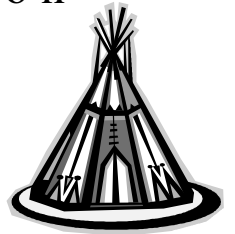


NEWSLETTER



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West Oxford Weekend of the Year 2011 - Help Make it One to Remember!

Saturday is Fun Day

On the 16th, we want to have a great celebration of a great community - and to do that we need your help!

We need lots more volunteers to help us prepare, to staff stalls and activities, and to clear up afterwards.

As well as helping out, it's a lovely way of meeting other local people, and you'll have some great memories!

Please give generously to help make the event a fantastic success!

Contact the Centre (see next page for details) or any member of the committee.

Sunday is Binsey Fete

...on SUNDAY 17th JULY from 12 noon on the village green. Famous Chicken Beauty Contest, Children's Sports and Children's Fancy Dress.

Delicious cakes and roast Gloucester Old Spot very-kindly-reared pig, as well as live music and plenty of stalls. Fun for all. In aid of St. Margaret's Church Binsey, and local charities.

WOCA PRESENTS:

WILD WEST OXFORD

Funday

SAT 16TH JULY
1-5PM BOTLEY PARK

Featuring THE ARIZONA RENEGADES LIVING HISTORY GROUP

PONIES * CIRCUS SKILLS * DOG SHOW * LIVE MUSIC * FOOD * STALLS * WATER SLIDE * "GOLD" PANNING * CRAFT ACTIVITIES*

£1 ENTRY

CHILDREN, COWBOYS, SQUAWS AND BRAVES FREE!

FOR MORE INFORMATION RING 245761 EMAIL WESTOXFORD@GMAIL.COM

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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 We want to support you, let us know how we can help.

WHAT'S ON AT ...



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; Belly Dancing 6.30-8.30; 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; ESOL 7.00 - 8.00; 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; Woodcraft Pioneers 6.00 -7.30; Hatha Yoga 6.30 - 7.30 (term starts again in September); Overeaters Anonymous 7.30-8.45; Aikido 8.00 - 9.00

Thursdays: Chinese Happy Place 1.00 - 3.00; Elfins 6.00 - 7.30; Elfins 6.00 - 7.30; Spiritism Group 8.00 - 9.30

Fridays: Parent & Toddlers 9.30-11.30; English Class 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: Qi-Gong 10am-2pm (last Saturday of month); City Councillors' Surgery 11.00-12.00 (third Saturday of month); Tai Chi 2.00 - 3.00

Sundays: 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

ESOL Classes

WOCA sponsors classes in English for Speakers of Other Languages
 Classes happen every Tuesday, 6.30 - 7.30 at the Centre.
 Contact Mahwish Qamar, 07536 309958

Blood Donors

Next sessions: Wednesday 24 August
 1:30 — 3:30 and 4:15— 7:30
 Please give generously!

Tai Chi Sessions for Beginners

Saturdays, 2.00—and come and join us at the Fun Day!



Wifi @ Warp Speed @ WOCC

Come and try out our new, super-improved wifi setup at the centre. Wifi is now available in every room at the centre, and the signal is excellent!

As a UK Online Centre the cafe also offers informal, friendly support with using the internet—see page 3 for details.

Introduction to Cupcake Decorating Workshop

Saturday 30th July, 10am - 1pm £30 (cupcakes and materials supplied)

Learn a variety of decorating techniques including piping buttercream, stencilling rolled fondant and making sugar paste decorations. For more details visit www.burlesquebakery.co.uk or contact **Burlesque Bakery** at info@burlesquebakery.co.uk. Places are limited so book early!

Street Sport Lights and Sport at the Centre

Over the winter we had a few requests to turn on the floodlights on the Street Sports Area behind the centre. The lights are owned by Oxford City Council, but they no longer work, and there are currently no plans to replace them. WOCA considered taking on responsibility for the lights, but the cost (£25,000) of replacing and maintaining them was beyond our means. We will continue to work with other interested organisations who might be able to fundraise for the lights. Meantime, work planned for the hall will offer more opportunities for indoor sport next winter.

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 Tuesdays)

Farmers' Market?

Pantomime?
www.woca.org.uk



West Oxford Community Centre Café

Opening Hours: 10 – 4 Monday to Friday

MONDAY and TUESDAY Internet Cafe

My Life My Choice volunteers are here to help train people to use the internet with our new **online centre.**

There are a selection of Teas and Coffee, pastries and our homemade cakes available.

Please feel free to come along for more information. or contact us on 07415-541-592

WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY/FRIDAY

The Cafe is open for a wide selection of Hot and Cold Drinks, Sandwiches , Cakes and **Lunchtime daily specials.** With warmer weather a selection of ice cream and lollies.

'My Café' is run and managed by **My Life My Choice** serving delicious meals, drinks and snacks

Conference Catering:
We offer competitive catering for meetings or full day conferences.

Please contact Carla Bailey on for details on price and menu.

Email mycafe@mylifemychoice.org.uk
☎ 01865 204214 or 07415-541-591
...or call in when we're open

TUESDAY LUNCH CLUB

...for over 65s, 11.30 -1.30

Two course meal with Tea or Coffee only

£3.00!

Lunch is either, soup with sandwich, or a main, followed by a pudding or slice of cake and your choice of tea or coffee.



WEST OXFORD CP SCHOOL

Ferry Hinksey Road OXFORD OX2 0BY

All very welcome to these summer events:

Year 6 final production- Wednesday 13th July 1.30 p.m.& Thursday 14th July 6 p.m.
Final Leavers' Assembly- Friday 22nd July 9.10 a.m.

OPT in! At Oxford Playhouse

OPT in! members get free, £5 and £10 tickets to most shows in our programme. They also get free backstage tours, access to special events, and discounts at local shops, cafes, etc.

Businesses signed up to OPT in! include:

Nando's; The Nosebag; Accent Hairdressers; The Cycle Centre; Fudge Kitchen; The Big Bang; Anne Veck Hair; Combibos; OUP Bookshop

Members receive emailed updates about the available shows, discounts etc.

So how do people become members?

All they need to do is come to the ticket office at Oxford Playhouse with valid ID and a passport sized photograph and they will receive an OPT in! card that they must bring with them when they come to see a performance.

The cards cost £1 and are valid until they turn 26. If they do not have a hard copy of a picture they can email one to optin@oxfordplayhouse.com and collect their card after 24 hours.

CHURCH NEWS

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

St Frideswide's, Botley Road (opposite WOCA)

Sundays 10.30: Sung Eucharist

1st Sunday of the month: Family/children's service, with hot chocolate and marshmallows!

Tuesday 7.00pm & Thursday 12.30: Said Eucharist

St Margaret's, Binsey

2nd and 4th Sundays of the month:

9.00am: Said Eucharist

3.30pm: Evensong (during British Summer Time)

Interested in finding out more and supporting St Frideswide's and St Margaret's Churches? Become a friend! For more details ☎242345, email friendsofstfrideswides@gmail.com visit www.friendsofbinsey.com...or find more details in the churches

Elim Church ☎247746 84 Botley Rd 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)

Para's Fairly Traded South Indian Pepper

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. They are vacuumed packed with a shelf-life of three years. And they make a wonderful present to yourself or to others!

The 200g (8 oz) bags cost £5

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

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Write and self-publish a book with the help of an experienced, locally-based writer/editor. Life story/memoirs, for grandchildren — Family history, as a gift for relatives and friends — Or a business book to boost your career, profile, and profits. I am a non-fiction specialist; other work considered. I can help develop your ideas, check/sort out drafts, and help you navigate through all the publishing choices and into print.

Contact: Robert Bullard - Tel. 01865 423785
rbullard@fsmail.net
www.howtowritebook.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: Abbey Road, Beckett Street, Botley Road up to Ferry Hinksey Road, Bullstake Close, Cripsey Road, Doyley Road, Duke Street, Earl Street, 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



Would you like to help make West Oxford even more beautiful ?

Would you like to see more birds, butterflies and bees in our area? Are there little bits of land near you near you which you could make into a wildlife area eg a cemetery, or waste ground? If you are interested in doing this contact Hugo Crombie, Low Carbon West Oxford's tree and wildlife co-ordinator, 01865 721791.

Plastering and General Building Work.

Free Estimates. Please contact Brian on 07957 315303

West Oxford Academy will be back in October and We Need Speakers!

West Oxford Academy has been running since 2006. We meet during the autumn and winter in the Community Centre Cafe once a week to hear a talk by a local resident. The talks cover an amazing range of topics: last term they ranged from Oxford's dual cycling network; Romania; The Bletchley Park Story; The English language; Thomas Jefferson; The Cutteslowe walls; The subversive stitch; to the Origins of the Spanish Civil War

We need speakers if the Academy is to continue.

If you'd like to attend, or you could offer a talk about a subject you love, please get in touch. Come and see us at the Fun Day, or email me, Susan Hutchinson, at allat42@gmail.com, or drop a note in at 42 West Street.

Do you have some news for us?

News for the September issue, deadline 12/9/11, can be left at the Community Centre or e-mailed to westoxfordcc@gmail.com

If you would like local information to appear on the WOCA website, please send it to webmaster@woca.org.uk

West Oxford Democrats Club, Osney Island

New members welcome

- Bingo every Tuesday and Sunday starting at 8.00pm
- Dance Hall for hire
- We hold Skittles evenings, summer BBQ's, Quiz Nights, Disco's, Race Nights etc
- Weekly Games including Darts, Pool, Bar Billiards and Aunt Sally

For further information please telephone 01865 247806



HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

(Preferably walking distance of Park End Street)

GOOD RATES OF PAY

Telephone Stuart on 07821 573731
stuart@minervaenglishacademy.co.uk

www.MinervaEnglishAcademy.co.uk

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.

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.