

Osney Island Residents' Association Newsletter

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When I arrived on Christmas Eve 1996, there was a newsletter lying on the mat with an invitation to join a group of local carol singers. I remember thinking how nice it was that here was a real community with a chance to join in. (Note to newcomers: we now have a Welcome Pack – see below). When I heard that Patti Stanfield, who did the newsletter then, was keen to give it up I seized the chance because I knew it would be a great opportunity to make friends – which I did and still do.

Pre 1996, the newsletter covered a similar range of items and events but also carried adverts for Sylvia Buckingham Stripped Pine Antiques at 69 Bridge St and Woodward & Son, local baker and grocer at 35 Bridge St. The closure of the bakery was big news and there was a valiant effort on behalf of Islanders to try and keep open it as a community shop.

This edition is the 100th on my watch. A whole team of us are involved in producing it.

When I've finished collecting contributions and putting the newsletter together I ping it over to Ollie my son who now lives in Melbourne and likes to keep in touch with the Island. He lays it out in a lunch hour and pings it back – Melbourne is 10-12 hours ahead which is useful. Then I forward it to Dataprint who print it. Anna Truelove picks it up and marshals a small army of people who deliver it to over 300 households on the Island and a few on what estate agents call 'Osney Borders'. So a big thank you for everyone involved!

As part of this bumper edition, and at the start of 2015 I thought it would be good to have a round-up of the various regular activities on the Island as well as upcoming events.

COMING UP

OIRA AGM

The most important event of year! It will be held on **Wednesday, 15 April, at 7.30pm in the West Oxford Community Centre**. The agenda includes the usual business items, including approval of the reports by the current Chair and the Treasurer, but also the election of officers for the forthcoming year (a new chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary) as well as committee members. For those who make it to the AGM, there will be wine and nibbles!

Please note: Each officer and each committee member is elected for a term of one year. If you would like to stand as a committee member or officer, please make sure that

you submit your name to the secretary, Steve Lynam (11 South St, tel: 201334) no later than 14 days prior to the AGM. Please give your contact details and the position for which you would like to stand, together with the names of a proposer and a seconder, both of whom must live on the island. OIRA is your association, so please come along and help to shape the future direction of your community.

Towpath Tabletop

OIRA pays for the printing of the newsletter and this year we have two events to raise the funds for doing this. On **Saturday May 16** there will be a giant table top event along the towpath when you can clear out your attic and sell things on. There will be teas and cakes and music too. Details in the next newsletter.

Open Gardens

Our second event is **Open Gardens on Saturday 12 September 2015**.

Anna Truelove writes: Open Gardens Day has become an island tradition. First proposed by Patricia Moss ('the Duchess') at an OIRA AGM way back, it has proved a popular and enjoyable event. Garden visiting is a favourite British pastime, and here there is the extra bonus of walking through houses – it's fascinating to see how neighbours have arranged their interiors! Osney gardens are as varied as the houses. Size from the miniature upward, condition from the manicured downward, design amazingly wide-ranging. For opening, variety is all and anything goes! One year a new resident showed his wasteland, seeking neighbourly advice on remedial action...

Anyone provisionally prepared to open a garden – you can always change your mind – is invited to contact Anna Truelove at 83 Bridge Street, tel: 245496.

West Oxford Academy

Susan Hutchinson writes: From archaeology in Sark, to Zanzibar, via Anarchism, Insect Robotics, Tottel's Miscellany, and Star-gazing in the Australian Bush, West Oxford Academy has visited many curious corners of the world. When the academy started nine years ago, I thought we could manage two terms at most. Sixteen terms later we're still here. The format of 20–30 minute talk with a glass of wine, followed by questions, has proved popular and enduring. Islanders have contributed hugely to its success, giving well over a third of the 125 talks.

We will be back on 27 January at 8pm in the West Oxford Community Centre café. Contact me for more

information on westoxfordacademy@gmail.com or 792358, especially if you'd like to give a talk!

The Boat Club

From Simon Stubbings: The Osney Island Boat Club was formed over a decade ago to provide an entity which could take a licence over a shed for the storage of boats by residents of Osney. Although there is currently no space for further boats to be stored, the Club owns a couple of canoes that can be used by members. While present conditions make it difficult to imagine anyone getting much enjoyment from splashing about in the river, with any luck we will get another decent summer and boating will be a pleasure once more. Anyone who would like to know more about the Club is welcome to come along to our *AGM in the Punter at 8:00pm on Tuesday 14 April 2015*, or contact me at simonstubbings@gmail.com.

Film, theatre and opera

From James Fry: Each term, the Magdalen College Film Society produce a programme of excellent films. The films cost a mere £3 for one evening (with free biscuits and drinks) or £10 for a term. The films are all in the Auditorium, reached via the Longwall entrance.

Sunday, 1 February 20:00 Under the Skin

Monday, 2 February 19:00 Shirin; and 20:45 The Rebel

Tuesday, 3 February 19:30 Nostalgia for the Light; and 21:15 Rashomon

Sunday, 8 February 20:00 Beasts of the Southern Wild

Monday, 9 February 19:00 Tabu; and 21:15 Grizzly Man

Wednesday, 11 February 19:30 Microcosmos; and 21:00 The Turin Horse

Sunday, 15 February 19:30 L'Argent; and 21:15 Ilo Ilo

Monday, 16 February 19:00 Greed; and 21:30 Bamako

Sunday, 22 February 19:00 Crash; and 21:00 Blue Velvet

Monday, 23 February 19:30 Divine Intervention; and 21:15 If...

Tuesday, 24 February 19:30 Pandora's Box; and 21:30 Theorem

Sunday, 1 March 19:00 Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner; and 21:00 Soy Cuba

Monday, 2 March 19:00 Colossal Youth; and 21:45 Gomorrah (Tuesday, 3 March ») 00:15 Gomorrah

Sunday, 8 March 19:00 Strictly Ballroom; and 20:45 We are the Best

Monday, 9 March 19:00 Battle of Algiers; and 21:15 Do the Right Thing

Thursday, 12 March 19:00 How to Survive a Plague; and 21:00 All About My Mother

Theatre and opera: I have booked tickets for the production of The Jersey Boys at the new Theatre on

Thursday, 21st May. I have also bought tickets in the best Stalls seats for Oxford Philomusica's performance of Mozart's Cosi fan tutte at the New Theatre on 1st May, an excellent way to end May Day. Please contact James Fry 01865 554001 or jfry@lmc.co.uk who will send you a form.

Allotments and AGM

From Sid Siddle: This year's Allotment AGM will be taking place on Thursday 26 February (time to be announced soon). This year we will be returning the West Oxford Community Centre. More details, including nomination papers for positions on the Committee, will be sent out shortly.

Lottie starter strips

Ever fancied taking an allotment but not enough time to take on whole plot? Why not take on a small starter strip and try it out. Contact secretary@westoxfordallotments.org or call 251795 for further information,

Basket making

Bob Summers has lived on the Island since 2006 and is interested in green woodwork and basketry. He has a pole lathe at Hogacre Common to turn unseasoned wood for chair and stool making which he seats with rush and makes traditional willow baskets.

If anyone is interested in doing a small group workshop on any of these crafts please contact Bob at louiseandbob@gmail.com.

WOSPAS

West Oxford Studio Pottery Appreciation Society was set up by a group of keen potters, collectors – and people who just like pots. We arrange regular visits to museums, galleries and potters' studios, both local and farther afield. If you would like to join us please contact elizabeth@newberyandengland.com

St Frideswide

From The Revd Clare Sykes, Rector: Congratulations to Osney Island News on the 100th edition!

The Church of St Frideswide stands on its own little island, a beautiful sacred building at the heart of the community. Many value its presence. Those who know and love the building are keen to share it! We are on a mission to help the wider community to reclaim their church. The new heating is now in – thank you to all those who helped make that happen. When funds allow we will make our entrance much more welcoming and the area in the garden for strewing ashes will soon be available to do just that. We are also keen to develop our musical recitals this year by giving a performance platform to young and local musicians. If you would like a performance slot do be in touch. And of course, we are always there on a Sunday morning for Christian worship.

Lent begins on 18th February and for five weeks there will be a small group meeting on the Island to meditatively read Scripture and pray for the area. If you would like to join us, then please contact me.

This month we welcome The Revd. Jo Moffett-Levy who is joining our team. Jo will have a particular West

Oxford focus and is looking forward to getting to know the wider community. revclare@btinternet.com

Inner Sense Yoga

Loueze runs regular yoga classes from The Studio next to The Punter. For further details contact her on 07773 277 650 or innersenseyoga@hotmail.co.uk

OxClean

Every year about 100 local groups across the City help to clean up their areas, in a grand spring clean, organised by the Civic Society and the City Council. All equipment is provided (including very efficient litter-pickers) and the rubbish is taken away by the Council at the end of the day. This year it is on Friday 6 & Saturday 7 March. If you'd like to know more or if you might like to help, please contact Susanna Pressel on 554001/clrspressel@oxford.gov.uk Children are especially welcome.

Oxford City Council 'Recycle One More Thing' campaign

Oxford City Council's Recycling Team will soon be knocking on your door to talk about how to increase recycling as part of their 'recycle 1 more thing' campaign. The recycling rate for Osney Island is 47% – but with 80% of materials being recyclable there is much more that can be done! For example, did you know drinks cartons, foil and aerosols can go into your blue bin? Council officers will be in the area throughout February to answer recycling questions and give out information to help you recycle more. For more information visit www.oxford.gov.uk/recycling or call 01865 249811.

ISLAND NEWS AND VIEWS

We're all individuals!

From Jane Buekett: When I was ten there were three TV stations. Everyone watched the same episode of Morecambe and Wise and talked about it at school the next day, apart from the one girl made peculiar by the fact that her parents didn't own a TV set.

Today we can watch pretty much anything we want when we want. Freedom of choice, freedom to have different tastes from our neighbours, seems desirable, feels like progress.

We like to think of Osney Island as a community. But it is a transient group of people, constantly changing. Few now are the residents who were born on the island and have lived here all their lives. How many different languages are spoken on the island? How many diverse interests are followed? How likely is it that more than one household is watching the same TV programme at any one time – assuming they even have a TV?

This diversity is one of the things that, for me, makes Osney a desirable place to live. It enriches our lives. Tolerance of difference is a great British tradition. At a time when our national politics seems to be increasingly dominated by xenophobia, when people all over the world are suffering for their perceived difference, it is worth celebrating, and fighting to preserve, our right to be who we are.

Congratulations ...

...to Dr Barbara Hammond, Chief Executive of Low Carbon Hub on being awarded an MBE for services to Community Energy Development, particularly in Oxfordshire.

Welcome Pack

OIRA has recently put together a Welcome Pack especially for newcomers to the Island. It aims to give details of all things essential to life on the Island from information about parking to the nearest place to buy milk. If you would like one please contact Jude Carroll on 793247 jude@judecarroll.co.uk

Accommodation – For rent

3 bed house on Osney Island with 2.5 bathrooms available for rent from 16th Feb to 9th April and 26th June to 5th September from 3 days to the entire period. Please contact karen@chillipots.co.uk for more information and prices.

Wanted to buy

My husband and I are looking to buy a 2/3 bed home in the near future for us and our five-month-old son. We have been renting on the island for two years. If you are thinking of selling/know someone who might be please do get in touch and/or pass on our details. Rachel and David Hayter 07711228842 / 07739666596. Rachel.hayter@live.co.uk / davidjhayter@hotmail.com

Rema Goolden

We are sorry to report that a long standing resident has died. *From Maureen Egerelli:* Our lovely and amazing Rema Goolden of West Street has died, aged nearly 95, of leukaemia, on 29th December 2014. She was an indomitable character, usually striding around with someone's dog that she was looking after at the time! She spent many hours working in her beloved little garden, and had many interests which included drawing, painting, pottery, knitting, embroidery etc. She even ran a life-drawing group for a while in her house. A life well-lived. We shall miss you, Rema.

BITS AND BOBS

For sale

- A pine captains bed. This is a single high bed with a series of draws for storage and second bed that pulls out underneath. It's perfect for a spare room or for children as they can have friends to stay.
- A hybrid bike for 6–10 year olds. It's a Dawes 'Bandit'
- A large IKEA chest of 3 drawers
- A small IKEA chest of 2 drawers

Please email quentin.sattentau@path.ox.ac.uk if you are interested.

Log deliveries

I've recently moved onto the Island, and am keen to arrange a delivery of logs for my wood burner. Unfortunately, I don't have much space to store large quantities, so I'd be very interested in hearing from anyone who would like to split a delivery and/or who can recommend a reliable supplier of small consignments. Please contact Polly on cricketbadger9@hotmail.com with any info – thank you!

Fresh veg

A fab community co-operative based in East Oxford and offering lovely veg and organic produce all over Oxford via its Veg Van and community PODs (that's Points of Delivery, rather than whales or peas!). We on Osney have our very own neighbourhood POD at WOCA on Thursdays, 2.30–6.30. Try them, like we did, and be impressed! <http://cultivate.org.uk>

A BIT OF HISTORY

Osney Island History

Osney Island has a rich and evolving history, records of which date back to the Middle Ages. It is unclear whether the name originates from the combination of Osa (an early Oxford landowner) and 'ey' (the Old English word for an island), or from the ancient British word for a river 'ouse'. Osney originally described an area to the East of today's Island, which was then part of an area called Burgess's Meadows. Osney Abbey dominated the area during the medieval period. The Abbey, founded in 1129 by the Norman governor of Oxford, Robert d'Oyley, accumulated great wealth from river trade when the Osney Cut was dug in 1227. It appears in Chaucer's Miller's Tale. Several ecclesiastical councils were held there during the 13th century and Parliament met there in 1330. The nave and transept were located in the open space now occupied by Mill Street cemetery.

The Abbey fell into disuse after the Dissolution and the area reverted to a rural backwater with river channels and quiet meadows. This area was frequently water-logged, earning it the nickname 'Frog Island'. Increasing traffic to the west of Oxford created pressure for a bridge over the main river channel, which was built by 1456 and replaced in 1888 by the present cast-iron structure. The Ferry Hinksey road was commissioned in 1467, and the forerunner to the Botley Road was built in the 1520s.

The Island remained as pasture-land until it was developed as housing in 1851 when George P. Hester, the Town Clerk, bought the Island and sold freehold plots. By the mid 1850s most of the small terraces of the



REMANES OF OSNEY ABBEY, NEAR
THE MILL.

Island had been built, serving the train station which moved to its present site in 1852. Railway-workers made up about a third of the Island's working inhabitants at the time of the 1861 census, when the population was recorded as 780. At this time women predominantly worked as dressmakers, seamstresses and milliners. By 1891 the population had grown to 867 and another 40 dwellings had been added.

St Frideswide's Church was originally sited at the corner of Bridge and South St, but the current building opened in 1872. Its construction was frustrated by financial difficulties which prevented the building of a spire, although the hope for this was only finally relinquished in 1985. In the north-east end of the nave, stands the Alice Door, carved by Alice Liddell, on whom the story of Alice in Wonderland was modelled.

A school was first established on the Island in 1854, with the current West Oxford Primary School on Ferry Hinksey Road opening in 1914. Four pubs stood on the Island in the early twentieth century, as did four general stores, a dairy and a bakery. The Waterman's Arms opened in 1871 to serve the burgeoning river-trade which used Osney Lock en route from the Midlands to London. The owners of the Hollybush Inn used to incur the wrath of the local turnpike trust as horses were left tied there to avoid paying the Osney Bridge tolls.

USEFUL NUMBERS

City Council, tel: 249811 (now 24 hours); **County Council**, tel: 792422; **Susanna Pressel**, 7 Rawlinson Rd Oxford OX2 6UE, tel: 554001 email: clrrspressel@oxford.gov.uk; **City Councillors: Colin Cook**, tel: 272548 (day) 721844 (evening) email: clrrccook@oxford.gov.uk and Susanna (as above); **Community Beat Officer PC Jan Warner**, tel: 101; refuse, recycling, free collections, bulky items, street cleaning, drains and flooding tel: 252900; **free advice on energy**, tel: 252197; **noise complaints**, tel: 249811; **Community Centre** tel: 245761; **on-street fines**, tel: 247090; **car park fines**, tel: 252489; **furniture recycling**, tel: 763698; **residents parking permits**, tel: 0845 634 4466; **bike theft, abandoned bikes, abandoned and unlicensed vehicles**, tel: 101.

THE DIRECTORY

The following list is compiled from Islanders recommendations only. No one pays for an entry and suppliers are removed if there are reports of unreasonable rates or service. Before recommending that someone is removed, sort the issue out between you and the supplier first – someone's livelihood is at stake. Make sure you use the most up to date list!

New category

Does anyone know of anyone who can fix simple problems with TV/DVD player/remote? Please email elizabeth@newberyandengland with suggestions.

TRIED AND TESTED

The list is only as good as the updates so please let me know if anyone has retired or dropped out for other reasons.

General builder

Chris Willis mob: 07974 155 638 does general building work/carpentry eg (re)hanging doors, laying patios, decking, associated painting/decorating, as well as kitchen/bathroom fitting ‘the work was carried out efficiently and to a very high standard’); **R.P. Lepper** building specialist, carpentry and joinery tel: 01993 882522 mob: 07801 36 4817 (‘excellent, experienced workmanship’); **Mark Mavrommatis** tel: 07970 974792 to install new windows, repair old ones, paint. (He did an excellent job and at the moment is very reasonably priced because he is re-establishing himself in the Oxford area’). **Brian French**: local general builder and plasterer who will take on small jobs; mob: 07957 315303 (‘came round the same day as contacted!’)

Exterior and interior decorators

Andrew Turner of Oxford Exteriors mob: 07591 491 804 repaints masonry, front door and windows (excellent work, very good value and professional customer service); **Victor Szigeti**: interior and exterior painting specialising in skinned plaster work; mob: 07799 143205 (‘he made my bathroom ceiling look like new’)

Building and roof repairs

Gosford Builders tel: 01865 373467 mob: 07855 373467 (‘good work and very fair rates’); **Everest Roofing Ltd** tel: 01865 8816856 email: enquiries@everestroofing.co.uk (‘dealt fast and efficiently with a minor matter which others couldn’t be bothered with’)

Plumbing and heating

Plumbing and heating: **Ivan Kilbee** tel: 01235 847527 mob: 07771 787585; (‘good work and comes on time’); **APV Boiler Services** tel: 01865 377264 (‘friendly, efficient and clean workers’); **Colin Pizzie** (electrics, plumbing, kitchens, bathrooms) tel: 01235 554655; **J Smith** tel: 01993 778244, mob: 07790 961395 (‘reliable, competent and cheerful’)

Tiling

Floors/Bathrooms/Kitchens: **Nick Barker** mob: 07810 356710. Excellent workmanship and extremely reliable, thoroughly recommended.

Kitchen fitters

Benchmark kitchens (helpful kitchen designers with good range of products) tel: 01865 372372; **Jashim Hussain** of **Ultragranite**, www.ultragranite.co.uk, tel: 01865 407555. (‘I really cannot recommend the company highly enough.’)

Electricians

RJB Electrical (rewires and new installations) tel: 01865 882723 mob: 07711 934348; **DEC Electricians** tel: 725453 (‘very good’); **Jamie Cooke** Tel: 07775 700300 email: JC.Electrical@hotmail.com (‘excellent service’); **Baldwin Appliances** all white goods tel: 01865 377484 www.baldwinappliances.com; www.tbarneselectrical.com tbarneselectrical@gmail.com (‘very efficient, reliable and punctual’).

Handyman

Jon Butt tel: 07766 144116 (lives in Witney but very willing to travel to Oxford’); **Oliver** tel: 0791 900 2222 Oxford-based. Reasonably priced and highly recommended; **Andrew Russell** (‘highly recommended

handyman, painting and decorating and garden maintenance’) tel: 01865 453497 mob: 07977 837675; **Sid Siddle**: skilled handyman; tel: 01865 251795 mob: 07757 214 301 Email: the.read.setter@gmail.com (‘Sid made a really good job of numerous small jobs including carpentry’); **Brian Hill**: skilled handyman; tel: 01295 670276 mob: 0774 2010892 (very meticulous – he made a very good job of putting up shelves).

Locksmith

Davies Hardened Security tel: 01865 371816 mob: 07711 625092 (‘a rapid response within 24 hours’)

Chimney sweep

Dennis Northcott tel: 01235 526617 (‘does a good job’)

Window cleaning

Paul Smith mob: 0797 9692 895 (‘amiable and reliable.’)

Interior and exterior decoration

Dave Buckle tel: 848630 evenings (‘friendly, efficient and good value’); **Steve Brierty** 01491 836762 mob: 0785 0357414 (‘strongly recommended’); **Rob Bennett** mob: 0790 5819310 (‘highly recommended’); **Paul Selden** is a house painter (good prices, punctual and unreservedly recommended.) Tel: 077 277 59996 Email: paulseldendecorating@gmail.com

Flooring and general carpentry

Amazon Flooring, **Steve** mob: 07899 918015 (‘highly recommended’)

Upholstery and sewing services

Ann Paver tel: 249129 soft furnishing including drapes, curtains but not upholstery (‘highly recommended’); **Sewing, repairs and alterations: Maria Skoyles** tel: 01865 721460 mob: 0759 0264 246 (‘highly recommended’).

Damp

Damprot Renovations Ltd tel: 01865 742144 (‘have done some replastering for us on a few occasions and are good’).

Apple Macs

Bill Richardson email: bill@macfaction.co.uk tel: 01865 376100 (‘excellent and will come out if not too busy’); **Mac Simple** is based in Osney Mead tel: 01865 580886 mob: 07974 321064 www.macsimple.co.uk (‘excellent and local’); **API Computing** contact **Andy** mob: 07964 796007.

Oven Cleaning

Wayne mob: 0791 7785 906 (doesn’t use any chemicals)

Removals

House and Carriage tel: 01608 811444 mob: 07769 585988 (local, reliable, polite, careful, and stress-free, for a reasonable price!)

Hairdressers

Highly recommended hair stylist who does your hair in the comfort of your own home! (former Art Director **Mahogany** and **Toni & Guy**) **Sally Horton** mob: 07815 445229; **Nadine Wright** (‘ex-Mahogany, cheerful and comes to my home on a Tuesday’) mob: 07824 660184.

Gardening Services

Oxford Garden Solutions tel: 01235 201823 mob: 0755 498 7911 (‘excellent tree surgery at fair rates’); **David Morris** tel: 01865 725875 (gardening maintenance and some diy); **Eric Bake** mob: 07591 157 180 former head gardener at Shotover Estate does garden maintenance and carpentry e.g building and repairing sheds and

greenhouses fencing etc (very reasonable rates); info@oxfordgardenservices.co.uk ('excellent tree surgery')

Logs

Logsforall.co.uk offer two sizes of seasoned, sustainably sourced, local, mess free logs, delivered free, the smaller size of log ideal for smaller woodburners/fireplaces. Not the cheapest but excellent burning and reliable delivery service, strongly recommended.

Bicycles

Jon Wyver: bicycles and accessories. He will deliver and pick up in Oxford free of charge. Efficient, friendly and reliable Excellent prices. mob: 07842 901873 email: info@oxbicycles.co.uk www.oxbicycles.co.uk

Wellbeing

Elizabeth Elliott mob: 07866 759669, offers treatment in her home on Osney. ('Highly recommended: one massage session with her is so relaxing, it's like a two-week holiday.); **Inner sense yoga** tel 07773 277 650 ('I whole heartedly recommend Loueze')

Computer Tutor

Judy Dendy: Lessons and basic troubleshooting in language you can understand at your own pace. No question is too daft. tel: 07554 660468 www.computerdendy.co.uk. ('Highly recommended – very friendly and helpful.')

Baby kit

Short or long rental ('strongly recommended') www.babycomes2.co.uk tel: 01235 280081

Wood burning stove fitters

Lee Hill Fireplace Installer tel: 01865 787 940 - HETAS approved. ('Really helpful and knows his stuff')

Cleaners

C&S Cleaning Services tel: 01865 872395 ('very pleasant and hard working ladies')

OIRA COMMITTEE

Jude Carroll 10 East St, tel: 793247 jude@judecarroll.co.uk (gazebos, Welcome Pack); Georg Deutsch 4 Bridge St, 728050 jan- georg.deutsch@stx.ox.ac.uk (Chair); Maureen Egenelli 24 East St; Suzanne Jeffrey 13 South St tel: 247737 (notice board); Bob Lawrence 42 West St tel: 792358; Stephen Lynam (Secretary and Vice Chair) 11 South St tel: 201334; Elizabeth Newbery (Newsletter) 3 North St tel: 793360 elizabeth@newberyandengland.com; Gareth Strange 102 Bridge st 727680; Jula Turner (Treasurer) 102 Bridge St tel: 07971 88125; Anna Truelove 83 Bridge St tel: 245496 (directory, Open Gardens).

Please use this tear-off strip to write down any requests for inclusion in the newsletter or concerns that you may wish Committee Members to raise at OIRA meetings. Post it through the door of any of the members listed above.

Name

Address

Request

Gazebos

If you would like to borrow the gazebos, bunting and tables please contact Jude Carroll 10 East St, tel: 793247.

Welcome Pack

Contact Jude Carroll 10 East St, tel: 793247 jude@judecarroll.co.uk

Webmaster

Tony Roberts is our webmaster. To add content to the Osney Island website please contact the Webmaster at <http://osneyisland.co.uk/contact7-1/webmaster/> entering the text in the 'Message' box. This will be submitted for approval to the committee and published subject to editing. To get in touch with any OIRA committee member use the 'Contact Us' feature on the website.

A note on the Internet

OIRA website: www.osneyisland.co.uk Contributors should be aware that the newsletter is automatically posted on the Internet just as it appears in print. Please bear in mind that OIRA can't accept any responsibility for the contents of external websites.

Osney Island email account

The new email account osneyislandresidents@gmail.com, makes message sharing amongst Island residents simpler and safer. Is it open so that people can sell things, ask for information, give away stuff or provide information.

Notice board

Suzanne Jeffrey, 13 South Street tel: 247737 email: Suzanne@dands.org.uk

Next Committee meeting

The OIRA committee's next meeting is Monday March 16 @ 8pm in The Punter. If you'd like to raise an issue drop in or let someone on the committee know. You can find our agenda the minutes on the Bridge Street notice board and on the website. Next newsletter is due out **mid** March, last date for copy 28 February 2015. If you would like to put an item in contact: Elizabeth Newbery 3 North St. tel: 793360, email: elizabeth@newberyandengland.com or use the tear-off strip below.