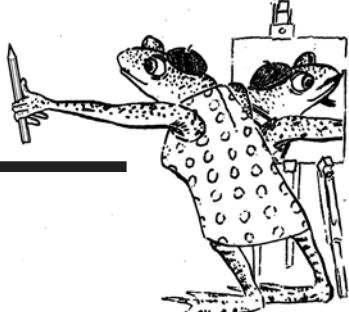


# Osney Island Residents' Association Newsletter

[osneyisland.wordpress.com](http://osneyisland.wordpress.com)  
Autumn/Winter 2018



## COMING UP

### **Children's Lantern Parade and Carols**

Once again, Debbie Hall is organizing our very popular lantern parade with carols on Sunday 9 Dec. Bring a lantern/tealight in a jam jar and meet outside The Punter @ 5 pm. Everyone is welcome. If anyone would like the carol singers to call at their house and sing (the tradition is that you offer the children something small to eat in return), then please let Debbie know at [debbietheduck@hotmail.com](mailto:debbietheduck@hotmail.com). or drop a note through her door 15 East St. The lantern parade will be followed by Tealights on the Towpath @ 7 pm (see below).

### **Tealights on the Towpath**

This year our lovely Island Christmas event 'Tealights on the Towpath' will take place on the river bank on Sunday 9 December @ 7 pm approximately outside no 18 East St. For newcomers, this is an Island get together with mulled wine, warm apple juice for children and homemade mince pies or gingerbread. Everyone brings a tealight in a jam jar and places it on the bank to mark the edge. Parents with young children should be aware that there will be a couple of open fire pits. If we need to cancel because of bad weather we will notify everyone via the Island email list, otherwise assume it will go ahead as it did last year after it had conveniently finished snowing. Please bring mugs for the mulled wine and apple juice, free courtesy of the Osney Island Residents Association. We'd be really grateful for offers of homemade mincepies and gingerbread and help with setting up and clearing up after the event, in which case please Veronika Lukacs: [veronikalukacs@yahoo.com](mailto:veronikalukacs@yahoo.com) /07746 712609.

### **Christmas @ St Frideswide 2018**

9th December @ 3pm. A short reflective service to remember those we will miss this Christmas.

16th December: Carol Singing at Waitrose at 12 noon

16th December: St Margaret's Carol Service at 3.30pm

23rd December: St Frideswide Carol Service at 6pm

24th December: Crib service at 4.30pm

25th December: Christmas Communion at St Margaret's at 9am; Christmas Eucharist at 10:30 at St Frideswide.

## OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS 2019

The dates for Artweeks in Oxford City in 2019 will be 4-12 May inclusive. There will be several artists exhibiting at WOCC as well as four artists at 69 Bridge Street. In spring this year, we had three venues on the Island and it would be great if we could get more in 2019 and make a trail map again. If anyone is interested in opening part of their house or studio for their own work or to host another local artist, please get in touch with Oxfordshire Artweeks at [www.artweeks.org](http://www.artweeks.org) or contact Louise and Bob Summers at [louiseandbob@gmail.com](mailto:louiseandbob@gmail.com) for informal advice. Note applications for Artsweeks need to be submitted by the end of 2018.

### **Bianca Elgar**

Bianca took part in the very successful Artsweek on Osney this year. She specialises in designing textile prints for fashion items such as scarves and accessories for the home including mugs, throws, posters and cushions. Bianca's beautiful scarves, fashion and homeware collections are now on sale at Barley Oxford in North Parade and Liscious Interiors in Summertown.

### **Space wanted**

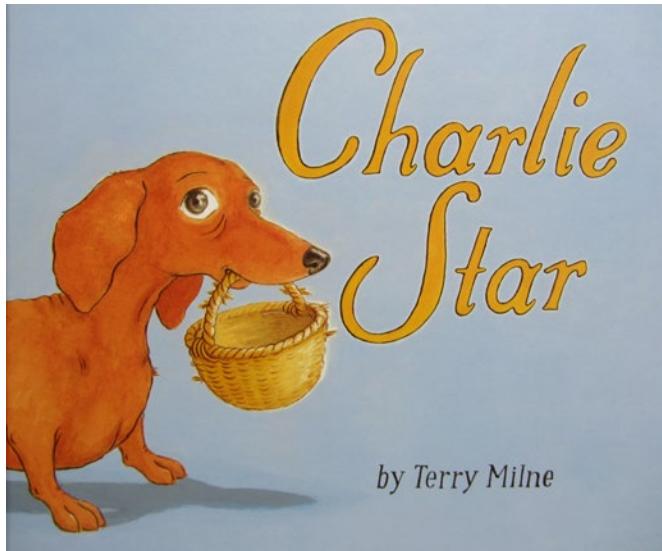
Osney Island artist, Elaine Kazimierczuk (see <http://www.elainekazimierczuk.com>) is embarking on a project that involves several large canvases. Do you know anyone who has space, possibly a lobby, boardroom, restaurant, or even a domestic setting, that they'd like to fill with bright colourful work? She wants to accommodate 2 to 4 canvases, maximum 2m by 2m, but size could be negotiated. Elaine is exhibiting in an 'open house' exhibition in Bristol over the weekend 8-11 November - for details see <http://galafineart.uk/events/>

## OSNEY ISLAND NEWS

### **Charlie Star**

Local author Terry De Villiers has just published 'CHARLIE STAR', a children's picture book.

The story was inspired by a chance meeting with a charming dachshund called Charlie Star whose owner is local wood carver/artist, John Bye, of North Hinksey. In the book, Charlie is an anxious dachshund who worries



that something terrible might happen if he doesn't keep to his daily rituals. After he is called upon to help rescue a friend, and in the rush forgets his rituals, Charlie discovers that he doesn't have to be ruled by them and that change can have really positive outcomes. The issue of performing daily rituals to combat anxiety is dealt with in a light-hearted and reassuring way. Whether or not you are anxious, the story of Charlie Star is bound to capture your heart! Available in book shops and on Amazon . Published by Old Barn Books, ISBN 978-1-910646-38-0.

If you would like Terri to sign a book contact her by email: devilliers.milne@ntlworld.com

### **A Christmas recipe**

There are lots of keen cooks on the Island. This is a recipe for beigli, a Hungarian Christmas treat donated by Veronika Lukas's mum who lives in Hungary. Traditionally, beigli come in two flavours - with poppy seeds or walnut paste filling, although Veronika's mum makes a secret third roll with a cocoa filling for her grandchildren.

This recipe is for 2 rolls (one for each type of filling as below)

#### *The pastry*

500 g flour  
250 g margarine  
2 egg yolks  
60 g granulated sugar  
1 cup sour cream  
20 g fresh yeast

#### *The filling*

200 g ground poppy seeds mixed with caster sugar of the same amount  
or  
200 g ground walnuts mixed with caster sugar of the same amount

Stir a very small amount of milk and a bit of lemon juice into both fillings, and you can throw in some raisins, too, if you like. The fillings should be firm and not runny.

#### *Method*

1 Mix the flour, margarine, egg yolks, granulated sugar, cup of sour cream. Dissolve the yeast in a little warm milk, then add to the dough. Knead well together until the dough

is moist. Place in a bowl and set aside covered with a damp cloth for an hour.

2 Halve the dough and roll both halves into rectangles around half an inch thick.

3 Fill the rolls with the fillings (one filling for one roll) but be careful not to put too much in, and also leave a bit of dough at the edges. Roll the dough up to form a log. Brush the top with egg yolk. Set aside again a little.

4 Make holes in the top with a fork. Bake the logs in the oven at 180°C until golden brown, about 35-40 minutes.

*Jó étvágynat és boldog Karácsonyt!*

Enjoy the beigli. Merry Christmas!



### **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: [clrrspressel@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:clrrspressel@oxford.gov.uk); City Councilors: Colin Cook, tel: 285770 (daytime) 721844 (evening) email: [clrrccook@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:clrrccook@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](http://www.oxford.gov.uk) and [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### **Preparing for winter weather**

A reminder that OIRA has grit bins in the event of bad weather this winter. We need to use the grit effectively and keep the supply from the Council free of charge (we can't afford to pay for replenishment). There are rules we need to follow if snow comes which will be placed on the noticeboard on Bridge Street.

### **Bin bags**

There have been lots of emails about the lack of bin bags which Susanna has now sorted. In the past, there has often been a surplus so here's a reminder from Anna Truelove that if there's another surplus she is willing to take surplus bags to the recycling depot in Marsh Road (off the Cowley Road) on request. Please call or ring Anna at 83 Bridge Street t. 245496 to give your address and

arrange for collection. When she returns surplus bags the recycling centre makes a note of the addresses, so hopefully fewer unwanted bags will be delivered in the future. Anna adds that if in future you are lacking bags give her a ring since she might be able to act as an informal redistribution centre.

### Ron Steele

*From Annette Steele:* I would like to thank all my dear neighbours, friends and family for their support and kindness at the sad time of losing my beloved husband, Ron. He was well loved by everyone who knew him and will be greatly missed. Thank you all again.

### St Frideswide with Binsey

#### Events at St Frideswide's Church

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. During October and November our services will be on 14th and 28th October and on 25th November. Time: 3 – 4 pm.

#### Events at St Margaret's Church, Binsey

There is a service of Holy Communion (according to the Book of Common Prayer) on the fourth Sunday of every month at 9 am.

In the period October - November, look out for the following special events.

#### 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](mailto: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](mailto:osneybenefice@outlook.com)

## 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](http://www.babycomes2.co.uk)

#### Bicycles and accessories

Jon Wyver 07842 901873 [info@oxbicycles.co.uk](mailto:info@oxbicycles.co.uk), [www.oxbicycles.co.uk](http://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](mailto:enquiries@everestroofing.co.uk)

#### Carpentry

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

### Car repairs

Onox Autos in Grove near Wantage 07899 762949, email [oxon.autos@live.co.uk](mailto:oxon.autos@live.co.uk)

### Chimney sweep

Martin Simmonds: 07762 816185 [enquiry@ashlogs.com](mailto:enquiry@ashlogs.com); [www.ashlogs.com](http://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](mailto:bill@macfaction.co.uk) (Apple Macs)

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

Bill Baxter, The Animated Laser Company 07774 412944  
[bill@animatedlaser.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:mail@decoxford.co.uk) [www.decoxfordltd.co.uk](http://www.dec-oxfordltd.co.uk)

Jamie Cooke 07775 700300 [jc.electrical@hotmail.com](mailto:jc.electrical@hotmail.com)

Baldwin Appliances 01865 377484 [www.baldwinappliances.com](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.oxfordshiregardens.co.uk)

Jason 07554 987911 [info@oxfordgardenservices.co.uk](mailto: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 Refurbished Sash Windows: refurbish the wooden frame and replace the sashes with double-glazed panels  
[info@sashrefurbcompany.co.uk](mailto:info@sashrefurbcompany.co.uk)

### Green builders and installers

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

JoJu Solar 0800 0542 977 [www.jojusolar.co.uk](http://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)

**Heating**

Heatstore in Charlbury (for Defra approved multi-fuel burners) 01608 819088 [www.heatstoreltd.co.uk](http://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](mailto:ivankilbee@lineone.net)

APV Boiler Services 01865 377264/07836 212502 [apvboilerservice@btinternet.com](mailto:apvboilerservice@btinternet.com)

Jules Jones (formerly Smith) 01993 778244/07790 961395 [reallygoodplumbing@outlook.com](mailto: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](http://www.agjacobandson.co.uk)

House and Carriage 01608 811444/07769 585988 [info@houseandcarriage.com](mailto: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](http://www.ultragranite.co.uk)

**Window cleaning**

Mark Jennings 01865 848904/07773 159198

**Wood burning stove fitters**

Lee Hill 01865 787940/07732 864441 (HETAS approved)

**OIRA COMMITTEE**

Susanne Jeffrey has decided to step down from the Committee after several years. We are very grateful for all the time she has spent on OIRA issues in her very busy day to day schedule.

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**Gazebos**

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

**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: <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.

**Next Committee meeting**

The OIRA committee's next meeting is Monday 3 December @ 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 and minutes on the Bridge Street notice board and on the website. The Winter/Spring newsletter is due out in February/March and the last date for copy is January 7. If you would like to put an item in contact: Elizabeth Newbery 3 North St. 793360, email: [elizabeth@newberyandengland.com](mailto: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.

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Address

Tel. no.

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