

# NEWSLETTER

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## Regular Activities

**Mondays:** Messy Play 9.30-11.30am; Monkey Music 9.45-12pm; Chinese Older People 12 noon-3pm; Pilates 6.30-7.30pm; Belly Dancing 6.30-8.30pm; Samatha Meditation 8.15-10.15pm

**Tuesdays:** Easy Exercise for 50+ 10.00-11am; Post-natal Pilates 11.45-12.45pm; Brownies 5.30-7.30pm; Tae Kwon Do 7.30-9pm; Yoga 8.00—9pm

\*New Session\* French Class 7.00 - 8.15

**Wednesdays:** Saltbox Music Co 1.45-2.45pm; Woodcraft Pioneers 6-7.30pm; Aikido 8-9pm; Overeaters Anonymous 7.30-8.45pm

\*New Session\*: Yoga 6.30 - 7.30

**Thursdays:** Chinese Happy Place 1-3pm; Dance Academy 4.30-5.45pm; Elfins 6-7.30pm

\*New Session\* French Class 7.00 - 8.15

\*New Session\* Oxford Spiritist Study Group 8.00—9.30

**Fridays:** Parent & Toddlers 9.30-11.30am; Asian Women's Group 9.30-11am; Hilary's Music 10am-12 noon; Mother and Baby 11.30am-12.30pm; Baby Clinic 1-2.30pm; Elfins 5.45-7.15pm; Bingo 7-9pm; Kickboxing 7.30-8.30pm; Alcoholics Anonymous 7.45-9.30pm

**Saturdays:** Qi-Gong 10am-2pm (last Saturday of month) City Councillors' Surgery 11.00-12.00 (third Saturday of month)

**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

## Interested in Occasional Paid Work?

West Oxford Community Association is looking to recruit a pool of **Locum Caretakers and/or Administrators** to cover periods of leave taken by permanent centre staff.

Successful applicants will need to be reliable, flexible and available! - particularly at evenings and weekends. Duties for may range from locking/unlocking the centre, and cleaning, and performing basic admin tasks, dealing with enquiries etc.

Experience of working in a similar environment is desirable. Employed on a zero hours contract basis, as and when required.

For a copy of the job description, further information about the post and an application form, please phone West Oxford Community Centre on 245761 or email [westoxfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:westoxfordcc@gmail.com). Deadline for applications: Monday 11 October.

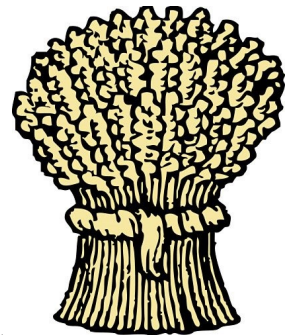
## Harvest Supper

WOCA and My Life My Choice are jointly hosting a friendly Harvest Supper on

Sunday 10 October 5.30—8.00.

Children welcome.

Main course will be provided, but please bring a pudding to share!



## Oxfordshire Theatre Company presents:



# Vertigo

by Jonathan Holloway

**8:00, Saturday 2 October 2010** (doors open 7.30)

**Tickets £8.00/£6.00 concessions**  
Available in advance from the centre office and on the night

Made famous by the Alfred Hitchcock film, experience the stage play about a man trapped by his past and crippled by his fear of heights ...Oxfordshire Theatre Company is pleased to present this psychological crime thriller of deception and intrigue. Join Dr Jacques Ballard as he introduces the fascinating case of Roger Flavieres, a man whose compelling story of obsession, murder, manipulation and deceit will have you on the edge of your seat. The production promises to exceed Oxfordshire Theatre Company's continued reputation for quality touring work. All proceeds to WOCA.

**Contains some adult content, recommended not suitable for under 14 years**



## \*NEWS\*

### Consultation on Centre Development -

#### Your Views Count!

WOCA is gathering views on what (particularly local) people need and want from the West Oxford Community Centre.

We are currently consulting people on what they would like to see the same or different at the centre. Surveys are available at the centre, or you can fill the survey in online at the WOCA website.

The survey closes on Monday 27 September.

If you would like any more information about the consultation and plans, please contact Keith at the centre.

#### Fun Day

The Fun Day was a lovely event with a good turnout from the local community. Many thanks to all who helped make it a success.

We are starting to think about next year's extravaganza, so if you have anything to feed back from this year, or would like to be more involved, contact Keith at the centre, or any of the WOCA committee.



### New/Upcoming Activities

- **French Classes**

Do you want to brush up on your French? Or maybe you are a beginner wanting to give it a go!

Why not join French classes at the West Oxford Community Centre taught by a qualified (PGCE) native speaker in a fun and relax atmosphere?

Classes take place on Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7.00 to 8.15.

**Free taster session on Tuesday the 21th of September! SIGN UP NOW!**

Contact Xavier Schoenmaeckers:  
xschoenmaeckers@aol.com ☎07928 941759

- **Yoga**

In addition to the long-running class on Tuesdays run by Emma Dashwood, this term brings a new class on Wednesdays at 6.30 run by Joanna Jeczalik, starting on 15 September. See the WOCA website for details.

The next **Neighbourhood Action Group** meeting will be on 30 September from 6-7pm. Come and meet your local community police and raise any issues. The community police also hold regular 'Have Your Say' meetings in the community centre cafe: keep an eye on the website/notice boards for details.

The next **Blood Donors** sessions will be on Thursday 28 October 2010, 1:30 – 3:30 and 4:15– 7:30. Please give generously!

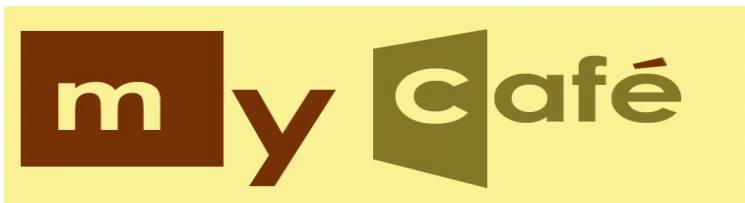
The next **Central, South and West Area Committee** meeting at the centre is planned for Tuesday 14 December. Come along and have your say.

**West Oxford Matters** is our local community planning group. The next meeting will be in early or mid October at West Oxford Community Centre. All welcome. For more details, please contact Anne James:  
☎725906 email riverbank26@tiscali.co.uk

**For any enquiries regarding the use of the centre** ☎Keith on 01865 245761

Email [westoxfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:westoxfordcc@gmail.com) ☎Call in! Office usually open Mon - Fri 1pm - 6pm (except Tuesdays)  
Our programme of activities is updated weekly at [www.woca.org.uk](http://www.woca.org.uk) ...or on display in the Community Centre

...or on the community notice boards outside the centre; opposite 'Warlands'; and outside 'Cartridge World'



**West Oxford Community Centre Café now open!**

**Opening Hours: 12 – 5 Wednesday to Friday**

'My Café' is run and managed by local self-advocacy group **My Life My Choice**, serving delicious meals, drinks and snacks

**Conference Catering:**

**My Café can also provide catering for your event.**

**Email** [mycafe@mylifemychoice.org.uk](mailto:mycafe@mylifemychoice.org.uk)

**☎** 01865 204214

...or call in when we're open

## **News from the Neighbourhood Police Team**

Nine of the neighbourhood's licensed premises were subjected to alcohol test purchasing operations early in August, with the help of underage volunteers, special constables and licensing staff. All premises passed except one. This is a marked improvement on previous operations and is a reflection of all the hard work by the team and licensing dept. to raise awareness of premises supervisors on how to avoid underage sales. If you have any concerns about a licensed premises please contact us.

A great deal of police resources and time is being spent investigating disturbing reports of the targeting of a popular local business. These reports are undoubtedly having a significant impact on the local community members, many of whom are showing great support for the proprietor. In addition to the detailed investigations being conducted by the officers in the case, there is ongoing forensic work and both plain clothes and uniformed reassurance patrols.

Crime reduction advice: Invest in window and door locks and call for any crime reduction advice on 0845 8 505 505. At present we are asking local bicycle shops to participate in marking bikes in store and issuing security advice for bike owners to assist with reducing crime.



## **CHURCH NEWS**

### **St Frideswide's with Binsey (Church of England)**

**Autumn Organ Recitals on the magnificent restored Hunter Organ**

**Mark Purcell (Oriel College, Oxford) - Thursday 23 September**

**Dan Chambers (St Barnabas', Oxford) - Thursday 28 October**

**Michael Harris (St Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh) - Thursday 25 November**

All at 7.30pm.  
Admission £5 -  
includes a glass of wine  
or juice and nibbles.

We are also keen to hear from organists and budding organists, and from choirs who would like to use the organ. Contact Anne James 01865 725906 [riverbank26@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:riverbank26@tiscali.co.uk)

**Fun mornings for children under 12 - both free!**

Saturday 2 October (Making Things for Harvest), at West Oxford Community Centre

Saturday 11 December (Making Things for Advent and Christmas), in St Frideswide's Church.

**St Margaret's, Binsey**

Holy Communion 9am 1st and 3rd Sundays, and evensong 3.30pm every Sunday during British Summer Time.

**St Frideswide's, Botley Road:**

Holy Communion at 10.30am on Sunday, 7pm on Tuesday, & 12.30pm on Thursday

### **Elim Church**

Sunday services 10.30 am. Sunday School for 3-11 year olds runs during the service.

Toddler Group Mondays 10am - 12 noon - A group for parents and carers and the little ones that they look after. £1 per family to cover refreshments.

☎ 247746 e-mail: [info@oxfordelim.com](mailto:info@oxfordelim.com) Elim Church, 84 Botley Rd

## WOCA NEWS

### Committee

**Chair**—The committee is currently undergoing a review of the chair's role.

**Committee Members:** Sarah Day, Kelly Faye, Vicky Hirsch, Rebecca Huxley, Jim McMahon, Miranda Miller, Geoff Morgan, Sheila Parry, Anna Pearson, Martin Rush, Louise Siddle.

**Grants** for community projects are available from the Community Association. Application forms are available from the Centre office or on the website. We want to support you, let us know how we can help. The only absolute requirement is that grants must benefit local residents.

### ADVANCE NOTICE

**West Oxford: From Saxons to Superstores**  
Saturday 5 February 2011, 9.15 am to 3.15 pm

A one day course on the history and development of West Oxford organised by the Oxford University Department of Continuing Education at Rewley House, Wellington Square, Oxford.

This course is open to all - you do not need to have any connection with Oxford University.

From the western gate of the castle to the modern day city boundary, this area contains some of Oxford's most important sites – the monastic houses of Rewley and Osney, the suburb of St Thomas's and the site of significant industrial and commercial activity. This day school will explore some of the main themes in the development of this historic area outside the city walls and its relationship to the city within.

Early booking recommended! See the WOCA website for further details.

## Solar Panels

I would like to hear from other people in West Oxford who are considering installing PV solar panels; to explore whether there are enough people to make a group purchase and reduce costs, with the advice/support of Low Carbon West Oxford.

Please contact Vicky Hirsch:  
vicky.hirsch@virgin.net

### 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 West Oxford ward surgery on the third Saturday of each month from 11am until 12 noon at the Community Centre.

Your local MP is:

**Nicola Blackwood:**

✉ House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA  
Email nicola.blackwood.mp@parliament.uk  
☎ 0207 219 7126

She will be holding an Oxford West and Abingdon constituency surgery at the Community Centre on Friday 24th September, between 5pm and 7pm

### Do you have some news for us?

Contributions for the December newsletter, deadline Friday 26 November, can be left at the Community Centre or e-mailed to

[westoxfordcc@gmail.com](mailto:westoxfordcc@gmail.com)

If you would like local information to appear on the WOCA website, please send it to

[webmaster@woca.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@woca.org.uk)