

## City play day comes to Rose Hill!



Jaimie and Ebony looking forward to Rose Hill Play Day. Photograph by Kasia Bus.

ROSE HILL has been chosen to be the venue for this year's exciting Oxfordshire Play Association's (OPA) City Play Day.

OPA, along with other partners such as Community Games, PlayBus, Ziggys Soft

Play, Go Kart Party and Oxford Playhouse is organising this year's City Playday.

Martin Gillett, Manager of OPA said: "We wanted to bring the City Play Day to Rose Hill this year as it is such a vibrant community with lots going

on. We felt that it would be the perfect venue."

National Playday has been running for 25 years, and celebrates children and young people's right to play freely in their communities.

Entry and all activities are

completely free of charge.

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Saturday 13 July at Rose Hill Recreation Ground, Oxford. OX4 4UY for an amazing host of activities and a great deal of fun!

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**Deadline for entries is 26 July. Happy hunting!**



**Community Buying comes to Rose Hill**

**Find out more on page 8**

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# STAR VOLUNTEER

By Ali Hall

I FIRST met Agnieszka through her two daughters Anya and Alicja, who come to the Junior Youth Club. I started as the play leader for the club in September and over my time there have felt really lucky to have parents and families who are willing to lend a hand serving food and tidying up at the end of session. Agnieszka is a

brilliant example of this. She is always willing to help, whether it be volunteering on a trip with children, doing the washing up, baking birthday cakes, coming up with new ideas, taking out the bins or lending us cleaning products! She has been a valuable presence at the club. Thank you Agnieszka for all your hard work and support.



*Volunteer Agnieszka Ward.*

## Volunteer and find yourself

By Agnieszka Ward

WHEN I came to Rose Hill in 2006 I was married and had two young daughters. It's difficult to move to an area that you're not familiar with and especially so when you don't know anybody. I felt very isolated. That was until I found out about the local Children's Centre, and started to go there with my children. At the time it was my escape, as the place that we lived in was not ideal and I did not feel relaxed. Going to the

Children's Centre allowed me to relax and have fun with my children and make a lot of friends with staff and other parents. In September 2008 I became interested in setting up a group for Eastern European parents and carers who live in Oxford. With support from Children Centre staff we began by meeting on Thursdays and I was in charge of organising it. I really enjoyed sharing my experience of living in UK and supporting other parents. The Children's Centre fully supported me in the three years that I volunteered and I was even able to access a range of courses that run in the centre. I am writing this to all of you who feel isolated—no matter

where you're from or whatever religion. Being a volunteer really empowers you as a person and you regain your confidence, your name, who you are again and so much more. You can even gain new skills and refine the ones you already have. When you're a parent, your whole being can be completely absorbed with your children because that's what parents do. Volunteering gives you the opportunity to do something for yourself, even if it's just an hour a week. Volunteering is not unpaid work—it gives you confidence, training, experience and this will help you not only to find work, but to find yourself.

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# Thrilling Thursday

By Jamie Clark

I STARTED my 'Thrilling Thursday' with a boxercise class at the Rose Hill Community Centre. The class begins at 10.15am and is led by fitness instructor Jason Biles. It's a brilliant way to shake away those early morning cobwebs and get fit too. I was buzzing by the end of it! For lunch I popped over to the Children's Centre and had a terrific traditional Asian curry. It's the Children's Centre's most popular lunch and costs only £2.50. Rose Hill resident and mother-of-three Rachel Tilbrook has been going to the lunch every week for the last six years. She said: "It's a great opportunity to eat authentic Indian cooking that's affordable. It's always busy and it's a real centre of this part of the community." After a walk around Rose Hill to take some photos for the Rose Hill Regeneration Project Facebook page, I headed to the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club to start my shift as a play worker.

This week, me and fellow play-worker Leon, took ten of the kids to the recreational ground and had a five-aside football match. The stand-out performer—other than myself of course!—was Jamie Allen, who scored an impressive 8 goals. Oxford United could do with a striker like Jamie at the moment! After football we headed back to the Community Centre and had a healthy tea with the other kids at the Junior Youth Club and their parents. Once we've tidied up it was 7pm and time for me to cycle home and relax. A truly thrilling Thursday! Why not join me next time?

## Important announcements!

HAVE you got a birthday, event or anniversary coming up that you would like to tell the readers of Rose Hill News about? Or have you got a message for a friend or family member that you would like to have printed?

If so, good news! In the next edition of Rose Hill News we will have an Announcement Section just for you.

Email or text us what you would like to say—even if it is just "Hello!"—along with your name and we will include it for you.

The next issue of Rose Hill News will be out in September, so email rosehillnews@gmail.com or text your message to 07770 324 277 now!

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# Around the World in 10 days

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From an African music workshop at a local museum to continental cookery sessions. Students will also learn how former students went from G&S car washing services to managing directors of a global IT solutions company. This is



also an invaluable opportunity for students to get to know other students, staff and their new school environment before starting at The Academy in

September. Selected students will be invited soon!

■ [www.theoxfordacademy.org.uk](http://www.theoxfordacademy.org.uk)

## Children's Centre Crèche gets new name

By Sherry Landa

THE crèche provision at the Children's Centre has changed its name.

To avoid confusion with the Pre-School and The Co-operative Childcare Nursery users were asked to suggest new names. A short list of four names was drawn up and voting took place in March. 43 votes were cast and 20 of these were for Bumblebees @ Rose Hill.

Bumblebees @ Rose

Hill is open Monday to Thursday term time only, providing childcare for adult education course participants and some sessions for children under the "Two-Year Old Entitlement" scheme.

Is your child two or about to be two?

Did you know you may be entitled to up to 15 hours free education and childcare under the Government "Two-Year Old Entitlement" scheme?

From April 2013 more

children will meet the criteria and be able to access free places in Nurseries and Pre-Schools around the country.

Some childminders can also accept children on this scheme. Places are offered in settings or with childminders deemed to be of good or outstanding quality.

If you would like more details or to ask to be referred to the scheme, call in at the Children's Centre at Rose Hill on

Wednesdays, between 10–11am, or at Littlemore on Tuesdays between 1.30–2.30pm (except school holidays). A staff member will be happy to help you.

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**ABOVE:** Chitra Bahadur Thapa with his award, recieved for his dedication in supporting and helping the Nepalese community in Oxford and Oxfordshire, particularly his efforts in assisting the community with housing, schooling, transportation and language barriers. Photograph by Kasia Bus.

# Thank you and good bye

AFTER working as a PCSO in Rose Hill since May 2007, Frauke Eicker is moving on.

In the six years Frauke has been based in Rose Hill, she has seen a huge change in the community. Frauke said: "In the first couple of years of working here, we had a dispersal order in operation and six ASBOS in Rose Hill, but we've had no new ones issued since 2009."

Frauke believes that a combination of increased police presence, input from the council and the Rose Hill Regeneration Project, is the reason behind Rose Hill's success.

She said: "They haven't just focused on creating new building, they've

improved the community."

"My fondest memory of Rose Hill is possibly the first Christmas event organised by Fran Gardner. From having gangs of youths congregate and cause low-level crime, to seeing all sorts of ages and members of the community gather together in a peaceful way was fantastic. For me, that summed up how much the estate has changed for the better."

Frauke has worked in Rose Hill for six years, and will leave her job at the end of June to continue in her work as a PCSO, but in a different role at Oxford Brookes.

From everyone in Rose Hill, we wish Frauke all the best.



Frauke Eicker.

## Keeping children fit and healthy!

By Tara Al-Salihi

DO YOU know how much exercise your child should get?

Exercise has many benefits for children. Not only is it enjoyable but it helps them grow healthily and is good for their development. It can also reduce their risk of becoming overweight when older which is associated with developing illnesses like heart disease. Exercise can also help your child's social skills and ability to mix with others.

The amount of exercise a child should undertake varies according to their age. For all children under the age of five, NHS

professionals recommend limiting sedentary (sitting) activities, apart from sleeping, such as watching TV or being in a buggy for a long time. The advice for those under five who can walk without help is to exercise daily for at least three hours over the whole day. This can be inside or outside.

Both light activities such as walking slowly or standing up and energetic activities such as running or riding a bike count. For children under five who cannot walk the advice is to get them active with floor-based play or water-based play in safe environments from birth. This can include play when they are lying on their stomachs

or what's called "tummy time" or for parent and baby swimming classes. If your child is overweight and under five the above guidelines are still helpful to follow but they may need to be more active and change their diet in order to keep to a healthy weight.

All the above advice is only a guideline and the Live Well NHS Choices website recommends that children's individual physical and mental capabilities are taken into account.

■ For more information please visit [www.nhs.uk/chq/pages/819.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/chq/pages/819.aspx)



## Mystery Manor Egg Found!

By Emer Coyle and Brook Cheadle

A MYSTERIOUS blue egg was found at Manor Primary School, Didcot.

The egg was found by teachers and pupils inside a straw nest on the grounds of the school.

Nobody knows quite how the egg got there, and a day later the egg was gone!

Rose Hill resident John Kirkland, who teaches at the school, said: "Manor

School and the Police are investigating the incident but neither the school or the Police know what it was or where it came from."

A mystery indeed!

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# ROSE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE

## NEW BUILD PROPOSAL

(SUBJECT TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT)



ROSE HILL residents have had several opportunities recently to attend drop-in sessions to view the final plans for the new community centre before the planning application is submitted.

Following extensive consultation with the community and key stakeholders the plans for the proposed building were revised.

The new centre would bring together several facilities under one roof, including a community centre, social club, advice centre, sports pavilion and the youth club. It would be owned by Oxford City Council.

The proposed new community centre would be built on a new site in Rose Hill and could be completed by early 2015, meaning it would be ready to move into before the existing centre is closed.

The location for the new facility is set back from Ashhurst Way on the site of the current children's playground which will be re-sited and the new building will overlook the recreation ground.



[Looking from the Car Park]



[Looking from the Outdoor Play Area]



[Looking from the Playing Fields]

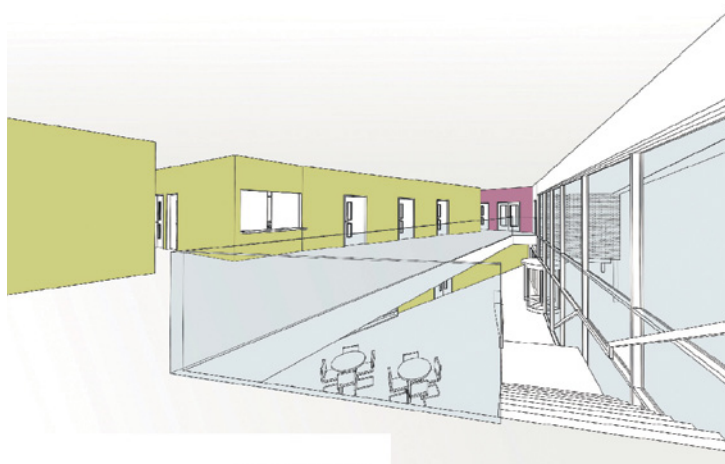


[Looking from the Playing Fields]



### GROUND FLOOR

- Community use
- Advice centre
- Toilets and circulation
- Thames Valley Police
- Gym and youth
- Stores and plant room

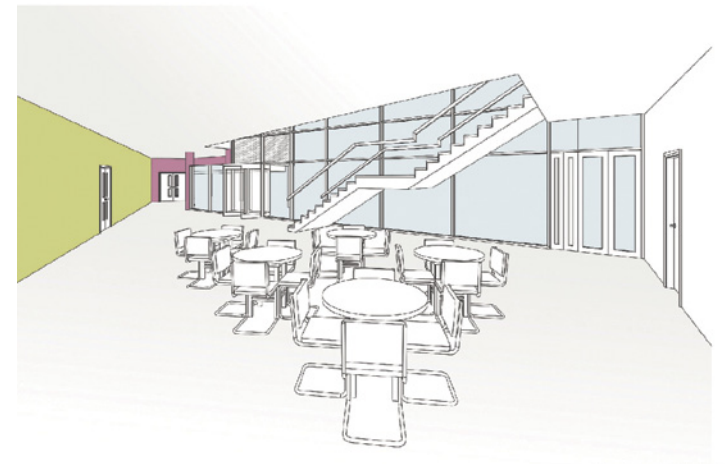


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Atrium at First Floor Level



### FIRST FLOOR

- Community use
- Health centre
- Toilets and circulation
- Social club
- Changing rooms
- Stores and plant room



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Atrium at Ground Floor Level



## Questions and Answers: Michele Paule

**MICHELE PAULE** is the new councillor for Rose Hill and Iffley. Rose Hill News caught up with her and asked her a few questions:

### What is your current role?

By day I work at Oxford Brookes where I teach and research issues around youth and the media.

### How have you found your first few weeks as a Councillor?

Very busy! There's a lot to learn and I have become a councillor at an exciting time for Rose Hill with the new community centre, but also at a very challenging time with changes to the benefit system and housing and to planning systems. The sense of community here is brilliant, and it's really exciting to see something happen that you've helped with as a councillor—even a small thing like getting a bin replaced or a fence fixed can make a difference.

### What do you hope to do for Rose Hill?

Rose Hill is a great community and it deserves good services. It deserves to be cared for as a great environment for all members of the community to live in, whether young families or retired people.



As a councillor I'm learning how much of a bridge you are between the formal council and local people, and I want to hear and represent their needs and views.

I also hope to get more students engaging with local communities. For example, through the Brookes Hub volunteering scheme, students come and work with older people to help them get online and gain confidence in using computers.

I'm beginning to get a sense of the area where I might be able to use my experience best, and so it'll be interesting to see where this leads.

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# Community buying comes to Rose Hill

FOR THE past few years, households in Rose Hill have been teaming up to buy good food at cheap prices. By placing large orders at a wholesaler, groups of households can get big discounts on food and household essentials—getting good-quality produce at prices much lower than in the shops.

Stocking up on rice, pasta, spices, beans, tinned-tomatoes, and other staple foods means our kitchen cupboards are never empty, and we never need to carry heavy or bulky bags back from the shops.

It reduces our reliance on supermarkets, and minimises the resources needed to transport food around the country.

We are wondering if more people might be interested in joining in—if you might be, or want more information, please let us know—email Jack on [pritchard237@gmail.com](mailto:pritchard237@gmail.com).

If people are interested we might look at developing it into a larger project, possibly involving local farmers and other food producers.



**Jack Pritchard.** Photograph by Kasia Bus.

## FACEBOOK COMPETITION WINNER!

By Jamie Clark

ROSE HILL resident Maureen Woodward won our Facebook competition earlier this month, after her name was drawn out of the Rose Hill hat. Maureen, who lives on Nowell Road, won an Amazon Kindle Fire by filling in our survey, and was presented with the prize by Rose Hill News editor Jamie Clark.

Maureen said: "I was very surprised and delighted when I found out. I don't get out as much as I used to, so it'll help me in my day-to-day life and give me great pleasure to use it. I'm hoping that my three-year-old granddaughter, Lily, will show me how to use it!"

Maureen's daughter, Tracey, who entered her mum into the competition said: "We were gobsmacked because we



**Maureen receiving her prize from Editor Jamie Clark.**

never win anything. The Facebook site is useful for finding out what's going on in the community and I'm glad I liked the page."

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition. Your comments and feedback were hugely appreciated and we hope to implement some of your suggestions over the next few issues. More quizzes and articles for children are planned.

Due to funding, we're limited to six papers a year, but we're very thank-

ful that you want more from us!

If you have any other comments to make on Rose Hill News, please email us at [rosehillnews@gmail.com](mailto:rosehillnews@gmail.com) or send us a message on our Facebook page.

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Photograph by Kasia Bus.

## Bedroom Tax: What are my options?

SINCE the benefit changes came in on 1 April, residents who are under occupying their home will be affected by the bedroom tax.

If you think that you are not under occupying you need to tell the local council and your landlord. This might be because you have more people living at home than we know about.

If you need to move to a smaller property you can register with a national web site called HomeSwapper on [www.homeswapper.co.uk](http://www.homeswapper.co.uk). HomeSwapper will use the information you give to help match you to suitable properties.

Or you could register with your local council for choice based lettings. Here you can apply to join the housing register, search for affordable properties to rent and make bids on those properties that interest you.

The web site for your local area is [www.oxfordshirehomechoice.org.uk](http://www.oxfordshirehomechoice.org.uk)

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## Nepalese Community Oxfordshire (NCO)



## Nepalese New Year

By Tej Limbu

THE Nepalese Community Oxfordshire (NCO) celebrated the Nepalese New Year on 14 April.

Celebrations were held at the Cowley Conservative Club, and the NCO were very honoured to meet:

Lord Lieutenant, Tim Stevenson and his wife Maria, Lord Mayor Mohammad Abbasi, British Red Cross president Lawrence Lee, Sumi, Kashmira and her husband, Chinta and Kanta from Oxford Hindu Parivar and members of the Thames Valley Police.

The New Year was celebrated with a traditional welcoming of the guests, followed by a display of cultural dances and lots of food!

The Lord Lieutenant made a wonderful speech and gave advice to the younger generation of Nepalese people.

We hope the New Year brings joy and happiness to everyone!

## Book Review

### Joyland

by Stephen King

Review by Edward Mason

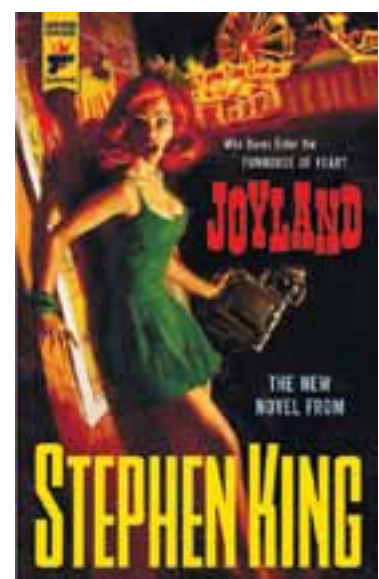
STAMPED with a "Hard-Case crime" logo, this book should set alarms bells ringing but do not be fooled. King has really made an effort to create characters that the reader cares about.

Our hero Devin Jones, broken-hearted over his ex, takes a job at Joyland and throws himself into his work at the fun-park.

He is suddenly surrounded by fascinating characters, such as Lane, Tom and Erin, and his friends join him in a quest for truth that becomes a coming-of-age tale.

Devin becomes immersed into a small-town world, with its own language, its friends and foes and its mysterious dark secret.

The story focuses on "that short stretch of North Carolina beach that lies between the town of Heaven's Bay and Joyland..." but that beach and "the carny life" become a stage for questions about desire, murder and the



meaning of living itself.

The tale manages to be both dramatic and exciting. Rather than a narrative being undermined and eventually completely derailed with supernatural goings-on (similar to The Tommyknockers) the supernatural serves the plot rather than the other way around.

I would recommend this book, and put it among King's greatest books.

## Littlemore Library News

COME and take full advantage of our free public access computers. You only pay for printing. If you need a one to one session to get you started, give us a call or just drop in. We also have a comfortable area in the Library where you can study or just have sometime to yourself.

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

### Our opening times are:

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Friday	9.30am–12.30pm
Saturday	9.30am–1.30pm

when the weather disappoints! We look forward to seeing you.

■ Sharon Ingram (Manager)  
 E: [littlemore.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:littlemore.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk)  
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Irene Fowler and Terry Kirkby at the EIF evening.

## KID'S QUIZ

TEST your general knowledge with this fun quiz!

Answers are at the bottom of page 2, but remember... NO CHEATING!

1. Who painted the Mona Lisa?
2. Which two colours are on the flag of Poland?
3. How is the number 5 written in Roman numerals?
4. Which planet has the nickname 'The Red Planet'?
5. What do the letters FAQ stand for?
6. Who scored the most goals in the Premier League last season?
7. In which country is Mount Everest?
8. How many days are there in a normal year?
9. Who wrote Romeo and Juliet?
10. How many lungs does the human body have?



## Shed Heaven

ALICE and Margaret House have been awarded funding for a cycle shed, after their bid for funding was approved at the GreenSquare Estate Improvement Fund evening. The GreenSquare Estate Improvement Fund (EIF) is an annual competition for all the Housing Association's tenants and residents.

The evening started with a welcome from Simon Isted, Chair of the Isis Community Board.

Residents and Community Board members were invited to walk around to look at the different stalls where residents had displayed photos and information about improvements that they were bidding for.

Alice and Margaret resident Terry Kirkby said: "This year, Alice and Margaret House residents felt that the buggy store was not the appropriate place to keep cycles, so a bid

was mounted to provide a secure construction in the grounds of the apartments for resident's cycles to be securely kept.

"I attended the awards evening with Irene Fowler, and set up a stall with pictures of a suitable building and costing for the project. We're delighted to have won the bid!"

The bike shed is subject to consultation with all residents and it is hoped it will be installed in the near future.



## Wildlife in my garden

By Stuart Mabutt



### WELCOMING WILDLIFE

AFTER a long and very interesting phone call with an enthusiastic reader yesterday, I thought it would be worth recapping on the basics of wildlife gardening, so that we are all familiar with what to do.

To recap, the main components to have in any wildlife garden are water, many different types of flowers/shrubs/trees, deadwood and grass of differing lengths. Water, whether in the form of ponds or an upturned dustbin lid get quickly colonised by a wide variety of life.

Flowers/trees and shrubs need to be varied with flowers of differing shapes/sizes and fragrance, and that flower at as

many different times of year as possible. Remember that some insect have different length tongues so those with short tongues need open flat flowers so they can get to the nectar. Obviously they would struggle with long trumpet shaped flowers.

Deadwood is great, but don't just have it in the shade under some trees. Have deadwood in the sun and semi shade too as that could attract an entire new set of creatures.

Finally, use grass of differing lengths. Sounds simple but it's so effective. If you have a good population of singing grasshoppers and crickets etc, it indicates good grassland management.

*Happy Gardening!*

## Senior Youth Club



**YOUNG people Aimee Barrett and Shannon Bradley accepting mugs for the youth sessions at Rose Hill from local artist Tiffany Black as part of the Bronze Art Award.** Photograph by Kasia Bus.

■ To find out more information about the Youth sessions or Art Award please contact the Early Intervention Littlemore Hub on 01865 816202.

## Rose Hill Junior Youth Club

### PLENTY OF FUN AT PARTYMAN!

**Local indoor play centre donates free play session for Rose Hill Children.**

By Ali Hall

PARTYMAN World of Play opened its doors to the Children from the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club. Sixty seven children and adults descended upon the centre last month, with one priority—to play 'til you drop!

Partyman kindly donated the use of the centre for free to help the Junior Youth Club raise funds for their weekly sessions. They also prepared a free buffet to help fuel some serious physical activity.

Children, families and workers enjoyed climbing, bouncing, running and sliding at the indoor play area in Greater Leys. With ball pits, trampolines, swings, a football pitch, slides and a three story climbing structure, there was no room for boredom!

Thanks to Partyman for a great time and we hope to visit again soon!

■ **Find out more about Partyman at [www.partymanworld.co.uk/oxford](http://www.partymanworld.co.uk/oxford) or give them a call 01865 788380**



*Children from the Junior Youth Club singalong with Bicycle Boy.*

### Junior Youth Club News

ANOTHER great term at Junior Youth Club, made even better by the sun coming out for our last few sessions, inspiring some epic football matches, watch out OUFC!

We have had several weeks of boxing

training with our trainer Jason, cooked up some marvellous meals with our young chefs in the kitchen, made some high fashion cardboard handbags at the arts table and performed our very own version of Britain's Got Talent on the ball room stage.

We have had some trips to Bicycle Boy at Osney Mill Marina, our wonderful Lion Boy project with the Oxford

Playhouse and a trip to Partyman World of Play at the Kassam. Thanks to everyone at Oxford Playhouse and Partyman who make these things possible and parents and carers who have joined us to serve tea and tidy up. You are all much appreciated.

Thursday 11 July will be our last session this term; we will be celebrating in true JYC style with a party.



*Adetomiwa Edun as Lion Boy*

### LION BOY

THIS term ten children from Rose Hill Junior Youth Club were approached by the Oxford Playhouse to take on the role of detectives and undertake top-secret work to uncover the true story of Lion Boy.

Over four weeks our Rose Hill agents spent time collating clues, cracking codes, placing together pieces of the puzzle to reveal the truth about Charlie Ashanti, a boy who can

speak 'CAT' and exposing the facts about his parents mysterious disappearance.

Our detectives celebrated their project by going to The Oxford Playhouse to see the finished performance of Lion Boy, based on the novels by Zizou Corderat; they also went for a beautiful Italian meal at Ask in George St.

Many thanks to the company Complicite for making this such an exciting adventure and to Chief detective Maisy Ash for leading our spies in their quest.

■ **Junior Youth Club is an inclusive club, running on Thursdays in term time from 4–6pm at Rose Hill Community Centre.**



## CHURCH NEWS

**By Sarah Northall,  
St Mary's Iffley**

TIME is a funny thing. Thirty minutes can flash by in seconds when we are having fun, or they can drag out into days if we are impatiently waiting for someone who is late. I wonder what kind of time we will have this summer? Depending on what happens (especially good old British weather), I'm sure that there will

be days when we wish we could press the fast forward button.

Having said that, we also long for those glorious moments where we would happily press the pause button and linger. Last summer had many of those, didn't it? As a nation, we had the Jubilee and Olympics, and think of all those smaller family moments that you had altogether around a barbecue, walking by the

river or playing footie in the park.

Deliberately slowing down and taking a pause is a challenge for us in our busy lives these days. It's worth it though, for as Mother Teresa once wrote "God is the friend of silence. See how nature—trees, flowers, grass—grows in silence; see the stars, the moon, and the sun, how they move in silence."

■ St Mary's Church and Rose Hill Methodist Church work together in Rose Hill and would love to hear from people from other churches who live here, have a heart for the estate and would like to meet. Please contact Sarah Northall or Carole Smith.

### Rose Hill Methodist Church

www.rosehillmethodists.org.uk

Our usual Sunday morning services begin at 10.30am.

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**Deacon:** Deacon Carole Smith,  
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**Bookings:** Mr Jeremy Dawe,  
01865 779070

### St Mary's Church

www.iffley.co.uk

The parish church of Donnington, Iffley and Rose Hill. Every Sunday there are services at 8am, 10am and 6.30pm—for full details please visit our website.

**Vicar:** The Revd Andrew McKearney 01865 773516  
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**Curate:** The Revd Sarah Northall 01865 579695  
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**Hall Enquiries:**  
iffley.co.uk/hall-booking

## ROSE HILL AND IFFLEY LOW CARBON GROUP UPDATE

DO you have a car which is sitting around, doing nothing most of the time? Wouldn't it be great to share the costs of running your car with your neighbours? With Co-wheels you can make your car as long as it is no older than five years, part of your local car club. For more information, get in touch with Co-wheels

Oxford Development Coordinator Paula paula@co-wheels.org.uk or 07917 758681. More information can be found at www.co-wheels.org.uk

If you have don't have a car and would like help getting your old portable electric appliances to the recycling centre, Rose Hill

and Iffley Low Carbon can help. We can pick them up from Church House on The Oval between 9am and 1pm on the first Saturday of each month.

■ For further information contact Eleanor Watts on 01865 453354 or watts.eleanor@yahoo.co.uk

■ Next meeting: 24 July, 7.30pm at 1 Hunsdon Road, Oxford OX4 4JE. All welcome.

## 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).



## NCS is coming to Rose Hill this Summer!

National Citizen Service is a life changing experience for **16 and 17 year olds** in years 11 and 12. It is available to students from all schools and colleges across Oxfordshire and regardless of young people's ability, interests or background.

**NCS is a voluntary programme that promotes:**

- a more cohesive society by mixing participants of different backgrounds
- a more responsible society by supporting the transition into adulthood for young people
- a more engaged society by enabling young people to work together to create social action projects in their local communities.

Our first programmes will run for six weeks over this summer. The cost of the programme is **£35** per participant and this includes; taster days, two residential weeks, accommodation, food, transport, training and a graduation event. **Bursaries are available to ensure NCS is accessible to all.**

• Take on new challenges & learn new skills

• Make a difference while making new friends

• Grow your confidence & your CV

• Experience something new as you help out your community

• Graduate at Brookes University in a full ceremony with Caps & Gowns!



## Your NCS Summer of a Lifetime!

### Week One

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> July**

4 Nights (Mon—Fri) Adventure at Avon Tyrell Adventure Centre, New Forest

- \* Rock Climbing
- \* Zipwire
- \* Water Sports
- \* High Ropes

### Week Two

**29<sup>th</sup> Jul – 02<sup>nd</sup> Aug**

4 Nights (Mon—Fri) Community Exploration at Youlbury Camp Site

- \* Getting to know your community
- \* Team activities

### Week Three

**5<sup>th</sup> August – 09<sup>th</sup> August**

4 Days working as a team to plan a social action project.

### Week Four

**12<sup>th</sup> August – 16<sup>th</sup> August**

4 Days making a difference in your community



### NCS Expression of Interest

Name of young person: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Address if different from above: \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill this slip in a.s.a.p. and send it to OAYP, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Bury Knowle Coach House, North Place, Headington, Oxford, OX3 9HY. Tel: 01865 767899. To guarantee a place, send this slip along with a cheque made payable to OAYP for £35, to the above address.



# ROSE HILL NEWS SPORT

## Beat the boredom of the summer holidays with StreetSports



BACK by popular demand, StreetSports will be hitting Rose Hill again this summer offering FREE and FUN sports sessions for young people aged

8 to 18. From Roller Hockey, Street Soccer, Basketball, Dodgeball and much more the programme offers a huge variety of sports sessions for young

boys and girls to get stuck in to.

To add more excitement...every session young people attend will earn them Bounts reward points that can be redeemed against fantastic prizes from sports clothing, days out and much more! The more points earned the better the prizes.

Sessions take place every Monday, 5.30–7.30pm on the Multi Use Games Area (a.k.a. StreetSports cage) starting 8 July.

These sessions are coordinated by Oxford City Council and are led by fully qualified sports leaders who have all been checked through the Disclosure and Barring Service.

■ For more information and details about the programme visit website: [www.oxford.gov.uk/streetsports](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/streetsports) or contact the team on [sportsdevelopment@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:sportsdevelopment@oxford.gov.uk) Tel: 01865 252729

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The Oxford Times



# BASKERVILLE HOUNDS



*Rose Hill's Baskerville Hounds. The scene in the photograph behind the riders has barely changed in the sixty plus years since the picture was taken.*

By Terry Kirkby

ROSE HILL 1950's saw the emergence of a comparatively new sport, cycle speedway. A team was formed by residents namely Mr & Mrs Baskerville of Mortimer Road along with a Mr Barlowe of Ashhurst Way.

And what better name to give this bunch of lads than the very fearful Baskerville Hounds after the famous sleuth Sherlock Holmes' novel, Hound of the Baskervilles.

They worked strenuously

to first, lay and build a track and then to assemble a team.

They acquired permission from Oxford City Council who granted them use of the area in Rivermead Road now known as the wildlife conservation area. The cost of all the work was born by the founders and a few riders chipped in with weekly subscriptions.

Some of the riders appearing in the colours of Rose Hill were captain Peter Barlow known as Sugar! and Barry Dawes of Mortimer Road. Both these

boys from "up the Hill" still live in the area. Team members were Les Brown, Butler, Brian Dawes, Elliot, Halford, Hastings, Langridge, George (Coey) Major, Peter Morris, Alan Packham, Dusty Spiers, Trevor Treadwell, John Turner, Ward, and Wilkinson. Coey Major went on to become a professional motorcycle speedway rider and rode for teams such as Newcastle, Aldershot and Oxford Cheetahs.

## A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN OXFORD UNITED FAN

BY ORLITER

### Rest in Peace

OH DEAR! Not another sad passing away of a loved one that we so often read off? Well yes in a way as I refer to the once hallowed football pitch of the Mighty Oxford United Football Club.

So why all the chest banging and floods of tears over what is, after all is said and done, green dirt?

My trusty companion, Briggsy the dog, explains that due to ground sharing with the oval ball brigade, rugby union, the once immaculate turf resembled a ploughed car park at the Isle of Wight music fest.

So, I suggest planting potatoes in one corner and using the remainder as a car rally venue.

But as we take our life in our hands, or paws, and visit the Kassam Stadium, very large earth moving machines roar into life and remove hundreds of tons of the aforesaid beat-up pitch.

Curious as ever, I ask an operative with goggles, yellow jacket, hard hat, toe protectors and a mug of tea in his hand if this was now a building site but I am assured that it is not and a brand new surface would appear to greet the brilliant but long suffering fans of the famous Oxford United at the start of the new season.

To compliment this very expensive make over there

will be an almost brand new team with all but four of the 2012/2013 side being released.

Briggsy is overjoyed that such positive moves are taking place and is himself back in training with penalty shoot outs, dribbling practice and even goal keeping antics throwing himself feet first in an effort to catch his Frisbee. The trouble being of course is that these sessions take place in the living room at home and sometimes resembles the Kassam Stadium after an Oxford versus Swindon soccer match.

Not long to go before the first "friendlies" and the push for League One and beyond, so "Come on You Yellows!"