

All aboard for Cowley Centre



Residents and councillors meet the drivers and celebrate the launch of the new No. 20 bus service

Report by Peter Wilkinson

A long campaign came to fruition on Monday 7 June when Stagecoach launched its number 20 bus service from Rose Hill to the Cowley Centre and beyond. The threatened rain held off as local residents joined, among others, Martin Sutton and his team from Stagecoach, Rodney Rose, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Transport, Hugh Jaeger from the Oxford Bus Users Group and councillors.

We now have an hourly service six

days a week to Cowley Centre with peak weekday services continuing to Unipart. On Saturdays, the service will continue beyond Cowley Centre to the Oxford Retail Park. It operates as a Hail and Ride service while on the estate and will have a circular route taking in Ashhurst Way, Nowell Road and Asquith Road.

The new service will also provide easier access to Headington and the hospitals by changing at Cowley Centre on to the number 10. Through tickets are available which will save money.

The No. 20 is a subsidised bus service

and we are very grateful to the county council for putting forward funding to enable it to run. It is hoped it will become commercially viable and able to run without subsidy.

As well as giving us a great launch, Stagecoach have demonstrated their commitment by investing in a brand new vehicle to serve the route and there are two drivers dedicated to the route, Tej Limbu and Matt Egerton who I hope you will all be seeing a lot of as you use the service.

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STOP PRESS! Oxford United players come to Rose Hill!

Two of Oxford United's 1st team will be coming along to the Summer Taster Event at the Rose Hill Community Centre, 23 July from 1.00pm onwards.

For more about the FREE Summer Taster Events see Xtreme fun for Rose Hill kids on page 8

Rose Hill News

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ROSE HILL NEWS is a not-for-profit newspaper dedicated to providing news and information to the whole Rose Hill community. We are not affiliated to any political party, and we operate an equal opportunities policy. We encourage any resident to get involved in our work.

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OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!

ROSE HILL NEWS is changing and we need your views.

WE WANT TO get Rose Hill News onto the doorsteps more often; we want a brighter, more vibrant paper which is full of community news and your comments.

In order to do this and raise the funds needed, a volunteer management committee of Rose Hill residents has been set up. The committee has members from all Rose Hill cultural groups and a wide age range. However we still need more residents to join in and give their views. We particularly would like young Rose Hill residents to be involved in the planning of the paper.

There are some important questions to be answered so please help us by completing the form below.

A chance to

WIN £10.00

in High Street vouchers!

Complete your form and it will be entered into a prize draw for Love to Shop vouchers – each worth £10. There will be five prizes up for grabs.

You can drop your completed form into:

- Rose Hill Children's Centre Reception,
- Rose Hill Advice Centre, Ashurst Way
- Premier Supermarket, The Oval
- Rose Hill Community Centre

Would you like Rose Hill News to come out more often?	
4 times a year?	
6 times a year?	
Do you like the new look of Rose Hill News?	
Would you like a recipe and food section?	
Would you like a sports page?	
Would you like a "Your Photos" section?	
Would you like games and quizzes?	
Would you like to be involved?	
Any other ideas?	

Complete this form and enter the prize draw

Please give us your name:

Email address if you have one:

Phone number:

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....The campaign was led by local residents, mainly through the Tenants' and Residents' Association, in which they were joined by Hugh Jaeger and the Oxford Bus Users Group who gave us much valuable support and advice, and were, I believe, instrumental in us getting the service. To these, and others including councillors, many thanks.

Please use the bus, its success and future depend on it. Remember if you have a bus pass it costs nothing.

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

Do you enjoy reading

Rose Hill News?

Then why not get involved in the next one?

We are always looking for local residents to write articles, send in pictures and help produce future issues of the newspaper.

To find out more call us on: 07770 324277
or email: rosehillnews@hotmail.co.uk

OBITUARY

Beryl Mitchell

By Carol Davis, Chair Person R.H.C.C.

A VERY DEAR FRIEND to many, passed peacefully away at Green Gates Nursing Home on June 2nd 2010.

Beryl lived in Rose Hill for over 50 years in Lambourne Road, and she was one of those people who could put her hands to anything, such as woodwork, gardening, flower arranging, baking and dress making. Beryl was treasurer of the OAP Luncheon Club at Littlemore Community Centre for many years, and also Vice Chairman of the Rose Hill Silver Threads club, and on the Executive Committee, and Honorary Vice President of the Rose Hill Community Centre. Beryl also helped to run the Friday coffee morning in the old people's day room at the Rose Hill Community Centre.

For those of us who knew Beryl, we are going to miss her, but we all have happy memories of the good times we had together.

Rose Hill African Womens' Group

Report by Normalisa Chasokele

THE (AWG) SUPPORTS and befriends women from all parts of Africa or with African origins. The group is based at the Rose Hill Children's Centre and particularly supports Africans living in the area who have young families. However, the group welcomes new members from all parts of Oxford.

Women come to this group to socialize with other African women whilst sharing knowledge and experiences of their lives.

The group get involved in many activities such as Zumba dancing, art and craft, cooking, painting, singing and DIY courses but also encourages activities which involve their children - educating and informing the children of African culture and traditions.

The group actively supports the Rose Hill community by preparing and cooking a regular African Food event at the Children Centre on the last Wednesday of every month. They provide a traditional lunch of hot and cold African dishes which is great value at £2.50 per person – children's portions available. Lunch is available from 12.00 midday.

For more information about the group or to join in at the monthly African Food Event drop in to the Childrens Centre reception or call Normalisa on 01865 716739



Pitching in for a beautiful garden



OCHA staff and DWC Contractors with residents of Alice and Margaret House

A GROUP OF RESIDENTS at Alice and Margaret House in Desborough Crescent wanted to develop their large south-facing garden communal garden to make it

into a more beautiful place.

With the support of Fran Gardner, the Rose Hill Community worker, they made a presentation at OCHA's Estate Improvement

Fund day, describing what they wanted to do and how much it would cost.

They initially pitched for £1800 but finally secured £2800 – the additional £1000 was given to make sure they had funds for some beautiful garden furniture.

Some landscaping work needed to be done on the garden and both OCHA staff and DWC Contractors pitched in with other volunteers to help spread 10 tonnes of topsoil around the garden for the residents.

Next on the agenda for the residents is to construct raised beds so that the less able can still enjoy a little gentle gardening.

Improved telephone system for Oxford City Council

A new improved telephone service for members of the public will be introduced soon.

The number – 01865 249811 – will mean that customers can call this number for all services and then select the most popular areas of council work.

The system will mean a more efficient service for customers and will mean calls get transferred to the appropriate department quicker.

If their enquiry doesn't fit into one of the seven most popular areas of council work, then they can hold and speak to the switchboard.

Councillor Oscar van Nooijen,, says: "We get about 200 to 300 calls a day and we want to ensure that our



customers get an efficient service and speak to a real person as quickly as possible.

"It will mean that their calls get transferred to the right department and we make our services more accessible to our customers."

News from the Oxford IT Hub at Rose Hill

A successful term at the IT Hub



WE had a very successful term since the Easter break with around 70 new students enrolling on our IT related courses and quite a number of them moving on to employment or further training. The most popular courses have been

the IT Beginners followed by Driving Theory.

The numbers attending the afternoon IT Hub drop in sessions, that are free to the public on school days, have picked up dramatically since restrictions on sites such as Facebook, Youtube and Windows messenger have been removed. Also with the installation of new fibre optic lines in the centre we are now able to receive download, as well as upload speeds of upto 10Meg.

WHAT'S ON OFFER

The Oxford IT Hub at Rose Hill - Littlemore Children's Centre operates classes from 9.30am -12.00pm and drop-ins from 12.30pm-3.00pm on Mondays to Fridays.

In the mornings, we offer free courses with childcare facilities and in the afternoons, we provide the community with free use of internet and IT facilities. We also offers voluntary work experience, helping people back to work.

COURSES

Courses are free and will run once a minimum of ten people are enrolled on a course.

The courses on offer now are:

- IT Beginners
- IT Improvers
- Touch Typing
- Project Management
- Web Design for beginners
- Programming for beginners
- Leather craft

There are also courses for those looking to work in housing, with the council or Housing Associations:

- Housing Options and Homelessness
- Arabic for beginners
- How to form a community organisation or community interest company

To find out more, please contact:

Jacob on 07882040058

or Adrian on 07878164271

or email admin@oxfordithub.org



The Rose Hill Community CLEAN UP DAY

Thursday 29th July
from 11am to 1pm

THIS IS A chance for residents to get rid of rubbish, help litter pick the area and do some recycling.

Skips will be provided and all equipment including gloves, bin bags and litter pickers.

For the removal of any white goods or other large items residents will need to call Oxford City Council on 01865 249811.

Up to three items can be collected **FREE** of charge.

For further information please contact the Michelle O'Donohue OCHA Resident Involvement Officer on 01865 782546.

Library News

We have lift off!



Littlemore, Cowley and Blackbird Leys Libraries are getting ready to launch all children into orbit for an intergalactical adventure that will keep them reading throughout the school summer holidays....with Space Hop, the 2010 Summer Reading Challenge.

It's all free and fun, which is out-of-this-world news for parents! The Summer Reading Challenge adventure starts on

started earlier this month and runs throughout the summer holidays. When children register at the library, they are given a fold out poster and holographic membership card. They then embark on their mission to read six books. There are three stages: Blast Off!, Space Race and Lunar Landing, each with great prizes and scratch and sniff stickers. New for this year are glow-in-the-dark spinners and buzz cards. When children complete their challenge, they are awarded a rainbow pencil, certificate and medal.

An interactive Space Hop website at www.spacehop.org.uk has also just launched, linking children with top authors and illustrators, and giving them space to talk about their favourite books and to share reading ideas.

Look out for great new books, Space Hop puzzles, and activities at the library too!

Events at Littlemore Library:

- "Design a Planet" collage activity on Monday 26 July, 3.00-4.00pm.
- Make and Race a Flying Saucer on Friday 13 August, 10.30-11.30am.
- Treasure Hunt and Medal Ceremony for all our successful Space Hoppers on Saturday 4 September, 11.30am-12.30pm.

Please contact Cowley library on 01865 777494 and Blackbird Leys library on 01865 770403 to find out all about their space hopping activities!

We hope to see you soon!

Littlemore Library:

Kim Kearney ☎ 01865 714309 E: littlemore.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Cowley Library:

Debbie walker ☎ 01865 777494 E: Cowley.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Blackbirdleys Library:

Debbie walker ☎ 01865 770403 E: Blackbirdleys.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Out and about with new maps

FAMILIES in Blackbird Leys can take advantage of a new walking map that has been launched to encourage more people to get walking.

OXFORDSHIRE County Council has launched six new maps covering Barton, Rose Hill and Littlemore, Marston, Blackbird Leys, South Abingdon and Bretch Hill in Banbury.

The maps show walks that are accessible to all the family whatever the weather and for all ages. They have been developed through a partnership between Oxfordshire County Council, Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust and Children's Centres with input from parents, who have enjoyed exploring their local communities together.

The new maps will be launched at children's centres in each of the walking areas, and the map for Blackbird Leys will be officially launched in July.

Walking Maps aim to encourage people with under fives, particularly those living in urban areas, to get out on foot in their local area. The maps show green spaces, such as parks, allotments, nature reserves and footpaths, and local landmarks and early years



settings. There are also ideas for things that parents, carers and grandparents may enjoy doing with young children outside. The first map in this series was launched at East Oxford Children's Centre at The Union in June 2009.

Walking maps are available at local health centres, libraries and children's centres and online at www.oxonchildrenscentres.org.uk.

They can also be obtained by contacting Go Active on 01865 252720 or Oxfordshire Family Information Service on 08452 262636.

Rose Hill and Donnington Advice Centre

THE ADVICE CENTRE'S trained advisors offer free, confidential advice and information on benefits, disability, money, debt and more. They can also represent you in court for debt, rent arrears, eviction and repossession hearings and at benefit reviews and appeals.

The Advice Centre is open to the public Monday to Thursdays 9.30 – 12.30pm and Fridays 11.00 – 12.30pm.

They also run advice sessions at:

- Rose Hill Children's Centre: Mon 10-11am
- St Luke's Church, Canning Crescent: Weds 11.00-12.00
- Littlemore Community Centre: Weds 1-2pm

Rose Hill & Donnington Advice Centre, 60 Ashurst Way, Rose Hill, OX4 4RF

Tel: 01865 438634
Fax: 01865 438643
rhd.advicecentre@ntlbusiness.com

Rose Hill Community Centre

Social Club

Memberships

To become a member of Rose Hill Community Association please collect a form from the office 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday or collect a form from the bar.

New Members Always Welcome!

Annual Membership £8.00

Senior Citizens £3.50

Room Hire

The Norman Brown Hall is available for meetings and the ballroom is available for hire to members and non-members for family functions on Friday and Saturday nights subject to availability.

To hire a hall please call Ali or Sarah on 01865 777542 or email: rosehill.comm@yahoo.co.uk

Bingo

Every Thursday, Saturday and Sunday. Eyes down at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Sunday Music in the Bar

Sept 26	Kev - G (80s classic covers)	9.00 - 11.00pm
Oct 31	Cody	9.00 - 11.00pm
Nov 28	Decades - glam rock from the 60s - 80s	9.00 - 11.00pm

Free for members & guests only, 8pm start

Regular Room Bookings

Mondays	4.30–8.30pm	Spiritualist group
Tuesdays	1.00–4.00pm	Silver Threads
	6.00–8.00pm	Spiritualist group
Wednesdays	4.00–8.30pm	Dance classes
Thursdays	10.30–11.30am	Over 50s gentle exercise class
Fridays	6.00–9.00pm	Judo

Rose Hill Community Centre, The Oval, Rose Hill, Oxford OX4 4UY

For more information please call 01865 777542 or email: rosehill.comm@yahoo.co.uk

Need Housing Advice?

OXFORD CITY HOMES hold a drop in housing surgery every Wednesday morning at Rose Hill Community Centre 9 am until 12 noon for all Oxford City Council tenants and leaseholders.

There is also an information line 0800 227676 for all daytime Council tenants' rent enquiries, tenancy issues and housing repairs. After hours, this number is for tenants' emergency housing repairs only.

You can also call Linda Jones, Estate Manager (Council tenants and leaseholders only) on 07740 375946 or Karen Earl (sheltered blocks only) on 07740 375947 www.oxford.gov.uk

New computer helps with benefit claims



ROSE HILL AND DONNINGTON ADVICE CENTRE in Ashurst Way, Rose Hill is providing a new service to residents.

If you need advice on benefits, are looking for work or want to see what properties are available to rent then why not use the new computer at the centre?

You don't need to be a computer whizz to use the service! The friendly staff will sit

with you and guide you through to find the information that you need.

THE CENTRE IS OPEN:
Monday to Thursday, 9.30am–12.30pm;
Fridays 11am–12.30pm
You can pre-book a 15 minute slot by phoning 01865 438634 or just drop in.

Lambourn Road development site

Work has started at Lambourn Road, to provide 38 new homes with the help of funding through the Homes and Communities Agency National Affordable Housing Programme. In February 2010 Oxford City Council became the first Council in the South East to sign an agreement with the agency to build new homes for rent in Oxford.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING SPECIALIST, Lovell Partnerships is carrying out the construction work, which will take around 12 months to complete. The new homes in Lambourn Road are for general needs, providing much needed affordable homes for rent in Oxford.

The development of 38 new homes has the latest in green technologies, like solar panels and air source heat pumps. This makes them less expensive to run and reduces their carbon footprint.

The dwellings are constructed using a timber frame system, which has the benefit of being both extremely fast to erect on site, with the minimum of waste. There are six bungalows, ten flats and 22 houses in total. Lovell expects to start handing over the first completed properties to the Council in August 2010. The whole scheme is due to finish in early spring 2011.

Lovell is pleased to announce the appointment of two new members to their site team, Dan Smith and David Barrett. Dan will be carrying out general site works, and David will be operating the forklift truck for the remainder of the works. Both Dan and David are local to the Rose Hill area, and are valuable additions to the site team!



Health

Want to get healthier?

Has the summer weather made you realise that you can't fit into last year's summer clothes? Thinking that you'd like to feel healthier and fitter? Not sure how to make changes to achieve this? Help is at hand! Rose Hill has its very own Health Trainers, who are waiting to help you!

SAMANTHA, TERESA AND AHSAMA are fully trained NHS Health Trainers and they have expertise on a variety of issues, such as healthy eating and weight loss, how to get more exercise, giving up smoking, advice on alcohol intake and safe sex information. They know the Rose Hill community very well and have links to other services that might be able to help you.

They will encourage and support you to make those changes by working with you on a one-to-one basis, helping you to work

out your priorities, finding the right services for you and drawing up an action plan with realistic goals that you can fit into your daily life. They can work with you for up to three months to give you ongoing support and they will stay in touch to see how you are doing. At the end of this time your progress is reviewed and by working together to achieve your aims, you will soon feel fitter and healthier! What's more- there's no charge!

Samantha, Teresa and Ahsama can be contacted by mobile phone or by email:

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|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| ● Samantha Curran | 📞 07867 668177 | E: sam_healthtrainer@yahoo.co.uk |
| ● Teresa Mortimer | 📞 07825 680795 | E: teresa_healthtrainer@yahoo.co.uk |
| ● Ahsama Shah | 📞 07796 687565 | E: ahsama_healthtrainer@yahoo.co.uk |

The Health Trainer service also runs in Barton and Blackbird Leys, so pass the information on to your friends! For more information about the Health Trainer service contact Maggie Dent on 01865 336874

Healthy Eating Resource Boxes

OXFORD HEALTHY LIVING PARTNERSHIP are excited to announce the new arrival of our Resource Boxes which are available for your group to borrow free of charge.

They have been designed with all age groups in mind and will equip your group with all that's needed to run a Healthy Eating/Cooking Session (minus ingredients).

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| ● Smoothy Making | ● Bread Making | ● Mocktails |
| ● General Cooking | ● Salad and BBQ | |

**To borrow any of the boxes please call
Christine (Community Food Worker): 01865 717243
or email: christine.mcdermott@oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk**



ADVERTISE FOR AS LITTLE AS £30.00

- Do you run a business in Rose Hill?
- Do you run activities for local people?
- Are you looking for an effective, low cost way to advertise your services to Rose Hill residents?

ROSE HILL NEWS is delivered door-to-door to every household, shop and community building in the Rose Hill area. We are now accepting advertising for the next issue, so please get in touch.

Call 07770 324 277 or send an email to: rosehillnews@hotmail.co.uk

Oxford City Homes

The Estate Manager for Rose Hill, Tony Nanton

TONY HOLDS A surgery every Wednesday morning from 9am–12noon at Rose Hill Community Centre for Oxford City Homes Tenants and residents who have queries or problems relating to council properties or land.



Tony Nanton can be contacted on 01865 335772 or 07771 813078 or by email tnanton@oxford.gov.uk

For repairs, rent or cleansing issues please call the Contact Centre on 0800 227676.

There will be a Neighbourhood Walkabout for the Rose Hill West streets on Monday 2nd August 2010. If you would like to attend or have issues you would like council officers to look into, please contact Tony Nanton.

SUMMER BREAK ACTIVITIES

Sounds like Summer!



The Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve is holding its Sounds Like Summer event on Saturday 24 July, 12 – 5pm.

A POPULAR FUN DAY out for all the family! The event includes a main stage with a range of local musical talent along with a DJ and family games, children's craft activities, local food stalls, nature walks, face painting, drumming and

dance workshops. Visitors can take a picnic or enjoy food from the variety of stalls at the event.

Cost: Children go FREE. £2 adults. Free coaches from around Oxford call 01865 778514

To find out more, please contact Jenny Crook on 01844 351833 or Cathy Rose on 01844 355506.

Rose Hill Primary School

Summer Play Scheme

The Play scheme will run from 10am to 3pm each day July 26th to August 20th, Monday to Friday

There is a weekly outing on each of the 4 weeks.

The fee is £5 per day, £20 for one week and for siblings £16 per week.

Application forms are available from the school office and the first weeks fees are due when the booking sheet is returned.

Age range is 5 to 11. Priority is given to Rose Hill School pupils in the first instance.

For more information call: 01865 777937

Free family storytelling fun

No need to book

Monday 26 July
Monday 16 August
Monday 30 August (bank holiday)

Rose Hill Read/Swap Library
Norman Brown Hall
Rose Hill Community Centre

2.30pm - 4.00pm

Come and be entertained by Story Museum storyteller **Chris Smith** with stories and songs from around the world. FREE!



For parents, carers and children aged 7-12

The Story Museum is a private not-for-profit company limited by guarantee number 4780380 and registered charity number 1107809. Registered office: The Story Museum, Laytons, 50 Victoria Embankment, London EC4Y 0LS. Illustration © Sarah Garson



the story museum



Xtreme fun for Rose Hill kids

Kids aged seven to 12 living on Rose Hill are in for some Xtreme fun during the summer holidays.

TWO FREE TASTER events are being staged at the Community Centre on 23 July and 27 August, to get the views of kids and parents on activities for a new Junior Youth Club - planned to open in the early Autumn.

The events will have on offer a climbing wall, Street dance workshops, Circus skills workshops, DJ-ing, Drumming, glitter tattooing, hair braiding, Martial Arts demos and Oxford United Football Club coaches will be running fun sessions and games. There's even a chance that a United player will turn up

to see the fun.

Community groups from Rose Hill will be putting on a free buffet and there will be plenty of refreshments for the parents! The Street Wardens, Police Support Officers and Fire Service have promised to come along as well.

Fran Gardner, Rose Hill Community worker said: "So often Rose Hill residents don't have a say in their community plans - these events are a great opportunity for parents and kids to tell us what they want from a junior youth club - and to try the activities as well!"

If you would like to come and enjoy the fun, the events will take place on:

Friday 23 July, 1.00pm–4.00pm

Friday 27 August, 1.00pm–4.00pm

The events are held at the Norman Brown Hall in the Rose Hill Community Centre

For more info call or text Fran on: 07770 324277

Rose Hill Youth Centre

Summer Holiday Project

For 11yrs to 18yrs

Opening Hours

Friday 23 July: 6pm–8pm
Saturday 24 July: 2pm–4pm
Sunday 25 July: 1pm–3pm

Sat 7 August 2pm–4pm
& Sun 8 August 1pm–3pm

Gym Open (Football on request)

Mon 9 August to Fri 13 August

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:
11am–2pm: Breakfast / Canteen.
(Smoothies available 1pm–2pm)
12pm–2pm: Gym Open
5pm–9pm: Reopens

Weds:
11am–2pm: Breakfast / Canteen.
(Smoothies available 1pm–2pm)
12pm–2pm: Gym Open

Sat 14 Aug 2pm–4pm
& Sun 15 August 1pm–3pm

Gym Open (Football on request)

Mon 16 Aug to Fri 20 Aug

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:
11am–2pm: Breakfast / Canteen.
(Smoothies available 1pm–2pm)
12pm–2pm: Gym Open
5pm–9pm: Epro Competition & Let's Talk

Weds:
11am–1pm: Breakfast / Canteen
11am–1pm: Gym Open

Sat 31 July, 2pm–4pm
& Sun 1 August, 1pm–3pm

Gym Open (Football on request)

Mon 2 August to Fri 6 August

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri:
11am–2pm: Breakfast / Canteen.
(Smoothies available 1pm–2pm)
12pm–2pm: Gym Open
5pm - 9pm: Iron Man Challenge, Quizzes and Let's Talk!

Weds:
11am –1pm: Breakfast / Canteen
11am–1pm: Gym Open

For further information call: 0777 5007902

Rose Hill and Littlemore Children's Centre

Come and join us for the 50p Tea!

HERE'S A NEW REASON to meet up at the Rose Hill Children's Centre – it's the 50p tea.

Every Thursday afternoon from 3.00pm to 5.00pm, in the Centre's Café, Sonia and Rukhsana serve up a delicious array of teatime goodies for children and their parents.

Sonia explains "We try to offer food that kids will enjoy eating - but with a healthy twist so that the parents are happy too".

The menu changes every week and includes mini pizzas, pasta dishes, filled pitta bread and to finish, fruit smoothies.

It's a great opportunity for parents to collect the kids from school and come and enjoy a meal together – and for only 50p each.



Sonia Parsons and Rukhsana Kousar of the Children's Centre Cafe

What's new at the Rose Hill and Littlemore Children's Centre

Good bye and Good luck!

Fikria El-Kaouakibi, - Have wonderful new life in Qatar. Best wishes Rose Hill and Littlemore Children's Centre.

Congratulations to newly married Helen Johnson who is now Mrs Helen Watson. Have a wonderful married life. Best wishes Rose Hill and Littlemore Children's Centre.

New crèche workers

Hello and welcome to the team for our two new crèche workers

Alex and Karolina. Best wishes from all the staff, volunteers and parents at the Rose Hill and Littlemore Children's Centre.

Stop Smoking

No Smoking Support Group Starting on Tuesday 7th September 2010 for seven weeks at the Rose Hill Children's Centre For more information call Rose Hill Health Trainers Ahsama Sam or Keeley on 01865 716739

Well done Soma and Nassira on your new post at the Rose Hill Children's Centre.

Summer Lunches

The Children's Centre cafe will serve lunches during summer. Weekday lunches are served 12.00 to 12.45pm. Good choice of baguettes, salads, quiche and jacket potatoes price: £2.50 Adult, £1.50 Child.

Every Dad Matters

COME AND SPEND QUALITY TIME in a male only environment. With lots of fun, free activities for you and your children or grandchildren. A good opportunity for you to bond with your children on a one to one basis.

With indoor and outdoor play area (sand pit, bikes, and garden). Open for fun in all weathers. Sessions will run throughout the summer.



Every Wednesday 1pm to 3pm at the Rose Hill and Littlemore Children's Centre, The Oval

For more details call the Children's Centre on 01856 716739 and ask for Paul or Martin.

Playroom Timetable

THE PLAYROOM will be open over the summer holidays for young children accompanied by a parent/carer.



MONDAY	9.00 to 3.00pm
TUESDAY	9.00 to 12.00pm
WEDNESDAY	Closed
THURSDAY	9.00 to 3.00pm
FRIDAY	9.00 to 12.00pm
SATURDAY	Saturdays: 10.30 to 1.30pm

For further information please phone 01865 716739 or ask at Reception.



Summer day trips!

This year we are going to:

- Bournemouth on 5 August
- London Zoo on 25 August

Further information about these day trips is available in Reception.

We hope to see lots of families in our Centre, especially those who haven't visited us before. Older children are welcome.

ROSE HILL AND LITTLEMORE CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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Update from Rose Hill Tenants' and Residents' Association (TRA)

Challenges ahead for residents' association

Report by Peter Wilkinson

OUR LAST TRA meeting was the AGM. Perhaps this is a good time to reflect on what the TRA has achieved, and what the challenges are for the future.

On the street scene we were pleased, as were residents judging by favourable comments, to see the embankment cleared of rubbish between Heyford Hill and Littlemore roundabouts after many years of campaigning by the TRA.

Also it now looks likely that a decent light controlled crossing for pedestrians and cyclists will be provided at Heyford Hill Roundabout to enable people to cross safely between the cycle track and Sainsburys, again after local campaigning.

The TRA participated in OxClean when residents, assisted by wardens and

a PCSO cleared up the Oval, Ashhurst Way, Lenthall Road and the area in front of the flats on Oxford Road and Rose Hill. On housing we failed, despite valiant efforts, to get the Lambourn Road development changed to meet planning regulations and neighbours concerns. It seemed that a political decision overruled the normal planning requirements. This development will be completed early in 2011.

Elsewhere the Orlit replacement programme continues apace with work well ahead of schedule. We appear to have succeeded in stopping any three storey houses being put up in Desborough Crescent between Pattison Place and Lenthall Road but elsewhere the three storey houses are causing distress and concern.

There remain proposals to build more three storey houses in Wynbush Road

and the corner of Wynbush and Cottensore Roads, previous plans have been withdrawn because of objections and at the time of writing new plans are awaited. Concern has been expressed over the number of fast food shops on the Parade to the detriment of having useful local retail shops. Pizza Hut is currently applying to take over the old off-licence site.

There is news of the library (have you tried it yet?) and new bus service elsewhere in this newsletter, again achievements gained by the local community, mainly through the TRA, in response to a clearly identified need. Apart from the odd incident crime is very low on the estate. So different to a couple of years ago and thanks should be expressed to the police, PCSOs and street wardens, all of whom attend our meetings. We wish Malcolm Taylor, until

recently senior street warden, a happy retirement with thanks for all his hard work on our behalf. We will be seeing more of Malcolm in the future as a volunteer at the Library.

Ongoing and future challenges include poor infrastructure (roads and pavements), parking especially around the school, the Ashhurst Way / Oxford Road junction, planning enforcement, lack of amenities, the proposal to turn the cycle track between Heyford Hill and Redbridge roundabouts into a fifth carriageway. Good news coming also on an after school club and a regular health bus.

Do come along. I have been impressed by the level of community spirit and feel sure we can achieve much more. I am constantly told that we are the forgotten estate, that there is a lack of funding compared with certain other estates. So help us put Rose Hill back on the map, through campaigning and lobbying we can slowly improve matters.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre. Tell us your concerns, let us know your aspirations, be part of it.

ROSE HILL JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB

**FREE
BUFFET**

Summer taster events ■ 1pm-4pm
For children aged 7-12 years accompanied by an adult
Friday 23rd July & Friday 27th August
Norman Brown Room, Rose Hill Community Centre
The Oval, Oxford OX4 4UY

There will be a selection of activities over the two days including:

- Climbing wall ■ Street/break dance workshops
- Drumming workshops ■ DJ workshops ■ Circus skills
- Face painting ■ Glitter tattooing ■ Hair braiding

Also attending:

- Community Fire and Rescue (with fire engine and crews)
- Street Wardens ■ OCHA information stall ■ Oxfordshire Healthy Living Partnership ■ Police Community Support Officers

Please contact Fran Gardner,
Rose Hill Community Worker. Telephone
07770 324277 or email fran.gardner@ocha.org.uk
for more information.

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Church News

St Mary's Church, Iffley

Reverend Andrew McKearney (vicar), and Reverend Gill Hancock (curate)

You are very welcome to come and join us:

Sundays

08.00am **Holy Communion**

10.00am **Parish Communion**

(with young St Mary's in church hall)

6.30pm **Evensong**

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Rose Hill Methodist Church

Reverend Jean King

Rose Hill Methodist Church, the Church down the hill, offers a warm welcome to all. Weekly Sunday morning worship starts at 10.30am.

On the first Sunday of the month the service is prepared and led by the church members. We call this our W.H.A.T? service - Worship Here All Together. We aim to do things differently in this service and our youngsters are very much involved. On other Sundays there is a Junior Church session during part of the service time. We also have an evening service on the first Sunday of the month at 6.00pm.

Contacts:

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Modern Art Oxford

Modern Art Oxford at Saturdays

FREE family art activities. Once a month, as part of the Art in Rose Hill programme, artist (and dad) Jon Lockhart leads art activities for dads and their children.

To find out more about Saturdays please contact: Rose Hill and Littlemore Children's Centre, The Oval, Rose Hill, OX4 4UY

Tel: 01865 716739

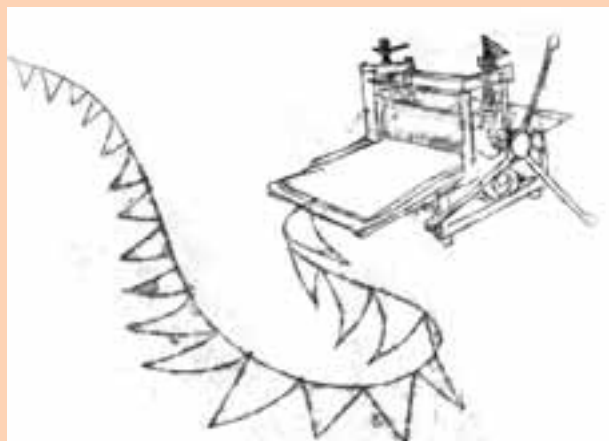
Email: reception.sure-start@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Family Day at Rose Hill

Sunday 1 August, 11am to 3.30pm

Come along to Rose Hill Primary School and help celebrate summer by printing colourful bunting using images of summer plants. Led by printmaker Emma Molony who uses screenprint, monotype, etching and lino cut in her work.

This free Family Day is part of the Alexandra Reinhardt Memorial Award, sponsored by the Max Reinhardt Charitable Trust and run in conjunction with The Art Room and as part of Modern Art Oxford's Art in Rose Hill programme.



Plot 16: Magic Greenhouse

Saturday 12 September, 2pm. Come and help Brook and Black build a Magic Greenhouse made from bamboo canes, followed by a picnic inside and around the structures as part of Lenthall Road Allotment Association summer party.

Suitable for all ages - the more the merrier! Please bring picnic treats and any spare bamboo canes.

Your local councillors and MP

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Member of Parliament

 Andrew Smith MP
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Andrew will be holding advice surgeries in Rose Hill on: Friday 8 January, Friday 5 February, Friday 5 March and Friday 2 April, 6.00–7.00pm at Rose Hill Community Centre.

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).

DIARY DATES

Saturday 24 July
Sounds Like Summer:
Family event in the Aston Rowant National Nature Reserve. 12–5pm.
[see page 8]

Thursday 29 July
Community Clean Up Day.
help pick litter and remove rubbish. 11am–1pm
[see page 4]

Tuesday 3 August
Rose Hill tenants' and residents' Association meeting. Community centre, 7.00pm.
[see page 10]


Thursday 5 August
Summer day trip to Bournemouth (Children's centre). [see page 9]

Wednesday 25 August
Summer day trip to London Zoo (Children's centre). [see page 9]

NCO YOUTH SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT DAY

Major Attractions:
Basketball Competition
Taekwondo Exhibition
Nepalese Cultural Dance &
Many More Fun Filled Activities...

Nepalese Delicious Food
Adult £3.50
Child £1.50



Come and Celebrate with the Nepalese Youth of Oxford

Venue: ROSEHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL,
The Oval, Oxford, OX4 4XF

Date & Time: 21st AUGUST 2010
11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Organized by: Nepalese Community Oxfordshire in association with OCHA

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A day in the life of an Oxford United fan

SUNDAY 16 MAY, 2010 WAS NEVER GOING TO BE JUST AN ORDINARY DAY IN SPRING.



Article by Orliter

MORE THAN 32,000 local people descended on Wembley Stadium to see The Yellows, Oxford United, attempt to return to the top league of domestic football by playing against another former and accomplished league team, York City Football Club, in the Conference Promotion play off final.

For me, the morning broke at 7am in my Rose Hill home when all the usual football gear was laid out ready for the ritual dressing. Although this was an exceptional occasion everything was going to take its normal pre-match routine. For example; check the beanie hat had all the tin badges correctly pinned on, the baseball hat for the journey to and from the stadium was brushed, that the latest shirt and scarf were in pristine condition and finally that the socks were blemish free. All was well. Alison was the Briggsy (my dog) companion for the day and appeared to be calm and collected although she was staying home and I was off to the match.

I was duly collected by my daughter, son in law, grandsons and my granddaughter, who were going to witness her first ever pro match.

We arrived in the capital with a couple of hours to spare so out came the flasks – of tea and coffee – with sandwiches and biscuits (another ritual in the making) while we awaited my son who was on his way from Newmarket in Suffolk.

Having just about survived the totally unnecessary close attentions of security staff on entering, we then needed to

purchase programmes of the event, buy burgers and chips which were excellent, well they ought to be for £12!

Then we found our way to our allotted space in this football haven. Pre match entertainment was first class ending in the National Anthem sung by the distinguished tenor Martin Toal. I detected a slight change in words, such as God Save Our Gracious Team but no one was ejected for this transgression! The teams emerged from the “tunnel” and were presented to the pre eminent Knight of football Sir Geoff Hurst who of course, scored the first ever hat trick in a World Cup Final when England defeated West Germany on this same hallowed ground.

KICK OFF

Kick off was at 5pm and I guess everyone in the stadium must have been overawed by the mass of yellow flags and scarves waving feverishly behind the west goal. The noise from the massed ranks of Oxford fans was awesome and was a continual spur to their favourites playing their hearts out on the oft criticised turf. I couldn't help but notice that while the York fans played an enormous part in the spectacle, they just could not compete with the Oxford fans either on the terraces or on the field of play.

The game swayed back and forth, from one end to the other often during torrential downpours of rain which saturated the players and turf alike. And at long last our heroes scored a

magnificent goal to take the lead and calm us all a little. However, York were not at Wembley to make up the numbers and showing true Yorkshire grit hit back when the Oxford goalkeeper allowed a simple cross ball to slip through his hands and into the net.

VICTORY

Now was the time to chew on finger nails if any were left and the skipper duly popped up to hit a typical Roy of the Rovers goal.

York threw everything including the kitchen sink at the Oxford defence but with two astute substitutions the game was sewn up in the last couple of minutes by a break away goal ensuring a Yellow's victory and a return to the glory days of the 1980s. This was the inspiration for the fans to double their noise levels which must surely have nearly lifted the famous roof from its moorings. The noise continued during the post match celebrations something we only see other teams do on television.

We had won our way back into the higher echelons of soccer and left the dreadful last few years of the Conference behind us. I truly felt sorry for the now dwindling York supporters who need to fight yet another season in the doldrums.

“Oxford are back” chanted the fans whose faith in the team barely dwindled during the season, many of these fans coming, as I do, from Rose Hill and the surrounding area.

Rowing for Gold

Oxford Academy Science teacher, Caroline O'Connor and her team recently won Gold in the Rowing World Cup, in Bled, Slovenia in 2010 - beating China and Holland, both favourites to win.



CAROLINE, who expertly juggles lesson preparation, teaching and world class sport, coxed the team in a nail-biting race, beating their rivals by just less than half a length. Talking about her success,

Caroline said “Winning the World Cup was fantastic. As a crew we have worked so hard leading up to the race to make sure we were in the best possible position to succeed. It has been difficult at times balancing both my teaching and rowing. However, the support of both the staff and students at the school has enabled it to happen”.

Beginners Jogging Group for Women in Rose Hill

FREE. Every Thursday, 6.45pm leaving from the Donnington Doorstep Children's Centre.

PERFECT FOR PEOPLE who have never jogged, or jogged just a little and want to improve! You will be met by your friendly instructor Claire, who will guide you through as much or as little jogging or walking as you like. Many ladies start off with 30 seconds jogging and 30 seconds walking for just five to ten minutes, so there is no such thing as too unfit!

For more information please call or text Claire on 07779 645 452

STREET SPORTS will be operating in Rose Hill on Mondays from 6pm – 8pm between the 26 July and the 6 September. All sessions will take place at the Street Sports Site on Ashurst Way and will be free of charge.

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