WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
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West Oxford Community Association

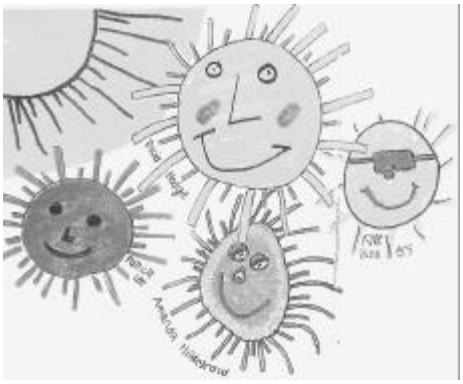
AGM

Monday 23 April @ 7pm
at the Community Centre
Short Meeting*
Election of Management Committee**
then…

FOOD (the best bit)!

plus a Prize Raffle
Top prize is a meal voucher for The White House on the Botley Rd!

(many thanks to the White House for sponsoring this)



AND - we will have a celebration to 'turn on' the solar panels, which will provide the Community Centre with clean, renewable energy. Please come celebrate, and find out what you can do to stop climate change.

*Your chance to say what you want from the Community Association. What should we be doing to make your life in West Oxford better?
**If you or anyone you know would like to join the Committee, you are very welcome to come along and make yourself known.

Oxfordshire Touring Theatre Company's *The Falling Sky*
7.30pm Wednesday 11 April: Tickets £5 (Concessions £3); Reservations Tel 245761.
The Falling Sky is a richly rewarding story based on extensive research with people living in rural Oxfordshire and charts the fascinating stories of five local residents over the course of a year. The production mixes live music, humour, contemporary issues and strong emotions - guaranteed to make you smile, wonder and wipe away a tear.

SUNDAY SERVICES ARE AT 10.30 am
All are welcome to our lively and contemporary style services.
There is a Sunday School for 3-11 year olds which runs during the service

50 PLUS: for everyone over 50: THURSDAY 29 MARCH 2-4 pm.
Nick Gill will be playing and singing at the piano. Free Admission.
Refreshments available.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

Good Friday (6 April) 11am - Communion
Easter Sunday (8 April) 10.30 am – Easter Family Service

St Frideswide's Church (Church of England)

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday (5 April): 7.30pm Sung Mass at St Frideswide's
On **Good Friday (6 April)** there will be 'Make Things for Easter' in the WOCA Community Centre from 10-11.30am. This is for 0-7 years olds and their families, and will feature a range of activities making cards, decorations etc. for Easter. Hot Cross Buns and coffee will be served. Also on Good Friday, at 12 noon in St Frideswide's, there will be a simple service of talks, hymns, and prayers lasting one hour. Fr John Munns, an art historian from Cambridge, will be giving the talks, which will be illustrated by slides. Evensong will be at 4pm in Binsey church.
Easter Day (8 April): 9am Mass at Binsey. 10.30am Parish Mass at St Frideswide's. 3.30pm Festal Evensong at Binsey.

REGULAR SERVICES

Our regular Sunday service of **Parish Mass** is at 10.30am every Sunday at St Frideswide's, with hymns and a sermon. There will be a **Godly Play Sunday School for 2-11 year olds** during this service on 29 April, 13 May, 10 June, 24 June, and 8 July. There is also **Evensong at Binsey** every Sunday through the summer at 3.30pm. All welcome.
For enquiries relating to baptisms, weddings, funerals, or any other matter, please contact the parish priest, Father Russell Dewhurst on 01865 242680 or rdewhurst@mac.com or see our website at http://www.frideswide.org.uk

West Oxford Community Primary School

Well done to the **Lego team** who programmed a robot, presented their research into the pollution of the oceans, and answered questions about their robot's design at the First Lego League competition.
Congratulations to the **football team**: Miles, Hayden, Sam B, Ben, Chris, Bradley, Amir and Spencer for winning the Vale of the White Horse Smallest Schools' Tournament in a thrilling play-off when they beat St Andrews 3-1.
Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat - everyone invited. Rehearsals are underway for a community music event at 7.30 pm on Thursday 29 March at the King's Centre, Osney Mead.
Everyone is invited to attend our **end of term assembly** on Friday 30th March at 9.10 am. Come along and enjoy the children's music and drama.
To find out more, please ring 248862 or email: headteacher.2533@west-oxford.oxon.sch.uk or see our website: http://west-oxford.oxon.digitalbrain.com.

Charity fashion show in aid of Sobell House Hospice to be held at the West Oxford Democrats Club on Thursday 26 April. It will be an evening of Fashion, Fun and Flamenco with clothes from Rainbow and Spoon. Tickets cost £12.50 and include a glass of wine and canapés on arrival plus a lucky no prize draw. Doors open at 7.30. After show dancing til 11.30pm. Licensed bar. Tickets from Rainbow and Spoon, 22 Park End St, 723492.

West Oxford Community Centre Café

Opening Times

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 10am-2pm; Tuesdays: OAP Lunch Club

Catering for Groups

Tea or Coffee and Biscuits: £1.50 per person

Buffet Meals:

£5 per person (Sandwiches/Bridge rolls. Tortilla Chips. Cake, fruit. Soft drinks, tea, coffee.)

£6 per person (Samosas, bhajis, satay sticks, spring rolls, pizza or chicken drumsticks, sausage rolls, vegetarian quiche. Cheese board or cake, fruit. Soft drinks, tea, coffee.)

Catering for Children's Parties

Only £2.50 each! Mix & Match – Choose any 7 from the following:

Cocktail Sausages, Pizza, Savoury Eggs, Chicken Nuggets, Carrot Sticks, Bread Sticks, Houmus, Cucumber Sticks, Raisins, Cheese (Babybell), Crisps, Mini Swiss Roll, Jelly, Juice.

To make a booking please phone Lynn on 07809 603066.

West Oxford Local History Group

On Thursday 24 May, Susan Adams will be talking on **'Who was St Frideswide?'**. Meet in St Frideswide's Church, 7pm. Susan Adams has written a history of St Frideswide and will talk to us about her life and times.

Dr Martin Henig will talk about **'Life in Roman Oxfordshire'** at 7pm on Thursday 19 April.

Please see www.woca.org.uk for details of venue and future talks, including 'Assessing Osney Island Conservation Area' and 'An Oral History of the Railway in West Oxford'.

West Oxford Waste Watchers

Our next **Bring and Take** event will be on Saturday 21 April from 10am - noon at the Community Centre. One person's junk is another person's treasure! The ideal incentive for having a good spring clean! Bring your junk along to us and take away anything that catches your eye absolutely free. No obligation either to bring or to take! No electrical goods, or large furniture please, but pictures and other details of these can be displayed on our notice boards with your contact details.

To find out more about this and other events run by WOWW, join our electronic mailing list: **{** HYPERLINK "http://by103fd.bay103.hotmail.msn.com/cgi-bin/compose?curmbox=00000000-0000-0000-0000-000000000001&a=916abf7c982dace3d0c03c0625c35d41cffa199ffb9f16e631f213f493c5ef53&mailto=1&to=westoxfordcag@yahoo.co.uk&msg=5E477473-32B6-4B89-859E-7C186DFBF559&start=0&len=5532&src=&type=x" **}**, or phone Ruth Finar on 727572.

Root out Himalayan Balsam with the West Oxford Wildlife Group (WOWG)

Saturday, 28 April 2007 from 10.30am: Join members of the group (for as long or as short a time as you can spare) on the bridge by Marlborough Ct (at the end of Duke St) to hunt and root out the invasive Himalayan Balsam which is choking up our waterways and crowding out native species.Enquiries:Julia Hamer-Hunt240904; juliahamer_hunt@hotmail.com.

woc.ART Exhibition - 8 local artists for Arts Week Saturday 12 May - Saturday 20 May at the Community Centre (noon to 6pm; open until 8pm on Thursday only).

WOCA SUMMER FUN DAY!!! Saturday 21 July from 1pm until 5pm at the Community Centre and on the recreation ground.

To book a stall (£10), contact Richard or Marelyn on 245761.

West Oxford Academy: End of Term Report

After two very successful terms the Academy is taking a summer break. It will start again in October. From the talks that we've had this term I've learnt: how advertising jingles are written, why a local resident was carrying very large red foam letters around, why aeroplanes don't bump into each other, what citizen advocates do, which circle of hell is reserved for flatterers and what it's like to write a children's book. Finally, I looked at some beautiful icons in a candlelit community centre café.

If you are interested in attending the academy or giving a talk do contact me either by email (allat42@gmail.com) or drop a note through my door (42 West Street).

The proposal to build an **Aldi supermarket** beside Toys R Us will probably be considered on Tuesday 17 April. That meeting will be at St Matthew's Parish Centre in Marlborough Rd beginning at 5.30 pm. You are welcome to come speak. To let us know your views, contact Colin (721844; cllrccook@oxford.gov.uk) or Susanna (554001; cllrspressel@oxford.gov.uk). Most people who have contacted us so far are in favour!

WEST OXFORD DIARY

29 March (Sunday) 50+ with Nick Gill on the piano at Elim Church 2-4pm
5 April (Maundy Thursday) Sung Mass at St Frideswide's at 7.30pm
6 April (Friday) Make things for Easter 0-7s from 10am to 11.30am at the Community Centre
6 April (Good Friday) Illustrated service at St Frideswide's at noon
6 April (Good Friday) Communion at Elim Church at 11am
8 April (Easter Sunday) Easter Family Service at 10.30am at Elim Church
8 April Mass (9am) and Festal Evensong (3.30pm) at Binsey church; Mass at St Frideswide's (10.30am)
11 April (Wednesday) OTTC's *The Falling Sky* at the Community Centre 7.30pm - to reserve ring 245761
19 April Dr Martin Henig will talk about 'Life in Roman Oxfordshire' at 7
21 April (Saturday) WOWW Bring and Take from 10am to noon at the Community Centre
23 April (Monday) AGM and Solar Panels 'turned on' at the Community Centre at 7pm with Prize Raffle
26 April (Thursday) Sobell House charity fashion show at Democrats' Club at 7.30pm
28 April (Saturday) Root out Himalayan Balsam along Bullstake Stream 10.30am onwards
12-20 May (Saturday - Saturday) woc.ART Art week Exhibition at the Community Centre noon - 6pm
24 May (Thursday) West Oxford History Group Talk: Who Was St Frideswide? at her church 7pm
21 July (Saturday) West Oxford Fun Day 1-5pm
October West Oxford Academy restarts
Please see details of prices, contacts, etc. inside the newsletter.

*WOCA has policies concerning health and safety, equal opportunities, and the protection of children and vulnerable adults. These can be found on www.woca.org.uk or can be obtained from the Centre Manager (24576; woxford@oxford.gov.uk). Community Centre users must assure themselves that they are happy with arrangements for any activity that they are participating in, particularly where they are responsible for a child or vulnerable adult. If you have concerns, contact Richard Grant (245761; rgrant@oxford.gov.uk); Athene Reiss (246060; **{** HYPERLINK "mailto:athenereiss@hotmail.com" **}**) or Lois Muddiman (203550; lois@muddiman.plus.com).*

For more information about Community Centre activities, e-mail **{** HYPERLINK "mailto:woxford@oxford.gov.uk" **}** or ring 245761 or stop by the Community Centre on the Botley Road.

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

Committee Members: Lois Muddiman (chair), Julie Smith, Jim McMahon, Miranda Miller, Martin Rush, Ruth Stavris, Sioux Dellow, Athene Reiss, Stephen Stuart, Vicky Hirsch, Rebecca Huxley, Ian King, Justin French.

Contributions for the June issue of this newsletter can be left at the Community Centre (marked for the attention of Athene Reiss) or e-mailed to **{** HYPERLINK "mailto:athenereiss@hotmail.com" **}** by 15 May. If you would like local information to appear on the Community Centre website, please send it to **{** HYPERLINK "mailto:webmaster@woca.org.uk" **}**.

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