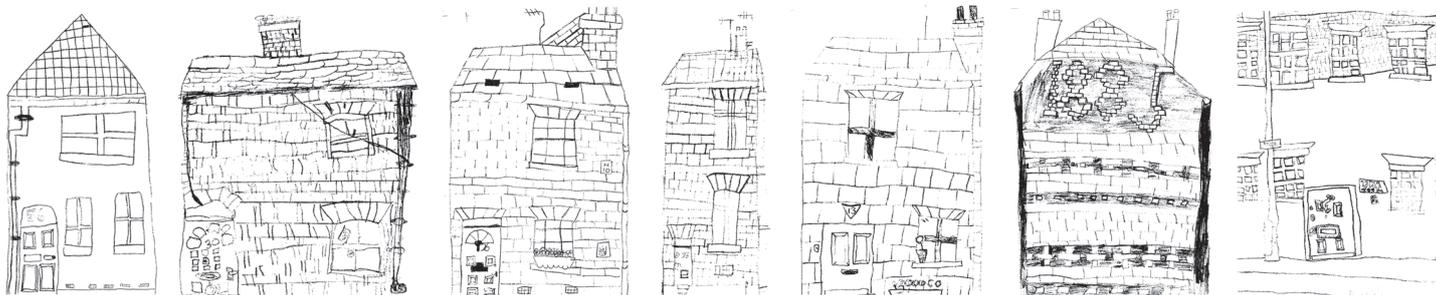


# OSNEY ISLAND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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## WHAT'S ON

### Open Gardens

This popular event will take place on Sunday June 19. Gardens will open between 2 pm – 5 pm with Open Garden Teas on the towpath, Bob Summers baskets and special plants from Robert Moy.

If you can provide homemade cakes for the teas Bianca Elgar, 15 East St tel 202977 would love to hear from you and if you can offer plants, cuttings, or seedlings for the plant stall, please contact Elizabeth Newbery on 793360. We would also welcome offers of chairs for the day, and people to help clear up. Please phone Anna Truelove on 245496 if you can help.

### Magdalen College Film Nights

Magdalen College films take place in the Auditorium reached via the entrance in Longwall St. Most of the films are excellent and the tickets still cost only £3.

Sunday, 29 May 19:30 28 Days Later

Monday, 30 May 19:30 Night of the Living Dead 21:15 Cemetery Man

Sunday, 5 June 19:30 The Breakfast Club

Monday, 6 June 19:00 The Last Picture Show 21:10 Heathers

Sunday, 12 June 19:30 The Manchurian Candidate

Monday, 13 June 19:00 Hidden 21:00 The Night Porter

Wednesday, 15 June 19:00 Festen 20:50 Broken Embraces

Sunday, 19 June 19:30 Gosford Park

Monday, 20 June 19:00 All About Eve

### Building on the West Bank

*From Tilly Foster:* In April I went to re-build a house in the West Bank in a village outside Bethlehem. Some of you have already heard a little about what we were up to and why we were doing it. Others of you won't have heard anything. It was incredibly moving & rewarding to see a house rise up from the rubble. It was also challenging to witness life behind the separation

wall and how the lives of Palestinian families are being disrupted by house demolitions, restriction of movement and settlement building. However, I was also inspired daily by gracious and hope-filled men and women who, in spite of very painful and difficult circumstances, are not victims to their current circumstances, but vibrant champions of life within the West Bank. I'm going to be speaking at St Frideswide's Sunday 5th June @10.30am during the morning service. So if you'd like to hear more about why we went and what we encountered, please come along. It is a family service so children of all ages will be most welcome.

I'm trying to see if there are opportunities for me to speak in other venues in Oxford and elsewhere. Maybe you have an idea of a good place for me to speak? Or in a more informal way, even get a few friends together and we could chat over dinner or a coffee. If a talk doesn't appeal then you can get a flavour of the building project from reflections written on the Amos Trust website (the organisation we went with): <http://www.amostrust.org/news/index.php?pageNo=1052&parent=1>

### Organ recitals at St Frideswide

*From Andrew Horsfield:* Our series of organ recitals on the newly restored Hunter Organ are continuing at St Frideswide's starting at 7:30. Wine and refreshments will be available. A £5 donation is payable at the door.

Thursday May 26th: Catherine Wallace, BA Hons, ARCO

Prelude and Fugue in C minor - J.S Bach BWV 542

Chorale Prelude "Allein Gott in der Hor' sei' Ehr' " - Johann Gouttfried Walther

Choral Prelude "Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend" - Johann Gouttfried Walther

Lento - Frank Bridge

Choral und Variation - Mendelssohn Bartholdy

Chorale Prelude 'Es ist ein Ros' entsprungen' - Johannes Brahms

Psalm prelude 1 set 1 - Herbert Howells

Chorale Prelude on a melody by Melchior Vulpus - Healey Willan

Thursday June 30th: Dorothea Harris, Organ Scholar at Corpus Christi will play Frescobaldi, Buxtehude, Bach, Mendelssohn and more.

Thursday July 28th: Sarah Lister will perform a concert of English music including Parry, Tallis and Purcell.

### **St Frideswide Church Family Eco-Event**

**Saturday 11th June 2011, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm:** children and their families are invited to come and explore the bio-diversity of the church grounds. Owain Hegarty will lead a workshop in which you can:

- help make the grounds more welcoming to wildlife
- hunt for mini-beasts
- learn more about nature

You are invited to bring a picnic to have in the grounds after the workshop, and then to visit our sister church St Margaret's Binsey to use what you have learned to explore the wildlife, trees and flowers in the country churchyard there.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **Awards**

*From Anna Truelove:* On May 11, at a ceremony in the Town Hall, the Lord Mayor of Oxford presented 15 men and women with the Certificate of Honour to commemorate their voluntary service to the community. Two recipients this year were Pauline Martin of Bridge St for services to OIRA, the Civic Society and OxClean, and Sue Hutchinson of West St for setting up and running the West Oxford Academy and for her contribution to the low Carbon West Oxford initiative. Previous Osney recipients include Richard Thurston for the Oxford Flood Alliance and Elizabeth Newbery for the newsletter.

### **St Frideswide with Binsey**

We would like to thank all the people who made the Gift Day on Saturday May 7th such a success. The rain made it necessary for us to hold the event inside St Frideswide's church, but this brought its own benefits. The nave it formed a good marketplace for crafts and there was still room around the edges for flowers, jams, and cakes. The organ sounded magnificent and the children who were invited to play the organ were delighted!

### **St Frideswide Service times**

Every Sunday 10.30am ~ 11.30am: Sung Eucharist.

First Sunday of the month is a special children and families' service, with children's hymns, and hot chocolate with marshmallows after the service.

Tuesday evenings at 7p.m: simple said Eucharist

Thursday lunchtimes at 12.30pm: simple said Eucharist.

St Margaret's, Binsey

Second and fourth Sundays of each month, 9.00am: Said Eucharist.

Evensong every Sunday at 3.30pm during British Summer Time

### **Would you like to become a Friends of St Frideswide?**

It costs nothing. And you will receive e-mail notices of events at St Frideswide's, and also let us know of any help you could offer, such as with the children's events, or organ recitals. Joining the Friends is simple; either sign up in the church or e-mail to [friendsofstfrideswides@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofstfrideswides@gmail.com). You can also get the weekly electronic pew sheets, with service times, the week's readings and news on events at the churches and elsewhere in the benefice, by sending a request to this same email address.

Would you like to become a Friend of St Margaret's Binsey? There is an annual membership fee of £15 (which can be Gift Aided). The membership fee goes towards contributing to the fabric and upkeep of the Grade 1 Listed building, and in supporting the ministry of the church and parish. The church is never locked, and all are welcome to use it. To join the Friends visit the website [www.friendsofbinsey.com](http://www.friendsofbinsey.com), write to St Frideswide with Binsey, PO Box 808 Oxford OX1 9HW or pick up the information in the church.

### **Bunting**

*from Pauline Martin:* Have you got any bunting you'd be prepared to lend from time to time? Have you, by any chance, got tucked away somewhere the bags of bunting OIRA used to own but can't trace? Oxford Civic Society has a Street Parties scheme which encourages people to get to know their neighbours better by having a street party – last year, Oxford held more than any other city in England! The scheme encourages people to lend or borrow what they need to help make this happen and everyone wants bunting. Osney is great at street parties, others are very new to it and need some help. If you could lend any bunting, please see [www.oxstreets.org.uk](http://www.oxstreets.org.uk) <<http://www.oxstreets.org.uk>> or contact Pauline Martin, 112 Bridge Street, 01865 250870. Thank you.

### **Ladies bikes**

We have 2 town bikes to give away to anyone who could use one – they've seen some service but are good for more. Call by to pick one up – 112 Bridge Street, 01865 250870.

### **Fish to your door**

The last newsletter forgot to mention Kim Dicken. Beverly Lear points out that he provides a brilliant local service delivering fresh fish to the door every Monday about 8pm. and is always happy to get anything special you may want if you phone him in advance (tel: 07806 602776).

### **Clean wheelies**

*From Pauline Martin:* Because our bin store is communal usage we have everything cleaned in rotation around City Councils collections days and times. It's a brilliant service, in a specially customised van and I know he could take more clients on his Osney round. He does commercial and household, ie big contracts and individual houses ... it's prompt, super-fresh and done v quickly outside your house. And he's really reliable ... so I'd like to recommend him:

Green and Clean, wheelie bin cleaning 01295 270794 or 07876 342654 or admin@greenandcleanuk.com or www.greenandcleanuk.com

### **New arrangements for gazebos**

As from the beginning of June, please contact Pauline Martin if you would like to borrow the gazebos and who will also collect payment (tel: 250870 email: osneyislanderp@aol.com). Collection and return point is The Punter where they will be stored. Current charges are £5 per gazebo for 48 hours.

## **USEFUL NUMBERS**

*City Council*, tel: 249811 (now 24 hours); *County Council*, tel: 792422; *Alan Armitage*, tel: 516115; *Susanna Pressel*, 7 Rawlinson Rd Oxford OX2 6UE, tel: 554001 email: cllrpressel@oxford.gov.uk; *City Councillors: Colin Cook*, tel: 272548 (day) 721844 (evening) email: cllrccook@oxford.gov.uk and Susanna (as above); *Community Beat Officer PC Jan Warner*, tel: 08458 505505; refuse, recycling, free collections, bulky items, street cleaning, drains and flooding tel: 252900; *free advice on energy*, tel: 252197; *noise complaints*, daytime tel: 252553, out of hours tel: 742138; *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 and abandoned bikes*, tel: 0845 8505 505; *abandoned and unlicensed vehicles*, tel: 252900.

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

## **TRIED AND TESTED**

### **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'; **Pete Coles** tel: 01865 776319 mob: 07760 327 057 also does plumbing ('reliable, helpful and reasonable rates'); **ACH Plasterers** info@ACHplastering.co.uk tel: 01865 300 300 ('Did a great job and friendly, efficient too!); Building specialist in carpentry and joinery, NHBC registered est 1974: **R.P. Lepper** tel: 01993 882522 mob: 07801 136 4817 ('excellent, experienced workmanship')

### **Building and roof repairs**

**Gosford Builders** tel: 01865 373467 mob: 07855 373467 ('good work and very fair rates')

### **Plumbing and heating**

Plumbing and heating: **Aquatic** tel: 01865 74999 mob: 07050 011884 (highly recommended); **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** (electricians, plumbing, kitchens, bathrooms) tel: 01235 554655

### **Electricians**

**RJB Electrical** (rewires and new installations) tel: 01865 882723 mob: 07711 934348; **J.L. Electrical** (rewires, fuse boards, sockets, lights) mob: 07825 133337; **CE Electrical Services** tel: 01865 842598 or mob: 0778 2360 979 ('thoroughly recommended'); **DEC Electricians** tel: 725453 ('very good')

### **Domestic appliances**

**Baldwin Appliances** tel: 01865 377484 www.baldwinappliances.com; Washing machine repairs. Contact: Chris at **Oxford Domestic**. Appointments can be booked online at oxforddomestic.com or tel: 01865 407494. ('skilled, timely, user friendly with very reasonable fixed prices and no call out fee').

### **Handyman**

**Jon Butt** tel: 07766 144116 ('a friend recommended him. He lives in Witney but very willing to travel to Oxford'); **David Morris** tel: 725875 (reasonably priced)

### **Chimney sweep**

**Dennis Northcott** tel: 01235 526617 ('does a good job')

### **Window cleaning**

**Paul Smith** mob: 0785 463 1963 ('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')

### **Flooring and general carpentry**

**Amazon Flooring** mob: 07899 918015 ('highly recommended')

### **Sewing Services**

**Jan Donley** tel: 249625 upholstery (I've been pleased with everything she's done); **Belinda Cockburn** mending, making and alterations tel: 01865 250054 ('her sewing is first class'); **Ann Paver** tel: 249129 soft furnishing including drapes, curtains but not upholstery ('highly recommended')

### **Damp**

**Damprot Renovations Ltd** tel: 742144 ('have done some replastering for us on a couple of occasions and are good').

### **Apple macs**

**Bill Richardson** email: bill@macfaction.co.uk tel: 01993 811197 ('excellent and will come out if not too busy'); **APi Computing** tel: 01865 821536 mob: 07964 796007 ('efficient, not too costly'); **Mac Simple** is based in Osney Mead tel 07974 321064 www.macsimple.co.uk ('excellent and local').

### **Oven Cleaning**

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

### **Ironing services**

**Creases** tel: 01869 347414 ('they collect and deliver - I've used them for years')

### **Removals**

**Isis Van Man** tel: 01865 422342 mob: 07828 185884 email: help@Isisvanman.com ('very helpful and friendly')

**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.

**Gardening Services**

Marion White, lady gardener tel: 01865 770515. (Good hourly rate, great work and winner of the Oxford in Bloom (small garden category); Oxford Garden Services mob: 0755 498 7911('excellent tree surgery at fair rates - and they cleared up well afterwards')

**OIRA COMMITTEE**

Bianca Elgar 15 East St tel: 202977; Stephen Lynam 11 South St (Secretary and Vice Chair) tel: 201334; Suzanne Jeffrey 13 South St 247737; Fiona McFarlane (Treasurer) 11 South St tel: 201334; Elizabeth Newbery (Newsletter) 3 North St tel: 793360; Kate Stewart 18 East St (Chair) tel: 241856; Anna Truelove 83 Bridge St tel: 245496. The new email address for any OIRA committee member is askoira@osneyisland.org.uk

**Next Committee meeting**

The OIRA committee's next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 15 June at 15 East St @ 8pm. 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 July , last date for

copy June 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.

**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.

**Notice board**

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

**Islanders' email list**

The OIRA Committee has been aware for some time that our means of communicating with residents (via mail-drop) is far from perfect, and the recent cabling work in South Street has shown that the current arrangements are entirely inadequate to allow us to cope with a rapidly changing situation or emergency. If you'd be happy to be kept posted by email, please either fill in the tear-off slip below and return it to a Committee member (addresses at the end of this newsletter), or email Kate at katestewart@ntlworld.com, giving your name(s), street and house number. If we have people's email addresses and fewer houses to deliver to, we should be able to get up-to-date information to everybody much more quickly and efficiently in a rapidly changing situation or emergency. The newsletter will continue to be delivered by hand, as well as being posted on the website.

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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(s)  
House No / Street  
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