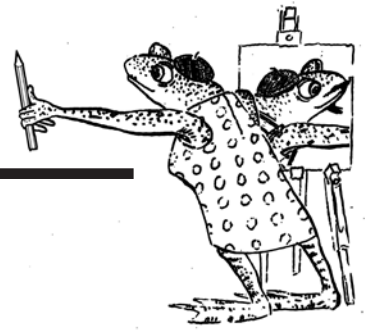


# Osney Island Residents' Association Newsletter



osneyisland.wordpress.com  
September/October 2017

You may have noticed that you didn't receive the July/August issue. I'm afraid for the first time I just didn't manage to complete it. Normal service is resumed with this issue.

## COMING UP

### Concerts at St Frideswide's Church

We apologize for the two recent cancellations, which were a result of events beyond our control. We hope you will enjoy the concerts that are coming up.

Entry is £5 on the door, and includes a glass of wine and nibbles.

Thursday 7th September, 7.30pm, Ella deVilliers (flute) and Georgina Dadson (guitar)

Thursday 28th September, 7.30pm, Myles Hartley FRCO, organ recital

Thursday 26th October, 7.30pm, Musical Banquet Adrian Boorman (countertenor), Tricia McLaughlin (viola da gamba / baroque guitar) and Malcolm Pearce (keyboard)

Thursday 30th November, 7.30pm, Hope McNamara (soprano), Emma Lowe (piano)

### Other events at St Frideswide's church

Saturday 30th September, 10:30am-12:30pm Harvest children's workshop

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](mailto:osneybenefice@outlook.com)

### West Oxford Allotments

Both our allotment sites are flourishing. Remember that the shop is open every Sunday in summer, 10-midday, and everyone is welcome to come along to our next Summer Sunday coffee morning held at the shop on the last Sunday in the month (10.30-midday). A reminder that rent collection is the first three Sundays in September. If you would like to rent an allotment the contact emails are [secretary@westoxfordallotments.org](mailto:secretary@westoxfordallotments.org) for Botley Meadow (along the Botley Road, just beyond Waitrose), or [gus.fagan@ntlworld.com](mailto:gus.fagan@ntlworld.com) for Twenty Pound Meadow. Sunday September 3rd is Bring and Share on Twenty Pound Meadow from 12 pm onwards.

## NEWS AND VIEWS

### Arts Weeks successes

Several artists and crafts people living on Osney Island were represented in Oxfordshire Artweeks 2017. It was

timed with Open Gardens which meant extra footfall and all the exhibitors enjoyed considerable interest and success. Since then, Elaine Kazimierzuk has been invited to exhibit at The Other Art Fair at the Arnolfini Gallery, Bristol, run by Saatchi and starts next weekend 1-3 September, and also The Other Art Fair London, 5-8 October. She is also going to do the Christmas Artweeks for selected dates. Bianca Elgar is up for an award for two of her designs.

### My courtyard garden

In the run-up to Open Gardens, Eve Hoare submitted a short piece on how her courtyard gardens came to be. There wasn't room to include it then but here it now.

'Acquiring a dog and her puppy two years ago and my reduced mobility (I am 87) resulted in a courtyard garden. I love my climbers - clematis and roses - and my only plan is to ensure the plants are happy. As a 7-year-old I remember my amazement when a dried pea pod became a plant and so began my love of gardening. The school cat ate it so I learnt the lesson of disappointment which all gardeners soon learn. But I have never lost my sense of awe and am currently growing a bonsai oak from the acorn I planted.'

### St Frideswide

At the east end of the church we have an area where ashes can be buried. If you would like to find out more, please contact [osneybenefice@outlook.com](mailto: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>

### The newsletter

The Island website is extremely effective (see below) and has taken over as the prime way to discuss various Island issues, complaints and things for sale not there is much less content for the newsletter. No one appears to want to relinquish it as it stands so, we are going to fill the gap with an item of roughly the same date twenty years ago. Up for discussion at the next AGM is whether to reduce the newsletter from bi monthly to quarterly.

### Twenty years ago ...

*From Roy Hoare; 'I HATE EVERYTHING' growls bold black graffiti on the walls of the underpass beneath Botley Road railway bridge. It is one of the many items that desecrate the site. Graffiti subjects range widely: the simple Tagger who likes to leave his mark, usually his initials or street name, as a dog piddles*

to leave his scent. The witty, the sexual, the political and the philosophical to the raw or street art that can be large, colourful, imaginative and, occasionally, beautiful. Dubuffet, the 20th century French artist, who coined the title 'art brut' for street graffiti, used it as the basis for some of his paintings. Public toilets are a fertile source. In the covert cradle of the cubicle, closet laureates have penned such gems as 'Descartes thought he was here', 'Life is a sexually transmitted disease', 'You can kill the protesters but you can't kill the protest'. And the apt Limerick:

There once was a fellow named Rafferty,  
Who went to a gentlemen's Lafferty  
When he saw the sight  
He said Newton was right  
This must be the centre of grafferty.

Some things don't change...Ed.

### **Talking of complaints...**

Will the person who is dumping garden waste alongside the stream in North St please stop.

### **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: cllrspressel@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](http://www.oxford.gov.uk) and [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### **New recommendations**

Bill Baxter, The Animated Laser Company. Telephone/ Text 07774 412944. Noon to Midnight ... Old Marston, Oxford, OX3 0SX. Email: bill@animatedlaser.co.uk. When I was recently hacked an excellent computer man came out urgently that evening and cleaned up my computer (as opposed to Compuworld in Currys down the Botley Rd who said it would take two weeks).

Jonathan Everett, Lockwood Carpentry.  
j.everett.lwc@gmail.com, 07597 952381

'Designs and makes for very reasonable prices: skilled, tidy, efficient.' (He and his sister come in a white van all kitted out inside as a workshop and they do all the sawing and messy work inside the van.)

Byron of Sure Gas Boiler Repairs, tel 07899 629629: very prompt, pleasant and efficient who came and expertly fixed my gas pipe when it had accidentally been cut through and did it on a weekend when I had visitors coming to stay.

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

#### **Bicycles and accessories**

Jon Wyver 07842901873;

[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 8816856 [enquiries@everestroofing.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@everestroofing.co.uk)

#### **Car repairs**

Oxon Auto's in Grove near Wantage 07899 762 949  
[oxon.auotos@live.co.uk](mailto:oxon.auotos@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

#### **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); API Computing 07964 796007

Judy Dendy 07554 660468 [www.computerdendy.co.uk](http://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](mailto:JC.Electrical@hotmail.com)

Baldwin Appliances 01865 377484 [www.baldwinappliances.com](http://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](mailto: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 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 [info@oxfordgardenservices.co.uk](mailto:info@oxfordgardenservices.co.uk) (tree surgery)

**General builders**

Chris Willis 07974 155 638 (general building work);

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](mailto:office@ngre.co.uk);

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

Energy My Way 0845 3713181 [www.energymyway.co.uk](http://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](mailto:the.read.setter@gmail.com) (shelves, carpentry)

**Heating**

Heatstore in Charlbury (for Defra approved wood and coal burners) 01608 819088 [www.heatstoreltd.co.uk](http://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**

Jashim Hussain of Ultragranite, 01865 407555 [www.ultragranite.co.uk](http://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**

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**

Joyce Chalmers (Chair) 22 East St [homeinoxford@btinternet.com](mailto:homeinoxford@btinternet.com); Maureen Ergeneli 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](mailto:veronikalukacs@yahoo.com) t: 07746712609; Stephen Lynam (Vice Chair) 11 South St tel: 201334; [stephenrodgerlynam@gmail.com](mailto:stephenrodgerlynam@gmail.com); Elizabeth Newbery (Newsletter) 3 North St tel: 793360 [elizabeth@newberyandengland.com](mailto:elizabeth@newberyandengland.com); Gareth Strange 102 Bridge St 727680; Julia 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**

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

**A note on the Internet**

OIRA website: [www.osneyisland.co.uk](http://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

**Notice board**

*Suzanne Jeffrey*, 13 South Street tel: 247737 email: [Suzanne@dands.org.uk](mailto:Suzanne@dands.org.uk)

**Next Committee meeting**

The OIRA committee's next meeting is Sept 4 @ 8pm at 24 East St. Committee meetings are by invitation only. If you'd like to raise an issue please contact the Chair, Joyce Chalmers 20 East St, email: [homeinoxford@btinternet.com](mailto:homeinoxford@btinternet.com) or Stephen Lynam (Vice Chair) 11 South St, tel: 201334, email: [stephenrodgerlynam@gmail.com](mailto: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 November, last date for copy October 31. If you would like to put an item in contact: Elizabeth Newbery 3 North St, tel: 793360, email: [elizabeth@newberyandengland.com](mailto:elizabeth@newberyandengland.com) or use the tear-of strip over the page.

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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.

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