

UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL AT THE NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM

THIRTY excited Junior Youth club members made a visit last week to the Natural History Museum.

The museum holds an amazing collection of geological and zoological specimens but the most famous features are the Oxfordshire dinosaurs, the Dodo, and the swifts in the tower.

The children were treated to a fantastic tour, seeing and touching a bear and snowy owl plus they had the opportunity to handle live specimens such as leaf insects and giant worms. The museum became more and more magical as it got dark outside – so it felt like a really special session for them.

John Armstrong, Lead worker at JYC said: "Trips like this are so important for our children. Not only do they experience a whole new world but also it is a really good way to teach them the social skills needed when visiting a museum. The children's behaviour was absolutely wonderful and we have been offered a return trip by the Museum in the new year!"

Enormous thanks to the Museum staff and to Nick Dhanjal of JD Travel for providing us with coach travel.



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Blooming Rose Hill Allotments!

THE Lenthall Road Rose Hill Allotments beat eight of the city's allotments to win the Alderman Knight Trophy for the Best Kept Allotment in Oxford for the second time in four years.

The trophy shield was presented by the Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Colin Cook, at an award ceremony held in the Town Hall on 29 October and was received on behalf of the allotment members by Ian Matten, the allotment President, his wife Helen, and Terry Pike, one of the committee members.

Colin Sharp, the allotment

Chair, said that the award was a fitting recognition of all the hard work put in by allotment members over the year to keep their own plots productive and looking neat and tidy as well as looking after the site itself.

Nearly all the plots on the allotment are taken up, but there are one or two vacant and would be allottees can get on the waiting list by emailing the lettings secretary at Irrhaalettings@outlook.com with their name, address and contact telephone number.



Helen Matten, Ian Matten (President), Deputy LM Councillor Colin Cook and Terry Pike, Committee Member.

OBITUARY

John Ashton (Ash) Fowler

IT IS WITH deep sadness that Rose Hill lost a great resident last month. John Ashton Fowler, known as Ash to friends, was born on 29 January 1933 in Oxford and remained here in Rose Hill for the majority of his 82 years. At 18, he joined the National Service and went to work as a driver with the Army and British Road Service.

His love of cars continued and he

worked as a maintenance worker for the remainder of his career. He enjoyed mechanics so much, he spent his spare time fixing up cars, TVs and clocks, which was a great help to his vast family.

John and Irene raised five children, 19 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren in their happy 34 years together. He was known to be kind, loving, reliable and would do anything for anyone.

He cared so much for his family and always put them first, especially when it came to the washing up! He lost his battle with cancer after four months with Irene and daughter Sharon by his side.



John and Irene.

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New Community Centre manager 'excited' to get started

By **Sam Henry**

ROSE HILL News welcomed new community centre manager David Hunt to the estate this month as the finishing touches are added before the centre's grand opening.

David, who has vast experience in managing leisure facilities in the city including the multi-million pound redevelopment of Leys Pools and Leisure Centre, is keen to get started and believes Rose Hill's new community centre can be a blueprint for other communities to replicate.

He said: "I am really honoured to be chosen as the new manager and can't wait to get started and open the doors to the local community and wider public. I look forward to meeting everyone and being able to show them around."

"This is an amazing building that will provide great facilities and I feel the format in this centre can be used as a blueprint for other communities to aim for. I really believe the people of Rose Hill will embrace this new centre and enjoy the fantastic opportunities on offer here."



■ For more info about the new community centre visit Facebook: www.facebook.com/OxfordCityCouncil or email: rhcc@oxford.gov.uk

Community Centre Update

By **Brendan Rourke**,
Contracts Manager, Beard
Construction

WE ARE rapidly approaching the completion of the new Rose Hill Community Centre.

As normally happens on projects like this, the number of workers on site is constantly growing.

Internally, we are decorating, fitting floor finishes, installing kitchens and

sanitary ware. Externally, we are laying tarmac roadways and car parking areas and preparing for the extensive paved surfaces and landscaping.

There have been a number of site visits from members of the community and from council employees and the feedback has always been very positive.

It's just over a year since we started on site and our experience of working at Rose Hill has been very enjoyable. It's clear that you have a very good community spirit and I am sure that this will be further enhanced with this wonderful new community facility. I just wish that we had something similar where I live!

Sainsbury's news

WE WOULD like to pass on our thanks to the customers who donated to a recent collection in our Sainsbury's Heyford Hill Store.

On 5 September the Oxford Branch of the Samaritans collected a total of £546.05 and were very appreciative to all those who donated.

The Samaritans team said that as well as being generous, the customers took time to stop and ask about the Samaritans and that it was a great opportunity to remind people that they are open 24 hours a day offering help, support and someone to listen.

Donation celebration

ON 5 SEPTEMBER, the Sainsbury's Heyford Hill Store held a collection in aid of supporting the Samaritans.

The Samaritans provide much needed emotional support through their telephone services around the clock, morning, noon or night. They also support locations throughout the UK, including the Oxford branch which provides one to one support.

The store would like to give a massive thank you to the many customers who took time out to donate generously and enquire about the services the Samaritans provide.

In total, £546 was raised which is an amazing amount! This will go towards further supporting the residents around Oxfordshire.

Rose Hill News Online Launch

By **Aimee Winkfield**

IN FEBRUARY 2016 Rose Hill News will be going online!

Residents will still have their copies of Rose Hill News delivered to their door but for those who want an update and weekly run down of the news in Rose Hill then the website is just for you!

Rose Hill Volunteer

Co-ordinator Lizzie Carline said: "It's great because we can give people information on a regular basis, and older copies of Rose Hill News can also be found on the site."

Lizzie added: "The website will feature content created by volunteers and we are also looking for more contributors. You need no prior experience with writing or blogging – our aim is just to get more people

involved. Plus it's great for your CV!"

The site, once live, will be launching through the Rose Hill Regeneration Project's Facebook page, and a link will also be available in the next issue of Rose Hill News.

■ For more information of how to get involved please email: aimee-rosehillnews@hotmail.com

Oxfordshire Family Mediation in Rose Hill

OXFORDSHIRE Family Mediation offers help and support to parents who are separating. Appointments take place at Rose Hill Children's Centre on Wednesday mornings and the third Thursday every month, 9.30am–11.30am.

The first meeting is free. Legal aid is available for mediation. If you are not eligible for our funding from St Michael's & All Saints Charities mediation session fees are £15.

Separating/separated parents use mediation to talk to their ex about child arrangements, who'll pay for what and how to share savings/debts.

To find out more, call in to talk to the mediator, Jane Hedges. You can come individually and if you wish, Jane will contact the other person involved, parent, grandparent or step-parent.

■ Call Jane for more information:
Jane Hedges, Family Mediator 07557 112163

Volunteer Opportunities!

JUNIOR Youth Club NEEDS you! Our thriving and fun youth club is always seeking enthusiastic and lively volunteers to get stuck in. We do sports, arts, games, dance, hair and make up plus cooking each week. No experience necessary and fun guaranteed! Sessions run Wednesday and Thursday 3.30pm–5.50pm and are for primary school children.

Get in touch with me, Lizzie, for more information on 07768 600 935 or lizzie.carline@greensquaregroup.com. Also, if you want to volunteer in your community in ANY way, or have a great idea for a way to make Rose Hill BUZZ, then give me a call!

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Ghostly Gathering

By **Aimee Winkfield**

ON FRIDAY 30 October the residents of Rose Hill were treated to a fantastically spooky party at the Rose Hill Community Centre to celebrate Halloween.

Lottery Project volunteer Lindsay Barrett, organised the party alongside family members and created a

magnificent atmosphere, filled with decorations and buffet food which all the community enjoyed. There was also a disco along with a range of spooky dancers in fancy dress. A competition was held for the best dancers with sweets given out as prizes.

Lindsay said: "The party proved to be very popular. It was bursting within the first

thirty minutes of opening the doors, I couldn't believe it. It was amazing!"

"It goes to show that more things should be done for families living in Rose Hill – it was a very fun night and enabled parents to let their hair down and enjoy being with their children."

Alongside the dancers, there was a fancy dress competition for both the adults and children. Costumes included Batman, witches, pumpkins and vampires to name a few. There was also a raffle which contained prizes

such as Oxford United tickets, retail vouchers, and trips to the Cotswold Wildlife Park and Millets Farm.

Lindsay added: "Everyone put in a lot of effort, from the setting and packing up, to the costumes and make up. The disco was fabulous and the night was a great success – thanks to everyone who came along!"

■ If you would like to see more pictures from the Halloween party visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/rosehillrp

Christmas Lights Festival 2015 named the best ever as more than 50,000 people attend

MORE than 50,000 people enjoyed the multitude of events that took place across Oxford as part of this year's Christmas Light Festival.

Events ranged from a lantern procession featuring 180 children from eight Oxford primary schools, a Christmas Market, art installations throughout the city – from Pembroke College, to the Museum of Natural History, to the Plain Roundabout – and DJs and projections at Oxford Ice Rink.

The highlight for many was a series of spectacular light projections on the Clarendon Building in Broad Street. The show, called Re:action, was by artist Dan Shorten of Anomic Multimedia.

It is estimated that 15,000 people turned out to watch the lantern procession and light projections on Friday night, with a further 20,000



Photograph by Jenny Aston.

people visiting the Christmas Market on Saturday and Sunday. With cultural venues across Oxford hosting events, it is estimated that more than 50,000 people took part across the weekend.

The Christmas Light Festival was organised by Oxford City Council and Ian Nolan Events in partnership with Oxford's cultural organisations, on behalf of communities across the city.

The festival's lead sponsor was the University of Oxford, with additional sponsorship from the Westgate Shopping Centre. The lead funder was

Oxford City Council, with additional funding from the Arts Council. The Christmas tree in Broad Street was sponsored by estate agent Connells.

Jack FM was this year's media partner and presenter Trev, from the Morning Glory show, compèred and entertained the crowds during the Friday evening festivities in Broad Street.

On top of this, the festival received a huge amount of support in-kind from cultural partners, which programmed and delivered activities

and events as part of the weekend.

Councillor Bob Price, Oxford City Council Leader, said: "This year's Christmas Light Festival was undoubtedly the best ever.

"The sheer number of cultural organisations that took part and put on activities for Oxford's families was astonishing – it seemed wherever you turned in Oxford over the weekend there was something happening.

"The lantern procession clearly involved a large number of school children and the quality of the

lanterns was higher than ever. This has confirmed the lantern parade as a key part of the festival for future years.

"This year's festivities point us towards a positive future for the Christmas Light Festival."

Rachel Capell, City Events Officer at Oxford City Council, said: "As always, it's been fantastic working with all our cultural partners and we're really pleased to have included so many outdoor activities and events in the festival this year.

"We hope to build on this success for next year."

Ian Nolan, director of Ian Nolan Events, said: "We are absolutely delighted with how well received the Christmas Light Festival was.

"More than 180 of the children we worked with attended the procession and were watched by 15,000 people lining the streets, while more than 10,000 people watched the Re:Action projections and a further 20,000 passed through the festive market.

"Oxford is a city that has inspired culture and creativity for hundreds of years. The Christmas Light Festival is about coming together and celebrating the wonderful mix of organisations and communities that make our city so great."

■ Oxford City Council would love to hear feedback from those who attended this year's Christmas Light Festival. To contribute, please visit: www.oxfordschristmas.com/feedback.



CHRISTMAS TOP TIPS

Oxford's community journalists share their tips for a fabulous festive season.

Richard Chidwick

- Always wrap presents and gifts early and don't leave till last minute!
- Everything in moderation. Christmas can be a time of excess but be careful not to have too many mince pies... and Mulled Wine!
- Make sure Christmas lists are delivered early to avoid disappointment!

Beth Speich

- Don't feel pressured into going overboard on gifts/food/entertainment if it's too costly or too stressful, don't bother! You don't need to spend a lot of money to have a good time.
- If you have children, wrap everything! If you buy a set of cars or books for example, wrap them individually. Most of the fun is in the unwrapping!
- Make sure your phone or camera is fully charged and don't forget to take lots of photos!

Lauraine Dineen

- The build up to Christmas is just as important as the big day itself – Instead or as well as a advent calender I like to wrap up 24 books to read each night throughout December. I wrap up (in Christmas paper) their favourite books mixed with a couple of new books, the last book is of course is The Night before Christmas. Harry and George absolutely LOVE this and it certainly adds to the magic of Christmas.
- Christmas Morning – One of the greatest messes in the world in the mess in my front room on Christmas day, we do not tidy to quickly. We leave the toys out, help set them up and play with Harry and George because we know this is what they will remember as they grow older.
- Fun and Games – In the evening on Christmas day my family and I all sit around the table with drinks and nibbles and I do a quiz, questions can be about Christmas, funny facts and riddles. I always get tons of great questions from the internet. I get a lottery ticket or scratch-cards as a prize for the winners. The funniest part is probably the team names!

Spend less and de-stress

How to have a relaxing festive season

By Sarah Edwards

THIS time of year is very busy – there is no getting away from it. I know that many of our readers will be juggling work, volunteering or studying with family, Christmas shopping and countless other tasks in the run up to the big day. The mere thought of trying to stay calm, keep an eye on the finances and make sure that nativity costumes are created, mince pies baked, Christmas cards duly written (and actually delivered) and gifts purchased and wrapped is enough to make anyone want to lie down in a dark room until it is all over.

So how can we do everything, keep everyone happy, tick all our lists AND have a happy, relaxing Christmas without worrying about the bills arriving in January?

I have learned, the hard way, that the Christmases we see portrayed in lifestyle magazines and on Instagram may look like our festive dream, but they are far from a true representation of a family Christmas.

You never see a slightly singed mince pie or undercooked turkey, or a pathetic attempt at last minute money saving craft project, or a picture of someone lying underneath a Christmas tree because once again it has fallen on top of them (yes, dear readers, that was me.) So here are a few ideas to help you cope

with the forthcoming festivities-while still making time to actually enjoy yourself because believe it or not – we are ALL allowed to have a nice time!

Christmas shopping

Frankly this is a chore and not a pleasure-let's be brutally honest! You have to spend cash that you probably would rather not part with, and then you have to come up with original and witty gift ideas. Yes, you can start in January when the sales are on and many people I know do this very successfully, but if you prefer to spend January under a duvet you WILL be shopping in December.

My advice would be to NOT buy gifts for friends – instead save your money and arrange to have a bring and share lunch instead. If you really want to treat someone then offer babysitting, baking, ironing or dog walking services. These are luxuries and will always be welcome as well as very useful! If you are planning to hit the shops or the internet then check out our gift guides for some really good buys.

Feeding the five thousand?

Last year a good friend of mine described Christmas as like running a free café for the world's most demanding people – for free! He was in a food and drink coma for days. Getting together with friends and family is my favourite part of Christmas and New Year but it is exhausting if you are in charge

of the catering. This year instead of buying presents for the adults in your family, suggest that everyone contributes some food or drink AND a shift in the kitchen. It makes it much more fun if everyone does a little bit rather than leaving it all to one person who then collapses in a heap during the Eastenders Christmas special.

Captured by Christmas?

By Christmas Day at about 4pm I NEED to get out of the house and I am sure I am not alone! Even if it is tipping down with rain I have to get out for a walk with the dog and get some fresh air. This year don't stay stuck indoors for too long-hot, tired people get irritable with each other and then Christmas can become a battle ground. Suggest a brisk walk to burn off those lunchtime calories, clear your head and make room for the evening's treats and snacks.

Whatever you do this Christmas and whoever you spend it with, have a lovely time. Remember it is NOT about spending lots of money and getting stressed because you may not have enough Twiglets or feeling bad because you didn't have time to make your own mince pies. Christmas is a holiday season, a time to reflect and relax, so this year adopt a new approach and start 2016 feeling positive, relaxed and in control.



Monica's Motivational Moment

SO IT'S THAT time again. The season when we all start being thankful for having friends and family in our life. The only time of year when people actually focus on

being kind to others, smiling a little more often as they walk around with the essence of Christmas cheer.

Some of us parents put our baking skills to the test, with homemade mince pies or jazzed up sausages... Yummy. While others may be racking their brains trying to decide who to buy for, or what to buy and worrying about how that turkey is going to fit into their oven! Many of us will be loving the cosy winter's nights tucked up on the sofa, lights dim. Indulging yourself with all the best festive films and reminiscing over the Christmas dinner.

One of the best things about Christmas is the smiles on the children's faces when they've finished decorating the Christmas tree and first switch on the fairy lights, and

the look in their eyes when they realise that the star at the very top, twinkles in the light.

Most of this society is very fortunate to have these things, family, friends, children and a loving home.

I know I am and most likely you are too. But always remember that someone out there needs to feel loved, even if it is just the little things like sparing a plate of food a hug even just words of wisdom.

All these things are priceless. So guys as we count down to 2016, let's open some new doors for the less fortunate.

Let's cleanse our hearts and our judgements, and let's enter this New Year with love peace and unity. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



By Beth Speich

CHRISTMAS is the one of the best times of the year to get crafty. It's even more fun with children, so I'm sharing a few ideas for Christmas cards or pictures you can make with your children – or of course just by yourself. You don't need many materials to make these; you probably have most of them at home already.

1. Kissing reindeer card. How cute is this? As well as the card, you only need thumbs, paint and

CRAFTY CHRISTMAS CARDS

a pen. Paint a thumb brown and print it twice for each reindeer, then paint another thumb pink or red, and print it twice to make a heart shape. When dry you can draw on the details with a fine black pen.

2. Presents card. This is made using Hama beads (the ones you iron to fuse together). The possibilities are endless with these beads; I've

chosen to share a pair of little presents, but you could make many other festive objects. Simply make the shapes using the beads and board, and iron to fuse them together well. Then use either PVA glue or sticky pads to attach them to your card.

3. Christmas tree card. For this one you will need a sewing machine and thread. I think the

effect is really good, but it is quite simple to do. Lightly sketch the shape of a Christmas tree – or any other design – on to card, and use the zigzag stitch to fill in the shape. Make sure you open the card first so you don't sew it together!

Change colour for the trunk, tinsel and star. It doesn't have to be neat; I personally like the slightly shabby look. Finally my daughter glued on some gems that we had. had.but but you could decorate the tree with anything you have that you think is suitable.

15 Under £15: The fashion and beauty gift guide

UNDER £5

1. Mila Rose hair clip, £4 ASDA
2. Koala socks, £5, Boux Avenue
3. Heart photo frame, £4, Tiger
4. Mug, £4.99, New Look
5. Slippers, £4.99, M&M Direct

UNDER £10

6. Bronzing set, £7.99, Primark
7. Terrier notebook, £5.99, Amy Brocklehurst at Graduate Collection
8. 17 Easy on the Eyes makeup palette, £7.99, Boots
9. Tartan scarf, £6.99, M&M Direct
10. Bracelet, £8, Topshop

UNDER £15

11. Ice skaters tote bag, £12, Alex Foster at Talented
12. Yoga DVD, £12.99, Amazon
13. Letter cushion, £15 Marks and Spencer
14. Necklace greetings card, £1 Topshop
15. Reindeer pyjamas, £14, Florence and Fred at TESCO

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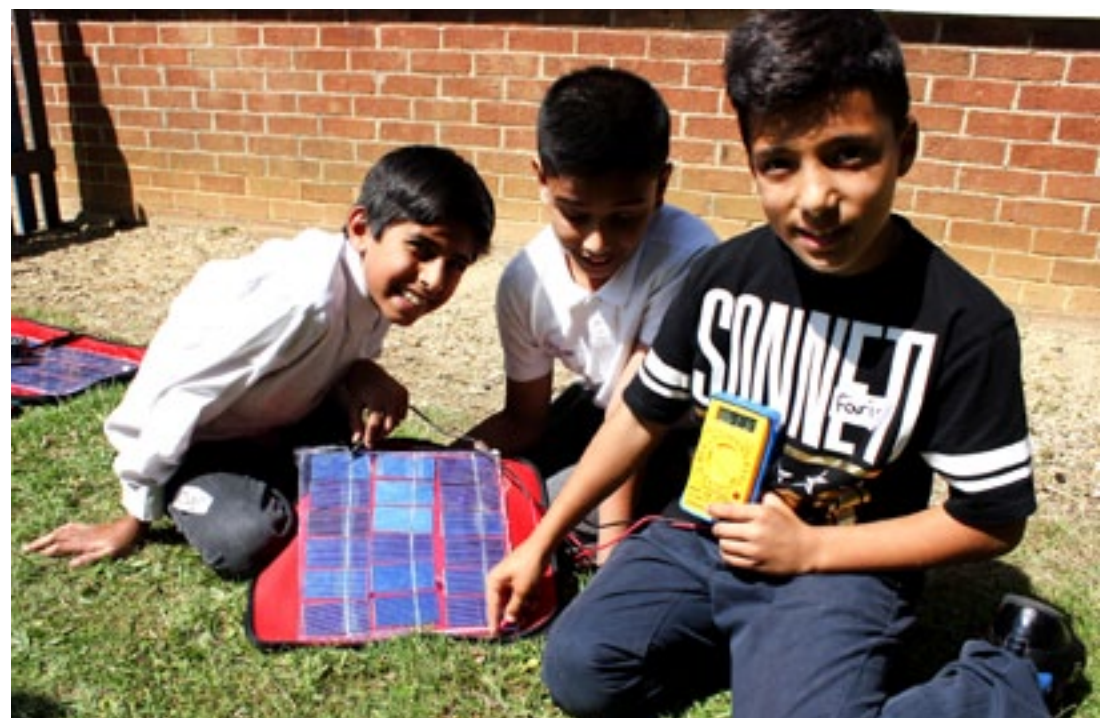
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ERIC moves on at a great GREEN pace!

PROJECT ERIC (Energy Resources for Integrated Communities) gets ready for its next wave of solar PV and battery installs in Oxford City Council homes. ERIC, which has so far installed solar PV and batteries in 58 homes will soon have completed 77 installs, bringing more green energy to Rose Hill and further lowering household electricity bills.

The team also hope to be

installing the first electric car club vehicle in Rose Hill in the New Year. The charge post and car will be located at the new community centre, connected to the large solar PV array planned for the roof of the new community centre which will act as a renewable energy hub with battery storage and interactive displays showing how much power is being generated and used by the community.

Pupils from Rose Hill Primary have also been doing their bit, working with the ERIC team to build their own solar chargers to power their phones and tablets. More workshops with pupils and community events are planned for the new year.

■ Find out more at localisedenergyeric.org.uk

STAR VOLUNTEERS: Sharon and Irene



MOTHER and daughter duo Irene Fowler and Sharon Haynes are a volunteering dynasty, along with grandson and son Jordon! Each week they devote their time, sorting and delivering food to the residents of Alice and Margaret House, to help ease the pressure and expense of shopping. For many residents

it is hard to get to the shops regularly and this service makes a very real difference.

Irene is the Secretary of the Alice and Margaret House Association and is kept busy organising trips and coffee mornings; she is so highly valued by her fellow residents and friends. They have both

been Rose Hill residents their whole lives; Irene gave 18 years of service to Littlemore hospital and Sharon works in the kitchen at Rose Hill Primary school.

Despite recently losing their husband and dad, the two have continued to help us with these food deliveries and we couldn't do it without them. Thank you!

■ To find out more about how you can get involved in volunteering, contact lizzie.carline@greensquaregroup.com.

ROSE HILL JUNIOR YOUTH CLUB UPDATE

Wonder Wall

By **Aimee Winkfield**

A WALL outside the Rose Hill Community Centre has been transformed by the children at the Rose Hill Junior Youth Club.

The youth club has been working with artist Tommy Watkins to create and paint a giant mural, which has been inspired by the children at the club.

The fox (see left) as featured within the mural provided a great basis for teaching within the art sessions. Tommy said: "I didn't want them to just go crazy and paint all over the walls. I thought there's an opportunity here to really teach them about the world we live in. We got inspired by the wildlife after visiting the local nature reserve and chose a fox as the focal point for the drawing which reflects issues about fox hunting and conservation in

general."

Tommy wanted to create a mural which would make people who walked by stop and take notice. He said: "I wanted people to walk by and see the amount of effort and creativity which has gone into this artwork. Every child who attends has been involved in the process and I think it's something we can all be proud of."

The wall will be eventually knocked down as the children move over to the brand new community centre, but the memory and skills gained from the experience will be remembered forever.

Tommy said: "It's been a confidence builder. The children have used their imaginations and have learned the values of finishing a piece of art, which

they can show their friends and be proud of."

"Art like this encourages children to try new things and express themselves in multiple ways through the experience. It has turned out better than I ever dreamed it would and that's all thanks to the children who attend our club."



Tommy Watkins with fox. Photo by Kasia Bus.



Tommy Watkins and mural. Photo by Kasia Bus.



Alex Wolfe of Oxford TV filming the JYC. Photo by Kasia Bus.

JYC on the TV!

By **Aimee Winkfield**

THAT'S Oxford TV visited the JYC Thursday session last month to film a special behind the scenes feature!

Alex Wolfe, a video journalist at That's Oxford TV, has been working for the station since its launch and has been involved in filming lots of community projects.

He made the trip down to the youth club to capture some footage and interview some children about what they love doing at JYC. Alex was pleasantly surprised when he arrived. He said: "I didn't realise there would be so many children attending, it was great and they were all so positive!"

Alex spent his time filming everything from arts and crafts to dance and when asked what the best part of filming the JYC was, Alex said: "I think the dancing for me, everyone just dancing around with so much energy and having that much fun!"

"I was welcomed with open arms. They all have been super welcoming to me and were not

bothered at all by me intruding with this big camera to film them!"

Alex also expressed the importance of having youth clubs in areas like Rose Hill: "When I spoke to Fran Gardner, the Rose Hill Community Worker, I really got a sense of how much this club has grown. It was good to discover the importance of having such a project which is vital for a community like this. The vibrancy of the club shows me why places like this should exist everywhere."

■ **The video of Alex's trip to JYC can be found on our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/rosehillrp**

Take a chance with dance!



Dancing at the Junior Youth Club. Photo by Kasia Bus.

By **Aimee Winkfield**

NEW dance sessions have proved very popular with the children at JYC.

The sessions, which are held on Thursdays from 4pm at the community centre, have attracted lots of children. The sessions allow for children to make up their own dance moves to songs they love, including Rose Hill News' favourite Uptown Funk.

Chloe Walsh, one of the dance teachers at JYC encourages more children to come along and join in the fun. Chloe said:

"You don't need dance experience; the most important part is that you come along, give it a try and have a lot of fun!"

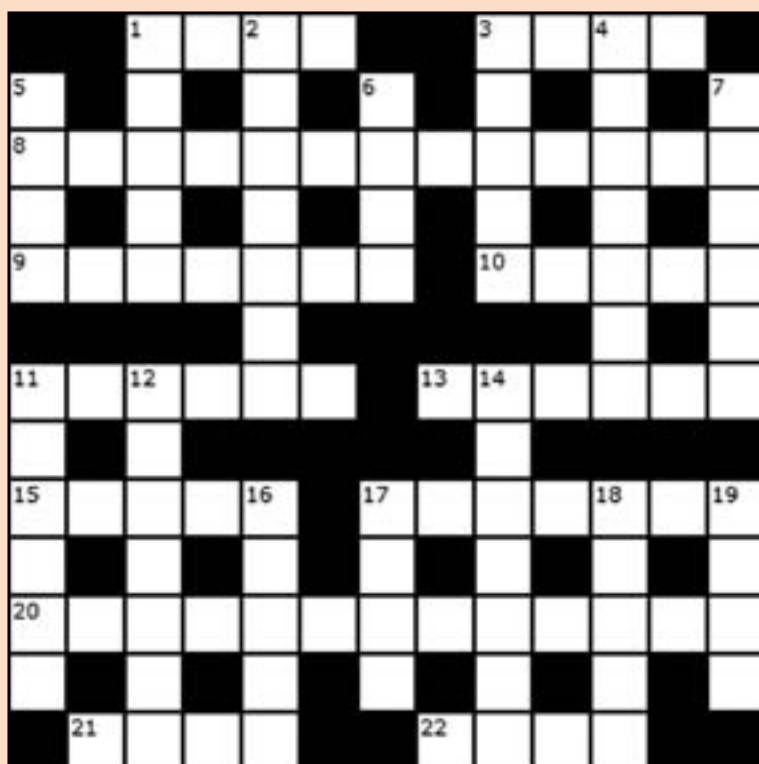
All the children seem to be enjoying themselves immensely whilst getting fully involved in the creative

process of choreographing. Chloe added: "They all seem to know what they want to do, and have even taught me a few moves myself! They get fully involved and it's different each week."

■ **To find out more about the Junior Youth Club contact Fran on 07770 324277**

Fun and Games

THE ROSE HILL CROSSWORD



Down

- 1) Money bag (5)
- 2) Thrown bomb (7)
- 3) Stones (5)
- 4) Hubbub, fuss (7)
- 5) Musical composition (4)
- 6) Revise text (4)
- 7) Worn down (6)
- 11) Rain cloud (6)
- 12) Drivel (7)
- 14) Wicked (7)
- 16) Pulsate (5)
- 17) Remain concealed (4)
- 18) Tasteless (5)
- 19) Large jug (4)

Across

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|--------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1) Leaf of book (4) | 10) Rescued (5) | 17) Decipherable (7) |
| 3) Ready to eat (4) | 11) Chat (6) | 20) University student (13) |
| 8) At 90 degrees (13) | 13) Rotten (6) | 21) Culinary plant (4) |
| 9) Jackie, former racing | 15) Intended (5) | 22) Looked at (4) |

Solution on page 2

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

Spot the difference and win a £10 voucher!

MR WILSON is celebrating Christmas in style but can you spot the FIVE differences? If so, you will be entered into a draw to win a £10 voucher.

Email your answers to rosehillnews@gmail.com message us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/RoseHillRP or text Lizzie Carline on 07768 600935. The deadline for entries is 5pm on Sunday 13 December.



This year's Rose Hill Christmas party brought about a few surprises – not least Mr. Wilson's turn in the breakdancing contest!

CHILDREN'S QUIZ

1. What is the capital of America?
2. In the '12 days of Christmas' song how many Lords are leaping?
3. What does www stand for?
4. What is the name of the fairy in Peter Pan?
5. On what day is the Winter Solstice?
6. In A Christmas Carol what is the name of Bob Cratchit's boss?
7. What is the largest land animal in the world?
8. Thruways Has is an anagram of?



"A Christmas Carol (1971 film)" via Wikipedia.



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Banish the rubbish

By **Aimee Winkfield**

A SPELL of fly-tipping has hit the Rivermead Nature Reserve creating worrying problems for local wildlife. Fly tipping causes hazards for people using nature reserves, including causing injury to dogs and children. Wild Oxford Project Officer, Andy Gunn, has called for the introduction of a fining system which prosecutes those caught in the act. Andy said: "Fly tipping will have a detrimental effect on what the project has aimed to achieve. The wildlife is being put at risk as any sharp objects left can cause injury as well as chemicals which are poisonous to the wildlife." Volunteers on the project have spent hours clearing the rubbish left around the reserve, as seen in our



picture. Andy said: "It is not just building rubbish being left that's the problem but general garden waste causes the problem of plants being introduced into the reserve environment. This potentially damages the growth of rare plants."

■ Rose Hill residents are encouraged to report fly-tipping at the nature reserve immediately, via the Oxford City Council website or by calling Direct Services on 01865 249811.

CHURCH NEWS

Christmas at our Churches

By **Andrew McKearney**,
 Vicar of Iffley

WHEN you pick this up to read, Christmas will be just a couple of weeks away. I guess that we each have a favourite bit of the Christmas story; my favourite bit is the prologue to Saint John's Gospel which opens with these words: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." When I hear those words read I know that Christmas has come. Within the magnificent prologue to Saint John's Gospel there are many places to stop and pause, but the place where I am nearly always brought up short is when it says a little further on: "And the Word became flesh and lived

among us." Some have found the idea here offensive and off-putting; that God who is pure light and truth should muddy him/herself by becoming flesh and living among us. But that is the heart of the Christmas story. Here is a human being, Jesus of Nazareth, who is in every respect an ordinary human being. He has a body, he has a mind, he has emotions and he stands in a unique relationship with God, a relationship so unique that nobody else has a relationship like it. His entire life is somehow an expression and articulation in our world of God. There is no corner of Jesus' life that is not pervaded by the life of God. At the same time

that does not alter the fact that he is a human being. This is something of what that phrase means: "And the Word became flesh and lived among us." It's not that God comes down from heaven to earth in a literal sense; rather it is that a human being comes into existence who is absolutely and perfectly in harmony with God, who reflects and expresses the life of God as Son. That is what I shall be celebrating at Christmas. I do hope that many of you will be joining us at Iffley Church and Rose Hill Methodist Church to celebrate this with us.

Happy Christmas!

St Mary's Church, Iffley
 Sunday services are at 8am, 10am and 6.30pm (*for full details visit website*)
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CHRISTMAS CRAFT

THIS Christmas decoration will add extra sparkle to your Christmas tree or room or it could make a nice gift. You can also use it as a festive pin cushion.

To make it you will need:

- soft pencil
- paper
- ruler
- felt – red, green and cream or white
- seed beads – red and gold/silver
- three red sequins or small red buttons
- thread – red and green
- scissors
- needle
- ribbon
- toy stuffing
- sewing pins

Method:

1. Cut two 7.5 x 7.5 cm squares out of red felt. Cut one 6 x 6 cm square out of cream or white felt.
2. Draw a 3.5 cm long holly leaf on paper and cut it out. Pin the paper leaf to the green felt, draw around it with a soft pencil. Cut it out. You will need two leaves.
3. Place the leaves on top of the cream square, pin them in to place and stitch them with two strands of green thread. Make the stitches look like leaf veins.
4. Sew on three sequins or buttons underneath the leaves. Embellish with a few red seed beads around the leaves.
5. Place the cream square on top of the red square. Pin it to hold in place.



Photo by Kasia Bus.

6. Stitch around the edge of the cream square with two strands of green thread using running stitch.
7. Add a gold or silver seed bead to every top stitch. When you've finished, stitch around again threading the green thread through each stitch to look like a garland. This is called whipping stitch.
8. Fold your ribbon in half and sew it to the back of the red square using a whip stitch. You can attach the ribbon to a corner or in the middle of the edge, it's up to you.
9. Place the two red squares together and sew around the edge with two strands of red thread using running stitch. Add a gold or silver seed bead to every top stitch. When a 1cm–1.5cm opening remains, fill the decoration with toy stuffing and finish the stitching to close the opening.

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CONGRATULATIONS go to Andrew Sewyer who scored an impressive six points to top the leader board in the first round of the Rose Hill News Premier League Predictor!

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To enter all you need to do is predict the fixtures below and if you get the most right you'll win a £10 voucher.

Games to predict will take place over the weekend of 12 December:

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Liverpool v West Brom
Tottenham v Newcastle
Leicester v Chelsea

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Fit Trail comes to Rose Hill!

ON THE MORNING of Friday 4 December members of Oxford City Council's Active Communities Team will be showing some children from Rose Hill Primary School how to use the fantastic new Fit Trail equipment found behind the new Community Centre. Or perhaps the children will be putting them through their paces? It remains to be seen!

To mark the completion of the final Fit Trail within the city, Oxford City Council are planning a few activities at different sites that day to show the local community how to make the most of their nearest trail.

All the Fit Trails are free to use, fantastic fun, and for everyone and anyone who wants to have a go! So if you're after a way to burn off those mince pies, or an excuse to escape the in-laws this Christmas, give the new Fit Trail a go!

(And don't worry if you don't know how...all the machines have directions for use and if you have a smart phone just follow the QR codes for a quick step guide!)



■ **For more information about the Fit Trails contact Vicki Galvin, Sports Development Manager at vgalvin@oxford.gov.uk**

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