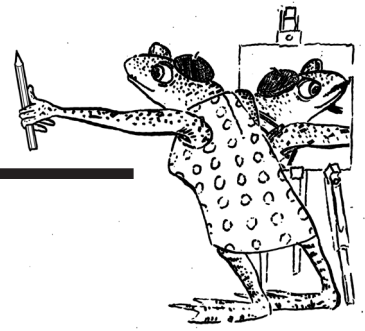


Osney Island Residents' Association Newsletter



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COMING UP

Summer is here with lots of lovely things happening on the Island! This year Artweeks and Open Gardens coincide on Sunday May 21. Why not do both and then take a break for tea on the towpath.

OXFORDSHIRE ARTWEEKS 20 – 29 May

Osney is showcasing artists and crafts people who live on and around the Island:

- 2 North Street: Elaine Kazimierczuk: Paintings
- 15 East Street: Bianca Elgar: Textiles
- 24 East Street: Maureen Ergeneli: 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 also be several artists exhibiting at WOCC and at The King's Centre.

Please refer to the 'Trail Map' for times.

Open Gardens Sunday May 21

10 Islanders are opening their gardens, there will be a children's trail, plants in lovely locally made pots for sale, live music and teas on the towpath outside 24 East St. Gardens are open from 2-4 pm and teas from 3 - 4.30 pm price £3 for families; £2 for adults.

- 83 Bridge St, Anne Truelove: an urban garden with gravel and plants in pots
- 81 Bridge St, Annette Walton and Chris Ainsley: a new garden created after the removal of 5 skips of rubbish
- 80 Bridge St, Murial and Archie Hendry: once a wilderness now a traditional English garden
- 79 Bridge St, Matt Dyson: leafy bowers, scented plants, a winding path and wisteria
- 25 Bridge St, Julia and Peter Marsh: fruit trees are a feature of this garden including an apple, Morello cherry, damson, greengage, and a very old pear tree
- 42 West St, Susan Hutchinson and Robert Lawrence: a very good solution to awkwardly shaped garden
- 22 West St, Eve and Roy Hoare: a dog and her new puppy resulted in a courtyard garden
- 10 East St, Jude Carroll: a plantswoman's lovely garden
- 31 East St, Joan and Simon Stubbings: one of the largest lawns on the Island with well-planted borders
- 3 North St, Elizabeth Newbery: a shady garden with ferns, foxgloves and hostas. Plants on sale here.

Concerts at St Frideswide's church

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

Thursday, 25th May, 7.30pm Take Two! Mr Handel's Heroes and Heroines. Anna Shackleton (soprano), Adrian Boorman (countertenor), and Jon French (piano)

Thursday, 29th June, 7.30pm Park West. Alison Way (soprano), Pam Smith & Carin Wilkinson (recorders), and Rosemary Robinson (spinnet, piano, recorders)

Thursday 27th July, 7.30pm Caitlin Hulcup (soprano)

Other events at St Frideswide's church

Saturday 13th May, 10am - 12.30pm Gift Day

Saturday 15th July, 2pm-4pm Bee Festival

West Oxford 'Big Picnic'

Sat 17 June, 4pm-7pm, Botley Park

From David Jeffrey: All residents of West Oxford are invited to the "Big Picnic", a community event being held on Saturday 17 June from 4pm to 7pm in Botley Park, next to the West Oxford Community Centre. Bring your own picnic and enjoy it in the company of family, friends (old and new) and neighbours. There will also be a stall selling some of the beers that will be on offer at the West Oxford Beer Festival later in the evening. Music will be provided from 6pm by local band, Bötley Crüe.

The 'Big Picnic' is part of a series of nation-wide events called the 'The Great Get Together', celebrating the vibrancy of our local communities and inspired by the words of the late Jo Cox MP: 'we have more in common than that which divides us'. In that spirit, her family and friends are inviting people across the country to mark the anniversary of her death by organising or attending a celebration in their community on 17-18 June. There is no entrance fee, no ticket, just bring a picnic, maybe something to drink, a rug, a chair, your family, friends, neighbours, good cheer and a bit of sunshine.

As well as old friends, why not bring along some new ones? The 'Great Get Together' is all about bringing communities together. So invite the person you are on nodding terms with from down the street, whose name you don't know. Or the people who have just moved in a few doors along. You can also make friends at the event. Don't be shy, start chatting to the people on the next rug. Even if you don't need a chair yourself, why not bring one or two along, in case someone else does. A picnic in the park – what a great way to make new friends.

What happens if it rains? As with all picnics, this is an outdoor event and will be dependent on the weather. If it rains a little: bring an umbrella. If it rains a lot: maybe stay at home and invite your neighbours round for an indoor picnic. To find out more about the West Oxford "Big Picnic" please go online to www.wobfest.org.uk/ggt

Note: the Committee felt that Islanders would be unlikely to turn out just a week later for the Midsummer Brunch planned for June 25, so we will arrange another community event for later in the year. Watch this space.

West Oxford Beer Festival – Sat 17 June, 7pm-11pm, West Oxford Community Centre

From David Jeffrey: This will be the seventh year for 'WOBfest' (as we like to call it), and once again we will be featuring a range of local ales, with other refreshment and entertainment. In previous years WOBfest has been a great success, bringing together West Oxford residents for an enjoyable evening, whilst raising money for local causes.

For 2017, WOBfest is part of the 'Great Get Together' series of events being coordinated by the Jo Cox Foundation (www.greatgettogether.org) and we have adopted the red and white gingham of The Great Together on our distinctive posters, tickets and our commemorative glasses.

Entrance is by ticket only, and the price has been held at five pounds. As well as entry to the beer festival, the price includes the now-iconic WOBfest pint glass, which is yours to keep. Tickets are on sale from Country Grains, from our street reps (look out for the gingham posters!) and online. For more details, go to our website (www.wobfest.org.uk) or find our Facebook page by searching for "WOBfest".

Please also get in contact if you are interested in helping out - selling tickets, pouring pints, or by becoming a beer sponsor, either corporate or individual. Without our sponsors and volunteers WOBfest would not be possible. We look forward to seeing you and your friends for what promises to be another great evening.

NEWS AND VIEWS

Changes to the committee

Jude Carroll, a stalwart Chair of the committee since taking over from Georg, has decided to step down. Her loyalty and energy, dedication and efficient manner in dealing with Committee matters, will be sorely missed. Meanwhile, the good news is we have two new Committee members: Karen Schoenemann and Joyce Chalmers. The bad news is we currently have no Chair, so current committee members will act as temporary Chairs on a rotating basis until such times as we have a permanent Chair again.

Allotments - Summer Sundays coffee mornings

Everyone is invited to come along to our new Summer Sunday coffee mornings held at the shop on the last Sunday of each month (10.30-midday). Long-standing, new and prospective plot holders can meet committee

members, ask questions and give us suggestions. Plus the shop is now open every Sunday in summer, 10-midday.

Meanwhile the cold snap at the end of April has not held back work on our two allotment sites. Thanks again to the Community Payback Team who tackle the difficult job of waste clearance. This is an ongoing challenge and we welcome everybody's help to ensure safe and tidy sites. 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

St Frideswide with Binsey

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>

Osney Island website

Since the new website went live in mid March it has had 1,417 views by 263 visitors from 10 countries! Thanks to Jane Buekett, our new webmaster.

Calling experienced needleworkers

From Maureen Ergeneli: There is an interesting course on making fabric books using a variety of techniques to be held in Marsh Baldon Village Hall, 24-25 June 10 – 4 pm. Cost £60 for 2 day course. If you are interested, please contact Maureen on 244480 for further details.

Accommodation wanted

Female graduate, aged 29, seeks room in shared house in Oxford from mid-June. Great references, clean, tidy, honesty, helpful, good cook, working at University centre, excellent technical skills. Rent up to c £115 a week. Also experienced qualified carer, so could suit sharing house with older person, and offering support etc. from time to time as required. The young woman in question has stayed with us and is a very nice person indeed and highly recommended. If you or anyone you know may be able to help, please contact her directly at bhuvaneshwari@hotmail.co.uk.

The Boat Club

From Simon Stubbings: Despite the dismal boating weather outside, the Osney Island Boat Club held a convivial AGM in the Punter on Wednesday 26 April. Rob Bennett was thanked for his work in improving the environment for towpath users by re-painting the doors of the boat shed. These had become daubed with graffiti. In the process of making individual plans for the summer, it was agreed to set aside a weekend morning in June to clear any waste that has accumulated in the streams around the Island. (Last year we came back with a magnificent haul of half a dozen footballs!) The annual Boat Club Outing was also discussed and fixed for 3 September 2017. The fees for 2017/18 were confirmed at £25 membership fee (per household) and £50 boat storage fee. Although there are currently no vacant spaces for storing a boat in the shed, the club now owns four

craft which are available free of charge to members. These comprise: a Canadian canoe, a regular kayak, and two smaller kayaks. Any resident of the Island wishing to join the OIBC is invited to contact Simon Stubbings at 31 East Street (simonstubbings@gmail.com). In addition to the membership fee there is a one-off, non-refundable, joining fee of £30.

Dastardly Japanese knotweed

From Quentin Sattenau: Himalayan balsam or Japanese Knotweed (*Impatiens glandulifera*) is a relative of the busy Lizzie, but reaches well over head height, and is a major weed problem, especially on riverbanks and waste land and can also invade gardens. It grows rapidly and spreads quickly, smothering other vegetation as it goes.

I am suggesting that any interested readers of the newsletter might want to get together on one afternoon/evening in late June/early July to eliminate some areas where this plant has colonised, particularly along waterways. I will suggest a possible date and a place to meet via the Osney Island Email list shortly.

Garage needed

...for storage- anywhere in and around Oxford.
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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.

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: cllrspresel@oxford.gov.uk; City Councilors: Colin Cook, tel: 272548 (day) 721844 (evening) email: cllrccook@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.auotos@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 skimmed 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

Remloc Plumbing and Heating Ltd, 5 Fulwell Close, Abingdon, Oxon OX14 1JX; 01235 536345.

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 Skoyles 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

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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 July 10 @ 8pm at 24 East St. Committee meetings are by invitation only. If you'd like to raise an issue please contact the Chair, Stephen Lynam (Chair) 11 South St tel: 201334; stephenrodgerlynam@gmail.com; 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-of strip below.

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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	Address	Tel. no.
Request		