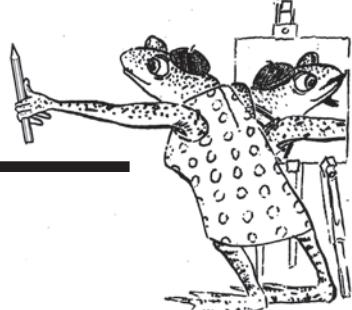


Osney Island Residents' Association Newsletter

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This is the first of the new quarterly newsletter. The Autumn newsletter will be out in October/November with details of Christmas events on the Island, the Winter edition will be out January/February, and Spring around April/May.

COMING UP

Oxford Canal Festival

Don't miss the Oxford Canal Festival on Saturday, 8 September, with events taking place up and down the canal from Hythe Bridge Street to Wolvercote and centred on Aristotle Lane Recreation Ground. The festival will be held from midday with activities ranging from a dog show, special events and trails for children, the Canal Olympics, musical performances, food stalls, as well as decorated canal boats and canal crafts at the moorings along the towpath. Entrance is free. If you could help on the day e.g. with children's events, setting up and dismantling of the equipment, or would like to enter your dog in the dog show, please contact James Fry at Jfry@Lmc.co.uk or at 7 Rawlinson Road, OX2 6UE or on 01865 554001.

St Frideswide concerts

Friday 28 September: Musical Banquet (keyboard, strings & countertenor) returns.

Entrance is £10, payable at the door. This includes a free drink and some nibbles. Concerts start at 7:30 pm

Twenty Pound Meadow Allotments

Celebrate the end of the season on Sunday, September 23 from 12.30 onwards. Bring a dish and drinks to share. Live nearby but haven't got an allotment? Come along anyway and find out about the wonders of growing your own veg.

Allotment rent days

Allotment rents are due as usual on the first three Sundays in September i.e. September 3, 9 and 16. You can pay your rent at the Association shop (on the Twenty Pound Meadow site) between 10am and 12pm. A full plot costs £25 for the 2018-19 and a half plot costs £12.50. Cheques can be accepted and should be made payable to: Osney St Thomas & New Botley Allotments Association. Please remember to pay your rent on time as if the Committee have to chase people for rent it becomes very time-consuming. Indeed, the rules allow the Committee to charge late payment fines and we are actively considering this as an option.

We strongly encourage you to pay your rent in person so that if there is anything we need to discuss with you concerning your plot, we have the opportunity to do so. If you cannot make any of the available dates, then please make alternative arrangements or contact one of the Committee members.

West Oxford Academy

From Susan Hutchinson: I am putting together the programme for the next West Oxford Academy term and, as usual, am on the hunt for speakers. If you would like to know more, or would like to give a talk, please contact me; email: westoxfordacademy@gmail.com phone: 428323. Or if you have friends or neighbours who you think may be able to give a talk, I am happy to contact them. If any past speakers - particularly from the early terms - would like to give a similar talk I am happy to hear from you too.

For newcomers, the Academy, which has been going for over 10 years, meets once a week for eight weeks before and after Christmas. Talks are by West Oxford residents and last about 20-30 minutes followed by a - usually lively - discussion. There's a complete list of talks here: <http://westoxfordacademy.blogspot.com/>. The next term will start in mid-October at WOCA.

And just gone....

Open Gardens/Arts weeks

From Julia Turner: Open Gardens made a whopping £454.96 from the plant sale (£7.50) tea and cake (£310.65) and Open Gardens donations in lieu of ticket sales (£136.81). What an amazing achievement. Well done to everyone!

OSNEY ISLAND NEWS AND VIEWS

East Street Yoga Studio

From Susanna Pressel: In my 'supplement' I wrote about the planning application for a three-storey yoga studio at 16 East Street. There has also been a lot of correspondence about this in the email group, with strongly expressed views, both for and against.

Since writing my page, I have heard that the planning officers have decided to refuse permission for the current proposals. The grounds for refusal are connected with design and flooding issues. The officers have no concerns about 'the principle of the development'. More details will be available quite soon, when they have written their report. The application will now not be coming to the planning committee.

The applicant can contest the decision, in which case it would be decided by a government inspector. Perhaps more likely, he could choose to change some aspects of the proposals and submit a new application. If you would like to know more, please ask me or a committee member to add you to the email group, or contact me by phone or by letter.

Bikes, birds and fish on Mull

From Robert Lawrence: Returning to Mull after an absence of 35 years was an intriguing prospect. What would I remember from my first serious bike tour back then? Very little it turned out, other than the multi-

coloured waterfront at Tobermory, and the Scottish 'smir'. My initial reaction was relief - Susan and I had escaped the Oxford heatwave - and the rain on arrival was welcome. Mull remains blessedly peaceful despite being a popular holiday destination now, and off the beaten track the roads are narrow, quiet, and surfaces are generally better than back home. There is some serious climbing in prospect, and the road between Dervaig and Tobermory on the north eastern corner of the island is not for the faint-hearted (or the over-gearred). Spectacular views are to be found on the western coastal roads and especially near Lagganulva where sheer cliff rock abuts the road at the water's edge and there are sightings of Ulva and minor Inner Hebridean islands. When not riding, I was eating, and fresh fish is a staple. Mull has a Les Routiers fish-and-chip van at Tobermory, where there is invariably a queue and a wait on ordering as fish is cooked on demand. Upmarket is the Am Birlinn restaurant between Dervaig and Calgary and my scallops, grilled swordfish steak, and sticky toffee pudding were exemplary, and riding a bike means you can eat like this with a clear conscience. A day off saw us take a boat to Staffa and Fingal's cave and its astonishing vertical basalt rock columns. The other Staffa attraction is its puffin community with their weird triangular beaks, striking yellow feet, and thrilling diving displays. An excellent week's stay near Dervaig then, but would I visit Mull a third time? Certainly, though a glance at a map of Scotland's west coast is an invitation to an extended tour of its islands. Next stop Islay?



(Above) Tobermory, Mull

Thank you to the Flower Elves of Osney

From Sophie Scott (not a poet)

The surprising days of blazing sun,
Cooked my window box like a currant bun.
The cheery fringe of heartseeds turned,
From purple to brown then literally burned.

(My baby twin girls make time so short,
And hunting down flowers a difficult sport.)

So just imagine me waking one day,
And catching a glimpse of a blazing display.
My windowbox renewed with a singing burst,
Of purple, pink and red to quench my thirst.
The Osney elves visited in the depths of night,
And gave us the most surprising delight.

Summer scorcha

What a fab summer we've had. This Dutch band rolled up and entertained all outside the Punter in August.



Osney Energy Club

From Andy Edwards: Would you like to join an energy club that gives you cheaper electricity and access to local renewable power? Osney Lock Hydro have teamed up with Energy Local and Bioregional to setup an 'Energy Local Club' on Osney Island. The team are looking to recruit 45-55 island residents to be part of this pioneering scheme. Members of the Club will be able to buy cheaper power when their energy use matches generation from the islands hydro turbines. Members will need to switch their energy provider to Co-operative Energy who take care of the billing. In return, participating households will receive a free 'advanced meter' which gives access to an online dashboard showing their households energy use in relation to the Osney Lock Hydro's energy generation. Being part of the club will cut out the middle man, reducing household electricity bills and keeping more money in the local economy.

The scheme would be the first of its kind in England, following a successful trial in north Wales with over 100 households. The project is made possible by funding from the European Union through the OxFutures programme. To find out more please contact, osney@energylocal.co.uk <<mailto:osney@energylocal.co.uk>>

Tips for secondary glazing

From Quentin Sattentau: Last Autumn I added secondary glazing to all the sash windows on the front elevation of our house on West Street using pre-cut UV treated polycarbonate sheet and magnetic strip. It took about an hour and cost about £85 per window, and seems to make a big difference in heat loss and sound insulation. The panels are essentially invisible and can be taken off in seconds for storage when not needed. If anyone is interested in seeing what they look like and how it was done then please drop me an email at: quentin.sattentau@path.ox.ac.uk.

Hedge-trimmer to give away

I have an electric hedge-trimmer to give away. It was last used three years ago. I have no idea how effective it will be now. Ring Anne on 201284.

Wanted at WOCA

Interested in paid work with WOCA's friendly team? WOCA is looking to recruit another member of staff who can offer regular caretaking help on weekday evenings – checking the Community Centre is ready for the evening

and locking up at the end of activities. Duties will range from locking/unlocking to cleaning and maintenance of the Centre. Experience of work in a similar environment is desirable. Successful applicants will need to be reliable, friendly, trustworthy, flexible, and have the community's interest at heart. Living locally would be convenient.

WOCA believes in a living wage for all and offers good rates of pay. For more information and an application form:

- call Keith on 245761
- email westoxfordcc@gmail.com
- or just call in at the office.

Surplus lavender bags and blue recycling bags

From Ann Truelove: I suspect that, like me, many residents of Osney have stashes of bags piled up because the City Council drops generous new supplies on our doorsteps long before we have used up the earlier ration. Well, I am willing and able to ferry surplus bags to the recycling depot in Marsh Road (off the Cowley Road) on request. Please ring me, Anna Truelove at 83 Bridge Street, on Oxford 245496 to give me your address and arrange for collection. When I return surplus bags the recycling centre makes a note of the addresses, so hopefully fewer unwanted bags will be delivered in the future.

St Frideswide with Binsey

We warmly welcome everyone in the community to our regular Sunday services at 10.30am.

On Monday mornings at 9:30 there is now a short service of Morning Prayer.

Children's services are continuing and we are trying out a more frequent schedule. Our next services will be on 29th July, 16th September and 30th September. Time: 3 – 4 pm.

In the period July to September, look out for the following special events.

Sunday 30 September: Harvest celebration. Details will be announced later on the website and at the church.

Exploring faith We are continuing to run a group for those wanting to explore the Christian faith in a very relaxed setting. Please do contact kate.seagrave@oxford.anglican.org for more information.

Other St Frideswide's Church news

For enquiries about weddings, baptisms, funerals, the burial of ashes in the churchyard or hosting an event in the church, please email us. For details of our regular services, how to join the choir or other parish information, please see our website, Facebook page or the notice boards outside church. osneybenefice@outlook.com, <http://osneybenefice.org.uk>

Ron Steele

From Maureen Egeneli: We are sad to have lost a kind and gentle neighbour, Ron Steele, of 26 East Street.

Annette and Ron were married for 37 years, lived for each other and never spent a day apart. The loss is huge. Ron knew everything there was to know about cars and would cheerfully help anyone having trouble come rain or shine. He had an excellent visual memory and a wicked sense of humour - he could tell a really good story! He will be greatly missed. Rest in peace, Ron.

USEFUL NUMBERS

City Council tel: 249811 (now 24 hours); County Council tel: 792422; Councillor Susanna Pressel, 7 Rawlinson Rd Oxford OX2 6UE, tel: 554001 email: cllrspresel@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 (Emmaus) 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

New entry:

Gardening Services

Ben Renals-Wells 07891 422574 (he's really good)

Tried and tested

Baby kit

Baby kit for hire 01235 280081 www.babycomes2.co.uk

Bicycles and accessories

Jon Wyver 07842 901873 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 881685 enquiries@everestroofing.co.uk

Carpentry

Lockwood Carpentry: j.everett.lwc@gmail.com, 07597 952381 Amazon Flooring: Steve on 07899 918015 (wood flooring and general carpentry)

Car repairs

Oxon Autos in Grove near Wantage 07899 762949, email oxon.autos@live.co.uk

Chimney sweep

Martin Simmonds: 07762 816185 enquiry@ashlogs.com; www.ashlogs.com (also supplies ash logs)

Cleaners

C&S Cleaning Services 01865 872395/07824 159855

Computers

Bill Richardson 01865 376100 bill@macfaction.co.uk (Apple Macs)

Mac Simple 01865 580886/07974 321064 www.macsimple.co.uk Judy Dendy 07554 660468 www.computerdendy.co.uk (lessons and basic troubleshooting)

Bill Baxter, The Animated Laser Company 07774 412944 bill@animatedlaser.co.uk.

Damp

Damprot Renovations Ltd (in Beckley) 01865 742144

Electricians

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

DEC Electricians 01865 725453 mail@decoxford.co.uk www.dec-oxfordltd.co.uk

Jamie Cooke 07775 700300 jc.electrical@hotmail.com

Baldwin Appliances 01865 377484 www.baldwinappliances.com (repairs to white goods, new appliances)

Exterior and interior decorators

Andrew Turner 07591 491804 (repaints masonry, front doors and windows)

Dave Buckle 01865 848630/07831 712872

Steve Brierty 07850 357414

Rob Bennett 07905 819310

Sam Gordon (plasterer) 07976 516941

Footcare in your home

Angie Ward 07796 881157 angiefootcare@gmail.com (nail cutting, corns, verruca, fungal treatment, foot massage)

Gardening Services

David Morris 01865 725875

Eric Bake 07756 065045 (garden maintenance, sheds, fencing etc)

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

Jason 07554 987911 info@oxfordgardenservices.co.uk (gardening tree surgery)

Gas fitters

Byron of Sure Gas Boiler Repairs 07899 629629

General builders

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

Brian French 07957 315303 (local general builder and plasterer, willing to take on small jobs)

Oxford Refurbed Sash Windows: refurbish the wooden frame and replace the sashes with double-glazed panels info@sashrefurbcompany.co.uk

Green builders and installers

Next Generation Renewable Energy Ltd. 01993 810130 office@ngre.co.uk (installation and maintenance of solar panels, heat pumps etc)

JoJu Solar 0800 0542 977 www.jojusolar.co.uk (solar panels, battery charging systems)

Energy My Way 0845 371 3181 (solar panels, heat pumps, underfloor heating)

Handymen

Jon Butt 07766 144116

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

Sid Siddle 01865 251795/ 07757 214 301 sid@oddsandsids.co.uk (shelves, carpentry)

Heating

Heatstore in Charlbury (for Defra approved multi-fuel burners) 01608 819088 www.heatstoreltd.co.uk

Remloc Plumbing and Heating Ltd 01235 536345/07709 961655 (large and small jobs)

Home hairdressers

Sally Horton 07815 445229

Nadine Wright 07824660184

Barry 07860 895364

Locksmith

Davies Hardened Security 01865 371816/07711 625092

Logs

Logsforall.co.uk (ideal for smaller wood burners/fireplaces)

Newsgagent

Delivers to Osney, Mr Patel, Court Candy Shop 01865 515506.

Oven Cleaning

Wayne 07917 785906 (doesn't use chemicals)

Pests

Avenge 01865 246195/07879 405060 (from deer to bed bugs)

Plumbing and heating

Ivan Kilbee 07771 787585 ivankilbee@lineone.net

APV Boiler Services 01865 377264/07836 212502

apvboilerservice@btinternet.com

Jules Jones (formerly Smith) 01993 778244/07790 961395

reallygoodplumbing@outlook.com

Mark Morris, 5 Sinmore Road, Botley 07970 342375

Removals and storage

A G Jacob and Sons 01865 762524/07977 963929 www.agjacobandson.co.uk

House and Carriage 01608 811444/07769 585988 info@houseandcarriage.com

Sewing services

Maria Skoyles 01865 721460/07590 264246 (dressmaking, repairs and alterations, soft furnishing)

Loose covers: Elizabeth Feast 01386 861010.

Stone work surfaces and tiles

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

Window cleaning

Mark Jennings 01865 848904/07773 159198

Wood burning stove fitters

Lee Hill 01865 787940/07732 864441 (HETAS approved)

Gazebos

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

OIRA COMMITTEE

It's all change on the OIRA Committee. After several years serving as Chair and Vice Chair Steve Lynam has resigned. We will greatly miss his expertise and dedication particularly on legal issues. Meanwhile we are happy to welcome two new Committee Members - Alan Goodwin and Paul Hunter.

Joyce Chalmers 22 East St 07837 127883 (Chair); Maureen Ercgeneli 24 East St 07816 580990; Suzanne Jeffrey 13 South 07769 654767 suzanne@dands.org.uk (Notice board); Robert Lawrence (Residents' email list) 42 West 428323; Veronika Lukacs (Secretary) veronikalukacs@yahoo.com 07746 712609; Elizabeth Newbery (Newsletter) 3 North St 793360 elizabeth@newberyandengland.com; Karen Schoenemann 07718 632742; Gareth Strange 102 Bridge St 727680; Julia Turner (Treasurer) 102 Bridge St 07971 881 258; Anna Truelove (Newsletter distribution) 83 Bridge St. 245496.

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Welcome Pack

New to the Island? Contact Jude Carroll 10 East St, 793247 for a free welcome pack with loads of useful local information.

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

Next Committee meeting

The OIRA committee's next meeting is Monday 8 October @ 8pm at 24 East St. Committee meetings are by invitation only. If you'd like to raise an issue please contact anyone on the Committee. You can find our agenda the minutes on the Bridge Street notice board and on the website. The Autumn newsletter is due out October/November and the last date for copy is September 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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