

## CELEBRATING WOMEN



By Daniel Breach

ON 6 MARCH, The Children's Centre at Rose Hill celebrated International Women's Day with a variety of world foods, drumming and dancing.

The event, along with the food, was multicultural to reflect the local population, and welcomed all women of all ages to share and celebrate the day together.

Emma Coombs, a Children's Centre worker said: "It was an event to celebrate International

Women's Day for all the lovely and beautiful things women do."

Monica, who had heard about the event on the day said: "I enjoyed the rice and lentils but most of all it was good to bring all women together from different cultures to enjoy being women all together and learn more about other cultures."

Sara Fagier, originally from Sudan, added: "It's important to encourage women to be proud of being a woman. I love meeting new people and tasting different foods

and seeing the traditional dress from a variety of cultures."

Her favourite dish was the fruit salad and the dishes the Pakistani women had prepared, as well as the cakes from different cultures.

As a man who has lived the role reversal as a single parent, it was lovely to see women enjoying and celebrating being a woman, as I do feel they are often taken for granted for all that they do in being women.

All photos Kasia Bus



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# Thank you Rose Hill-ians!



**By Fran Gardner**

OVER 40 residents turned out on a lovely spring morning in March to help with the annual OxClean Spring Clean up event on the estate.

Litter Leaders took their teams right across the estate collecting up everything from cigarette packets to a full size car exhaust – or was it a shell case? We're not completely sure! Rose Hill's children were out

in force as well with play leader Phil Oakley and despite being offered a range of games and other activities, chose to litter pick. They would not be diverted from the task in hand! Having deposited the fruits of their

labour on The Oval everyone went back to the Children's Centre for a wonderful free lunch provided by HEERA the Asian women's group. Great effort by everyone—thank you so much!

## Paediatric First Aid Course

**By Cher Chiu**

I ATTENDED the paediatric first aid course in late February at Rose Hill Community Centre.

I have attended similar courses when I was in Taiwan but I haven't done that for four years, so I thought it would be a good idea to update my knowledge. The quality of the course was very good, and I feel I've gained a lot of up-to-date knowledge and practical experience. The tutor, Tommy Tucker, is very professional; he used slides and videos to explain important information clearly, and used mannequins to demonstrate how to do first aid effectively.

Everyone on the course enjoyed his teaching style very much. There were nine students in the class so we had a lot of time practicing first aid skills on mannequins under Tommy's guidance, such as resuscitation, CPR and choking.

The handbook the tutor gave us is very easy to use and so useful for refreshing our memory.

We did written multiple choice tests and practical role play at the end of the course before receiving certificates. I learnt a lot and hope I don't have to use it, but I know now if a situation arises I can handle it. I would recommend this course to everyone.

## Are you a Rose Hill News competition winner?

WELL done to Rose Hill News reader Jade Smith, who won the £10 cheque for correctly identifying a member of the Rose Hill News team.

Jade asked editor Jamie Clark at the recent Benefits, Money, Work and Training Event if he worked on Rose Hill News and said she was 'amazed' to receive the award.

Jade said: "I'm so pleased to have won! It goes to show that it pays to read your local paper!"

■ **Keep an eye out for more competitions in the paper and on our Facebook page**  
[www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP](http://www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP)

## Men's Health Day

### Save this date

**The Rose Hill and Littlemore Children's Centre will be holding a Father's Health Day on Saturday 14 June on Men's Health Day.**

**All dads and male carers are invited to attend this special Saturdad's session, so save this date!**

## Consumer Empowerment Forum

**By David Soward**

ANYONE concerned about consumer rights and protection may be interested to attend the next Consumer Forum on 8 April at the Trading Standards offices. The offices are based off Ferry Hinksey Road in West Oxford.

Speakers at the event are Penny Thewlis from Age UK Oxfordshire and a CAB campaigns officer from London.

The topics will include the #FitforWork campaign on sickness and disability benefits, as well as Scams Month (May), and the Consumer Rights Bill going through parliament.

■ **More details on the website**  
[www.caos.org.uk/consumer](http://www.caos.org.uk/consumer)  
or from Oxford CAB.



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8. Europe  
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3. Mel Gibson  
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# Exclusive interview with Stranglers front-man Jean-Jacques "JJ" Burnel



JJ Burnel (left) with Jamie Clark. Photo Kasia Bus.

## Interview by Jamie Clark

JJ BURNEL has been the bassist in one of the biggest and best bands to come out of Britain for 40 years, and has caused controversy, intrigue and wonderment wherever he's been.

The Ruby Anniversary tour salutes a remarkable achievement for the band, and I caught up with the music maestro on the day of the Oxford gig.

### *I've noticed that you've gigged quite a lot in Oxford, why's that?*

Well first of all there's demand and as a musician you prefer to go where they want you, and also because it's an important city.

We have quite a demographic of people who want to see us and it's not only people of our age. A lot of much younger people come to see us now—we're generally across the board everywhere we play now.

### *What do you like about Oxford?*

Well it's a beautiful city and the

audience comes. In the old days we used to go to places where no one wanted us and the police would come round to throw us out, or we'd get people bottling us or attacking us. So it's changed, and you know, we're kind of grateful.

### *What's the tour bus like?*

We don't have a tour bus, the road crew have one. We look after them. The people who work for us are the real stars because without them we wouldn't operate. It's always been like that.

### *What does this tour in particular mean to you?*

It means...well it's a celebration of 40 years and still standing. Most of the other people are dead. It's a big "finger in the air" to everyone else. We were so heavily criticised and so slagged off in the early days but we were more successful than the Clash and Sex Pistols.

We sold more records because we worked harder. We went to people, we went to little villages, and those people bought our records. Whereas The Clash and the Pistols just stayed in London and had huge publicity. They were on the front cover with nice clothes and everything and we didn't, so we kind of always felt justified, or vindicated that we'd been allowed to carry on and do what we liked best: make music.

### *What's kept the band and the fans together for 40 years?*

Well I have a few theories on that. We are one of the best bands to ever come out of Britain and we haven't been straitjacketed so we've been allowed to experiment more than any other band and when we've had success we've perversely gone the opposite direction. So we're kind of organic.

### *Like when you chose to release La Folie after the success of Golden Brown?*

Yeah, a seven minute song entirely in French just to annoy the record company. That's kind of us and it's held us in good stead.

These days people don't take risks as much. Everyone wants success straight away. You see X-Factor, Pop Idol etc and these people have got talent but they're not masters of their own destiny. Someone else is controlling them like puppets. No one has ever controlled us.

I think a lot of people identify with that, and a lot of younger people see us now because they're cynical about all the manufactured music and artists. They can see that we've made so many mistakes and done all the wrong things that people wouldn't dare do now, yet we're still surviving and outselling everyone in the UK and Europe.

### *Everything is short-term nowadays...?*

Yeah it is. But a lot of that is to do with the actual business. Because the music business got taken over by accountants and they only think in the short term. So they weren't risking their own money, like some entrepreneurs were.

Blokes like Chris Blackwell, who started Island records, didn't make

any money at first from Bob Marley or U2 for years but he believed in them. Nowadays if six months go by and they haven't recouped the money, you're out, goodbye. So they don't give the chance to someone to develop.

### *What does Golden Brown mean to you? I know what people think it means but I've heard you say before that it's about failings, would you go along with that?*

Well, no. In general terms it's about drugs. About heroin to be specific. I won't beat about the bush. Sometimes I do but sometimes I lie when people ask me about Golden Brown because I can't be bothered because it's a boring question... but what it means to me...the story about Golden Brown is that it was a song that we created and the record company didn't wanna release it.

They said you can't dance to it, it doesn't sound punky blah blah blah. So we invoked a clause in our contract with the record company and forced them to release it. They released it before Christmas thinking it would just drown in that tsunami of Christmas releases but it didn't.

### *We touched on it before but why did you choose an aggressive name for the band?*

Good question. One night we had another fiasco in a bar somewhere in the really early days and it was a disaster. Every night when we did get a chance to play it was a disaster.

### *How was it a disaster?*

Because people didn't like us. For instance one landlord, one night pulled the plug on our set. So we plugged it back in, and he pulled it out. And it went on like this for a while with us playing a few bars and him pulling it out and eventually he called the police, and the police came and by this time it was smaller audience but they were thinking this is fantastic, this is entertaining!

So the police asked us to leave the premises and we told them that we weren't leaving because we had a contract and were there for our £25. Anyway it was one of these nights and we were backstage and there was a film that we'd just been to see called The Boston Strangler. So I don't know, I just sat down and said 'Ah the stranglers have done it again' and I quite liked it.

### *Thanks JJ*

■ Dates for the Stranglers fantastic tour can be found by going to: [www.thestranglers.net](http://www.thestranglers.net)



## ROSE HILL AND IFFLEY LOW CARBON GROUP

# Thermal Imaging on Rose Hill

MEMBERS of Rose Hill and Iffley Low Carbon (RHILC) were out and about taking thermal images of local houses in January.

Thermal images can help identify 'hot spots' on the outside of a house which show where heat is being lost. The aim was to help people take action to cut down their energy costs. Approximately 2,500 leaflets were distributed asking local residents if they were interested in having their house imaged. Nearly 100 said yes.

RHILC borrowed a thermal imaging camera from Oxford Community Action Group and members were trained how to use it. To get a good image it needed to be a cold dry evening. There were not many of these in the wettest January on record!

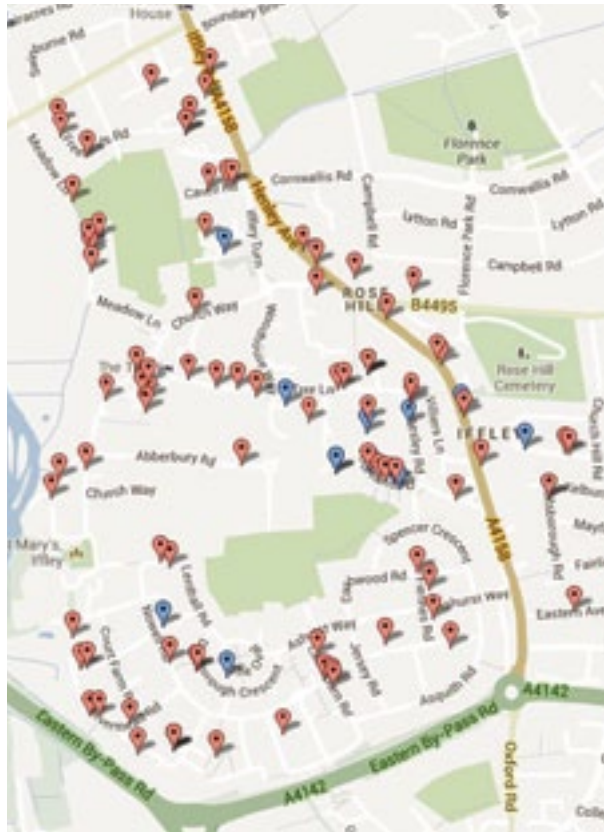
We organised a timetable for the fortnight we had the camera, but many evenings had to be called off because it was too wet. Luckily we were able to borrow the camera for an extra week and we managed to get everyone done.

People received their images either by email or delivered by hand. On Saturday 15 February, everyone involved was invited to a meeting where they could have individual help interpreting their images.

There were also presentations from experts giving advice about ways to insulate your house and cutting down on heating bills.

The map shows where the thermal images were taken.

Our next event is a Swap Shop at Rose Hill Advice



Centre from 10am to 12noon on Saturday 3 May. Bring along anything you don't want and take away something you do want. Clothes, CDs, toys, china—it's all welcome and it's all free.

At the same time, we'll be having our regular collection of old electrical goods. Just bring them along and we'll recycle them for you. There will be cakes on offer too. Hope to see you then!

# Emma is running off!

THE Rose Hill reporter for the Oxford Mail, Emma Harrison, is leaving the paper to move to a new role at the BBC. Emma will be much missed on Rose Hill particularly by the Lottery project team.

Fran Gardner said: "It has been wonderful to have such a strong working relationship with local media. Emma has always helped me promote the project and has been a great supporter. She will be sorely missed."

Emma says: "I have really enjoyed reporting on Rose Hill for the Oxford Mail for the past year and a half. There are so many welcoming people in Rose Hill I have had the pleasure to meet. I am running the London Marathon on Sunday, April 13 for the Alzheimer's Society. It is 26.2 miles!

"Running the London Marathon will be the toughest physical and mental challenge I will ever put myself through. So far I have trained through rain, hail, gale force winds and sunshine. My feet ache and I will probably lose at least one toenail.

But what will keep me going is the fact I have to complete it for a very worthy cause, the Alzheimer's Society. My sponsorship will help the charity fund vital research as well as support for those affected by dementia."

My online fundraising page is: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/emmalouise>"



Emma Harrison. Courtesy of Oxford Mail.

## ADVERTISING FEATURE

## Rose Hill welcomes Pickles Sandwich Shoppe

By Daniel Breach

IF YOU'RE hungry around lunch time then look no further than Pickles Sandwich shop!

The new shop, located on Courtland Road, opened its doors earlier this month and is proving a hit with residents. So far locals have welcomed them with their friendly efficient service and smartly presented shop.

You can order a variety of hot and cold sandwiches or baguettes made to order, and a tempting selection of cakes along with a variety of hot and cold drinks all at competitive prices.

It is their first business venture and when I visited, I sampled a lovely cup of coffee and chatted with the owners and some customers.

One customer I spoke to said: "It is a nice addition to the area serving good quality food." While another commented that: "It was a welcome and healthy alternative."

They will also consider requests for catering for parties and large orders if you give them a call on 01865 236320.

So whether you like



Photo: Kasia Bus

pickles in you order or not be sure to try the new sandwich shop Pickles and see if they satisfy your tummy with a taste that is yummy.

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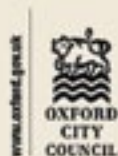
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# Great advice from GreenSquare



GreenSquare's Lisa Wroe and Donna Mitchell with friends. Photo by Alex Hammonds.

THE GreenSquare Benefits, Work, Money and Training Event on 5 March was a big success and was well attended by members of the Rose Hill community.

The event provided residents with information on what support is available for work and training opportunities and welfare reform.

GreenSquare, Rose Hill Debt and Advice Centre, Rose Hill and Iffley Low Carbon Group, City of Oxford College, Ruskin and Oxford City Council were just a few of the organisations on hand to give friendly and much needed advice.

Here are just a couple of our favourite photos from the event.



Rosa Curness from Aspire. Photo by Alex Hammonds.

## ROSE HILL QUALITY OF LIFE SURVEY

THE Quality of Life survey is an opportunity for residents to let the Rose Hill Regeneration Partnership know what they think and feel about living in Rose Hill.

The survey is your chance to have your say on the future of Rose Hill. The results will inform the community plan and help shape service provision in the area.

■ If you'd like to fill in the survey you can do so in two ways. You can either collect a survey from The Rose Hill & Donnington Advice Centre or The Rose Hill Children's Centre.

Or those who have internet access can complete the survey online by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QualityofLifeOxford>

Thank you for everyone who has taken part so far—the survey deadline is 14 April 2014 and there are great prizes to be won for taking part.

Quality of life survey



## Rose Hill Community First Funding—your last chance!

APRIL is fast approaching and with it brings the final nine months of Community First funding.

Since the Community Development Foundation funding started in Rose Hill and Iffley it has allocated over £20K of funding to 25 community groups who work in the local area.

The funding has provided start-up funds for groups such as the Rose Hill Wanderers and the Lucas and Remy Craft Group.

It has also enabled existing groups to provide additional activities and events. The Rose Hill and Iffley Low Carbon Group received funding to provide the opportunity for homes to be thermally imaged during the winter and will use the money to provide heat saving equipment.

The Rose Hill Junior Youth Club has received funding for its wonderful healthy tea. The tea is made by the kids, for the kids, and means that children on the estate are guaranteed

a healthy and nutritious meal at the end of club sessions. The Rose Hill Community Association also used the funding to put on a street party last year to celebrate the Royal Wedding.

If you're interested in applying for Community First funding in 2014 the deadlines for this year are 23 May, 1 August and 24 October 2014.

■ **Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to get funds for your community and group.**

■ For more information you can go to [www.facebook.com/RHiffleyCFF](http://www.facebook.com/RHiffleyCFF) or contact Fran Gardner on 07770324277, Cheryl Snudden on 07833404411 or email [csnudden@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:csnudden@oxford.gov.uk)

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## OUR AMAZING YOUNG LEADERS

THE JYC Young Leaders programme is designed to give older children the opportunity to learn new skills and develop self confidence.

Young Leaders (YL) come to the Wednesday play session and work alongside staff and adult volunteers supporting and mentoring the younger children. They help with activities, learn skills such as face painting, cooking for the healthy tea and creative craft techniques.

Young Leaders are encouraged to demonstrate good behaviour, respect and instil the club's rules to younger children.

In return the YLs attend a training programme, have a badge and will soon have a special YL t-shirt to wear. They will also gain credits for outings.

At a recent Green-Square event Young Leaders Nasheen and Leah took on the job of face painting for children



The result of our Young Leaders Face Painting session.  
Photo: Alex Hammonds

who visited and serving cakes and refreshments. This was an enormous

help and supplemented the staff team.

■ **Junior Youth Club** is an inclusive club, running on Wednesdays and Thursdays in term time from 3.30–5.30pm at Rose Hill Community Centre.

## Rose Hill Junior Youth Club



Photo: Alex Hammonds

### Why you should come to the RHJYC

By **Nanio De Carvalho**

**DOES** your child feel bored? Well if so, you should bring them along to the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club. It takes place inside the Rose Hill Community Centre in the

Norman Brown Hall.

You just need to pay 50p to get in, and it's open on Wednesday's and Thursday's. Wednesday for ages 6–8 and Thursday for ages 9–11 (like me!). So come along to the

youth club and have some fun!

There's football, Lego, card-making, nail painting, body art and at 5 o'clock we have a good and healthy meal. It's great!



Rihanna with Willow the barn owl.

### Going wild with the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club!

CHILDREN and staff have been enjoying some of their favourite games, as well as trying out some new activities at the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club.

There's been mud painting, card-making, space hopper racing, den building, rapping and that's not all! Play Leader Jamie Bourton

said: "It's been a really fun few months at the club and the number of children attending keeps on rising. My favourite part of the last few weeks was when we celebrated every child's birthday in January and February, with an individual cake made by Cake's for Kids. I'd just like to say a big thank you to them."

"I'd also like to thank the volunteers who give their time every week to help out at the session. We couldn't do it without you."

During every session a 'healthy tea' is made by the children, for the children—with the focus on fresh and healthy food which is made during the session. Cooking sessions with Julia start after the Easter break.

The food is supplied by the wonderful people at the Oxford Food Bank and at 5pm the children, parents and the playworkers, sit down together to eat and talk about their day. We will be taking a break over Easter but return with force on Wednesday 23 April.

Here are just a few of activities we'll be getting upto over the coming months:

- Trips to the Rivermead nature reserve in Rose Hill for bug hunting, pond dipping, wildlife studying and a barbecue!
- Kids will be producing a film about the club
- Visits by Owl Man Glen and the Wheatley Falconry Centre with their birds
- We'll be heading to the theatre to watch the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club inspired Hurricane Boy play thanks to lovely people at The Oxford Playhouse.
- A Rose Hill Junior Youth Club fun day on The Oval on June 21st!
- And much much more!

■ **The Rose Hill Junior Youth Club is an inclusive club and takes place at the Rose Hill Community Centre. If you would like to find out more, contact Fran on 07770324277**

## Suzie Walters: A volunteer's story

By John O'Brien

SUZIE Walters has been volunteering for the Rose Hill Lottery Project since early January and quickly became one of the main attractions at the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club.

Suzie, who has a background in make-up and beauty, puts on weekly beauty sessions at the club and her table is always the busiest!

Suzie said: "Volunteering brings great satisfaction to me. Seeing the children with big smiles on their faces and full of excitement is a joy to behold. The club is well organised, professional and fun! It's a place where children are encouraged to learn and play in a safe environment."

"My favourite part has to be seeing the children grow in confidence and watching their personality development week on week."

In the future Suzie hopes to bring her beauty tips and skills to the adults of Rose Hill and is looking into training and development in community care and support.

Play Leader, Jamie Bourton praised Suzie's commitment. Jamie said: "She's been a revelation at the club and is incredibly hard working. We're very lucky to have someone as friendly and fun as Suzie at the club."

Everyone involved in the project would like to say a massive thank you to Suzie for all her hard work. She really is a star!

I AM currently studying a degree in Nutrition in Oxford Brookes. One thing that is highly recommended for students is to volunteer with a local organisation as it is a way of building valuable experience and contacts for the future.

When I asked one of my Oxford Brookes lecturers about volunteering opportunities available, I was put in contact Ali Hall and Jamie Clark who were immediately keen for me to come down to Rose Hill JYC and get involved.

Last October I attended my first JYC in the Rose Hill Community Centre and I have to say Wednesdays quickly became the highlight of my week.

The level of fun, the camaraderie, the community spirit and just the warm atmosphere make it an absolute pleasure to go along to each week.

I have learned a lot from my experience in Rose Hill, certainly more than any book could teach. I must take my hat off to all involved in the youth club from the staff to the parents and most importantly the children.

The fun and laughter (and the occasional tear) is a pure joy to experience. As we say in Ireland "the craic is 90" (craic being the Irish for fun not something that appears on a glass or plate!).

Keep up the great work to all in the JYC and I hope to see you all very soon and more regularly.

**STOP PRESS:**  
John has now joined the JYC staff team! He is going to develop lots of great sport activities for boys and girls

## Rose Hill News Interviews...

**IN THIS 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.**

**For the April edition, we talked to Isaac Henrion.**

**For those readers who don't know, can you tell us who you are and what you do?**

My name is Isaac and I am a playworker and part of the Rose Hill JYC team. I've just finished doing a maths degree at uni and I'm back home now—it turns out I like playing more than I like doing sums!

**How did you get into play work?**

When I was 16, I started volunteering at the Parasol Project—an inclusive charity which provides play and leisure activities for disabled and non-disabled children and young people. Five years later and I still work for them—and of course RHJYC too.

**What do you enjoy about the youth club?**

I love the energy of the place, which is

down to the amazing kids. I've worked in lots of play schemes over the years, but the JYC is honestly my favourite. We have an awesome group of children, and I just like hanging out with them. The youth club couldn't happen without the tireless effort of volunteers and parents (you know who you are) who come in and make the difference for their community. It's really inspirational.

**Why is the youth club important?**

It's a place for kids to be kids (and also for adults to be kids!) I think it's so important to have a safe space in which children can run around, get messy, have ideas, make mistakes, play games, laugh, be noisy and generally have a good time. There is clearly a need for this, as shown by the huge increase in numbers attending over the last year.

**Do you read Rose Hill News?**

Of course! Though I have been known to make paper umbrellas out of it...

**What are your plans for the future?**

I'm really enjoying youth work at the moment, but next year I'd like to go



back to uni to do a Masters degree, probably in Artificial Intelligence (AI). AI is the study of how we can make computers do smarter and smarter things - it could be a self-driving car, or a robot-doctor that can scan your body and tell you what's wrong with it straightaway, or an app that can

translate what you're saying into another language as you say it. The future will be full of incredible new technology, and I want to be part of that!





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## Rose Hill Tenants and Residents Association

By Terry Kirkby  
Secretary

DID you know that Rose Hill has its very own Tenants and Residents Association? A local community based forum that meets every first Tuesday in the month at the Community Centre starting at 7.30pm?

Here we discuss any, and every, topic of interest or concern occurring in our locality and it's attended by City and County Councillors plus two or three guest speakers from the wider community in general. There is always a questions and answers period and lively debate to follow.

Members concerns are usually addressed at the meetings but very often more research is carried out and reported at a later date.

The Tenants and Residents Association is a strictly non-political forum and, who as a pressure group, have been very closely involved in major changes and improvements in Rose Hill.

Most notably the provision of benches on The Oval, the number 20 bus service and its

modifications, drop-kerbs on nearly all street corners throughout the locale, bad weather grit bins at various points, roadside verge parking provision in Ashhurst Way, yellow lines near the school and improved sustained policing through an excellent PCSO provision.

The Association has on occasions donated money to various new projects such as the Rose Hill and Donnington Advice Centre. In tandem with councillors the new Rose Hill Choir benefitted from donations to purchase a new electronic key board helping the choir to entertain the community throughout the area and enjoy themselves during practice sessions.

So if you would like to meet other like-minded people (and not have to pay a single penny for the pleasure) then why not come along on 1 April or 6 May or attend the Annual General Meeting on 3 June when new officers and committee members will be elected.

We very much hope to see you in the future.

# Our priceless volunteers!

## Volunteering for the Lottery Project

IN THE past four months over 400 hours have been given to the project by 35 volunteers.

We have engaged with 13 new volunteers since the start of Year 3 in December and everyone has volunteered at least an hour of their time.

A new volunteer who has an interest in make-up and beauty joined the project in January and

has been attending the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club on a weekly basis.

The children at the club have really enjoyed seeing a regular face and her table is always the busiest. Her activity is one of the main attractions of the club and she's had a real impact on the children. Several of the children who were previously quite

introverted have come out of their shell and really taken to her.

Currently unemployed, she's now looking into pursuing a career path in youth work.

And another new volunteer, Helen, comes every week to help at the weekly Food4All cookery sessions. Helen heard about the Lottery project through the Oxford Food

Bank and loves working with food.

The Lottery team cannot begin to put a value on the wonderful support that we receive from our volunteers—to us they are priceless!

■ If you are interested in joining this great team, just text 07770 324 277 with the word Volunteer.

## WRITE YOUR LIFE!

YOUR life is full of stories and memories, dreams and hopes. Why not join us and capture

some of these?

We plan to run a group in the summer—just one hour a week where you can talk and write—about you! It will be relaxed, friendly and supportive and you need only do what you choose to do.

It doesn't matter if you have never written anything before. In fact that is who we are aiming this group at.

We want to help and encourage you to write small pieces of

autobiography or stories based on your experience. You will be in charge of what you decide to write about.

Writing about your life captures memories for you and anyone you want to share them with. It leaves a record and should give you insights into your own experiences and also the practice of writing. It will also leave you more confident.

■ If you're interested in finding out more call Jamie on 07768600935 or email [jamie.clark@greensquaregroup.com](mailto:jamie.clark@greensquaregroup.com)



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## Craft Corner

By Lina Vosa

### Easter Bunny Card

Make a colourful and cute card for Easter!

#### What you need:

- A4 card paper
- Coloured craft paper
- Thicker scrap paper or card (for template)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Glue
- Hole punch
- Felt tip pen
- Wiggle eyes

1. Sketch out a bunny template on cardboard or some thicker scrap paper. Draw a pear shape by drawing a larger circle then a small circle on top of it, smoothing out the curves to make a bunny shape (*you could use two different-size cups as a guide*).

Draw rabbit ears on the top of the head. Cut out this bunny shape to use as a template. Including the ears, the template



Photos by Kasie Bus

should be approx. 14cm tall.

2. Place template on coloured paper. Trace a line around it and cut it out. Cut three strips from different coloured paper about 0.5–1cm wide. Glue them on the bottom half of the bunny. Trim the edges.

Using the hole punch, punch some holes in some coloured paper and use the cut-outs to decorate your Easter Bunny. Cut out two shapes in a contrasting colour for the insides of the ears.

3. Fold a sheet of A4 card paper in half widthways. Glue your bunny to the card so that the top of the ears touch the fold. Keeping the card folded, cut around the bunny through both layers of paper.

To finish off the bunny glue on wiggle eyes and draw the nose and mouth with a coloured felt tip pen or similar.

You now have a cute stand-up Easter Bunny card to use as a decoration or send as an Easter greeting to a friend.

■ If you'd like to show off your finished card, email us at [rosehillews@gmail.com](mailto:rosehillews@gmail.com) or post it to our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP](http://www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP)





# Strictly Oxford 2014 at New Theatre, Oxford

**Sunday 27 April at 6.30pm**


STRICTLY Oxford compered by Christopher Biggins returns to the New Theatre for one night only. Local celebrities in a dazzle of sequins and swirls will be partnered by professional dancers from the Step by Step Oxford dance studio.

The event is in aid of Vale House, Oxford who care for late stage alzheimers and dementia sufferers.

The judges this year will include Radio 2's whispering Bob Harris as well as Bill Heine from BBC Radio Oxford. This is your

annual chance to enjoy this fab-ul-ous event. As the 2013 reviews said: "All wowed by the slick professionalism of the production and hugely entertained"—*audience member*. 'It was amazing fun being involved in putting on such a joyful show with such a wonderful group of people'"—*celebrity dancer*.

■ **Book your tickets at [atgtickets.com/oxford](http://atgtickets.com/oxford) (booking fees apply) Or visit or phone the New Theatre Box Office. Tel. No 0844 871 7627. Tickets from £15 ON SALE NOW (Concessions apply)**

■ For more information on Vale House and a list of the dancers check out [www.valehouse.org.uk](http://www.valehouse.org.uk)

## ROSE HILL READ/SWAP LIBRARY

# A good book and a cuppa!

By Gabrielle Westhead

ROSE Hill Read/Swap Library opens its doors every Monday, between 2 and 4pm, in the Norman Brown Hall at the Rose Hill Community Centre on The Oval.

It's an ideal time to drop by on the way back from the school run, and is within walking distance for most residents on the estate.

The library is run entirely by Rose Hill volunteers, there to help you with all your library needs. Rose Hill Read/Swap Library has a range of reading material, including DVDs, CDs, newspapers and magazines. Peter Wilkinson, the organiser of the library,

said: "We have a wide selection mainly of adult fiction, including large print, and children's books. There is something for everyone to enjoy."

It is free to loan and easy to use. There is no form-filling, registration or overdue fines. How it works is all in the name: you show your books to a volunteer, take them home and bring them back when you're finished to swap for a different book.

Everyone is welcome to use the library. It's also a great way to make local friends with new and long-term residents of Rose Hill. Come by, choose a book, grab a free cuppa and have a chat! The library is always looking for volunteers, so if you're interested pop in and say hello.

The brand new Rose Hill Book Club also takes place at the Community Centre every month. A great place to talk about the books you've been reading with other local readers!

■ **The dates vary but for more information email Bethany Whittle [bethany.whittle@gmail.com](mailto:bethany.whittle@gmail.com) or check our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP](http://www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP)**

■ **The next book club is scheduled in for Monday 7 April from 2pm. We looking forward to seeing you!**

## Learning Locally

WE'VE got lots of great courses starting on Rose Hill in April. Below are just a few of the excellent learning opportunities that are happening right on your doorstep. No need to travel—it's all here.

If a daytime course is difficult for you then just let us know and we will try to arrange evening sessions! What more could you ask?

- **Computer and Internet sessions**  
— (day and evening classes available)
- **English language courses**
- **Cake baking and decorating**
- **Introduction to Hairdressing**
- **Driving Theory** — pre exam learning
- **Paediatric First Aid**  
— family first aid and childhood emergencies
- **Level 2 Food Safety**  
— for anyone working with food
- **Introduction to creative arts including:**  
drawing, silk painting, hand sewing or knitting/crochet
- **Cooking; healthy eating, cooking on a budget, baking**
- **Introduction to Childcare Level 1**

■ Please call Fran on 07770 324 277 for more details or text the word **LEARNING** to 07770 324 277 for a call back to discuss your needs

## Book Review

**George's Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl**

Reviewed by Bethany Whittle

IN GEORGE'S Marvellous Medicine we meet George, wondering what sort of 'mischief' he might get up to while his mother is away. His grandma needs to be given her medicine at 11 o'clock. But George is bored, and his grouchy, grumbly old grandma is no fun at all.

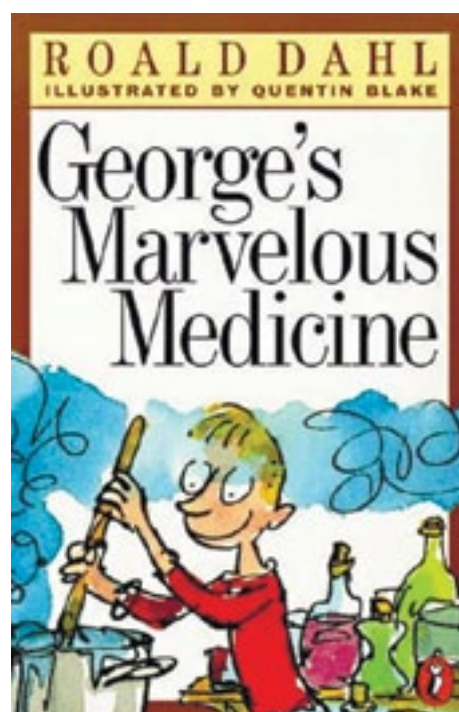
What's more, left alone with grandma, George starts to suspect that the horrid old lady might be a witch.

He decides to make her a fantastic, magic medicine.

George puts everything he can find into his medicine: shaving foam and hair remover. Exploding flea powder and shoe polish, brown paint and chilli sauce.

It has some marvellous effects on grandma, once George has put out the fire in her belly. It makes her grow so tall her head comes through the roof.

When George feeds his medicine to the farm animals, the hens grow as big as horses and lay eggs as big as footballs. George's father has plans to



sell the medicine on a grand scale. But when George tries to make the medicine again it doesn't work in quite the same way...

■ **What's your favorite children's book? What do your kids love to read? Send in your review to the Rose Hill News editor!**

## Same Boat

A NEW monthly 'stay and play group for children with disabilities is being set up in Rose Hill.

Same Boat will take place at the Rose Hill Children's Centre and mums, dads and carers of all ages are welcome to come along for a chat about the challenges of supporting children with a disability.

The group aims to give people an opportunity to meet others in a situation where they won't be judged, whilst offering advice and support.

Although a date hasn't been set, the group has already had a surprising amount of people show an interest.

Organiser Beth Druce said: "We set it up after we realised how judgemental people can be and how lonely it can get for some people."

"During a craft course in January me and Emma, another organiser, got talking to a man whose son had a learning disability and the idea grew from there. We shared some advice and realised that there was nothing like this in Rose Hill so we got to work!"

Playworkers will be on hand so that children are occupied while adults talk. Refreshments will be made available.

■ **For more details ask at Children's Centre Reception or call Fran on 07770324277.**

■ **Meeting times will shortly be available from the Rose Hill Children's Centre and on Facebook page [www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP](http://www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP)**

## Littlemore Library News

IF YOU are aged between three and seven years, come and get crafty at our monthly themed Craft Activity. The activities are on the first Saturday of the month from 11am onwards.

As children must be accompanied by an adult, it's a chance for the grown-ups to relax and choose some books for themselves.

We also have an Easter Egg Hunt and Craft Session on Thursday 10 April starting at 2.30pm. If your children would like to come in their Easter bonnet or hat, we can have an Easter parade around the Library. There will be a prize for the Best Hat.

Rhyme-time is the first and third Saturday of the month at 11.00am. Please have a look on our Oxfordshire County Council website for all the details.

Littlemore Library has a selection of adult audio books so why not come and have a browse. We also have new collections of books that will tempt you to try something new.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

■ **Sharon Ingram, Library Manager**

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## Our opening times are:

Monday	2–6pm
Tuesday	2–4.30pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	9.30am–12.30pm and 2– 4.30pm
Friday	9.30am–12.30pm
Saturday	9.30am–1.30pm



# FUN AND GAMES

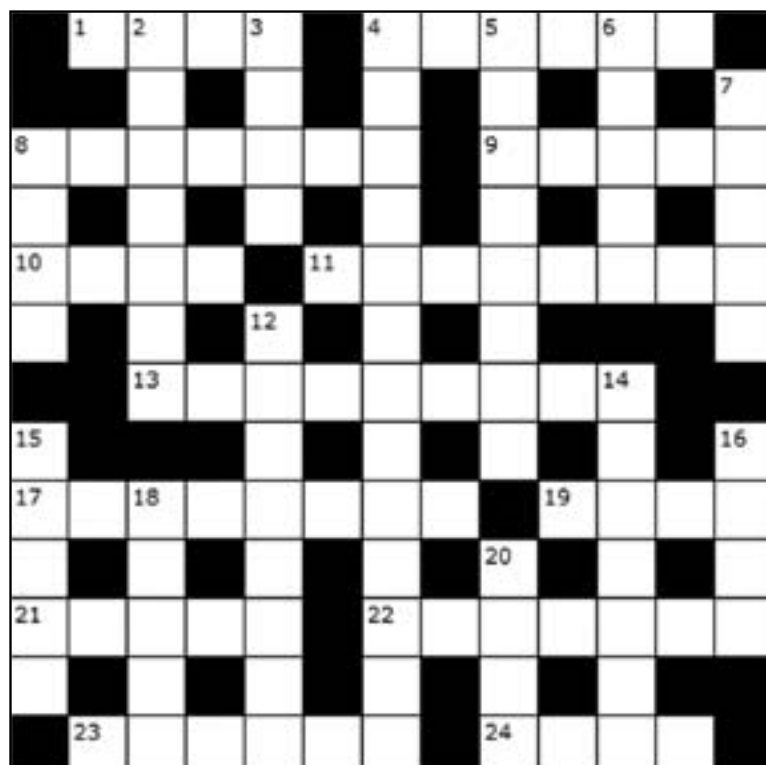
## The Rose Hill Crossword

### Across

1. Rapid (4)
4. Metallic element (6)
8. Dull (7)
9. Declaim (5)
10. Female relative (4)
11. Eg. spider or tick (8)
13. Heavy drinker (9)
17. Disregard (8)
19. Woodwind instrument (4)
21. Citrus fruit (5)
22. Fill with air (7)
23. Unfruitful (6)
24. Stench (4)

### Down

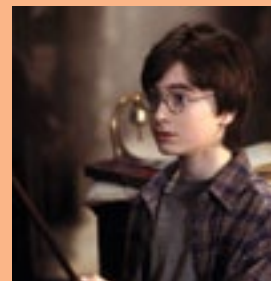
2. Pungent gas (7)
3. Ripped (4)
4. Understanding (13)
5. Flower-head vegetable (8)
6. Acquire knowledge (5)
7. La Traviata composer (5)
8. Deception (4)
12. Sailing vessel (8)
14. Compact relative of 5 down (7)
15. Grown-up (5)
16. Unit of heredity (4)
18. Country in S. Pacific (5)
20. At a distance (4)



Solution on page 2

## Kids Quiz

1. What is the capital of Wales?
2. In the Harry Potter films which actor played the role of Harry Potter?
3. What is the nature reserve is Rose Hill called?
4. Barney Harwood is a presenter of which children's TV show?
5. Name the England striker who wears number 10 for Manchester United?



6. 'Incy wincy spider' climbed up what?
7. What is the largest organ of the body?
8. Slovenia is in which continent?

Answers on page 2

## SUDOKU



Solution on page 2

## Easter Quiz

1. In which ocean would you find Easter Island?
2. What name is given to the Thursday before Good Friday?
3. Who directed the 2004 film of the Easter story, "The passion of the Christ"?
4. On what animal did Jesus ride into Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday?
5. The Good Friday Agreement is also known as what?
6. What country had an armed uprising called the "Easter Rebellion" which started on Easter in 1916? Russia, Hungary or Ireland?
7. Which is the only Shakespeare play to mention Easter?
8. In which year was the first chocolate Easter egg produced in the UK? 1823, 1873 or 1903?
- 9) In which country might you take part in an Easter water-throwing tradition called Śmigus-Dyngus? Poland, Holland or Germany?
10. April 25th is the latest possible date for Easter, and also ANZAC day. What does 'ANZAC' stand for?

Answers on page 2

Many thanks to Pete Appleford for the quiz, crossword and sudoku, and to Matthew Keleher for the spot the difference competition.

## Spot the difference

Every eagle-eyed reader who can spot the FOUR differences in these pictures will be entered into a draw to win a **£10 voucher**.

Email your answers to [rosehillnews@gmail.com](mailto:rosehillnews@gmail.com) message us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP](http://www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP) or text Jamie on 07768 600935.

The deadline for entries is 5pm on Sunday 27 April.



"The Wilson's retain their crown as unbeaten champs at the annual Rose Hill Easter Egg Hunt."



**Congratulations to Fran Barrett who won the Spot the Difference competition on our Facebook page and received a £10 Sainsbury's voucher.**

Fran said: "I love the Facebook page as it keeps me up to date with what's going on in Rose Hill and it's also a lot of fun!"

You can visit and like our Facebook page by going to [www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP](http://www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP).

We're currently at 127 likes and are always looking for more and are keen to have your input on how to improve the page, so if you have any ideas, get in touch and get liking!



## CHURCH NEWS

### From the Churches serving Rose Hill

By Andrew McKearney

LENT is a long six-week journey which culminates in the observance of Holy Week, the last week of Christ's life.

Holy Week begins this year on 13 April and during it we walk day by day with Christ as he approaches the cross.

There is a richness to Holy Week which is unlike any other period of the Church calendar, for in this week, we encounter the most important themes of Christ's life—the glory of Christ's entry into Jerusalem; the heartbreaking poignancy of the last supper; the dark hours of the betrayal in the garden and the trial; the horror of the cross; the eerie quiet of the entombment; and then, the sudden, glorious triumph of the resurrection.

Holy Week and Easter lies at the heart of the Church's celebration of its faith and each of the day's differing moods and events is captured by the various services in our churches.

We look forward to sharing with you these momentous events that are the foundation of the Christian faith.



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

#### ROSE HILL METHODIST CHURCH

● **Palm Sunday, 13 April**  
10.30am, worship to include the distribution of palm crosses.

● **Good Friday, 18 April**  
10.30am, a reflective service with readings on the death of Christ.

● **Easter Saturday, 19 April**  
10.30am–1pm: Easter activities session including crafts, stories and light lunch.  
For further details, phone 712880

● **Easter Day, 20 April**  
6am, Open air communion service followed by breakfast in church.  
10.30am, Easter communion service: 'Christ is risen! Alleluia!'

#### ST MARY'S CHURCH IFFLEY

● **Palm Sunday, 13 April**  
8am, Holy Communion.  
10am, Parish Communion

with palm procession from the Church Hall and dramatized reading.

6.30pm, music and readings for Passiontide with St Mary's Choir  
● **Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday:** 10am, Holy Communion.

● **Maundy Thursday, 17 April**  
7.30pm, Holy Communion  
● **Good Friday, 18 April**  
10am, Children's Service.  
12noon–3pm, Devotional Service led by Revd Dr Erica Longfellow.

7pm, Pergolesi's 'Stabat Mater' with singers from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama.

● **Easter Day, 20 April**  
6am, Dawn Easter Service followed by coffee and croissants in the Church Hall.  
10am, Parish Communion,  
6.30pm, Holy Communion with hymns.

## Rose Hill News' Youngest Reader!

THIS email from Rose Hill News reader Kate Prince was received by the team and we simply had to share it! Could this be your youngest reader?

"Baby Anna is 10 months in the photo (nearly one now!) and she did indeed go wild after reading the paper! Though to be fair she goes wild pretty often!

"Keep up the good work!"



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Andrew holds advice surgeries in Rose Hill at the Rose Hill Community Centre on the first Friday of each month between 6.00 and 7.00pm. Andrew sees all constituents but as surgeries are always busy it helps if you make an appointment—please ring 01865 305080 (also for details of other advice surgeries in the area).

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# ROSE HILL NEWS SPORT

## A day in the life of an OXFORD UNITED FAN

By Orliter

### A fan's eye view

SINCE the start of writing these articles on Association Football in Oxford, it has been very noticeable that success has been very difficult to come by.

After all, The Famous Yellow of Oxford United are nowhere near playing Championship football nor the Blue and White Hoops of Oxford City playing against league opposition, all claims made by the respective club owners.

But! Is it all doom and gloom at the Kassam Stadium and Courtfarm Place Marston? I think not! And for the following reasons – for a large part of their long history City played in the Isthmian League, a regional collection of sides such as The Royal Engineers, Oxford University, Old Kaleidoscopians, Old Whitgiftians et al all of whom were amateurs, as in unpaid.

The Very Famous Throughout The World Yellow of Oxford United just three years ago were playing sides from Histon, Altrincham, Rushden, Hayes and Yeading in the Conference League, mostly salesmen or shoeshine boys!

There was also St Albans FC where Queen Boudica once captained a very fit but poorly clothed team who were mugged big time by The Roman Army FC. So maybe our two stalwart teams are progressing after all, little by little, just not as fast as a lot would like.

Writing these notes has reminded me of my little fury friend Briggsy who you may recall was serving a three match suspension for not attempting to catch a ball in the living room, which went on to smash a precious jug.

Well, he was about to make his comeback when he became very ill and spent over a week in the doggies hospital where the Angels (vets) undertook a major surgical operation. It's pleasing to note he has almost made a complete recovery and will be back in full training very soon.

To the faithful, loyal and ever patient supporters of football in our fair city, I say remain upbeat, stay cheerful and eventually we will all be singing again... *Come on you Yellow!*

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# Exciting times for the future of Rose Hill football



JOHN O'Brien, the new Sports Leader at the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club, is getting ready to set up a new football club for children in Rose Hill thanks to support from the Oxfordshire FA and the Lottery Project.

John joins the team after volunteering his time at the youth club and completing a degree in Health Science and Physiology in Ireland, and gaining a BSc (HONS) in Nutrition at Oxford Brookes University.

He's also very experienced in Hurling, Weightlifting, Football, Boxing, Basketball and Gaelic

Football.

John said: "I have a background in a variety of sports but I am particularly interested in developing a football team for the youngsters on the estate.

"Health, well-being, sport and nutrition have been areas in my life that I have always been passionate about."

Rose Hill Community Worker, Fran Gardner, said: "We're delighted to have got support from the Oxfordshire FA in the development of the new club and the sessions."

The sessions will take place

on Saturdays at the Rose Hill Recreation Ground. Times are to be decided, so watch this space!

■ **For more information call or text Football to Fran on 07770 324 277 or visit our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP](http://www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP)**

■ **Are you interested in football? Would you like to become a level 1 Coach? If so, get in touch to take advantage of this free training.**

## FREE football sessions for children

IF YOUR child is aged between four and seven and has an interest in football, then Saturday morning at the Rose Hill Recreation Ground is the place to go.

The sessions take place every Saturday from 10.45am and organiser Chris Madden, 48, is on hand to train up the next generation of football stars.

Chris, who is the proud father of two children, has over 25 years of experience in football and is Rose Hill born and bred. Chris said: "The sessions are free and will take place every Saturday, rain or shine. We start at 11am and finish at midday and the more people who are interested the better."

Brendan McCarthy, 53,



Photo by Alexander Hammonds

and father of three, said: "I like the football sessions because it's good exercise for my kids and it's great

for them to meet other children in their age range."

Brendan's son, Shayne

McCarthy said: "I thought it was great! I can't wait to come back next week!"

■ **To find out more about these free football sessions give Chris a call on 07952 491918.**

## Premier League Predictor

IT'S 'winner stays on' in Rose Hill News' Premier League Predictor!

After three rounds Amir Teherabadi now leads the way on 19 points with a four point gap over second placed Jamie Bourton and Brenda McCarthy.

With only two rounds to go we're in for a nervy finish!

In the third round, Kevin Staff scored a huge nine points, and received a cheque for £10. Can you beat him?

The person who scores the most points in this round will again win a £10 voucher and be invited to predict the next round 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.

### League table:

Amir Teherabadi = 19	Keith Booker = 13
Brenda McCarthy = 15	Kevin Staff = 12
Jamie Bourton = 15	James Ray = 9
Rafael Borja = 14	Terry Kirkby = 9
Jamie Clark = 13	Steph Ballard = 6
	Barman Keith = 6

### Games to predict will take place on Saturday 3 May:

Arsenal V West Brom  
Aston Villa V Hull  
Chelsea V Norwich  
Crystal Palace V Liverpool  
Everton V Man City  
Man Utd V Sunderland  
Newcastle V Cardiff  
Stoke V Fulham  
Swansea V Southampton  
West Ham V Tottenham

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### Terms and conditions:

- Three points for a correct score
- One point for the correct result
- Predictions emailed or messaged in after midday 3 May will not be accepted
- Only one entry per person.
- Multiple entries will automatically disqualify the entrant.

## Fantastic football with Oxfordshire Mind

IT'S NOT easy balancing everything. Stress, family, anxiety, money can all get a bit much.

Playing sport is a great way to relax, get fit, and have some fun too. And now you can boost your sporting skills with a free course from Oxfordshire Mind.

Our FREE Football, Fitness and Wellbeing course gives young men in Oxfordshire the chance to have fun and get fit, work with coaches from Oxford United Football Club, and learn some new skills about managing stress.

With eight weekly sessions at the Kassam Stadium, it's a fantastic way to develop your football skills and try something new.

Interested in finding out more about the course? Give Conroy a call on 07834 738128. We're recruiting now for start dates later in the summer.

We've also got football, badminton, tai chi and yoga classes taking place in various venues across Oxfordshire from April to August, so visit the Oxfordshire Mind website at [www.oxfordshire-mind.org.uk/support-in-your-area](http://www.oxfordshire-mind.org.uk/support-in-your-area) or ring our Information Line on 01865 247788 to find out what's on offer near you.

