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# Introducing...

## WEST OXFORD COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

The WOCA is based in the Community Centre between Binsey Lane and Helen Road. You may become a member for 15p per year, or your whole family may join for 25p per year. This will enable you to join in the many activities we are putting on.

**AFFILIATED SECTIONS**  
Ladies' bowls, St John's Ambulance Association, Allotment Association, Residents Association.

**USE OF ROOMS** - please apply to Mrs Town, our caretaker, for a Hiring Form for parties, weddings, meetings, get-togethers, conferences etc.

**NEW SECTIONS** - please drop a letter to the Secretary, c/o the Centre, Binsey Lane, in time for our monthly meeting (2nd Tuesday each month) for discussion by the Management Committee.

**THANKS** to all members for their continued support and to our friends and helpers, who work so hard for the benefit of the Centre, its members and

the Community at large. Thanks also to all local businesses for their support of our Fete and other activities, and to our neighbours for their kind tolerance of anything which disturbs them - which we try to keep to the minimum.

**NEW IDEAS** are always welcome, and the Committee wish to encourage you to pop in, write, or ask us to call if we can be of help.

**YOUR COMMITTEE**

**Chairman:** Mr Ted Eames (Oxford 435 12)  
**Treasurer:** Mr Bill Fagg  
**Secretary:** Mrs Val Lockert  
Mr Henderson (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Corby (Senior Citizens), Mr Peplar (Badminton), Mr & Mrs Town (Caretakers - Hirings, Bingo), Mrs McGowan\* (Jumble Slaes), Mr Biggar, Mrs Carole Jones\* (Keep Fit), Mr Hutchinson (St John Ambulance), Mrs Couling, Mrs Margaret Power (Residents Assn).

\*co-opted members, along with:  
Jon Carpenter, Audrey Nyman, Dilly Hall, Mike Hall, Jenny Coles (Mums' Club), Jenny Bridewell (Mums' Club), Graham Partridge, Bill Forest, Julia Parsloe, Terry Buckingham.

These are some of the local organisations and groups that will be featured regularly in our columns. If you belong to or know of any others that would like their activities mentioned, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

## SUMMER PLAYSCHEME REPORT

The first Summer Playscheme in West Oxford ended its four-week run on August 23rd. The scheme was based in the Community Centre and over 50 children from the area attended at various times. The scheme linked up with the Gingerbread (single parent family) playscheme for the mutual benefit of both organisations.

The marvellous weather meant that the children were able to spend a lot of time outdoors, either on the Botley Road recreation ground or at places like Shotover, South Oxford Adventure Playground, Cutteslowe Park, Bedford Wildlife Park, Blenheim, Wolvercote Bathing Area, Pitt-Rivers and University Museums and Reading Park.

The West Oxford playleader was Mrs Lisa Rouse of Cripsey Road and the Gingerbread leader was also a local resident, Mr Graham Partridge of Helen Road. The organiser of the scheme, Mr Ted Eames, said that there had been an overwhelmingly favourable reaction to the scheme, and that next year's will be even larger and more ambitious.

**Over to Ted:**

'We have been able to draw several valuable lessons from this summer's experience. The success of the whole venture depended on getting support from local residents and parents. This support was there from the start and it was encouraging to feel the way in which it built up as the days went by. The high spot of the scheme as a Community effort was the party at the end, when people contributed food, time and energy to give well over 60 children a great time. I should like to thank, on behalf of the Community Association Committee, all who helped in any way with the scheme.

'Now we would like to hear from people who want to be actively involved in the planning of future play ventures.'

## BOTLEY ROAD RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

The Association was formed in 1971 at the instigation of Mr Wolfenden, Secretary of the main Oxford Ratepayers Association, and a few local residents, with the object of 'improving the amenities of the area between the station and the city boundary'. Membership is increasing all the time and public meetings are held two or three times a year. All residents are circularised and are welcome at the meetings, whether members of the Association or not, and everyone is encouraged to raise any matters of general interest in the area.

The Committee check planning applications and give publicity to anything that should be publicly considered. The board at the corner of Hillview Road is (by courtesy of the Oxford and Swindon Co-operative Society) used for this purpose and for any other public notices etc. The following are some of the matters raised with Council officers, by the Association, which have been carried out:

1. Resurfacing Ferry Hinksey Road

2. Bus bay at Bridge Street
3. Clearing Corporation Yard at Osney Bridge and making riverside garden
4. Screening of lorry park at foot of Duke Street
5. After three years of trying, Osney Ditch has finally received some attention from the Thames Water Authority.

Many other matters have been raised with local Councillors, whose co-operation has always been forthcoming.

The Association has co-operated with the Community Centre in running the annual Fete, and are having a Barn Dance at the Centre in November to raise funds for the Youth Club.

The Chairman is John Power, 5 Ferry Hinksey Road, and the Secretary Mrs Beta Cotmore, 107 Botley Road. Both are always willing to listen to complaints and suggestions of general interest to the area, and will take action, if possible, through the Committee.

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