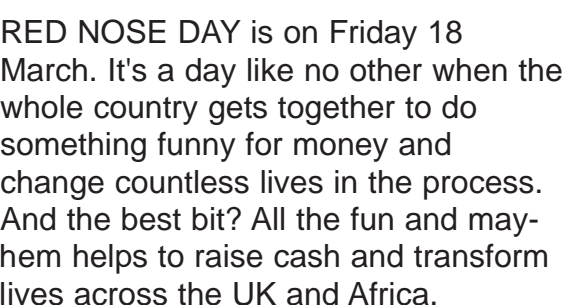


Let's Do Something Funny for Money! Comic Relief Day Friday 18 March 2011



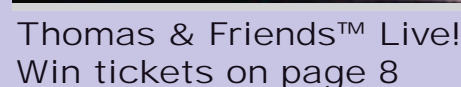
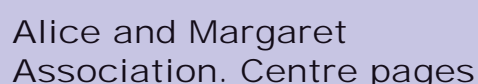
Fran Gardner, OCHA's Rose Hill community worker said: "I thought that it would be wonderful if residents and the various community groups of Rose Hill got together and did something funny for money."

"This would be a great way of showcasing what Rose Hill people can do. It will raise the profile of Rose Hill across the City and show that Rose Hill can really give something back. Support for the idea has been very good."

● The African Women's group baking Red Nose cakes at the Children's Centre

- A special funny bingo in the afternoon at the Community Centre for our older residents

- Double celebration for platinum couple. See page 5



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Rose Hill Community Dog Day

STREET Wardens recently held a community dog day in Rose Hill to promote the responsibilities of dog ownership.

The Community Dog Day took place on Saturday 12 February and was a great success with 44 dogs being chipped. It was also attended by Oxford City Council's Dog Warden and a vet who provided free advice of a variety of issues.

Free micro chipping was provided to the first 40 dogs whose owners contacted the Street Wardens and chipping was also offered on the day at a discounted rate of £10.

Councillor Saj Malik, Board Member for Safer Communities, said: "This was a useful event for dog owners and provided them with lots of information about owning and looking after their pet.

"We hope that people find the micro-chipping useful as it is the most effective and secure way of permanently identifying a pet.

"A unique identification number is registered to the animal and the owner's details are placed on a national database."

Rose Hill residents who attended the event

were enthusiastic about the benefits:

"Great idea, free chipping made it accessible for me and good advice retrieved."

"It's a very good idea, it was very helpful, really nice people, thank you. Barry."

"Great idea, been wanting to get her chipped but not had the money. Bargain price! Hopefully we won't need to use it! Everyone really friendly."

"Great treatment of dogs. Also got some information on doggy training classes for my puppy and I also spoke to the vets about my dog's bad ear as a second opinion. Great help."

More Community Dog days are planned for later in the year - if you are interested then please contact the Street Wardens on 01865 401456. Wardens will also be happy to advise you on the new Dog Control Orders that may come into effect later in the year.



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

By Peter Wilkinson, Chair

TWO successive hard snowy winters have caused misery for many drivers not able to use their vehicles and we are currently in discussion with the council to get grit bins installed in strategic places before next winter.

The major decrease in crime and anti-social behaviour has been warmly welcomed with thanks to the police and wardens. A major contributor to this good news is the Youth Club which is doing excellent

work under its excellent staff, threats of cuts in the Youth Service are therefore very worrying. I have visited the club myself and am very impressed, young people simply have no other alternative on Rose Hill.

There appear to be a number of problems with street lighting seemingly linked to the redevelopment. This is constantly raised and we hope for a quick solution. Problem areas are next to Alice and Margaret House, Thames View Road and Lenthall Road.

Residents would appreciate the No. 20 bus to Cowley Centre serving the lower part of Rivermead Road but parking is an issue which makes it difficult for the bus to get round. Please park considerably in this area and then hopefully we can persuade Stagecoach to redirect this service.

Thanks to the City Council and Oxford Citizen's Housing Association for providing us with further funding.

All welcome to the TRA, we meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Solution to the Rose Hill Crossword on page 10

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TRANSLATIONS

Kama ungependa sehemu yoyote ifafanuliwe au kutafsiriwa, au liwe katika umbizo tofauti kama vile chapa kubwa, au katika kanda ya kusikiliza, tafadhali wasiliana na sisi kwenye nambari ya simu 0800 980 9272 ili kujadili mahitaji yako.

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Ako biste željeli objašnjenje ili prijevod nekog dijela, ili drugačiji format, kao što je izdanje sa većim slovima ili na zvučnoj traci, molimo vas, nazovite nas na 0800 980 9272 i priopćite nam vaše potrebe.

ਜੇ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਇਹਦੇ ਕਿਸੇ ਹਿੱਸੇ ਦਾ ਮਤਲਬ ਸਮਝਣਾ, ਜਾਂ ਇਹਦਾ ਤਰਜਮਾ ਆਪਣੀ ਥੋੜੀ ਵਿਚ ਕਰਵਾਉਣਾ, ਜਾਂ ਇਹ ਰਸਾਲਾ ਕਿਸੇ ਹੋਰ ਰੂਪ ਵਿਚ ਲੈਣਾ ਚਾਹੁੰਦੇ ਹੋ - ਜਿਵੇਂ ਵੱਡੇ ਅੱਖਰਾਂ ਵਿਚ ਜਾਂ ਸੁਣਨ ਵਾਲੀ ਟੇਪ 'ਤੇ - ਤਾਂ ਤੁਸੀਂ ਆਪਣੀਆਂ ਲੋੜਾਂ ਬਾਰੇ ਦੱਸਣ ਲਈ ਫ਼ੋਨ ਨੰਬਰ 0800 980 9272 'ਤੇ ਸਾਡੇ ਨਾਲ ਗੱਲ ਕਰੋ।

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SPRING CLEAN FOR ROSE HILL

Your chance to improve your environment

THERE will be a community litter blitz on the morning of Saturday 5 March as part of OxClean*, organised by the Rose Hill Tenants' and Residents' Association (TRA) and Oxford Citizens' Housing Association (OCHA). As well as the TRA and OCHA, the street wardens and the Nepalese Community will be participating. Any other groups or individuals will be most welcome.

Plastic sacks and a limited number of litter-pickers will be available. We strongly advise wearing gloves and gardening gloves are ideal. Meet in the middle of The Oval by the bench at 11.00am. We cannot hope to cover all of the estate and will concentrate on Ashhurst Way, The Oval, and the area between Ashhurst Way and the Eastern By-pass. If this is a success there is no reason why it cannot be repeated later in the year in another area.

In addition the TRA and OCHA are each hiring a skip, available on the morning only for larger items. These are planned to be located at the bottom of Ashhurst Way at entrance to Oxford Road Flats and near the corner of Ashhurst Way and Desborough Crescent.

**OxClean is sponsored by Oxford Civic Society, The Oxford Times, and Oxford City Council.*

Rose Hill red noses!



Continued from front page....

"Special thanks must go to the Rose Hill Children's Centre and the Community Centre Association for their help and support with this day of fun.

"Support has also come from Rose Hill's Papa John's Pizza who have generously donated enough Red Nose pizza for 100 children to enjoy at the kids fancy dress disco in the afternoon. Thank you Papa John's!

"We want as many Rose Hill residents as possible to be part of the activities so watch out for the promotional flyers that will be advertising the special events."

If you would like more information or would like to be involved just ring or send a text to Fran 07770 324277 or email her at rosehill-news@gmail.com

Lets do something funny and raise money at the same time!



Above and Below: Rose Hill gets ready for Red Nose day



Actor and stand-up comedian, Lenny Henry, a very familiar face to supporters of Red Nose Day

IMPROVING COMMUNITY FACILITIES IN ROSE HILL

THROUGH the Regeneration Programme £435,000 is available to help improve community facilities and activities in Rose Hill. During the months of October and November 2010 many of you took the opportunity to express your views about how the funds should be allocated. 163 of you filled in the questionnaire in the last Rose Hill News. An additional 60 left comments at the 'Your Neighbourhood, Your Views' consultation day held on 27 November at the Community Centre. Your responses clearly show how you would like to see



community facilities improved. You would like:

1. Better sports and leisure facilities and activities (most comments received)
2. A Community Centre and Social Club with more open

facilities which better serve the wider community

3. More activities for younger children 7-13
4. Refurbishment of the Community Centre
5. Increased family/communi-

- ty activities and facilities
6. More for young people to do
7. Activities and education for adults outside working hours
8. Drop-in health facilities
9. Activities for older people (least comments received)

The Rose Hill Regeneration Partnership is now preparing a plan for how to improve these facilities based on your priorities. The Partnership would really welcome anyone who would like to get involved, especially residents who are interested in improving sports and leisure facilities.

For more information please contact Fran Gardner on 07770 324277.

Improving community facilities in Rose Hill YOU SPOKE... WE LISTENED

THE NUMBER one choice of Rose Hill residents following the Regeneration Programme consultation is to have better sports and leisure facilities and activities.

The Rose Hill Regeneration Partnership has listened to your views and will immediately start by setting up a Sports Development group for Rose Hill.

This group will be made up of residents with a particular interest in sport, sports professionals and staff from City Council and Oxford Citizens Housing Association who have expertise in project development and fundraising.

The Development group would really welcome anyone who would like to get involved, especially residents who are

interested in improving and developing all kinds of sports and fitness activities for Rose Hill residents.

A community forum event on sport and fitness activities will be held in the Spring to give residents the chance to come along, try some of the sports that will be available and give their views.

For more details or if you would like to be involved please call or text Fran Gardner on 07770 324277 or email Fran at: fran.gardner@ocha.org.uk

Get involved in your community centre

ROSE HILL Community Centre is at the heart of our community and now is your chance to get involved. The Community Association and Social Club will be holding their AGM on 28 March at the Community Centre Ballroom at 7.30pm.

All are welcome and, if you are a member, you are entitled to vote for the committee members of both groups. Membership can be obtained from the Community Centre (£8.10 new members, £7 renewals, £3 new OAPs, £2.50 OAP renewals). You could even put yourself up for election (applications to be received two weeks before the AGM).

So come along and help make the Community Centre a vibrant hub for Rose Hill.

The Community Association and Social Club AGM

AGENDA:

7.30pm – 8.30pm, Community Association Elections;

8.30pm – 9.30pm, Social Club Elections.

Library News

Read Swap Library celebrates first anniversary!

THE READ Swap library was a-year-old in January, and we held an informal party with our friends and neighbours from the estate! We are borrowing a collection of large print books from the County Library Service to boost our stock, and we are hoping to use our library developer money to purchase a computer for our customers to use.

We are also proud to announce our new collection of books in Polish, and were delighted to welcome some of our Polish families who are new arrivals in the area.

The Rose Hill Read/Swap Library is open on Monday afternoons from 2.00-4.30pm. It's free! Come and have a look round! We'll give you a friendly welcome and a nice cup of tea! We are: Stephen, Gillian, Peter, Ruth, Olive, Carol, Kathy, Dawn, Lloyd, Delphreen and Doreen

**Enquiries: please contact Ruth Wilkinson, 21 Thames View Road
Tel: 01865 452579**

WARNING TO ALL DOG OWNERS AND DOG WALKERS

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL has received reports of Canine Parvovirus in Rose Hill.

The Council is advising all dog owners and dog walkers to check that their dog's vaccinations are up to date with their local vet and if they spot any of the symptoms to take them to a vet as soon as possible.

Canine Parvovirus is a contagious virus mainly affecting dogs. The disease is highly contagious and is spread from dog to dog by direct or indirect contact with their faeces.

It can be transported on shoes and clothing and the council advises dog owners to disinfect their shoes before and after a walk, and to clean their dog's paws with animal friendly wipes.

Graham Eagle, Public Health Team Leader at Oxford City Council, said: "We've received six separate reports of ill dogs in the Rose Hill area and we would urge dog owners

to keep an eye on their pets.

"Parvovirus has two distinct presentations, a cardiac and intestinal form and dogs can have one or more symptoms.

"If you think your dog is showing symptoms of this virus you should take it to your local vet."

CANINE PARVOVIRUS

The symptoms include:

- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Diarrhoea
- Very liquid stools
- Blood in stools
- Fever
- Lack of energy

Symptoms of Cardiac Parvovirus in dogs:

- Difficulty breathing
- Irregular heartbeat
- Racy, weak pulse

More help for people struggling with debt and money worries

ADVICE CENTRES in Oxford are to be given a boost from this year's Oxford City Council grants budget for local charities and community groups.

Advice centres, including Oxford Citizens Advice Bureau, Blackbird Leys Neighbourhood Support Services and Rose Hill and Donnington Advice Centre have all seen their grants increased.

Oxford City Council has also ring-fenced funding allocated to organisations working to end homelessness in our city.

The money will help support 74 local community projects that play a vital part in the economic, social and environmental wellbeing of the city.

Councillor Antonia Bance, Board Member for Regeneration and Community Development, said: "Despite a very challenging financial settlement, reductions to the grants that we give out have

been kept to a minimum.

"Every year lots of great organisations apply, and we have to make extremely difficult choices between really deserving causes. The Council always receives more applications for grants than we have money available to allocate.

"This year, the budget has been tighter than ever. But our priority is always supporting the most vulnerable in our communities. And in the current economic climate, we thought that it was really important to increase the funding available for some of our key money, benefits and debt advice organisations, and to protect our spending on homeless people.

"I am also delighted that a small organisation that does a brilliant job, the Oxford Sexual Abuse and Rape Crisis Centre, will see its grant increase."

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Double celebration for platinum couple

GEORGE and Freda Cooper of Nowell Road have recently had cause for two landmark celebrations.

On 9 November 2010 the pair celebrated their platinum 70th wedding anniversary with a surprise party at Alice and Margaret House in Desborough Crescent.

Many friends and residents gathered to give their best wishes to George and Freda and to enjoy a celebration buffet and specially made anniversary cake.

This was the second time that the pair had received a special greetings card from the Queen - the first being for their 65th wedding anniversary.

On Wednesday 9 February George celebrated his 90th birthday - a belated Happy Birthday George from the Rose Hill News team!



Rose Hill and Donnington Advice Centre

Huge increase in advice centre visitors

By Matt Coates

THE ROSE HILL Advice Centre has seen a massive fifty per cent increase in people coming to them for advice in recent months, taking the number of people regularly using the centre to over 1500. Carol Roberts from the centre says that this increase is the result of the recent financial crisis as well as changes to the way the benefits system works that will take effect in April.

This huge increase in demand comes as the Advice Centre may see its budget slashed by the County Council, leaving them with a £14000 shortfall for the coming year despite a promise of £90000 from the city and a generous £10000 donation from a solicitors firm. Ms Roberts is hopeful that the required funding will be found, and warned that in the current financial climate, the Advice Centre is more important than ever.

Ms Roberts also warned that many local residents might be unaware of how the April benefits changes will affect them. Changes include alterations to the way legal aid is paid, as well as housing and unemployment benefits. If you are concerned that you may be affected by the changes, or are in need of advice relating to any kind of financial difficulty, please get in touch with the Advice Centre either by calling them on Oxford 438634 or visiting their office on Ashhurst Way.

Opening times:

Monday
9.30am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Tuesday
9.30am-1pm

Wednesday
9.30am-1pm

Thursday
9.30am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

Friday
Appointments only. Plus the outreach sessions.

The centre also runs sessions at Rose Hill Read Swap Library 2.30pm-3.30pm every fortnight.

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

Tel: 01865 438634

Fax: 01865 438643

rhd.advicecentre@ntlbusiness.com

International Women's Day Celebrations come to Rose Hill – 10 March

By Matt Coates

INTERNATIONAL Women's Day celebrations are coming to Rose Hill on 10 March.

The Rose Hill Children's Centre will be running activities from 10.00am till 3.00pm to celebrate women all over the world with the theme Healthy Women are Happy Women. There will be belly dancing taster sessions, cake and smoothie making, face painting, hair braiding, pampering, manicures, massages, a bring-and-share lunch and a dance finale.

International Women's Day is an annual event celebrating women all over the world. A member of the Rose Hill Arabic Women's group told our Rose Hill reporter that the day "makes people aware of the importance of women in society, and shows everyone that women are not just mothers and wives. I'm really looking forward to the event at the Children's Centre, it's a fantas-



The Oxford International Women's Collective organises an annual festival taking place from February to March celebrating International Women's Day on 8 March.

2011 is the global centenary year for International Women's Day – 100 years since the first International Women's Day event was run. More than one million women and men attended rallies in 1911.

tic way for all members of the community to get together, celebrate such an important day and most of all, have a great time!"

The Children's Centre runs an event for International Women's Day every year, and normally gets in excess of 100 visitors. Jackie Garlick, of the Children's Centre, is confident that this year will be no different and says that the message for everybody behind the event is that "being healthy doesn't have to be boring. We

want people to be active, have fun, and enjoy the delicious range of international foods that have been donated by local residents."

Visitors are encouraged to bring and share their own food as well. While the event is in celebration of International Women's Day, everyone is welcome to attend and all of the activities are family friendly, so come along and get involved!

NOMINATE YOUR LOCAL HERO

DO YOU know someone who deserves recognition for their voluntary work or for carrying out services to the community and local people in Oxford?

The Lord Mayor of Oxford, Councillor John Goddard, is urging people to nominate such individuals to receive a Certificate of Honour.

Nominees do not have to live in Oxford, but the service and support they provide must be carried out within the city, over a substantial period of time, and be of significant benefit to the community. The awards are being run in conjunction with The Oxford Rotary Club.

The Lord Mayor of Oxford, Councillor John Goddard, said: "These awards are in recognition of someone's exceptional effort in the city for their work.

"We want to show the city's appreciation to volunteers who have made an important contribution to their community.

"If you know anyone who you believe deserves such an award, please contact Anj Parmar, Civic Office Holders' PA at the Town Hall on 01865 252414."

Forms should be returned by Friday 25 March. The winners will be announced at a later date.

Rose Hill Neighbourhood Police team update

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD Police Team for the Rose Hill, Littlemore and Iffley area is working hard to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Please read about a few updates regarding our current neighbourhood priorities - these were based on our last consultation with local residents.



DRUGS

A Rose Hill resident has recently been arrested. The man was seen disposing of a small bag of cannabis and subsequent enquiries led to the male's arrest and charge. He is currently awaiting his court appearance. Following information being passed to police by residents the neighbourhood team are pro-actively patrolling the shops along Rose Hill Road, following the increased activity of known drug users. One woman from the area was arrested last month on suspicion of possessing a class A drug with intent to supply which we believe was connected to the recent activity.

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

A family from Rose Hill has been moved following their increased anti-social behaviour towards other residents. Due to an excellent team effort from the Neighbourhood Team and the Oxford City Council, this family will not be causing problems for the residents of Rose Hill again.

A man who had been issued with a court injunction not to enter Alice Margaret House, Desborough Crescent, has not adhered to the injunction and was arrested a couple of weeks ago at Alice Margaret House.

Two Rose Hill youths have been issued with ABC (anti-social behaviour contracts) warning letters. They were identified as throwing snowballs and cherry knocking around the estate. We are working with their parents to prevent any further disturbances.

OTHER NEWS

The past few months have seen a number of new faces joining the team and others moving on. Our current team consists of

Please do stop and talk to us when you see us, come to our regular 'Have Our Say' meetings or contact us on the Thames Valley Police non emergency number 08458 505505 or by e-mail at rosehill@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

Alternatively residents can catch up with news from the team at www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

Sergeant Alan Coffey, Neighbourhood Specialist Officers Karen Zoldan, Matt Goodchild and Ashley Gardner and PCSO's Paul Timms, Frauke Eicker, Kevin Potter, Stacey Wiggins, Catherine Timms, Sierra Gaffney and Lori Jones. Catherine and Stacey are partly based at the Littlemore Hospital, but all of us work locally to prevent and investigate crime and deal with anti-social behaviour.

HAVE YOUR SAY MEETINGS

The location of the 'Have Your Say' meetings has changed due to the request of residents. The next two meetings will be held at the Littlemore Community Centre, Giles Road, Littlemore.

Tuesday 22 March 2011 between 10am - 12pm

Saturday 23 April 2011 between 12pm - 2pm

PARKING

Parking in Rivermead Road has been raised at the last Neighbourhood Action Group as a potential problem for the extension of the route of the number 20 bus. A leaflet drop was carried out by officers to all residents in the street to raise awareness of the problem. We appreciate your cooperation.

Parking in the area of schools has long been known as problematic. Current talks with the Rose Hill Primary School are investigating the possibility of running a new joint project called 'STARS' in Rose Hill. STARS addresses parking issues by getting all the relevant parties involved to come to a suitable solution: school, children, parents and the police. Watch this space.

Sylvia's labour of love for Rose Hill

SYLVIA DOLAN will be leaving Rose Hill and Littlemore Children's Centre at the end of March.



SYLVIA JOINED the centre in May 2007. Her vision from the beginning was to encourage more parents to use the Centre and for them to be able to access the wide range of services provided.

From the outset she devel-

oped excellent links with Oxfordshire Primary Care Trust and the Public Health Services, bringing Health Trainers into the centre. They started working on a daily basis from the centre offering advice on weight loss,

smoking cessation, healthy

lifestyles. More activities for parents and children were put on with regular drop-in sessions. Soon the weekly timetable was full of creative activities as well as courses to develop parent's skills and self confidence.

Targeted drop-ins allowed the more vulnerable families to access the centre's playroom. This gave them confidence and slowly these families became more at ease using the centre.

It was clear right from the beginning that Sylvia loved working with parents and many of Rose Hill's ethnic communities were encouraged to set up women's groups. In a short space of time Polish, African and Arabic residents were using the centre on a regular basis. It became a safe and happy place to be for many parents. The centre began offering more dads' groups, involving men in pregnancy and the early stages of a baby's life.

Rose Hill parent Normalisa Chasokela said: "From the time Sylvia started working at the centre so many great things and

achievements have happened. The centre changed for the better, and many programmes were put in place as well as more services for the community to access. Sylvia is a determined and hard working lady who knows how to achieve the right outcomes."

Another key initiative that Sylvia began was getting parents to have a say in what the centre offered to parents. Sylvia believed that a parent knew what was best for their child and what activities would make them come to the Centre more often. The Management Advisor Group (MAG) started in October 2007. It gave parents the opportunity to shape the services the centre could provide.

They have even been involved in sitting on interview panels thus helping to choose new centre staff. This was a very big success as many opportunities became available from the MAG's ideas and views. Sylvia has been able to empower people to believe in themselves.

Normalisa added: "Sylvia was amazing to work with and she did not see herself as a manager but as a leader working together with a team that were able to deliver an excellent service to the community.

"Sylvia's best qualities are being supportive, understanding, caring, empowering, always going that extra mile and out of her way to get things sorted. She will be greatly missed. Good luck Sylvia, we wish you a happy and successful future."

From April 2011 the centre will have a smaller staffing structure and through Sylvia's clear direction the long term vision will continue.

Consulting with the Rose Hill community will continue to be key for the centre staff, also encouraging more people to become volunteers will be a strong focus helping to maintain current services and deliver new ones.

The centre will continue to be a happy, vibrant and caring place for all parents and children.

Alice and Margaret Association

Garden project

By Val Wood

MANY MONTHS AGO Fran Gardner, OCHA's Rose Hill Community Worker helped us raise funds to develop our garden and after lots of debate and consultations with fellow residents it was decided to spend some of the money on extending the patio so that our new garden furniture could be put out during the summer. We also decided to create a path across the lawn giving residents easy access to the shed and had raised beds put onto the patio.

So it was a red letter day for Alice and Margaret House on the 25th January when the long awaited garden project

started for us with the arrival of DW contractors.

On the first day, two very cheerful and helpful young men got busy with the spray can of white paint and marked out the areas to be worked on and we residents were left in suspense for the rest of that day as to what was going to happen.

The next day these same two young gentlemen got busy with spades and lots of energy was spent in unloading slabs, sand and lots of unusual shaped parcels and boxes.

Then "hey presto", after lots of hammering and banging two raised flower boxes magically appeared, even having a coat of creosote put onto them. Next came the huffing and puffing of the machine which

sliced up the existing grass to mark where the new pathway was to go. What grass that could be re-used was put into areas elsewhere then it was all systems go for the new pathway to be laid out.

Then all those DW muscles came into action when the under base of the pathway had to be dug out, leveled and filled with the foundation stone. Thursday saw the slabs being laid and by Friday all the excitement was over and we were now the proud possessors of a lovely new look garden.

Our very grateful thanks go out to DW Contractors who have not only done a sterling job, yet again but provided the labour free of charge under their Community Work Programme.



Alice and Margaret residents with DW Contractors in the newly landscaped garden.

ALMA welcomes all older Rose Hill residents to the coffee mornings and bingo sessions – if you would like to come along give Stephen a call on 01865 712880

Nepalese Community News

Nepalese festival celebrations

THE Nepalese Community Oxfordshire (NCO, UK) organised a special function on 15 October, 2010 to mark the greatest Nepalese festivals, Dashain and Tihar. Dashain, also called Durga Puja symbolises the victory of good over evil and is conducted to invoke the blessings of goddess Durga for the continued peace, prosperity and well being of all sentient beings.

The Chief Guest of the programme, the Lord Mayor of Oxford, Councillor John Goddard formally started the programme by illuminating the lamp. The programme which was organized at the Rover Sports and Social club in Roman Way off Horspath Road, Oxford, was attended by more than 250 Nepalese from and around Oxford.

The performers: Alisha Thapa, Manisha Thapa, Jharana Gurung, Smena Limbu, Ingma Limbu, Milan Limbu, Sujana Gurung, Binod Limbu, Shishir Thapa, Nawal Gurung and Akash Rai entertained the attendees with their various Nepalese traditional cultural dances and rock and pop musical performances. Gita Rai and Arun Paudel hosted the show for the evening.

Speaking at the event, the Chairperson of NCO, UK, Chitra Thapa wished everyone a prosperous time ahead and called for concrete unity among the Nepalese residents in Oxfordshire. The Chief Guest Lord Mayor expressed his praise for the programme and wished for the future success of the community and assured his continuous support to it.

Everyone at the party enjoyed delicious Nepalese food with songs and dances. Free transport services were provided to the attendees coming from different parts of Oxfordshire with the kind involvement of Santosh Rai and Amar Thapa.

On the auspicious occasion of Dashain, Nepalese residents in Oxfordshire have prayed for prolonged cultural integrity among themselves and stronger cohesion between everyone in the Oxford community.

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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: rosehillsnews@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S PAGE

WIN A SET OF FAMILY TICKETS!

Thomas & Friends™ Live! On Stage: A Circus Comes To Town

Saturday 19 March at 11.00am performance at the New Theatre Oxford.

The 90-minute musical adventure Thomas & Friends™ Live! On Stage: A Circus Comes To Town is a fabulous stage show experience for the whole family, packed with audience singalongs, high-energy dancing and thrilling adventures.



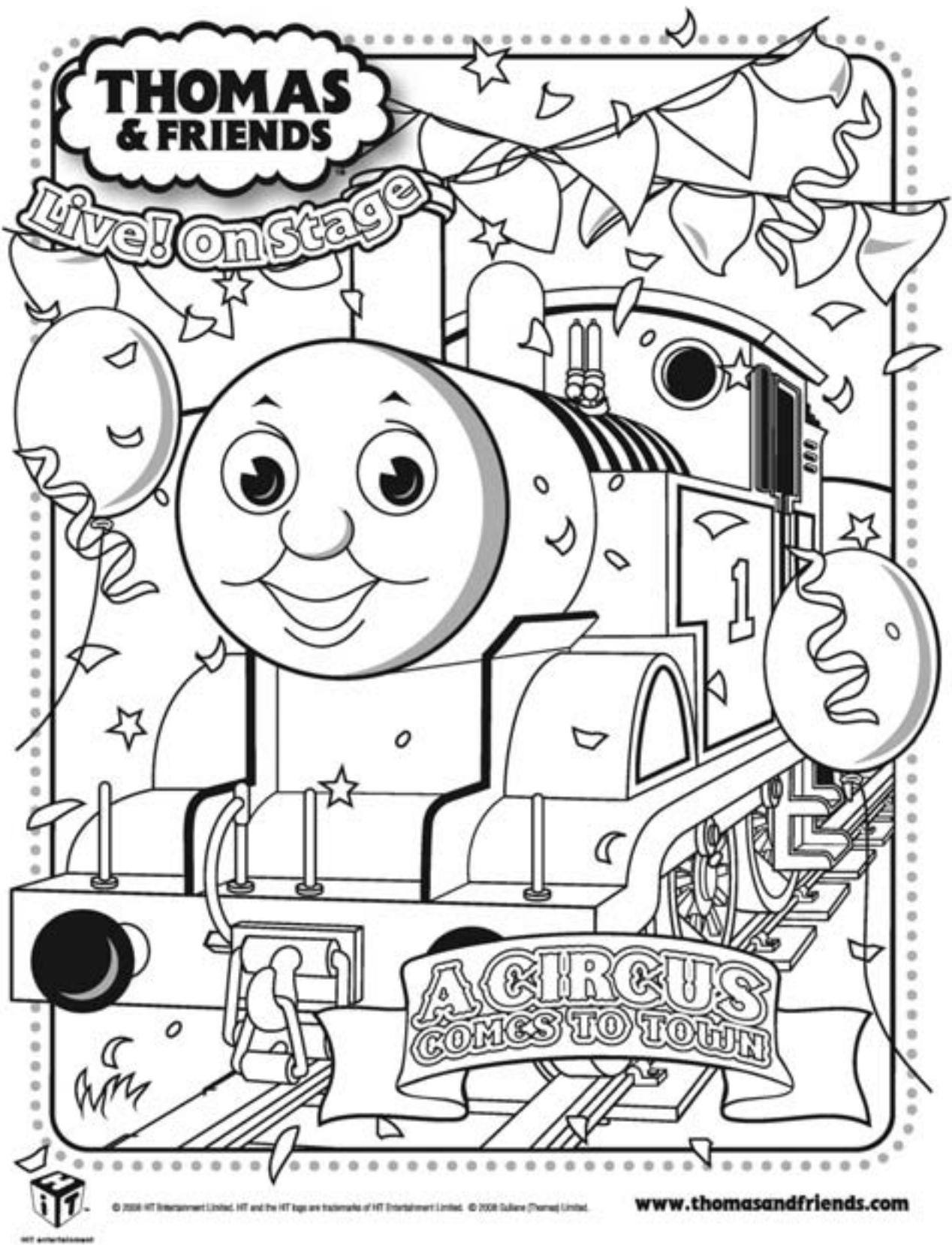
See Thomas the Tank Engine™, Percy, James, Gordon, Sir Topham Hatt and townspeople from the Island of Sodor live and in person! They're joined by a colourful cast of circus performers in an engaging story that demonstrates the importance of friendship and co-operation under the Big Top.

Would you like the chance to win a set of Thomas the Tank Engine Family Tickets?

All you have to do is take part in our colouring competition (right) and return your entry to us in an envelope with your name and telephone number.

Your entry can be posted to: Fran Gardner, Rose Hill News, c/o FREEPOST, 244 Barns Road, OX4 3RW. or you can drop your entry into Rose Hill Primary School, The Oval, Rose Hill

Please return your entries by Monday 14 March.



Name: Age:.....
Parent or guardian:..... Phone:.....
Address:

FREE Family Friendly Fun



- ★ Make something to take home on the 1st Saturday of the month and during school holidays – Free, drop-in sessions, 1-4pm.
- ★ Free activity backpacks, trails and much more every Sunday – 2-4pm.
- ★ Free gallery talks for older kids and adults 3rd Saturday of the month at 2.30pm.

More info: www.prm.ox.ac.uk

Pitt Rivers Museum – Tel: 01865 270927
Open: 10-4.30 Tues–Sun & Bank Hols; 12-4.30 Mon.
free entry via Natural History Museum, Parks Road, Oxford.

Animal Word Search

Rabbit

Pig

Cow

Chicken

Hamster

Horse

Cat

Dog

Sheep

Parrot



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Junior Youth Club

Michael is on a Mission

By Robert Lambeth

CHILDREN between the ages of seven and 11 are in for a treat as the newly assigned Lead Youth Worker Michael Porter has some excellent ideas for the new Rose Hill Junior Youth Club.

Having always lived in Oxford and currently residing in the Greater Leys area Michael has always been interested in working with young people and plans on trying to use this enthusiasm to help children have fun as well as learning something along the way.

Michael who comes from a basketball background and is currently coaching the under 16 teams of Oxford Hoops and Brookes Eagles, is interested in hearing any ideas that kids have for the new club, and is especially keen for volunteers to come forward who would like to help with the club.

Keen for children of all backgrounds to attend, Michael plans to ensure that all the kids will have a say in what activities are offered at the club and may perhaps show them a few of his basketball skills.

The venue for the new Junior Youth Club will be the Norman Brown Hall at the Community Centre which Michael hopes will be large enough to provide kids with a vast amount of positive and fun activities ranging from computer games to sport, and especially building on the activities provided on the previous taster days (although he's not sure if his art skills are good enough for face painting!).

If you have any suggestions or want to be put in touch with Michael email or phone Rose Hill News rosehillnews@gmail.com 07770 324277 and we will ask Michael to contact you.



The Xtreme fun begins for Rose Hill kids!

AFTER many months of waiting, while fundraising and staff interviews took place, finally the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club will open its doors on Thursday 17 March at 4.30pm at the Rose Hill Community Centre.

This first session will be free to all seven to 11-year-olds, giving them a chance to meet the staff team and enjoy some of the fun and games which will be on offer at the sessions.

The club will run a weekly Thursday afternoon session at the Community Centre in The Oval. Activities will include sports, dance, games, cooking, storytelling and art. The club will be staffed by three experienced youth workers, Michael Porter, Jamie Bourton and Sensi McLean, all of whom know Rose Hill and its children well. Oxfordshire Association for Young People will oversee the running of the club making sure the kids have sessions full of fun and activities.

Deacon Stephen Richardson, chairman of the junior youth club committee, said: "There is nothing on the estate for children of this age. This will allow our young people to grow in confidence, develop their social skills and self esteem and have lots of fun. The committee is really excited at the prospect of the club finally opening and the range of activities that we can offer".

If you are interested in getting more details about the club please phone or text Fran on 07770 324277 or email fran.gardner@ocha.org.uk

WORLD BOOK DAY

AS WORLD BOOK DAY approaches on 3 March, Rose Hill School has an exciting time organised for pupils.

A spokesman for the school said: "We're inviting the children to join the teachers in dressing up as their favourite character from a book. We hope the school will be filled with lots of Little Red Riding Hoods, Harry Potters and a whole host of other characters. We will have three book relays - one in Foundation Stage, one in Key Stage 1 and another in Key Stage 2.

A book will be passed from class to class and read to the children, we will see how long it takes to get around all the classes. These events are so valuable in developing the children's love of literature and books."

Rose Hill children on epic trip to China

DURING a school partnership trip by Rose Hill Primary's Head Teacher, Sue Mortimer to Changsha in China's Hunan province, in May 2009, the idea of an exchange trip was suggested.

The head teacher of Changsha school, Weihong Xiong, was delighted with the possibility of a cultural exchange between the two schools. Both Weihong and some of her colleagues came over to Rose Hill in November 2010 and spent a week working alongside teachers at Rose Hill Primary School.

It was agreed to develop a complimentary curriculum link between the two schools and the programme has just been unveiled.

It will consist of children from each school gathering information about their country's native wildlife - both flowers and animals and creating pictures in fabric. These pictures will

be stitched into a beautiful, easy to transport collage. Artefact boxes will also be exchanged - for instance the Rose Hill children will send boxes about Christmas and Guy Fawkes night and children will write stories which will also be sent to China.

Sue Mortimer discovered that there was funding available from the British Council to take children on an exchange trip to China. She made an application, which was successful and the trip is planned for 6 March!

Five year 5 and three year 6 children will fly to China and stay with families in Changsha.

Sue said: "It is hoped that the Chinese children will be able to come to Rose Hill later this year giving us an opportunity to return their hospitality and show them some of the wonderful parts of Oxfordshire."

Rose Hill Children's Centre

Monday-Funday afternoon drop-in



MONDAY-FUNDAY is a very popular drop-in at Rose Hill Children's Centre because of the friendly atmosphere and creative activities.

Families attending are all involved in planning the future weeks' activities and can have

their say on what they would like included in the drop-in.

The sessions are led by Hafsa Akkas, who is an experienced playroom and creche worker and part of the outreach team. She also runs a Muslim mother and toddler group

called Time for Peep, which meets on Friday mornings.

Some of the activities planned for the Monday-Funday sessions over the next few weeks are T-shirt painting, pancake making and how to make All About Me books for the children.

Families obviously enjoy attending, as these comments from parents show:

Caroline said: "I get to meet other mums. My daughter enjoys coming as there is a choice of activities and new things to learn."

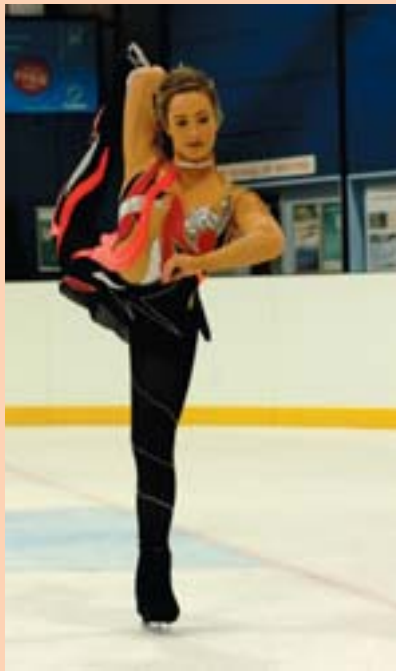
Vicky added: "I enjoy it. Devontay and I like enjoy making things together."

Another mum, Aimee said: "It's good fun meeting other people and catching up with friends."

If you would like to contact Hafsa you can call her at the Centre on 01865 716739

FUN AND GAMES

GET YOUR SKATES ON! ...and win family tickets to the NEW Oxford Ice Rink!



TO CELEBRATE the official opening of Oxford Ice Rink, after the completion of a major improvement programme, Rose Hill News has been given two sets of free Family Tickets by the Centre's manager. Each family ticket is worth over £20.00.

The rink was re-opened in February by Barbara Gatehouse, who as an Oxford City Councillor, opened the rink at the Oxpens site 26 years ago on 1 December 1984. More than £700,000 has been invested in the popular rink, with the major investment being the purchase of a new refrigeration unit. The changing and shower facilities have also been upgraded as well as a new rink barrier being erected and a new rubber matting laid throughout the centre. New boilers have also been installed.

Barbara Gatehouse, said: "I am thrilled that I have been invited back to officially re-open the ice rink. We fought hard to get the ice rink in the city and I think it has been an excellent addition to the leisure facilities in the city.

"These improvement works should mean that we can all enjoy

the facility for years to come."

Peter Ennals, Oxford Ice Rink General Manager, added: "These improvements have been great for the future of the rink and skaters.

"The refrigeration unit was at the end of its life and the replacement unit will ensure the smooth running of the rink for many years. The new unit is much more environmentally friendly and efficient and the other improvements have well received by all our visitors."

The improvement work has been funded from the savings created from transferring the management of leisure facilities in partnership with Fusion Lifestyle.

The Ice Rink was designed by Nicholas Grimshaw and opened in 1984. The building was shaped like a ship with two 30-metre masts at each end.

WIN TICKETS!

To stand a chance of winning the tickets, just answer these three simple questions - you will find the answers in the story above.

Q1. When did Barbara Gatehouse first open the Ice Rink?

Q2. £700,000 has been spent on refurbishing the Ice Rink. What piece of equipment has cost the most to replace?

Q3. Who designed the original Ice Rink?

You can email your answers to us at: rosehillnews@gmail.com

Or you can text your answers to us at: 07770 324 277

Or post your answers to Fran Gardner, FREEPOST, Oxford Citizens Housing Association, Freepost, SCE 14243, 244 Barns Road, OX4 3RW

Don't forget to include your name and telephone number!

Design a logo for the new Rose Hill website!

OXFORD City Council is helping to set up a new Rose Hill Community Website with student volunteers from Oxford University. The website will have a wealth of information about what's going in Rose Hill. There will be pages for the Community Centre, other community resources and you'll even be able to download the Rose Hill News!

Rose Hill residents are being asked to submit their designs for a

new logo for the website!

The logo will need to be simple and capture what Rose Hill means to you. It could just be a picture or drawing or also include the words Rose Hill Community Website.

The winner will receive a prize of a £30.00 in Love to Shop vouchers and see their design displayed on the new website.

And watch this space for the announcement of when the Rose Hill

Community Website goes live!

You can submit your logo in MS Word, Adobe Photoshop, JPEG or as a PDF.

The logos will be judged by the Rose Hill Regeneration Partnership in April, and the deadline for submissions is Monday 4 April 2011.

You can email your logo to: rosehillnews@gmail.com

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The Rose Hill News Crossword

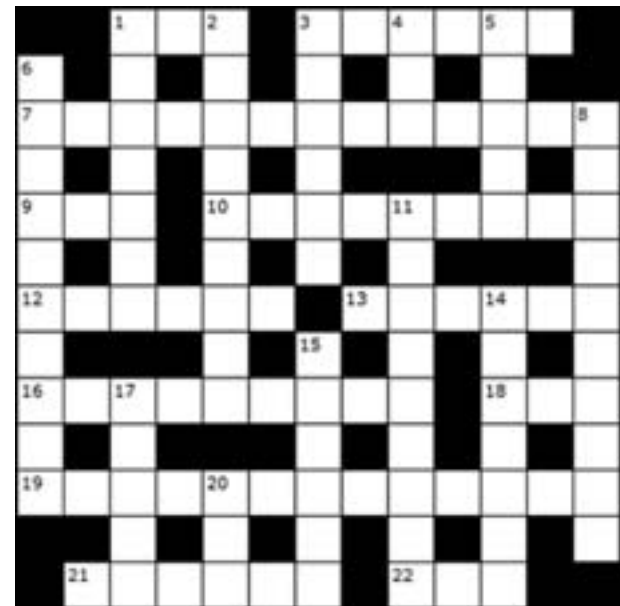
The solution is on page 2

Across

1. Fruit seed (3)
3. Descend (from vehicle) (6)
7. Thoughtful (13)
9. Funerary vase (3)
10. Very small (9)
12. Process of growing older (6)
13. Metal, atomic number 27 (6)
16. State of separation from others (9)
18. Breathable gas mixture (3)
19. E.g. Methodist, Baptist etc (13)
21. Imposed (e.g. tax) (6)
22. Untruth (3)

Down

1. Act of atonement (7)
2. Lung disease (9)
3. Plant growing above the tree line (6)
4. Financial savings plan (3)
5. Have a guess at this Form of oriental verse Not too difficult! (5)
6. Job (10)
8. The voters (10)
11. Rascalion (9)
14. Greed (7)
15. Annoyed (6)
17. Unit of weight (5)
20. Yes (monsieur!) (3)



Sudoku



The solution is on page 2

WIN TICKETS to Oxford Philomusica's Top Score Family Concert!

ROSE HILL NEWS is offering you a chance to win a family ticket to Oxford Philomusica's next 'FUNomusica' concert at the Town Hall on Sunday 27 March at 3pm.

Oxford Philomusica's popular FUNomusica concerts encourage audiences of all ages to have fun with music. It's OK to move, make a noise and join in. Top Score promises to be a sporting extravaganza of pure musical magic, presented by Alasdair Malloy, concert presenter extraordinaire! Families can arrive early for the pre-concert activities - with a variety of musical craft activities and opportunities to try orchestral instruments, there is plenty to keep the whole family occupied.

To have a chance of winning a family ticket to the Top Score concert, all you have to do is answer this question:

What are the signature colours of Oxford United football team?

- a. Pink and green
- b. Yellow and blue
- c. Black and white

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Deadline for entries is 15 March.

Recipe corner

Phyllis's Cherry and Coconut Cake

(Alice and Margaret House, Desborough Crescent)

8 oz self raising flour
8 oz caster sugar
4 eggs
8 oz butter or margarine
2 oz glace cherries, washed and halved
2 oz desiccated coconut
1 tablespoon smooth jam
1 oz desiccated coconut
(Both of these last two ingredients are

for topping and are optional)

- Cream together the butter and sugar till light and fluffy.
- Beat in the eggs one at a time.
- Fold in the flour, cherries and coconut until well mixed.
- Turn into a 2lb loaf tin or 7inch round cake tin (lightly greased or lined with non stick baking paper).
- Bake at Gas 4 or 160 Electric oven until golden brown and firm to the touch (about 45 mins).
- When cool, spread lightly with jam and sprinkle with coconut for the topping

Quick, tasty recipes for busy cooks

FLAPJACKS

8 oz butter or good quality margarine
2 tablespoon golden syrup
6 oz soft brown sugar
9 oz porridge oats

- Line a Swiss roll tin with non stick baking paper
- Heat oven to 190° c or gas mark 5
- In a pan gently melt the butter (or margarine) and syrup
- Add porridge oats to the melted mixture
- Stir until well mixed

- Pour into Swiss roll tin
- Bake 10 -15 minutes or until golden in colour
- Cool slightly and then cut into squares

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

8oz self raising flour
4 oz caster sugar
4oz butter
A little milk
1 packet chocolate chips
2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
Grated rind of 2 oranges

Makes 9 large or 15 small cookies

- Preheat oven 190° c or gas mark 5
- Place flour, sugar, butter & cinnamon in a mixing bowl.
- Rub in butter with fingers, add choc chips & orange zest, bind together with a little milk.
- Flour hands, then roll lumps into 3" balls and place on lightly floured baking tray & flatten
- Bake for 15 minutes until golden

Place on rack to cool

HELP TOMORROW TAKE SHAPE

2011 Census coming to a letterbox near you



for housing, education, health and transport services for years to come.

Did you know that supermarkets use census statistics to work out the kind of foods they need to sell to keep local communities stocked up with their favourites? Water companies use the census data to plan the pipes for clean and wastewater – to make sure there's enough for everyone. Fire brigades and the police use census data to help communities, putting fire alarms and crime prevention measures in specific areas. The benefits are far reaching.

The census statistics also feed into the allocation of funding for local authorities and play a major part in identifying need for local services in communities, so it is crucial the

population estimate is as accurate as possible. When the questionnaire envelope comes through the door you'll easily recognise it by the purple 2011 Census logo. Take care of it. If, like many people, you want to complete the questionnaire online, your individual internet code is on the front of the questionnaire.

The 2011 Census doesn't want anyone to fall behind – so there is a wide range of help options available (such as language guidance booklets, large print format, Text Relay and census field staff on hand, as well as online help and telephone call centres).

More information about the 2011 Census can be found at: www.census.gov.uk

ON 27 MARCH 2011 all residential households in the United Kingdom will be taking part in a census. Since 1801 a day has been chosen every ten years for this purpose (except in 1941 during the war). The census provides an excellent source of information about the population. This enables central and local government, health authorities and many other organisations to identify need

OXFORD ACADEMY LATEST

Exciting new chapter begins

The Oxford Academy moves into its brand new building this month in what is an exciting new chapter for the school and Rose Hill community. As the new building is a resource for the entire community, the Academy looks forward to welcoming many visitors from parents and community partners through a range of activities and events in the coming months - information will be made available on the Academy website as these events are confirmed. If you would like a tour, please email [julia.kettle@theox-](mailto:julia.kettle@theoxfordacademy.org.uk)

fordacademy.org.uk.

Nationwide 'inspires' students

Principal Mike Reading was delighted to welcome the Nationwide Building Society to the Academy

recently. Nationwide are supporting the recently launched 'Inspire' programme at the Academy and presented laptops to individual students.

Parent Forum

As the forum takes off with more and more parents actively participating in the development of the Academy, we are encouraging all parents of students currently attending The Oxford Academy to attend the meetings or join the online discussion groups.

Forthcoming parent forum dates:

- Wednesday 6 April, 6.00 - 7.30pm
- Wednesday 25 May, 6.00 - 7.30pm
- Wednesday 13 July, 6.00 - 7.30pm

Find out more by visiting:

www.theoxfordacademy.org.uk/Parent-forum/

The Oxford Academy, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, Oxford OX4 6JZ
www.theoxfordacademy.co.uk

☎ 01865 774311 E: enquiries@theoxfordacademy.org.uk

Modern Art Oxford

WHAT'S ON in ROSE HILL

March – July 2011

Plot 16: The Fermenting Room

December saw the launch of Plot 16: The Fermenting Room, a limited edition green hop beer, which is on sale in Modern Art Oxford's Café and Shop, (all proceeds to go towards the Art in Rose Hill programme).

As spring approaches, the artists in residence, Brook & Black, will again be on site at the Lenthall Road allotment and during March they will install a

sculpture that begins phase two of their residency. The sculpture follows the architectural structure of Modern Art Oxford, a building that itself was once a brewery - Brook & Black's work superimposes onto Plot 16 the history of the Gallery.

Come and visit Brook & Black on Plot 16 to see the sculpture as it becomes overgrown with hops. The artists will be at the allotment to welcome visitors on the following Sundays between 2pm and 4pm: 8 May, 5 June and 3 July.

DIARY DATES

Saturday 5 March

Community litter blitz - see page 2

Thursday 10 March

International Women's Day celebrations in Rose Hill - see page 5

Thursday 17 March

Rose Hill Junior Youth Club opens - see page 9

Friday 18 March

Red Nose Day - see front page

Monday 28 March

The Community Association and Social Club AGM -- see page 3

Poetry Corner

A Pele Poem

by Brian Dempsey

I try to kick the ball
with my left foot and my right
this seems to be okay
but I miss the goal so much.

A man whose name I know
was good with left and right
at least I think he was
because he scored so many goals.

Pele is the name
the best some years ago
but footballers are young
they play till thirty five.

One day I kicked a ball
and it flew into the net
but I was all alone
my goal it did not count.

Pele scored so many goals
and played so many games
he must have been one of the best
but Best was good as well.

Your local councillors and MP

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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).

CHURCH NEWS

Rose Hill Methodist Church

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

Regular Worship

- Weekly Sunday service at 10.30am, led by a variety of preachers
- Housegroup meeting held on the first Sunday of the month at 6.00pm.
- A Service of Holy Communion is held once a month.

What's happening this month?

The month of March sees the beginning of Lent. Traditionally at this time of year, Christians prepare themselves for Easter by engaging in a kind of 'spiritual spring-clean' in which they seek to rid themselves of the things which lead them away from God and focus more on prayer and worship of God and turning their faith into action.

So at Rose Hill, we shall be holding a special preaching series during Lent beginning on Sunday 13 March at 10.30am as we reflect on Jesus' journey to the Cross .

We shall also be holding the second of our Sunday evening housegroup meetings. This new venture provides an opportunity to share in informal worship in a Church member's home, to pray and discuss a Bible passage and how it relates to us today. Please contact the Minister if you'd like more details about it.

If you would like further details about the Church or are interested in hiring any of our rooms, then please do get in touch .

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St Mary's Church, Iffley

St Mary's Church, Iffley:
Reverend Andrew McKearney
(*vicar*)

You are very welcome to come and join us:

Sundays:

08.00am, Holy Communion
10.00am, Parish Communion
6.30pm, Evensong

Contacts:

Vicar: Andrew McKearney
☎ 773516

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Rose Hill News
SPORT

HASTINGS PUTS ON FOUR-STAR PERFORMANCE

Rosehill 7 (R Hastings 4, Justin Ford 2, Mark Gregory) - Fairview 2

A LIFETIME IN THE DAY OF AN OXFORD UNITED SUPPORTER

LET'S FACE IT! A football supporter's life is a fraught existence seemingly seeing their chosen team lurching from near the relegation zone to the very heights of Football League, Division Two, and the promotion play-off places. Since the last issue of the Rose Hill News that has been the situation with Oxford United.

Whether watching from the stands at the Kassam Stadium or listening to the away matches on Radio Oxford the ardent fans are assured of a nail biting couple of hours. The performances on the field are nothing less than scintillating with all visiting teams playing as though they were at Wembley in a cup final and the Yellows playing their hearts out to stop these marauders from taking the honours.

In 30 matches so far twelve have been won, seven drawn and eleven lost, not particularly league winning results. However the team are lying eighth out of twenty four and seem to be moving ever closer to emulating last season's brilliant promotion.

There is now a new confidence by the players and fans that home or away we just might come away with all three points. As I explain to my gardening assistant Briggsy, there are nervous times ahead remembering last seasons fantastic performances finishing with the famous victory at Wembley.

He barks in agreement and digs another hole in the wrong place in my vegetable garden. But life continues and he walks off looking for a passing cat to discuss the offside rules at football.

Will someone please explain the offside rule and at the same time maybe inform referees and their assistants that Vision Express are doing special deals these days! Anything that stops me from developing a coronary each match day would be very welcome.

"We are the famous, the famous Oxford" "Win or lose, up the U's" "C'mon You Yellows"



RICKY HASTINGS stole the show with a first half hat-trick as Rose Hill bounced back from last week's cup defeat with a fine victory against Fairview.

Both teams played some really good football in the early stages however Rose Hill took the initiative to lead 4-1 at half time through Hastings and Ford.

After the break Mark Gregory extended the lead with a individual goal that was simply world class and Ford & Hastings added to complete the rout.

Rose Hill are now unbeaten in the league for 4 months.

Karate leader's memorable trip to Japan

GEOFF PEARCE, leader of Rose Hill Karate club returns to Okinawa in Japan on an annual basis to maintain his skills and learn new techniques from his Sensei (instructor), Meitatsu Yagi (pictured).

However Geoff's visit last year was particularly special as he had been invited to take part in a unique Goju Ryu karate demonstration to celebrate the life of his Sensei's father who had recently died. Because Meitatsu Yagi's father was such a revered Karate leader, on his death he was designated a National Treasure.

Training for the event was tough with five hours a day spent rehearsing techniques. However it was a truly memorable experience for Geoff and a wonderful way to learn even more about this fascinating sport.



Classes are held on a Thursday at Rose Hill Community Centre 7.00pm till 9.00pm.
Price £5.00 for a full two hours
Contact: Geoff on 01864 841395 or 07931 263317
Why not come along and see Geoff in action?

So Close for Rose Hill FC

Rose Hill 3 - Cowley Crusaders 4

Report by Robert Lambeth

IT WAS ALWAYS going to be a tough game for Rose Hill, who took part in the Premier Cup Quarter Finals on the 12 November. Going into this game Rose Hill have had an excellent run in the League having been unbeaten in seven games and are currently in third although having played more games. The good news ended there unfortunately as they had trouble filling the squad due to a large amount of players being unfit to play, including the vital position of goalkeeper.

This being said the players gelled well and were ahead by the end of the first ten minutes thanks to a goal from the young Daniel Johnson. However due to the lack of experience for the Rose Hill defence Cowley soon equalised and were prevented from scoring by Rose Hill's superb stand-in goalie Lee Harris. This excellent goalkeeping meant that with a second goal by Sam Wise they were in the lead by the end of the half.

The second half however did not begin well for Rose Hill with the Crusaders soon equalising again and even with the best efforts of Harris who was being bombarded with shots moved ahead to 2:4. After a brief comeback through a chipped shot by Ricky Hastings the score moved to 3:4 with the game ending with this result. All in all considering the squad problems this can only be seen as a positive performance for the team, who will now be focusing solely on the league.

Rose Hill News Man of the Match: Lee Harris



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