

# COMMUNITY CASH UP FOR GRABS!



MORE than £30,000 of funding has been earmarked for community groups in Rose Hill. Groups are set to benefit from the cash boost thanks to partnership working between Oxford City Council's Communities and Neighbourhoods team and the Rose Hill Regeneration Partnership, led by housing provider GreenSquare.

The funding has been made available through the Community First scheme. This is an £80m government-funded initiative that will run for four years, until March 2015.

The programme will help the Rose Hill and Iffley communities identify their strengths and local priorities in order to plan for their future and become more resilient.

The funding is earmarked for both new and existing community groups.

*The programme will:*

- Support local projects that improve the quality of life for local people
- Promote a sense of ownership of local opportunities and resources
- Start more neighbourhood groups and revitalise existing groups

Stephen Richardson said: "This is just a wonderful opportunity for small community groups to access funds that will really make an impact on the lives of local people – I do hope that we have plenty of applications for the money!"

Rose Hill now has its own panel, made up of local people to represent their community. They have been involved in creating a plan for the local area, raising awareness of the funds, and planning how they will match and spend the money.

The Panel members are Ginnie Herbert, Stephen Richardson, Sean Qualter, Hafsa Akkas, Normalisa Chasokela and Fran Gardner.

The race is now on to allocate the first £5624 of funds – which must be spent by June. Fran Gardner said: "Don't miss this wonderful opportunity to access up to £750 of funding for your community group."

Applications must be submitted by 1

May, and groups are being urged to make their applications as soon as possible.

Groups can find full details of the Fund, the Panel, local priorities, application forms, guidelines and criteria at the Rose Hill Community First website: [www.oxford.gov.uk/PageRender/decC/CommunityFirstFund.htm#1](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/PageRender/decC/CommunityFirstFund.htm#1)

Application forms are also available at the Rose Hill Children's Centre, Community Centre and Primary School.

*If you would like more details or would like to ask about the fund you can call Cheryl Snudden on 01865 252646 - 07833 404411 or Fran Gardner on 07770 324 277*



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## ROSE HILL NEWS

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### Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service

## HOW SAFE IS YOUR HOME?

OXFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue Service is encouraging Rose Hill residents to make sure they can identify the fire hazards in their home. Check how fire safe you are with these five top tips.

#### 1. Complete a Home Fire Risk Check

The online questionnaire can be found on [www.365alive.co.uk](http://www.365alive.co.uk). To request a postal copy call the Freephone Community Safety Helpline on 08000 325 999.

#### 2. Smoke alarms

Smoke alarms alert you to fire and give you and your family precious time to escape. Make sure your smoke alarms are fully working on every level of your home. Why not have a Test it Tuesday routine where you push the button to check your smoke alarm works?

#### 3. Are there smokers in the house?

Careless disposal of cigarettes, cigars, matches and lighters are the single biggest killer in house fires locally. Remember to never leave lit cigarettes unattended, to stub them out properly in an ashtray and never a wastebasket. If possible, avoid smoking inside your home!

#### 4. Have an escape plan

Having and practicing an escape plan will help you and your family act quickly when there is a fire. The best escape route is usually your normal way in and out of your home. It is important to have a Plan B in case the usual exit is blocked.

#### 5. Get fire safety support

*For further advice on making an escape plan, what to do in the event of a fire or for further fire safety advice visit [www.365alive.co.uk](http://www.365alive.co.uk) or call the Community Safety helpline on 08000 365 999.*

## Rose Hill Neighbourhood Police Team Update

**ROSE HILL’S Neighbourhood Police Team is working hard to make the estate a safer place for all, by reducing crime and Anti Social Behaviour on the estate. Here is the latest news from the Team.**

#### Good news!

There has been no anti-social behaviour on Rose Hill over the past month.

#### Keep an eye out... for your bike!

Bicycles still get stolen from gardens and sheds, so make sure you get your bike marked, by calling your local police team on 101. Also remember to keep doors and windows locked, as burglaries rise during the warm weather.

#### Have Your Say dates

Have Your Say by coming along to one of the Neighbourhood Policing meetings. Share

your concerns, ask questions and meet your local PCs and PCSOs on Wednesday 25 April between 4 - 5pm at Sainsbury's Heyford Hill. A meeting will also take place on Wednesday 23 May 4 - 5pm at the St Nicholas Road shops.

**Stay in touch with your Neighbourhood Police Team by calling them on 101 for advice, or dialing 999 if it is an emergency.**

**If you have information about crime but you do not want to speak to the police, you can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.**

#### Community Messaging

Community Messaging is a free service with information about police activity in your local area via phone or email. To find out more visit the Thames Valley Police website [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk).

## TRANSLATIONS AND LARGE PRINT

If you would like to have any part of Rose Hill News explained or translated, or you need to read it in a different format such as large print, please contact Fran on 07770 324277 or email [fran.gardner@ocha.org.uk](mailto:fran.gardner@ocha.org.uk)

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## Community Response Team RESPONDING IN ROSE HILL

THE CRT (Community Response Team) patrols the estate twice weekly and is currently dealing with 20 issues in Rose Hill on a weekly basis, ranging from low level ASB, welfare visits, dog fouling, environmental issues and waste disposal.

There are ongoing complaints about residents not putting their waste bins out on the correct days.

Bins should only be put out on the street for collection at earliest the evening before waste collection day, and should be taken back in by the end of collection day at the latest. It is an enforceable offence to leave them out all of the time and a fine can be issued.

People in Oxfordshire are being warned that if they fly-tip their rubbish they risk prosecution. Since 2007 levels of fly tipping have been reduced due to increased enforcement action, this has been achieved by fines being issued, use of CCTV and education campaigns, it has helped to save local councils over £175,000 in clean up costs.

However, fly-tipping has not been eradicated and is still an ongoing issue that we, in conjunction with other departments in the council, are battling with.

The Rose Hill Embankment was cleared of rubbish by the City Council in March between the Rose Hill and Sainsbury/Heyford Hill roundabouts. The CRT is now monitoring this area for Environmental Development and Streetscenes ,who cleared it, and will be looking at enforcement leading to fines for anyone fly-tipping over their back garden fences onto this area.

A spokesman for the CRT said: “You can contact The CRT on 01865 252080 about any issues you may have. Please leave a brief message with your name and contact details if we are unavailable, we will get back to you as soon as we are back in the office.”

## NEWS FROM LITTLEMORE LIBRARY

CHILDREN aged between three and eight can get crafty at the new monthly themed Craft Activity drop in sessions. The first one was at the end of March and they will be held on the first Saturday of the month. As children must be accompanied by an adult, it's also a chance for the grown-ups to relax and choose some books for themselves!

The library is increasing the number of its library rhyme times, so from 1 April they will take place on the second and last Friday of the month. There will also be a rhyme-time session at Littlemore Playgroup on 29 April.

The new self-service machine is easy to use and continues to be very popular with library customers.

**Littlemore Library: Sandy Lane West, Littlemore OX4 5JY  
Tel: 01865 714309**

# Looking after the little ones

By Michael Klimes

IT'S A clear and carefree day for all at the Rose Hill Nursery thanks to nursery manager Linda Jedynowicz who loves keeping watch over the little ones busy playing in the sandpit and water-tray.

Linda works at the Nursery five days a week, and has been in the position for an impressive 12 years. She said: "I enjoy watching the children grow and seeing their personalities develop."

Two other staff members are also on hand to keep the children busy with exciting activities. Sammaia speaks Urdu and Punjabi with parents who speak English as a second language. Linda's own daughter also



works at the nursery as a deputy supervisor.

Rose Hill Nursery provides morning and afternoon sessions for children aged between two and half and five years old. There are places for 16 at each session.

The morning sessions run from 8.45–11.45am. and the afternoon sessions run from 12.15–2.45pm. Parents with children under three must pay £7.50 per session to attend.

For more info about Rose Hill Nursery, email Linda on [lindajed10@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lindajed10@yahoo.co.uk).

## GET INVOLVED IN ROSE HILL: **FREE training in community action**

ARE you flicking through this copy of the Rose Hill News thinking "I want to get involved and start doing these things that I read about?" A new, free seven week training in Community Action could help you do just that.

The "Introduction to Community Action" course is for people who want to get more involved in their communities but are not quite sure where to start. Whether you want to organise a street party or get involved in a local group, this training will help you work out what you want to do and will give you all the help you need to get started.

During the seven week course, you'll:

- understand how you can affect decisions where you live
- get a confidence boost
- develop a plan of action
- earn an NVQ Level 1 qualification

The course starts on Tuesday 22 May and participants will need to commit to one session of three hours per week on Tuesday mornings (10am – 1pm) for seven weeks.

Your travel expenses to get to the course venue (near Oxford Train Station) will be paid for, as well as child or other care costs.

To register: Contact Catrina Pickering, [catrina.pickering@ocva.org.uk](mailto:catrina.pickering@ocva.org.uk), 01865 251946 or 07540 703366. Bookings close soon so get in touch today.

For further information see [www.ocva.org.uk/community-action](http://www.ocva.org.uk/community-action).

## DOING IT YOURSELF ON ROSE HILL!



Residents learning how to change a tap washer

THE newly formed Green-Square Academy, funded by GreenSquare Group, staged the first of several workshops and courses for Rose Hill residents at the end of March. The Norman Brown Hall at the Community Centre was transformed into a DIY playground by local builders DW Contractors.

DW staff set out different project areas where residents could try their hands at plumbing, painting, tiling, pipework, changing locks and replacing tap

washers. This was a chance to brush up on DIY skills and get expert advice on all those DIY questions.

The workshop proved so popular that GreenSquare and DW Contractors will be running another session on May 31 from 10.00am – 12.30pm.

Places are limited so if you would like to reserve a place ring Veronica on 01865 782546 or 07899 967670.

## Rose Hill Allotments News

### GET GROWING ON ROSE HILL

Article by David Penwarden.  
Photo by Kasia Bus

FOR many centuries our Rose Hill allotments were glebe field. As part of the rectory estate the glebe provided food for the vicar's family and servants. The harvest was stored in the thatched barn, now the church hall.

The post war development of Rose Hill created demand for allotments, initially at Lenthall Road and then at Thompson Terrace, near Sainsbury's. It was local people who organised and managed these new allotment associations and today's allottees are grateful to them.

Many will remember Harold Compton the secretary for both sites, also the succession of field secretaries at Lenthall Road – Ted Tallon, Bob Bone, Tony Boyle and especially Michael Fernandes, who is happily still on site. Ted Brewster is honoured by



the cup named after him, awarded annually since 1993.

Today the allotments are more popular than ever, benefiting from a new generation of gardeners. Alongside Rose Hill's renaissance in housing, schooling and sport there is interest in

growing and eating fresh vegetables and fruits. Fortunately the Renthall Road site has experts to advise, a shop to supply seeds and fertiliser and a west sloping aspect which favours cultivation.

Allotment plots do become available regularly, so add your

name to the waiting list. The allotment shop is open every Sunday 10:00-1pm to buy seeds, compost and fertilizer.

For more information contact Catherine Gibb on 01865 715112.

# DON'T PASS THE BUCK

## Your rubbish is your responsibility

If you pay someone to remove your rubbish, ensure:

- They're legal: ask to see their Waste Carrier's Licence
- You get a receipt
- You note the vehicle registration.



If your rubbish is illegally  
dumped, **YOU** could  
be prosecuted.

For more information, or to report fly-tipping, visit [www.oxfordshirewaste.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshirewaste.gov.uk)  
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# NEW DOCTOR FOR DONNINGTON PRACTICE



Dr Shahzadi Saleem (left) with residents Nassira Jmil and Rukhsana Kausar

**DR SHAHZADI SALEEM** is now caring for patients at the Donnington Health Centre, following the retirement of Dr Mehta, after many years of service. Dr Saleem is a familiar face for many at Rose Hill as she has worked at the Health Centre for the last eight years.

She hopes to bring a high level of clinical care to her patients, and is always ready to provide an approachable and personal service which listens to the needs

of Rose Hill residents. With this in mind Dr Saleem has increased number of available appointments and can provide a telephone consultation every day.

Other ongoing services at Donnington include the Baby Immunisation clinic, which runs on Wednesdays from 11.00am – 12.00pm, and the Health Visitor drop-in clinic on Wednesdays between 12.30pm – 2.00 pm.

Dr Saleem has lived in Oxford for many

years, and attended Cheney School in Headington. You may have even bumped into her at the local Tesco's! She qualified as a doctor from University College, London in 1994 and has worked in London, Manchester and finally trained as a GP in Oxford.

She looks forward to working with the residents of Rose Hill to continue to develop health services at Donnington Health Centre.

## CALL FOR IMMUNISATION

By Tara Al-Salihi

FEWER children in Rose Hill than in other parts of Oxfordshire are being immunised against serious infectious diseases.

Health care professionals say that parents may not be aware that an important way of keeping your child healthy is vaccinating them with the routine childhood immunisations to protect them from serious infectious diseases and reduce their risk of passing them on.

Some diseases, such as small pox, have been eliminated, as a result of immunisation. If children are not vaccinated outbreaks of illnesses can occur, as has been seen with measles; a feverish illness which can make children feel miserable and develop complications such as brain inflammation or fits.

As well as protecting your child against measles, the immunisations also protect against other illnesses, including whooping cough, certain strains of pneumonia (a serious lung infection) and meningitis (inflammation of the tissues around the brain). It is important to emphasise that the immunisations are safe, free, effective and easily accessible at your local GP practice. In April, Rose Hill Children's Centre will be raising awareness of this issue.

A vaccination guide for parents can be found at: [www.nhs.uk/Planners/vaccinations/Pages/Landing.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Planners/vaccinations/Pages/Landing.aspx) or through your local health visitor Gro Salter.

Families from ethnic minority groups can contact the Health Advocacy team for advice on 01865 265083 or email: [health.advocacy@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk](mailto:health.advocacy@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk).

## Keeping Rose Hill healthy

Interview by Michael Klimes

LOOKING after the health of Rose Hill is all in a day's work for health visitor Gro Salter. Gro is Rose Hill and Littlemore Children Centre's health visitor. Her job is to keep people up to date with information about public health and she was appointed to the position in January. She organises a childcare drop in clinic on Monday mornings where parents can come to see her with their concerns.

Gro's aim is to help the centre develop areas such as breast feeding, emotional well-being, teenage pregnancy, smoking cessation and obesity prevention. This all comes under the government's Every Child Matters policy. Gro said: "We are trying to be imaginative about how we raise awareness about health issues and meet these key agendas." Next month, Gro plans to start one to one sessions to help people who want to stop smoking.

She has been a health visitor for 15 years and previously, Gro worked as a freelance national trainer in a programme called HENRY which stands for Health Exercise Nutrition for the Really Young. This was a programme developed in Oxford to help train professionals to combat childhood obesity.

Before this she was a health visitor at Marston Medical Centre. Gro says that she enjoys work in the children centre because "it is friendly, open and informal".

Gro is available at Rose Hill Children's Centre on Monday between 10am and 11am for drop in sessions. Alternatively, an appointment can be made to see her on a one to one basis at other times.

To contact Gro, email [gro.salter@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:gro.salter@oxfordshire.gov.uk) or call her on 07826 511 119.



## News from the Health Bus



Margaret Smith after her visit to the Health Bus

THE Lottery staff team were thrilled with the response from Rose Hill residents when the Health Bus visited in February and March. Thank you for supporting this valuable and important project. When the bus visited on 29 March people quickly came over to reserve their appointments and we filled the 16 slots by late morning.

Everyone had the chance to spend time with the NHS nurse in the private consulting room, talking about their health and taking advantage of the blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes testing.

We are also planning a

### Forthcoming Health Bus visits to The Oval:

- Wed 25 April from 10am
- Mon 28 May from 10am
- Thurs 28 June from 10am

Smoking Cessation day in early June – date to be confirmed and there will be widespread publicity of this event across the estate.

Many thanks again to everyone who supports this project.

# ROSE HILL: a thriving community



## Greensquare Celebration

Rose Hill celebrated in March the completion of the new homes development. Above: Children unwrapping the new bench. Below left: Carol Davis and Bill Buckingham at the event. Below right: Streetband Horns of Plenty.



## Fruity Fun!

In February and March the Health Bus came to The Oval offering free Health MOTs to Rose Hill Residents. For younger Rose Hill residents there was fruity fun and games on the Bus as well as fruity face painting. See page 5 for forthcoming Health Bus visits to The Oval.



Sainsbury's staff at the Health Bus event. Goody bags for kids were sponsored by Sainsbury's.



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# ROSE HILL NEWS IS HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT'S GROUP OF COMMUNITY JOURNALISTS HAS EXPANDED!



WE asked the Year 5 children from Rose Hill Primary School to each write an article about The Duchess of Cambridge's visit. All of the entries were judged by our News Team and we were impressed by the high quality of work given to us.

It was extremely difficult to decide a winner but in the end it was Jak Lismore-Barson's article that stood out, you can read his winning piece in this edition of Rose Hill News.

The other articles were so fantastic that we also chose two runners up Samii Rashid and Huda Albatash. We hope they all liked their prizes and will continue to write for the paper.

The children did such a good job that we have invited them to join our management committee for the paper. They will be keeping you up to date with what goes on in Rose Hill, especially with the children and young people in our community.

Winner Jak Lismore-Barson (middle) with second place runner up Samii Rashid (right) and third place runner up Huda Albatash (left). Read Jak's winning article below. Photograph: Kasia Bus.



Photograph: Kasia Bus

## Her Royal Highness Visits Rose Hill School

by Jak Lismore-Barson

KATHERINE Duchess of Cambridge visited the school at Rose Hill all of the children of the school were amazed to see her beautiful clothes, they cheered so loud it was an earthquake. There were parents on the Oval, there were lots of policemen, sniffer dogs, guards and TV viewers all around the school.

There were loads of guards, TV and world viewers all around and she came in the school, Alex and Abbie gave her flowers and went to the Art Room, and I felt nervous. But also happy and joyful.

All of the parents shouted with joy when she came. Everyone waved flags and cheered, the parents kept on cheering and cheering for Kate the TV viewers at home cheered, around the world everyone cheered so loud it was once more louder than the first earthquake. Then she got in the car and set off to another school.

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# MICHAEL'S STORY: An inspiration to the community

ALICE and Margaret House resident Michael Fernandez has lived on Rose Hill for over 38 years.

Michael was born in Uganda in 1927 and lived there until he was five. Education in Uganda was poor so Michael moved to Bombay to go to school. In 1948 he returned to Uganda where he worked in his mother's tailoring business before being employed as a clerk in the Government. Michael was very successful and progressed steadily throughout the organisation, moving to different departments and meeting new people. During this time, Michael married and had four children.

By 1972 Uganda was under a dictatorship and Michael and his family were deported to the UK. They arrived in London, moved to Gloucester for 18 months and eventually settled in Oxford, living at Courtland Road in Rose Hill. Michael found himself a job at Oxford University Press and enjoyed his time there until being made redundant during the recession in 1980.

Being an active and busy person, Michael chose to spend his time volunteering and then, in 1981 he applied for a plot at the Rose Hill allotments. Michael enjoyed gardening and helping out in the shop and

became a committee member in 1983. Michael's passion for gardening saw him spending more and more time on the allotments and he became Field Secretary in 1991, a position he held for 18 years until his retirement in 2009.

Throughout Michael's time at the allotments he has encouraged development and positive change, welcoming people of different cultures and recognising how much people can learn from each other. Michael said: "It's wonderful to work with people from other cultures. The Nepalese community have different techniques, they use raised beds which are very good. Not only that but they all grow different produce and learn from each other."

It is obvious how loved and appreciated Michael is at the allotments. For his retirement his friends bought him a new shed and contributed kind messages and cards, thanking him for the work he had done.

Michael has a gift of helping people to build relationships. The allotments host a truly multicultural community including people from Nepal, China, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and Jamaica. Michael is rightly proud to have played such an important part in this and continues to be an inspiration to many.



Photograph: Kasia Bus

## TASTY TIPS FOR ALL!

RESIDENTS of Alice and Margaret House were in for a treat last week when Monika Kozlac and Julia Hayes, two Brookes University students, who set up the Food4All project, came in to show the residents some of their recipes and cook them a tasty lunch.

Monika and Julia's aim is to teach people of all ages how to cook tasty nutritious food on a budget. They have run several cookery courses and are now working with the GreenSquare's Supported Housing team to bring their ideas to older residents.

Here they are with the residents of Alice and Margaret House who are enjoying Cottage Pie with vegetables followed by Bread and Butter pudding - mmmmm sounds great!



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## Rose Hill Junior Youth Club



# A warm place to be – even on a cold day!

By Laura Brawand

EVERY Thursday from 4.30 to 6.00 pm the building of the Rose Hill Community Centre fills with the laughter of dozens of children, thanks to Adam French and his team who set up the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club.

The club is for children aged between seven and 11 and offers a wide variety of activities from applying glitter tattoos at the arts and crafts table, dancing at the Wii Station or playing at the Fussball-Table – there is always something fun to do.

Special events such as outdoor activity trips are also planned for the summer months. Adam said: "We want to give the kids the chance to do things they wouldn't usually have available to them." But besides just making sure that the children have an awesome time, Adam's team also wants to counsel and educate, and a workshop on respect is being set up. The Junior Youth Club definitely is a warm place to be.

The Junior Youth Club is a fun and rewarding experience for any child. If you want to find out more, go along on any Thursday and have a chat with the welcoming team or email [ali.hall@greensquaregroup.com](mailto:ali.hall@greensquaregroup.com)



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## WHAT'S ON

Here is our pick of the top five things to do in Oxford over the next few weeks

### Historical Hats

Head down to Oxford Town Hall, St Aldates every Saturday between 24 March and 2 June to create your own historical hat! It only costs £1.50 per pack.

For more information call 01865 252334

### Hidden Histories

Visit the The Pegasus Theatre on Magdalen Road on Friday 27 April at 4pm and 6.30pm to watch a unique performance by four local secondary schools that will take you on a journey of discovery through local history. It costs £3 for a ticket.

For information visit call 01865 812150 [www.pegasustheatre.org.uk](http://www.pegasustheatre.org.uk)

### Older People and Disability Fair

On Wednesday 9 May there will be a FREE fair at Oxford Town Hall, St. Aldates between 10am-3.30pm full of information about issues affecting older people or those with disabilities.

For more info call Lynne on 01865 252531 [www.oxfordshireunlimited.org](http://www.oxfordshireunlimited.org)

### Bluebell Walk in Abraham Wood

Why not catch the beautiful FREE 'Signs of Spring' walk on Sunday 13 May, between 2 - 4pm at the nearby Abraham Wood, Boars Hill.

For more information call 01865 242918 [www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk](http://www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk)

### A Dinosaur's Domain

On Thursday 7 June between 1-4pm discover plants that have been around since the dinosaurs at the Oxford Botanical Gardens. Children go FREE, and an adult ticket costs £4.

For more information call 01865 286690 [www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk](http://www.botanic-garden.ox.ac.uk)

## CHURCH NEWS

### Rose Hill Methodist Church

"We exist to create opportunities for all to share God's love"

#### Regular Worship

**Sundays, 10.30am:** Weekly service led by a variety of preachers. A Service of Holy Communion is held monthly on a Sunday morning at 10.30am.

**First Sunday of each month, 6.00pm:** An informal meeting for worship & discussion about the Christian faith is held in the home of a Church member.

#### What's been happening?

Of course, like other Christians in this locality, we have just celebrated Easter, one of the main Christian festivals of the year.

Christians stake their reputation on the historical fact of Jesus being born into our world, living out human experience in a divine way and being put to death by those who could not or would not understand God's love for them.

At Easter we rejoice that God's love could not be put to death on a cross and

that God raised Jesus from the dead conquering sin and death for good and offering new life to all who will receive it. This means that Jesus' resurrection can be part of our experience too. God's love can be re-born in our lives and change the way we see the world, our communities and our families.

This truth still makes a difference to people's lives and so it has been a special joy to welcome a new family to the Church and to share in the baptism of the two children.

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**Room bookings:** Mr Jeremy Dawe,

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### St Mary's Church

#### Sundays

Every Sunday there is a service at 8am, 10am and 6.30pm.

During April and May at 7am each Wednesday an Easter Contemplative Service will be held followed by breakfast at the Rectory.

On Sunday 20 May there will be a Family Service in the church hall at 10am.

At 8.00pm on Sunday 29 April and 27 May there will be a short, reflective Taizé Service; and at the 6.30pm service on Sunday 20 May there will be a visiting choir.

#### The Diamond Jubilee Weekend

On Sunday 3 June at 6.30pm a special service will be held for the community to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

#### Fish and Chip Club

This is for primary school age children and younger. Meetings are held on Sundays during the 10 o'clock service. Parties will also be held at other times!

#### Christenings, Weddings and Funerals

It is your church so don't hesitate to get in touch if you want help with a christening, a wedding or a funeral.

**St Mary's Iffley**

The Rectory, Mill Lane, Iffley, Oxford OX4 4EJ

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**Vicar:** The Revd Andrew McKearney

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## Your local councillors and MP

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### Member of Parliament



**Andrew Smith MP**

Oxford East - Labour

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Andrew holds advice surgeries in Rose Hill at the Rose Hill Community Centre on the first Friday of each month between 6.00 and 7.00pm.

Andrew sees all constituents but as surgeries are always busy it helps if you make an appointment - please ring 01865 305080 (also for details of other advice surgeries in the area).

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## STATEMENT OF PERSONS NOMINATED

Oxford City Council

### Election of a City Councillor

The following is a statement of the persons nominated for election as a City Councillor for

### Rose Hill and Iffley Ward

Name of Candidate	Home Address	Description (if any)	Name of Proposer	Reason why no longer nominated*
SKINNER Paul Bernard	75 Rose Hill, Oxford, OX4 4JR	Green Party	Young Nuala A	
TURNER Edward Owen	Flat 38 Maureen Christian House, Desborough Crescent, Rose Hill, Oxford, OX4 4GW	The Labour Party Candidate	Buckingham William W	
WALSH John Patrick	Royal Oak House, Stowood, Beckley, Oxford, OX3 9TY	The Conservative Party Candidate	Gould John	
WILKINSON Peter James	21 Thames View Road, Rose Hill, Oxford, OX4 4TQ	Liberal Democrat	Rodrigo Jayalath A.V.	

\*Decision of the Returning Officer that the nomination is invalid or other reason why a person nominated no longer stands nominated.

The persons above against whose name no entry is made in the last column have been and stand validly nominated.

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## ROSE HILL NEWS

## SPORT

### A day in the life of an Oxford United fan

BY ORLITER

HERE we go again! Another season drawing towards its final few games when all football fans can at last get a well earned rest from the stress and strain of seeing their favourite team hit the heights or fight relegation battles.

It can be said that with Oxford United, The Famous Yellows, this season shows no difference to others and as forecast in the last issue of Timeless, a play off place is looking very likely. Mind you, this is an emotion felt each year that this is THE year. Now, the players, staff and supporters believe this is just one such time.

But nothing is easy as my furry friend Briggsy points out licking my hand and tugging my turn ups. It is after all still two hours from feeding time but he is just getting his point across early knowing that predicting team places and points available take a lot out of a Yellow's soccer fan.

Writing these notes just minutes before copy deadline hour Oxford United are chasing the automatic promotion place but playing with all they have to remain in the top six. No mid table mediocrity, no battling against relegation and still the possibility of gracing the twin towers of Wembley in the finals.

The brilliant fans of United are also aware that their near neighbours Oxford City are also on the verge of a wonderful climax to the season themselves and chasing promotion.

Well there is no pleasing everybody is there? I refer to the aforementioned mutt who having his chicken with duck and game presented half in his bowl half on the floor proudly sticks his front offside paw in it and refuses to eat because he needs his walkies!

Once again...Come on you Yellows and we will see you in Division One next season. Now for cricket, golf, Olympics, tennis and hurrah rowing from Henley. When does the next soccer season start Briggsy?

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# Nuffield Arms 1 ROSE HILL FC 5



RHFC brushed aside The Nuffield to win The CJL Cup for the first time since the 1950s!

Goals from Michael Bateman, James Ford, Jamie McMahon, Liam O'Callaghan and David Wall gave The Hill the cup in a game where quality shone throughout the squad. Mark Gregory won man of the match in an awesome display of defending.

The rest of April sees the team with a busy run in to hopefully clinch the league title to round off a great season of football! Up The Hill!

## The story of the four minute mile

Relive Roger Bannister's achievement on the same track where he made history at the Iffley Road Running Track, Oxford.



OXFORD Playhouse presents The Story of Four Minute Mile, a new production recreating the story of Roger Bannister's record breaking sub-four minute mile on the very track where history was made.

On the anniversary of his achievement, audiences are invited to walk a mile in Bannister's footsteps and witness the fascinating true account of one of the city's greatest stories; how one dedicated amateur runner achieved what the world thought was impossible. This new production is a part of Oxford Playhouse Plays Out program, which stages unique theatre in unusual places across Oxford, and runs from Friday 4 to Sunday 13 May.

Tickets for The Story of the Four Minute Mile are just £8 and are available from the Ticket Office on 01865 305305 or book online at [www.oxfordplayhouse.com](http://www.oxfordplayhouse.com)



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Get active with other parents

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**10.30am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month:**

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23rd May  
27th June  
25th July  
22nd August

Meeting points vary so please contact Holly or Eve for more details.

How to get in touch:

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via facebook at 'Buggy Walking in Rosehill and Littlemore'

call Holly on 07752470356.

Walks will be taken at a pace to suit all abilities.

Mums, dads, grandparents and carers all welcome!




