORD FUN DAY

Human Curling!

The dog show

Sat 11th July
1-5pm

BOTLEY PARK

Entry £1 Children Free

Jump! Woof!

raffle!!! The winner is 1012!

BBQ

All this and more!!!

Postcard Design: Vicky Hinch
Drawings by West Oxford School Art Club

WEST OXFORD'S GOT TALENT

WOT?

Do you have a secret, or not so secret talent?
Are you the next Susan Boyle or Pudsey?
Come and show us what you've got!

Heats on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th July 6 - 7.30pm
Final at Fun Day on Saturday 11th July

Registration form at www.wopa.me/wot.pdf

Would you like to help with the Fun Day?

- Sponsor Us!
- Promote your Activity!
- Help run a WOCA stall!
- Demonstrate an art or craft!
- Run your own stall!
- Perform!
- Be part of the Fun Day Crew!
- Help organise events!

The more helpers we have, the more fun it will be!

☎ Keith on 01865 245761

Email westoxfordcc@gmail.com

☺ Call in Office usually open Monday-Friday, 1.30-6.30 except Weds

www.woca.org.uk

WOT'S ON AT WOCC...



West Oxford Community Centre

Weekly Updates on display in the Community Centre
Monthly Updates on community notice boards
by 'The Organic Deli' and 'Cartridge World'

Join in MESSY PLAY

Creative play for 2-4 year olds...
...and their parents/carers

Mondays (during term time) 10:00 - 11:00

more info: messyplayoxford.co.uk COST £3

£££ Fundraising Update £££

Following a successful fundraising effort, we will soon be starting a program of replacing the existing lighting in the centre with LED lights.

We are still fundraising for this and for the next stage of building work at the centre, to create more usable space, more storage, and a coffee/tea point.

Many thanks to Low Carbon West Oxford and the Oxford City Council Ward Member Funds for recent donations/pledges. Also to WOBfest, for making WOCA their charity to support this year!

If you would like to contribute to our efforts, please get in touch with any member of the committee of WOCA, or contact the centre office.

Zumba® class

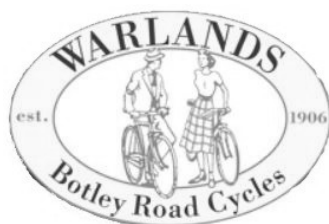
A fun, Latin-inspired, easy to follow dance fitness workout.

No experience required.

Wear something comfortable and bring a drink!

Drop-in class on Monday evenings at 8.30-9.30
£5 (£4 OAP/student)

Email denise@toplinefitness.co.uk
or call 07748 600620 for more info.



Thanks to Warlands

Warlands Cycle Shop kindly donated a high-quality cycle lock so we could stop people contaminating our food waste bin with general rubbish.
Thanks Steve & Andy!

News from...

Now Open

9.00 – 5.00

Tuesday - Friday

10.00 - 4.00

Saturday and Sunday



THE TUMBLING BAY CAFÉ

We have now reached six months since the cafe opened. I can not really believe it! It has gone so quickly.

The cafe is getting busier all the time and the most encouraging thing is that I am getting lots of new customers. Clearly word of mouth is working well and they all seem to appreciate the food and the atmosphere.

It is said that it takes a year for a cafe to find its identity but I feel we are well on our way there. My approach was simple which was to offer good quality food at a reasonable price and a place where everybody feels welcome.

The feedback I am getting is very positive and that is very encouraging. Obviously there is always room for improvement. Service could be a bit quicker and catering more for people with food allergies are two things that come to mind and we will be working on those.

The cafe has also been busy on the catering side with birthday parties, meetings and last but not least Wobfest which was a great success. Think of us if you have any catering need either in the centre or outside.

Let's hope the nice weather continues. The cafe is particularly enjoyable with the lovely terrace to sit and enjoy a drink or an ice cream -

"Can I have a flake mum?"

"Are you sure you don't want a mini milk?"

Hope to see you soon.

Best wishes from the Tumbling Bay Cafe.

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

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

NEW AT THE CENTRE

We've had quite a few new activities start at the centre in the last couple of months:

Dynamic Dance Meditation

in the Hall on Wednesday nights,
8.00pm to 9.30pm

Vinyassa Yoga with Simone -

- in the cafe on Wednesday nights (mostly!),
8.30pm - 9.30pm

- in the Mary Town Room (usually!),
on Thursday mornings, 9.15am - 10.15am

Krav Maga CQC Self-Defence Class

in the Hall on Thursday nights, 7.45pm - 9.15pm

Golgotha Evangelical Church

in the Mary Town Room on Sundays,
11.00am - 12.30pm

A warm welcome to all these groups!
For more info, check out our website
www.woca.org.uk, or call in to the centre office.

Anyone for Table-Tennis?

If we can fundraise for more tables, and find people willing to run it, we'd love to get a table-tennis club off the ground. We've been given a table tennis table on long-term loan from West Oxford Primary School, which is a great start, so if you're interested in helping move this idea forward please do get in touch!

We're also hopeful of starting a basketball club soon. Watch this space...

Wox Vox



A community singing group for adults and teens.
No experience necessary. No auditions. Great fun!

Thursdays from 7.30pm - 9pm, June 4th - July 9th
at St. Frideswide's (opposite WOCA)
Fee: £5 per session (drop in)

Questions? Email: hopenamara@yahoo.com

Like us on Facebook for updates: www.facebook.com/woxvox

NB: session on June 18th will be at WOCA



Auditions for Dick Wellington

Another WOPA Production
West Oxford Community Centre



Date for your diary! Auditions will be held on
Sunday 6th September. More information can be
found on the website www.wopa.me

If you would like to be in the cast but don't have
enough spare time for rehearsals and so on, you
could still star in our pre-amble video!

Questions? Contact us at info@wopa.me

Panto Production Team

Want to be involved but not keen on acting?

You can still help!

Why not help with costumes, scenery, directing,
producing, back stage, front of house?
Come along to find out more.

Tuesday 30th June 7 - 8.30pm

Questions? Contact us at info@wopa.me



WOPA Presents

Who killed the holiday rep?

Saturday 5th September 7.30pm



Work in tables of 6 to solve the mystery. Tickets include Dinner and Drinks. Over 18s only

The Recent Jazz Brunches



...with Nick Gill proved extremely
popular again, and we were honoured
to welcome Jazz Legend Bob Wilber to
the community centre for the last one of the season.

Thank you to Eggs Eggsetera for supplying the delicious
croissants, the church for lending us the coffee urn, and to
all the volunteers who helped make the events run so
smoothly.

Nick will be back again in Spring 2016: further details later in
the year

Beat the Boredom of the Summer Holidays with



Back by popular demand, StreetSports will be returning to West Oxford this summer offering FREE and FUN sports sessions for young people aged 8 to 13.

From Street Soccer, Basketball, Dodgeball, Table Tennis and much more, the programme offers a huge variety of sports sessions for young people to get stuck in to.

Starting 23rd July, sessions will take place every Thursday, 12noon – 2pm on the Multi Use Games Area (a.k.a. Sports cage) on Botley Park, behind West Oxford Community Centre.

These sessions are coordinated by Oxford City Council and are led by fully qualified sports leaders who have all been checked through the Disclosure & Barring Service.

For more information and details about the programme visit our website www.oxford.gov.uk/streetsports

or contact the team on
e: sportsdevelopment@oxford.gov.uk
t: 01865 252729

Interested in politics and economics?

If so, would you like to join a local discussion/study group based in West Oxford?

In a supportive environment, our aim is to equip ourselves to be better able to question mainstream economic ideas.

So far, we have based our discussions around a text (eg. 'What Money Can't Buy: The Moral Limits of Markets' by Michael Sandel and '23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism' by Ha-Joon Chang).

We try to relate our discussions to current political issues. For further information, please contact Linda (linda.arch@gmx.co.uk)

BOTLEY BOYS AND GIRLS FC



Botley Boys and Girls FC are actively seeking children of all ages to come and join the club as we move towards next season.

In particular, we invite current school year 4 children to join our existing U9's squad.

We are based at Fogwell sports field, just off the Eynsham Rd in Botley.

All are welcome boys, girls any ability.

Our signing day is to be held on the afternoon of Saturday 27th June from 1pm onwards

For more information contact

Brendan Byrne 07764 283 054

or

Jason Barley 07917 067 353

www.botleyboysandgirlsfc.co.uk

Twitter: [@BBandGFC](https://twitter.com/BBandGFC)

News from Low Carbon West Oxford (LCWO)



Funding for energy efficiency improvements

Financial assistance for energy efficiency improvements for homeowners and private renting tenants is still available. To check eligibility call Freephone 0800 107 0044 or email awn@nef.org.uk.

LCWO at the WOCA Fun Day

Come and visit our stand at the WOCA Fun Day and help us make a beehive for Hogacre Eco-Park. Tell us what help you need to reduce energy waste in your house and reduce your personal carbon footprint for a chance to win our prize draw.

Low Carbon Oxford Week 13th-21st June

Low Carbon Oxford Week is now coming to a close. LCWO joined other groups across the city and county to create a summer festival celebrating all things good and green in our city - we hope you found something to inspire you. The Week ends with the fantastic Tandem Festival from 19th-21st June at Hill End. The programme and tickets are available from <http://tandemfestival.com/>. Drop in for a day or stay for the whole festival!

The Hogacre Café is open every Sunday from 12-5pm from May to September serving delicious lunches and cakes made from ethically sourced ingredients in Oxford's only wind-powered café. It can be reached along the towpath from Osney Island or by road then on foot via Whitehouse Road, Grandpont.



St Frideswide and St Margaret's Summer Update

Please join us and Bee Friendly!

St Frideswide Church is planning to increase its capacity as a host space for bees and other pollinators. This is as part of the Friends of the Earth inspired and funded campaign *Create a Buzz*.

The wild flower meadows where bees gather much of their nectar and pollen are disappearing at a frightening rate: we have lost 97% of them in the past 60 years. 20 bee species in Britain have already become extinct and a quarter of those remaining are on the red list of threatened species.

Bees and other pollinators are vital to wildlife, plants and crops. And we know that without bees the entire food chain is under threat: for example 75% of our main food crops are pollinated by bees.

In tandem with a national campaign *The Bee Cause*, Friends of the Earth are working with local groups and communities to address the situation and to improve the environment for bees. In Oxford, local activist Jan McHarry is working with communities like ours to create a network of bee and pollinator corridors across the city. This will allow them to traverse the city and access sites where they can live and collect pollen and nectar. Key to creating this network are churchyards and grounds.

St Frideswide's grounds are already managed in line with organic principles and they do include flowering plants, trees and hedgerows that are bee friendly. But we would like to do more! So with the help and support of the *Creating a Buzz* campaign we are planning to increase the amount of bee friendly planting, promote awareness locally of the project itself and the plight of bee and pollinators and to encourage people in West Oxford to become involved and help with both planting and publicising the project.

WOCA, West Oxford Primary School and the Allotment Association are all signed providing a strong basis for a community partnership.

On Saturday 26th September, at our Michaelmas Fair, between 2 and 5pm, we will be holding a launch party, to which everyone is invited. This will be in the church grounds. And during the afternoon there will be workshops and information about plants, trees, bees and pollinators, afternoon tea and lots of fun and games.

To get involved or find out more please contact Anne James, 01865 725906 riverbank26@tiscali.co.uk

St Frideswide's, Botley Road (opposite the community centre)

Sundays 10.30 - Sung Eucharist

www.stfrideswideschurch.org.uk ☎ 242345

email revclare@btinternet.co.uk

St Margaret's, Binsey www.binseystmargaret.org.uk

9am Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month.

Evensong every Sunday at 4.30pm during BST.

Advertisement

Waitrose is Recruiting!

As you will have seen from the boarding on Botley Road, Waitrose is coming to town!

Waitrose are looking for 250 new Partners and vacancies go live from **Friday 26 June** - see below for details.

If you are interested in finding out more about the branch, or for roles which we will be recruiting, we would be delighted to see you at our Open Day on **Thursday 2 July** in the Town Hall from 12 noon to 7.30pm, which will be hosted by myself and fellow members of the team.

Alison Newell, Waitrose Ltd

Waitrose | John Lewis Partnership

The food's been delivered.

The wine's en route.

The doors are ready to open.

We're just waiting for **you**.

Supermarket/Catering Assistant opportunities A new Waitrose is coming to Botley Road, Oxford.

Our new supermarket will open its doors in Autumn 2015.

To help us get off to a great start, we're looking for people who share our passion for good food and delivering exceptional customer service to fill a range of retail job opportunities.

The store will offer opportunities in a variety of areas including: Hospitality Customer Café, Customer Catering, Food Service Counters, Customer Service and Replenishment.

You will be a flexible team player with a positive can do attitude.

From the moment you join us, you'll become a Partner in the business with a say in how it's run and a share in the profits.

The John Lewis Partnership operates without discrimination and embraces diversity; this is reflected in all that we do.

For more information and to apply please visit www.jlpjobs.com

News from the Jericho, Abingdon Rd, and WEST OXFORD Neighbourhood Police Team

Concerns About Anti-Social Behaviour

The police continue the partnership working with the community and Oxford City Council's Anti Social Behaviour Investigation Team to identify premises and individuals involved in drugs use, and disrupt and displace their activities.

If you have any information about drug dealing in the area, please call police on 101, email or speak to the Neighbourhood officers or call CRIMESTOPPERS on 0800 555 111.

Search Warrants

Two successful search warrants have been executed in the Botley Road area. In a simultaneous operation involving two search teams and anti-social behaviour officers, drugs were seized and arrests made. The suspects are on police bail and enquiries are ongoing. The police anti-social behaviour officer is in close liaison with the housing association that manages both of the properties, with a view to taking action against the tenants.

West Oxford Fun Day

Our team will be attending the Fun Day on Saturday 11th July and running a crime reduction stall. We look forward to seeing you there!



Foot Health Practitioner

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Day time and evening appointments

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andrew@shann.org
www.fantasticfeet.org

Can you help?



Street Reps help WOCA deliver this newsletter. We have most roads covered now—just Roger Dudman Way and Venneit Close currently remaining.

Sponsorship/Advertising do you have a bit of time to help get more sponsors and advertising for the newsletter? Would you like to place an ad with us? Would you like to place an ad in the programme for the Fun Day?

Have you got news for us? Our summer issue deadline is Friday 11 September. Leave copy at the Centre, email, or send via the WOCA website.

If you can help please contact us - details on page 2

Superb South Indian Fairly Traded Black Peppercorns at an amazing price!

This outstanding pepper is grown to organic standards in the Wynad Hills, in Kerala, South India, an area with an established reputation for producing fine quality pepper. The corns are hand-picked only once they are ripe, unlike most harvesting systems which simply pick every corn at one go.

I don't make any money out of selling the pepper, my involvement is simple and two-fold: I want other people to enjoy this wonderful pepper and I want to help secure the livelihoods of those who depend on the pepper. Pepper and other third world crops are very susceptible to fluctuations in the global markets, and many people's livelihoods depend on this pepper crop. The plantation employs some 90 locals (mainly tribal people who remain at the bottom of the caste system). And those employees in turn feed and support some 400 dependants between them.

The pepper is vacuum packed and has a shelf life of 3+ years.

It costs only £2.50 a packet (75g black, 50g white)

Available from Anne James

**26, Barrett St, New Osney, Oxford OX2 0AT
01865 725906 riverbank26@tiscali.co.uk**

WOCA COMMITTEE

Chair: Rebecca Huxley

Trustees: Matt Bird, Martin Bourne, Anne Clilverd, Vicky Hirsch, Rebecca Huxley, Gayle Lonergan, Jim McMahon, Geoff Morgan, 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!

NEWS from your Councillors

1. There have been reports of drug dealing in Oatlands Road recreation ground and under the bridge beside the community centre. If you see this happening, please call 999, since it is a crime in progress. If you can't phone till later, please report it on 101. The police need to build up a record of these sightings. In the meantime they and Council officers are patrolling more often.
2. There is a supervised group of "community payback" people in the area every Saturday, working out their community sentences. If you have ideas for jobs that need to be done, please contact Susanna.

Your Local Democratic Representatives

Your city councillors are:

Colin Cook, 12 Riverside Rd OX2 0HU Email cllrcook@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 **Nicola Blackwood**:

House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA Email nicola.blackwood.mp@parliament.uk
☎ 0207 219 7126 She also holds regular surgeries at the Community Centre.