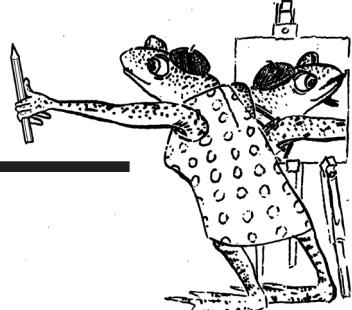


Osney Island Residents' Association Newsletter



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COMING UP

Its AGM time

OIRA OIRA AGM

Wednesday 19 April, 7 pm for 7.30

The business part of the meeting will be VERY short followed by a short talk from our new lock-keeper. We will be asking people what they'd like the committee to do in the coming year and appealing for people to join the committee.

Allotments AGM

From Nick Jackson: The AGM of the Osney, St Thomas & New Botley Allotment Association will be held on Thursday April 13 at WOCA @ 7 pm with refreshments and move on to business at 7.30pm. Look forward to seeing you there.

Osney Island Boat Club AGM

From Simon Stubbing: The 2016 Annual Meeting will be held in the Punter@ 8:00pm on the Punter on Wednesday 26 April at 8:00pm. The formal purpose of the meeting is to elect officers, approve accounts, and fix club subscriptions for the coming year. The meeting is in addition an opportunity for members and prospective members of the Club to get together, enjoy a drink and savour the prospect of a scintillating summer on the river. Unfortunately, our boat shed can only accommodate a limited number of craft. However, four of these belong to the Club and are available for use by members, so non-boat owners are catered for as well. All are welcome.

St Frideswide with Binsey

Easter Services

Sunday April 9th, 10:30am Palm Sunday at St Frideswide's church

Thursday April 13th. 7:00pm Maundy Thursday at St Frideswide's church

Friday April 14th, 1:00pm Good Friday walk of witness starting at St Frideswide's church. Arrive St Margaret's church, Binsey, 2:30pm. Please feel free to join us there.

Sunday April 16th, 7:00am Easter Day at St Margaret's church, Binsey

Sunday April 16th, 10:30am Easter Day at St Frideswide's church

Concerts at St Frideswide's church

Entry £5 on the door, to include a glass of wine and nibbles.

Thursday March 30th, 7.30pm Cynthia Hall FRCO, Organ recital

Thursday, April 27th, 7.30pm Take Two! Mr Handel's Heroes and Heroines, Anna Shackleton (soprano) and Adrian Boorman (countertenor)

Thursday, May 25th, 7.30pm Radcliffe Piano Trio

If you would like to use St Frideswide's church to host an activity, please let us know by sending an email to osneybenefice@outlook.com

If you would like to join us, you can find the times of our regular services, information about our choir, and other information on our website at <http://osneybenefice.org.uk>

Open Gardens

From Anna Truelove: The arrangements for Open Gardens on Sunday May 21 are going well. We have seven gardens so far and are looking for ten. If you would like to open your garden please contact Anna 83 Bridge St. tel: 245496. There will be a children's trail, plants for sale, live music and teas on the towpath outside No 24 East St. The gardens will be open from 2-4 pm and teas from 3 - 4.30 pm price £3 for families; £2 for adults. If you can spare the time to make a cake please contact Maureen on 244480.

OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS 2017

For the first time Osney is showcasing many of the artist and crafts people who live on and around the Island. Simon Pressey has kindly illustrated two new frogs for our masthead to celebrate the event.

Artweeks will be open for viewing on the Island May 20-21 & 24-29 May 12-6pm and Thursday May 25 12-8pm.

There are 4 venues on the Island:

- 2 North Street: Elaine Kazimierczuk: Paintings
- 15 East Street: Bianca Elgar: Textiles (open 20-21 & 26-29 May 12-6pm)
- 24 East Street: Maureen Egeneli: Embroidery
- Cynthia Harper: Calligraphy & Rag Rugs
- 69 Bridge Street: Antoinette Ibsen: Paintings
- Louise Summers: Relief Prints and Rag Rugs
- Bob Summers: Basketry
- Annie Wootton: Sculpture, Drawings

There will be several artists exhibiting at WOCC, as usual, and more at The King's Centre. A full list will be available on a 'Trail Map' which will be circulated

nearer the time.

Here are tasters for what you will see:

Bianca Elgar (15 East St) designs stunning silk scarves. Her latest series is inspired by visits to Oxford's Botanical Gardens: 'Even the simplest flower have amazing colours and many have traditional meanings such as love, passion or life which are reflected in the design.' www.biancaelgar.com

Bob Summers (69 Bridge St) works with willow, hedgerow materials and rush following traditional basketry forms. He makes stools from unseasoned (green) wood, usually ash, which he seats with rush or more recently, strips of recycled denim.

Louise Summers (69 Bridge St) makes prints - mainly linocut, monoprints and collages - and boxes which contain small prints and/or text, and a small amount of paper sculpture. She also makes rag-rugs using hessian, a simple hook, and cut up strips of old clothes.

Elaine Kazimierczuk (2 North St) works at Magdalen Road Studios. Her semi-abstract studies of meadows, woodlands and hedgerows are frequently large scale, but smaller pieces will be available

www.elainekazimierczuk.com

Maureen Ergeneli (24 East St) makes intricate embroidery built up of many layers and often using metallic threads. Her work is often based on travels abroad.

Annie Wooton (69 Bridge St) makes mixed media sculpture often based on animals such as horses and riders.

Cynthia Harper (69 Bridge St) is a calligrapher and letterer in stone and is a member of Oxford Scribes. She also makes colourful rag rugs from recycled material.

Antoinette Ibsen (69 Bridge St) paints things that she finds around her: a vase of flowers, fruit on a plate, the pattern on the carpet.

Pottery

Addicted to The Great Pottery Throwdown? Dylan and Jane Bowen run brilliant short pottery courses in July with fantastic resources at St Edwards. For more information contact dylbowen@icloud.com 01869 331278

Midsummer Brunch

Sunday 25 June, 11 am onwards

Opportunities for Island togethers are very popular – Christmas Tealights on the Towpath attracted more than 80 Islanders. This year we will be holding a brunch on the towpath to celebrate Midsummers' Day. We will also take the opportunity to remember Jo Cox in whose memory various events are being held all over the country.

NEWS AND VIEWS

News from West Oxford Allotments...a space to grow

With longer days and milder weather, we are hoping for a good growing season on our two allotment sites. Thanks to the Community Payback scheme, a group works with us once a week clearing overgrown brambles and rubbish from the perimeter fence areas. They do

not work on rented plots but are gradually bringing uncultivated, unrented ones back into commission. If you already have an allotment, ensure that your plot has a legible number. Also, before the busy planting period gets under way, it is a good idea to bag up and take away your own rubbish. If you would like to rent an allotment at either Botley Meadow or Twenty Pound Meadow, the contact addresses are: twenty_pound_plots@westoxfordallotments.org botley_meadow_plots@westoxfordallotments.org Half plots are good for beginners while full plots are for experienced gardeners with more time.

Island email list

From Robert Lawrence: If you've not yet done so why not subscribe to the Island email service? Join up to read and share news and opinion, buy, swap and sell, learn about our social events, and much more. The OIRA (Osney Island Residents Association) email service is free, safe to use, carries no commercial advertising, is restricted to use by its residents only, will never divulge your personal details to a third party, and any message sent to the list is checked for propriety before distribution. So if you haven't subscribed yet, why not do so now by sending a join request to the list manager at osiramanager@gmail.com.

New Osney website

We are very grateful to Jane Buekett for taking over the Island website. We now have a shiny new website at: <https://osneyisland.wordpress.com/>

Note: if for any reason we can't include the Directory in the newsletter due to lack of room, it will always be available on the website.

Water

Some good news

Thames Water has replaced the surface water drainage pump by the Wall of Doom at the junction of West and South Streets. The old pump was not performing as it should have been, so TW has replaced it.

And not so good...

Many islanders are still having problems with the water pressure and especially with combi boilers. If so, please contact Susanna Pressel on tel: 554001 email: cllrspressel@oxford.gov.uk and she will do what she can to help.

The Hollybush: the next chapter

From Jude Carroll: For most of 2016, things were quiet around the Holly Bush pub: its exterior was spruced up and the pub sign was removed. In the summer newsletter, OIRA provided a history of the pub's 'life' by Liz Wooley. (For anyone who has not read the full document, have a look on the Osney website <https://osneyisland.wordpress.com/> . At the 2016 AGM, we discussed having the pub designated as an Asset of Community Value. This required months of work, including getting support from West Oxford residents. The application went in in October and agreed in early 2017. Then, in February 2017, the Hollybush again came to the fore in Islanders' thoughts because of a planning application for change of use from a pub to

two houses and to attach a third house facing the corner into West Street. The email list began buzzing, with almost 100 messages posted in a few days. Views were for and against the proposal, and often passionate about what residents wanted changed or preserved. People sent individual views to the Council but on-line posts helped shape the submission made by OIRA. The clear majority of posts opposed change of use (CoU) though nine people were strongly in favour. Those favouring CoU were largely reacting to the negative experience of living close to a poorly-managed pub. As for the design proposals, they too attracted some positive comments but most were against certain aspects of the design.

OIRA's submission reflected this overall balance: against CoU and opposing the design's non-conformance with rules relating to Conservation Area requirements, its overbearing height and size, and threats to the safety of pedestrians and cyclists because the proposed exit for cars is on a blind corner in West Street. But the story is unlikely to end here. There may be appeals, further meetings and other plans so let's all keep an eye of what the next step might be. One thing that this latest episode shows is just how important these issues are for many Osney Island residents.

Stop press!

From Susanna Pressel; After studying your 65 (!) representations, the planning officer has decided to refuse permission for the Hollybush application under his delegated powers. It won't now come to committee. This report contains a few mistakes, e.g. he has omitted to write in the word "refuse" in at the start and the address is wrong, but I thought you'd like to see this promptly. The applicant can, of course, appeal, or come back with an application that addresses some of the reasons for refusal.

Our local pharmacy needs us

From Sophie Scott: The government have enforced 12% services cuts on local pharmacies. Pupinder from Woodlands on the Botley Road says, 'they have effectively taken away our profits. It is such shortsighted action given the role pharmacies play in supporting overstretched GP services. These are extremely difficult times, that could put us out of business.'

Woodlands has a long history of serving our community. It offers invaluable medical advice and many convenient services, such as prescription delivery. How can we help our pharmacy survive?

- Please use the prescription delivery service
- Buy everyday chemist products there
- Help distribute flyers in your street promoting the pharmacy
- Top Favs! Pupinder would like to stock your favourite items -from vitamins to face creams - that can't be sourced at local supermarkets. Pop in and tell him what they are. Woodlands also has a consulting room and would like to invite visiting specialists such as Podiatrists. If you any suggestions, Pupinder would greatly appreciate your feedback

Good neighbours

The OIRA committee would like to resurrect the 'good neighbours' scheme that used to run on the Island. There might be someone who needs a hand, e.g. to buy some bread and milk if they fall ill, and there might be someone willing to give up the occasional half-hour to help a neighbour. We are looking for someone to match up people in need with offers of help. Please contact Susanna Pressel for more information or to volunteer as the link person.

USEFUL NUMBERS

City Council tel: 249811 (now 24 hours); County Council tel: 792422; Councilor Susanna Pressel, 7 Rawlinson Rd Oxford OX2 6UE, tel: 554001 email: cllrspressel@oxford.gov.uk; City Councilors: Colin Cook, tel: 272548 (day) 721844 (evening) email: cllrcook@oxford.gov.uk and Susanna (as above). For a crime in progress tel: 999; for all other police matters tel: 101. Highway enquiries, bus passes, parking permits, street lighting, travel advice tel: 0845 634 4466. West Oxford Community Centre tel: 245761. Furniture recycling tel: 763698.

The best way to report things to the two councils is via www.oxford.gov.uk and www.oxfordshire.gov.uk

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. But before taking this step try to sort the issue out between you and the supplier first – someone's livelihood is at stake.

Tried and tested

Baby kit

Baby kit for hire 01235 28008 www.babycomes2.co.uk

Bicycles and accessories

Jon Wyver 07842901873; info@oxbicycles.co.uk www.oxbicycles.co.uk (will deliver and pick up in Oxford free of charge)

Building and roof repairs

Everest Roofing Ltd 01865 8816856 enquiries@everestroofing.co.uk

Car repairs

OXON Auto's in Grove near Wantage 07899 762 949 oxon.autos@live.co.uk

Chimney sweep

Martin Simmonds 07762 816185 enquiry@ashlogs.com www.ashlogs.com (also supplies ash logs); Dennis Northcott 01235 526617

Cleaners

C&S Cleaning Services 01865 872395

Computers

Bill Richardson 01865 376100 bill@macfaction.co.uk (apple macs) Mac Simple 01865 580886/07974 321064 www.macsimple.co.uk; API Computing 07964 796007

Judy Dendy 07554 660468 www.computerdendy.co.uk (lessons and basic troubleshooting)

Damp

Damprot Renovations Ltd 01865 742144

Electricians

RJB Electrical 01865 882723 /07711 934348; (rewires and new installations)

DEC Electricians 01865 725453

Jamie Cooke 07775 700300 JC.Electrical@hotmail.com

Baldwin Appliances 01865 377484 www.baldwinappliances.com

Exterior and interior decorators

Andrew Turner 07591 491 804 (repaints masonry, front door and windows);

Victor Szigeti 07799 143205 (interior and exterior painting also skinned plaster work);

Dave Buckle 01865 848630;

Steve Brierty 01491 836762/0785 0357414;

Rob Bennett 0790 5819310;

Sam Gordon (plasterer) 07976 516941

Flooring and general carpentry

Amazon Flooring 07899 918015

Footcare in your home

Angie Ward 07796 881157 angiefootcare@gmail.com, (visits people in their home nail cutting, corns, verruca, fungal treatment, massage etc)

Gardening Services

David Morris 01865 725875 (gardening maintenance and some diy).

Eric Bake 07874 860291 (garden maintenance, sheds, fencing etc)

A.P. Van Olsen Oxfordshire Gardens & Dry Stone Walls 01865 552036/07860 334871 www.oxfordshiregardens.co.uk

Jason info@oxfordgardenservices.co.uk (tree surgery)

General builders

Chris Willis 07974 155 638 (general building work);

R.P. Lepper 01993 882522 /07801 364817 (building specialist, carpentry and joinery);

Mark Mavrommatis 07970 974792 (installs new windows, repairs old ones);

Brian French 07957 315303 (local general builder and plasterer takes on small jobs).

Green Builders and Installers

Next Generation Renewable Energy Ltd. 01993 810130 office@ngre.co.uk;

JoJu Solar 0800 0542 977 www.jojusolar.co.uk;

Energy My Way 0845 3713181 www.energymyway.co.uk

Handymen

Jon Butt 07766 144116;

Andrew Russell 01865 453497/07977 837675 (painting, decorating and garden maintenance);

Sid Siddle 01865 251795/ 07757 214301 the.read.setter@gmail.com (shelves, carpentry)

Heating

Heatstore in Charlbury (for Defra approved wood and coal burners) 01608 819088 www.heatstoreltd.co.uk

Home hairdressers

Sally Horton 07815 445229;

Nadine Wright 07824 660184;

Barry 01865 400717 / 07860 895364

Kitchen fitters

Benchmark kitchens 01865 372372;

Jashim Hussain of Ultragranite, 01865 407555 www.ultragranite.co.uk

Locksmith

Davies Hardened Security 01865 371816 / 07711 625092

Logs

Logsforall.co.uk (ideal for smaller woodburners/fireplaces)

Oven Cleaning

Wayne 0791 7785 906 (doesn't use chemicals)

Pests

Avenge (based in Binsey). 02865 246195 / 078 794050 60

Plumbing and heating

Ivan Kilbee 01235 847527 /07771 787585;

APV Boiler Services 01865 377264;

J. Smith 01993 778244/07790 961395

Removals

A G Jacob and Sons 07977 963929;

House and Carriage 01608 811444 / 07769 585988

Sewing services

Ann Paver 01865 249129 (soft furnishing including drapes, curtains but not upholstery);

Maria Skyles 01865 721460/0759 0264 246 (sewing, repairs and alterations)

Wellbeing

Elizabeth Elliott 07866 759669 (Thai massage, Chinese bodywork & acupuncture)

Window cleaner

Mark Jennings 848904

Wood burning stove fitters

Lee Hill 01865 787 940 (HETAS approved)

OIRA COMMITTEE

Jude Carroll 10 East St, tel: 793247 jude@judecarroll.co.uk (Chair, gazebos, Welcome Pack); Maureen Egeneli 24 East St tel: 244480; Suzanne Jeffrey 13 South St tel: 247737 (notice board); Bob Lawrence (Residents' email list) 42 West St tel: 792358; Veronika Lukacs veronikalukacs@yahoo.com t: 07746712609; Stephen Lynam (Vice Chair) 11 South St tel: 201334; stephenrodgerlynam@gmail.com; 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 881 258; Anna Truelove 83 Bridge St. tel: 245496.

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

A note on the Internet

OIRA website: <https://osneyisland.wordpress.com/> 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 island 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 May 16th @ 8pm. Committee meetings are by invitation only. If you'd like to raise an issue please contact the Chair, Jude Carroll 10 East St, tel: 793247 jude@judecarroll.co.uk. You can find our agenda the minutes on the Bridge Street notice board and on the website. Next newsletter is due out mid May , last date for copy April 30. If you would like to put an item in contact: Elizabeth Newbery 3 North St. 793360, email: elizabeth@newberyandengland.com or use the tear-off strip below.

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

Tel. no.

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