

New Community Centre? Comments Please!



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LAST month, Peter Sloman, Chief Executive of Oxford City Council, visited Rose Hill to present the proposal to build a new community centre for residents.

This was presented to key local community groups, including the Community Association, Tenants' and Residents' Association and Regeneration Partnership.

The proposal is for a new centre that would bring together several facilities under one roof, including the Community Centre, Social Club, Advice Centre, a Sports Pavilion and Early Intervention Satellite centre

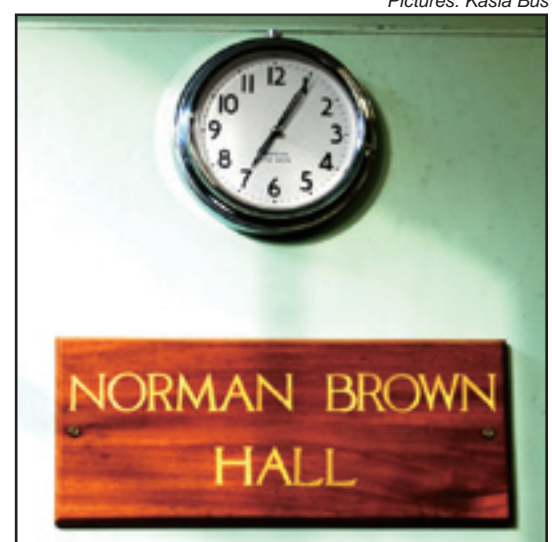
The new centre would be built on a new site in Rose Hill and could be

completed by early 2015. This would ensure that the new building is ready to move into, before the old centre is closed. It would require substantial financial investment by Oxford City Council, probably over £1 million. One suggested site for the new centre is beside the Cooperative Nursery, overlooking the recreation ground. The existing community centre site could be used to provide some much needed housing, including affordable homes for local people.

Councillor Ed Turner, Oxford City Council Executive Board Member for Corporate Assets and Ward Councillor for Rose Hill and Iffley, says: "This

could be a great opportunity for Rose Hill to have a brand new centre which could be one of the best in the city. We are looking forward to hearing what residents think of the proposals, and are determined to work closely with everyone interested in this project."

There will be opportunities for local residents to comment on these proposals over the next few months. Look out for the Oxford City Council stall at the Garden Party on 7 July. There will also be more information in the next edition of Rose Hill News.



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Goodbye Stephen and Gillian!

By Fran Gardner

FOLLOWING a varied career Stephen came into the post of Rose Hill's Methodist Deacon in September 2008 and was the first Methodist Deacon to be appointed to the Oxford circuit.

The work at Rose Hill has also proved to be very varied for Stephen and his wife Gillian. It has ranged from chaplain to social activist, school worker to Chair of the Alice and Margaret Association, Junior Youth Club, Rose Hill News and Debt and Advice Centre. Alongside this enormous range of community work Stephen has also led worship at local churches.

As Rose Hill Community worker I have worked closely with Stephen since September 2009. He has always been incredibly supportive of my work and has put up with my often "madcap" ideas. For me one of the defining moments was when we organised the first Junior Youth Club taster event in June 2010. I was convinced that no one would turn up but Stephen was his normal calm and reassuring self. Suddenly a sea of parents and children poured into the Community Centre, completely filling the room to overflowing. Needless to say we all had a wonderful time and I shouldn't have worried!

Stephen and Gillian will be much missed on the estate but we will be welcoming Deacon Carole Smith, Stephen's replacement, in early September.

GRATITUDE

Many people wanted to express their gratitude to Stephen and Gillian—here are some of the comments we have received: Val Wood: "Stephen and Gillian are going to be missed in so many ways as they have become part of our community. On behalf of my fellow residents at Alice and Margaret House we all wish them both well in their new posting and would like to express our heartfelt



Stephen and Gillian Richardson

thanks for all they have done for us."

Councillor Ed Turner: "Stephen and Gillian have been such an amazing part of the community—full of energy, incredibly patient, and with a kind word for everyone they meet. They'll be sorely missed!"

Carole Roberts: "Bad news for Rose Hill, good news for Alderney. The work Stephen & Gillian have done for the estate has been tremendous we will miss them very much. Staff & Board members of Rose Hill and Donnington Advice Centre."

Peter Wilkinson: My first recollection of Stephen and Gillian is, as then Chairman of the TRA, noticing a couple of new faces sitting quietly and attentively. Since then of course they have thrown themselves in to every aspect of Rose Hill life. Unfamiliar faces have turned into valued friends and

colleagues, not just for me but for the whole community. Ever cheerful, always willing to listen and give their valued advice they have built up a lasting legacy which will be remembered long after they have moved on to future challenges. Thanks for everything, and all the best for the future.

Wendy Spray: Stephen and Gillian have been a huge asset to Rose Hill. They have worked tirelessly and positively to improve life on Rose Hill. They have never hesitated to push for improvements and to let organisations know if things are going well, but also if they're not. They have often provided the calm words of wisdom that have helped to resolve issues. We shall miss them greatly and wish them well in all that they go on to do.

TRANSLATIONS AND LARGE PRINT

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CORRECTION

IN EDITION 17 of Rose Hill News we wrongly referred to Rose Hill Pre-school Playgroup as Rose Hill Nursery. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused to the staff, who are: Linda Jedynowicz (*manager*), Becca Jedynowicz (*deputy*), Summaia Iftikhar (*assistant*).

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FUN AND FISH AND CHIPS!



Picture: Kasia Bus

By Michael Klimes

ONE hundred delighted and enthusiastic pensioners turned up to the Rose Hill Community Centre to enjoy a fish and chip dinner organised by the Oxford Isis Lion's Club on the 20 April. Bryan Keen, chairman of the club and a Labour councillor, who stood down in the May elections helped organise the event.

He said: "This is a way to put money back into the community. The guests enjoy food, entertainment in the ballroom, a raffle and prize bingo."

Guests arrived in a bus provided by the Oxford Bus Company from places such as the Blackbird Leys Pensioners Club and Northway Luncheon Club in Marston.

Oxford Isis Lion's

Club, formed in 1996, is part of a wider global organisation known as the Lions Clubs International which is devoted to helping communities worldwide through volunteer work. Patricia Smith, 85, from the Northway Luncheon Club, came to the event for the third time. She said: "I think it is friendly to meet all of these other people. We came last year, really

enjoyed it and like the food." Ms Smith's friend, Rosina Parker, 88, also from Northway Luncheon Club, said: "I enjoy mixing with other company. This is a real event in my calendar. You cannot fault the food."

Carol Davies, 73, chair of the Rose Hill Community Association, who provides the facilities for the event for free, said: "Events like this are brilliant. We belong to

the community centre and just help them get it ready. I think this event brings everybody together. It is good that there are things

put on for elderly people and that they appreciate it. I enjoy supporting things like this."

VOLUNTEERS

OXFORDSHIRE Befriending at End of Life (OxBEL) trains volunteers to befriend people who are facing the end of life and may be isolated and alone or just need someone to talk to.

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Travelling theatre tent coming to Rose Hill!

THIS summer, Oxford Playhouse will be touring the Playhouse "Plays Out" Pop-Up Tent: a travelling tent offering an exciting, free, theatrical discovery space for everyone. The tent is coming to Rose Hill Primary School on Tuesday 24 July.

Inside the Tent is a haven of creativity, fit to burst with activities for young children, families and adults alike. For under-6s there will be performances throughout the day of Bath Time, a perfectly silly and magical show created by Toby Hulse, which is an ideal first experience of theatre for little people and lots of fun for parents to do with their children.

As well as Bath Time there will be an array of theatrical games, workshops and crafts on offer, which families can do at their leisure. For older children and adults there is a cryptic Treasure Hunt as well as audio plays and listening experiences including Etiquette—a small but perfectly formed play for just two people at a time, experienced with a friend through headphones. If all of that sounds a bit too active the Tent will also have a chill-out corner where you can kick back and relax in a cosy armchair with a cup of tea or a book. There really is something for everyone—and it's all free!

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Alice and Margaret House

The African Women's Group Cooks for residents



By Comfort Otunba and Abimbola Solebo

Picture: Kasia Bus

THE African's women's group of Rose Hill came out in force to cook for the residents of Alice and Margaret House in Rose Hill.

The women cooked Jollof Rice (a popular Nigerian dish), plantain, marinated chicken, and a dessert made from natural yoghurt, double cream and coconut milk.

The cooking started at 9am at the Rose Hill Children's Centre, Abimbola Solebo was busy cooking the Jollof rice, Comfort Otunba was frying the plantain, Normalisa Chasokela was preparing the chicken, while Fatima and Chris were getting the dessert ready.

At about 11.30am the food was ready and it was taken down to Alice and Margaret House—with eager residents already sitting at the table.

A resident of the Alice and Margaret House said: "We enjoyed the food cooked by the group and it's wonderful that these ladies come to cook such good food for us." Members of the African Women's group said that they had all had fun and enjoyed giving something back to the community.

Alice and Margaret House is a GreenSquare housing development for the over 55s on Desborough Crescent in Rose Hill. The Alice and Margaret Association (ALMA) is open to all over 55s in Rose Hill. The group runs coffee mornings at 11am on Tuesday mornings at Alice and Margaret House providing tea, coffee and homemade cakes. They also enjoy activities such as art and craft, gardening, bingo, and lunch and dinner events.

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Rose Hill has a new knitting club!

Words by Ali Hall
Photograph by Kasia Bus



A FEW months ago the Africans Women's group, who meet once a week at the Rose Hill Children's Centre, mentioned that they would like to learn to knit. The women advertised in the Rose Hill News for a volunteer to come along to their group and teach them basic knitting skills. Rose Hill resident Lina Vosa responded to the advert with great enthusiasm and began volunteering soon after.

Lina is a very talented knitter and teacher so the ladies are learning quickly. It has been so popular that women from other groups have joined in. Lina has decided to organise sessions that will be open to everyone. The ladies who attend really enjoy the sessions. One of the ladies said: "I enjoy learning new skills and seeing the progress you can make. It's very relaxing too."

Lina works full time and all of her volunteering takes place in her free time, therefore groups are arranged as and when people can meet, rather than on set days. Anyone in the community is welcome to attend. If you would like to join in or find out more, please contact Ali Hall on 07768 600935, who will have details of the next group planned.

Rose Hill Allotments News

WILDLIFE IS THRIVING AT LENTHALL ROAD ALLOTMENTS

By Cathy Gibb

A CORNER of the allotments which had been used as a dump and was becoming overgrown with birch seedlings is being gradually developed as an orchard and wildlife area.

Volunteers have already planted a cherry and a medlar tree, kindly donated by Bill Whaley and Cathy Gibb, and will be planting two apple trees cloned from old Iffley varieties later in the season. Fruit trees support insects and birds and they offer the human species a harvest and an attractive visual prospect which, hopefully, provides an incentive for future maintenance.

Earlier this year volunteers dug weeds, stones and tree roots out of the ground in the central orchard area and sowed with annual wildflower seed. Nothing much has happened so far but we shall wait and see and if necessary plant with more viable seed in the autumn. Typically floriferous chalk grassland meadow thrives on relatively infertile soil that has not been enriched with manure or fertilisers. The soil here is quite rich and the bindweed and nettles are vigorous. Still,



Keen gardeners working on their allotment.

Picture: Kasia Bus

nettles are good for butterfly larvae and we will attract plenty of bees and butterflies with robust plants such as wild marjoram, ox-eye daisies, teasels and knapweeds.

The main objective of this project is to provide an undisturbed corner for reptiles and amphibians. The allotments and the other green spaces they connect with are home and highway to toads, grass-snakes and slow-worms. While undisturbed compost

heaps and comfrey patches are ideal environments, sometimes slow-worms and grass-snakes become ensnared in the wire and plastic materials used for vegetable cultivation, and so piles of grass clippings and sheets of corrugated iron (for basking) in the wildlife area may encourage more of them up there, especially when we have made a pond.

Spice Up Your Life

By Aishah Ball

HERE in Rose Hill we are a great mix of people from all over the world and that brings with it all manner of wondrous flavours. Those of us born and bred here in Oxford have grown up with this and if you are like me, you love incorporating those flavours into your cooking. But did you know that many of the herbs and spices we cook with on a daily basis are actually really good for your health.

Many of us start our day with a coffee dusted with cinnamon. This is probably a good idea as recent studies show that it has insulin enhancing properties and that it significantly lowers blood glucose, triglyceride levels and cholesterol levels. This means it is an excellent spice for sufferers of type II diabetes.

While cinnamon is widely used by a lot of cultures and is especially popular in Moroccan cuisine, a less well known spice is pimento. Great if you want to infuse that Caribbean flavour into your food in dishes like Jerk Chicken and Curry Goat. It is often called Allspice and tastes like a mixture of pepper, nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon. It contains a number of essential oils and minerals which can aid digestion, balance blood pressure, and one oil even acts as an anaesthetic and antiseptic used in gum and dental treatment.

In Indian cookery fenugreek is a well used spice which has recently been hailed as a 'fix-all elixir' due to its anti-viral properties. Used to



stimulate breast milk for centuries, it mimics oestrogen and has been found to reduce the effects of the menopause and ease menstrual pains. For the men – it may even increase libido and male potency. Pregnant women should take care as it can stimulate contractions.

Herbs like Oregano and Thyme have long been famed for their ability to

ease digestive and respiratory complaints. Used as a tea or infusion they are used widely to treat sore throats, stomach upsets, even mild fever. Oils extracted from them may help soothe tension headaches, cuts, swellings and bites.

Oregano is particularly delicious in Italian food and Thyme is used a lot in Caribbean cooking but is also very traditionally English, flavouring many a hearty stew.

To add lovely yellow colour to anything including clothes, look to Turmeric. Originally used as a dye in India it is now a staple ingredient worldwide, especially as a cheap alternative to Saffron. Its health benefits are many and mostly due to the yellow pigment 'curcumin' which has a strong anti-inflammatory effect without the damaging side effects of pharmaceutical drugs.

And finally a spice most of us use every day without thinking twice about it: Black Pepper. In ancient times it was so highly prized that it was used as money. In these challenging times where the quality of nutrients in our food is sorely lacking, putting black pepper on your food may be one of the easiest, most economical ways to boost your overall health status. This is because research has shown that it greatly increases your body's ability to absorb the nutrients in your food and supplements. This is fantastic news as aside from the many benefits I have already mentioned all of these herbs and spices contain vital minerals and anti-oxidants.

For those who don't know anti-oxidants are essential for our bodies and help protect and repair the damage done by free radicals, known as oxidative stress. This oxidative stress is increasingly being found to be the principal cause of all sorts of degenerative diseases from autoimmune disorders to many forms of cancer and heart disease.

So what are you waiting for; so many delicious and health giving spices out there waiting to be savoured. Just one note of caution, if taken in large doses some of these spices may have side effects for some people so it is always best to check with a doctor if you have any serious health concerns.



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SUMMER CHALLENGE FOR TEENAGERS

AN EXCITING project for teenagers will take place in Oxfordshire this summer. The Summer Challenge is open to anyone who will be 16 or 17 by 31 August and are 105 places available across the county.

The National Citizen Service programme is completely free of charge to all participants and offers exciting and challenging experiences. It is designed to bring out the best in participants who will get to learn new skills, make new friends and support their local community while having lots of fun. National Citizen Service is a government initiative which aims to promote a more cohesive, responsible and engaged society by bringing young people from different backgrounds together to make a difference in their communities.

It is a voluntary programme which focuses on personal and social development which includes challenging activities, from away-from-home residential experiences to a self-designed social action project.

For more information speak to staff at Littlemore Early Intervention Hub on 01865 816202

FREE recording studio time for Rose Hill musicians

TALENTED singers and bands in Oxford can now look forward to getting free music studio recordings because of a new initiative for Blackbird Leys, Cowley, Rose Hill and Barton.

The Demo Clinic is a programme that shows music makers how to use the internet to record music with music makers around the world. We have all seen the changes that the internet is making to the way we buy music. CDs are being replaced by downloads and in the arena of music production, the web is changing the way music can be recorded. What these changes mean for talented people that cannot afford studio recording time

is that once someone is online, free access to music production removes the cost of recording a potential hit song.

Oxford music ace, Asher Dust has recorded with some of the biggest names in the UK and now all of his music is recorded via the web, for free. Without the need to go to London, Asher Dust (otherwise known as Andrew Jones) does not even have to get out of his pyjamas to collaborate with music makers in New York or London.

These dramatic changes in music are now going to benefit new singers, songwriters and musicians because they can find collaborators in the UK and USA that speak the same language who are using the internet to record music for free.

Artists that are looking to create a new sound can find bands and artists online and then choose to release their music via iTunes or send their music to record labels or major label personnel at sites like Indaba Music, Rhapsody and CD Baby. The major impact the Free Music Recording Revolution will have on singers and bands is the elimination of studio costs that can be anything from £100 per day to £500 per week. Free workshops are being held at The Old Music Hall, Cowley Rd in June, July and August 2012.

For more details go to www.TalentOxford.co.uk or phone 07857 689 541

National Citizen Service Summer Challenge INFORMATION SHEET

I gained a lot from my NCS experience. I have made some friends for life and feel like a valuable member of my community - Suleiman Ahmed

The first week was the best ever. We did all sorts of outdoor pursuits - Kamal Bolesa

For my community project I taught basketball to local kids. It was great to give something back to my community - Kiran Dhingra-Smith

Thank you for your interest in the National Citizen Service Summer Challenge Programme. The Summer Challenge is open to anyone who will be 16 by 31st August this summer. There will be 105 young people successfully selected to take part in the programme across Oxfordshire.

The programme is completely FREE of charge to all participants and offers exciting and challenging experiences.

Summer Challenge is a programme designed to bring out the best in participants, you'll get to learn new skills, make new friends and support your local community whilst having lots of fun.

National Citizen Service is a government initiative which aims to promote a more cohesive, responsible and engaged society by bringing young people from different backgrounds together to make a difference in their communities. It is a voluntary programme for 16 year olds which focuses on personal and social development which includes challenging activities, from away-from-home residential experiences to a self-designed social action project. The Summer Challenge is open to anyone who will be 16 by 31st August this summer.

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Rose Hill Primary School News



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Walking on Eggshells

By Abigail Labiche, year 5

WALKING on Eggshells was a play commissioned by Oxfordshire Family Mediation on the subject of family breakdown. It was performed in May at Rose Hill Primary School by year 5 children from Rose Hill and other local schools.

The play was about two children called David and Alice who have been through a family separation. It was set in modern times in their homes, school and leisure places.

The main characters are:
Alice – a girl whose Mum and Dad have separated and she is caught between the two arguing parents. **David** – a boy who now has a new Stepdad and a step-brother who he shares a bedroom with. He doesn't get to see his Dad very often and going away at the weekend means he is not always around to play for his football team.

My favourite part of the play was when the children were at school as it was just like our school.

I would recommend this play to all children to find out about the impact of family breakdown but only if they won't become sad easily.

while their parents are separating, as well as recognise the importance of this experience and the effect it may have on their friends and peers.

Oxford Family Mediation centre in Headington offers support for both children whose parents are in the process of separation and divorce (as part of a free service), and adults who are separating or are already separated.

For more information call Oxfordshire Family Mediation on 01865 741781 or visit www.ofm.org.uk

which might come up for children whose families separate. The play gave a heart-rending insight of family separation from the perspective of the children involved.

The quartet of plays was a conclusion of the Walking on Eggshells project which had been taking place in the South Oxford Partnership of Schools since January this year. The project gave children the opportunity to express and recognise the issues that might arise for other children while their families are going through separation and divorce. It also gave children the opportunity to understand ways of coping

HOME IMPROVEMENT

THE Oxford Home Improvement Agency is a service which offers invaluable support to a wide range of people living in Oxford City, both homeowners and tenants, including those on a low income; older people or individuals with disabilities or a long term health condition.

Its purpose is to enable people to remain safe, secure, and comfortable in their own homes, thereby promoting independence, reducing the need for residential care and hospital admissions, and improving quality of life.

The services offered are:

- **Disabled Facilities Grant:** A means-tested grant available to people who have a disability to pay for major adaptations or improvements, such as the installation of low level access showers and stairlifts
- **Essential Repairs Grant:** A means-tested grant to enable home owners on low income to have essential repairs made to their home.
- **Flexible Home Improvement Loan:** A loan scheme for owner-occupiers over 60, which is designed to help pay for works to improve the comfort, safety, security and repair in your home.
- **Small Repairs Service:** The Small Repairs service is a scheme to help with various small jobs that need completing within the home. It covers home safety, home security, key safes, minor electrical works, minor plumbing works and other general repairs. There is a small hourly charge for this service.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the HIA Team on 01865 249811 or on environment@oxford.gov.uk



MEN'S HEALTH DAY

MORE than 40 men turned up at the Men's Health event on Saturday 9 June. Two nurses were available throughout the day offering 15 minute confidential health checks. The focus was on screening for prostate and testicular cancer, smoking cessation and general fitness.

It was part of the monthly visits to the estate by the health bus and the weekend was concentrating on giving men a health 'MOT'.

Chitra Thapa who is chairman of the Nepalese community in Oxford said "It is a very useful service. I haven't had checks for all these things like diabetes so to be able to get them locally is a great help."

Men were also able to have a free personal fitness assessment with trainer Jason Biles. The assessments gave information on lung capacity, blood pressure levels, BMI and flexibility.

Enormous thanks go to Sainsburys Heyford Hill and the Food Bank for their generous donations of fruit for the event.

The Health Bus will be back on the estate on Thursday 28 June offering health checks to all residents.

Awesomstarz Vision Oxford Group

By Abimbola Solebo

AWESOMSTARZ Vision Oxford Group is a group that provide activities for young people aged 8-14 mostly from the African community living in Oxford, and has been created to empower young people to help them fulfil their goals and expectations

The group will help young people to take part in training in areas such as dressmaking, knitting, artwork, photography, catering and handcraft. The group also aims to promote the African culture and values by setting up African language classes.

A spokesman for the group said: "We also aim to provide services which include career and guidance counselling, sport and leisure activities, music lessons, art, dancing, singing and media."

The group meets every Saturday, from 10-12 pm at the Rose Hill Children's Centre, all children from 8-12 are welcome. There are workshops running now to teach children how to play the guitar just in three lessons.

To book a session for your child contact Pastor Alice Kinyanjui who is the chair person on 07947 811975, 01865 701129 or 07413 574411



Rose Hill Tenants and Residents Association

OXFORD City Council has recently presented a proposal to several community groups to build a new community centre in Rose Hill. Peter Sloman, Chief Executive at Oxford City Council, met with the Community Association, the Rose Hill Regeneration Partnership and the TRA during April and May.

If you are a regular user of the Community Centre, you will be aware the current building has been in need of refurbishment for some years. The volunteers who manage the building so well, have been hoping to see such work carried out. At long last, things look set to change. Plans are being developed for a new community centre building to be constructed, possibly in the area where the Advice Centre is located.

However, over the coming months

there will be full details available and many opportunities for all residents to comment on the new proposals and it is important to us all, that we use this opportunity to make sure that we get the best community building possible.

In a similar vein, I have been given an indication that Oxford City Council are considering changes in the way that the system of resident participation operates. The proposals have yet to be finalised, but it is essential that this kind of participation continues at a time of cutbacks.

A final word. Despite the awful weather, the holiday season is fast approaching. In what is a challenging financial climate for us all, and whether you are going away or not, may I wish you a happy holiday.

Ray James

Littlemore Library News

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Our Summer Reading Challenge starts mid July for children aged up to 15 years. Please bring your children to the Library and sign them up. The challenge is to read six books over the summer.

The benefits are many and include fun activities in the Library, earning stickers, book marks, a medal and a certificate and, of course, having something to do when the weather disappoints!

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CHURCH NEWS

St Mary's Church

Sundays
Every Sunday there are services at 8am, 10am and 6.30pm.

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

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

THE New Stained Glass Window!
This recent addition to Iffley Church has been generating a lot of interest recently—why not come and see it for yourself—it catches your eye as soon as you open the door of the church.

If you were listening to Test Match Special in May you would have been surprised to hear Phil Tufnell talking about his visit to Iffley Church and the beauty of our newly installed stained glass window 'The Flowering Tree'. He had been here earlier in the week talking with Sister Wendy Beckett about the window and filming for The One Show. The BBC broadcast won't be until

Christmas(!) but when I hear when it is I shall publicize it.

In the meantime you can now buy from the back of church new postcards of this window by Roger Wagner.

On Sunday 29 July at 6.30pm we shall have a special Dedication Service with the Bishop of Oxford.

Thank you!
Stephen Richardson is the Methodist Deacon who, together with his wife Gillian, have been living and working in Rose Hill for the last four years.

They have been a great blessing to all with whom they have come in contact and have done terrific things for Rose Hill. We shall be extremely sorry to say goodbye to them.

Their farewell from us at St Mary's will be on Sunday 15 July and if you would like to contribute to their leaving present please put donations in a clearly marked envelope and put it into the church office at the Rectory.

They will be leaving a little later in July and moving to Alderney in the Chanel Islands, where they will serve next. They go with our love and gratitude.

Keep in touch!
Iffley church is a wonderful place. Every Sunday there are services at 8am, 10am and 6.30pm and outside the church on the notice board are times and days of all the special services.

Inside the church is the monthly magazine with details of all that is going on and you can also go on the website: www.iffley.co.uk or become a friend on Facebook to keep in touch.

The church is open every day during the day and people come to find some peace and leave us names and situations to pray about.

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

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Praise for Olympic day from primary students



THE Academy welcomed primary school, Orchard Meadow Primary School, to its third Olympic Day at the end of April. This was part of a series of events to mark the build up to London 2012. Miss Robinson and colleagues combined the Olympics with the curriculum to create four fun workshops for the Year 5 pupils.

The feedback from staff and students alike was excellent. Two Orchard Meadow students wrote in to the Academy. Quotes included:

"We especially appreciated the Year 7 pupils who helped with the activities throughout the whole day at the Academy." (Natalie Mbugua)

"Thank you for everything you did - it really made my Friday a special day. I really do hope my mum lets me come to your fantastic school." (R. Williams)

Rose Hill Methodist Church

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

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Regular Worship

- Weekly Sunday service led by a variety of preachers at 10.30am.
- An informal meeting for worship and discussion about the Christian faith is held in the home of a Church member on the first Sunday of the month at 6.00pm.
- A Service of Holy Communion is held monthly on a Sunday morning at 10.30am.

Recently, we held an Away Day in Watlington Methodist Church and met with fellow Methodists in a time of worship, prayer and fellowship on the theme of 'Sharing the good news'.

During the coming month, we shall say farewell to Deacon Stephen Richardson as he and his wife, Gillian prepare to move to the Channel Islands to begin a new appointment in September. Saying goodbye is never easy especially when you have become close to someone. Stephen and Gillian have shared so much of themselves with our congregation and with this community over the past four years and we shall miss them. Our loss is Alderney's gain!

Even though we have to say a physical goodbye to Stephen and Gillian, we know that God's love binds us together as members of His family and those cords can never be broken. So we shall continue to pray for Stephen and Gillian in their new ministry as we hope they will pray for us.

We rejoice that in Jesus, God has released into the world a power beyond anything before or since, the power of love which binds people together and breaks down barriers of class, race and culture. As a congregation in this community, it is our desire that through our worship and service, we may, in some small way, create opportunities for all to share in God's all-embracing love.

Rev Rosemary Davies

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

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

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ROSE HILL NEWS

SPORT

Thames Valley Police attend Sport Makers workshop

Rose Hill Football Club

INVINCIBLES!

ROSE Hill Football Club celebrated a wonderful 2011–12 season at their presentation evening exhibiting to the community both The Oxford City Premier League Trophy and The County Junior League Cup. The double winning season saw the team unbeaten in the league winning the title for the first time since The Queen came to the throne in 1952.

The team and the committee would like to thank the following for their continued support: *Rose Hill Community Centre, Hill Partnership, Green Square, The Residents Association, Councillor Ed Turner, Technical Concrete Cutting, WDB Carpentry, Fran Gardner especially for her fundraising and guidance*



RHFC Player Chairman Sean Qualter holds aloft The Oxford City Premier League Cup

Presentation Roll of Honour:

Players Player of the Year: Michael Bateman

Managers Player of the Year: Mark Gregory

Chairmans Player of the Year: Colin Ryan

Golden Boot for Top Scorer: Colin Ryan

Goal of the Season: Terry Rose

Funniest Moment: Jamie McMahon

Best Supporter: Michelle Barrett (amongst many!)

Wooden Spoon for Miss of the Season: Sean Qualter!

Awards:

Sheila Allen for after game catering

Sally Rose for kit wash

Katie Allen for fundraising and organisation



ON TUESDAY 15 May, 20 Thames Valley Police officers joined 20 sixth form students in the Academy's 3G dome to become Sport Makers and help create the Olympic legacy of more people getting active and enjoying sport.

The lunchtime sporting activities included football and dodge ball and were led by sixth form students who undertook the Sport Makers training the day before and had prepared the sessions. Before this, Thames Valley Police learned how to get their colleagues and communities playing more sport. After a quiz to find out how much the Police Officers knew about London 2012, Games Maker and Sports Development Officer at the Oxfordshire Sports Partnership, Tristan Hale, talked about his involvement

in the Olympics.

Tristan was inspired by the Olympics coming to the UK and has since worked towards becoming one of the Games Modern Pentathlon Referees.

From supporting his local club, he completed his refereeing exams and refereed the European Championships last year. The Pentathlon event incorporates the five disciplines of swimming, running, shooting, equestrian and fencing.

The group then talked about friends, colleagues, family and teachers who had inspired them to take up sport and discussed the Olympic and Paralympic values in relation to their professional and personal lives.

Tristan went on to explain the plans to recruit

40,000 Sports Makers for Oxfordshire and asked the Police to complete a pledge to get more people involved in sport with top price Olympic tickets as prizes.

Since the 1 June, 650 people have booked Sport Makers workshops where Oxfordshire Sports Partnership will also be providing the training they need to volunteer at Oxford's Olympic Torch Relay on 9 and 10 July.

Sport Makers is a programme backed by Sport England and the British Olympic Association and led in Oxfordshire by the Oxfordshire Sports Partnership. It aims to support ordinary people in helping to get others more active through events, clubs or informal sport with friends or colleagues.

Summertime and the living is easy

By Orliter

Mid June. The Longest day. Barbeques. T-shirts and sunbathing. Cricket, tennis and holidays. Country walks along the banks of the River Thames. Gardening with flower pot hats and strawberries with cream teas.

And then my furry friend Briggsy wakes me up from my colourful dream and brings his lead remembering that it is time for walkies. Of course this is very inappropriate given there is a monsoon raging with near hurricane-force winds. Football weather! Which got me ruefully thinking about the conclusion to the soccer season where our teams can hold their heads up high.

Our very own Rose Hill FC being arguably the most successful. Oxford City

gaining promotion to the Blue Square Conference League through the play-offs.

Amazingly, City are now just two divisions from the Football League and potentially could play against League opposition through the FA Cup.

Then we had the nail biting conclusion to Oxford United's attempt to gain Football League 1 status which went down to the final match of the season, and as they say, the rest is history losing at Port Vale.

But all is not lost. Oh no! Briggsy brings to my attention that one of the goal scorers that day against the famous Yellows has since signed contracts with Oxford bringing the number of goal scoring forwards up to seven. I tell him that he is a clever dog lifting my hopes and believing that the coming season will see the banners in Rose Hill flying high with the inevitable promotion.

My dreams however are soon brought down to earth as the wind drops and the rain eases and with just 15 minutes to kick-off for the next televised European Cup match... walkies Briggsy?

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