

emergency rations to our bedroom.'
Simon Stubbings, East St

'Walking around the streets 3am wondering is the river really going to come over this time? Chatting to everyone who was also there with similar fears.'
Maureen Ergeneli, East St

'I lost conscious thought for 10 days after catching a potentially fatal illness from the water while helping to build our sandbag barrier so, I'm glad to be able to write this!'
Nancy Beaty, West St

'My memories are online at YouTube.com. Search for Oxford Flood Osney Ducks'
Mark Boyes, West Ct.

The media went into overdrive after my 'interaction' with Sue Turton'.
Rufus Burdett, East St (for those on another planet at the time, Rufus was caught on camera goosing the Channel 4 news presenter.)

'I came back from a holiday to find an old computer submerged in a cellar full of water'.
Simon Pressey, West St

'I met the Bishop of Oxford on the bridge on the Wednesday at midday, when things looked really ominous. I asked him if he'd come to part the waters and create some dry land. He laughed and said he'd come to lend his support to residents. By the evening we could see bare parts of West Street again. Divine intervention or what?'
Peter Newell, West St

'My memory is receiving worried calls and emails from places like Mexico, Japan and Bangladesh...'
Alan Goodwin, North St

'I felt like a media tart because I was asked so many times by television and radio crews to give the 'human angle'.
Jill Moss, West St

'I lost everything on my allotments except chives'
Jennifer Kotilaine, Bridge St

'The aquatic home zone gave residents freedom of the streets!'
Peter and Julia Marsh, Bridge St

'How friendly we all felt towards each other when we were suddenly given the opportunity to express it.'
Louise Summers, Bridge St

'The nice man from Eggsetcetera making an emergency dash to the cash'n'carry to get us nappies!'
Dom, Heidi and Eithne, West St

'Richard Thurston of West Street is a hero. Even when his house looked like it might be flooded he was still making tea for the f remen.'
The Hutchinson Family, West St

'The feeling of heartfelt gratitude of the superhuman efforts of Osney Islanders for keeping my house dry while I worried rather resignedly on holiday in the sun-drenched Baltic Republics.'
Miranda Jones, West St

'Osney Island is still the best place to live.'
Susan Lloyd, Doyley Rd

'John and Eric (11 Bridge St) and their impromptu 'caf ' at 3am (24/7) for police and f ref ghters who f ocked to it'
The Jacobs Family, Bridge St

'I made friends with a photographer Ed Terakopian who also took the searing photographs of the London bombing. He sent me this link to his slideshow of the f oods here and in Gloucester <http://homepage.mac.com/edopix/foods-slideshow/>. Osney starts about half way through the show'

From Susan Lloyd:

On Saturday 1st September 2007, lock keeper and f ood hero, Ray Riches, received his gift of garden vouchers from Osney Islanders in appreciation of his work during the f oods. Thank you to everyone who contributed.'

Osney island Boat Club

Are you interested in exploring the river and its tributaries? Did you know that the Osney Island Boat Club owns three kayaks and a Canadian canoe available to members to take out at any time? The boat shed is next to Osney Lock with easy access to the river. Membership currently costs just £25 per year with a £30 joining fee and is open to all Osney Island residents. This year we may be planning some club day trips too so if you are interested in joining please contact Fiona at 15 South Street (f ona@myphone.coop) for more information.

Allotment coffee mornings callout

The Allotments host a coffee morning outside the allotment shop 10.30 – 12 on the last Sunday of the month from April to September which is open to anyone. We offer good fresh ground coffee and a selection of homemade cakes for £2, juice and cakes for children £1. If you fancy showing off your Bake Off skills and making an occasional cake, buns or cookies please contact Elizabeth elizabeth@newberyandengland.com 078616 268145.

Congratulations

...to Piper and Seth Osborne whose daughter Romilly Ithaca Jessie Osborne was born on 21st August 2019.

... and to Joe Andrews and Debbie Hall for the Oxford Preservation Trust Commendation 2019 on the 'careful restoration and enhancement' work done on their house, 14 East St.

Osney hydro mosaic

From Saski Huggins: We're delighted to reveal the latest mosaic hour marker that's been completed by artist Josie Webber for our human sundial. Featuring a kingfisher and dragonfly, the artwork is part of our celebration of the local flora and fauna.



St Frideswide with Binsey

Events at St Frideswide's Church

We warmly welcome everyone in the community to our regular Sunday service at 10.30am, and morning prayer on Mondays at 9.30am.

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

Green builders and installers

Next Generation Renewable Energy Ltd. 01993 810130
of ce@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, under floor heating)

Handymen

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

Heating

Byron Morris, Avid Heating, 01865 703 303
info@avidheating.co.uk

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/ replaces)

Newsagent

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

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

Michel Temple 07983 767075 Michaeltemple1@outlook.com

Wood burning stove fitters

Lee Hill 01865 787940/07732 864441 (HETAS approved)

Osney Island email list

It's never too late to sign-up 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? Send subscription requests to the list manager at osiramanager@gmail.com

Bridge St Noticeboard

Julia Marsh @ 26 Bridge St 247001 is the person to contact to secure a display on the noticeboard beside the letterbox in Bridge St.

Gazebos

If you would like to borrow the gazebos, bunting and tables please contact Alan Goodwin on 07765 034918 alan@hilcot.demon.co.uk

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.org.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.

OIRA Committee

We are sorry to report that Paul Hunter has resigned from the OIRA committee. We were grateful for his work on planning in particular.

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Next Committee meeting

The next OIRA Committee meeting is Monday 30 March @ 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 Osney Island Newsletter

The newsletter is issued quarterly: February, May, August and November. If you would like to put an item in the January/February issue contact: Elizabeth Newbery 3 North St. 793360, email: elizabeth@newberyandengland.com or use the tear-off strip below. Photographs of Island events are especially welcome. Copy should be emailed on the last Friday in the preceding month. The last date for copy in the next newsletter is 30 April.

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

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