

WEST OXFORD NEWS

A FREE MONTHLY COMMUNITY NEWSPAPER
FOR ALL THE WEST OXFORD AREA

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WELCOME TO THE FIRST EDITION OF WON

The West Oxford News is a paper produced by a group of local people for the community. We are anxious to hear from people who would like to contribute or be involved in the running of the paper.

WON intends to provide a voice for the people of West Oxford on issues which affect them, and within the Community it will provide communication for the many groups and associations at work in the area.

In the last few months there has been a perceptible upsurge of interest in the Residents' Association and the use of the Community Centre, and in the possibilities for future activities and projects which can benefit the whole community, including the appearance of this paper.

Elsewhere in this issue you can find a list of current activities run by various local organisations. It is open to anyone living in the area to join in the existing activities — or to start up new ones!

HELLO!



A WELCOMING WAVE for you from the children who took part in the successful Summer Play-scheme. (See report inside.)

Photo courtesy Oxford Mail & Times

The Road Plan and You

A report in a recent *Oxford Mail* stated that the Council will be giving considerable priority to a western access road to the city. So far there have been two proposed routes for such a road. One route would be south of the Botley Road and would enter the city near Oxpens field, just opposite the present market site. The other route, north of the Botley Road, would involve considerable disruption to the lives of people in West Oxford, as it would take away part of the allotment site, part of Abbey Road and Cripsey Road, and would end up in a 'Spaghetti Junction' complex near the railway station.

Some time ago, a meeting of over 100 members of the West Oxford Residents and Ratepayers Association voted overwhelmingly in favour of the proposed southern route. It now seems that in spite of this, the County Council are planning to press ahead with the northern option.

In the next edition of the *West Oxford News*, we hope to bring a full report on the progress of the road plan, including a dramatic map, which will bring home vividly to you just what this scheme might do to the area.

The Common Room
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17th September 1975

The Editor,
West Oxford Community Newspaper.

Dear Editor,

Congratulations and good luck to the first edition of the West Oxford Community Newspaper.

Congratulations also, and full marks, to the enterprise and hardworking team behind it.

May you go from strength to strength.

Yours sincerely,
Roger Dudman
Bill Fagg
Olive Gibbs
(West Ward Councillors)