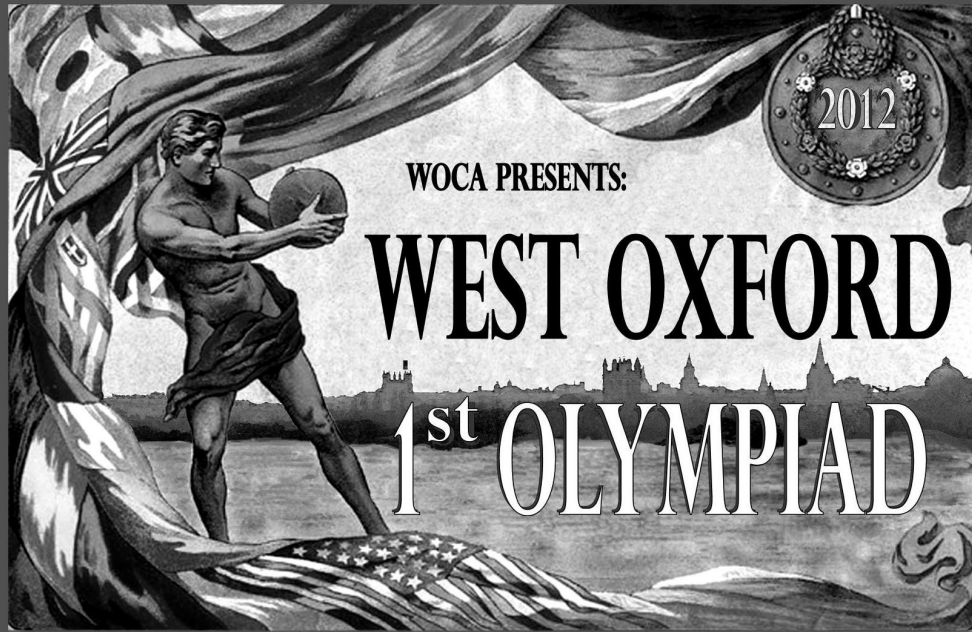


NEWSLETTER



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HELP US MAKE THE ABSURD OLYMPICS A RUN AWAY SUCCESS!

We've got some brilliant activities and games planned for this year's fun day, and we'll need lots of helpers to make sure that they all happen!

If you can spare as little as an hour's time to help with an activity, it will really make a difference to how much everyone enjoys the day, and you'll feel good about that!

Fancy helping with one of these c-r-a-z-y events?

- Standing Jump
- Welly Wanging
- Hobby Horse Racing
- Gurning
- Banging a Nail In
- Long Distance Egg Throwing
- Dry Synchronised Swimming
- Giant Jenga
- Blow Football
- Tug of War

If none of those grab you, there are lots of other ways you can help out - just get in touch with us at the centre! Thanks!

☎ 245761 or email westoxfordcc@gmail.com

SATURDAY 14TH JULY

1.00~5.00 PM

WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE

ABSURD OLYMPICS!

*Medals will be awarded!!

STANDING JUMP ~ DISCUS ~ NAIL BANGING ~
GURNING ~ (HOBBY) HORSE RACING ~ HUMAN
CURLING ~ HANDFUL OF PEGS ~ EGG THROWING ~
AND POSSIBLY MORE!

ALSO: LIVE MUSIC ~ GOOD FOOD ~ STALLS ~ BANNER
AND HOBBY HORSE MAKING ~ INFLATABLES ~
PONY RIDES ~ PARACHUTE GAMES



FOR MORE INFORMATION RING 245761 EMAIL WESTOXFORDCC@GMAIL.COM

Interested in regular paid work with our friendly, supportive team?

WOCA is looking to recruit a Centre Assistant to help on 3 regular weekday evenings (around 3.5 hours per week). You will need to be reliable, friendly, trustworthy, flexible, live reasonably close by and have the community's interest at heart. Duties include locking/unlocking the centre, basic admin tasks, dealing with enquiries, and cleaning. You'll be helping your community and meeting some lovely people!

For further information and an application form, ☎ 245761 or email westoxfordcc@gmail.com

WOT'S ON AT WOCC...



Weekly Updates on display in the Community Centre

Monthly Updates on community notice boards by 'Supersaver' and 'Cartridge World'

Badminton Club

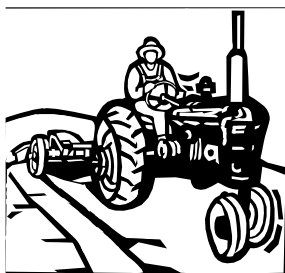
West Oxford now has its own badminton club! If you would like to join, please contact Tim Kiggell for more details ☎ 451761 or 07877 981453, email timothykiggell@gmail.com

Parent and Toddler Need more helpers! If you can help with organising, please contact the office.

Dead Batteries disposed of Free of Charge...

Over the last year 40 kilograms of batteries have been dropped off at the WOCC recycle point - good news for the landfills. You'll find the battery recycling box in the reception area.

Community & Farmers Market @ West Oxford Community Centre



Next Markets (1.00 – 5.00)

- Friday 6th July Guest author Ben Molyneux
- Friday 3rd August
- Friday 7th September
- Friday 5th October

Vegetables, bread, cakes, preserves, honey, rapeseed oil, Indian & Chinese Foods, milk, eggs, plants, crafts, community police, Zip Cars...and much more!

For more details contact Market Organiser

Caroline Casey 0779 5817718

caroline_casey@hotmail.co.uk



- Volunteers wanted
If you'd like to know more about the food business, fancy improving your barista skills or just have some free time you'd be willing to donate, the cafe is looking for volunteers! Shifts will be no more than two hours, as often or as little as you like, and you'll get a free meal in return. Contact Ailsa to put your name down.

- And finally...Calling all allotment holders - Bring any gluts of fruit and veg to the cafe and I'll swap them for a piece of cake.

Contact Ailsa on
07810 780820
or email

ailsa@woca-cafe.org.uk

**Open 10-5
Tuesday to
Friday.
Saturday 10-2**



Geoff the Caretaker is Crazy about the Fruit Cake

West Oxford Academy

The idea of West Oxford Academy is simple. Local residents meet once a week at the community centre cafe for a talk by a local resident on any topic, followed by a discussion and wine.

We will start the next programme in October and already have some interesting topics lined up including Cycling in Syria and Letters from India 1945 -1947.

If you would like to find out more or would be willing to contribute -or have a friend or neighbour who could give a talk - please contact me

Susan Hutchinson

Email allat42@gmail.com

☎ 792358

For any enquiries regarding WOCCA 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 Thursdays)

www.woca.org.uk

CHURCH NEWS

St Frideswide's, Botley Road

(opposite the community centre)

Sundays 10.30: Sung Eucharist; special Family Service on the first Sunday of each month
www.stfrideswidechurch.org.uk ☎ 242345

SUNDAY SCHOOL

ST FRIDESWIDE'S CHURCH
BOTLEY RD

2nd and 4th Sunday of each month
at 10.30am



Babies and children of all ages welcome
Crafts, Stories and More
Contact:
friendsofstfrideswides@gmail.com

St Margaret's, Binsey
www.friendsofbinsey.com

Holy Communion 9am,
first Sunday of the month.
Evensong 4.30pm every Sunday

Elim Church

84 Botley Rd

☎ 247746

e-mail: info@oxfordelim.com

- Sunday services
10.30 am including Sunday School for ages 3 -11
- Toddler Group
Mondays 10am - 12 noon £1 per family



West Oxford Pantomime Association

Did you enjoy Peter Pan? Would you like to be part of the next production in January 2013?

We are looking for anyone creative or handy! We need people to build and paint scenery, people to sew, deliver flyers and work backstage.

If you have time and energy and would like to be involved in any aspect of our next production please contact us on info@wopa.me

Budding thespians? Keep an eye on the website for news of forthcoming auditions - www.wopa.me

Low Carbon West Oxford

☎ LCWO on 07531500955

email: info@lcwo.org.uk

Grants of up to £500 for small environmental projects

Do you have an idea on how we can reduce our carbon emissions or improve our environment in West Oxford? Low Carbon West Oxford has a small pot of money available in 2012/13 to fund local projects which have an environmental and community/public benefit. Contact us for further details and an application form (see below)

General information and advice on saving energy and reducing energy costs

Free energy advice surgery to deal with householders' and tenants' specific enquiries about their homes. Please let us know if you would like to book a free 15 minute session at the next Bring & Take on 6th October.



WEST OXFORD C P SCHOOL

Ferry Hinksey Road

☎ 248862

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

www.westoxfordschool.co.uk

West Oxford Community Primary School would be delighted if anyone would like to join us for either our

Class 6 Play (on 17th July 1.30pm and 18th July 6.30pm) or our

Leavers' Assembly (on 20th July at 9.15am)

WOCA COMMITTEE

Chair: Rebecca Huxley

Trustees: Carol Brady, Sarah Day, Vicky Hirsch, Rebecca Huxley, Jim McMahon, Geoff Morgan, Sheila Parry, 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.

Small Ads—Help cover our costs, and increase your local business profile! To advertise in the newsletter (delivered to every household in West Oxford) please contact us

**Para's Fairly Traded South Indian Pepper
The 2011 consignment has arrived!**

These fiery peppercorns are grown to organic standards in Kerala, South India, an area with an established reputation for producing fine quality pepper. They are beautifully packaged in cotton bags similar to those used by the local tribal people. Vacuum packed with a shelf-life of three years, they make a wonderful present to yourself or others!

Each 200g (8 oz) bag and costs £5

**Available from Anne James
26, Barrett St, Oxford OX2 0AT
01865 725906 riverbank26@tiscali.co.uk**

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Quirky, different and all at the right price.

Come and have a look and get
10% off when you mention WOCA
We look forward to seeing you.

RAINBOW AND SPOON BOUTIQUE

22 PARK END STREET (OPP SAID SCHOOL)

Pushchair and bike friendly

Open Mon – Sat 10 – 5.30

Closed Tuesdays 01865 723492

BOOK GROUP

Small local group - relaxed monthly meetings - looking for additional members. Contact Linda,

☎ 52220. linda.arch@gmx.co.uk

Have you got news for us?

News for the September issue, deadline 14th September, can be left at the Community Centre or e-mailed to westoxfordcc@gmail.com We can also post your information on the WOCA website

Can you help? - WOCA is developing a system of Street Reps to help deliver this newsletter. We have most roads covered now, but there are still a few remaining:: Beckett Street, Bullstake Close, Gibbs Crescent, North Hinksey Lane, Osney Lane, Stanley Close, and Yarnell's Road If you can help, please contact the Community Centre - details page 2



Local Police News

Have Your Say Meetings

- Tuesday 10th July 2012 1430-1530 West Oxford School
- Saturday 14th July 2012 1200-1600 West Oxford Fun Day, Gazebo- crime reduction stall

Public Consultation Surveys – The results were discussed at the May 2012 Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) meeting. The three priorities that the NAG will work on to address over the next year were agreed as follows:

- Drug dealing and use
- Anti-social, drunken and rowdy behaviour
- Extended community engagement

Here are some of the statistics that have emerged:

- Of the 177 surveys returned, 41% had no concerns
- 37% know their local Police Officer or Police Community Support Officer by name or sight
- 76% feel safe in the JAW Neighbourhood
- 77% strongly or tend to agree that TVP and OCC are successfully tackling anti-social behaviour
- 40% had heard of the JAW NAG
- 40% want to receive the JAW NAG monthly newsletter

Other West Oxford News – The “QUIZ A COP” project is now running with year 5 and 6 students at all the primary schools in the Jericho, Abingdon Road and West Oxford area, starting at West Oxford School. The neighbourhood team is using this project as an extra strand of engagement with the community.

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.

They hold 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.