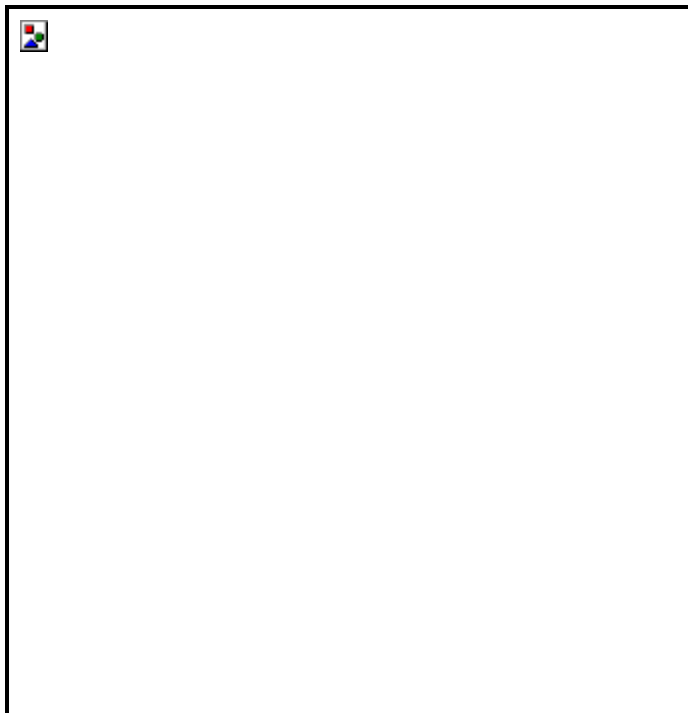




WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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woc.ART artists celebrate the opening of their 2004 Artweeks exhibition

After the success of this year's Artweeks exhibition at the Community Centre, woc.ART, the West Oxford artists group, look forward to their 2005 exhibition. The group will have space at this exhibition for a 3D artist or craft worker such as a sculptor, potter or jeweler, in other words someone who will not need hanging space. If you are interested, send a short cv (with your name and address) and, if possible, photographs of your work (copies, not originals please) to woc.ART c/o Steve Wride, 33 Henry Rd, by October 15th. The name of the successful artist will be circulated to all applicants by November 1st.

WOMBATS



West Oxford Music, Ballet, Art & Theatre Society



In response to popular demand, Wombats would like to found an 'All-Comers Choir' to meet and sing at the Community Centre. We have secured the services of an accompanist who promises to be patient, and we really do want anyone and everyone to take part! Before setting a weekly time, we wish to find out when might be the most suitable evening in the week for people who are interested. In the first instance,

Steve Stuart of Warland Cycles at 63 Botley Rd has kindly agreed to act as a point of contact. Could anyone who is interested pop into the bike shop, leave some contact details and discuss with Steve any aspects of such a 'choir' that might help make it work well? We will let you know definite arrangements in a few weeks' time.



News from St Frideswide's Church

The Rev'd Tom Meyrick will be appointed to be the new parish priest from 3 October 2004 and looks forward to meeting local residents. His last post was as chaplain of Oriel College. Please note that the time of the main Sunday service at St Frideswide's has recently changed to 10.30AM.

Forthcoming events will include: Sunday 26th September, Harvest

Festival; evening of Monday 18th October, visit by the Bishop of Oxford, with the cathedral singers. Saturday 27th November (date to be confirmed), Autumn Coffee Morning. Many thanks to all who contributed so generously to the Gift Day in June. The total raised was £1,088. Work on the stained glass will commence after ecclesiastical planning permission has been obtained.

Sunday evensong at Binsey will continue at 3.30PM until 24th October, through the good offices of Canon Wilfrid Browning. Binsey's Harvest Festival will be on 3rd October.



West Oxford Community Primary School

The School's Eco Warriors have been working to make the school more environmentally aware and responsible for two years. In July, they were awarded an Eco Schools 'silver certificate' in recognition of their continuing progress. The children also successfully applied for a grant from the Mary Jane Fund to set up a bird table and a bird nesting box with webcams, so that they can watch ornithological activity on a TV inside the school. You can help! The Eco Warriors have begun collecting old mobile phones for reuse and recycling. If you have a mobile, it can be reconditioned and distributed in the developing world, or, if irredeemable, all of the components will be carefully recycled. In either case, the School will receive a payment if it can collect 100 phones, so please do your bit for the environment, for the developing world, and for West Oxford Primary School, and bring your unwanted mobiles into the School on the Ferry Hinksey Road.



West Oxford Toy Library returns to the Community Centre

The toy library will be operating on Friday Mornings (11.00 am) during the mother and baby group session. We have recently received a generous grant for new toys - and so the selection available is better than ever.



Messy Play – Mondays 9.30-11am. 2-4 year olds and siblings welcome. £2. includes drink and biscuits. Just turn up or phone Vicky Hirsch on 724315.

Wednesday Afternoon Mother and Baby Group? – It is proposed to revive group. If you would be interested in attending, please ring the Centre on 245761 and leave contact details.



The Community Centre Café is open every weekday from about 11 am to 3 pm for good-value lunch and snacks. There's a special lunch for older people every Tuesday. To book a place, phone 245761.

A West Oxford Local History Group is studying things of interest in West Oxford. Recently, they traced the Pilgrims' Way at Binsey Church. Phone 245761 for more information.

Health Walks - If you'd like to get fit or keep fit, why not come for a walk in one of our beautiful green spaces. We walk every Wednesday, meeting at 11.30 in the café at the Community Centre. Everyone is welcome and you can walk at your own pace.

Grants for community projects are available from the Community Association. Application forms are available in the Centre office or on www.woca.org.uk. The Committee will consider applications on the first Mondays of January, April, and September. We WANT to support you, let us know how we can help. The only absolute requirement is that grants must benefit local residents.

West Oxford Waste Watchers are committed to action on waste!



We have already had a **plastic recycling point** installed on **Ferry Hinksey Road** (where the other containers are, on the edge of the park). You can recycle all 'rigid plastics' there such as milk cartons, margarine tubs, yoghurt pots etc. No more trips to Redbridge! (Next up - cardboard!).

AND your used batteries can now be recycled at Warlands bike shop on Botley Road.

To join our group, email westoxfordcag@yahoo.co.uk or call Julie Meikle on 203945. Or see the Community Action Group website at www.cagoxfordshire.org.uk. Our aims are:

Education: information on what you can recycle, how and where

Action: arranging litter picks, junk swaps and green waste shredding

Campaigning: lobbying the Council to provide more recycling facilities, and shops to produce less packaging and fewer plastic bags

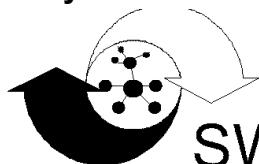
COMING EVENTS

De-clutter your house! Are there items in your house you could live without? Don't know what to do with them? Bring them to our **Bring & Take Day** at the West Oxford Community Centre on **Saturday October 30th**. Someone somewhere needs your unwanted (but good condition) clothes, toys, CDs, books, plants, excess garden produce, ornaments, kitchenware, unopened toiletries, pictures, linen and small furniture – basically anything you can carry (except electrical items – unfortunately, we are not able to accept these)! Please bring your items between 11.30 and 12.30. **Come along and get a bargain – all items free – from 12.30 - 4pm**. You don't need to bring anything, just come along and see what's on offer. All items not taken by the end of the day will be given to charitable organisations. For larger items we will have a notice board – please bring a photograph or description with your name and contact details.

Litter pick!

WOWW will be holding **Litter Picks** on the 1st Saturday of every month, and trying to recycle as much of the junk they collect as possible. From the first litter pick in Oatlands Park we recycled half a dozen bags of plastics, cardboard, glass - and even an old bike! We'll be covering a different area every time, so if you want to make West Oxford a tidier place, and get some exercise in the process, meet outside the Community Centre at 10.30am on Saturday November 6th. Tongs, gloves and bags will be provided.

Swap Shop – are you looking for something old? do you have something to give away? Advertise in the Swap Shop! (Contact newsletter editor – see back page.)



SWAP

Has anybody got a few redundant bricks lying around? I am looking for whole bricks (cement attached is no problem) and will come and collect. Any number welcomed, from half-a-dozen up to a hundred or so. Ring Martin on 725842 or email: martin.rush@oxdoc.co.uk.



Councillor Susanna Pressel (7 Rawlinson Road, OX2 6UE, Tel. 554001, email: spressel@lmc.co.uk) holds ward surgeries on the third Saturday of every month at West Oxford Community Centre, from 11am to 12 noon.



Councillor Michael Collins: email: mpcollins1@yahoo.com, tel: 07837 831728.



You Live Here is a huge digital painting by Tom Kemp, another West Oxford artist. It will remain on public display outside the Blackwell's building in Frideswide Square until May 2005 (hope you recognised it!). Try making your own digital painting using Tom's free, online software at www.tomkemp.com/particle.

WOCA Committee – If you would like to discuss anything about the Association or the Centre, please talk to a committee member: Hanjo Glock, Lois Muddiman, Roy Hoare, Lynn Carter, Miranda Miller, Athene Reiss, Martin Rush, Jim McMahon, Julie Smith, Steve Stuart, Vicky Hirsch; or Marelyn Clarke or Richard Grant who work in the office.

Calendar of Regular Activities at the West Oxford Community Centre

Sundays Urdu, 11-1; **Tae Kwon Do**, 11.30am-1pm; **SFL**, 11-12.30pm; **NA**, 4.30-7pm; **Mr Clegg**, 6.30-9

Mondays **Messy Play**, 9.30-11am; **Mother & Baby**, 10.30-12 noon; **Chinese Older People**, 1-3pm; **Family Yoga**, 4-5pm; **Pilates**, 6-7pm; **Step Aerobics**, 6.30-7.30pm; **Shao Lin**, 7.30-9.30pm

Tuesdays **Easy Exercise for 50+s**, 9.30-11am; **Lunch Club**, 12.30-2pm; **Portrait Class**, 1-3.30pm; **Brownies**, 5.30-7.30pm; **Massage Class**, 7.30-10.15pm; **Tae Kwon Do**, 7.30-8.45pm

Wednesdays **Relationships** 10-12; **Creative Dance**, 10.30-12 noon; **Health Walks**, 11.30; **Mother & Baby**, 3-4.30pm; **Junior Youth Club**, 6-7.30pm; **Yoga**, 6.30-8pm; **St John Ambulance**, 7-9pm; **OEA**, 7.30-8.45pm

Thursdays **My Life/My Choice** (alternate weeks from 9/9) 9.30-4.00; **Open Door**, 9.30-11.30am; **Aerobics**, 6.30-7.30pm; **Upholstery**, 7.30-9.30pm

Fridays **Parent & Toddler**, 9-11.30am; **Toy Library** 11am; **Health Visitor Baby Clinic**, 1.30-4.30pm; **Ceila Benson School of Dance**, 4-6.30pm; **Kickboxing**, 7.30-8.30pm; **Bingo**, 7-9pm; **AA**, 7.45-9.30pm

Saturdays Urdu, 11-2; **Yoga**, 10-11.30

For more information ring 245761 or e-mail woxford@oxford.gov.uk or stop by the Community Centre on the Botley Road.

Contributions for the December issue of this newsletter can be left at the Community Centre (marked for the attention of Athene Reiss) or e-mailed to athenereiss@hotmail.com by 15 November. If you would like local information to appear on the Community Centre website, please send it (in good time) to webmaster@woca.org.uk.

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