

# Junior Youth club leaders celebrate Lottery cash

ROSE HILL'S Junior Youth club workers are pictured here celebrating five years of Big Lottery funding for the project.

The acute need for activities for primary school age children on the estate was made clear after hundreds of parents and children attended the two taster events that were staged last Summer. Since opening in March the club now attracts large numbers of children every week. In fact a fourth youth worker Jamie Bourton has joined the team to give extra support to the kids.

The successful application to the Big Lottery Fund means that the club is financially secure to the end of 2016.

Michael Porter Lead Youth worker said: "It is such a relief for us all to know that this valuable work is set to continue – particularly in such difficult times. We are constantly developing the club activities for the children and this funding will allow us to be even more creative – giving them greater access to sport, dance, art, cooking and games."

Rose Hill Junior Youth Club meets every Thursday from 4.30pm at the Rose Hill Community Centre. We will be taking a break in August but will have some great Family Learning sessions running instead.

See centre spread for details.



Photo shows youth workers, Michael Porter, Jamie Hazeldene, Debbie Egan and Jamie Bourton with some of the Junior Youth Club members

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## Rose Hill Read Swap Library

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**Rose Hill Read Swap Library meets every Monday (except Bank Holidays) at the Norman Brown Room, Community Centre, The Oval, Rose Hill.**

## Rose Hill Allotment Association

The Association is running a series of short talks and demonstrations on growing vegetables and managing an allotment plot. The next talk is Sunday 24 July at 11am at the Lenthall Road Allotments.

"I Did it My Way" - Bill Waley will talk about the way he has change his plot and planting methods with surprising results. He will then take everyone on a tour of his plot. Handouts will be provided.

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# Rose Hill Community Live Well Day

## Rose Hill is gearing up for its first Community Live Well Day on Saturday 30 July.

ALL LOCAL residents are being invited to come along to the fun, free, family day which is being held at the Community Centre, Social Club, School and Children's Centre.

The day, from midday until 4pm, promises to have something for everyone – whatever age or ability.

Adults can enjoy free taster sessions of various dance classes including Bollywood and contemporary dance, as well as a Boxercise session to get you fighting fit.

From the new Active Women project there will also be more sporting activities such as badminton, athletics, tennis and football, all aimed at complete beginners.

Gentler activities include a seated exercise class, a Health Walk and a Tea Dance.

While mum and dad are enjoying some of these activities, the children have a

host of fun activities to choose from.

For the younger ones there will be lots on offer at the Children's Centre – craft workshops, soft play, outdoor play and an art trolley supplied by Modern Art Oxford. The older children will have plenty to try out in the school area including Skater Hockey from the Street Sports team and a variety of sports from the Oxford Academy team, as well as a fantastic climbing wall located on the Oval.

Once everyone has worn themselves out there will be plenty of food and refreshment stands and other stalls to wander around. Why not get your face painted, hair braided or even a massage? Make sure you also visit Tread Toe, the kinetic sculpture on display from Modern Art Oxford.

The Debt and Advice Centre will be selling cakes and refreshments to raise money

for their work with Rose Hill residents.

The day will finish with a family disco at the Rose Hill Social Club from 4pm onwards.

This event has been organised in partnership by GO Active, Oxford Citizens Housing Association, Active Women, Oxford City Council and Rose Hill Community Association.

On consultation with Rose Hill residents an annual community event such as this was something highlighted as a priority.

All proceeds made at the Community Live Well Day will go back into the Rose Hill Community Fund for future events on the estate.

Please come and support this wonderful community event – there's something for everyone and every penny raised will go back into the Rose Hill community.

**For more information on the event please contact Fran Gardner, Community worker, OCHA on 07770 324277.**

## Are you willing to help out at the event?

We need volunteers to help make this a fun, enjoyable and safe event. If you can spare a couple of hours please contact Fran on 07770 324 277.

## TRANSLATIONS AND LARGE PRINT

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## Elder Stubbs Festival

Saturday 20 August  
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This year is the 20th Elder Stubbs Festival and it promises to be the best yet!

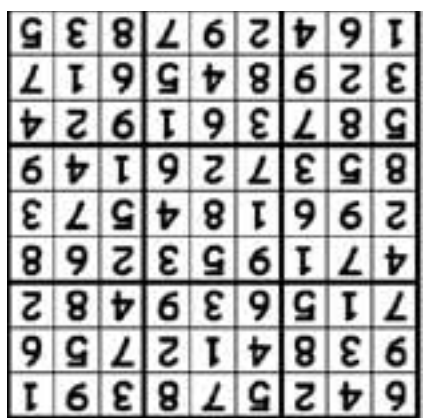
Set on the Elder Stubbs allotment site on Rymers Lane, this celebrated Cowley event boasts a diverse array of attractions from performing arts and workshops to stalls, speakers, children's activities and the vegetable show, as well as a wide choice of fine foods.

Around 50 different stallholders use the festival as a forum to share information about local groups and organisations, sell home-made goods, run an activity or vend an assortment of world cuisines.

**All for a £1.50 entry fee (and kids go free!)**  
**The festival is held at Elder Stubbs Allotments on Rymers Lane, OX4 3LB.**

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# Rose Hill Community Live Well Day

Sat 30th July  
12.00-4.00pm



## Bring friends and family to this fantastic FREE fun day.

**Where:** Rose Hill Community Centre, Social Club, Primary School, Children's Centre and The Oval.

**What:** Lots of fun, FREE activities and stands to keep everyone entertained.....

- Adults:**
- Bollywood Dance (12.15pm)
  - Seated Exercise (12.15pm)
  - Contemporary Dance Fitness (1pm)
  - Health Walk (1pm)
  - Boxercise (2pm)
  - Bingo (2pm)
  - Carnival Dance (3pm)
  - Tea Dance (3pm)
  - Women's Badminton, Football, Athletics and Tennis (throughout the day)

**Children:** Football, Skater Hockey and other sports, Art, craft and Dance workshops, Climbing wall, Face painting, Hair Braiding and Glitter tattoos!

**Plus:** BBQ, World Food, cake stalls and other refreshments. Various stalls, stands and FREE seated massage!

**All proceeds will go into the Rose Hill Community Fund!**

**There will also be a family disco from 4pm at the Rose Hill Social Club – everyone welcome!**

**Come and see the moving sculpture 'Tread Toe' from Modern Art Oxford!**





## Rose Hill Neighbourhood Police Team Update

The Neighbourhood Police Team for the Rose Hill, Littlemore and Iffley area is working hard to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour. Read the latest updates regarding our current neighbourhood priorities.

### Drugs

During a series of pro-active patrols around the Rose Hill Estate in June 2011 officers stopped and dealt with five separate individuals for drugs related offences.

A number of intelligence reports have further been received by members of the public regarding possible drugs activity which are being investigated.

If you are suspecting an individual, a group or a property to be involved in some form of drugs offences please contact the neighbourhood team on the number below.

### Anti-Social Behaviour

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) is something which has a negative impact on individuals, specific households or whole neighbourhoods. Our team does not tolerate behaviour affecting others in such ways.

Earlier in the year we reported about issuing ASB

warning letters to a some youths. Following a series of reports about ASB in parts of Nowell Road we identified a group of youths responsible.

The group included two people who had already been warned. We have issued warnings to parts of the group and the two who had been warned have signed Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABC).

These are voluntary agreements setting out clear rules about behaviours and will remain in place for at least six months. The contracts were drafted in conjunction with the Council's Crime and Nuisance Team CANACT and were signed in June.

We will be watching these individuals carefully, as any breaches of an ABC could ultimately result in the Police and Council applying for an ASBO.

### Other News

A vehicle was recently stopped

by neighbourhood officers.

On closer investigation of the vehicle contents the officers found stolen property inside.

The two people who were in the vehicle at the time both got arrested and have been charged to appear in Court for this offence.

An 18 year old male has been charged with robbery. Whilst building work on the Rose Hill Estate continues we encourage everybody living close to report any suspicious behaviour around building sites.

Unfortunately some incidents of illegal entry have been reported and at times have caused substantial damage. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

And as always in this summery weather one simple advice: make sure you leave your house and vehicles secure and do not give opportunity by leaving windows open.



### The next Have YOUR Say Meetings are:

- Wednesday 17 August, 3pm–5pm, 30 The Oval
- Saturday 17 September, 5pm–7pm, Littlemore Community Centre, Giles Road.

Please do stop and talk to us when you see us or come to our regular 'Have Our Say' meetings or contact us on the Thames Valley Police non emergency number 08458 505505 or by e-mail at [rosehill@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:rosehill@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk).

Alternatively residents can catch up with news from the team at [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk).

### In case you need to get in contact with us:

Thames Valley Police non-emergency number: 08458 505 505 (in an emergency dial: 999)

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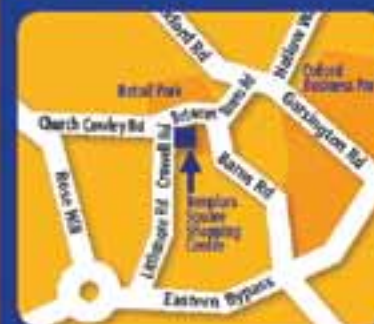
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# A dazzling Diamond group



A NEW Asian women's group has been formed by Rose Hill Children's Centre workers Hafsa Akkas and Homayra Bibi. The group named Heera, which means diamonds in Urdu, was formed to ensure that Asian women in Rose Hill and Littlemore have a friendly, welcoming place to meet, share food and conversation and enjoy a range of activities such as dance, fitness sessions, IT

training and trips for shopping and to the seaside. The group has formed a management committee, signed a constitution and will be supported with their fundraising by OCHA's Rose Hill community worker Fran Gardner.

Fran said: "I'm looking forward to working with the group and hopefully getting members some funding to get started on activities such as dance and

family cooking sessions. It's always so enjoyable for me to support women's groups such as HEERA – and a great opportunity for me to learn about their culture, traditions and way of life"

**HEERA will meet every Thursday afternoon at Rose Hill Children's Centre. For more details call Hafsa or Homayra on 01865 716739**

## ROSE HILL IT HUB

### Improving your computer skills



**"It is a good and gentle way to get back into education."**

THESE are the words of one of the Rose Hill residents who have been learning new IT skills, thanks to Oxford & Cherwell Valley College (OCVC).

This course is part of the college's programme, 'OCVC in the Community', which aims to encourage residents who have been out of learning for a while to get back into education.

OCVC is delivering two courses at the Rose Hill IT Hub. One is a Desk Top Publishing Workshop (DTP), the other is an 'Introduction to basics of Dreamweaver', which is about designing basic websites.

Feedback from residents taking the courses is positive. Comments include: "We feel it is good that we could do this learning within our community as we feel more relaxed after being away from classroom environments for a long time."

Community tutor Ahmed Rhaman says: "I think OCVC are doing a great job to help learners from local communities to get back into education and employment."

Says IT HUB Chairman, Adrian Hicks: "It has been important to work with the College, as it has given us an opportunity to run courses at a higher level."

"It has provided learners with skills where they can start something at home in terms of website designing or, if they are volunteers with community organisations, it is helping them with producing publicity material."

"One of the learners wants to start an online shop for wigs and design of wigs. Others have ideas, including building an online music database, and this course is helping them achieve their dreams."

**If you would like more information about the programme at the Rose Hill IT Hub, please contact Adrian on 07728 984 337 or the Rose Hill Children's Centre 01865 716739.**

## Oxfordshire Phone Link service



### Are you a good listener?

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PICTURED left are the first volunteers to finish their training for the new Age UK Oxfordshire Phone Link service for Oxford Citizens Housing Association (OCHA). These volunteers are phoning clients of the service from the OCHA office on Barns Road in Cowley. More volunteers are waiting to be trained and recruitment is ongoing.

This Phone Link service is based on the Phone Link Befriending Service operating out of Age UK Oxon offices in Abingdon and Banbury. The Phone Link service in Oxford is a working partnership with Oxford Citizens Housing Association and volunteers are part of the 'Home Link' Planned Support Service for vulnerable people in the city.

The new 'Home Link' service is open to anyone living in Oxford city, whether they own their own home, rent from OCHA or another landlord. It is designed for people aged over 55 years but can be provided to anyone over 18 if their needs can be met.

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# Five years of BIG Lottery funding for Rose Hill

## What does this mean for you – the residents of Rose Hill?

THE Big Lottery Fund announced last month that Oxford Citizens Housing Association (OCHA), part of the GreenSquare housing group, is to receive £361,714 to continue and develop its support and activities for residents of the Rose Hill estate.

The BIG grant will mean that Rose Hill residents will keep the OCHA part-time community worker and there will be two new jobs created: a part-time volunteer co-ordinator who will be based on Rose Hill and a project administrator based at OCHA offices in Barns Road, Cowley.

Four Rose Hill projects will also be financially secure for the next five years. They are:

- The Junior Youth club which launched earlier this year
- This newspaper – Rose Hill News, which will be produced six times each year from 2012
- A cultural food programme – four times a year Rose Hill residents will have the opportunity to enjoy a festival of food and entertainment
- A health initiative to develop health care on the estate.

OCHA's Rose Hill community worker Fran Gardner said: "This funding also means we will be able to offer a fantastic range of training opportunities for local people during the project. Each of the four projects mentioned will have a range of volunteering and fully funded training for local people.

"Training courses will take place on the estate and will offer really creative opportunities such as learning photography or community journalism as a volunteer for Rose Hill News."



*Pictured are some of the community groups who are already supported by OCHA's Rose Hill community worker:*

*Above left: Topsoil spreading with the Alice and Margaret Association*

*Top right: Members of the Nepalese Community at the filming of BBC's The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best series*

*Below right: African Women's Group*



## Junior Youth Club

### Family Fun sessions with the Junior Youth Club

ALTHOUGH the Junior Youth Club will take a break in August, you can still enjoy some of the great activities by coming along to one of the Family Fun sessions. Bring a parent, carer or grandparent with you and have some creative fun.

**Wednesday 17 August**  
**Another Glam** up your t-shirt session with Tanya. 2.00pm. Bring along a t-shirt, pair of jeans or bag and transform it into something really glam and glittery. Cost £1.00 for the session

**Wednesday 24 August**  
**Kids get Cooking.** 11.00am. A chance to show off your cooking skills, learn to make fruit muffins, scones, banana/carrot cake and bread rolls. Prepare a fruit smoothie as well. Cost £1.00 for the session

*Both sessions will be held at the Norman Brown Hall. Spaces are limited. To reserve a place call or text Fran on 07770 324 277*

*If you would like more information on the BIG Lottery project or you would like help and support a local group please call Fran on 07770 324 277 or email her at: fran.gardner@ocha.org.uk*

# WE DID IT! Double win at regional awards

OCHA (The Oxford Citizens Housing Association) scooped the top prize at the National Housing Federation South East awards ceremony at the end of June in Brighton.

The 'What We Are Proud Of Awards' run by the NHF celebrate outstanding projects run by housing associations across the country.

OCHA's entry profiled the success of project work led by Rose Hill Community Worker Fran Gardner and won the overall South East 'What We Are Proud Of' award. Fran was also announced as the winner in the 'Outstanding Individual' category.

Delegates attending the awards dinner in Brighton got to vote for their preferred winner for the overall award on the night.

OCHA's managing director, Andrew Smith, said: "We are over the moon with the result and this deserved recognition for our community worker Fran Gardner. She is living proof that great things can happen in neighbourhoods when stakeholders and residents are helped to come together to break down barriers and build community spirit.

"From working with TV's Hairy Bikers to propel local ethnic minority mums to TV fame and organising Comic Relief events to supporting community groups and helping women who have survived torture, she has shown how good community development can make a real difference. Her work perfectly complements the ongoing physical regeneration of Oxford's Rose Hill Estate, benefiting people of all



ages, tenures and cultures."

Having been declared regional winner, the project is now shortlisted for the national 'What We Are Proud Of Award' at the National Housing Federation's Annual Conference in September 2011.

Kate Dodsworth, Assistant Director

Regions at the National Housing Federation, said: "Oxford Citizens Housing Association gave a great presentation and deserved to win the top prize in the South East. At Rose Hill, OCHA have shown the fantastic role that housing associations can play in building up communities.

"All the entries were of a superb standard. I was delighted to see the creative response that our members, along with their residents and tenants, have made to addressing difficult challenges."

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# Rose Hill Primary School News

## Rose Hill Primary School Summer Playscheme

Our Summer playscheme is running for four weeks from 25 July. Charges are £5 per day or £20 per week for first child, and £4 per day or £16 per week for siblings.

Booking forms are from the main office in school. To secure bookings we require the first week (if booking the whole playscheme) up front. Subsequent weeks to be paid on the Friday prior to that week.

**Age group from four to 11.**

Trips out each week with lots of fun activities including games, art and craft work, sport, music and singing.

### TERM DATES

- School opens for children in F1 – Yr6 on Wednesday 7 September.
- The October holiday starts on the 24<sup>th</sup> with children back in school on Monday 31 October.
- We breakup for Christmas on Friday 16 December.

## WE DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE!



### CHILDREN from Rose Hill Primary School had an early summer holiday in June when they spent three days at Boscombe Beach.

In a special report for Rose Hill News, pupils said: "When we got there, we paddled in the cold, bright blue sea and we got all our clothes wet."

"We made beautiful sandcastles out of hot burning sand and we played football, cricket, and baseball, it started to rain heavily so we all rushed to shelter and waited for it to stop. We collected some beautiful, tiny shells,

and we all had lunch under the shelter.

"Somebody decided to go to the shops, but when we got to the shops, the teacher suggested we walk along the pier. The floor of the pier was made out of wood so when we looked down through the wide gaps it looked like we were going to fall off."

"At last, we were allowed in the shops to buy something, and then we walked back to the coach and travelled back to school. Everybody brought back lots of sand and we had a great time!"

## New book will 'pray for the world'



### A MUM of four and member of the African Women Group in Rose Hill has written her first book.

Abimbola Adewumi Solebo popularly known as Abi has written Oracle of God unto Nations: A call to prophetic prayer for nations. The book will be launched in September.

The non-fiction religious book contains oracles, rev-

elations and prophetic proclamations.

Abi said: "This book represents a collection of oracles, prophecies and revelations and is an extended and revised version of a collection of manuscripts and prayer notes on 'Prayer for the Nation'. This is a segment of a weekly Friday prayer meeting of Word Fountain Christian Ministries in Oxford."

In August 2009, Abi was ordained as a Minister in Word Fountain Christian Ministries, and says the book serves as a guide to prophetic praying for nations.

Abi added: "I was inspired by God to write this book because I became concerned with the various events that are happening on earth, I was burdened with the suffering and the anguish affecting the nations of this world. All these happenings made me to think what exactly is happening to planet earth and inspired me to write the book."

Abi's book will be published this month and launched on the 17 September at 5pm at the Christian Life Centre Church, 49 Oxford Road, Cowley

# Children's Centre News



WELCOME to our new Centre worker Maurizio. You can find him in the Playroom on Monday and Thursday mornings. He comes from Italy, so please come in and say "Buon Giorno" ( Good morning) to him.

Also as well as welcoming Maurizio we need to say welcome and well done to Charlotte O'Neill on becoming a member of staff at the Children's Centre. As well as cooking lunch and tea on a Monday she is now working as an Admin Assistant every afternoon on reception. Charlotte is a Littlemore resident and runs the



Thursday coffee morning at Littlemore community centre with a staff member, as a volunteer.

**Please read our timetable for the summer holidays and we hope to see many local families coming in to play.**

**WELL DONE** to the 12 people who recently attended and passed our Volunteer training. It was great to get together and think about what volunteering means to our centre and the individual too.

We also had safeguarding training and a discussion on how to handle tricky situations. If you think you might be interested in helping out at the Children's Centre, then come in and speak to Jackie for more information on how to become a volunteer.

## Rose Hill/Littlemore Children's Centre programme Summer holidays 2011

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Rose Hill Playroom opening hours</b>	12-2pm for under 5s Lunch available at 12noon	10-2pm for invite only group	Sorry closed 	10-2pm Outdoor activities in school front garden (weather permitting)	Sorry Closed 
<b>Littlemore opening hours</b>		12-2pm in main hall All welcome (Littlemore Community Centre, Giles Road)	10.30am-1.30pm in main hall All welcome (Littlemore Community Centre, Giles Road)		<b>Trips to Bournemouth</b> 3rd Aug for Rose Hill 10th Aug Littlemore £5 a seat tickets available from reception from 12th July.
<b>Other groups and activities available in the children's centre</b>	10-11am Health Visitor's clinic. 10-12noon Baby drop-in and peep.		1-3pm Every Dad Matters (Male carers and children only) 3-5pm Polish drop-in		For more information on any activities on this sheet, or to find out about other events <b>Phone 01865 716739</b>

We are having different themes for the different weeks of the summer holidays. These are as follows:  
Week 1: Nature; Week 2: Seaside; Week 3: Pirates; Week 4: Ourselves; Week 5: Water; Week 6: Food.

- Until further notice Saturdads is not running, but we hope to restart in the Autumn.
- With regard to the trips to Bournemouth, priority will be given to current centre users. If any seats are not booked we will open these to the community.
- Lunch will continue just on a Monday from 12 noon..

### Rose Hill and Littlemore Children's Centre

The Oval, Rose Hill, Oxford OX4 4UY

☎ 01865 716739

www.rosehill-littlemore.childrencentre.org



## Littlemore library News



**THE library summer reading challenge has started so Roll up! Roll Up! Roll Up! and join in the fun!**

The Circus Star challenge is coming to Littlemore library from 9 July until the 17 September. Children aged 0 – 15 years can become Circus Stars themselves and collect prizes as they read.

To join the circus troupe, collect a holographic membership card and 3D 'Circus Stars' stage. Then read and collect stickers, a bookmark and a wristband. When all six books have been read, collect a certificate

and medal plus a circus star yoyo!

Look out for great new books, 'Circus Stars' puzzles and activities at Littlemore library too! Plus there will be themed craft activities for children aged up to eight years and their grown-ups on:

- Tuesday 26 July from 2.30 until 3.30 pm
- Thursday 11 August from 10 am to 11 am

### Rhyme-time for under 5s

We will also be holding a rhyme-time for under 5s on the last Friday of every month, from 11.00 to 11.30 am. Please do join us!

We are situated on the Oxford Academy campus, off Sandy Lane West. Please be aware that from 15 August to 20 August

there will be absolutely no vehicle access to the site; a footpath for pedestrians will be available.

### Our usual opening hours are:

- Monday 2.00 – 6.00 pm
- Tuesday 2.00 – 4.30 pm
- Thursday 9.30 am – 12.30 pm and 2.00 – 4.30 pm
- Friday 9.30 am – 12.30 pm
- Saturday 9.30 am – 1.30 pm

**We look forward to seeing you soon. Kim Kearney (Manager)**

☎ 01865 714309

E: littlemore.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

### LIBRARY CONSULTATION

The library consultation has been launched and will run until the end of September. For full details about the proposal and to share your views on the future of the library service, including Littlemore library, please visit any library or go to [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraryserviceconsultation](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraryserviceconsultation)

## Reward Scheme is a hit with Oxford Fitness Fans

**A REWARD scheme for people that use Oxford City Council leisure facilities has proved successful with over 4000 members six months after it was launched.**

The Oxford City Sport and Leisure Rewards scheme means that pay and play users at leisure centres, swimming pools or the ice rink receive points when they visit the centres. The points can then be redeemed for activities within the centres.

The scheme has been popular at Ferry Leisure Centre where they have issued over 1000 reward cards.

Each card is preloaded with 200 points and then a further ten points is added for every £1 spent on fitness in the centres. After ten visits cardholders have normally gained enough points to use for a free swim, visit to the gym or group exercise class.

Councillor Mark Lygo, Board Member for Sport and Play, says: "We are delighted that so many people have signed up the reward scheme.

"It is a great way for people to take part in sporting activities and get rewarded for it. They can also redeem their points on sporting activities or exercise classes that they may not necessarily normally do, so it's a great way of trying out new sports.

"The card is real incentive to keep fit and save money while using the great facilities we have here in Oxford."

Kim Anderson, from Kidlington, says: "The Reward card has been great for me, I use Ferry Leisure Centre a lot so it has helped me earn points for free classes and use of the gym and pool."

Steve Holt, Divisional Business Manager for Fusion, says: "We are thrilled with the response in Oxford to the reward scheme with 4200 cards being issued.

"Oxford is the first contract in the Fusion Group to launch the Rewards Scheme and following the success here it is being launched throughout all our divisions."

Oxford Sport and Leisure Rewards Cards are free and are available from Oxford City Council Leisure Facilities at; Barton Leisure Centre, Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre, Blackbird Leys Pool, Ferry Leisure Centre, Hinksey Outdoor Pool, Oxford Ice Rink and Temple Cowley Pools & Fitness Centre.

**Full details on the Sport and Leisure Rewards scheme are available from the centres, by calling 0844 8933 222 or visiting the website [www.oxford.gov.uk/leisure](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/leisure)**

## ROSE HILL TENANTS' AND RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION



By Ray James

AS THE newly elected Chairman of the Rose Hill Tenants & Residents Association, I welcome this opportunity to share

with you some observations of someone who has now lived on the estate for close on ten years.

During that time, it seems, the wider public perception of the estate has been a negative one, with the term 'rough' frequently being used by non-residents, to describe the area in which my wife and I have chosen to make our home. Of course, the estate has its problems (what large urban estate doesn't?), an observation confirmed in a recent Audit Commission Report which, after noting the generally high quality of life in Oxford stated, "... however there are three areas

of social deprivation within the town, Rose Hill, Barton, and Blackbird Leys".

Whilst it would be naive of me to believe that that observation was no longer valid, I do believe Rose Hill has changed, and more importantly, is continuing to change. Even a cursory reading of this newspaper will quickly demonstrate the vitality that exists on the estate, with many activities taking place that many of us are totally unaware of. Add to that the physical regeneration that has taken place over the last few years, and the influx of new people it has brought with it, then the dynamic of change can begin to be seen.

However pleasing all this is, the reputation of any residential area depends upon its residents, that is - you and me. We, individually, as well as together, can continue the process of regeneration that we have been experiencing in recent years, and in so doing, can make Rose Hill a place we are proud to call "home". If we all consciously make that determined effort, then we all will benefit from the change, and the negative image of the estate that I mentioned at the beginning of this article will be a thing of the past - an aspiration we owe to ourselves, our families, and our neighbours.

All welcome to the TRA, we meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

September 17<sup>th</sup> 2011

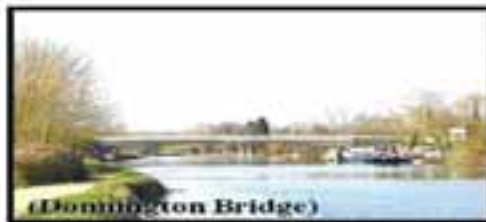
## THREE BRIDGES WALK

Rose Hill & Donnington Advice Centre

**Start:** Illey Village Hall, Church Way, Illey, Oxford, OX4 4EG  
**Route:** Donnington Bridge, Magdalen Bridge, Folly Bridge and Illey Lock. (A map will be provided).  
**Finish:** Illey Village Hall  
**Time:** Approximately 1 1/2 Hours



The Advice Centre needs funds to continue its work in the community, so join in our **Three Bridges Walk**. You can collect a sponsorship form from the Advice Centre, or download from the website. [www.rhdadvicecentre.moonfruit.com](http://www.rhdadvicecentre.moonfruit.com)



Contact: [rhd-walk@live.com](mailto:rhd-walk@live.com)





# Oxford Academy

## Sixth Form scientists lead the way at conference

A GROUP of Sixth Form scientists represented The Oxford Academy at The Oxford Diocese Conference recently.

The objective and focal point of the conference was to address challenges facing global leadership in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. On arrival, guest speakers explained the huge pressure that will face leaders of the next generation, in light of global challenges.

Students listened to speakers including Nick Spencer from Theos, the

public theology think tank, and the Right Honourable John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, who encouraged the young audience to consider politics as a career.

The Sixth Form groups each delivered a presentation, on one of the key issues facing humanity including; over-population, poverty and inequality, over-fishing, rainforest destruction and migration.

The group from The Oxford Academy delivered a very professional

presentation based on the issues of energy consumption; they explored the possible options for meeting demand for energy as oil reserves are depleted; highlighting the fact that oil reserves will run out in 75 years.

The conference was an incredibly positive experience for the Sixth Formers who spoke with clarity, confidence and intelligence about a complex subject to a large audience.



### Academy science teacher juggles love for teaching with Olympic dream

BBC OXFORD visited The Oxford Academy in June to see how science teacher, Caroline O'Connor manages her time between the pressures of training as the coxswain for the Great Britain Rowing Team and teaching at the Academy.

Caroline, pictured above with students, has been teaching science at The Oxford Academy since 2008 after competing in the Beijing Olympic Games and was judged to be 'outstanding' by Ofsted. Caroline started rowing at Oxford Brookes University in 2001 and is now the most successful British female coxswain. Caroline is currently preparing for the

Henley Regatta next week, training every morning.

Caroline was interviewed by three Academy students who have been nominated by the PE department for the Sports Personality Award Evening next month. Students quizzed her on rowing and competing on a world stage at major sporting events whilst also having a career.

The BBC will return to The Oxford Academy for the Sports Personality Award Evening to celebrate the sporting achievements of its students during the academic year.

### Golfing excellence at North Birmingham Academy

SIX STUDENTS selected from The Oxford Academy's golf team were selected to represent the Academy in the annual School Sport Partnership Golf Competition held at Studley Wood Golf Course on 14 June.

The select group of students had some great individual scores despite the tricky, long course and the team came a respectable third place.

The team are hoping to keep training and gain more experience of match play to develop further and produce an even stronger team for next year.



### Oxford Academy students play with nanotech

STUDENTS from The Oxford Academy, joined other Oxfordshire schools to learn about nanotechnology in a morning of hands-on activities at Oxford University's Begbroke Science Park on the 24 June. Years seven, eight and nine students from the Academy had the opportunity to learn about the science behind applications of nanotechnologies and investigate the properties of nanoscale materials. After a short introductory talk by Dr Christiane Norenberg, Programme Manager for Nanotechnology at the University, students participated in several fun and experimental activities.

## FUN AND GAMES

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### The Rose Hill Crossword

Compiled by Mulberry

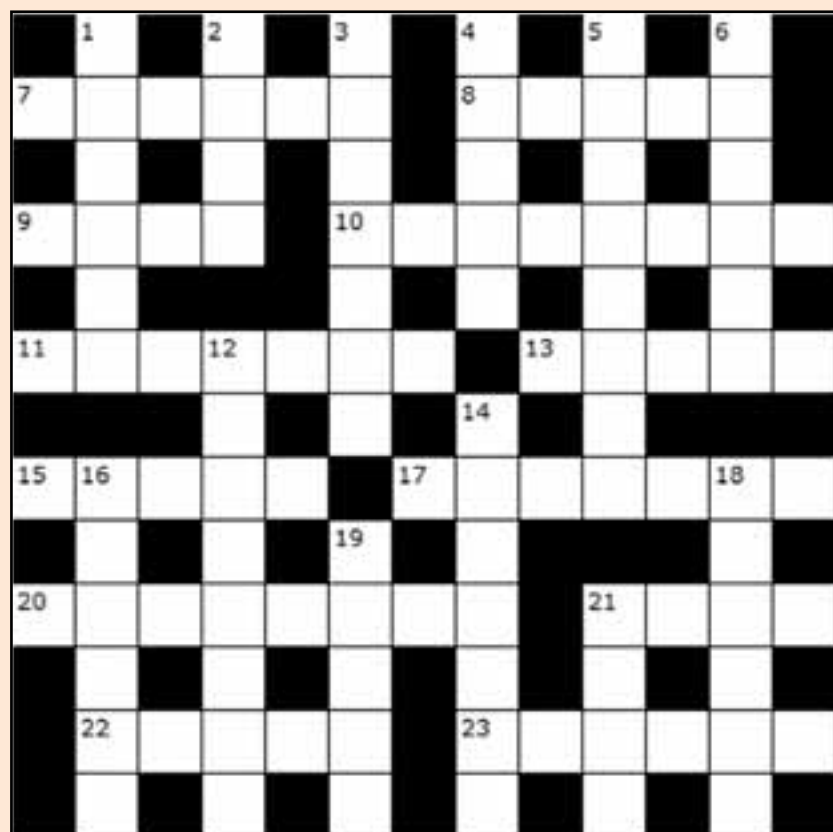
**Across**

- 7. Al ....., American gangster (6)
- 8. Half-wit (5)
- 9. Females associated with team (4)
- 10. Hiker's pack (8)
- 11. Pillow, cushion (7)
- 13. Docks (5)
- 15. Customary (5)
- 17. Fifth planet from the sun (7)
- 20. Wootton resident, for example (8)
- 21. Sleep lightly (4)
- 22. Waterbird (5)
- 23. Brushes, e.g. horse (6)

**Down**

- 1. Native American tribe (6)
- 2. Makes cow noise (4)
- 3. Sporting facial hair (7)
- 4. Female relative (5)
- 5. US state (8)
- 6. Thick-set (6)
- 12. Infectious disease (8)
- 14. Offensive act (7)
- 16. Miserly (6)
- 18. Skin condition (6)
- 19. White heron (5)
- 21. Moveable barrier at entrance (4)

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# Recipe Corner

## Gorgeous (and easy) Chocolate pudding

### Ingredients

- 115g unsalted butter, plus extra for greasing
- 4 large eggs, at room temperature
- 400g sugar
- 115g cocoa powder
- 65g plain flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- 1 tbsp framboise liqueur, (optional)
- vanilla ice cream, to serve

### Method

1. Preheat the oven to 170C/gas 3. Lightly butter a medium sized oval baking dish. Melt the butter and set aside to cool.
2. Beat the eggs and sugar with an electric whisk for five to ten minutes, until very thick and light yellow.

Meanwhile, sift the cocoa powder and flour together and set aside.

3. When the egg and sugar mixture is light and fluffy, reduce the whisk speed to low and add the vanilla essence, framboise (if using), and the cocoa powder and flour mixture. Mix until just combined. With the mixer still on low, slowly pour in the cooled butter and mix again just until combined.

4. Pour the chocolate mixture into the prepared dish and place it in a larger roasting tin. Add enough of very tap water to the pan to come halfway up the side of the dish and bake for exactly one hour. The centre will appear very under-baked; this dessert is between a brownie and a pudding.

5. Allow to cool and serve with vanilla ice cream.

**Cook's tip:** This dessert can be made up to three days in advance. Wrap well, refrigerate, and bring to room temperature before serving.

## Salt Fish Cake and Fried Dumplings



**CLARA DAVIS**, a member of Alice and Margaret Association, makes her traditional Caribbean dish for the resident's. She now shares her recipe with the readers. In good Caribbean fashion all the measurements are fluid!

### Fried Dumplings

A small amount of salt, self-raising flour, butter or margarine.

Mix together into little balls and then flatten with rolling pin and fry.

**Both recipes may not be the healthiest option, however, a much enjoyed dish especially on the Island of St Lucia.**

### Salt Fish Cake

Salt Cod boiled to take out the salt also remove any bones found in the fish. Brake the fish into small pieces and you will need self-raising flour, spring onion, black pepper and if it suits your taste some hot red peppers! Clara says use sparingly! Mix all the ingredients into batter and fry.

## MODERN ART OXFORD

### Art in Rose Hill: Latest news

THIS SUMMER, Modern Art Oxford presents a major new commission by artist James Capper. Ripper Teeth in Action brings to a close a three-year programme of off-site commissions and residencies on the Rose Hill estate, led by Modern Art Oxford and generously supported by The Paul Hamlyn Foundation.

Inspired by large-scale construction machinery, Capper will employ a set of 'ripper teeth' of his own design to work on sections of land around Rose Hill. In a series of live performances taking place throughout August, the artist will use an excavator vehicle to wield these custom-built fittings and explore their capacity for mark-making on the landscape. The commission responds to the physical regeneration of residential areas and its impact on the environment and local communities. James Capper will create temporary interventions on the landscape in and around the Rose Hill Estate, Oxford. All public areas used will be returned to their normal state after the project.

A large-scale kinetic sculpture Tread Toe will be on display in Rose Hill during August, complementing the ongoing performances of Ripper Teeth in Action.

**James Capper: Ripper Teeth in Action**



**James Capper's marvellous moving sculpture 'Tread Toe' (pictured above) will be in action on Saturday 30 July, 12pm-4pm, at the Community Live Well Day, along with free art activities for families to enjoy together.**

**Where:** Various sites in Rose Hill

**What and When:** Sculpture and live performances, 2-26 August, Walking tours 2pm and 3pm on 20/21 August meeting at The Oval.

**Cost:** FREE, just turn up – all welcome

**For further details visit:** [www.modernartoxford.org.uk](http://www.modernartoxford.org.uk) or phone 01865 813818.

## Your local councillors and MP

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### Member of Parliament



**Andrew Smith MP**  
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Andrew holds advice surgeries in Rose Hill at the Rose Hill Community Centre on the first Friday of each month between 6.00 and 7.00pm.

Andrew sees all constituents but as surgeries are always busy it helps if you make an appointment - please ring 01865 305080 (also for details of other advice surgeries in the area).

## CHURCH NEWS

### Rose Hill Methodist Church

Rose Hill, Oxford

"We exist to create opportunities for all to share God's love"

### Regular Worship

**10.30am: Weekly Sunday service** led by a variety of preachers. Once a month we hold a Communion Service.  
**6.00pm: Informal evening fellowship** held in a Church member's house on the first Sunday of the month.

If you would like further details about the Church or are interested in hiring any of our rooms, then please do get in touch by phoning the numbers below or looking at our website [www.rosehillmethodists.org.uk](http://www.rosehillmethodists.org.uk)

If you need the services of a Methodist Minister whilst Rosemary is on sabbatical, please phone the Circuit Office on 01865 243216 .

**Deacon:** Mr Stephen Richardson, 01865 712880

**Room bookings:** Mr Jeremy Dawe, 01865 779070

### St Mary's Church

St Mary's Church, Iffley:  
Reverend Andrew McKearney (vicar)

You are very welcome to come and join us:

**Sundays:**  
8.00am, Holy Communion  
10.00am, Parish Communion  
6.30pm, Evensong

**Contacts:**  
Vicar: Andrew McKearney  
☎ 01865 773516

**Church Hall Bookings:**  
Elizabeth Leigh, 01865 771463  
Website: [www.iffley.co.uk](http://www.iffley.co.uk)

## Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 24 July**  
**Family Fun Sports Day**  
1am to 3pm in South Parks Oxford.  
See back page for details

**Saturday 30 July**  
**Community Live Well Day.**  
See page 2 and 3

**Tuesday 2 August**  
**Rose Hill Tenants' and Residents' Association Meeting.**  
At 7.30pm in the Community Centre.  
See page 9

**Saturday 20 August**  
**Elder Stubbs Festival**  
12 – 5pm at Elder Stubbs Allotments on Rymers Lane, OX4 3LB.  
For details see page 2

**Saturday 17 September**  
**Three Bridges walk.**  
**Raising money for the Donnington and Rose Hill Advice Centre**  
See page 9

## Come and Sing!

ARE YOU aged between seven and 11? Do you like to sing? Would you like to spend two days in Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford with about 50 other kids singing, doing art and craft, going round the cathedral and the gardens of the college, playing games and learning about music?

These two days are Wednesday 24 and Thursday 25 August, the course is organised by the Royal School of Church Music and costs £20. The first day ends with an informal concert and the second with a short service, all presented by YOU!

If you are interested please contact Janet Low as soon as possible for more information on [janetclow@gmail.com](mailto:janetclow@gmail.com)





**ROSE HILL NEWS**  
**SPORT**

# Rose Hill Football Club celebrating success

THE successes of the season were celebrated by Rose Hill Football Club at its end of season presentation night at Rose Hill Social Club.

Terry Rose picked up the Manager's Player of the Year award while top goal scorer went to Ricky Hastings and Sean Qualter was voted Supporter's Player of the Year, sponsored by The Oxford School of Motoring. The biggest award went to William Baleham who won Player's Player of the Year.

A spokesman for the club said: "All of us involved with the football club would also like to thank all the people who helped out this season - Katie Allen for her continued support of our fundraising, Suzanne Parsons for washing the kit all season and Sue and Chris Smith for their fantastic support throughout the season.

"We would also like to thank Hill Partnerships and OCHA for their sponsorship and Rose Hill Social Club for letting us use their facilities all season. One last thank you to all the players who have taken part this season and made it such an enjoyable one for all of us."



**A day in the life of an Oxford United fan**

By Orliter  
**The summer diary of an Oxford United fan**

IT IS 1 July and long suffering football fans have entered into the land of The Close Season which got me thinking; what actually is the close season? What does it mean I pondered? Close as in near or close as in cul de sac, or close as in very humid conditions. Plenty of options, such are the vagaries of the English language. But no! Not one of these.

With an average attendance in excess of 7000 Oxford United supporters alone last season I calculate that there were more than 50000 wives, partners, children and parents who have seen a footy mad fan sporting the famous yellow and blue of their team actually spend time either at home or on holiday during this close season.

I wouldn't mind betting and I am not a betting man, that many children have gone up to their mums and whispered quietly in their ear "who's that who just brought us an ice-cream" on the sea front at Weymouth? Ah says mum for tis he who we only see during the CLOSE season!"

Well. Us supporters of the country's greatest team, the famous Yellows of Oxford need a much earned break as it is necessary and indeed desirable to talk about the stars who have gone on to new pastures and their replacements, for without these musings brewers would be made bankrupt and pubs shut down. Ah. My trusty dog Briggsy reminds me pubs are closing down anyway!

**SIGNINGS**

The manager Chris Wilder has made apparently some very astute signings. Forwards who can score, what is after all the whole purpose of the game, goals - something we were somewhat lacking last season.

However, if a team allows the opposition to score, then, well they will lose. And so the club has signed possibly the biggest name ever, Michael Duberry an absolute rock in the centre of defence.

Previously he played for Chelsea Pensioners (he is after all 36) in the top league in the world, followed by spells with Newcastle United and recently St Johnstone in the Scottish League.

This promises to be a great season with local matches galore and in particular Swindon with their Robin fans who cross swords with the Yellows in August and early in the spring 2012.

I can't wait for the Close Season to Close and await eagerly the start of the 2011/2012 campaign as I am sure many Rose Hill fans do also. C'mon You Yellows!

## Unleash the Olympian in you and celebrate the countdown to the London 2012 Games at the Oxford Family Sports Day



coaches, Lacrosse, Boxing, Health Walks in Headington Hill Park at 11am and 1pm, Wheelchair Laser Tag at Cheney school, and much more.

You can also watch performances in a variety of dance styles and even join in on the action in one of the dance masterclasses:

- Hip Hop from 11am
- Samba from 12noon
- Urban Dance from 1pm
- Capoeira from 2pm

Admission and activities are free for all the family to enjoy.

Parking is very limited therefore we would encourage visitors to travel by bus, bicycle or foot.

Prepare a packed lunch, round up your friends and join in the celebration.

OXFORD City Council is to host a family fun sports day on Sunday 24 July 2011 from 11am to 3pm in South Parks Oxford. This event is being delivered in partnership with Dancin Oxford, Fusion Lifestyle, Oxford Brookes University, Tesco, Pegasus Theatre and the Oxford Sports Council.

Show off your sporting talent in one of the many free activities to try including; Football with Oxford United

*This event is part of the Open Weekend 2011 (www.london2012.com/open-weekend).*

**For more information please call 01865 252729 or visit [www.oxford.gov.uk/2012olympics](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/2012olympics)**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**Tuesday 19 July:** Pre-season training starts at 7pm at the rec.

**Sunday 28 August:** Gary Lapper Memorial match (With drinks at the club afterwards)

**Saturday 3 September:** Season Starts. Everyone can follow the team Via: Face book: [www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/6191125821](http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/groups/6191125821)

**South Park, Oxford (Warneford Lane)**  
**Sunday 24 July 2011**  
**11am - 3pm**

**FREE admission and activities**  
**Fun for all the family!**

**Open Weekend 2011**  
**Oxford Family Sports Day**  
Celebrating 1 year to go to the London 2012 Games

Football with Oxford United Coaches • Boxing 1pm onwards  
• Health Walks 11am & 1pm starting from Headington Hill Park  
• Lacrosse...and more!

Dance masterclasses & demo's in Hip Hop 11am  
• Samba 12 noon • Urban Dance 1pm & Capoeira 2pm

For more information please contact 01865 252729 or visit [www.oxford.gov.uk/2012olympics](http://www.oxford.gov.uk/2012olympics)

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For more info please visit [www.oxford.gov.uk](http://www.oxford.gov.uk) or contact the Sports Development team at [sportdevelopment@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:sportdevelopment@oxford.gov.uk), or alternatively call 01865 252727