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JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB FORCED TO SPLIT ROSE Hill Junior Youth Club (RJYC) has been

ROSE Hill Junior Youth Club (RJYC) has been forced to split its sessions into two because of demand. Numbers of children attending the club reached a peak in July of over 40 coming into each session. The popularity of the club has rocketed in the last 12 months due to the range of activities on offer and the introduction of a superb healthy tea for children which is also available to parents, carers and siblings.

Membership has increased threefold from September 2012. This has been due to a complete re-structure of the types of play on offer giving children a fantastic range of creative, sporty and challenging activities such as printmaking, multi sports sessions, weekly cooking sessions, taking part in an Oxford Playhouse Theatre project, trips to adventure playgrounds and Partyman World of Play.

From 18th September children aged 6, 7 and 8 are welcomed at the Wednesday session from 3:30pm and the traditional Thursday session is open to children aged 9, 10 and 11 from 3:30pm.

Every session starts with ground rules and consequences to ensure children feel safe and aware in their play environment. The staff are positive about risk, allowing children to challenge themselves and experiment whilst giving guidance and boundaries when necessary.

Ali Hall, lead worker for the last year said: "The RHJYC has adapted dramatically and continues to evolve to ensure that it is accessible and available to all. Our wonderful play workers are from different backgrounds and have a varied skills-set which gives the children further variety in the style of play offered. We all have such fun at the sessions and it is wonderful to see how children embrace all the different types of play on offer. And the food is great!!"

Splitting the sessions presents community worker Fran Gardner with a financial headache as she is tasked to raise a further £35.000 to support the club sessions over the next three



Fran said: "Despite the Lottery funding of £10,000 per year for the club I need to raise at least another £35,000 to support the extra staffing and so that we can continue to give Rose Hill's children the best play opportunities possible – they deserve it!"

However comments from parents prove

that all the hard work by staff is worthwhile: 'Friendly and fun atmosphere, plenty of well

planned activities. Good variety of food and drinks.' (Parent SL)

'This place is fantastic for children and parents. They can learn, have fun and make friends in the safe environment with healthy food. My children are truly different people since they

attended this lovely club. I made some friends among the staff and parents too. So benefits of the youth club are endless.' (Parent AW)

Rose Hill Junior Youth Club is held in the Norman Brown Hall, Rose Hill Community Centre every Wednesday and Thursday. Entry 50p per child.

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You can visit and like our Facebook page by typing into Facebook the words 'Rose Hill Regeneration Project' or by going to www.facebook.com/ RoseHillRP.

We're always looking for ways to improve the page so if you have any ideas, get in touch and get liking!

The winner will be announced on 26 October.



FLU JABS ARE COMING TO ROSE HILL The Health Bus will be on The Oval on Wednesday 16 October from 10am - midday

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- are a healthcare worker with direct patient contact or a social care worker

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Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon



ANY OLD IRONS?

OLD electrical items will be given a new lease of life thanks to a collection set up by recentlyformed Rose Hill & Iffley Low

A range of TVs, microwaves, vacuum cleaners, lamps and even electric typewriters can been dropped off at Church House in The Oval. Eleanor Watts, chairwoman of the Low Carbon group, said: "We have done this as a service to prevent dumping. What we are planning to do is take them on to Bicester Green Sustainability Centre. They recondition the items and then sell them in charity shops. Those we cannot recondition will be taken to Redbridge."

Sarah Northall, curate at St Mary's Iffley explains, "It all started when I was visiting with someone on the estate who doesn't have

a car and was telling me a story about how they had a vacuum cleaner which had given up. He contacted the council to come and collect it and they said take it to Redbridge. He said he didn't have a car. He actually carried his vacuum cleaner down to Redbridge. When he got there he wasn't allowed to take it on site because he was on foot. He had to take it back again. It is a practical solution to a real need.'

The first collection took place on Saturday, August 3, and will happen regularly, on the first Saturday morning of the month. If you can carry it (so no fridges then please), then we'll take care of it for

Next month's collection is on Saturday, September 7, at Church House in The Oval between 9am

More details of this and other projects for Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon at http://rosehillandiffleylowcarbon.wordpress.com

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Fake News!

CONGRATULATIONS to Rose Hill News reader Valerie Riccardo, who correctly identified the fake news story ("Mystery Manor Egg Found") in our July edition and won a £10 Sainsbury's voucher.

Valerie said: "I knew it was false because I had been tormented by one of my children about it for months and I kept telling him the story did not make any sense. Even when I told him

Ispotted the fake in the newspaper he brought home, he was still standing by it."

We've included another false news story into this edition of Rose Hill News. Do you know which one it is? If so, email rosehillnews@ gmail.com or message us on Facebook with the headline of the fake news story and you'll be entered into a draw to win a £10 voucher. Deadline for entries is 26 October.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

■ Congratulations to Abigail Skelcher (right) on achieving your degree BA (Hons) Performing Arts(Film TV and Stage). We are very proud of you and wish you the best in your chosen career. Lots of love Dad, **Mum and Elliot XXXX**



■ Manuela Da Costa-Fernandes Michael Fernandes, my Dad, celebrated his 86th birthday on September 17. HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Were you a pupil at **Lawn Upton Middle** School in 1993/1995?

ARE you in this photo of the 1993/1994 London Palladium cast of Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat? Hugh Turner and Paul Herrington former Headteacher and Music Teacher respectively, are hoping to make contact with you and also those who took part in the 1994/95 show at Oxford's New Theatre to organise a re-union to be held on 19 October.

If you were in either of these productions please contact either: Hugh Turner: hnk.turner@virgin.net or Paul Herrington: pamadama@btopenworld.com

Star Volunteer-Steph Ballard



STEPH has been volunteering for a whole year with the Rose Hill Lottery Project. Steph contacted the Rose Hill Lottery Project last year when she heard about the new 55+ Lunch Club at Alice and Margaret House. Since October 2012, Steph has managed the club, organising the serving of the lunch which enables a weekly get together for up to 20 older members the community.

Resident of Alice and Margaret House, Val Wood, who attends the club, said "The club provides us with an opportunity to get together with friends and enjoy a really good meal. We catch up and have fun. Having Steph's assistance means we can enjoy ourselves and don't have to do all the work!"

Volunteer Coordinator Ali Hall said: "Steph has been really generous with her time. If we had a paid member of staff running the

club it would increase the cost for everyone so in doing this Steph is actually making it more accessible to people financially".

Since her time as a volunteer Steph has set up her own cake business 'Steph's Cakes' and is now running weekly tap dance lessons 'Lil Tapz' for children at the Rose Hill Community Centre on Saturday mornings.

The Alice and Margaret lunch club is open to anyone over 55 and takes place every Thursday from 12-1pm, each meal costs £3 and includes a main meal and desert. For more information on the lunch club or if you would like to attend please contact Fran Gardner on : 07770 324277

If you would like information about Steph's Cake or Lil Tapz please contact Steph on 07849 108325

to run three insightful wellbeing sessions. The programme also focused on

Stay in step with tap!

A NEW tap-dancing school has opened its doors to Rose Hill youngsters, every Saturday at the Rose Hill Community Centre.

Lil Tapz is the brainchild of 26-year-old Steph Ballard, a qualified tap-dancing enthusiast, who set-up the club with the help of friends Lucy and Stacey Gregory.

Steph said: "When I was younger I used to go all the time to Jackie Bebbington's tap dancing school and I loved it. I felt as if it kept me disciplined and gave me a lot of self confidence.'

Steph believes the school will have a positive impact on the estate and help residents 'stay in step'! She said: "There are no clubs around that take three-year-oldsor that are aimed primarily at girls so this will give them something to focus on with real achievements and qualifications to be gained. The open day was very successful and we had lots of children come and all of them signed up.

"I think that parents think tap dancing is a bit old fashioned so my first project is to do a small performance to show people how I have brought it into the 21st century! I am extremely confident that Lil Tapz will go from strength

Steph will not make any money from the school and hopes to raise money for charity through events and shows.

The school will run on Saturdays in the Norman Brown Hall at the Rose Hill Community Centre.

Each session costs £2 and session details are as follows:

- Ages: 3 5 | 10am 10.30am
- Ages: 5 7 | 10.30am 11.15am
- Ages: 7 10 | 11.15am noon

To find our more about the school go to https://www. facebook.com/LilTapzRoseHill

Academy works in partnership to deliver second successful Summer School

AROUND the World in 10 days was the theme of this year's free two-week programme, which was designed to raise the aspirations of new starters to the Academy and ease transition to secondary education.

Students from seven primaries took part in a range of exciting activities from

African music making at Oxford's Pitt Rivers Museum to continental cookery sessions with the Dragon School. The group also took part in a junior style Apprentice with global IT Company, Planet IT. Oxford Brookes delivered a fun and active 'Your Future' workshop and The Early Intervention Hub joined us

raising attainment in English, Maths and Science and maximising student engagement through enrichment, sporting and cultural

activities. Students enjoyed planning around the world journeys using literacy and numeracy and getting involved in sports such as trampolining and street

Oxford Academy is the most improved school in Oxford after GCSE results soar

CELEBRATIONS are taking place at The Oxford Academy after a huge increase in the number of students achieving the Government's floor target in their GCSEs. The Academy saw the percentage of students achieving five A* to C grades including English and Maths rise from 26 per cent in 2012 to 42 per cent** in the 2013 results. This represents an improvement of 62 per cent from last year and along with 83 per cent*** of students achieving 5 or more A*-C grades, The Oxford Academy is the most improved school in Oxford with an added value of 1005, up from 976

David Brown, Executive Headteacher, said: "I congratulate students on their achievements and want to praise staff for the inordinate amount of hard work they have put into supporting students as they prepared for these exams. I was confident we could raise standards and I am over the moon with these results. We now have practical measures in place across the Academy to ensure that standards rise even more and this is also reflected in our Year 10 results. I would also like to thank parents and carers for their continued support of The Oxford Academy. It is in unison with students, parents, staff and our local community that we will continue to make such progress."

83% of students achieved 5 or more A*-C grades, which is a 34% increase on last year. 5 A*- C passes including English and Maths increased by an exceptional 62% to 42%** and students have achieved a 100% pass rate of 1 A*-G. Compared to national predictions for these students put forward by the Fischer Family Trust, The Oxford Academy has improved its predicted rate by 77%, demonstrating that it is making a



significant difference to students' learning across the ability range.

Alfie RushenFour students have exceeded all expectations gaining 5 A*- A with a total of 35 students gaining at least one A* or A. Alfie Rushen, 15, (pictured left) was one of these students gaining two A*, one A, three Bs and four Cs. Alfie commented; "This is my proudest achievement to date. I'm coming back to the Sixth Form in September because I'd never get the support I have had anywhere else. I'll be studying Maths, Art, IT and Performing Arts. I then hope to pursue a career in Graphics or IT."

Volunteering in Rose Hill

VOLUNTEERING can make a real difference to your own life and the lives of those around you. As part of the Rose Hill Lottery Project we support people to volunteer in the local Community here. Whether assisting at a lunch club, preparing food for a celebration or helping out at the local youth club, all of our volunteers play a vital part in making Rose Hill the vibrant, active and diverse community that it is.

Look out in each edition of Rose Hill News to find out about the latest 'Star Volunteer' and whatpeople have been up to

If you are interested in Volunteering, we are especially looking for:

- Volunteer Play workers to help at the local junior youth club, if you enjoy art, cooking, games or sport, come down and share your enthusiasm with the younger generation.
- Food bank helpers to assist us in unloading deliveries, enabling us to run community meals for families of the youth club.
- Events volunteers to help at our celebrations and various activities in the community.
- · Community Journalists to contribute to Rose Hill News, any age or writing ability is welcome, share your stories and let us know what's happening in the area.

People can get involved in all kinds of ways, if you would like to talk about these or other volunteering opportunities, please call or text Fran on 07770 324277 or email

fran.gardner@greensquaregroup.com

Volunteering with the Lottery Project



By Lloyd Barrett

HI, MY name is Lloyd Barrett I have been volunteering for the Lottery Project since the project began. I volunteer at the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club on a Thursday and it has given me more confidence to go out and changed me for the better, along with giving me valuable work experience.

We have such lovely kids in our club and we cook for parents, friends and family at the end of the session. I love working with the children and I try to help out as much as I possibly can.

I would definitely recommend volunteering to anyone who has a spare hour here and there. It's made me feel better about myself and given me the opportunity to experience things I wouldn't have had the chance to.





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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 meet the criteria and are 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.

Most families entitled are starting to receive letters from Oxfordshire County Council.

If you would like more details or to apply for the scheme, call in at the children's centre. You'll need to provide details of your child, plus yourself including your NI number.

Emma or Nassira will be happy to help you on Wednesdays between 10.00 and 11.30.

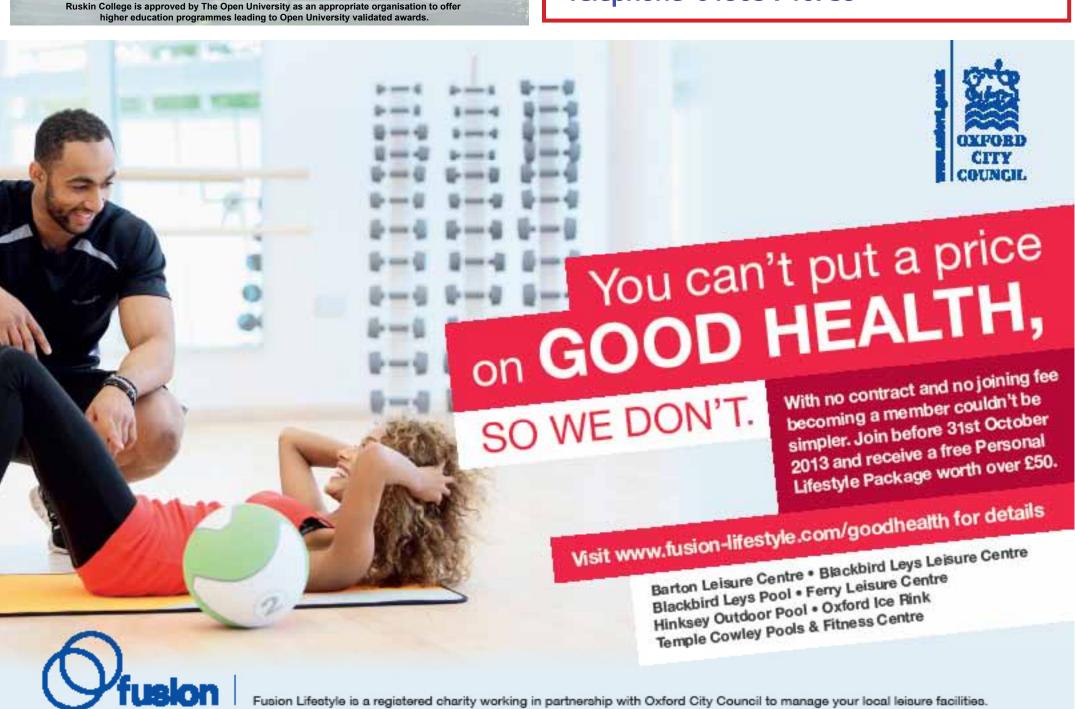
The Children's Centre now has a designated worker for Two Year-Old Entitlement. Helen is happy to help you on Monday and Friday mornings or all day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Bumblebees @ Rose Hill is now open Monday to Thursday all day and Friday mornings term time only. It is still providing childcare for adult education course participants and some sessions for children under the "Two Year-Old Entitlement" scheme.

If you would like to look round then please ring for an appointment with Sherry or Teresa.

Rose Hill-Littlemore Children's Centre, Ashurst Way, Rose Hill, OX4 4UY Telephone 01865 716739





Mystery

ARE you interested in fishing? Would you like some advice on where to go or what to do? If so, help us on hand with our very own Rose Hill Mystery Fisherman! He's here to answer any questions you have about fishing.

So if you're a beginner wanting to know now to part up, or it you're an expert yourself and fancy testing him out, send us email with your question to rosehillnews@gmail.com

> or send us a message on facebook at www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP Questions and answers will be printed in the next edition.

Fundraising for Headway

THIS past year Sainsbury's Heyford Hill has been fundraising for our local charity partner, HEADWAY OXFORDSHIRE. A Kennington based charity that helps people with brain trauma and injury We have now presented them with our total for last year, a massive £7,300.

This is one of the highest amounts we have raised so it is wonderful. Headway are planning to refurbish their premises in Kennington and we have raised this to help with the kitchen area. This will enable their service users to regain the skills that they may have lost due to accident/stoke/illness. In the photo we have Charlotte Carlisle products, fruit and vegetables thanks

from Headway. Kevin Morton our Store Manager, me Sharon Hulbert, Val Fisher and our HR Manager Helen Thomas along with some Headway service users. Our colleagues and customers have been very supportive and generous and we would love you to say how grateful we are.

Oxford Food Bank is pleased to announce that the Heyford Hill branch of Sainsbury's has joined the ranks of our food suppliers alongside other branches at Kidlington and Oxford

The first batch of food was picked up on May 13th and since then there has been a steady flow of bakery

to their extremely supportive staff including Zena Coleman, Gary Peck and Sharon Hulbert who are all shown in the photograph above displaying part of their initial donation. Sainsbury's have been an important part of the supply chain to the Oxford Food Bank from the beginning and it is encouraging when new branches such as Heyford Hill come on line.

We certainly appreciate their support and look forward to many years of working together in the future to provide food for the needy in Oxford.

WALKING FOR DEBT RELIEF

THE Rose Hill Advice Centre is putting on a sponsored walk on 28 September and they're looking for your help!

The centre needs funds to continue its work in the community. so why not join in on their River Walk at the end of the month? You can collect a sponsorship form from the advice centre and entry is £5. You can also download a sponsorship form from www. rhdadvicecentre.moonfruit.com. Manager Carol Roberts said: "The Advice centre is needed more than ever to help local people through benefits changes and job losses. The money we raise will contribute to the salary of a trained and experienced Advice Worker."

The walk will start at 11am at Rose Hill and Donnington Advice centre, 60 Ashhurst Way, Rose Hill, OX4 4RF.

Route: The Advice Centre, Lambourn Rd, Cottesmore Rd, over the bridge, Thomson Terrace, Chapel Ln, Railway Inn, Sandford Rd, Church Rd, Kings Arms Sandford, over the lock and along the towpath to Iffley lock, Mill Lane, Church Way, Lenthall Rd, The Oval, Ashhurst Way, The Advice Centre. (A map will be provided)

A £5 entry fee applies, this include a barbecue and refreshments at the end of the walk. (children are free to enter) - check out the website for more info and shorter walk options.

OX4 at The Oxford Academy

OX4 at The Oxford Academy has been offering its extensive facilities to the local community this summer.

Oxford United Football Club (OUFC) has hosted its youth summer programme here and OUFC continues to use the 3G Dome and astro pitches for its youth and ladies training programmes.

The Oxford Academy opened its doors for the second time to the English Youth Ballet Company as fifty-five young dancers from Oxfordshire rehearse for a new production of Swan Lake. The Company chose OX4 for its wide open and flexible spaces.

OX4 has been a popular venue for Asian weddings and we can cater for a range of special occasions. We have also been home to a variety of other dance, sport and music events. We have just refurbished our Hair and Beauty salon and have a fully equipped Food Technology suite.

Our facilities are available to hire at competitive rates. To find out more, please visit www.ox4.uk.com.

Fashion Show in Rose Hill

By Milly Clark

VERY soon there will be a Fashion Show in Rose Hill and it will take place on The Oval.

I will be a judge at the event and decide who's the most fashionable.

We need the following to make the day a success:

- Competitions and games
- Judges to judge who looks the best
- Food and drink (no alcohol allowed)
- Cake sale (yummy)
- Women to wear men's clothes and men to wear women's clothes
- Face painting
- Police (to oversee the event)
- Everybody must be on their model behaviour!



FASHION: looking great...for less!

By Rosie Parry

EVERYONE loves to look good but fashion comes at a price. Because of this. there's an ever growing scene of second hand stores where people can shop without splashing out. Nowadays there's more to second hand clothing than dusty jackets and unwanted wedding dresses, and if it's something you're interested in Oxford is the place to be.

As well as boasting some of the best charity shops in the country there's an impressive selection of places to buy vintage. People can get too edgy about second hand clothes being dirty,

but in reality most pieces donated children. are checked and cleaned before being displayed.

Still, I thought I'd put my money where my mouth is and check out what's on offer.

There are several great quality Oxfam shops about (the charity was founded here in 1942) but if you want upmarket pieces at low cost the Summertown branch is excellent.

It might be a bus journey away from Rose Hill but I picked up a Reiss jacket for a tenner, marked down from over fifty pounds. Summertown also has a fantastic Blue Cross shop which stocks a selection of games and toys for

A little closer to home and Uncle Sam's Vintage on Little Clarendon Street sells American inspired vintage at good prices and comes with an cool as ice reputation. Denim jackets are going to be a big look this Autumn and Sam's sells the best by far, I didn't get one but there's a fifties inspired tea dress I've got my eye on!

I've saved the best until last though. Unicorn on Ship Street. is an amazing little shop, literally filled to the ceiling with treasure. It's tiny, with only space for several customersat a time but the clothes span decades

of incredible quality and the owner keeps pricing reasonable. Shopping there is an experience in itself.

I had a lovely day browsing though what Oxford had to offer. and I'm hoping to see some of vou around soon!



OPA Playday

ON SATURDAY 13 July the Oxfordshire Play Association Play Day came to Rose Hill. Sports tasters, go-karts, face painting and arts and crafts were just a few of the things on offer, along with food from all corners of the globe.

Hundreds of people from all over Oxford spent a wonderful sunny day at the Rose Hill Recreational Ground and here are just a few of our favourite photos from Oxford's day of play.

All photos by Kasia Bus.



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Rose Hill News Interviews...



IN this new feature of Rose Hill News we get to meet a member of the Rose Hill community to find out a little bit more about them.

To start us off, we talked to Rose Hill shopkeeper Ranjit Singh.

RHN: Hi Ranjit. For those readers who don't know, can you tell us who you are and what you do? Ranjit: My name is Ranjit Singh and I moved to Rose Hill six years ago. I am a shop manager at the Premier Shop next to The Oval, and I am originally from Punjab in India. I like to watch and play cricket and football. RHN: What changes have you seen since you moved to Rose Hill? Ranjit: I have seen a lot of changes thanks to the Lottery Project and new

homes that have been built since I moved to the area. At first I didn't know anybody but now I know lots of people from all types of backgrounds and different ages. I have seen lots of people grow up and have got to know the community. The people of Rose Hill are good people.

RHN: Are you religious?

Ranjit: I am a Sikh which means that I wake early, fast, prayer and then go to work and the same in the evening. There are only a few families in Oxford that are Sikh, around 20 but there is a temple on London Road that we can go to.

RHN: How have you found the different cultures in Rose Hill? Ranjit: If you are good to people they will be good back. Because there are lots of different cultures we

ask people what they would like to see in our store. We have recently added some Nepali food to the shop such as Kurkure Crisps and Wai Wai noodles and it is our way of helping each other.

RHN: Do you read Rose Hill News? Ranjit: Yes, we put it in our shop. It's good at keeping the community informed and it's freewhich is very

RHN: What are your plans for the future?

Ranjit: I want a simple and happy life and hope to meet many new people. I am also looking forward to seeing the new community centre when it

WHEN YOU FIRST SUSPECT YOUR **CHILD HAS "SPECIAL NEEDS"**

A local resident shares with readers a three part serialisation of his experiences of dealing with a son who has a form of Autism.

AROUND the time of controversy over an alleged link between autism and the MMR vaccine was when my son showed marked sudden changes. When he was about nine or ten months old he had begun to talk and rise up to walk around the furniture and all was looking good for him with his development.

By the time he had his first MMR vaccination he was "cruising" well, holding on to the furniture and beginning to "totter" the odd step. He was beyond just saying "door" or "mum" and "dad", but also "See Pretty Flowers" in the mornings when he wanted to look out or go into the garden.

This particular morning when he was held up to look out or the window we noticed the irises in his eyes had clouded over. This was after all the MMR vaccines

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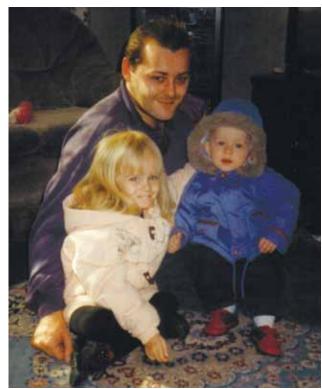
had been given and the fever and febral convulsions that went with it.

He had stopped trying to "totter" and he would just sit and scream rather than the usual crying and now we knew there was something wrong with his sight.

So off to the GP we went and that led on to a rush of appointments with various specialists and to several operations to fit bi-lateral lens implants so both his eyes had suddenly developed cataracts to such a degree he needed surgery to be able to see clearly again.

We were told "the genetic fault" came through his mother. It was not the best way the doctor could have put it! Our heads were scrambled and at first made to feel we were paranoid parents.

Over the next two issues



I will tell you how we got on and give you a little more insight into bringing up a child with Autism.

If you suspect your child

has Autism then contact: The National Autistic Society or do a web search for support groups in your area.

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Ever eager to embrace new techology, the wilsons had their brand new computer hooked up the TV...

DANCING STARS ON ROSE HILL!

Photograph and story by Shane Leach

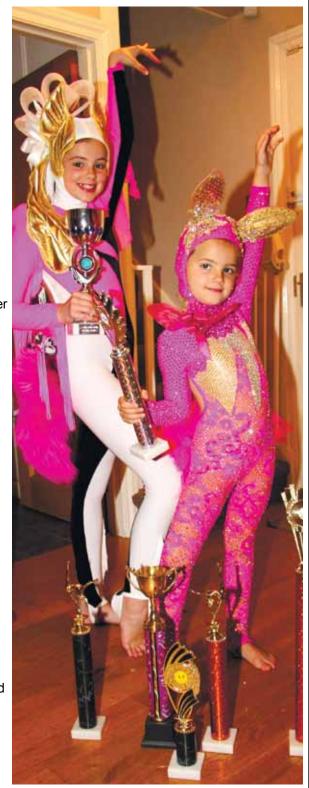
TWO young Rose Hill residents have found their calling in the world of free style dancing.

Ellise, ten, and six year-old Lily Lovatt both attend the Flair School of Dance and have been making a name for themsleves.

Ellise has been dancing for just over a year is already impressing the judges! Recently she danced in Blackpool and despite being up against 80 other dancers from around the world, she managed to pull off an amazing sixth place in the under 12's competition.

Lily on the other hand has just moved up a group to the under 8s and finished a brilliant fourth in a pairs dance, in a separate competition.

Both girls attend SS Mary and John school and have high hopes for future dancing competitions. Well done!



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ART FOR ALL

By Danny Breach

EARLIER this year I organised a few art sessions at Alice Margaret House.

Rose Hill residents came along and they were a great bunch of people to work with. In the sessions I aimed to help them explore their enjoyment of art and to develop their artistic abilities.

When asked about the experience Alice and Margaret resident Val Wood said: "I had always avoided art ever since school because I thought I was useless at art but these lessons helped me to release talents in me I never knew I had."

After hearing what Val had to say, I felt as if I'd done my job and succeeded in what I set out to do. Irene Fowler, who also took part in the

sessions said: "They were very enjoyable and I realised I could do a lot more with art than I thought I was capable of. I am so happy with what I achieved."

I think all who attended were brave to give it a try and to let readers see some of their artworks.

So far it is undecided if the project will return, but there may be other opportunities for local residents to explore art or other activities.

Please feel welcome to come up with any suggestions or activities that you would like to see in Rose Hill. Email rosehillnews@gmail.com or message us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/rosehillrp

Film review

Smurfs 2

Review by Lauren Valsler and Allysha Dillon

WE weren't sure what to go and watch at the cinema. Summer holiday films can be a bit hit and miss but based on the success of the first film we decided to try our luck on the sequel Smurfs 2 and were very glad that we did!

Smurfs 2 is a good versus evil tale set between Paris and Smurf Village. It tells the story of our favourite character Smurfette who is kidnapped by the evil wizard Gargamel in his quest to capture the Smurf's essence and become all powerful.

Backed with a brilliant soundtrack, Smurfs 2 gets you involved in the plot all the way through, ending in Right Said Fred's "I'm too Smurfy".

The film is full of laugh out loud moments; mad chaos in a sweetshop, a mission to save ducks from being dinner and many more. Our favourite moment was towards the end when Papa Smurf, Clumsy, Grouchy, and Vanity turn up and attempt to rescue Smurfette. It's pretty tense and if you want to find out more you had better watch and find out!

We think it's a really good film, even better than the first one. Would recommend it for children aged 5 and over all the way up to adults of any age. Overall we rate Smurfs 2 a whopping 10/10!

Book review

The Girl in Berlin By Elizabeth Wilson

Review by E.Mason

ELIZABETH Wilson's novel is a tightly plotted and constantly intriguing book that manages to be true to her carefully researched 1951 Berlin and London, while having relevance to the world today.

The dialogue is truly evocative and the description of '50s fashions and the world in general is excellent. The main character who pursues criminals and Communist spies across two countries is Jack McGovern.

The novel directs a nod to the surveillance and corruption of today, with the development of several East German characters. Characters constantly have to lie and "act" their part with the reality of the different sides of the Cold War powers and the resultant paranoia. Reading the book is a loss of innocence for the reader and the character alike.

Also, a discussion of the Allies and Red Army forces and the part they played in the "de-Nazification" process after the war in Germany is central to the book and extremely emotive, but well dealt with by Wilson. The novel constantly weaves webs of trust and betrayal, in matters of love and war. For Wilson's heroes the Cold war and the post war years are "another little irritation in the vast and interminable locust plague of life's little irritations."

I would definitely recommend more novels by this author.

Zizzi's George St, Oxford

Review by Allysha Dillon and Lauren Valsler from The Oxford Academy.

WHEN we first looked at the menu outside Zizzi we weren't sure what to think, we could see a Pizza Hut down the Road and part of us was eager to stick to what we knew but ready for something new, we headed in.

Our first impression was that it was quite posh, nicely laid out over split level and some really nice detail with multi-coloured plates on the wall and a light feature.

We ordered from the set menu; to kick off we both opted for garlic bread which was nice but could have done with a bit more garlic!

For mains we had chicken pasta, which I found filling. Especially tasty with the parmesan cheese, plenty of sauce and full of flavour. Another favourite was the spicy pizza which was lovely and tomatoey but extra cheese would have

For dessert we couldn't resist the goey, rich chocolate fondant which was lush and really well presented. The ice cream on the side had some crunchy bits in which was a good surprise!

Our Rating

been good.

Starter 5/10 Main 6/10 Pudding 10/10 Service 8/10 Atmosphere 10/10

Verdict: Nice food, lovely restaurant. Would definitely come back.

Food Review



By Jamie Clark

IF YOU ARE looking for good and affordable food in Rose Hill and something tantalise your taste buds, then look no further than the Asian Women's Lunch every Thursday at the Rose Hill Children's Centre.

The lunch attracts a

and has been running for seven years, during which time it has built up quite a fan base...me included!

Cooks Parveen Akhtar, Shazia Rashid, Khamim Hussain and Sajida Sultana serve up traditional recipes along with a delicious curry every week for

multicultural mix of people only £2.50. An absolute bargain.

> Upwards of 40 people eat there each week and the ladies have supplied food for many community events within Rose Hill. They have even started up a takeaway service!

Parveen said: "We all love to cook and this gives us the chance

to really showcase our recipes – plus we enjoy being together each week. It's a very social occasion for everyone."

So why not come along? It's on every Thursday from midday at the Rose Hill Children's

Nepalese Community Oxfordshire (NCO)



IN July members of the Nepalese Community Oxfordshire group took part in the Cowley Road carnival procession. Nearly two dozen members actively participated in the procession performing a traditional limbu dance playing Chyabrung and waving their national flags. The local Buddhist guru

hailed the attendees at finishing area by presenting khada, and photographs were taken with the Sheriff of Oxford Councillor Mohammed Abbassi

The group organised a curry lunch

in August for the Nepalese senior citizens. About 40 peple attended the lunch, which was hosted by the founder chairman of the NCO and now adviser, Mr Chitra Thapa, Present NCO president, Mr Lochan Limbu, Mr Tulasi Paudel, Mr Tika Paudel, Mr Santosh Rai, Mr Ash kumar Limbu, Mr Nar Narayan Limbu, Mr Amar Thapa, Mr Tej Limbu, Mrs Geeta Rai and many others sponsored the program.

The function was held at the Lenthal Allotment and everyone enjoyed the lunch. NCO has decided to organise

different events every year for the senior citizens. NCO organised Teej Night on 7 September at the Rose Hill community centre. Teej commemorates the reunion of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati. Woman celebrate the festival of Teej with immense enthusiasm. Married ladies come back to their parent's home to celebrate the festival. The fasting day proceeds with evening prayers and traditional dancing and singing this is a three day festival, celebrated by woman also in honor of Goddess Parvati.

A cleaner, greener Rose Hill!

AS part of Oxford City Council's other City Council departments. on going Cleaner Greener Campaign, the autumn focus is going to be on Rose Hill.

The Cleaner Greener Campaign is an initiative aimed at improving the environment, economy and quality of life for residents within the city making it a safer and cleaner environment for everyone.

The council's objectives are to help with educating residents around waste management, to target areas for specific action and if necessary to enforce against environmental offences.

The Rose Hill operation will be run by the Community Response Team which deals with environmental crime and anti-social behaviour. The team will be also working closely with

After consulting with local community groups areas have been identified in Rose Hill that can be improved.

It is hoped that the community will take an active part in the campaign to improve the area for all residents. There are plans to hold a community litter picking day when any resident or community group can get involved in tidying up areas around Rose Hill. More details will be circulated nearer the time.

For any further information or to report environmental crime please contact the Community Response Team on 01865249811 or saferoxford@ oxford.gov.uk

ROSE HILL ALLOTMENTS NEWS

THE Lenthall Road Allotment Association will be holding its monthly meeting on 30 September in the Rose Hill Community Centre starting at 7.30pm.

On the agenda will be items such as the impending rent increases, the shop sales, the new communal marquee and the developing wildlife area. The shop is soon to stock winter sown crops for planting in October and November such as dwarf fruit trees, onion sets, garlic sets, shallots, and broad beans.

All in Rose Hill are welcome to use the shop for their gardening needs and the shop is open every Sunday between 10am and 1pm. Very competitive seed potatoes will be on sale in the early part of 2014.

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Rose Hill Junior Youth Club

Summer fun for Junior **Youth Club**

WE had a fantastic time during the summer with the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club summer trips.

We went to indoor play centre "Partyman: World of Play" and Florence Park, and everyone had a great time!

At Partyman, we all (play workers included!) enjoyed climbing and sliding through the soft play maze, playing football and chasing each other in a mammoth game of tig!

Harvey Clark and Callum Francis really loved the go-karting and said that it was the most fun they'd had for a while.

Jake Francis, nine, said: "I loved being able to run around and loved it when I was trying to hide from the person who was it. There's so much here I wish we could stay forever!"

At Florence Park we played in each of the playgrounds, swung on the swings and zipped across the zip-line! Joshua Harris, seven, was surprised at fast the zip line could go!

After playing we all settled down and enjoyed an ice cream in the warm and friendly

atmosphere. When asked to review the trip eight yearold Mason Elderkin said: "I lovedgoing to Florence Park and give it 1000 out of 10!"

Our thanks go to everyone who came along. We hope to do more trips in the near future.

Find out more about Partyman at www.partymanworld.co.uk/ oxford

Junior Youth Club is an inclusive club running on Wednesdays and Thursdays 3.30 to 5.30pm at the Rose Hill Community Centre.

Senior Youth Club

Rose Hill Open Access Programme from 2 September Littlemore Early Intervention Service

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rose Hill Youth	Rose Hill Youth	Rose Hill Minors		Rose Hill Mixed
Open Access	Open Access	Open Access		Open Access
Session	Session	Session		Session
13+ Year	13+ Year	10 - 13 Year		10 - 19 Year
Olds	Olds	Olds		Olds
6pm - 8pm	6pm - 8pm	5pm - 7pm		5pm - 7pm

if you would like further information regarding open access sessions please phone the Littlemore Early Intervention Hub or Jane Limerick on 01865 816202 | 0758 481179 or email jane.limerick@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Lottery Project Round-up

What's coming up in October?

■ Free IT sessions

Starting on 3 October four of Green Square's IT technicians will be in the Rose Hill Children's Centre IT Hub helping people to:

Access the internet

Set-up email accounts Access benefit forms Use Facebook and Skype Pay bills online,

Use the council website - and much more.....

The first session will take place on Thursday 3 October from 10am until noon and anyone is welcome to drop in. If you would like more information please call or text Fran on 07770 324277 or message us on our Facebook page.

■ Women only gym sessions

FREE Women only gym sessions are BACK! Sessions start on Monday 23 September at 1:30pm at the Oxford Academy – or you can meet at Rose Hill Children's Centre. And great news we can now cover childcare costs as well - thanks to the Active Women project.

If you would like to join this fun fitness session please

text or call Fran on 07770 324 277 or message us on our Facebook page.

■ A new community choir for Rose Hill

Hannah Powell, head of Music and Drama at the Oxford Academy, is starting a new community choir for Rose Hill residents and beyond...

If you're a fan of music, contemporary or classical, why not come along to this FREE feel-good session? There will singing, music and lots of fun.

It begins on Thursday 26 October in the ballroom at the Rose Hill Community Centre, from 5:45pm to 6:45pm. Beginners and old-hands are more than welcome!

If you would like to join in the fun please text or call Fran on 07770 324 277 or message us on our Facebook page.

■ Fitness Sessions

FREE exercise classes were set up earlier this year and they proved so popular that an extra class was set up a week after the launch.

The free sessions will start again at the beginning of October in the Community Centre, although the date is yet to be confirmed.

Boxercise participant and mum-of-four Lubna Mahmoud, 46, said: "The lottery funding is really helpful.

"The class helps people to do exercise, to look after yourself and to meet friends."

And great news we can now cover childcare costs as well - thanks to the Active Women project.

For more information and to book a place, call or text Fran Gardner on 07770 324277 or message us on our Facebook page.

■ Everyday English Class

Need help with your spoken **English?**

The Lottery Project will be running ESOL classes in October in partnership with training provider EMBS. The classes are aimed to support people dealing with day to day tasks, such as contacting the council, visiting the GP, talking to the school and going

Classes are FREE and everyone is welcome.

If you would like to join these sessions please call or text Fran on 07770 324277 or message us on our Facebook page.

Wildlife in my garden **By Stuart Mabutt**

General Wildlife Gardening Tips

HAD another lovely phone call from a reader this week, again requesting a specific subject to cover in these scrabbling'sof

I was asked to give 10 of my top tips for wildlife gardening - as always, I'm happy to oblige.

Build a pond, have flowers/ shrubs/trees with different coloured, shaped and smelling flowers at differing times of year, loads of dead wood, and grasses of differing length.

Grow climbing plants

against walls and fences and up the middle of shrubs and

Leave cracks in paving for hibernating and hunting

Grow some native plants that support a much greater range of native wildlife, but variety is often just as effective in a garden so let's not get bogged down in native and non-native.

Don't use chemicals, the natural balance will develop so that predators increase. Lots of parallels between organic and wildlife gardening here.

Provide pollen rich flowers and nectar throughout the year. Leave water sources for

the birds. Next boxes for birds and boxes for bats can also be good.

Leave pruning's and leaves under your shrubs and hedges so hedgehogs have somewhere to sleep, breed and hibernate.

Leave grass to grow long under some shrubs, these damp areas can be great for amphibians.

There you go, 10 top tips. I could think of so many more that are just as valid as these. Get thinking and come up with your own micro habitats out there, in your own gardens!

Littlemore Library News

Littlemore Library's Themed Craft Activity is still going very well and the next session is planned for Saturday 5 October.

Come and take full advantage of the computers we have. If you are anadult learner or a member of the public and would like to have a one to one session. Please give us a call or just come into the Library.

We have a large area in the Library where you can study or just have some time to yourself. You could also hold local group meetings.

Our opening times are:

Monday 2.00-6.00pm 2.00-4.30pm Tuesday Wednesday Closed

Thursday 9.30am-12.30pm

and 2.00-4.30pm 9.30am-12.30pm

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CHURCH NEWS



Left to right: Rev Andrew McKearney, Rev Sarah Northall, Deacon Carole Smith and Rev Rosemary Davies.

SEPTEMBER marks a new community. beginning for many families whether it's settling a child into a new class at school or helping a young person to adjust to college or work. September feels like a new beginning for the Churches too as the usual meetings and groups held on Church premises resume after the Summer and we look for new opportunities to work together in the Rose Hill

St Mary's Church and Rose Hill Methodist

would love to hear from people from other

churches who live here, have a heart for

Please contact Sarah Northall or Carole Smith.

Rose Hill Methodist Church

www.rosehillmethodists.org.uk

Our usual Sunday morning

services begin at 10.30am.

Minister: The Revd Rosemary Davies,

01865 763676 minister@limewalk.org.uk

Deacon: Deacon Carole Smith,

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Bookings: Mr Jeremy Dawe,

01865 779070 Jeremy.dawe@gmail.com

the estate and would like to meet.

Church work together in Rose Hill and

New beginnings can bring anxiety, excitement or fear. Sometimes it feels so much easier to follow familiar routines. It seems less threatening to carry on doing the things we've always done than to start something new but then we are in danger of getting in a rut.

The Bible tells us that God's mercies are 'new

every morning'. That means that each day is a new day, a gift from God who accompanies us in our discovery of new things and new relationships. That's a promise which can surely encourage each one of us whatever new circumstances come our way.

Rosemary Davies, Rose Hill Methodist Church

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.

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DUIZ **JUST FOR FUN!**

Test your brain power with this month's quiz. Answers are at the bottom of page 2.

- 1. What is the capital of Poland?
- 2. In chess, which direction does a bishop move?
- 3. In the nursery rhyme, what do Jack and Jill go up the hill to fetch?
- 4. What two colours would you use to make the colour purple?
- 5. What are the first three characters of the Rose Hill Postcode?
- 6. In what region of the country is Oxfordshire?
- 7. What is the next number in this sequence: 3, 5, 8, 12...
- 8. "Humans are born with over 270 bones." True or false?
- 9. How many legs does a spider have?
- 10. What continent is Nepal in?
- 11. Which artist painted a number of pictures of sunflowers?

Your local councillors and MP

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Member of Parliament



Andrew Smith MP Oxford East - Labour **2** 01865 595790

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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 appointmentplease ring 01865 305080 (also for details of other advice surgeries in the area).

SE SPORT



OUR new Sports Editor Shane Leach is a Rose Hill resident and volunteer for the Lottery Project. He's been volunteering his time for Rose Hill News for the past year and has taken some stunning photographs for the paper. He's looking forward to his new role as Sports Editor so if you have a sports story about Rose Hill, get in touch by emailing rosehillnews@gmail.com or message us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP

OF AN OXFORD UNITED FAN BY ORLITER

IT'S THE middle of September already. Flowers and trees look as though they will be in full bloom and leaf until Christmas. And what a fantastic summer we have had, with very little rain, hardly a summer storm of note.

Temperatures in the glorious twenties and thirties. Or if you prefer old money, seventies and eighties. You know it's a good summer when the lawn is brown and does not need mowing. And on that note, what a brilliant summer and early autumn for our famous Yellows football

Oxford United revered throughout the football world - except of course just down the A420 in Wiltshire - are currently sitting at number two in the league having spent August at the very top. To date, the team have carved out four wins three draws and no losses scoring an impressive sixteen goals and conceding eight. Three out of four wins on the road is championship form and is justifying the managers decision to completely rebuild the side after last seasons disappointing results.

Money in new players are showing dividends and the fantastic fan base are never slow to appreciate the players commitment to the yellow shirt. Briggsy my faithful friend however refuses to wear a shirt telling me the colour clashes with the fawn and white markings on his

He just will not be persuaded and promptly dashes away across the field and runs off with a teams football. I think it's a game between Ashhurst Way **Wanderers and Desborough Crescent** Demons who have been deprived of the ball so yet another fifty pounds out of my bank account. Bad boy!

Next up for Oxford United are the team currently borrowing the number one spot Chesterfield the result of which may well be the indication all Yellow Army fans want and that is to confirm we really are the worlds greatest football team. Come on you Yellows.

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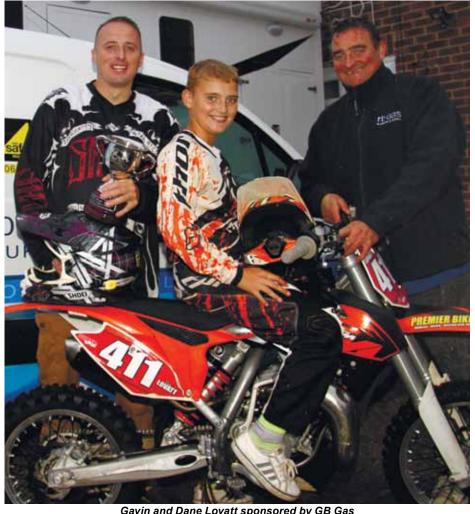
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A DAY IN THE LIFE MOTOCROSS MAKES FOR **THRILLING WEEKEND!**



Gavin and Dane Lovatt sponsored by GB Gas

WHILE most of us try to relax over the weekend, it's not the case for these two Rose Hillers.

Father and son Gavin and Dane Lovatt travel around the depths of Oxfordshire in their bid for glory in the physical, demanding and thrilling world of Motocross.

From March into late October and in all weather conditions, racing takes place within a 20 minute timescale, were you have to complete as many laps around the course as possible. For the younger riders, it's 12 minutes.

Gavin, 34, and 11 year-old Dane both risk everything for the love of the sport. Gavin is currently 4th in the championship and Dane has just finished 5th in a Bank Holiday Series.

Dane said: "I've only recently got back on the bike after breaking my elbow in three places so I'm very pleased to have got 5th. I'm hoping to push on after my injury and break into a top three finish come the end of the season."

For both father and son, it takes a lot of time. effort and money to do what they do but dad Gavin says it's worth it: "Motocross is a family sport and we've both made some really good friends and met a lot of new faces because of it. My Dad, Brian, helps out as much as he can and runs discos for The **Banbury Motocross Club** social events." Let's wish them the best of luck for the remainder of the season! We'll let you know how they get on in next issue of Rose Hill News.

PREMIER LEAGUE PREDICTOR

It's 'winner stays on' in Rose Hill News' Premier League Predictor!

Rose Hill legend Terry Kirkby will predict the outcome of ten Premier League matches and all you have to do is beat him! The person who scores the most points will win a £10 voucher and be invited to predict the next round of fixtures.

If Terry's not beaten, he'll stay on the table and predict the next lot of fixtures. We'll also be keeping track of all your predictions and at the end of the season the winner will receive a mystery prize.

Email rosehillnews@ gmail.com or message us on Facebook by going to

RoseHillRP with your

weekend of 5 October:

- Man City vs Everton
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- Newcastle United
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