

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sat 1 June: 1-5pm: Special Tea, and Bake Off at the Village Hall to celebrate the Hall's Centenary: with craft & gift stalls, tombola, free tea & coffee: see flyer p 8.
- Sat 1 June: 4.30-6.30: Jubilee Brass Summer Concert at Waterperry: see p 2.
- Weds 5 June: 5.30pm and Sun 9 June 10.50am: Aerial Hoop Youth Taster Classes: at Oxford Academy: see p 4 for detail & flyer p 8.
- Sat 15 June: **Free** OPA Play & Activity Day at the Oxford Road Recreation Ground from 11am until 3pm. With: Tricky Trails Biking; Go Karts; Body Zorbing; Giant Bubbles; DIY Face Painting; Tots of Mess; Climbing Wall; Fire Play; & Home Start, NSPCC, Police, University of Oxford Chemistry Outreach Team *and more!* See Flyer p 18.
- Sat 15 June, 12-3pm: Blessed Dominic Barberi Church Summer fête & BBQ: stalls include cakes, tombola, books, toys & raffle. Everyone is welcome.
- Sat 6 July: 1-6pm: SM&SN Church summer festival: our theme is *Roots Connections & Our Communal Wellbeing*. An afternoon of dance, music & poetry, with stalls & refreshments, and an exhibition in Church. See flyers p 15.
- Sat 6 July 1-4pm: 28th Oxford Scout Group Summer Fayre at Scout HQ Fairlie Road. We look forward to seeing you at our annual summer fundraiser. There'll be lots of fun and games, a BBQ, cakes & refreshments, and our Grand Prize Draw (with great prizes!).
- Sat 20 July. Sandford Summer Fête: on the recreation ground: Stalls open 1-5, with evening entertainment 'til 7pm.
- Sun 25 August: Littlemore Rugby Club Fun Day: 12-5pm at the Rugby Club: find it at Northfield Close entrance to TOA.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN CONSULTATION OPEN NOW

The public consultation on the draft Littlemore Neighbourhood Plan is running until 18 June. It's an important chance for all those who live, work or study in Littlemore to influence how Littlemore will develop and improve in the next 15 years. You can find digital copies of the draft Plan, a brief summary and a response form on the Parish Council website <https://littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan>. Printed copies are available at the Community Centre, the Village Hall, local schools and other meeting places. If invited we will be happy to visit groups and explain what the Plan contains. Please respond to the consultation: all responses will be considered carefully before we submit the Plan to Oxford City Council, in the hope that it will be adopted at a referendum in May 2025. If you can help publicise the consultation by putting up a poster or circulating details to members of organisations in Littlemore, please contact us: Tony Eaude and/or Jan Pullen: tony@edperspectives.org.uk or jan.pullen@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk. Thank you.
Tony Eaude, Chair, LNP Working Group



LOST AND FOUND: have you lost a ring?

A ring was found in early April on the junction of St. Nicholas Road and Minchery Road. If it might be yours please email editor@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk with a description of it. I will put you in touch with the finder. *Ed*

VISITING THE PALACE

This handsome couple, snapped at a recent party in the gardens of Buckingham Palace, are Oxford Road's Lynn Evans, and his wife Mary. For 20 years Mary was Oxfordshire Councillor for the Lawn Tennis Association. Lynn, who used to teach at what is now TOA, was presented in 2012 with a Lifetime Achievement Award for Coaching Excellence by the Rugby Football Union. He still supports Littlemore Rugby Club, and has written a book: *From Valley Boy to Table Mountain: a life in Rugby*. Stuart Barnes, Times & Sunday Times Rugby Correspondent said: 'Anyone with an interest in the game, either in a technical or purely pleasure based sense should read it'. (See LITTLEMORE LOCAL issues 415, 431 & 445.) *Ed*

LOST AND NEVER FOUND...

...the third book in the DI Wilkins Mysteries, written by local author Simon Mason and featuring locations in Littlemore, is out in paperback 18 July. See LITTLEMORE LOCAL 456 & <https://davidhigham.co.uk>.



AURORA BOREALIS

seen from Oxford Rd Recreation Ground: midnight, 10/11 May. Thank you to Nathan Jones for sending this in. *Ed*

HIGHWAYS NEWS:

ROAD & PAVEMENT RESURFACING

The 2024/5 Highway maintenance programme will see some major work in Littlemore: surface work on Littlemore roundabout 2-5 August 2024 will involve a 24 hour weekend closure of part of the ring road. The 3A and 45 buses will be diverted and will not serve Oxford Road or Rose Hill Rd. Find a map of all proposed diversions on p 19. There will also be surface treatment work to Sandy Lane West, and to Sandford Road Railway Bridge, and surface treatment of footways in Cowley Road Littlemore (dates yet to be announced). *County Council*



NEW **POST OFFICE** TO OPEN LOCALLY ...

... on 6 June at Mid Counties Co-op, 74 Rose Hill, OX4 4HS.
Services: posting letters & parcels, collection & return of online purchases, cash withdrawals, balance enquires for all main UK banks, car tax renewals, passport checks, & MoneyGram.
Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5.30pm, Sat 9am-2pm.

NEW TREES IN ST NICHOLAS ROAD

The County Council has planted 18 new trees of a variety of species in St Nicholas Road: they'll go well with the daffodil bulbs planted by Sandy Douglas & his gardening group.

NEW TO THE LISTINGS PAGES: TOUCH RUGBY

June & July, Thurs 7-8pm: at the Rugby Club, Northfield Close/TOA: for ages 16+, all abilities welcome. See pp 9-15.

2 FREE AERIAL HOOP TASTER CLASSES FOR 8-15s

offered by Aerial Arts Academy at The Oxford Academy.
More info on pp 4 & 8 of the digital issue.

NEW PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY IN LITTLEMORE

Community Health & Wellbeing Worker

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South East Oxford Health Alliance (SEOxHA) Primary Care Network are looking for 3 people to take on the role of part-time Community Health & Wellbeing Worker in Littlemore.

Hours: Up to 24 hours per week. **Salary:** £22,383 (pro rata).

Term: One year contract. **Closing date:** 21 June 2024, but if sufficient applications are received, this may be brought forward. **Find more info:** and full advertisement on p 5 of the digital edition of LITTLEMORE LOCAL. *SEOxHA PCN*

LITTLEMORE LIBRARY, and THE HOME LIBRARY SERVICE

Littlemore Library is on the Oxford Academy campus. We are a friendly, comfortable space with hundreds of books for adults, children and babies. Every week there are a range of free events for our local community: to find out more, see pp 9-15, just drop by, or email littlemore.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk.

The Summer Reading Challenge is back in July: see <https://readingagency.org.uk>. This year's theme is **Marvellous Makers**. Please email us as above to register. *Sharon Ingram, Manager*

If you are unable to visit the library but would still like to borrow books, consider using the Home Library Service.

It's free of charge, with no charge for requests or for late returns. Contact them to discuss the kind of books, Audio Books, film & music DVDs, and music CDs you enjoy and they will arrange for a library volunteer to deliver them to you in your home. Library materials are delivered & collected every 3 weeks. Volunteers are DBS checked, wear identification badges, and provide a helpful and friendly service. Whenever possible, the same volunteer will visit you each time. To register: drop in to Littlemore Library, or call 01865 810 259, or homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk. *Sharon Ingram*



CAR COUNTING

Car counting is going in various places, including Oxford Road: each site has a couple of leads crossing the road. They are part of a before and after study to see the impact of the trial of traffic filters. Find more here:

- Oxford traffic filters: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/connecting-oxfordshire/oxford-traffic-filters
- Monitoring & Evaluation Plan Summary www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/sites/default/files/file/roads-and-transport-policies-and-plans/TrafficFilterMEPlanSummary.pdf

JUBILEE BRASS (OXFORD) BAND SUMMER CONCERT

Sat, 1 June @4:30-6:30 pm: a summer concert in Waterperry Amphitheatre. Doors open from 3.30pm with a 4.30pm start. Buy tickets at www.ticketsource.co.uk/jubilee-brass-oxford. The Band was established by Littlemore resident Ken Membury.



THE FUTURE OF TEMPLARS SQUARE

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THE ELLISON INSTITUTE BUILD: ARMSTRONG ROAD

So far, 500 of 1600 piles have been sunk so we'll be able to hear the banging for months yet. It's a noisy part of the build, but residents of Armstrong Road, especially those working from home are more disturbed by the road-sweeper lorries with spinning brushes which Laing O'Rourke are kindly using to clean up after themselves. In the next few months part of the old hospital building is to be demolished, and 6 tower cranes will be brought to the site. As the year goes on there will be a sizeable increase in the number of delivery lorries, and hoardings will display the story of this tremendous venture. *Ed*
For more, from Laing O'Rourke, about their engagement with the community, see p 5 of the e-issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL

NEW PLACE TO MEET FOR COFFEE

Starbucks are pleased to have joined the Littlemore community, having opened inside Sainsbury's superstore this April. Find us upstairs to enjoy your favourite beverages, sandwiches & pastries. Visit to take a break from shopping or working from home, or to meet friends. Show your print or digital copy of LITTLEMORE LOCAL to receive £1 off any hand-crafted beverage.

Paul Murphy, District Manager, The Magic Bean Company

To redeem the voucher:
show your digital or print copy
of LITTLEMORE LOCAL.

Valid until 1 September 2024.

Not available with any other
offer or discount. E&OE.



For other places to eat or drink out in Littlemore, see p 7 of the digital issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL *Ed*

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ACADEMY: news

(Find JHNA Sports Round-Up on p 4 of the digital edition.)

A big thank you to Grant Thomas of The Oxford Academy and to Oxford United Women's FC who allowed the girls' Year 5/6 football team to be mascots for the Oxford United vs. Cheltenham Town women's match @ Oxford City FC. They met the players on the pitch, and were treated to sausage & chips, and a training session! Thank you.

Year 6 Aunt Sally. A big thank you to Andy Beal from the Oxford Aunt Sally District League, who came in to teach the children the Oxfordshire game of Aunt Sally. They took part in the game after finishing a Topic on the History of Oxford.



Enjoying The Aunt Sally: © JHNA: photo permissions granted

Plea: If you would like to sponsor a Year 3/4 boy's or girl's football kit, or if you have Aunt Sally equipment you no longer need, please contact the school.. Thank you! *Mr Surman*

GROWING GARDENERS at John Henry Newman Academy

We are busy re-establishing the school allotment / growing area, and have a group of keen young gardeners who spend time in their lunch breaks digging, weeding, seed planting and investigating all the creatures which they find. We have joined the RHS *Grow with it* campaign: to encourage children to come together and grow plants for our changing climate, the RHS this year has provided seeds which will cope better with dry conditions, so we need less water for them.



Can you help us? Do you have a spare water butt, or watering cans you could donate to the school? Do you have spare seedlings for example tomato plants, or lavender plants and other herbs you could donate? Do you have any spare fruit bushes, Raspberry or Blackcurrant? If 'yes' please just bring them along to the school office. Thank you in advance. We will keep you updated on all our growing successes.

Philippa Benaldjia, Science Lead

PLANNING THE SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAY?

- **Football Summer Holiday Camps** at **TOA 3G Dome:** offered by Oxford United in the Community: for girls & boys age 5-13 years: week long or day places available: contact Kerrie Bates at community@oufc.co.uk
- **UKCF Aerial & Parkour Action Holiday Stunt Camps:** **TOA:** info@ukcfacademy.co.uk . Booking: www.ukcfaction.co.uk
- **Oxford Summer School of art, craft & music:** **TOA:** 5-10 August: <https://oxfordshireartandcraft.co.uk>

PLANNING A DIP OR A PADDLE BOARD?

Before you head to the river this summer, check water safety through [www.thameswater.co.uk/discharge data](http://www.thameswater.co.uk/discharge-data) or the NEW Oxford Rivers Portal: oxfordrivers.ceh.ac.uk/portal .



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING NEW TO DO?

- ✓ Check out What's On in Littlemore: pages 9-15
- ✓ Go to: <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/volunteer>
- ✓ See: Daily Info: <https://www.dailyinfo.co.uk>
- ✓ or: Live Well Oxfordshire <https://livewell.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

ANGELMEAD EXPLORER SCOUT UNIT SAVES OXFORD!

While you were sleeping or enjoying Oxford folk festival, a few selected highly trained Explorers went into hiding, to gather info on potential spies who were posing a threat to Oxford and the UK. They gathered intelligence through surveillances; they made contact with a double agent (who unfortunately didn't make it); they made a final rush to a given location, and defused a dirty bomb just in time. All info has been passed on to MI6. Thanks to them



Night-time surveillance

tomorrow is business as usual. PS: There was no danger to the public nor to the explorers. Explorers (age 14-18) meet Fri 7-8.30pm at Scout HQ, Fairlie Rd: see: www.oxfordspires.org.uk
To join us, just turn up. *Camille Kalaja*

ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL NEWS

(photo permissions granted)

It's been a very active and busy half-term at St John Fisher.

- Our Year 4 children been on an action-packed residential trip to Youlbury Scout Camp where they took part in abseiling and built campfires together.
- Our Year 2s have continued to build our link with Mansfield College, visiting both the college and the Natural History Museum.
- Football: we are the best school in Oxford, and after success at regionals, (we're one of the best 8 schools in the country) we've been lucky enough to represent the South West of England in the National Small Schools' Finals, Pride Park Derby.
- Due to our close partnership with Oxford United in the Community, two of our pupils were invited to the May 18 League One Play Off Final and offered a VIP experience: they took part in activities on the pitch and watched from a Box! Find pictures in the next issue.
- We topped all this off in a sporting sense with our girls' Football team being crowned Champions of Oxford on penalties against Our Lady's Catholic School.

Life is more than SATs at St John Fisher.

Mr Higgins

COUNTY COUNCIL WEBSITE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

<https://oxme.info> then search under these headings:



LIVE WELL IN OXFORDSHIRE: livewell.oxfordshire.gov.uk carries info about:

- ✓ Looking after someone
- ✓ Things to do
- ✓ Money matters
- ✓ Staying independent
- ✓ Finding a care home
- ✓ Community support
- ✓ Keeping fit and well
- ✓ Help with life events
- ✓ Finding food banks
- ✓ Care at home

RECYCLING CENTRES TO END THURSDAY LATE OPENING

They will remain open from 8am-5pm, seven days a week.

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ACADEMY SPORTS ROUND-UP



Hockey

Year 5/6: (pictured) JHNA v St. John Fisher. Kareem scored for JHNA. (Well played SJF! we stopped counting!)

photos © JHNA: permissions granted

Football

*Boys' Year 5/6: (pictured) JHNA 3 - 2 St. Mary & St. John: Reece, AJ and Jake scored for JHNA

*Boys' Year 3/4: JHNA 4 - 1 St.

Christopher's: scorers AJ (three times) and Jake.

*Girls' Year 5/6: JHNA 1 - 0 St. John Fisher: Priya scored for JHNA. JHNA 0 - 3 John Hampden. JHNA 0 - 0 Windmill.



Calling Sports Club Leaders

Is there anyone in the local community that would like to come and promote their Sports/ Dance/ Gymnastics Club for children? We are holding a Sports Fayre on Tuesday 2 July @ 3-4pm & would love people to come in and talk to children and parents about what is available locally. Please contact office.2000@jhnacademy.co.uk if you would like to do so!

Mr Surman

POSSIBLE IMPACT OF FAILING INFRASTRUCTURE

You may know that the Environment Agency (EA) has objected to plans for 1450 new homes in North Oxford because Thames Water's Oxford plant cannot cope with more demand. I wrote to EA about the possible impact on the plan to build a Science Village with 3000 new homes in Sandford. They replied: "Littlemore Sewage Pumping Station pumps flow into Oxford Sewage Treatment Works (STW). As part of Price Review 19, Oxford STW was allocated funding by OFWAT to ensure they had sufficient treatment capacity for the population served and provide some resilience for future population growth. The deadline for these improvements to be delivered is March 2025. The EA understands that the improvement scheme for Oxford STW will not be delivered on time. Alongside this, through our regulatory role, we identified some 'serious and significant' permit breaches at Oxford STW in 2021. We are concerned that additional developments before improvements are made (including steps to come back into compliance), will cause an unacceptable environmental risk. We remain committed to engaging with Thames Water to agree a suitable plan to improve Oxford STW, but are disappointed that to date a suitable scheme design has not yet been agreed. We are continuing to engage with Local Planning Authorities to determine the impact of these delays on planned development." Ed

PLEASE COMMENT ON THE DRAFT LITTLEMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

You can do it online:
(See front page for more info.)



FREE AERIAL HOOP TASTER CLASSES FOR 8-15s

offered by Aerial Arts Academy at The Oxford Academy
It's crucial to recognise the value of providing innovative and engaging opportunities for our younger generation. Aerial arts have been gaining in popularity and acclaim, so Aerial Arts Academy, a leading dance academy in Oxfordshire is all set to introduce free aerial hoop taster classes specifically designed for local young people, and offering them a chance to explore the beauty and grace of aerial arts in a safe and supportive environment. Through Aerial hoop classes, young people can develop physical strength, coordination, and flexibility, all while unleashing their creativity and building confidence. For more info visit <https://aerialartsacademy.co.uk/youth-aerial-classes>.

Dates: Weds 5 June, 5.30pm. Oxford Academy
Sun 9 June, 10.50am. Oxford Academy

Book at: <https://goteamup.com/p/3353560-aerial-arts-academy-oxfor/c/schedule>.

Nicola Ghalmi

POETRY CORNER

Root and Branch by John Wilde

Arboreal connections
are said to be fungal
in nature,
a fungal jungle
where signals, as with us,
may go astray
or be mangled on the way.



THE FUTURE OF TEMPLARS SQUARE

The previous owners, New River, secured planning permission for its partial redevelopment. The new owners Redevco wish to take a look with fresh eyes. They are seeking ideas from the City Council, from stakeholders and from the community and are undertaking rounds of consultation, all of which take time. Again this background Anneliese Dodds MP has written in:

'I recently met Redevco to put to them residents' concerns about the future of Templars Square, your district centre. I know that many Littlemore residents shop there regularly and are deeply concerned about its future. As your local MP, I share these concerns.

'I impressed on Redevco the need to ensure both that it continues to provide essential shops and services to local people, and that any redevelopment provides more much-needed social and genuinely affordable housing. There is work ongoing to try also to provide more health and well-being services on the site, while also considering the needs of the EMBS Community College.

'Right now however, there are significant concerns about the state of the Between Towns Road frontage of the centre, especially the area in & around the old Nelson Pub, and the now-closed former Wilko shop. I impressed on them the need to do something speedily to improve the appearance and use of this area while they develop more permanent plans for the rest of the site. I have also contacted the Police to report local concerns about anti-social behaviour and drug dealing here.

'I understand that Redevco will be offering updates soon.

'I will continue to put pressure on them not only to share more information about their plans but also to ensure that residents will have a real opportunity to shape them.'

To take part in their consultations or sign up for email updates from Redevco go to: <https://futuretemplarssquare.co.uk>. Ed

NEW PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY IN LITTLEMORE

Community Health & Wellbeing Worker

- Do you enjoy working with a wide range of people?
- Could you support members of your local community to improve their health and wellbeing?
- Would you like to gain new knowledge and skills?
- Are you looking for an opportunity to shape a new part-time job role?

We are looking for 3 people to take on the role of Community Health & Wellbeing Worker (CHWW). These are new roles within this area: they offer flexible, part-time hours and the ability to organise your own workload, with some evening and weekend hours required. You will be based in Littlemore and employed by SEOxHA PCN, an organisation consisting of Donnington, The Leys, and Temple Cowley Health Centres.

This role bridges health and social services and the community. CHWWs are passionate role models who will provide advice and signposting to everyone within their communities, enabling them to make positive choices around health and well-being. You'll meet people face to face, help them to find local health services, offer to help them make appointments, or signpost them to local services to support their needs.

You will participate in evaluation activities within a project team, and you will play a significant role in increasing health promotion & wellbeing through a range of activities, including: Outreach assessments, Signposting, Education, and Group/Community events. Don't worry if you don't have previous NHS experience. Full training will be provided as you help us deliver support to the community in Littlemore.

Are you that person who is ready to make a difference? If this sounds like the challenge for you, we would love to hear from you.

Hours: Up to 24 hours per week.

Salary: £22,383 (pro rata).

Term: One year contract.

To apply: please send a cover letter and a CV, if you have one, to christopherbushell@nhs.net.

Closing date: 21 June 2024.

Please note, if sufficient applications are received, the closing date may be brought forward.

SEOxHA PCN working with and on behalf of
Donnington Medical Partnership | The Leys Health Centre |
Temple Cowley Health Centre

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCES OF LEAVING HOSPITAL



Have you, or an adult that you look after, stayed in and left hospital during the last 12 months?

If 'yes', Healthwatch Oxfordshire would like to hear about your experience of leaving hospital, and any care & support you got in the first few weeks afterwards. They'd like to understand what worked well and what could be improved, to help shape the support people receive.

You can share your views and experiences by completing an anonymous survey at www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/leavinghospital. If you're happy to, you can leave your contact details and be contacted to say more.

For paper copies and/or to speak to someone, contact them on 01865 520 520 or at hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk. For more info see: <https://healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/news/leaving-hospital>.

Vicky Tilley, Healthwatch Oxfordshire



THE ELLISON INSTITUTE BUILD:

Community update

Our Laing O'Rourke Ellison project team has made significant efforts to build a strong relationship with the community during our work on our new project in Littlemore. Recently, we engaged in school outreach programs focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) to inspire young girls to consider a career in construction.

We have dedicated over 100 volunteering hours: they included time spent clearing the garden at Littlemore Village Hall for their centenary celebrations on 1 June. Additionally, we will provide refreshments for the June celebrations, and have raised funds for the Community Emergency Fund through office cake sales. We are keen to make a positive impact and will continue engaging with schools and local community groups where our involvement can be most impactful.

Project update

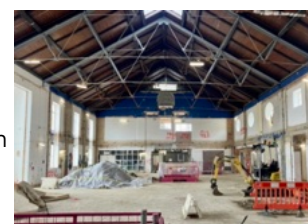
The Existing Littlemore House buildings have been completely cleared and the floors removed from the recreation hall. In the coming months the 1990's glass link buildings between the Recreation Hall and the North & South Wings will be demolished leaving three separate buildings. To date, over 500 of 1600 piles have been constructed: they form the foundations and basement walls for the new Littlemore House. Currently there are 4 piling rigs in operation and we expect the piling to be finished January 2025. *Amanda Thompson, Laing O'Rourke*



Engineering meets art at JHNA



The team at LVH



The Recreation Hall



The piling rigs

LANDLORDS: ARE YOU LOOKING FOR LONG-TERM TENANTS?

Beam, an award-winning organisation which housed 120 refugee families across the UK in 2023, is collaborating with Oxford City Council to support 8 Afghan refugee families into private rented housing. If you have properties in Oxford City coming available during 2024-2025, we would love to hear from you.

Benefits of joining the scheme:

- Fully screened tenants
- £1000 Finder's Fee
- 2 months rent in advance and 5 weeks deposit
- Void period-rent and council tax paid
- Long-term support from Asylum Welcome and from Beam's Tenancy Management Team
- Selective Licensing costs covered
- Potential for further incentives

Please contact Iona Thompson at iona@beam.org
(Ref: Oxford City Property)



Our nature photography contest is back - with new prizes and categories.

Nature lovers of all ages are invited to send their best shots of animals, plants, people, and scenery. The photographs for most categories need to be taken on BBOWT reserves, and all must be taken in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire or Oxfordshire.

The Categories are:

- Birds
- Mammals
- Butterflies & other insects
- Our nature reserves
- Urban nature
- Taking action for nature
- Mobile phone photography *NEW!
- Photos by Children (ages 6-11) in any of the categories above.
- Photos by Teens (ages 12-17) in any of the categories above.

This year's competition will be judged by a panel of experts: Steve Gozdz is a professional wildlife photographer and founder of Berkshire-based GG Wildlife Experiences, which offers wildlife walks, experiences and photography classes. Ben Vanheems is the editor of BBOWT's Wild magazine and a wildlife gardener and YouTuber, while Chris Deeney and Bethan Milner are both BBOWT staff and keen amateur photographers.

In addition the vote is also open to the public, with a new 'People's Choice Award'.



White-legged damselfly at Lamb's Pool nature reserve by 2023 first prize winner Harry Berks

This year's top prizes include a Technaxx bird feeder camera station, an exclusive wildlife photography masterclass with GG Wildlife Experiences, and all winners will have the chance to see their photos featured in the Trust's 2025 wildlife calendar. The people's choice winner will receive a Nexcam solar-powered wildlife camera. There's an extra prize for the Children and Teen categories: bundles of nature books for younger entrants to win for their schools.

This annual competition attracts entries from across Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire. Last year nearly 150 people submitted almost 500 photographs for judging.

The Trust is extremely grateful to GG Wildlife Experiences for once again sponsoring this year's competition.

For full details on how to enter, visit: bbowt.org.uk/photocomp24 .

Logan Walker, Communications & Media Office, BBOWT

BAD YEAR FOR THE SNAKESHEAD FRITILLARY

Thank you to all who braved the weather to help the ecologists from Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust at Iffley Meadows nature reserve with the meticulous annual count of Oxfordshire's county flower, the Snakeshead Fritillary – we simply couldn't do it without you.

Iffley Meadows is a floodplain hay meadow, and one of fewer than 30 sites in the country where these striking flowers bloom in the wild.

Sadly rain, flooding and high winds seriously reduced this year's numbers. Just over 6,000 were counted, down from 43,000 in 2023. This is the lowest number for nearly 30 years.

The low numbers are disappointing, but not unexpected. Recent heavy rain, and earlier prolonged and extensive flooding mean that many of the plants are struggling. Strong winds and deer browsing have also obliterated many delicate flower heads. But, if the weather behaves for the next 12 months, the plants should recover, as they have done before.



photo © Vanessa Moore

When BBOWT took over management of the site in 1983 less than 500 fritillaries were counted. Under the Trust's management, this number has soared to more than 80,000 in some years.

Floodplain meadows are one of the rarest habitats in the UK and are vitally important for precious wildlife and the mitigation of climate change. They soak up and store carbon and help prevent flooding downstream. Yet they are disappearing fast, destroyed by industrial-scale farming or swallowed up by development or infrastructure projects.

BBOWT manages 10% of the last remaining floodplain meadows in the UK, and is working hard to protect and restore

them.

We always need more funds. If you want to help please consider joining, or making a donation. Please visit our website bbowt.org.uk .

Lis Speight, Head of Communications, BBOWT

EAT OR DRINK OUT IN & AROUND LITTLEMORE

PLACES FOR FOOD IN LITTLEMORE

FRANKIE AND BENNY'S

Italian & American comfort-food classics: family friendly.

Service options: Dine-in · Takeaway · Delivery

Address: Ozone Leisure Park, Grenoble Rd, L'more, OX4 4XP

Menu: frankieandbennys.com

Phone: 01865 778309

Reservation: frankieandbennys.com

MIGHTY BITE:

Service options: Takeaway Pizza, Burgers, Salads

Address: 57 St. Nicholas Rd, Littlemore, OX4 4PN

Menu: mightybitetakeaway.co.uk

Phone: 01865 771 221

MOMO: Romanian Cuisine

Service options: Dine-in · Takeaway · No delivery

Address: Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, OX4 6NA

Phone: 07904 871 382

Reservation: momooxford.co.uk

www.momooxford.co.uk

OXY ORIENTAL

Chinese, Thai, Japanese, Vietnamese & Malaysian buffet & takeaway.

Service options: Dine-in · Takeaway · No delivery

Address: Ozone Leisure Park, Grenoble Rd, L'more, OX4 4XP

Menu: oxyoriental.co.uk

Phone: 01865 749888

www.oxyoriental.co.uk

RESTORE CAFÉ

Service options: Dine-in · Take-away

Address: Littlemore Mental Health Centre, Sandford Rd, Littlemore, OX4 4XN

Phone: 01865 902 098

www.restore.org.uk/restore/littlemore-lounge-3

SADLER BUILDING

Service options: Various

Located in: The Oxford Science Park

Address: Edmund Halley Rd, Littlemore, OX4 4GA

Phone: 01865 781 305

https://oxfordsp.com/community/enjoying_life_on_the_park.aspx

STARBUCKS CAFÉ at SAINSBURY'S

Service options: Eat in · Takeaway

Address: Heyford Hill Roundabout, Oxford OX4 4XR

TASTE OF AFRO CARIBBEAN: Jamaican restaurant

Service options: Dine-in · Takeaway · Delivery

Address: 32 Cowley Rd, Littlemore, OX4 4LD

Menu: tasteofjamaica-littlemore.co.uk

Phone: 07309 639 305

SMARTS FISH AND CHIP BAR

Service options: Dine in · Takeaway · Kerbside pick up · Delivery

Address: 70 Cowley Rd, Littlemore, OX4 4LG

Phone: 01865 607 077

PUBLIC HOUSES IN LITTLEMORE

GOLDEN BALL PUB

Service options: Some outdoor seating · Has bar games

Address: 2 College Ln, Littlemore, Oxford OX4 4LQ

Phone: 01865 806 558

GEORGE PUB

Service options: Some outdoor seating · live music

Address: 5 Sandford Rd, Littlemore, Oxford OX4 4PU

Phone: 01865 779 341

FURTHER AFIELD:

CATHERINE WHEEL Sandford on Thames

Service options: Pub: real ale, pub games, sports TV

Address: 38 Henley Rd, Sandford on Thames OX4 4YP

Phone: 01865 778 340

THE KINGS ARMS, Sandford on Thames

Service options: Pub with food + outdoor seating

Address: Church Rd, Sandford-on-Thames, Oxford OX4 4YB

Phone: 01865 777095

Menu: chefandbrewer.com

NAPIER AT VOCO HOTEL, Sandford on Thames

Service options: Dine in: Breakfast & Dinner, with all day bar serving casual food

Address: Henley Road, Sandford on Thames OX4 4GX

Phone: 01865 334 444

Reservations: opentable.co.uk

POLISH KITCHEN, Rose Hill

Service options: Dine-in · Takeaway · delivery

Address: 96 Rose Hill, OX4 4HX

Phone: 01865 770001

Menu: deliveroo.co.uk

PROOF SOCIAL BAKEHOUSE near Sandford Lock

Service options: Bakery, deli, pantry items + café, Thur to Sun 8am-3pm:

Address: 68 Sandford Lane Industrial estate, Kennington,

OX1 5RP: an easy walk across Sandford Lock: children must be supervised at all times on the industrial estate:

Web: www.proofbakehouse.com/cafe

TALKING SHOP, Sandford on Thames

Service options: Community Shop & Café open Mon to Fri

9:30am to 4.00pm, Saturdays 9.00am-12.00pm

Address: The Village Hall, Henley Rd, OX4 4YN

Phone: 07305 307 421

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editor@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk .

1-5pm Saturday 1st June ²⁰²⁴



all are welcome to free tea & coffee & free entry to the Great Littlemore Bake-off* there'll also be

- * a cake stall * children's activities *
- * a tombola * craft & gift stalls *
- and a display about the history of the hall & our plans for its future

organised by Littlemore Village Hall Committee to join, or to help, please contact c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com

*for Bake-off entry & prize details please contact saroj.patel-hall@hotmail.com

AERIAL & HOOP NEW TASTER CLASSES: age 8-15



FREE TASTER CLASSES
5 & 9 JUNE AT THE OXFORD ACADEMY



For more information visit <https://aerialartsacademy.co.uk/youth-aerial-classes>



LITTLEMORE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

TOUCH RUGBY



AGES 16+ ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Littlemore Rugby Club

Every Thursday
June 8 July | 7-8 PM

For more information, please visit:

[littlemoreRFC.org](https://www.littlemoreRFC.org)

Northfield Cl, Littlemore, Oxford OX4 4NH



28th Oxford Scout Group Summer Fayre!

We hope you have an amazing time filled with lots of laughter and fun. We have a wide range of activities to choose from: Toy stall, crockery smash, tombola, mystery jars, BBQ, raffle, VR gaming and so much more.

All to raise funds for the 28th Oxford (Littlemore) Scout Group.

Cash or card payments accepted

JULY 6TH 1-4PM

AT SCOUT HQ, FAIRLIE ROAD OX4 3SW

UKCF ACADEMY
PARKOUR PARK

THE UK'S FIRST INDOOR STUNT ACTION EXPERIENCE PARK
AT THE OXFORD ACADEMY LITTLEMORE
Director: Oliver Ward

Weekly youth program in Acrobatics, Trampoline, Parkour, Free-running & Aerial Dance
PLUS Holiday Camps: Easter, Summer, & Christmas
book now for Summer Stunts: 19 -22 August 2024

at <https://www.ukcfaction.co.uk>

FREE ENTRY £6 = UNLIMITED RIDES

FAMILY FUN DAY

Littlemore Rugby Club
25 Aug 12-5pm
Funfair Rides
Live Music
Food / Bar

FUN DAY INFO

www.littlemoreRFC.org

restore working for mental health

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy cooking, and helping others?
Are you interested in a career in mental health?
Would you like to join a friendly, welcoming team?
Can you spare one day a week?

Restore is seeking volunteers to help in our café & shop in Littlemore. We provide full training and support. We'd love to hear from you!

VOLUNTEER@RESTORE.ORG.UK
WWW.RESTORE.ORG.UK | 01865 455822

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THE DREAMS START HERE, YOUR ADVENTURES ARE ENDLESS!

PARTYMAN Autism friendly SEN SESSIONS

Partyman World of Play are proud to offer COMPLIMENTARY morning and evening sessions dedicated to children and young adults with special needs, exclusively for their use.

MORNING SESSIONS	EVENING SESSIONS*
9AM TIL 10AM	6PM TIL 8PM
Sunday 30 June	Thursday 6 June
Sunday 28 July	Thursday 4 July
Sunday 25 August	Thursday 1 August (4-6pm)
Sunday 29 September	Thursday 5 September
Sunday 27 October	Thursday 3 October
Sunday 24 November	Thursday 7 November
Sunday 22 December: Xmas theme	Thursday 5 December

*Please note that during term-times our venues are open to the public until 6:30pm. Please be mindful of this overlap when attending our SEN sessions.

Working in Partnership with Partyman's Magic Makers charity partymansmagicmakers.org.uk

MIGHT YOU HELP?

The Parish Council needs new volunteers to help deliver the print issue of **LITTLEMORE LOCAL** to every home in Littlemore.

Each round takes less than 2 hours, and it's only 6 times a year!

Your bundle of copies would be delivered to you.

Please email the editor
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WHAT'S ON: GROUPS, CLASSES ETC

Regular Events: June and July 2024

KEY: LOCATIONS IN and around LITTLEMORE

ACF	Army Cadet Force Building, OX4 6LD
ATC	Air Cadet Forces Centre, OX4 6LD
BDB	Blessed Dominic Barberi Hall, OX4 4JX
EKH	Edith Kempson Community Hall, OX4 4QB
FSS	Family Solutions Service: Ashhurst Way OX4 4UY
IBC	Indoor Bowls Club, OX4 6NA
JHN	John Henry Newman Academy, OX4 4LS
LCC	Littlemore Community Centre, OX4 4NL
RHCC	Rose Hill Community Centre, OX4 4HF
RBL	Royal British Legion Hall, OX4 4LZ
RMHC	Rose Hill Methodist Church: Rose Hill, OX4 4HS
SAC	St Andrew's Church: Sandford, OX4 4XZ
SHQ	Scout HQ, Fairlie Road, OX4 3SW
SVH	Sandford Village Hall, OX4 4YN
SM+SN	St Mary & St Nicholas Church, near OX4 4PB which is via Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH
TOA	The Oxford Academy, OX4 6JZ (except for Rugby Club which is via Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH)
VHL	The Village Hall, Littlemore, OX4 4PY

- **Acrobatics, Parkour, Aerial & Stunts:** Director: Oliver Ward 03302 233 995 or info@ukcfacademy.co.uk . Booking: <http://www.ukcfaction.co.uk>
 - **UKCF Academy®: TOA:** Parkour park, Tumble track & Stunts: trapezes, silks, hoops, handstand canes & more. Sundays: *10:30am-6pm: age 7-17 years *6-7pm: 18+
 - **UKCF Action Holiday Stunt Camps: TOA:** Book online for Summer and Christmas camps offering Stunts, Acrobatics, Aerial, Trampoline & Parkour.
- **Advice Centre:** serving Rose Hill, Donnington, & Littlemore. **NB:** Drop-in or Book Sessions are offered at **SM+SN:** Weekly on Thursdays 10-11.30am. To pre-book call 01865 438 634.
- **Aerial Arts Academy: TOA:** Aerials & Pole Dance. Fun weekday & weekend dance & fitness classes for all abilities. Use code OAA1STFREE for your first class free when you book online at aerialartsacademy.co.uk . NEW: Free taster sessions for 8-15 yr-olds. **Dates:** Weds 5 June, 5.30pm. Oxford Academy & Sun 9 June, 10.50am. Oxford Academy
Book at: <https://goteamup.com/p/3353560-aerial-arts-academy-oxfor/c/schedule> . See flyer p 8. Contact: Nicola Ghalmi 07909 974 256, info@aerialartsacademy.co.uk
- **Afternoon Tea at VHL:** Tea, coffee & delicious home-made cakes, and an opportunity to meet some of your Parish Councillors: first Saturday: 2.30-4.30pm (not July & August). Contact Claire Drinkwater 01865 718 580.
- **Age UK Oxfordshire:** for our support call 0345 450 1276, visit www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire or email contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk
 - **Drop in and meet our local Age UK Ox Rep:** Valerie Hunt at **SM+SN** Coffee Morning 10.30-12noon last Monday of month
 - **Strength & Balance Classes: LCC* and online via Zoom:** with Sarah Wheatley, Tuesdays 10-11am: *the face-to-face class is currently full: to join wait list and/or the online class

please email active@Ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or call 01235 849 403: a second class from 1.45 to 2.45pm will be offered when we have built enough numbers

- **Stay Strong & Steady: Falls prevention programme: LCC:** with Sarah Wheatley: to register for the next course please contact active@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or 01235 849 403.
- **Art & Craft Courses:** Oxford Summer School @ **TOA:** yearly: this year: Monday 5 August to Saturday 10 August with Saturday set aside for one-day classes. Some spaces are still available: see www.oxfordshireartandcraft and instagram [oxford_summer_school](https://www.instagram.com/oxford_summer_school)
- **Art Exhibitions: SM&SN:** Regular events showing work of local artists.
- **Air Cadets: ATC:** see www.aircadets.tv/2210 . 2210 (Cowley) Sqn parade Mon & Wed from 7.30-9.30pm. Please send enquiries to me, Flt Lt O'Riordan, oc.2210@rafac.mod.gov.uk
- **Allotments:** * Thomson Terrace: to join the allotment waiting list, see our website www.ttacic.org , or email Kathleen O'Donnell Secretary@ttacic.org , or phone Field Secretary Tom Dyra 07867 931 487 *Minchery Farm (see City Council website) *Elder Stubbs (see City Council Website or Restore website) and *Denny Gardens (see www.odfaa.com/members/contact).
- **Angling Society: Extensive local still, & flowing waters:** www.littlemoreanglingsociety.co.uk . Open season starts 15 June. Fixtures see p 11. Contact Alan Campbell, 07789 334 710, alancampbell0811@gmail.com .
- **Army Cadets: ACF:** If you're 12, in year 8, and are interested in learning news skills & making new friends, the Army Cadets is for you. We parade on Thursday nights from 7.30 to 9.30pm. See www.armycadets.com/county/oxfordshire-acf/Oxfordshire . Detachment Commander: AUO Kyle-Davidson, 8204kyleda@armymail.mod.uk
- **Baby Yoga & Post-natal Yoga: VHL:** Thurs 10.30am. Mama Flow Yoga: Sara Barker, Senior Yoga Teacher. For more info & to book see: <https://mamaflow.co.uk> . Concessions are available for low income families.
- **Bingo: RBL** on 1st & 3rd Friday, and **VHL** on 2nd & 4th Friday. If there's a 5th Friday, they will decide at the time. For more info contact Katie Tutty 01865 778 869 or littlemorerbl@gmail.com
- **Bowls (Indoor): IBC:** Sandy Lane West OX4 6NA: see www.oxbowls.co.uk
- **Childcare: Littlemore Preschool: LCC:** open: Mon-Weds 8.45am-2.45pm, Thur & Fri 8.45-11.45am: term-times: for pre-school children from 2-4 yrs. To go on our waiting list please drop by or contact us for an application form. Manager: Hayley Cox: phone 01865 396 449 when we are open, or littlemoreplaygroup@yahoo.co.uk
- **Childcare: Little People Nursery: TOA** Northfield Close entrance: 8am to 5.30pm, 48 weeks a year. Manager: Lindsey Hart: 01865 397 972, littlepeeplenursery@peeples.org.uk
- **Childcare: The Old Station Nursery:** Heatley Road, OX4 4GE: **Oxford Science Park:** open all year for children aged 3 months-5 years. Please contact Charlotte Dagg: 01865 777 167 or osp@tosn.co.uk
- **Children's Groups at JHN: term times only.** Stay & Play for 0-5s & parents/carers: Mon & Tues 9-10.15am. Join us for toys, a

run around, & fun. No need to have a sibling at the school. For details call Hannah Jamieson on 01865 772 495

- **Children's Groups: Growing Minds**
 - **Growing Minds Project:** if you live in Littlemore and have a little one aged 0-4yrs, do get in touch to find out more about the Growing Minds project, and about receiving free books. Email families@peeples.org.uk or call Camille Kalaja on 07515 410 278
 - **Growing Minds Stay & Play at SM+SN church:** Thursdays 10-11.30am. For further information, please contact Lucy White: lucy@homestartoxford.org.uk or call 0773 438 9799
 - **Growing Minds Peep group: at the Peeples Cabins: TOA Northfield Close entrance:** Tuesdays 1.30-2.30pm: for all Littlemore parents/carers with babies under 12 months old. For more information call Camille Kalaja on 07515 410 278 , camille.kalaja@peeples.org.uk
 - **Growing Minds 1-2s Peep group: at the Peeples Cabins: TOA Northfield Close entrance:** Wednesdays 10-11am: for Littlemore parents/carers & their children. For more information call or text Camille Kalaja on 07515 410 278 , camille.kalaja@peeples.org.uk
- **Children's Groups: Peep Groups:** Please contact families@peeples.org.uk or phone Lisse Honeyman on 07780 716 098: see www.peeples.org.uk/peep-groups-oxfordshire
- **Singing, stories, & time to talk to practitioners: various locations:** for babies, 1- & 2-yr-olds
- **Growing Minds SEND Peep Group for 0-4s: FSS:** (Rosehill Family Solutions Service, Ashhurst Way, OX4 4UY): 9.30-11am Tuesdays: for Littlemore Families with children with an additional need: no formal diagnoses needed: please book in advance: contact Lisse, as above
- **Children's Groups: Sing & Sign for 0-2 year olds & their parents/carers: VHL:** Mondays 9.45am, 11am and 12.15pm: learn baby signing the fun way in our fun-filled music classes. For more info, and to book contact 07795 005 832 or oxford@singandsign.co.uk . Lead: Emily Percy
- **Children's Groups: Stay & Play:**
 - **Little Chuggers: SHQ:** drop-in indoor & outdoor Stay & Play for children aged 0-4yrs, their parents & carers: find updates on our Facebook page. If you'd like to help: please contact Ruth Lloyd, 07736 831 038, littlechuggers@gmail.com
 - **Stay & Play at the Library** (see Library)
 - **Stay & Play at SM+SN** (see under Growing Minds)
 - **Stay & Play at JHN** (see under Children's Groups at JHN)
- **Choirs: see under Singing**
- **Churches:** see separate Faith Group listing pp 14-15
- **Coffee morning & Sing-along: SM+SN:** Mondays 10am-noon: drop in for coffee, cake, conversation & song: contact: contact Eve McWilliam admin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Coffee morning: SM+SN:** Wednesdays 10am-noon: drop in for coffee, cake, conversation: contact Eve McWilliam admin@littlemorechurch.org or see www.littlemorechurch.org
- **Coffee morning for TOA parents: in the School Library:** Every Thursday 9-11am: TOA parents are welcome to drop in any time during the session.

- **Community Emergency Food Bank: EKH:** Thursday 10 am to 11.30 am. See www.cefoxford.co.uk for details about how to be referred
- **Conservation Work Parties:**
 - **Berks Bucks & Oxford Wildlife Trust. Based in Littlemore:** we have nature reserves which offer days out, and outdoor opportunities to volunteer. Contact: info@bbowt.org.uk or see www.bbowt.org.uk
 - **Oxford Preservation Trust:** Green space volunteering at **Heyford Meadow, Heyford Hill Lane:** 9:30am-12:30pm 3rd Friday every month. All welcome, no experience necessary, instructions & tools are provided. Contact 01865 242 918 or info@oxfordpreservation.org.uk . For more opportunities & events see www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk
- **Crafting for children + carers: Saturdays: see Library**
- **Dance for Wellbeing: LCC:** Thursdays 12-1pm. Provided free by Sport in Mind for everyone 17+ experiencing isolation, loneliness, low mood, or a mental health condition. Fun, casual drop-in Dance session with Nuria Franchy Afonso. This session is for all abilities, just give it a go! See: www.sportinmind.org/oxfordshire
- **Drop-In for people of all ages: RHMC:** *Mondays 2-4.30pm Community Drop in: contact Liz Spain, Community Chaplain: rosehillcommunitychaplain@gmail.com or 07754 670 565.
- **First Aid for Parents & Carers: VHL:** Baby & Child classes to give you the confidence to deal with a medical emergency. Sessions cover CPR, Choking, Bleeding, Burns, Bumps, Breaks, Febrile seizures & Meningitis awareness. Upcoming dates: Thursdays: 4 July 2024. To book, see: watford.minifirstaid.co.uk . To express interest contact Fran Brooman: fran@minifirstaid.co.uk, or 0796 722 8986.
- **Fit Fun: LVH:** Fitness for over 55s: Mondays 5.30-6.30pm starting late July: see stop press on last page.
- **Friendship Group: SM&SN:** 2nd Thursday each month at 10am in church. For more info, contact Benjamin Johnson benjamin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Football Coaching at TOA 3G Dome:** offered by Oxford United in the Community:
 - **Community Skills Centre:** for girls & boys age 5-11 years: Tuesday evenings: *5-6pm age 5-8 *6-7pm age 9-11: contact Alex Blane at community@oufc.co.uk
 - **Football Summer Holiday Camps:** for girls & boys age 5-13 years: week long or day places available: contact Kerrie Bates at community@oufc.co.uk
- **Gardening Group: VHL:** The Village Hall gardening group meets Thurs 2-4pm, to maintain & improve the grounds of the Village Hall in Railway Lane. All welcome – no experience needed. If you'd like to join please send an advance email to Claire Drinkwater: c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com
- **Gym: TOA:** weekdays 5pm-10pm, weekends 9am-9pm. We have Cardio machines (Treadmills, Cross trainers, rowing machines & bikes) free weights, & assisted weight machines. For more see: <https://toaleisure.schoolbookings.co.uk> . To arrange your £15 monthly membership: either pop in at reception during gym opening hours or contact us on toaleisure@theoxfordacademy.org
- **Halls for Hire:** see separate listing p 13

- **Karate:** Thursdays: at **JHN:** *age 4-6yrs Thursdays 3.30-4pm
*age 7-14yrs Thursdays 4-5pm. Chris Wilmott, 07880 636 123
or chriswilmott2000@yahoo.com
- **Kendo:** *not confirmed this time: may not be accurate:* **TOA:**
2.30-4.30 Saturdays: for boys+girls, men+women age 4yrs to
60+: see www.oxfordkendo.com
- **Kickboxing:** Oxfordshire Freestyle Kickboxing Academy:
LCC: *Tuesdays 6:30-8pm & *Fridays 6:30-8pm: for all ages
and abilities. Currently full: contact Mal McKeon: 0771 345
9337 to express interest
- **Knitting Group: SM&SN: all levels, and other crafts**
welcome: Tuesdays 11am-1pm. Contact: Eve McWilliam
admin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Lacrosse: TOA:** Mondays: *Juniors 6:30-7:30pm *Seniors
7:30-9:00pm. All welcome - no experience needed - trial
session free! More info from: Annabel Campbell:
OxfordCityLacrosse@hotmail.com. Follow us on Instagram
#OxfordCityLacrosse or FB OXLAX
- **Library: Home Library Service: Home Pick Up & Delivery.**
Contact Kevin Salway, 01865 810 259:
homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk
- **Library: Littlemore Public Library: TOA:** Monday 2-5pm |
Tuesday 2-5pm | Thursday 9.30am-5pm | Friday and Saturday
9.30am-12.30pm. Contact Sharon Ingram: 01865 714 309,
littlemore.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk
Regular free events at the Library:
 - **Book Group:** monthly: 1st Monday 2pm: for adults to come
together and discuss what they've read over tea and biscuits
 - **The Hang:** Mondays 3:30-4:30pm: an after school club for
12-16 year-olds. Learn new skills, hobbies, craft, & unwind.
 - **Stay & Play for Under 5s & their carers:** Tues 2-4pm &
Thurs 10am-12 noon: with toys for under 5s to play while
their parents/carers relax and chat
 - **Friendly Friday Social event for adults:** refreshments,
games, crafting, chat: weekly: Friday 10.30am-12noon
 - **Councillor Surgery:** 3rd Friday each month (starting June)
11am-12:30pm. A chance to speak to Tiago Corais, City
Councillor for Littlemore, about your concerns
 - **Saturday Craft: for children & carers:** weekly 9.30-12noon:
a chance for kids of all ages to be creative
- **Littlemore Local History Society: LCC:** 3rd Wednesday 7 for
7.30pm. See table (right) for next meetings. Contact Buffy
McClelland, history.littlemore@gmail.com, follow us
www.facebook.com/groups or see
littlemorelocalhistorysociety.wordpress.com
- **Meditation: VHL: Oxford Insight Meditation Days.**
Beginners, and those with experience of meditation practice
are welcome. Upcoming day retreats: *Sat 29 June with
Bhante Bodhidhamma *Sat 21st September with Jaya
Rudgard. For more information & to book, see:
www.oxfordinsightmeditation.org
- **Men's Breakfast: SM+SN:** monthly: 2nd Sat (except August)
9-10am. A space for men to meet, chat and enjoy a full
English! Suggested donation £5. Booking required, please
email Julian Armitstead: churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org
- **Music: Community Orchestra: TOA:** Weds 7-9pm term
times. New members always welcome - no auditions, we just
play for fun! See www.cowleyorchestra.weebly.com

LITTLEMORE ANGLING SOCIETY FIXTURES				
Fixture	Venue	Competition	Draw : Fish	
June				
9	Aggregate Cup 1	Meadowlands (Pump)	Club Angler of Year/Qual	D 8 : F 10-4*
16	J Henwood Shield	Sandford	Points 1/Summer Lge	D 7.30 : F 9-2
30	Aggregate Cup 2	Green Farm Fery	Club Angler of Year/Qual	D 8 : F 10-4*
July				
7	R.Arnatt Cup	Sandford	Points 2/Summer Lge	D 7.30 : F 9-2
21	Aggregate Cup 3	Tunnel Barn Frm/Jenny's	Club Angler of Year/Qual	D 8 : F 10-4*
28	Vice-Pres Cup	Sandford	Points 3/Summer Lge	D 7.30 : F 9-2
August				
4	Secretary's Cup	Sandford	Points 4/Summer Lge	D 7.30 : F 9-2
18	Aggregate Cup 4	Meadowlands/Warren	Club Angler of Year/Qual	D 8 : F 10-4*
25	Thames Shield	Sandford		D 8 : F 10-3
26	Thames Shield	Sandford		D 8 : F 10-3
September				
8	Tony Perks Roach Cup	Sandford	Prior Cup 1	
22	W Henwood Cup	Sandford	Points 5/Summer Lge	D 7.30 : F 9-2
29	Aggregate Cup 5	Green Farm Fery	Club Angler of Year/Qual	D 8 : F 10-4*
October				
13	Aggregate Cup 6	Holme Grange	Club Angler of Year/Qual	D 8 : F 10-4*
20	S H Taylor Cup	Sandford	Points 6/Summer Lge	D 7.30 : F 9-2
27	APC Challenge Cup	Tunnel Barn Fm (Club)	Prior Cup 2	D 8 : F 10-4*
November				
10	Chairman's Cup	Northmoor	Points 7/Winter League	D 7.30 : F 9-2
24	M.Whipp Cup	Ivy House (Old Match Lake)	Prior Cup 3	D 8 : F 10-4*
December				
8	Chandlers Cup	Milton Pools (Lens)**	Prior Cup 4	D 8 : F 10-4*
15	Christmas Shield	Sandford	Points 8/Winter League	D 7.30 : F 9-2
29	Sumner Cup	Milton Pools/Campbell's**	Prior Cup 5	D 8 : F 10-4*
January				
5	K Mills Cup	Northmoor	Points 9/Winter League	D 7.30 : F 9-2
19	S Denny Shield	Sandford	Points 10/Winter League	D 7.30 : F 9-2
February				
9	Blind Pairs	Tunnel Barn Farm (Canal)	Prior Cup 6	D 8 : F 10-4*
23	R C Smith Cup	Sandford	Points 11/Winter League	D 7.30 : F 9-2
* Depending on Fishery Rules, match could be Draw 9 : Fish 11-4				
** This match is pole only				
Until 15 June it is closed season for fishing in running water Alan Campbell				

LITTLEMORE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY	
June, July, August	
Local Walks to be announced: for email notifications please use email below	
September	
18	Talk from Oxford City Archaeologist, David Radford
October	
16	Oxford City: memorable moments from the last 500 years: talk by Mark Davies
November	
20	Oxford Botanic Garden: 400 years of history: talk by Timothy Walker
7 for 7.30pm at the Community Centre: £12 yearly membership, visitors £3 a meeting <i>Bryan & Buffy McClelland, history.littlemore@gmail.com</i>	

LITTLEMORE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB COUNTIES 4 TRIBUTE BERKS BUCKS & OXON NORTH	
Keep up to date @ fb: Littlemore RFC-Littlemore Rugby Club	
June & July	NEW: Touch Rugby for all abilities, age 16+: Thursdays 7-8pm
Sunday 25 Aug	LITTLEMORE RUGBY CLUB FUN DAY: 12-5pm at the Club
We're at The Oxford Academy: (Northfield Close Entrance). Our clubhouse has a fully licensed bar with live sports on a big screen. <i>John Pery</i>	

- **Music: Concerts at SM+SN:** occasional concerts: free though voluntary donations are welcome. To stage a concert contact: Eve McWilliam: admin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Music: Jubilee Brass:** a friendly brass band, all players are welcome. We rehearse Monday/Friday evenings at Grace Church, Cowley, OX4 2ES. Please contact Cliff Sadler: jubileebrassoxford@gmail.com for details
- **Music: Jubilate Band: SM+SN:** plays in the monthly Jubilate Church Service for SM+SN church: contact Malcolm Atkins malcolm.atkins1@ntlworld.com or Rev Margreet Armitstead vicar@littlemorechurch.org.
- **Music: Oxford Village Band: VHL:** Weds 8-9.30pm termly. For over 18s only: Traditional Folk Music in Harmony in the style of English village bands of Thomas Hardy's time. Suitable for most squeeze-box, woodwind, brass, fiddle, viola, cello & double bass players. Contact Dave Townsend: dtmellstock@aol.com or 01865 714 778
- **Music: Piano Lessons, & Music Theory: Littlemore:** tuition for students of any age or stage: Robin Hagues, 01865 770 894, robin@robinhagues.co.uk (enhanced DBS available for inspection)
- **Neighbourhood Watch: reduce and prevent crime in your neighbourhood.** To sign up to an existing group or to start your own see: www.ourwatch.org.uk . If you have questions or need paper registration forms please email Maggie Lewis onw.enquiries@gmail.com
- **Ozone Centre: Grenoble Road OX4 4XP**
 - **City Mazes:** Escape rooms for teens & adults include an upside down escape room, and Bunker Blowout a World War II bunker themed room. Check Facebook for special offers. Venue available for exclusive hire for meetings, team building & corporate events. Contact 01865 920 900. Web: <https://citymazes.com/location-oxford>
 - **Gravitee Golf:** Miniature golf course: 01865 952 646, www.graviteegolf.com
 - **Hollywood Bowl,** Bowling Alley & entertainment centre: 0844 477 0493 www.hollywoodbowl.co.uk/oxford
 - **Laser Combat,** Children's Amusement Centre: 01865 788 380 <https://lasercombat.co.uk/oxford>
 - **Partyman World Of Play,** Children's Amusement Centre: with dedicated sessions for those with special educational needs, and with autism (see flier p 16): 01865 788 380 www.partymanworld.co.uk/location/oxford.
 - **Vue Cinema Oxford:** Multiplex cinema with latest films: 0345 308 4620, www.myvue.com
 - **Various eateries: dine in and take-away:** see www.thekassamstadium.com/the-kassam-leisure-complex
 - **Bray Associates Sunday Boot Fair:** <https://bray-markets.com>
- **Pilates: Littlemore & Iffley:** physiotherapy-led classes & individual sessions. Three class formats now offered: face to face, live online via Zoom & a pre-recorded class (available for repeat use). For more info see: www.clevermovement.co.uk . Contact Jane Callaway: janecallawaypilates@hotmail.co.uk

Sandford-On-Thames Women's Institute

Remaining 2024 Programme

Meetings are held in Sandford Village Hall or by Zoom at 7:30pm on the **second Thursday of the month.**

You don't need to live here to join us!

13 June	Talk by floristry group Strength & Stem on how their work empowers female modern slavery survivors
11 July	Quiz Night
20 July	Sandford-on-Thames Village Summer Fair
Aug	No meeting: social for Members only
12 Sept	Talk by Jane Finnerty: Empowering Women
10 Oct	Candle making
14 Nov	Morris Minor and the Media
12 Dec	Christmas celebrations: Members only

Contact: Jill Love 01865 716 557, jpappslove@hotmail.com, Carole Tasker 07876 701 151, or caroletasker27@gmail.com, or message our Fb page: Sandford-on-Thames Women's Institute.

- **Pop-Up Pilates (Physiotherapist-led) at VHL: Weds at *5.30pm & at *6.30pm:** Online sessions also available: contact Lauren McLeod 07731 321 991, info@pop-up-pilates.com or see www.pop-up-pilates.com
- **Pregnancy Yoga: VHL:** Mondays at 7.30pm. Mama Flow Yoga: Sara Barker, Senior Yoga Teacher. For more info & to book see: <https://mamaflow.co.uk> . Concessions are available for low income families.
- **Reading Group for adults: see Library**
- **Restore Shop & Café** at Littlemore Hospital: Coffee and lunches. We are currently recruiting volunteers for our Littlemore shop and café, which reopened on 12 March after 4 years! See flier on p 16. For updates see: facebook.com/oxrestore or twitter.com/oxrestore. Contact: Amy McCauley 01865 902 098, or littlemorecoverygroup@restore.org.uk . To volunteer there, see www.restore.org.uk/restore/volunteer and/or email volunteer@restore.org.uk
- **Rhythmic Gymnastics Club:** for girls from the age of 4 years: **TOA:** *Tuesdays 5-6pm , 6-7pm | Fridays 5-6pm, 6-7pm | Saturday 9-10am, 10-11am: contact Zuzana Gergelova info@oxfordgymnastics.co.uk, www.oxfordgymnastics.co.uk
- **Royal British Legion Club: RBL:** see Bingo, and Halls for Hire Listings: contact Katie Tutty 01865 778 869 or littlemorerbl@gmail.com
- **Rugby Training (Littlemore Rugby Club Senior): TOA:** **Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 7 -8pm (Thurs only, 7-9pm Oct-March). Info updated daily @ fb: [RFC-Littlemore Rugby Club](https://facebook.com/RFC-Littlemore Rugby Club), contact info@littlemorerfc.org For the Fun Day see flyer p 16!
- **Touch Rugby:** *NEW June & July, Thursdays 7-8pm: for those aged 16+: all abilities welcome: more info as above
- **Rugby Training Littlemore Rugby Club Mini & Junior: 5-13 yrs,** all abilities welcome): **TOA: Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH:** training Sundays at 10am. Please contact John Perry 07766 954 922 or minis@littlemorerfc.org for more information. For the Fun Day see flyer p 16!

- **School Uniform Swap Shop: TOA:** Term time: Mondays after school. To donate a preloved uniform please bring it to Reception in a labelled bag. To sponsor a new one, contact Rev'd Kay Blackwell kay.blackwell@theoxfordacademy.org
- **Scriptural Reasoning Group: SM&SN:** monthly, Mondays 7-8pm: for dates see: www.littlemorechurch.org/scriptural-reasoning.html. Meet people of other faiths and explore scriptures together. If you'd like to come please email oxford@dialoguesociety.org
- **Singing: St Andrew's Church Choir: SAC:** We're always happy to accept new members. Choir Practice is 7.30pm Wednesday evening. There's no need to be a regular church goer: contact Christian Bradley cwwbradley@gmail.com
- **Singing: Sing & Sign: VHL:** see under Children's Groups
- **Social Groups: see:** Afternoon tea at VHL, Coffee morning +sing-along, Coffee Morning, Mens' Breakfast, Women's Institute, the Library listings, Drop-In, Knitting Group
- **Women's Institute: SVH:** meets at 7.30pm on 2nd Thursday in each month usually in Sandford Village Hall. Contact: Jill Love 01865 716 557, jpappslove@hotmail.com or Carole Tasker caroletasker27@gmail.com or 01865 748 300 / 07876 701 151, or message our Fb page Sandford-on-Thames Women's Institute.
- **Woodturners Club: at VHL:** Club nights are second Thursday each month except December (club AGM): 7pm start. Newcomers are very welcome, no matter what level of experience: entry is free for your first 2 sessions. Contact owc_secretary@yahoo.com for more information or see www.oxonwoodturners.com
- **Yoga:** see Baby Yoga, and Pregnancy Yoga above.
- **Young People:** Education, Employment and Training support plus Activities & Info, visit: www.oxme.info
- **Youth Groups and after school clubs:**
 - **Air Cadets, and Army Cadets:** see under 'A' above
 - **Beavers (age 6-8): Cubs (age 8-10½) and Scouts (age 10½-14):** see their individual websites for details
 - **Brownies (1st Littlemore, for girls 7-10 yrs):** contact Wendy Lumley, brownieslittlemorewendy@gmail.com
 - **Explorers (age 14-18): SHQ:** Fridays, 7-8.30pm: see: www.oxfordspires.org.uk. Just turn up, or contact group leader Shane Clark shane@teemclark.org.uk or Camille Kalaja camille.scout.kalaja@gmail.com
 - **Rose Hill Junior Youth club: RHCC:** term times: free after school youth clubs. Safe, fun & positive space with lots of activities + a delicious hot meal at every session. www.facebook.com/RoseHillJYC. Director Chris Chaundy. Wednesdays: *3:15-5:15pm, School Years 1-3 *5:30pm-7pm, Senior boys club, ages 11+ Thursdays: *3:15-5:15pm, School Years 4-6 *5:30pm-7pm, Senior girls club, ages 11+ . Sign up on the day or visit: rhjyc.org
- **Youth Ambition:** Manager: Leonard Sackley. Contact 01865 335 884 YouthAmbition@oxford.gov.uk.
 - **Littlemore Youth Club: LCC:** Thursdays 4-6pm: term-times. The session is free of charge and is for young people aged 11-19. Each week, we cook a meal, have activities, and the option to complete an AQA activity to gain an accreditation. Come along to find out more or get involved! *continued*

- Local young people are welcome to attend **other nearby Youth Clubs and Sports sessions** listed on the Youth Ambition webpage, Instagram and Facebook
- **Zumba: TOA:** Mondays 7-8pm. My classes are high energy, good fun and burn over 500 calories! All ages (14+) and abilities welcome. Pre-booking required via: www.zumba-steffi.co.uk or email me steffihalldance@gmail.com
- **Zumba: LCC:** *Mondays 6:30-7:30 pm Zumba & Toning and Thursdays 6:30pm-7:30 pm Zumba. All are welcome: fun classes suitable for all fitness levels. No need to book: £7 per class (concession if attending several classes a month). For more info please contact me: Pat Meade 07957 491 868 or patsimeade63@gmail.com

LITTLEMORE HALLS FOR HIRE

- **The Newman Meeting Place:** various flexible spaces including a kitchen able to cater for 100: suitable for meetings, conferences, exhibitions, groups, concerts etc: at St Mary & St Nicholas Church, Sandford Road, near OX4 4PB. See www.littlemorechurch.org/venue-hire.html. Contact Julian Armitstead: churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org
- **The Oxford Academy:** Beecroft Theatre, Bistro Hall, Events Rooms, Sports Hall, 3G Full size floodlit pitch, 3G Dome, Astro turf pitches, Grass pitches, Dance Studio, Fitness Suite, Drama studio and Classrooms: at TOA, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, OX4 6JZ. See: <https://toaleisure.schoolbookings.co.uk> Contact TOA Leisure: 01865 783 238 or toaleisure@theoxfordacademy.org
- **The Royal British Legion Littlemore:** Functions rooms, Games room with snooker tables, darts boards and Bar: at Lakefield Road, Littlemore, OX4 4LZ. Contact Katie Tutty 01865 778 869 or littlemoretbl@gmail.com
- **The Village Hall, Littlemore:** Hall with wifi, kitchen, stage & garden: at Railway Lane, Littlemore, OX4 4PY. Available to hire for organised classes, meetings, worship, & family gatherings. See: www.littlemorevillagehall.org. Preferred route of contact: littlemorevillagehall@gmail.com Mobile: 07894 268 490

LITTLEMORE TRADES & BUSINESSES

- **Explore Learning Oxford:** Maths & English tuition for 4-14 year olds: upstairs at Sainsbury's. Contact: Paul Drake & Kate George, 01865 595 509. See: explorellearning.co.uk/oxford
- **Westlake Heating & Plumbing:** Mike Westlake, telephone 07588 865 868. Gas Safe Registration No: 597859.

NEIGHBOURING NEWSLETTERS

- **Blackbird Leys:** Sign up for the Community Group Newsletter at www.facebook.com/groups/656236718050193
 - **Rose Hill:** find the latest Newsletter at: rosehillnewsonline.com/editions or follow their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/RoseHillNews. To get in touch, email Aimee Winkfield at aimee-rosehillnews@hotmail.com
 - **Sandford on Thames:** find The Sandford Link at <https://sandford-on-thames-pc.gov.uk/the-sandford-link/>
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COMMUNITY GROUPS open to residents to join

- **Community Gardening Group:** carrying out occasional projects to brighten up the neighbourhood & planning a new community garden. Organised by Sandy Douglas: email: sandy4littlemore@gmail.com
- **Littlemore Community Association:** runs the Community Centre. Membership of the Association is open to Littlemore residents. Trustee: Dorian Hancock: see: <https://register-of-charities.charitycommission.gov.uk/charity-search/-/charity-details/4028202>
- **A Littlemore Community:** a group of residents with an interest in planning. They are currently working with the Parish Council on the Neighbourhood Plan: contact: Tony Eade: tony@edperspectives.org.uk
- **Littlemore Parish Council:** residents are welcome to attend Full Council meetings from 7-9pm on the second Tuesday each month except August.
- **Littlemore Parks Parents Steering Group:** working with the Parish Council to improve facilities at the Littlemore Recreation Ground on Oxford Road, and elsewhere. Contact: Ruth Corrigan OxfordRoadParkPSG@gmail.com
- **Littlemore Partnership:** a Network of representatives from various local organisations, supported by interested members of the community. Its aim is to improve communication between residents and service providers, and campaign for improved services. Chair: Katie Scream, JHN Academy. If you would like to know more, contact: finance@jhnacademy.co.uk
The Health & Wellbeing sub group. If you are interested in joining please contact the Chair: Rev Margreet Armitstead: vicar@littlemorechurch.org
- **Littlemore Residents Association:** a group advertised on local social media and through leaflet drops. They aim to enable residents to voice concerns, and do their best to ensure that Littlemore is not forgotten in the various funding rounds. Chair: Lorraine Whipp. If you'd like to know more contact littlemores@yahoo.com
- **The Trustees of the Village Hall:** run the Village Hall which provides buildings, facilities and open space for Littlemore residents to use. They welcome new help: their Chair is Claire Drinkwater: c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com

FAITH GROUPS

- **Blessed Dominic Barberi Roman Catholic Church,** Cowley Road, OX4 4JX. See: www.bldominicbarberioxford.org.uk
- **Coptic Orthodox Church:** at St Mary & St Nicholas Church: meets on the first Saturday of each month for the holy liturgy, followed by breakfast. Everyone is welcome
- **God and People Centre (GAPC):** meets at the Community Centre, Giles Road, OX4 4PL every Sunday 11am-1pm. Refreshments are served after the service. Everyone is welcome. For Bible Study, Prayer, & Fellowship: contact Mrs Stone: Jstone@cogop.org.uk
- **Littlemore Baptist Church:** Sunday worship at 10.30am at Edith Kempson House, Chapel Lane, Littlemore, OX4 4QB: www.littlemorebaptist.org.uk
- **Maranatha Christian Church:** meet at the Community Centre, Giles Road, OX4 4PL. Please use the web to find more detail

- **New Life Church:** Sunday services at 11am in Nepali, at **VHL:** see: www.nccuk.org/site/church/new-life-church
- **Rose Hill Methodist Church:** Rose Hill, OX4 4HS. Website <https://rosehillmethodists.org.uk>. Sunday worship is at 10.30am. Community Drop in for people of all ages: Mondays 2-4.30pm (see Drop In, above)
Special Events for, or at Rose Hill Methodist Church
 - ❖ **Sat 8 June 'An evening of music from the shows'** 7.30pm, Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. No entry fee but leaving donations will be in aid of Community Cupboard Foodbank, Rose Hill Methodist Church.
 - ❖ **Mon 24 June: A Midsummer Cream Tea.** Rose Hill Methodist Church. Drop in 2-4.30 pm £2 per person.
- **Church of England Benefice of Littlemore & Sandford on Thames:** Priest in Charge: Rev Margreet Armitstead vicar@littlemorechurch.org
The benefice comprises:
 - ❖ **St Mary and St Nicholas C of E Church,** Sandford Road, near OX4 4PB: website: www.littlemorechurch.org
Vicar: Rev Margreet Armitstead vicar@littlemorechurch.org
General enquiries: admin@littlemorechurch.org
 - ❖ **St Andrew's Church** Church Road, Sandford on Thames, OX4 4XZ : website: sandfordchurch.org.uk
Vicar: Rev John Findon 01865 434 256 or Rev Bob Morgan 01865 748 848

SPECIAL EVENTS AT ST MARY & ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

Saturday 6 July: 1-6pm: Summer Festival. *Roots Connections and Our Communal Wellbeing.* For the whole family: an afternoon of dance, music & poetry, with stalls & refreshments. Would you like to be involved? For more info, see flyers p 15.

REGULAR EVENTS AT ST MARY & ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

❖ THE WEEK at the Church

Sundays

- Eucharist Service at 10am in church or Zoom (Meeting ID: 853 9014 0153, Passcode: Eucharist), with Junior Church provision for children. The First Sunday of each month is an all-ages Jubilate Service.

Mondays:

- Coffee & Singalong: 10am-12noon
- Scripture Reasoning: 7-8pm monthly: meet people of other faiths & explore scriptures together. To come please email oxford@dialoguesociety.org

Tuesdays

- Silent Prayer in the church at 8am
- Morning Prayer at 8.30am
- Knitting Group (other crafts welcome!) 11-1pm
- Book Discussion Group: 7.30-8.45pm. From 11 June we will be reading 'Water into Wine' by Stephen Verney. If you'd like to join email vicar@littlemorechurch.org

Wednesdays

- Church coffee morning for all, 10am-12noon

Thursdays

- Morning Prayer in the church at 8.30am
- Growing Minds stay & play group, 10-11.30am for Littlemore residents & their pre-school children. With a pre-school clothing swap. Food parcels are available.

- Rose Hill & Donnington Advice Centre Sessions: weekly from 10-11.30am: drop in or pre-book: to pre-book call 01865 438 634
- Littlemore Friendship Group, 2nd Thursday each month at 10am in church. For more info, contact benjamin@littlemorechurch.org

Saturdays

- Men's Breakfast 9-10am: 2nd Saturday each month: a full English Breakfast & time to talk. Suggested donation is only £5: if you'd like to come please contact Julian Armitstead churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org
- ❖ **ARTS EVENTS:** see: www.littlemorechurch.org/the-arts
 - **Concerts:** see our noticeboard and our website. If you wish to hold a concert in our church please contact vicar@littlemorechurch.org
 - **Exhibitions:** We regularly hold exhibitions of local artists' work. If you would like to exhibit your work please contact churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org
 - **Annual Harvest of Talents:** 21 Sept -19 Oct 2024
 - **Jubilate Band:** this informal group plays in the monthly Jubilate Church Service: to join, contact Malcolm Atkins malcolm.atkins1@ntlworld.com or Rev Margreet Armitstead vicar@littlemorechurch.org
- ❖ **BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:** Please contact Rev Margreet Armitstead vicar@littlemorechurch.org or phone 01865 748 003

GENERAL PRACTICES

There are no Primary Medical or Dental services in Littlemore: the following GP surgeries cover Littlemore area:

Donnington Medical Partnership: 01865 771 313
1 Henley Ave, OX4 4DH

Cowley Road Medical Practice: 01865 791 850
Manzil Way, Cowley, OX4 1XD

Hollow Way Medical Centre: 01865 777 495
18 Ivy Close, Cowley, OX4 2NB

The Leys Health Centre: 01865 778 244
Dunnock Way, OX4 7EX

St Bartholomew's Medical Centre: 01865 242 334
Manzil Way, Cowley Rd, Cowley, OX4 1XB

Temple Cowley Health Centre: 01865 777 024
Temple Rd, Cowley, OX4 2HL

LITTLEMORE SCHOOLS

Emmanuel Christian School: www.ecschool.co.uk,
email: admin@ecschool.org.uk

John Henry Newman Academy: www.jhnacademy.co.uk

Mabel Prichard Secondary School: www.mabelprichard.org

The Oxford Academy: www.theoxfordacademy.org.uk

St John Fisher Catholic Primary School:
www.st-john-fisher.oxon.sch.uk



ROOTS CONNECTIONS AND OUR COMMUNAL WELLBEING



Every year we aim to run a project that brings together groups in our community.

This year we are focusing on roots, connections and wellbeing and reflect together on how we identify with our community and our roots.

We are looking for contributions in any media, text, music, image, drawing, sewing, knitting and fabricating in any way that tells your story which we will include with all stories to tell of our collective and communal identities.

There will be an exhibition in church as part of our Summer Festival on Saturday 6th July at St Mary and St Nicholas Church, Littlemore, which will include a special celebration piece containing local stories and (popular) songs we can sing together.

If you would like to be involved in any of this work please contact Malcolm: 07872 991287



SUMMER FESTIVAL



**SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2024
FROM 1-6PM**

An afternoon of celebration, fun and food for the whole family with input from various groups in the community, including the local primary school



Find out more at 'Sounds and Songs and Images of Littlemore' on Facebook or at www.littlemorechurch.org

1-5pm Saturday 1st June ²⁰²⁴



all are welcome to free tea & coffee & free entry to the Great Littlemore Bake-off* there'll also be

- * a cake stall * children's activities *
- * a tombola * craft & gift stalls *
- and a display about the history of the hall & our plans for its future

organised by Littlemore Village Hall Committee to join, or to help, please contact c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com

*for Bake-off entry & prize details please contact saroj.patel-hall@hotmail.com

AERIAL & HOOP NEW TASTER CLASSES: age 8-15



FREE TASTER CLASSES
5 & 9 JUNE AT THE OXFORD ACADEMY

Youth Aerial Classes
Ages 8-15

For more information visit <https://aerialartsacademy.co.uk/youth-aerial-classes>



LITTLEMORE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB

TOUCH RUGBY



AGES 16+ ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

Littlemore Rugby Club

Every Thursday
June 8 July | 7-8 PM

For more information, please visit:

[littlemoreRFC.org](https://www.littlemoreRFC.org)

Northfield Cl, Littlemore, Oxford OX4 4NH



28th Oxford Scout Group Summer Fayre!

We hope you have an amazing time filled with lots of laughter and fun. We have a wide range of activities to choose from: Toy stall, crockery smash, tombola, mystery jars, BBQ, raffle, VR gaming and so much more.

All to raise funds for the 28th Oxford (Littlemore) Scout Group.

Cash or card payments accepted

JULY 6TH 1-4PM

AT SCOUT HQ, FAIRLIE ROAD OX4 3SW

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PARKOUR PARK

THE UK'S FIRST INDOOR STUNT ACTION EXPERIENCE PARK
AT THE OXFORD ACADEMY LITTLEMORE
Director: Oliver Ward

Weekly youth program in Acrobatics, Trampoline, Parkour, Free-running & Aerial Dance
PLUS Holiday Camps: Easter, Summer, & Christmas
book now for Summer Stunts: 19 -22 August 2024

at <https://www.ukcfaction.co.uk>

FREE ENTRY £6 = UNLIMITED RIDES

FAMILY FUN DAY

Littlemore Rugby Club
25 Aug 12-5pm
Funfair Rides
Live Music
Food / Bar

www.littlemoreRFC.org

restore working for mental health

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Do you enjoy cooking, and helping others?
Are you interested in a career in mental health?
Would you like to join a friendly, welcoming team?
Can you spare one day a week?

Restore is seeking volunteers to help in our café & shop in Littlemore. We provide full training and support. We'd love to hear from you!

VOLUNTEER@RESTORE.ORG.UK
WWW.RESTORE.ORG.UK | 01865 455822

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THE DREAMS START HERE. YOUR ADVENTURES ARE ENDLESS!

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Partyman World of Play are proud to offer COMPLIMENTARY morning and evening sessions dedicated to children and young adults with special needs, exclusively for their use.

MORNING SESSIONS	EVENING SESSIONS*
9AM TIL 10AM	6PM TIL 8PM
Sunday 30 June	Thursday 6 June
Sunday 28 July	Thursday 4 July
Sunday 25 August	Thursday 1 August (4-6pm)
Sunday 29 September	Thursday 5 September
Sunday 27 October	Thursday 3 October
Sunday 24 November	Thursday 7 November
Sunday 22 December: Xmas theme	Thursday 5 December

*Please note that during term-times our venues are open to the public until 6:30pm. Please be mindful of this overlap when attending our SEN sessions.

Working in Partnership with Partyman's Magic Makers charity partymanmagicmakers.org.uk

MIGHT YOU HELP?

The Parish Council needs new volunteers to help deliver the print issue of **LITTLEMORE LOCAL** to every home in Littlemore.

Each round takes less than 2 hours, and it's only 6 times a year!

Your bundle of copies would be delivered to you.

Please email the editor
editor@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

OTHER USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

ROSE HILL ADVICE CENTRE

We serve Rose Hill, Donnington & Littlemore, and offer free advice in confidence to all local residents looking for help sorting out benefits, debt, and housing issues. Should the need arise, we will represent you in Courts of Law (for debt, rent arrears, eviction or mortgage repossession).

Find us: in the Rose Hill Community Centre, Carole's Way, off Ashhurst Way, Rose Hill, OX4 4HF and at St Mary & St Nicholas Church every Thursday morning 10-11.30am

Contact us:

online at rhdadvice.org
email: admin@rhdadvice.org
freephone 0800 170 0156 or 01865 438 634
Mon-Thurs: 9.30am to 4pm.

Sarah Meziu, Manager



NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE

www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk

Rose Hill Community Centre, Carole's Way, OX4 4HF

Contact the team:

- Ring 101 for non emergency calls, or 999 for emergencies
- email RosehillTeam@thamesvalley.police.uk .

Follow us on:

- Twitter – [TVP Oxford](#) or Facebook – [Thames Valley Police](#)



YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM ROSEHILL, LITTLEMORE & IFFLEY



Sergeant
Rosie Campbell



PC Ray Tse



PC Chris
Longworth



PCSO Thomas
Taylor



PCSO Caroline
Sampson



PCSO Jonny Little

The Neighbourhood Policing Team work on issues identified by local Residents and Businesses. To contact them call:

101

This is a non-emergency number. Alternatively, email them on:

RosehillTeam@thamesvalley.police.uk

Please call 999 only in emergencies.



OUR LOCAL MP: Anneliese Dodds

- Address: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA
- or Unit A Bishops Mews, Transport Way, OX4 6HD
- Email: anneliese.dodds.casework@parliament.uk .
- Telephone: 01865 595 790 (9am to 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday).



COUNTY and CITY COUNCILLORS for Littlemore

- Cllr Trish Elphinstone: Trish.Elphinstone@Oxfordshire.gov.uk
Cllr Tiago Corais: cllrcorais@oxford.gov.uk
Cllr Anne Stares: cllrastares@oxford.gov.uk

COMMUNITY WATCH



- **To report things that need fixing**, cleaning or clearing, like potholes, noisy manhole covers, or out of phase street lights, go to FixMyStreet: www.fixmystreet.com
- **To report needles, sharps, offensive graffiti**, or graffiti on public buildings, council properties and in parks, cemeteries and bus shelters: report online at https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20095/do_it_online or telephone Oxford Direct Services on 01856 249 811 (they'll give advice about graffiti on private property, too).
- **To report Dog Fouling, Noise, Fly Tipping etc:** contact the Community Response Team, Oxford City Council: email saferoxford@oxford.gov.uk, or phone 01865 252 969. Or: Dog fouling and Fly tipping : <https://www.fixmystreet.com>
Noise: www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20058/noise_pollution/145/report_a_noise_problem (there's no out of hours service now).
- **To report a lost, or a stray dog:** contact the Dog Warden service at the City Council: 01865 249 811 or ecitizen.oxford.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Report_Stray_Dog .
- **To report Anti-Social Behaviour, including drug dealing** contact the police on 101 (999 if it's an emergency) or the Anti-Social Behaviour Investigation Team, Ox City Council: saferoxford@oxford.gov.uk or telephone 01865 252 969.
- **To report Illegal parking** email parking@oxfordshire.gov.uk, or go to <https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/reportparkedvehicle>.
If a road or pavement is obstructed, call the police on 101.
- **Neighbourhood Watch Groups:** To join your local NW scheme, or form a new one, see www.ourwatch.org.uk . Scheme Coordinators are needed: they run local schemes, enable their members to share & receive information, and are the main approved contact with the neighbourhood policing team. To use the name Neighbourhood Watch and be associated, all schemes must be approved. If you have questions about how to have your existing scheme approved, or how to start a new one please email: Maggie Lewis onw.enquiries@gmail.com .

LOCAL PHARMACIES

Rose Hill: **The Leys Pharmacy:** 6a Courtland Rd, OX4 4HZ: 01865 777836: offers emergency contraception

Cowley Centre: **Superdrug Pharmacy:** Templars Square, OX4 3UZ: 01865 779 299

Late Night: **Boots:** Oxford Retail Park, OX4 6XJ: 01865 717699: open 'til midnight M-F, and 'til 10pm Saturday: offers emergency contraception & blister-pack recycling.

OXFORD LOCAL PLAN 2040 SET FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Planning Inspectorate has appointed 2 officers to undertake an independent examination of the Oxford Local Plan 2040.

Initial hearings have been scheduled for 11, 12, and 13 June, at Rose Hill Community Centre, starting at 9:30 am each day.

The hearings will be open for the public to observe* and will be live-streamed via the City Council website.

The initial hearings will look at three issues:

- whether the plan has been prepared in accordance with procedural and legal requirements
- whether the Council has complied with the Duty to Cooperate, ie whether it has engaged with other relevant authorities and bodies constructively, and actively
- whether the plan is positive and meets national planning policy in assessing Oxford's needs and capacity for delivering new homes

The Inspector will consider the evidence provided by the Local Planning Authority in support of the plan and any representations which have been put forward by local people and other interested parties.

*If you wish to observe, you can just turn up but the Council has appointed an independent programme officer, Ian Kemp, to manage the examination and be the first point of contact for anyone with an interest in the process. He is happy to be contacted at: ian@localplanservices.co.uk , 07723 009 166.

Next steps

The Council expects the planning inspectors will hold more hearings later this year. If all goes well the Local Plan 2040 could be adopted in the summer of 2025: it will replace the existing Local Plan 2036.

City Council

AVOID TICKETING SCAMS

Thinking about buying tickets for a band, sport or festival?

Things to consider.

Is the event being advertised as "sold out"?

If it is, how did the seller get the tickets? Do they really have them for sale? Beware of sellers who want to meet you at the event.

Football ticket reselling is largely illegal.

If you're buying football tickets, be aware that it's illegal to re-sell most football tickets. Clubs may refuse you entry if you have bought someone else's ticket.

Where is the company's office?

Search online and see what comes up.

Does the company have a UK landline?

The website must have a standard rate number for customer service.

Are there customer reviews?

Check online to see what others are saying about the website.

Ask questions before you buy.

Questions can be as simple as 'when will the tickets be dispatched?'

Read the terms and conditions.

Always read the small print, particularly on unfamiliar websites.

Pay for tickets by credit card.

If the price of the single ticket is more than £100, the card issuer will be responsible for refunding you if you don't get the ticket.

Is the payment page secure?

When paying on-line, make sure that the payment pages are secure. Look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and 'https' in the website address.

Be smart, buy your tickets safely.

For more advice about scams, if you are worried about tickets you have bought, or to report a scam please contact the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 0808 223 1133.



OXFORDSHIRE PLAY ASSOCIATION

FREE ENTRANCE & FREE ACTIVITIES

**LITTLEMORE
PLAY AND ACTIVITY DAY
SATURDAY 15 JUNE 2024**

11am - 3pm

OXFORD ROAD RECREATION GROUND



- Tricky Trails Biking • Go Kart Party • Groovy Su • Body Zorbing • Giant Bubbles • OCC/TYSS Youth Zone • Smoothie Bike • DIY Face Painting • Tots of Mess • Ride on Time • Art Avalanche • Climbing Wall • Muzo Akademy II • Fire Play • Home Start • NSPCC Talk PANTS • Thames Valley Police • Oxford University Chemistry Outreach Team and more!!!

This is a Family event so NO Childcare is provided
Please feel free to bring a picnic although food will be available to purchase.
There is NO parking on site, so please walk to the event.
The event will be photographed and filmed.

For further information contact 07436 270267 / martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk
and see www.oxonplay.org.uk



**Oxfordshire
Adult
Learning**
A FACULTY OF ABINGDON & WITNEY COLLEGE



FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS

Managing children's feelings and behaviour

Struggling to manage challenging behaviour? You aren't alone! These workshops aim to help you feel empowered at managing tricky situations, knowing you are doing the best for your child and yourself.

When? Thursdays 7pm - 8:30pm

6 June - Emotional Regulation

13 June - Developing Resilience

20 June - Expectations and Routines

27 June - Discipline and Boundaries

Where? Online using Microsoft Teams.

Cost? None. It's free to those living in Oxfordshire.

For more information or to book a place:

visit: www.abingdon-witney.ac.uk

and search: *Managing Children's Feelings and Behaviour*

or phone: 01235 216 278.

RECYCLING NOTICES

How to recycle textiles

- Donate textiles to charity shops: most will take clothing, bedding, and curtains in good, clean condition.
- Sell on second-hand marketplaces such as Shpock, Vinted, Depop, and eBay.
- Recycle at supermarkets: many, such as Tesco and Dunelm, offer in-store recycling. Simply bag up your unwanted textiles and drop them off when you shop.
- You can take clothing, bedding, curtains, sheets, and towels to Household Waste Recycling Centres including Redbridge.

Recycling centres to end Thursday late night opening

They will remain open from 8am-5pm, seven days a week.

Recycle your cooking oil

Place your cooled, used oil in a plastic bottle and pop it inside your food caddy for recycling. *City Council Recycling Team*

APPLYING FOR SOCIAL HOUSING

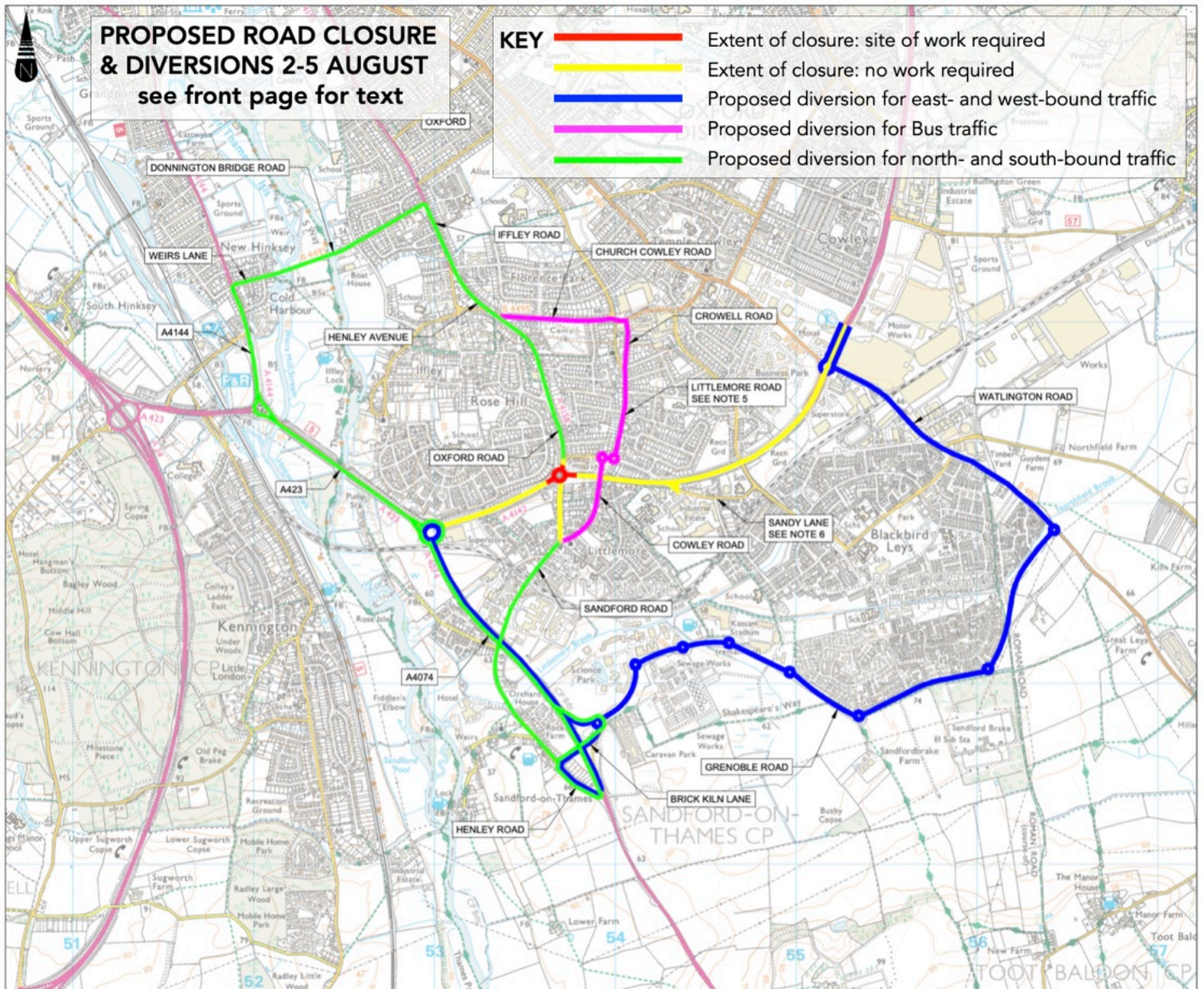
There's a new online application system at www.oxford.gov.uk/housing-register : it's quicker, simpler and more accessible than before. The council receives around 1,300 new applications a year. Most are unlikely to be considered. So there's now an eligibility checker which will help people make an informed choice about whether to apply. Using a smartphone or other device, you can submit supporting documents in a range of formats when you apply. This will speed up processing times and reduce the need for further communication during the assessment process. Those without access to the internet can call the Council on 01865 249 811 or contact an advice centre.

Council tenants and tenants of partner housing associations who want a transfer should continue to apply using paper and PDF forms. The Council will introduce an online transfer application system in the next few months. *City Council*

DO YOU LIVE IN MINCHERY FARM CONTROLLED PARKING ZONE? HAVE YOU PICKED UP A PARKING TICKET?

Parts of Machinery Farm are in a controlled parking zone operational Sundays 8-1pm, & stadium event times (Sat pm + evenings), so residents need a parking permit for those times. You can now apply for virtual permits costing £20 for 12 months. **Before applying contact:** www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/contactus/contact-parking or phone 0345 310 1111. For more info see:

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/parking/parking-permits/resident-parking-permits/new-residents-parking-permit .
Cllr Sadiea Mustafa Awan for LPC Transport Committee



NEW CITY COUNCIL CABINET 2024-25: WHO DOES WHAT

Councillor Susan Brown

Leader, and Cabinet Member for Partnership Working

Responsibilities:

- Council strategy and policy delivery
- Democratic Services and Member Support
- Partnerships and outside bodies including
- District Councils Network (Labour Vice Chair)
- Fast Growth Cities (Chair)
- Future Oxfordshire Partnership (Chair)
- Local Government General Assembly member
- Oxford Strategic Partnership
- Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (Director)
- Zero Carbon Oxford Partnership (Chair)

Councillor Ed Turner

Deputy Leader (Statutory), and Cabinet Member for Finance and Asset Management

Responsibilities:

- Deputise for Leader as required
- Financial and treasury strategy
- Financial support for local residents and businesses
- Links with our twin cities
- Property and asset management and maintenance

Councillor Anna Railton

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Zero Carbon Oxford

Responsibilities:

- Deputise for Leader as required
- Air Quality
- Biodiversity delivery including verge and tree planting
- Carbon reduction, heat decarbonisation and retrofitting
- Delivery of Zero Carbon Oxford City Council by 2030
- Delivery of the outcomes of the Oxford Citizens Assembly on Climate Change
- Renewable energy and energy planning
- Sustainability

Councillor Lubna Arshad

Cabinet Member for a Safer Oxford

Responsibilities:

- Community safety and tackling antisocial behaviour
- Safeguarding Adults and Children
- Working with TVP to tackle anti-social behaviour, child sexual exploitation, county lines, drug-dealing, domestic abuse, knife crime, modern slavery, violence against women and girls and crime generally

Councillor Nigel Chapman

Cabinet Member for Citizen Focused Services and Council Companies

Responsibilities:

- Business Improvement
- Customer Service
- Oxford Direct Services as contractor
- OX Place as a company
- Service delivery
- Street scene, public conveniences
- Tree management
- Waste and recycling

Councillor Alex Hollingsworth

Cabinet member for Business, Culture and an inclusive economy

Responsibilities:

- City Centre Action Plan delivery
- Culture, cultural partnerships and events (including St Giles Fair, Cowley Road Carnival etc)
- Local market promotions
- Major projects delivery
- Museum of Oxford
- Promotion of Oxford Living Wage
- Promotion of a thriving music and night-time economy
- Tourism

Councillor Chewe Munkonge

Cabinet Member for a Healthy Oxford

Responsibilities:

- Addressing health inequalities and public health promotion
- Children and young people policies and school liaison
- Leisure partnership and contract management
- Parks, Allotments, Cemeteries and Open Spaces
- Sport and physical activity

Councillor Linda Smith

Cabinet Member for Housing and Communities

Responsibilities:

- Affordable housing delivery
- Community centres and grants
- Estate regeneration projects
- Homelessness services including prevention
- Housing allocations and strategy
- Regulation of the Private Rented Sector
- Tenancy management and sustainment
- Tenant and Resident involvement

Councillor Louise Upton

Cabinet Member for Planning

Responsibilities:

- Car Parking Policy
- Development and Building Control
- Infrastructure planning
- Local Plan and planning policies including biodiversity
- Spatial Planning and conservation
- Taxi Licensing
- Transport liaison with Oxfordshire County Council and Highways England aiming for a strategic approach to sustainable transport involving engagement with our local communities
- Transport liaison with providers, Network Rail, bus companies, taxi firms etc to deliver affordable, accessible and frequent public transport.

TIAGO CORAIS, CITY COUNCILLOR FOR LITTLEMORE IS APPOINTED DEPUTY LORD MAYOR



Tiago Corais, third from left said:

"It is both a privilege and an honour to have the opportunity to assist our Lord Mayor, Cllr Mike Rowley, in his duties for the year 2024-2025. I am particularly passionate about promoting democracy to the younger generation and, as a Portuguese individual, representing the diversity of Oxford. Thank you!"

(The Lord Mayor represents the City Council at civic and ceremonial events, and chairs Full Council meetings. In Oxford, the post of Lord Mayor is a ceremonial post carrying no political power. The political head of the City Council is the Leader of the Council, Susan Brown. Ed)

LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

2024-5: Council Chair: Cllr Peter George Vice Chair: Cllr Sadiea Mustafa-Awan

MEMBERS and their preferred contact details

Cllr Susie Aldridge: susie.aldridge@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Lynne Davies: lynne.davies@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Michael Evans: michael.evans@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Peter George: peter.george@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Dorian Hancock: dorian.hancock@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr David Henwood: david.henwood@@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Sorcha Lanham: to take up appointment in June
 Cllr Sadiea Mustafa-Awan: smawan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Erdem Pulcu: erdem.pulcu@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Janice Pullen: jan.pullen@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Anna Railton: anna.railton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Gabriele Santi: gabriele.santi@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Alex Singleton: alex.singleton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Chris Smowton: chris.smowton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Anne Stares: anne.stares@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk
 Cllr Maggie Willis: maggie.willis@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

There are 16 seats: the seats are distributed: Littlemore ward (13 seats), Bodley Road ward (2 seats), Sandy Lane West ward (1 seat).
 Cllrs Aldridge and Hancock represent Bodley ward Cllr Evans represents Sandy Lane West ward All others represent Littlemore ward

CONTACT DETAILS FOR FULL COUNCIL

Clerk: Morgan James: clerk@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk . Telephone: 07377 682 216.

Write to the whole Parish Council via the Clerk: 25 Lambert Walk, Thame, Oxon, OX9 3DT.

COMMITTEES

Finance & General Purposes	Parks/Recreation Grounds/ Environment	Planning	Transport	Personnel
Chair: Chris Smowton	Chair: Jan Pullen	Chair: Jan Pullen	Chair: Sadiea Mustafa-Awan	Chair: Susie Aldridge
Members Susie Aldridge Michael Evans Dorian Hancock Sadiea Mustafa-Awan Erdem Pulcu Maggie Willis	Members Peter George Dorian Hancock Anna Railton Gabriele Santi Chris Smowton Anne Stares Maggie Willis	Members Michael Evans Sadiea Mustafa-Awan Gabriele Santi Chris Smowton	Members Lynne Davies Michael Evans Dorian Hancock Erdem Pulcu Gabriele Santi Anne Stares	Members Lynne Davies Peter George Dorian Hancock Sadiea Mustafa-Awan Anne Stares

WORKING GROUPS

Membership of all working groups is open to the public; please contact the working group chair to express your interest.

KEY: (L) = Lead (P) = public member, who is not a parish councillor.

Play Day	Emergency Plan	Neighbourhood Plan
Michael Evans Dorian Hancock (L) Sadiea Mustafa-Awan Maggie Willis	Lynne Davies Anne Stares (L)	Ruth Corrigan (P) Lynne Davies Laura Davis (P) Tony Eade (L) (P) Matt Elliott (P) Frank Gargent (P) Peter George Ruth McNamara (P) Jan Pullen Chris Smowton Maggie Willis

OTHER PROJECT GROUPS

Iffley Charities Representatives: Susie Aldridge, Dorian Hancock

Littlemore Community Association Representatives: Michael Evans, Dorian Hancock

Littlemore Partners & Communities Meeting Representatives: Jan Pullen, Anne Stares

FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS

Full Council Meetings are held at Littlemore Village Hall, Railway Lane, OX4 4PY,
 from 7-9pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month except August.

Members of the public are welcome to attend. For news about the meetings, and for minutes of meetings,
 please check the Parish Council website: www.littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk .



CHANGES AT THE PARISH COUNCIL

Before the recent elections, two Parish Councillors stood down: Sue Stewart, and Tiago Corais. Sue retired after nearly a decade's service. For much of that time she chaired the Planning Committee and read & commented on local planning applications: in addition, for several years she organised the distribution of LITTLEMORE LOCAL to every household with the help of a dedicated group of local volunteers. Tiago also offered years of service: he is particularly valued for his casework: he continues to be a City Councillor for Littlemore and is to be Deputy Lord Mayor for 2024/5. Three new Parish Councillors were appointed: Sorcha Lanham & David Henwood who have been Littlemore Parish Councillors before, & Alex Singleton who is new to parish council work. Dorian Hancock and Susie Aldridge were co-opted at the first meeting to fill vacancies for Bodley ward. LPC Chair for 2024/25 is Cllr Peter George, and Vice-Chair is Sadiea Mustafa-Awan. You can find LPC contact details in the electronic issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL: meanwhile those without internet access can write to them at 25 Lambert Walk, Thame, Oxon, OX9 3DT, or phone the Clerk on 07377 682 216.

CHANGES AT CITY COUNCIL FROM ANNE STARES

I am delighted to be able to tell you that on Friday 3 May it was confirmed that the people of Littlemore had elected me to be one of its City Councillors for the next four years. To all who voted and supported me I want to say, thank you. This would not have been possible without your encouragement and support. I now intend to do all that I can to repay your belief in me.

For too long Littlemore has been overlooked and neglected with an acute lack of facilities and necessary infrastructure. Recent local government decisions have further isolated us and made our situation far worse. These are amongst many issues that I will be addressing. To those who did not vote or indeed, voted against me, I can only hope that I will soon find the opportunity to show you that our whole community is my concern and that I will be able and willing to make Littlemore the place we are all happy to call home. *Cllr Anne Stares*

THANK YOU TO SANDY DOUGLAS

In his time as a very committed City Councillor for Littlemore, Sandy achieved many things. He formed part of a group that successfully campaigned for a more frequent bus service to start this autumn, for a pedestrian crossing outside St John Fisher School, for CCTV on Cowley Road, for Mogridge Drive Children's Park to be opened, and for the Rose Hill & Donnington Advice Centre Outreach Service to be re-instated here. GPs and developers/the City Council have backed his proposal for a possible new health centre in Cowley Centre (it's to be put in the Local Plan). Sandy led in setting up the Littlemore Action Partnership Charity, intended to help local groups apply for and manage funds for improving Littlemore. He was instrumental in helping parents start to improve Oxford Rd Rec, and he set up a community gardening project. Next spring those 1000 bulbs we planted will be a cheery reminder of the good he has done. Good luck Sandy with your new family. You are a positive inspiration to us all, and we are glad you will continue to be involved in some of the initiatives you have started here. *Cllrs Tiago Corais,*

Trish Elphinstone, & Rev Margreet Armitstead



SMALL GRANTS FROM LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council will continue to offer small grants to local organisations: during 2024-5 there will be 4 opportunities to apply: the deadlines will soon be announced on LPC website.

TIAGO CORAIS: CITY COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

After a break imposed by the elections, Tiago is re-starting his Councillor surgeries at Littlemore Library. They are 3rd Friday each month 11am-12:30pm, but he hopes to trial an additional Saturday session in May, June & July to see if that suits residents. NB his new role as Deputy Lord Mayor may reduce his availability. Please check at the Library for updates. *Ed*

REPORT FROM OUR COUNTY & CITY COUNCILLORS

Sandy Lane West / St John Fisher: A pedestrian crossing, speed bumps and side road entry treatments will be in place in Sandy Lane West by the end of 2024. A feasibility study for additional road safety measures is underway: a public consultation will follow later this year (date tbc).

Mabel Prichard School: additional school places: Oxford County Council has approved funding to create an additional 23 new school places at Mabel Prichard Primary School: it caters for children from Oxfordshire with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). It is hoped that building will start in August and be complete in April 2025. If you need information on SEND support, please contact Trish.

Don't talk about me without me! Oxfordshire County Council's Education and Young People Overview & Scrutiny Committee is looking for two young people to sit as members of the Committee to bring their own particular insight and expertise. If you are aged 25 or under, and either live in Oxfordshire or work for an Oxfordshire-based organisation representing or supporting young people, and would like the chance to make a real impact, we would love to hear from you. See: https://schools.oxfordshire.gov.uk/don't_talk .

Cowley Rd Underpass lighting: updates due end of May.

Verges: will be cut in June (paid for by Oxford City Council) and at the end of summer (paid for by Oxford County Council).

ANPR Camera in Littlemore Road: live now: the cameras are intended to allow through emergency service and other essential vehicles. They may offer more flexibility to arrange traffic diversions. **Fines apply after second offence.**

Cllr Tiago Corais, Deputy Lord Mayor: Cllr Tiago Corais, will be Deputy Lord Mayor of Oxford for 2024-25 (see p 20). He has recently stood down from duties as Parish Councillor, but he remains one of our City Councillors and is open to engage in any event that the community of Littlemore is organising.

If you need our help: please contact us:

Cllr Trish Elphinstone trish.elphinstone@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Cllr Tiago Corais Cllrcorais@oxford.gov.uk

We will both be at Littlemore Village Hall on Sat 1 June for the Afternoon Tea, & a chat. *Cllrs Trish Elphinstone & Tiago Corais*

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: Tuesday 28 May at 7pm at the Village Hall: an opportunity to meet parish councillors and hear what LPC has accomplished in the year.

STOP PRESS: NEW CLASS

FunFit at the Village Hall: Mondays 5.30 - 6.30pm. Starts late July. Simple, adaptable exercises to improve strength, balance, mobility and fitness in the over 55s. Suitable for all levels. With enjoyable music, & weekly exercise variations: First session free, £10 per session thereafter. Carl Davis: www.livinginfitness.co.uk .

Contact details in next issue

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