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## WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER No 8, DECEMBER 2002



West Oxford FC, seen here with their manager Kevin Jones, have had a very successful season in the Oxford Mail Under 12s league, playing in new kit sponsored by WOCA. Out of 11 games they have won 10, drawn 1 and lost none, scoring 80 goals with only 11 against. Anyone wishing to join the team should contact Kevin on 01865 558378. As well as the under 12s boys, there are also teams for under 9s (mixed), under 12s (girls) and adults (Osney Arms) playing in Botley Park (behind the Community Centre) - why not come along and get fit?



But WOFC are not the only ones who have been cleaning up! Members of WOCA have been trying out the new anti-graffiti pack given to us by the council. The pack is based on natural ingredients (orange juice and yoghurt) and seems to work pretty well on most sorts of paint. Local residents are welcome to borrow the pack (which includes gloves, etc.) from the Community Centre Office.





The Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, Hugo Brunner, came to West Oxford in October to open the Jubilee Meander in the Hinksey meadows. The meander is intended to encourage the return of native plants and animals to the area by restoring natural conditions. The picture shows Hugo Brunner together with members of West Oxford Wildlife Group.

### **Council news from Susanna Pressel (01865 554001)**

The Central South & West council Area Committee will meet at 6PM on Tues 14 January at the Town Hall and on Tuesday 11 February at Oriel College. The last meeting on 10 December gave permission for development at Lamarsh Road, on condition that Thames Water is sure that sewage flooding will not be made worse as a result. The Area Committee held a consultative meeting at WO Community Centre on 19 November: Keith Eddie spoke in favour of more provision for the elderly when Oseney Court is developed; Alison Cobb showed slides demonstrating the unique charms and perils (floods) of Binsey village.

WPC Jean Thompson has been joined on the Community Beat team by WPC Jan Warner, who will concentrate on the Botley Road area. They can both be reached by phone on 01865 266361/2. Susanna is a member of the Police/Community Consultative Group—please let her know if you have any policing concerns or if you would like to get involved in a local neighbourhood watch scheme.

From 1 January the City and County Councils will take on new responsibilities for scrutinizing the Health Service, so please contact Susanna if you have concerns in that area.

Susanna and other local councillors hold a ward surgery at the Community Centre on the third Saturday of every month 11AM til 12 Noon.



**News from St Frideswide's Church.** We held a pleasant Harvest Lunch in the Community Centre café in September. There was an open morning in the Church in November to show parishioners the renovations. Many thanks to all who have contributed to the funds for this major item of work. The Advent Carol Service will be at 6PM on Sunday 22 December. Main Christmas services will be: Christmas Eve-St Thomas' 6PM, (crib blessing); Christmas Day-Binsey 9AM, St Frideswide's 10.15AM.

### **WEST OXFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Headteacher, Julie St Clair Hoare writes:

The After School Publishing Club at West Oxford Primary School has produced a picture book entitled Osney Bridge to Osney Lock, thanks to funding from the West Oxford Community Association. It will be on sale at the school and at the Community Centre at the modest price of £1.50. It is a charming child-friendly souvenir of the area.

If you would like to gain confidence in using computers and have a child at West Oxford Primary School then come to the free after-school family computer clubs on Wednesdays from 3.15 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. or 4.15 p.m. to 5.15p.m. There is also the opportunity for adults to learn early computing skills at West Oxford School on Wednesday evenings from 6.30p.m. to 8.00p.m. from January 15th.

On Saturday February 8th from 2 p.m., West Oxford Primary will be holding an exciting afternoon of activities for all the family. There will be storytelling, art, craft and sport for adults and children to enjoy together and a relaxing café to finish the afternoon.

# WOMBATS

West Oxford Music, Ballet, Art & Theatre Society



On Saturday 16th November, a packed main hall of the Community Centre heard the première of Dr Anthony Hedges' West Oxford Walks, played by the Cotswold Ensemble, which includes his daughter, local cellist Fiona. The evening included a slide show and talk by Malcolm Graham on the local places which inspired the music.

The season continued on 7 December when Rewley Park resident Nicholas Brown conducted a well-attended performance of his score for the 1916 silent film of Lady Windemere's Fan.

Many thanks to Athene, Martin and Diana for their help with these events and to the following local businesses for help with equipment, etc.—City Audio Visual, Courtney Pianos, Warlands Bicycles, Pots Direct, Eggs Eggsetera, Stevens Garnier and the Bothy Vineyard. The events were made possible by Funds from NAWOCEC.



## COMING SOON:

**JAZZ BRUNCHES**—short informal Saturday morning (11 to 1) jazz concerts at WOCC by Nick Gill, preceded by a short talk on the music. Admission £2, to cover costs of coffee and pastries, accompanied children free. The themes will be:

**11 January**—George Gershwin's Life & Works,

**25 January** - A Night in Harlem,

**8 February**—Classical and Popular Ragtime.

**ART WEEKS**  
OXFORDSHIRE VISUAL ARTS FESTIVAL

Local artists are currently making plans for an Artsweek exhibition at WOCC in May next year. The week will start with a day of arts and crafts activities for adults and children.

See [www.wombats.woca.org.uk](http://www.wombats.woca.org.uk) for more details of all these events

**Calling local musicians**—Accordianist Tony Talbot of Henry Road would like to hear from you if you are interested in joining a West Oxford Band to play French café type music, jazzy numbers, etc. Please get in touch with him on 01865 724315 or [vhirsch@eurobell.co.uk](mailto:vhirsch@eurobell.co.uk)

**Banner Project:** in a collaboration between WOCA and WO Primary School, Lois Muddiman will be leading a project to create 10 banners to decorate the Community Centre and school on festive occasions. Any groups wishing to make banners should contact the school (01865 248862).

**YOUTH CLUBS** - The very popular junior youth club continues to meet at WOCC on Wednesdays from 6 to 7.30PM. A new senior club for 12 to 16s will meet at 7 to 9PM on Mondays from 13 January. Please come along and make it a success.

**WOCA Committee:** We have had a very enjoyable year managing the Centre. We are very grateful to Lynn, Marelyn, Sammy, John, Geoff and Richard for all their work keeping the Centre up and running. Next Years' AGM has been fixed for 7 April 2003 (7 PM at the Centre) and all local residents are welcome to attend (and even to be elected to the committee). All the teething problems of the new building have been sorted out and we look forward to a new year of even more community activity and fun. The treasurer is already at work on the 2002 accounts and reports that we will enter 2003 with more than adequate funds. Anyone with ideas for Community activities is welcome to apply for a grant. In 2002 we have, for example, supported the Saturday Urdu class, the Osney Island Children's Publishing Project, West Oxford Football Club and the recent performance of the Little Prince at WO School. We wish all in West Oxford a Happy and Peaceful Christmas.

**To find out more about WOCA, visit [www.woca.org.uk](http://www.woca.org.uk)**

**New NAWOCEC class at WOCC:** Holiday French, Tuesdays, 7 to 9 PM, 6 weeks from 28 Jan, taught by Rita Arnold, £28: to enrol, phone 01865 511757, quoting course ref. L768.

**Revised hourly centre hire rates from 1 January 2003**

	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>Standard</b>	<b>Assoc member</b>	<b>Member</b>
Main Hall	120	£30	£20	£15
Kitchen & Café	24	£20	£15	£11
Multi-purpose room	23	£15	£10	£8
Seminar Rooms (2)	11/12	£12	£8	£6
Café	30	£15	£10	£8
Hall, Café & Kitchen		£45	£35	£20
Hall & Kitchen		£37.50	£27.50	£17.50
Whole Centre		£60	£45	£30
Saturday parties (6 til 11PM)		£132	£120	£120

To book a room please phone the Centre on 245761. We have a small amount of Audio-Visual equipment, but conference users may wish to contact Peter Gunn of City Audio Visual on 01865 722800, who has a wide range of equipment and knows the building well. Several of the rooms have hearing loops.

Hire rates have not increased for local members of WOCA. WOCA's membership year starts in January and rates for 2003 are Organisations, £10, Families, £7, Adults, £3, Children/Senior Citizens, £2.

**Regular activities at WOCC include:** Soc of St Peter (RC Mass), Tae Kwon Do, NA, Messy Play, Mother & Baby, Junior Basketball, Aerobics, Youth Clubs, Karate, Easy Exercise for the 50+s, Kids' Art, Brownies, Gardening Class, Creative dance, Baby Music, Qi Gong, Yoga, St John's Ambulance, OEA, Older People's Club, Tinnitus Group, Basketball, Upholstery, Circuits, Parent & Toddler, Toddlers' Music, Health Visitors, WO Football Club, Celia Benson School of Dance, Kickboxing, Bingo, AA and Urdu: please contact the Centre on 01865 245761 or consult our many notice boards or [www.woca.org.uk](http://www.woca.org.uk) for details of days and times.

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