

# ON THE ROAD!

**RECENTLY**, four Rose Hill residents joined a free eight-week film-making course at Rose Hill Community Centre exploring community transport and mobility around their city.

The project was created by Oxford Brookes as part of the Healthy Urban Mobility project. The HUM project aims to understand the impact of everyday (im)mobility on health and wellbeing within different communities both in the UK and Brazil. Another important part of the project is to identify any potential solutions to problems that restrict mobility.

## FILM MAKING

The residents made two films during the course. The first about their local bus service and the second about cycling in Oxford. Film Oxford ran the sessions and supported the filming and editing.

Margaret Roper, a Rose Hill resident and workshop attendee said: "We met some fab people including our great teacher, Miguel. We all brought different skills to the project. I brought my knowledge of Rose Hill and understanding of local concerns. Lina and Joe were extremely good in their knowledge of using the equipment. And Eleanor was good at interviewing."

The first film made was about cycling in Oxford and the potential benefits and risks that cyclists faced. Eleanor Watts, a resident and member of the Rose Hill & Iffley Low Carbon group also attended the workshop and said: "Three of our interviewees pointed out that cycling is quick, clean, cheap, healthy and enjoyable. It also relieves congestion and pollution. However, two interviewees were too scared to cycle. The cycle lanes are faded and often disappear. Cars can park behind or over cycle lanes. Roundabouts and junctions are especially dangerous. We ultimately would like separate and continuous cycle tracks throughout Oxford."

## BUS SERVICE

The residents also filmed a video about their number 20 bus service that now only runs between 10am–1.30pm. Margaret discussed the lack of service in Rose Hill and the difficulties residents can face: "People cannot use the bus to get to work, the bank, the post office or the connecting service to the JR



Eleanor Watts, Margaret Roper, Lina and Joe Vosa celebrate success. Photo by Aimee Winkfield.

Hospital during these times. Also, it does not go to the lower parts of Rose Hill estate. This means that older and disabled residents have a difficult climb up the hill to The Oval. We would like a full No 20 bus service."

The films premiered at the November Rose Hill Tenants & Residents meeting and was well received. Congratulations to Eleanor Watts, Margaret Roper, Lina and Joe Vosa. They would also like to thank

the following people: Miguel, Barbara, Tara, Adrian, Marc and Terry and Ben Spencer at Oxford Brookes. Following on from the cycling film, a petition has been launched to call for separate and continuous cycle tracks in Oxford.

■ To see the petition visit: [goo.gl/7iuQUm](http://goo.gl/7iuQUm)  
You can watch the films at: [youtu.be/G0ScuvakncY](http://youtu.be/G0ScuvakncY) and [youtu.be/oAhd72b-XKY](http://youtu.be/oAhd72b-XKY)



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## THE WORST CHRISTMAS JOKE COMPETITION

BY CHRIS JACQUES

Do you know the worst Christmas joke? Here's ours:

**Q: What do you get if you cross a duck with Father Christmas?**

**A: A Christmas quacker!**

Pretty awful right? If you can do better send us your jokes by 29 December and you could win a prize!

Just post the answer on our competition post on our Facebook page: Rose Hill News and we'll send you a message if you win. Good luck!

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## ROSE HILL TENANTS AND RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION (TRA)

BY TERRY KIRKBY

**WE WELCOME** all readers to the Xmas edition of the Rose Hill News and with special thanks to all who make this an outstanding Local Paper. Here are some of the topics explored at the TRA meetings recently:

The Rose Hill Tenants and Residents Association have, as usual, worked on many projects designed to keep this region amongst the best in Oxford for its people. We were pleased to invite Oxford Brookes Universities, Doctor Sue Brownhill and Ben Turner, who spoke about the Health and Urban Mobility project as seen on the front page.

Representatives from the East Oxford Farmers Market came to speak about the possibility of having one in Rose Hill and

discussed with members whether this would ever be feasible.

Debbie Haynes from Oxford City Council gave us an insight into the latest project; Better Housing, Better Health, an excellent initiative designed to make us aware of how to improve our homes to make them energy efficient, reducing bills and improving health.

A marvellous talk from Cathy Gibb on her involvement in Sierra Leone during the Ebola crisis.

Our latest and longest running project, the estate circular bus number 20, our Rosie. We invited two speakers, Seema Dave and Graham Stanley of Oxfordshire County

Council who were awarded almost £1 million by the European Union to investigate hardships of mobility endured on Rose Hill.

Finally, Alan Wylde Housing and Enabling Manager at Oxford City Council spoke of the upcoming housing developments on the Oval and Ashurst Way, while Executive Director of OCC Tim Sadler spoke at great length on the local and city-wide building scene.

We were successful in finding funds for a Community notice board and thank our councillors for their involvement in this project. Also, thanks to Alan Foulkes for his hard work on a number of schemes on our behalf.

**■ We welcome all to our meetings which are held on the first Tuesday of the month, except January, at 7.30pm in the community centre Carole's Way. We hope to see you soon and wish you a Merry Xmas.**



B(E)T can't phone home. Photo by Aimee Winkfield.

## Who ya NOT gonna call?

BY AIMEE WINKFIELD

**WAS** it a TARDIS? Was it stolen? Or did it just simply disappear?

You many have noticed the empty space on the Oval where the telephone box used to be. Since the demolition of the old community centre a few months ago, the phone box seems to have vanished. BT who own the phone box have been mysteriously quiet about it.

Local Councillors have had no contact from BT before or after its removal and there is no evidence so far that BT have posted any notices of removal or have contacted any public organisations to consult. Ofcom states that the following steps must be taken before a telephone box can be removed:

- A notice should be placed on the phone box detailing plans of removal.
- BT should then write to public organisations to let them know.
- A public organisation should then consult local councils, groups and residents, surveying the usage of the phone box.

- A decision based on evidence should be made and published.

If the local organisation contacts BT within 90 days of the notice to object to the removal, BT then cannot remove the telephone box. BT stated in the summer that there was a significant cost of 6 million pounds annually to maintain public telephones boxes in the UK.

With plans to remove thousands more telephone boxes, do we still need them?

Terry Kirkby, Rose Hill resident and chair of the RHTRA said: "When the old BT telephone box was removed from outside the Community centre on the Oval many people who were unable to purchase/or enter into contracts for mobile phones or broadband in their homes were deprived of that basic form of communication.

"Among these people are pensioners, the unemployed and school children to name a few. The public have had this facility since soon after the estate was built in the 1940s."

**■ How often did you use the telephone box on the Oval? Do you have an opinion about its removal? If you want to add your voice email rosehilltra@gmail.com**

## Parking Concerns Outside School

BY PETER WILKINSON

**THIS** is a plea. A request for parents collecting (or dropping off) children at our school to consider the potential dangers of parking. If possible, please use the grasscrete hard standing where possible and

observe the double yellow lines on the corners of both Ashurst Way and Lambourn Road.

Some drivers have been seen to sit in their cars on these lines, with or without the engine running while waiting for the school day to end. This acts as an obstruction and can hinder other drivers line of sight. Due to this, the traffic wishing to enter Lambourn Road must make a wide blind turn into the path of traffic and traffic in Lambourn Road must blindly nudge out directly into the path of traffic in Ashurst Way.

How can the problem be resolved? Does the school have



Parking at the end of the school day. By Peter Wilkinson.

a role? We would like to invite a representative of the school to speak to the Rose Hill Tenants and Residents Association, so we can come up with some practical ways to improve the issue. Perhaps enforcement

by parking attendants would help?

**■ If you have a suggestion about how things can be improved, please email rosehilltra@gmail.com**

ROSE HILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Children at Rose Hill Primary having fun. Photo by Anna Missa.

# The Future Looks Bright!

BY ANNA MISSA

**FOLLOWING** an inspection in October, Ofsted have published a report of Rose Hill Primary which officially takes the school out of special measures.

Although the overall rating of the school is classed as “requires improvement”, the report nevertheless recognises the school’s strengths, and its ambitions to continue improving as three out of the five inspected areas were rated as good.

**EXTREMELY ENCOURAGING**

Sue Vermes, headteacher at Rose Hill Primary says that all staff are proud of what they have achieved so far in improving the teaching and learning at the school and is resolute about the future of the school: “This Ofsted report is extremely encouraging and – combined with our latest improved SATs results

which were above the national average in many areas – demonstrates our dedication to giving the children in Rose Hill an excellent and well-balanced education.

We won’t have another Ofsted inspection until two years’ time, which is a little frustrating as there won’t be another opportunity to officially prove that we are good in all areas until then, so I’ve said to my team, why don’t we aim for outstanding next time. We are very proud of what we have achieved so far, and we are determined to carry on improving and succeeding.”

**DIVERSITY**

Next February, the school will also be celebrating its rich diversity during International week. With a total of 37 different languages spoken by pupils at Rose Hill Primary, the school is a fascinating mix of cultures and backgrounds.

Sue said: “We strongly believe in children having a broad range of experiences, on top of the essentials of literacy and numeracy. As well as International Week, we run a variety of projects which helps bring our broad curriculum to life. For instance, some of our Year 5s are currently writing playscripts that will be performed at the Oxford Playhouse. We also work with Pegasus Theatre and Magdalen College School. It is through such projects that we aim to enrich our children’s lives.”

The head teacher actively encourages visitors to the school.

■ If you are considering applying for a place for your child, please contact the school directly and book a visit. More info and contact details for the school can be found at [www.rose-hill.oxon.sch.uk](http://www.rose-hill.oxon.sch.uk)

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## THE ROSE HILL INTERVIEWS

### YOU KNOW THE FACES – THESE ARE THE PEOPLE

#### Aladdin Seaforth

Interviewed by Chris Jacques

**Where did you grow up, Aladdin?**  
I grew up in Clapham North, in London.

**How long have you lived and worked in Rose Hill?**  
I've lived here for seven years and I've worked at the Rose Hill Community Centre for two years.

**What were you doing before you started work here?**  
Before starting work at the Rose Hill Community Centre, I worked in Abingdon for five years. I also worked at Barnardo's children's home.

**What do you like about working at the Rose Hill Community Centre?**  
I like working with the people I live with, who are on my doorstep. We can all support and help each other. It's important to contribute and all be part of the community – that

includes Mums, Dads, kids of all ages, the police.

**What kinds of things do you do?**  
I'm a Community Assistant. I do cleaning, booking events, everything. Once a month I do Saturdays. Dads bring their kids, all ages up to seven, and I set up activities, sometimes with a theme, like Autumn or Halloween. I facilitate some dancing, we do all kinds – jazz, contemporary, salsa, merengue – that's a dance style from the Dominican Republic.

**What would you like to see happen in Rose Hill over the next five years?**  
Since the Children's Centre closed, it's become more important for the Community Centre to provide more activities that are free or cheap, and fun. We need more activities going on, like music, dance, art. This gives us the opportunity to bond as a community. We could use the biggest room on the ground floor, have a Bouncy Castle that's big and strong enough to bounce parents as well as their kids. What else? All sorts of activities dotted around – a ball pit, 10-pin bowling, cardboard boxes for building dens, soft mats on floors. I'm thinking of an age group of 0 to 6 for all of this. So parents can do creative and enjoyable activities with their kids. And of course dancing too – that's good exercise.

**Which secret skills and talents do you have that people don't know about?**  
I think they know everything about me! I enjoy practicing my Spanish, and I love to dance.

**Terry Kirkby and Peter Wilkinson**  
Interviewed by Aimee Winkfield

**What is the RHTRA?**  
**PW:** Rose Hill Tenants' and Residents' Association is a forum for all who live on the Rose Hill estate to raise concerns and make improvements for the benefit of the Rose Hill community.

**What issues have the RHTRA discussed in the past?**  
**PW:** We cover all issues of concern to residents e.g. housing and planning, state of roads and pavements, parking, anti-social behaviour, amenities and transport. We take matters further raising residents' concerns with appropriate departments in both City and County Councils, also with our local Councillors, police, bus companies etc. We also have regular speakers on topics of interest to residents.

**Has the RHTRA inspired any changes in Rose Hill?**  
**PW:** The RHTRA has been the inspiration for change on Rose Hill. Once dubbed "the forgotten estate" the RHTRA has campaigned and argued to put people before politics on the estate. In earlier days we constantly strived to get anti-social behaviour under control. Many will remember the bad days when some residents feared to go in to no-go areas.

Those days are gone. We campaigned for and eventually achieved a bus for the roads at the bottom of the estate. Sadly, the County Council cut the subsidy for Rosie and we now have a much reduced no 20 service. But the fight goes on and we hope to get a second Rosie in the future. Were it not for the RHTRA we would probably not have our excellent new community centre.

**Why would you encourage residents to come along to a RHTRA meeting?**  
**PW:** The Rose Hill Tenants' and Residents' Association is for all who live on Rose Hill. We offer a warm and friendly welcome. Rose Hill has a very diverse population which is part of its attraction. We would love that diversity to be better reflected in RHTRA attendance. The RHTRA offers a chance to meet your local Councillors, police, City and County officers, and your neighbours from around the corner

**TK:** Change at any level doesn't just happen! It must be brought to the attention of those individuals and or organisations who will listen, consider and take the suggestion further. This is the strength of our Association who through the years have accumulated a database of agencies who have the knowledge and clout to make those changes.

**Date of the next meeting:?**  
The next meeting will be on Tuesday 6 February. Put it in your diary now!

## OXFORD CITY COUNCIL – CHRISTMAS RECYCLING

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**Christmas is here once again. It's time to deck your halls, put up your tree and wrap your gifts. Of course, we want to remind you that recycling over Christmas is as important as ever because households generate 30% more waste at this time of year, and 80% of this can be recycled! Below, we've listed a few reminders to make your Christmas recycling even easier.**

**Bin day changes**  
Your normal bin day will be one day later this year during Christmas week (starting 25 December) only. That means, if you bin day is normally Tuesday 26 December, it will move to Wednesday 27 December.

Things go back to normal from New Year's Day.

**Garden waste suspension**  
Garden waste (brown bin) collections will be suspended for the Christmas and New Year period between Tuesday 26 December and Friday 5 January. Collections will resume as normal from Tuesday 9 January 2018.

**Blue bin recycling**  
If you have any extra recycling, you can leave it out next to your bin in a clear bag or cardboard box and we will collect it! All of your Christmas wrapping paper and cards are welcome (minus the glitter and tape please!). Wine bottles, beer cans, foil and Christmas pudding boxes too. Remember it's all important, no matter how small. Even good old plastic bottles – recycling these can help make a new festive jumper!

If you're lucky enough to get new clothes this year and want to recycle your old ones, please take them to a local charity shop or collection point (we can't recycle them in the blue bin).

**Food Recycling**  
Simply pop your soggy veg, gone off meat and that lucky wish bone into your food caddy! It will get turned into electricity and fertiliser for local farmland. And, what's more, you can now line your caddy with plastic liners (though no black bags or canvas bags please!). A simple carrier bag or bread bag would do the job. This means that it is much easier, cleaner and cheaper for you to recycle your food. You can still use compostable liners and newspaper, if you prefer.

**Small electrical items and batteries**  
Have your fairy lights lost their spark, or is it time for new batteries? Recycle your old ones by leaving on top of your blue, brown or green bin in a clear bag or carrier bag on your bin day.

**Christmas tree recycling**  
Recycle your naked (pots and decorations removed) Christmas tree at home or on the go. You can put them out for collection on your blue bin day between 9 January and 2 February. If you live in a flat, or want to recycle your real tree more quickly, you can take it to one of our 12 collection points located all over the city, which will be open from 27 December (through to 14 January). For a list of locations, see [www.oxford.gov.uk/christmasrecycling](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/christmasrecycling), email [recycling@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:recycling@oxford.gov.uk), visit us on social media or give us a call on 01865 249811.

**Fun festive fact**  
Did you know recycling six mince pie foil cases saves enough energy to watch EastEnders on Christmas day!

## FILM REVIEWS

BY HASENA ALI

### Top Three Christmas Films

**1. Home Alone (1990)**  
When the McCallister family rush to the airport to catch the plane to Paris, they are completely unaware that they accidentally left the youngest member Kevin behind. Kevin's enjoyment of being home alone turns sour as he becomes the target of two burglars, leaving him no choice but to set up booby traps around the house. Home Alone is without a doubt the greatest Christmas film of all time because it includes hilarious slapstick comedy that will never get old, with the addition of emotional scenes such as Kevin's reunion with his mother.

**2: Gremlins (1984)**  
Gremlins follows the story of Billy, a teenager who receives an unusual Christmas present from his father, in the form of a cuddly creature called a Mogwai. However, chaos ensues when Billy's new pet spawns multiple Mogwais, which transforms into evil reptile-like creatures called Gremlins. A wildly mischievous and entertaining monster movie that combines elements of comedy and horror, making this a unique Christmas classic.

**3: Elf (2003)**  
In this film, comedian Will Ferrell portrays the role of Buddy, an innocent and loveable elf who grew up in the North Pole but does not fit in with the community. When he discovers that he is human, he travels to New York City to find his biological father. A feel-good comedy that truly captures the wonderful Christmas spirit and is perfect to enjoy with your family during the holidays.



# Christmas in Community

BY JAMES GARNETT  
STUDENT MINISTER,  
ROSE HILL METHODIST  
CHURCH

**ARE** we going to your family again this year? Why am I by myself when everyone else is celebrating?

Even if we spend the rest of the year trying to be individuals in control of our own lives, at Christmas we cannot escape our links with other people. At Christmas we become very aware of community.

Being reminded that we're connected with other people (whether we like it or not) can be a very positive thing. There can be times when we utterly depend on the people around us to keep us going. There are also times when we feel the deeply human

satisfaction of being needed by someone else.

Yet, being in community has negative aspects too. We might feel we have to compete with the people around us. Or they may have expectations of us that we resent. Sometimes we don't like the other people in our community, but we have no choice about living alongside them.

Christmas reminds us of both positive and negative aspects of community. We love to celebrate with our family and friends, but resent the noise from our neighbour's party. We like to give and receive presents, but high expectations can bring big debts. We are grateful to those who entertain us, but we know we will be alone again tomorrow. Christmas is a mix of good and bad because people are a mix of good and bad.

# Animal adoption

BY MARGARET ROPER

**THIS** is the tale of a stray cat that befriended us.

On the morning of Guy Fawkes, I looked out into the autumn sunshine to find four kittens exploring the garden, being watched on by mummy cat. We think that they were born under our shed. We rang the RSPCA and a cat sanctuary volunteer came to take care of them. Both mummy cat and kittens are safe and will soon be adopted by responsible owners.

■ There are thousands of unwanted pets in sanctuaries and rescue centres all over Oxford this Christmas, so if you're considering getting a pet then please contact: [adopt@rspca-oxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:adopt@rspca-oxfordshire.org.uk)



One of the feline visitors. Photo by Graham Roper.

# COOKERY CORNER

BY MARGARET ROPER

## Sausage Rolls

**Ingredients**  
6 pork sausages  
1 handful breadcrumbs (optional)  
A sprinkle of parmesan cheese (optional)  
250 g ready-made puff pastry  
1 free-range egg  
a little milk

**Directions**  
**1.** Preheat the oven to 180°C/350°F/gas 4  
**2.** With a sharp knife, slit the skins of the sausages and pop the meat out and discard the skin.  
**3.** Put it in a mixing bowl with the breadcrumbs. You can add seasonings if wish whilst mixing it together.  
**4.** On a floured work surface, roll the pastry out into a big rectangle as thick as a pound coin and cut it lengthways into two long and even rectangles.  
**5.** Divide the sausage mix and roll the mixture into sausage shapes with your hands, then lay along the centre of each rectangle.  
**6.** Mix the egg with a splash of milk and brush the pastry with the mixture, then fold one side of the pastry over, wrapping the filling inside. Press down with your fingers to join.  
**7.** Cut the long rolls into the sizes you want and space them out on a baking tray. Brush with the rest of the egg wash and place on a greased baking tray and bake in the preheated

oven for 25 minutes at 220 C/425 F/gas 7 until puffed, golden and cooked through.

**Tip:** Lamb or beef sausages work just as well in this recipe if you don't fancy pork. The great thing about these sausage rolls is that you can freeze them uncooked, just wrap them in clingfilm and pop in the freezer.

## Christmas left-over lunch

**Ingredients**  
100g butter  
1 leek (finely sliced)  
leftover roast meats (turkey, goose, chicken, pork, ham ...)  
leftover vegetables, parsnip, carrots, brussel sprouts  
leftover gravy  
1 tub of creme fraiche  
1 packet ready-made puff pastry  
1 beaten egg

**Directions**  
**1.** Melt the butter in a saucepan and gently sauté the leek for five minutes to soften it, taking care not to colour.  
**2.** Cut up all your leftover meat and vegetables into bite sized pieces, place in a large bowl and mix together with the sautéed leek, gravy and creme fraiche. How much gravy and creme fraiche you use will depend on the amount of leftover meat and vegetables you have.  
**3.** Spoon into an oven-proof dish and cover with a layer of puff pastry. Pierce the pastry lids a couple of times and brush with the beaten egg.  
**4.** Place in an oven at 180 Fan for 40 minutes or until the pastry is puffed and golden.



Beautiful garlands. Photos by Kasia Bus.

# CRAFT CORNER

BY LINA VOSA

## Christmas Garland

**WITH** Christmas just around the corner, now is the time to think about festive decorations. It is always fun to make your own, and here is a cute bird garland you can make yourself with a little bit of effort and time, or you can choose a Christmas shape for the season. You will need:

felt (*at least two different colours*)  
thread  
paper for template  
soft pencil  
scissors  
needle  
twine, string or ribbon  
beads, sequins (*optional*)  
Stuffing

**Step 1:** If you cannot draw one, search for bird and star outlines on the internet. Once your drawing is ready, cut the paper templates out. You should be left with one paper bird, one paper wing and one paper star.  
**Step 2:** Pin the bird shape to the felt and trace with a soft pencil. Once you trace the bird shape, flip the bird template over, pin it and trace again. Now you have two bird shapes which

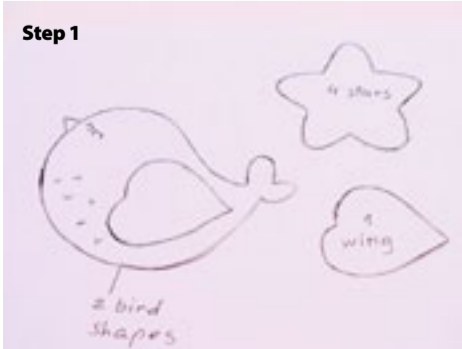
are mirror image to each other. Then, cut one wing from a different colour felt, two stars from one colour felt and two stars from a different colour. Finally, cut out a little beak the same colour as the wing.

**Step 3:** Place the felt wing on top of the bird shape. Stitch around the wing with two strands of thread using a running stitch. Embellish the belly with a few cross stitches, embroider the eye. Embellish the stars with sequins or beads. To attach the twine, use the same colour thread as the felt you are stitching it to. I used a white colour thread just for teaching purposes. Make sure you stitch through the top layer of felt so that the stitches will be hidden inside.

Make a loop by folding the end of the twine and sew it to the second (not embellished) bird shape in two places as shown in photo using a whip stitch.

**Step 4:** Sew the beak in place. Thread through beads on the twine, make knots from both sides of the bead to keep it in place. Now sew twine to the star in two places again, another bead between two knots, then another star and two beads on the end.

**Step 5:** Place both bird shapes with the backs together, align the curves. Stitch together with two strands of thread using a running stitch. When only an inch opening remains, fill the bird with stuffing and finish the stitching to close the opening. Don't forget to knot and hide the end of the thread. Follow the same steps to sew around stars.





Supporters of the project highlighting its work.

During the event, presentations were delivered, and delicious food was served by the Asian Women's group. Oxford City Council gave their perspective as a social landlord managing 48 of the ERIC homes. Bioregional and Rose Hill and Iffley Low Carbon Group (RHILC) shared experiences from the community engagement and the residents taking part. Moixa shared the developments in their battery technology and Oxford Brookes University provided a summary of the results from monitoring data.

**RENEWABLE ENERGY  
PIONEER**

Andy Edwards, project manager with environmental Charity, Bioregional, who led the community engagement in ERIC said: "The final event was a great celebration of many years of hard work. ERIC has put Rose Hill on the map as a renewable energy pioneer. We are immensely grateful to everyone involved, but particularly the residents and members of the low carbon group, without whom the project would not have been possible in Rose Hill.

"We hope to keep working in Rose Hill for many years to come, supporting the transition to cleaner energy."

Bioregional are continuing to work with RHILC, Low Carbon Hub and Oxford City Council to find new ways that Rose Hill can reduce carbon emissions and lower fuel bills for its residents. Some new projects under exploration include the use of waste heat from the Sainsbury's at Heyford Hill to deliver low carbon, lower cost heating for Council tenants and a new 'Energy Local' model which would see households sharing energy, extending the benefits of solar energy more widely.

# End of Project Eric

**PROJECT** Eric recently came to an end at a celebration event held at Rose Hill Community Centre. The event brought together over 60 people from the local community, including residents, Anneliese Dodds MP, local Councillor Ed Turner and the ERIC project partners.

Through Project Eric, a total of 74 households in Rose Hill installed solar electric (PV) panels and 82 households, trialled Moixa's new smart batteries since its launch in 2015.

The batteries help households to use more of their solar energy by storing surplus electricity when the sun is shining and making this available at night, or on cloudy days. Since the project began participating residents have saved over a third on their electricity bills on average, reducing their carbon emissions (a greenhouse gas which contributes to climate change) by half.

The project has also brought the first electric car club car to Rose Hill,

managed by Co-Wheels, and made possible the installation of 112 panels on Rose Hill Primary school, working with the Low Carbon Hub.

ERIC was a research and innovation project funded by the government, generously supported by social

landlords Oxford City Council and Greensquare. ERIC remains one of the largest domestic battery trials to have taken place in the UK to date. The learning is now being taken forward to inform a new wave of energy projects across Oxfordshire and beyond.

■ You can sign up to Co-wheels to gain access to electric car at the community centre by visiting [www.co-wheels.co.uk](http://www.co-wheels.co.uk). You can find out more about environmental initiatives in Rose Hill by joining attending a RHILC meeting (usually held on the last Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm at Rose Hill Community centre). For more details contact Eleanor at: [rosehill.iffley.low.carbon@gmail.com](mailto:rosehill.iffley.low.carbon@gmail.com)

## HAVE YOUR SAY! Moving around Rose Hill

**ARE** you frustrated by your commute to work? Are you finding it difficult to move around Oxford? Do you ever wonder where you can go to get your voice heard? On Thursday, 14 December at 5.30pm in the Rose Hill Community Centre, Cities-4-People will be hosting the Have Your Say! Workshop. As a member of the Rose Hill community, you are invited to take part. Food and drink will be provided.

The problems you face getting to and from Rose Hill are important. When you voice them at our workshop you become part of the solution.

Cities-4-People, a project that Oxfordshire County Council has partnered with, will host further workshops in Rose Hill putting together experts, policy makers, and the community to create solutions to the problems members of the community identify on 14 December.

The solutions with the most support will be tested in Rose Hill starting in Autumn 2018.

At the workshop, you'll also have a chance to find out about a new science and ideas festival that will take place in and around Oxford in October 2018. You can have your say about what topics go into the Festival and your ideas could be turned into a Festival event.

■ If you are interested in finding out more and taking part in future events, keep your eye out for fliers and posters and on the Rose Hill Community Centre Facebook page or email the Projects and Community Outreach Officer at [graham.stanley@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:graham.stanley@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

### ROSE HILL AND IFFLEY LOW CARBON

## Is heat leaking from your house? How can you tell?

Rose Hill and Iffley Low Carbon (RHILC) can help.

Volunteers from RHILC can:

- take some thermal images (heat photos) of your house
- help you to see where your house may be losing heat
- help you to find ways to reduce heat loss and save on bills
- possibly provide simple insulating materials



This is a free service provided by RHILC to the local community.

■ For more info, email Paul Skinner at [rosehill.iffley.low.carbon@gmail.com](mailto:rosehill.iffley.low.carbon@gmail.com) or ring 01865 711705 before 10 January 2018.

■ Also, for a FREE home visit to help you keep warm at home you can contact LEAP (Local Energy Advice Programme) on 0800 060 7567 or [www.applyforleap.org.uk](http://www.applyforleap.org.uk)

# Cinema club coming to Rose Hill Community Centre

**IN PARTNERSHIP** with Rose Hill Community Centre, Film Oxford will be providing a monthly film screening from Monday 29 January 2018.

Initially, there will be eight film sessions on the last Monday of every month in the Norman Brown room, with a 2pm screening for adults and a 4pm one for young people and families. There will be no need to book but there is a capacity of around 80 people per session.

There is a real opportunity for the community to get involved, from suggesting the name of the "cinema" and potential films to be screened, to supporting the running promotion and production of events. Anybody interested should contact Geron at

geron@filmoxford.org or Lydia at ldixon@oxford.gov.uk.

Film Oxford has been providing outdoor and indoor film sessions since the community centre opened and has now acquired funding from the Big Lottery Fund enabling them to buy the equipment and licence necessary to make it more of a regular event in Rose Hill.

Geron Swann, Centre Director at Film Oxford, said: "After our many outdoor screenings in Rose Hill, Film Oxford is really excited to be working with the community centre again on something that could be quite special. A big thank you to the Big Lottery and Rose Hill Community Centre for supporting the cinema."

Councillor Dee Sinclair,

Board Member for Culture and Communities, said: "Everyone loves a good film and these monthly screenings will offer not only an opportunity to see some favourite classics again, but also to explore new films that you might otherwise miss. And on top of that you'll be able to watch them in the company of friends and enthusiasts, making each presentation a community event as well as a cultural one."

■ **For more info on the sessions and activities happening at Rose Hill Community Centre, check [www.oxford.gov.uk/rhcc](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/rhcc), [www.facebook.com/rosehcc](https://www.facebook.com/rosehcc), or ring 01865 749597.**

## Under five play event for parents and children

**FOR** all parents of children under five years old, Rose Hill Family Centre is organising a play event to showcase the activities available in the area. It will be taking place at Rose Hill Community Centre on 9 January 2018, 9.30am to 11.30am. There will be information stalls and pop up demo play sessions.

# Rose Hill Pre-School celebrates Ofsted GOOD rating

BY ANNA MISSA

**ROSE** Hill Pre-School staff and families are delighted by the news that Ofsted have classed the school as a GOOD provider of early years education.

This is quite the achievement, considering the pre-school had been rated inadequate by an Ofsted inspection earlier in the year. Rebecca Jedynowicz, the newly appointed manager, is named in the report as having worked extremely hard in turning the pre-school around.

Ms. Jedynowicz is delighted by Ofsted's new rating and said: "I am proud of my core team, Linda and Michelle, and the help and support they have given me. We are a small pre-school which promotes a family-like setting, and we offer children targeted support, tracking their individual progress to ensure that they all have the best possible outcomes."

Sam, a resident of Rose Hill, has been sending her 2-year-old daughter to the pre-school this autumn and is very happy with how the friendly staff has welcomed Bethany: "The

pre-school is quite small and I thought that this would suit Bethany as she was not used to being away from me.

From the very first trial session she loved it. In fact, I couldn't get her to leave! There are always lots of activities laid out for the children, and there is a lovely outdoor play space which the school is partway through revamping. It's excellent news that Ofsted has finally recognised the quality of the pre-school."

■ **For more info about Rose Hill Pre-School, and to apply for a space for a child between the ages of two and four years old from January 2018, please telephone 01865 772793.**

■ **Alternatively, visit the pre-school itself on Ashurst Way next to Co-operative Childcare building.**

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# Stay safe!

BY RUXANDRA MARINESCU

**WITH** Christmas coming up, we can get distracted thinking about presents, food, and family reunions. However, there is one more aspect that should be given attention. Have you ever thought about personal safety? Perhaps not, that is because we tend to forget about ourselves when dealing with such a busy, joyful time.

Here are some safety tips suggested by the South-East Oxford Neighborhood Police Team that might make Christmas time even more pleasurable.

### PERFECT TARGETS

Buildings that present themselves as unoccupied or unsecure are often the perfect targets for burglars. Therefore, if you're travelling away from home during the holidays make sure you lock the side gates to your property. Don't forget to lock ALL your windows and doors (double lock the UPVC doors!). Lock all your garden tools and ladders in the shed and consider installing a burglar alarm.

When attending parties during Christmas, make sure you are safe at all times. You should eat before leaving the

house and remember to drink water and soft drinks between alcoholic drinks. Always plan your way back home and avoid leaving a party by yourself: stay with your friends. Keep your cash, your ID and your mobile phone out of sight. Always let someone know where you're going and what time you're coming back. Avoid going down deserted areas, dimly lit alleys, car parks and pathways.

### CYBER SAFETY

The internet nowadays is so powerful that we have to learn how to stay safe there too. Many crimes can take place across the Web; at Christmas numerous people use the internet to buy presents and decorations. Avoid being scammed and don't open emails, give personal details or click links if you don't know the sender.

For more cyber safety tips you can visit the Oxford City Council, Thames Valley Police and Citizens Advice websites.

In case of any emergency, you can contact the police department at 999 or 101 for less urgent matters. Your local Rose Hill, Littlemore and Iffley Neighborhood Team are now also based at Rose Hill Community Centre. You can also pick up safety leaflets at reception.

Enjoy your Holidays and remember: Stay Safe!

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