



NEWSLETTER



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WOCA presents~ **Jazz Café** at West Oxford Community Centre



Billie Holiday The unique voice of Jazz 11~12.30 Sat 19th May
Irving Berlin Prolific songwriter of the Jazz Age 11~12.30 Sat 16th June

Nick Gill

Nick Gill (piano and vocal refrains) will be giving the musically illustrated talks. www.classicjazz.co.uk

£4 Concert Tickets
Available from Eggs Etc.,
WOCA and on the door.

Book in advance to secure a seat!



The Community Cafe will be open, and Ailsa will be making a selection of hot and cold brunch dishes; freshly ground coffee and other drinks. All at reasonable prices.

West Oxford Fun Day Saturday July 14 2012

West Oxford Olympic Fun Day!



Would you like to get involved? You could...



CONTACT THE CENTRE IF YOU CAN HELP! (Contact details bottom of page 2)

Interested in regular paid work with our friendly team?

WOCA is looking to recruit a Centre Assistant to help on weekday evenings, for up to 6 hours a week. Successful applicants will need to be reliable, friendly, trustworthy, flexible, and have the community's interest at heart. Duties include locking/unlocking the centre, basic admin tasks, dealing with enquiries, and cleaning. Experience of work in a similar environment is desirable. For further information and an application form, call 245761 or email westoxfordcc@gmail.com
Deadline for applications: Monday 30 April.

WOCA COMMITTEE

Chair: Rebecca Huxley

Trustees: Carol Brady, Sarah Day, Vicky Hirsch, Rebecca Huxley, Lara Lambert, 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.

WOCA Community Supper and AGM

5.30 Sunday 13th May

Arrive to the magical piano stylings of Nick Gill, setting the scene for our near legendary Community Supper.

A brief AGM will follow the feasting, then more fun until 8pm

This event is FREE but to be sure there is enough food for everyone please sign the list at the Community Centre or West Oxford School or email westoxfordcc@gmail.com (with 'AGM' in the subject line) stating the number of places wanted for adults and children—by 7th May if possible. Please bring a pudding if you can! We look forward to seeing you...

WOT'S ON AT WOCC



West Oxford Community Centre

Weekly Updates on display in the Community Centre

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



Come and sing in
West Oxford's very own
"Messiah in a day"!

Sunday 1st July at the Community Centre.

Open to all West Oxfordians. No auditions.
With our own instrumentalists and a highly-
experienced and sympathetic local conductor.

Give your name & contact details to
fiona.hedges@virgin.net or to Jim McMahon or Carol Brady,
or add to the forms in Warland's & the Community Centre.

Funded by WOCA & the Ward Budget.

New Women's Jogging Group starting in April - meet at
the Community Centre, 6.30 on Mondays

Badminton Club coming soon - contact the office for details of
how to join

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

Tables available ~ to borrow for street parties this summer.
Please book in advance ~ as much notice as possible is appreciated.

West Oxford Academy

West Oxford Academy has just completed its 11th term and yet
again we covered an amazing range of topics. We're having a
summer break now but will be back in October with a new
programme - as long as we get speakers! If you or a friend or
neighbour would like to give a talk about a topic you find
fascinating please contact me.

Email allat42@gmail.com or ☎ 792358. Susan Hutchinson



News from Ailsa

Thank you to everyone for supporting the new café
- it's going very well with lots of positive feedback and happy customers!

To reflect this, and the busier afternoons, the opening hours will now be
extended to 10-5 Tuesday to Friday. Saturday will stay at 10-2 with a new
menu of brunch options, so come early and treat yourself to breakfast, and
maybe some of our new home-made ice cream!

- John Donne dinner
On 9 and 10 May the café will be open for dinner as part of a special
event with St Frideswide's church. Tickets are £15 for three courses and
include a glass of wine. Please book in advance at the café or contact Ailsa
on 07810 780820 or ailsa@woca-cafe.org.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
café 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 café and I'll swap them for a piece of cake.

Community Market

A new Community Market will be held at WOCA on the first Friday of each
month from 1pm - 5pm, starting on Friday 4th May. Stalls will include
Fair trade, Preserves, Honey, Eggs, Cupcakes, Natural handmade skincare
and spa products, jewellery. Community projects such as the car club and
the police community support will also be attending and they will be
undertaking bike safety and post coding. It is also hoped to have bread,
vegetables and meat. If you are interested in having a table then contact
Caroline Casey caroline_casey@hotmail.co.uk 0779 5817718. Please come
along and support this event and bring your friends.

Martial Art classes with a difference

Aikido has been described as 'the most effective thinking persons martial
art' - and with good reason. Aikido's positive philosophy, precise body
movements and practical application make it ideal for those who are
looking for something that yields greater personal satisfaction than can
ever be achieved in a gym or sports centre. It is non-competitive, with no
fighting, is great fun to learn, and is taught in a friendly environment.
Classes at the centre on Wednesdays, 8.00-9.00. For more information
please call Richard on 07773 982719 or visit www.shudokan-oxford.co.uk

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 Thursdays)
www.woca.org.uk

CHURCH NEWS

St Margaret's, Binsey

www.friendsofbinsey.com

Holy Communion 9am, first Sunday of the month.

Evensong 4.30pm every Sunday

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

Theatre, music and crafts at St Frideswide Church

Thursday 26th April 7.30pm Musical Banquet The Oxfordshire Early Music trio serve up a delectable menu of musical treats by Purcell, Gibbons and their English and European contemporaries, interspersed with colourful period anecdotes. All performed as the 17th and 18th century audience would have heard them. £5 including wine and nibbles.

Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th May 7.30pm The Monarch of Wit: a celebration of the life and mind of John Donne A beautifully crafted performance exploring Donne's witty and brilliant poems, his intimate letters, thundering sermons and profound and moving meditations, all through Donne's own words. £7.50 including wine and nibbles. See cafe news opposite for details of special post-performance dinners at the **Community Cafe**. James Clarkson, who plays Donne, joins us on 9th May.

Saturday 19th May 10 am ~ 4.30 pm Craft Fair and Gift Day with a range of crafts and demonstrations. Fresh herbs and cut flowers also on sale. Morning coffee, light lunches and afternoon teas served. To reserve a stall please email riverbank26@tiscali.co.uk

Thursday 31st May 2012. 7.30pm A Celebratory Concert for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee performed by the St James Singers. The Best of British Music for a Royal Jubilee Year comprised of songs, readings and anecdotes. £5 which including wine and nibbles Collection for Age UK (Oxfordshire) in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee.

Thursday 28th June 7.30pm Organist Armin Becker will be playing a programme of work that reflects his interest in little known classical composers, the interplay between jazz and tango, and the secular tradition of organ music. £5 including wine and nibbles.

Elim Church

Sunday services 10.30 am including Sunday School for 3-11 year olds

Toddler Group Mondays 10am - 12 noon £1 per family

☎ 247746 e-mail: info@oxfordelim.com Elim Church, 84 Botley Rd

West Oxford Matters

West Oxford Matters is our local community planning group. It meets two or three times a year to discuss concerns and positive things. It communicates these to the local councils, the police and other authorities. People have identified the following major concerns: congested and dangerous roads, the granting of planning permissions that do not take local views into account, major changes proposed for the Elms Parade complex, and crime and community safety.

Meetings are open to everyone. Please email fmelvin@tiscali.co.uk or ring 725906 if you would like to hear about the future meetings.

We have been encouraged by the local Councils to apply for an Active Communities grant to establish a network of **Community Guardians** across West Oxford. The Guardians would act as a link between WOM and their own patch. They would listen to what local people's concerns, share information on any planning applications or changes coming up and work as part of West Oxford Matters to put local people at the heart of shaping our community, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to have their say. The Guardians would receive support and mentoring, and each Guardian would have a small budget to spend in their area. If you would like to become a Guardian, please contact Stanley Skoglund at skogluns@hotmail.co.uk Ox 246001

Friends of West Oxford School - Centenary - 2013

The School will celebrate its centenary in 2013 and the Friends of the school would like to get in touch with as many former pupils as possible. We know lots of former pupils still live in the area and we would love to hear your tales, and see your old photos. We hope to produce a book of stories and photos, and would particularly love to see lots of former pupils at the grand summer party in 2013. Please email friendsofwestoxfordschool@hotmail.co.uk, or drop a note with your contact details into the school office addressed to the Friends Centenary Celebration Committee.

Low Carbon West Oxford - Another fun Bring & Take event

Over two hundred local people attended Low Carbon West Oxford's Bring & Take on Saturday 24th March at the community centre. They brought all sorts of stuff which they no longer needed and gave a new home to more than one thousand items. There were art activities, and pedal-powered machines blew bubbles and inflated a bin bag monster.

A local Police Community Support Officer was on hand to advise on bike security, record bike frame numbers or etch postcodes onto bikes. Zipcar (the car club which operates in West Oxford) came along to promote the benefits of having access to a car without the disadvantages of owning one.

LCWO's Food Group gave away seedlings and jam jars with chutney and pickle recipes. Delicious homemade cakes and refreshments were available from the new community café.

General information and advice on saving energy and reducing energy costs was available to all and there was a 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.

Call LCWO on 07531500955 or email: info@lcwo.org.uk



for all non-emergency enquiries



for emergencies

Neighbourhood Police Have Your Say Meetings

- Tuesday 24th April 1400-1530 West Oxford School
- Friday 4th May 1300-1500 West Oxford Community Centre (including property and cycle marking)
- Thursday 10th May 1800-1900 Westgate Stores, Botley Road
- Tuesday 15th May 1430-1530 West Oxford School

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 the Community Centre

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

We've Got It!

All the looks you could want from day through to night. Fabulous clothing, jewellery, bags, accessories and gifts.

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

Ed's Photo-shop

Are you happy with your snappies? This 1 day workshop will show you how to use a digital camera, transfer pictures to a PC, and much more....

West Oxford Community Centre 5th of May 10.00-16.00
(bring food to share) ehart@ruskin.ac.uk ☎ 341247

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, Prestwick Place, Stanley Close, Yarnell's Road

If you can help, please contact the Community Centre - details page 2

Triumphant Panto!

Karen Starr and Jo Coleman roped dozens of West Oxford households into their production of Peter Pan in January. They must have wondered if there was anyone left to be in the audience, but all four performances sold out well in advance. Alison Stibbe was a glorious Pan and Sophie Ruggiero exerted a deadly fascination as Hook. The hilarious Smee (Steve Jones) was no more able than the audience to resist the looming charms of Tiger Lily (Dave Molan). Delightful Darlings, Pirates, Indians, a fairy, a bus conductor and a crocodile appeared from every corner of the Community Centre's Main Hall. An army of volunteers provided direction, music, costumes, scenery, lighting and all the trimmings, and each performance ended with a rousing sing-song and tumultuous applause

Visit wocART's 10th Artweeks exhibition at WOCC

Saturday 12th May to Friday 18th May

This year the theme is 'Place'. Eight local artists and crafters show their work, including pieces interpreting the theme. Artists include regular favourites, and new guest exhibitors. Nearer the time look out for information about workshops and demonstrations

Bus Campaign

Following Dr Kearley & Partners' decision to close the West Oxford practice, patients want to ensure the best transport options are available to all those for whom a journey to Jericho will prove difficult. Working alongside Practice staff, we want to make the case to the bus companies for a new bus route between West and North Oxford.

If you are keen to support our campaign please sign a petition at <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/westnorthbus/> or contact Joel Lazarus on 01865 201244, joel_lazarus@hotmail.com.

Have you got news for us?

News for the June issue, deadline June 9th, can be left at the Community Centre or e-mailed to westoxfordcc@gmail.com We can also post your information on the WOCA website

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.