



## Exciting New Community Project! Peter Pan comes to the West End! (of Oxford)

### The West Oxford Pantomime A WOPA production



West Oxford Pantomime Association  
"Bringing us together"

## Auditions will be held on Thursday 20th October

Don't worry, it won't be scary! You don't need to prepare anything, we just want to meet you.

Audition forms and more information available from the West Oxford Community Centre or you can download it from [www.woca.org.uk](http://www.woca.org.uk)

You must bring your audition form along to the auditions.

Not interested in performing but still want to be part of this exciting new project? If you would like to be involved 'behind the scenes' please email us at [westoxfordcc@googlemail.com](mailto:westoxfordcc@googlemail.com) or come along to the auditions to meet us.

West Oxford Community Association  
is hosting a friendly

**HYSTERICAL HARVESTS –  
BRING YOUR ODDEST  
VEGETABLE  
AND MAKE US LAUGH!**

# Harvest Supper

Sunday 9th October  
5.30~8.00  
West Oxford Community Centre

The main course will be provided free  
but please bring a pudding to share and your  
own plate, bowl and cutlery.  
We look forward to seeing you there...

To be sure there is enough food for everyone please sign the list at the Community Centre or West Oxford School preferably before 1st October or email [westoxfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:westoxfordcc@gmail.com) (with "harvest supper" in the subject line) stating the number of places wanted for adults and children.

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## Woca Choca

The trustees of West Oxford Community Association have great pleasure in announcing their bi-annual WOCA CHOCA awards, presented to

**Pupinder Chatora, Sha-Nawaz Khan,  
Tim Kiggell, Fran Melvin, and Mary Timbrell**

in recognition of their outstanding services to the local community of West Oxford. Many thanks, and enjoy the chocs!

## WOCA COMMITTEE

**Chair:** Rebecca Huxley

**WOCA Trustees:** Sarah Day, Vicky Hirsch, Rebecca Huxley, Jim McMahon, Geoff Morgan, Sheila Parry, Louise Siddle, Lara Lambert, and Carol Brady

If you wish to contact the committee, they can be reached through the Community Centre.

**Grants** for community projects are available from the WOCA. Grants support projects beneficial to people in West Oxford, and for example can be in the form of help with rental of rooms at the Centre. Application forms are available from the Centre office or on the website at [www.woca.org.uk](http://www.woca.org.uk) We want to support you, let us know how we can help.

# WHAT'S ON AT ...



West Oxford Community Centre

Weekly Updates on display in the Community Centre

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

**Mondays:** Messy Play 9.30-11.30; Monkey Music 9.45-12.00; Chinese Older People 12.00 -3.00; Pilates 6.30-7.30; Zumba Class 8.30 - 9.30

**Tuesdays:** Gentle Moves Exercise for 50+ 10.00-11.00; Older Peoples' Lunch Club 11.30 - 1.30; Brownies 5.30-7.30; Tae Kwon Do 7.30-9.00; Yoga 8.15 - 9.30

**Wednesdays:** Zumba Class 12.30 - 1.30; Saltbox Music Co 1.45-2.45; Perform Workshops 3.30 - 6.00; Woodcraft Pioneers 6.00 -7.30; Hatha Yoga 6.30 - 7.30; Overeaters Anonymous 7.30-8.45; Aikido 8.00 - 9.00

**Thursdays:** Chinese Happy Place 1.00 - 3.00; West Oxford Elfins 6.00 - 7.30; Oxford Spiritist Study Group 8.00 - 9.30

**Fridays:** Parent & Toddlers 9.30-11.15; Elms Road English Conversation Group 9.30-11.00; Hilary's Music 10.45-11.45; Elms Rd Baby Group 11.30-12.30; Baby Clinic 12.30-1.30; Elfins 5.45-7.15; Christians for Mission 6.15-9.15; Bingo 7.00-9.00; Alcoholics Anonymous 7.45 - 9.30

**Saturdays:** Russian Classes 10.00 - 12.00; Qi-Gong 10am-1pm (last Saturday of month); City Councillors' Surgery 11.00-12.00 (third Saturday of month); Tai Chi 2.00 - 3.00

**Sundays:** Arabic Classes 10.00—4.00; Tae Kwon Do 11.30am-1pm; Citywide Family Church of God 1.30-3.30pm; Narcotics Anonymous 4.30-7pm; Karate 6.30-7.30pm

## Family Yoga fundraiser in aid of Alzheimer's Society

For children, parents, carers and grandparents (age 3-103 years)

A one hour fun yoga class with easy stretches, a story told with simple yoga poses, some noisy games finishing with some quieter stuff and a bit of relaxation.

11am, Saturday 5th November 2011, West Oxford Community Centre  
Cost: £12 per family or £5 per person

All profits to go to the Alzheimer's Society, the leading research and support charity for people living with dementia and their carers. Limber up, have fun, join us in leading the fight against dementia!

No experience necessary. All children to bring an adult with them please. Wear loose comfortable clothing and don't eat a huge breakfast before you come.

To book a place or further info please call Annabel Dunstan on 07790 216 441.

**Alzheimer's Society**

Leading the fight against dementia

## West Oxford Community Centre Café

The community cafe has been running under the stewardship of My Life My Choice for about 18 months, and in many ways it has been a constructive phase in the cafe's development. WOCA has learned a great deal from the experience, and is now considering how to develop the cafe further, and with whom. The cafe is currently closed while WOCA carry out this process. If you would like to be involved, or have any comments, please do get in touch - contact details on the bottom of this page.

Ever dreamt of running a community cafe?

Interested in working in partnership with WOCA, so that we can create a special place for the West Oxford community?

Have you got commitment, expertise, enthusiasm, energy?

Then please contact the trustees, c/o the Community Centre.

## West Oxford Academy

- will be back on Tuesday 18 October at 8pm in the community centre café with the first of eight talks. This term's line up looks as exciting and varied as ever! Forthcoming attractions include talks about Palestine, the Soviet Union, digital publishing and two Australian themed talks.

If you would like to find out more then please don't hesitate to contact Susan Hutchinson via email on [allat42@gmail.com](mailto:allat42@gmail.com) or give me a ring on 01865 792358.

## Sport at the Centre

Visitors may have noticed that the hall has had a 'makeover' during the summer! The resurfaced floor and new net to protect the ceiling tiles mean that the hall can now be used for a wider range of activities, especially indoor sport. We have lines marked for badminton, indoor football, and basketball training. If you would like to get involved in organising a club or activity in the hall, let us know. Meantime, we will be contacting people who already expressed an interest in badminton, to organise how they can book games.

**Community Centre Tables** - are available for community events: if you are interested in borrowing them, please contact the office.

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

Email Keith on 01865 245761  
[westoxfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:westoxfordcc@gmail.com)  
Call in! Office usually open Monday - Friday, 1.30 - 6.30 (except Tuesdays)

Farmers' Market?

Sport Session?

[www.woca.org.uk](http://www.woca.org.uk)

## West Oxford Matters

Our local community planning group invites you to an important meeting

### West Oxford: The Future

Huge changes are being proposed for our area in relation to developments and transport.

Come and have your say and tell the planners and councillors your views.

**6 ~ 8 pm on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> October**

At St Frideswide Church, Botley Rd (opposite the community centre)

*Tea, Coffee or a glass of wine will be served at the start of the meeting.*



## WEST OXFORD C P SCHOOL

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Website: [www.westoxfordschool.co.uk](http://www.westoxfordschool.co.uk)

All are very welcome to our Harvest Assembly - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15 a.m. in the school hall.

We are always pleased to receive offers of help – just call 01865 248862 if you would like to volunteer.

## Low Carbon West Oxford News

Enjoy a local harvest weekend on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October

- Bring your unwanted goods (in good condition please) to swap at Low Carbon West Oxford's Autumn Bring & Take at West Oxford Community Centre on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Lots of other activities including pressing apples, pedal powered smoothie making, vegetable competitions (the biggest pumpkin and marrow and the funniest-looking vegetable), plus tips on how to save money and cut your carbon emissions. Further details available on community noticeboards and on our website: [www.lowcarbonwestoxford.org.uk](http://www.lowcarbonwestoxford.org.uk)
- And come and join in the Hogacre Harvest Festival from 12 – 4 pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Traditional crafts, games, art activities, local food and drink. All ages welcome. Location: Hogacre Common Eco Park, off the Abingdon Road, past SOAP and over the railway bridge. West Oxford and South Oxford residents and others are working together here to turn a former college sports ground into a woodland and recreational space for both communities. Look out for further publicity soon or email [hugocrombie@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hugocrombie@tiscali.co.uk)

### St Frideswide's with Binsey (Church of England) (opposite WOCA) ☎ 242345

Sung Eucharist every Sunday at 10.30am. First Sunday of each month is a family service: hot chocolate with marshmallows afterwards!

On 23rd October we will celebrate St Frideswide, for her Patronal Festival.

On Sunday 2nd October the service will not be at St Frideswide but at 10.30am at SS Peter & Paul Botley, joining with them to celebrate Fr Rodney Hill's 5th anniversary of his ordination

St Frideswide Church Organ Recitals on the restored Hunter organ

29th September Malcolm Pearce ~ The English Organist

27th October Dan Chambers

24th November Greg Wheele ~ work by Handel, Bach, and Cesar Frank

All start at £7.30pm £5 on the door which includes wine and nibbles

### St Margaret's, Binsey

traditional Holy Communion, the first Sunday of each month at 9am

### Saturday 8th October 10.00 am ~ 12.30 pm. Family Bat & Eco-Event

Come and join naturalist Owain Hegarty in the St Frideswide's church grounds and have fun:

Insect hunting looking for batty food

- Make a bat mask
- Help birds over winter and make a bird feeder.
- Bring a picnic to have in the grounds after the workshop
- Visit our sister church St Margaret's Binsey to use what you have learned to explore the wildlife, trees and flowers there.

A free event with a suggested donation of £2

Children must be accompanied by an adult

**Elim Church ☎247746 84 Botley Rd [info@oxfordelim.com](mailto:info@oxfordelim.com)**

Sunday services 10.30 am.

Sunday School for 3-11 year olds runs during the service.

Toddler Group Mondays 10.00 - 12.00 - For parents, carers and the little ones they look after. £1 per family to cover refreshments

**Small Ads**—Help cover our costs, and increase your local business profile! To advertise in the newsletter (delivered across West Oxford) please contact the Community Centre (minimum £10 per advert )

### RAINBOW & SPOON BOUTIQUE

We are your local independent shop, right on your doorstep.

Full of stylish and contemporary clothing, fabulous jewellery and an extensive range of accessories, bags, scarves and unique and original gift ideas, and all at the right price!

Mention "WOCA" for 10% discount

Open Mon - Sat 10 - 5.30 closed Tuesdays

Bike and pushchair friendly opp. rail station/said school

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www.rainbowandspoon.com

### Corinne's Cakes

Bespoke cake designer based in Cumnor, Oxfordshire.

I create cakes and cupcakes for all occasions, so if you'd like to make your occasion that little bit more special do get in touch.

I will work to your requirements to create the perfect cake whether it's for a birthday, christening, wedding, or any other occasion.

cakes@corinnes-cakes.co.uk

www.corinnes-cakes.co.uk

## Can You Help?

**WOCA** is developing a system of **Street Reps** to help deliver this newsletter in their area. We still need to cover the following roads: Beckett Street, Botley Road up to Ferry Hinksey Road, Bullstake Close, Doyley Road, East Street, Ferry Hinksey Road, Gibbs Crescent, Lamarsh Road, North Hinksey Lane, North Street, Osney Lane, Osney Mead, Prestwick Place, Roger Dudman Way, South Street, Stanley Close, Swan Street, West Street, Yarnell's Road

Can you help? Please contact the Community Centre - details on page 2

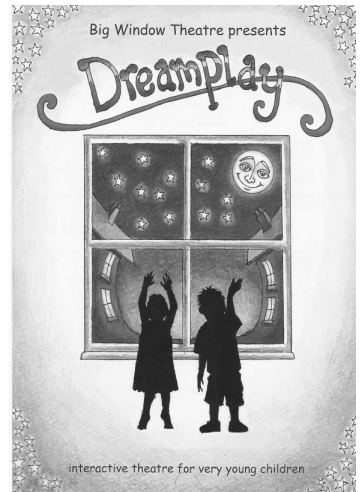
## At West Oxford Community Centre 3.30pm, 30th October:

It's night time. The moon is up. Yasmin and Sam reach across the dark, and slip into a world of dreams...

DreamPlay is interactive theatre for very young children and their families, which aims to stimulate imaginative play through creative story-telling, as the children are gradually drawn into a magical, playful world, where dreams appear out of nowhere and they themselves become part of the story...

DreamPlay is suitable children aged 2 to 4 years and their families.

Running time: 50 minutes (approx)



Group Music Session for 0-4 years  
Percussion! Props! Puppets! World Music!

West Oxford Community Centre

WEDNESDAYS 2pm

Booking Essential

01993 704207

www.saltboxmusic.co.uk



### Come to Messy Play

Bring your 2-4 year old and do something arty-crafty. A different activity every week during term time. Monday 9.30-11.00 at West Ox. Community Centre. Programme on the Community Centre notice board. Pay as you go £2.50 including a drink and a biscuit! Info? Contact Vicky 724315 vicky.hirsch@virgin.net This is a group supported by WOCA

### Do you have some news for us?

News for the December issue, deadline 21/11/11, can be left at the Community Centre or e-mailed to westoxfordcc@gmail.com You can also email us local information to appear on the WOCA website

### Every Wednesday — term times only

Watch your child's self esteem soar with Perform's unique drama, dance and singing classes - for 4-8 year olds.

**perform**<sup>®</sup>  
watch your child shine

Our weekly classes at West Oxford Community Centre will work wonders for their confidence, concentration and social skills as well as giving them the best fun they'll have all week.

Book a FREE class today. Call 0845 400 4000 or visit perform.org.uk, quoting West Oxford Community Centre

## Your Local Democratic Representatives

Your city councillors are:

**Colin Cook**, ☒ 12 Riverside Rd OX2 0HU

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**Susanna Pressel**, ☒ 7 Rawlinson Rd OX2 6UE

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Susanna is also your county councillor.

They hold a Ward Surgery on the third Saturday of each month from 11.00 until 12 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.