

MY WEMBLEY EXPERIENCE: by Amber Lewis aged 11, from St John Fisher School

When my headteacher told me that he was offering me the opportunity to go to Wembley to see Oxford United and even walk on the pitch – to see and experience things I could only dream of – I was so excited!

When the day finally came, I headed over early in the morning with my dad to The Kassam Stadium, where we parked our car, got some pictures with the rest of the kids from various schools and the OUFC staff, then went on the special Kellogg's coach full of treats.

It took a while to get there, but finally we arrived at Wembley! The experience wasn't for our parents, so all the adults got left in the car park and the children entered Wembley through the players' entrance.

The other pupil from my school, Chakotay, and I went on a tour of the tunnel and even got to go pitchside; the lady who was going to sing the national anthem was practising, which was cool, but very loud! After that we got to see the trophy that the players would walk past a little while later, and take A LOT of photos.

The staff treated us really well and we got to have a real VIP experience with snacks and fizzy drinks (something we would never be given at school).



There was a quiz that followed where we could win signed Oxford United and Bolton Wanderers shirts, it was really fun and exciting, we didn't win, but it didn't matter.

The day was whizzing on, and we could now hear the roar of "YELLOWWS!" from all the Oxford United fans.

The game was incredibly exciting, and our seats were amazing! When Oxford scored first, I couldn't believe it, and then when the second went in, I knew we were going up! To think, there will be Championship football at the Kassam! We watched the team lift the trophy we had filed past earlier, and then headed back to the coach, full of joy and extremely sore throats from all the "YELLOWWS! YELLOWWS!".

After a long journey, and immensely successful day, we loaded ourselves up with free cereal (Kellogg's had sponsored it all), coupled with a free scarf and a day full of memories that will last forever. I know I was very lucky to have the opportunity to spend the day at Wembley, but these are the types of opportunities we get at St John Fisher: on Friday I was at the schools' national championships at Derby County (see p 4), and then on Saturday – WEMBLEY. An incredible end to the half term! (Photo: Wembley pitch side 18 May 2024: permissions received)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **20 July 11-3pm:** OPA Fun Day at Rose Hill C'munity Centre.
- **Sat 20 July: 1-7pm:** Sandford-on-Thames Summer Festival.
- **2-5 August: ring road closed** between Sainsbury's and Tesco Roundabouts: no crossing at Littlemore Roundabout. Exact timings unknown, but see p 13 for map of diversions.
- **Sunday 25 August 12-5pm: Rugby Club Fun Day** at the Rugby Club @ Northfield Close entrance to The Oxford Academy. £6 per child buys unlimited funfair rides.
- **Monday 2 Sept: 4-6pm** in the Main Hall at the Community Centre: Littlemore Community Association 2024 AGM. All Members of the local community are most welcome.
- **Sat 7 Sept: 2.30-4.30pm:** Tea and cake at the Village Hall.
- **14 Sept -19 Oct:** Annual Harvest of Talents: SM&SN Church.

THE OXFORD ACADEMY OPEN MORNINGS & EVENING

- Open Mornings: by Appointment Only.
9.30-11.30am:
September 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 24 and 27.
SEND mornings: 18 & 23 September.
To book: Scan QR code, phone 01865 774 311, or email enquiries@theoxfordacademy.org.
- Open Evening: **Weds 25 Sept: 3.30 - 6pm:** no need to book. 'Leadership & Management Good. Over recent years leaders have started a positive transformation at the school.' Ofsted



COURSES AT JHNA: UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILDREN

- **Mons 9-11am, 16 Sept to 21 Oct:** free course at John Henry Newman Academy: Managing Children's Feelings & Behaviour
- **Mondays 1-3pm: 16 Sept to 7 Oct:** Free: at JHNA: Effective Communication for SEN: see flyers p 14. Book through penelope.lea@abingdon-witney.ac.uk, 07342 880 923.

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEETINGS

- **Sunday 4 Aug 2.30pm** Members talk & tea (details tbc).
- **Saturday 7 Sept: meet 1.30pm at Littlemore Church gate:** walk to locate & assess the presence/absence & condition of trees listed on the Ox City Council Tree Preservation Orders webpage. All are welcome, friends & family: the walks are free.
- **Weds 18 Sept: 7 for 7.30pm in the Community Centre:** Talk from Oxford City Archaeologist, David Radford. *LHSS*

NEW TO THE LISTINGS PAGES: FUN FIT FOR 55+

From Sept: Mondays 5.30-6.30pm at the Village Hall. Contact Carl Davis: 01865 920 460, see: www.livinginfitness.co.uk.

IT'S COMING HOME! JHNA WINS INAUGURAL FEDERATION CUP

JHNA won the first three games of a five-match tournament against St. Christopher's C of E Primary, Temple Cowley, so their early success gave them the victory! Well done JHNA! Find photos, results and scorers on p 4. *Jamie Surman*

SANDFORD ROAD CYCLE LANE

The City Council says: 'Council will continue to cut grass verges ... to ensure safety and visibility for road users & pedestrians. Residents can report concerns about grass verges impacting visibility on FixMyStreet, and action will be taken promptly'. However it took 2 months of reporting by several residents both via FMS, and to various officers, to get the cycle lane in Sandford Road Littlemore opened after it was made dangerous by being blocked by vegetation which included the fallen branch of a large tree. In future, if FMS does not act after one week, please report **dangerous** verges to Littlemore Parish Council, as they can report direct to the Highways Engagement Team. *Ed*

Erratum: The article on **THE FUTURE OF TEMPLARS SQUARE** in the last issue should have ended: 'Find a letter to Littlemore residents from Anneliese Dodds MP about her discussions with Redevco *on p 4 of the electronic issue.*' My apologies, *Ed*

NOTICES

SOCIAL TARIFFS FOR BROADBAND & MOBILES

Social tariffs provide discounted broadband and mobile deals for people on government benefits. Anyone who qualifies could potentially save £180 per year on the average cost of broadband. See: <https://digitalinfrastructureoxfordshire.co.uk/digital-inclusion/social-tariffs> .

BUY WITH CONFIDENCE

To find reliable tradespeople go to the Trading Standards Service at Ox County Council: buywithconfidence.gov.uk or call Sonia Robinson on 01865 895 999. *Sonia Robinson, OCC*

WORRIED ABOUT YOUR ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION?

Take DrinkCoach's alcohol test to find out how risky it is. It's free, quick and confidential. See: <https://drinkcoach.org.uk/oxfordshire-alcohol-test> .

WIDENING OF OXFORD'S SMOKE CONTROL AREA to include Littlemore: from 1 December 2024 ...

Chimneys or wood-burning stoves/open fires must use:

- an approved wood-burning stove/appliance or
- an authorised fuel with an unapproved stove/appliance/fire.

Businesses within the SCA must only sell authorised fuel.

Houseboats, outdoor barbecues, chimineas, garden fireplaces and pizza ovens are not included in the legislation.

Enforcement: If the Council witnesses smoke from the chimney of a domestic or commercial building, it can issue fines of £300. Those found to be selling, or buying unauthorised fuel for use without an approved appliance can face fines of up to £1,000.

To report an air pollution problem go to: www.oxford.gov.uk/report-air-quality-problem/report-air-pollution-problem

ODS RECYCLING NOTICES: excess paint

If you have excess paint at home you could offer it on Freegle: see: www.ilovefreegle.org . If taking it to a tip, please note:

- **Solvent based paints** such as gloss, enamel or eggshell do not need to be hardened before being taken to a waste site.
- **Water-based paints must be hardened before being taken to the tip** as tins with liquid paint can burst. Cat litter works best at hardening paint, though you can also add paint hardener, sawdust, sand or soil to the tin and leave the lid off until the paint becomes solid and dry.
- **Clean, empty metal tins** can be placed in the scrap metal banks at any waste recycling centre. **Clean empty plastic tubs** must be disposed of in the general waste container.

WHAT HAPPENS TO YOUR FOOD WASTE?

It provides energy for 60,000 homes. To learn how, book a tour of the recycling plant at Ardley: <https://www.viridor.co.uk/book-a-visit> .

LIFE WITH LESS PLASTIC: REFILL STATIONS

Refill offers a free app that connects you with a network of places to reuse, and refill plastics. Over 150 Oxford businesses are already signed up as refill stations. See: www.refill.org.uk .

THE HOME LIBRARY SERVICE is seeking new customers!

If you would like to borrow books but are unable to visit the library (long or short term, or if you are a carer), please use the Home Library Service. It's free, with no charge for requests or late returns. Contact us to discuss the books, Audio Books, film & music DVDs, and music CDs you enjoy and we will arrange for a library volunteer to deliver them to you in your home. Volunteers are DBS checked, wear identification badges, and provide a helpful and friendly service. Whenever possible, the same volunteer will visit you each time (up to every 3 weeks). To register: drop in to Littlemore Library, call 01865 810 259, or email homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk . *Kevin Salway*

DON'T FORGET: LANDLINES ARE CHANGING TO FIBRE

See page 8 of issue 456: find it on the Parish Council website.

SUMMERTIME COST OF LIVING SUPPORT

There are provisions in place to help you. They are not only for families with children to feed and entertain during the holidays, but also for adult-only households, for pensioners, and those employed or on benefits.

- Residents support scheme – Ox County Council: emergency support for food, energy, white goods and other household essentials. See: <https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/help-riasing-living-costs/residents-support-scheme> .
- Household Support Fund – Oxford City Council, funding for emergency support with food and energy up to £150. Please call 01865 249 811. If you have needs that exceed £150 please use the resident support scheme above.
- Food Support – for the most suitable locations for you, see Good Food Oxford's comprehensive food map: <https://www.gfo.org.uk/food-support/community-food-services-map>

A HEALTHY START FOR YOUR CHILD

Healthy Start is a national scheme, providing money to help with the grocery shop (healthy food, milk & infant formula). To check if you are eligible go to www.healthystart.nhs.uk .

CHILDCARE SUPPORT From September 2024

15 hours of childcare support per week will be available to eligible working parents of children from the age of 9 months to 3 years. See: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/workingfamilies .

LITTLEMORE COMMUNITY INSIGHT PROFILE: outcomes

In light of the community insight profile published by Public Health in conjunction with Community First Oxfordshire and Oxford City Council, funding totalling £25,000 has been awarded to the following community projects: *Stacey and Tracey Community Cooking *Thompson Terrace Allotments *Dancin' Oxford *John Henry Newman summer holiday sports club *Peeple *The Story Museum *Syrcox Food Initiative *Oxfordshire Play Association for the FunDay on Sat 15 June 2024. More information about these projects, and about who they will serve will be shared amongst community networks in due course. *Alexa Bailey*

LITTLEMORE PRE-SCHOOL at the Community Centre

From September we hope to be open 5 full days (tbc).

REMEMBERING ANN ROBINSON

Ann Robinson, who spent much of her adult life living and working locally has died aged 91. She had been on St Mary & St Nicholas church council for many years, and she contributed to the life of our community to the last. People loved her for being kind, compassionate and pragmatic. She had a great sense of humour and loved to laugh. She had no self-pity when life became rather painful, but always looked on the positive side. She will be missed greatly.

Rev Margreet Armitstead SM& SN Church.

We at Littlemore Pre-School are deeply saddened by Ann's death. She had been our Chair since 2015, and has been a treasure to our Preschool. Ann became a good friend and was always there when needed. She will be missed more than words can express. *Hayley Cox, Pre-school Manager*

Ann was also a member of Littlemore Community Association: she brought experience of community organisations, and skillsets gained over many years. She will be missed by the LCA. We send our condolences to Ann's family and friends.

Dorian Hancock LCA Trustee

Ann's funeral is/was at St Mary & St Nicholas at 2pm on 22 July.

POETRY CORNER: *Summer*, by John Wilde

summer
dry days
gazing-at-the-sky days
when-can-we-fly days
time-to-get-high days

OPA FUN DAY ON 15 JUNE

Thank you to Martin Gillett and all the staff of Oxfordshire Play Association, and to all the local organisations who took part, for all the work put into making Littlemore Fun Day on Oxford Rd Recreation Ground such a success. The rain clouds parted just in time to provide a sunny afternoon for everyone to enjoy. Pictured are Jamie on the Tricky Trail, and Amber & JoJo on the Climbing Wall. Photo permissions received. Ed



SPORTS WEEK AT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ACADEMY

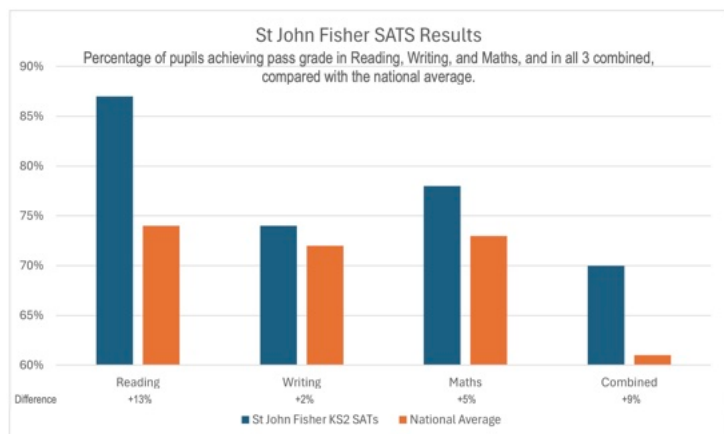
A massive **'thank you'** to all of the companies and people that helped out at JHNA Sports Week: BEAM Academy, Oxford Tennis Club, Oxford United FC & Oxford City FC. The children had a superb week. Find photos on p 4. Jamie Surman

ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL NEWS

An incredible end to term has seen us raise money, and design an Ox as part of Oxtrail24 for Sobell House: keep an eye out for it in the local area! (See: <https://oxtrail2024.co.uk/art-trail>.) Our summer fayre took place on a very rainy day, but we made the most of it, putting up all our inflatables indoors and still finding time to throw sponges at the headteacher. Children and families had great fun, and over £2000 was raised for the school! **Thank you** to everyone who came along. There was more sporting success for St John Fisher, who are off to represent the City of Oxford at the county athletics finals.

(Find pictures of all the above on p 4.)

We've had not only sporting success, but also incredible SATs results, with over 70% of children on track leaving KS2, and with 87% of our children passing the reading paper.



We are also delighted to announce that from September, we will be offering wraparound care at school from 7.45am - 6pm. I know this is something parents have wanted for ages.

Mr Higgins

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: THINGS TO DO in the summer

GROWING MINDS SUMMER PROGRAMME: for Littlemore families with children aged 0-4. 01865 397 970

- Every Thursday 10-11.30am: Stay & Play at St Mary & St Nicholas. No booking required.
 - 30 July 11.30-1pm: Visit to the Story Museum
 - 6 Aug: 10.30am-12.30 pm: Messy Play at Scout HQ Fairlie Road
 - 13 Aug: 10-12 noon: Nature Day at Rivermead
 - 20 Aug: 10-12noon: Role Play Session at Rose Hill C'munity Centre
- Sign up at <https://forms.office.com/e/XzJxgVg2mW>. Give your choices in order in case there is high demand.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP for The Summer Reading Challenge: a free holiday activity for children age 4-11: see <https://readingagency.org.uk>: it's reading for fun, to improve reading skills and confidence. Drop into the library to register.

FREE SUMMER YOUTH CLUB SESSIONS DURING AUGUST

at Littlemore Community Centre: Youth Ambition will be delivering a FREE summer project from 11.30am on Mon-Thurs, 29 July-23 Aug for anyone aged 11-19. There will be general youth club activities, a safe space to meet new friends, weekly trips to Hinksey outdoor pool & more. Each Thursday will be a cost-free trip day! Food will be provided each day. Young people can turn up at any point: no pre-registration is needed. A registration form will be given upon arrival. For more info, please email Olivia Buckingham: obuckingham@oxford.gov.uk.

at Rose Hill Community Centre: all sessions include a range of fun activities, fresh fruit and a hot lunch.

Booked sessions are on Aug 7, 8, 14 15, 21 & 22:

*10am-12:30pm for ages 5-9 *1-3pm for ages 10-16.

Drop-in sessions will run on Aug 28 & 29 for the same age groups at the same times. To sign up, please visit our website: rhjyc.org or Facebook: [@rosehilljyc](https://www.facebook.com/rosehilljyc). Contact: aimee@rhjyc.org

UKCF ACADEMY PARKOUR PARK AT TOA: 19 -22 Aug

Summer Stunts Holiday Camp:: www.ukcfaction.co.uk

FOOTBALL SUMMER SCHOOLS AT TOA

<https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/oxfordunited/courses>

BODY POLITIC SUMMER CAMP for 7-11yr-olds: 5-9 Aug:

at Pegasus Theatre: FREE spaces for children in receipt of free school meals. Hip-hop, fitness, dance. See: <https://bodypoliticdance.com/classes/summer-camp>

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

'My Sandford-on-Thames'. Open to young people living in & around Sandford. Closing date: 31 August. See p 14.

AGED 15-16? Get sorted for September

If you live (or work) with teenagers age 15-16 who need help choosing their next steps, check out: <https://oxme.info/sortedforseptember>.

JOIN SOMETHING NEW: Check out the listings pages in the electronic issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL.

JOIN EXPLORERS

In May, 900 scouts (Squirrels to Explorers) from Oxford Spires Scout district had a wonderful weekend camp at Youlbury with a huge number of activities to choose from. At the end of July some Angelmead explorers will walk the entire Hadrian's Wall -



we wish them good luck! Mid August we'll be at the Fairport Festival helping out while we enjoy the music and fun atmosphere. Aged 14-18? Why not join us in September? (Photo of Explorers Paddleboarding: permissions received.) *Camille Kalaja*

ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL: NEWS

SJF at the English Schools FA Pokémon Primary Schools' Cup Finals 2024 at Derby County FC. (Find text on page 3, and, on the front page, find an article about Oxford United at Wembley by team member Amber Lewis.)



Making SJF's Ox for OxTrail:
May all that you do be done in love...



SJF Athletics team off to represent the City of Oxford at the county athletics finals.



Indoor fun at the Summer Fayre.

Mr Higgins

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SPORTS WEEK at JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ACADEMY

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Jamie Surman



IT'S COMING HOME TO JHNA!

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Well done JHNA!

Results:

JHNA Year 3/4 Boys' **4** St. Christopher's **1**. Scorers AJ x3, & Jake

JHNA Year 3/4 Girls' **6** St. Christopher's **1**. Scorers Harmony x2, Martha, Manha, Vicky & Ava

JHNA Year 5/6 Girls' **2** St. Christopher's **0**. Scorers Reeya-Faye x2

JHNA Year 5 Boys' **2** St. Christopher's **3**. Scorers Ahmad & Eric

JHNA Year 6 Boys **2** - St. Christopher's **3**.

Jamie Surman

photo permissions received



ELLISON INSTITUTE NEWS

The renovation work at the Littlemore House site in Armstrong Road is progressing well. The strip-out of the entire building, including the removal of ground floor suspended timber floors in the North and South wings, is now complete (below).



The construction of the secant pile guide wall is also on track, with four piling rigs still on site. This type of retaining wall is made by drilling overlapping concrete piles into the ground, creating a strong, continuous barrier that supports and stabilises the soil during excavation.



Tower cranes will be installed over the summer in preparation for the next phase of construction: the concrete frame structure. Demolition of the infill buildings beside the Recreation Hall is progressing well and is expected to be completed this summer. At the site at the Science Park, (Plot 18, below), the setup at Littlemore Brook is advancing smoothly, with main piling works scheduled to begin towards the end of the summer. The project is in an environmentally sensitive area with a wide range of biodiversity that we continue to protect as works go ahead.



Several habitats have been protected to ensure any organisms on site are not impacted from works. We have also installed new habitats to encourage biodiversity to the local environment and ensure retention of the high biodiversity value of the site. We are also using methods to reduce impact on the wider environment: reducing waste production, choosing lower embodied carbon materials, and reducing water and energy consumption to prevent harm to the environment.

Amanda Thompson, Laing O'Rourke

LITTLEMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Thank you to those who responded to the public consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Most responses have been supportive. Over the next six weeks we will consider carefully all the points made so that a revised draft can be considered and approved in September by the Parish Council and then submitted formally to Oxford City Council. We are hoping that the final version will be considered at a referendum in May 2025. Please contact nplan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk if you have any questions.

Tony Eade

SANDFORD-on-THAMES WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Summer 2024

This has been another year of pageantry and sorrow. Toward this end, to remind us all of the sacrifice which was given by the young men who gave their lives in war, our members created decorations in keeping with the 80th Anniversary of the D Day Landings on 6 June 1944.

Big congratulations are due to the ladies who worked so hard to decorate the entrance to the church, and the post boxes in Church Road and Heyford Hill Lane.

Sharon, our Vice President motored to Normandy prior to 6 June, and kept us abreast of the happenings there through our WhatsApp group. All but 4 of our members are now in the group, but the information was passed on to those who aren't. We received a picture of the Pegasus Bridge captured by the Ox and Bucks Light Infantry on the evening of 5 June 1944.

They arrived by gliders which had to conduct a controlled crash landing. At one end of the bridge the café which was the site of first combat during the D-Day invasion is still there: it has become a place of honour for the men who came and fought in the Normandy campaign. The same family still own the café, and the daughter who now runs it was 4 in 1944.

Sandford-on-Thames WI meet in Sandford Village Hall at 7.30pm on the second Thursday in the month. You do not have to live in Sandford-on-Thames to join us. From February until November you are welcome to come and sample a meeting. We are a friendly group of ladies of a variety of ages and interests. You don't have to be an able craft person, as there are many ways that you can participate. You may come along alone, or come as a guest of a member. On the second visit we will appreciate a donation of £5, or that you join SOTWI. If you are re-joining for whatever reason there is no additional cost. Contact President Jill Love: 01865 716 557, 07900 907 477 (text is best) or jpappslove@hotmail.com.

Jill Love

FUN DAY AT LITTLEMORE'S PEEPLE CENTRE

CBeebies star Nigel Clarke joined Peeples Family Fun Day on Saturday 11 May at the Peeples Centre in Littlemore. 400 parents, babies and children enjoyed free activities arranged by our Delivery Team, with local partners including The Story Museum, Ashmolean Museum, and Oxfordshire Libraries. Nigel, who is a Peeples Ambassador, delighted children with a story session, and chatted with families about the positive impact of everyday play & learning on children's earliest years. Oxford University BabyLab shared information on early brain development and current research, and Oxfordshire Fire Service invited children to climb on board their fire engine and ask questions. Families joined in lots of Peep activities including sensory and water play, singing and storytelling, parachute games, play-dough and craft activities. Local community-based dance school Messy Jam performed for the crowds, and children enjoyed the free face painting, bouncy castle and snacks, kindly sponsored by MPD Print, Co-op and Asda. We have summer activities running for families based in Littlemore. Please see pp 2 & 13, or email us at families@peeples.org.uk to find out more.

Becky Young

WHAT'S ON: GROUPS, CLASSES ETC

Regular Events: August & September 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
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 . Or book at: <https://goteamup.com/p/3353560-aerial-arts-academy-oxford/c/schedule> . 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 August). Contact Claire Drinkwater 01865 718 580.
- **Age UK Oxfordshire:** we offer a range of services apart from local events listed below: 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. 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 . Fixtures see p 8. Contact Alan Campbell, 07789 334 710, alancampbell0811@gmail.com .
- **Army Cadets:** **ACF:** If you're 12, in year 8, and are interested in learning new 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. (From Sept we hope to be open 5 full days.) 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@people.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: 0-4s**

• **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 Camille Kalaja on 07515 410 278, camille.kalaja@peeples.org.uk

• **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 1.30-2.30pm: 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

• **Growing Minds Summer Programme**

for Littlemore families with children aged 0-4.

• Every Thursday 10-11.30am: Stay & Play at **SM&SN**. No booking required.

• 30 July 11.30-1pm: Visit to the Story Museum

• 6 Aug: 10.30am -12.30 pm: Messy Play at **SHQ**

• 13 Aug: 210-12 noon: Nature Day at Rivermead

• 20 Aug: 10-12noon: Role Play Session at **RHCC**

Sign up at <https://forms.office.com/e/XzJxgVg2mW>. Please give your choices in order: if there is high demand you will be given space according to your order of preference

• **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:** term time drop-in in- & out-door Stay & Play for children 0-4yrs, their parents & carers: **takes a break late July & August: find updates on our Fb 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 p 11**

• **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

• **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.

• **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

• **Fun Fit for 55+: LVH: Fitness session.** Mondays 5.30-6.30pm: strength, fitnesses, balance, mobility: we provide weights, steps & more. Starts September. Carl Davis: 01865 920 460, www.livinginfitness.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 10
- **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
- **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 7-9pm: starting 9 Sept with a free Open Day. All ages and abilities welcome - no experience needed. Juniors welcome. Message Annabel Campbell: OxfordCityLacrosse@hotmail.com for details. 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 21st September with Jaya Rudgard. For more information & to book, see: www.oxfordinsightmeditation.org
- **Menopause support: ONLINE & in person:** with Nina Galley qualified nutritionist & coach: nina@nourishingspace.co.uk
- **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
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 Ferry	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*
* Depending on Fishery Rules, match could be Draw 9 : Fish 11-4			
<i>Alan Campbell</i>			

LITTLEMORE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
COUNTIES 4 TRIBUTE BERKS BUCKS & OXON NORTH

Sun 25 Aug 12-5pm LITTLEMORE RUGBY CLUB FUN DAY: at the Club

FIXTURES		
14 Sept	v. Chinnor IV	KO Home: 3pm
28 Sept	tbc	
12 Oct	v. Reading Abbey III	KO Away: 2.30
26 Oct	Aylesbury III	KO Home: 3pm

Keep up to date @ fb: Littlemore RFC-Littlemore Rugby Club

We're at The Oxford Academy: (Northfield Close Entrance).
Our clubhouse has a fully licensed bar with live sports on a big screen. *John Perry*

LITTLEMORE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY	
August	Local Walks: 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>	

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!

20 July	Sandford-on-Thames Village Summer Fair
Aug	No meeting: social events for Members only
12 Sept	Talk by Jane Finnerty: Empowering Women
10 Oct	Candle making
14 Nov	Talk by Ann & John Ford: Morris Minors in the Media

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.

- **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 .
- **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 Kombat,** Children's Amusement Centre: 01865 788 380 <https://laserkombat.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
- **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 Evernden 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://www.facebook.com/RFC-Littlemore-Rugby-Club), contact info@littlemorerfc.org Find fixtures p 8 and the Fun Day see flyer p 13
 - *August is pre-season training: all 18+ men welcome!
- **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 13
- **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, please wait 'til September, then contact Susy Brouard susanna.brouard@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 except August. 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
 - **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:** Director Chris Chaundy
 - **RHCC: term time:** free after school youth clubs. Safe, fun & positive space with lots of activities + a delicious hot meal at every session. www.facebook.com/RoseHillJYC .
 - 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
 - **RHCC: Free Summer holiday youth club sessions during August:** all sessions include a range of fun activities, fresh fruit and a hot lunch. **Booked sessions** are on Aug 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 & 22. Those in the morning run 10am-12:30pm and are for ages 5-9. Afternoon sessions run 1-3pm for ages 10-16. **Drop-in sessions** will run on Aug 28 & 29 for the same age groups at the same times. To sign up, please visit our website: rhjyc.org or Facebook: [@rosehilljyc](https://www.facebook.com/rosehilljyc) . Contact: aimee@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!
 - 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 littlemorebl@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

COMMUNITY GROUPS open to residents to join

- **Community Gardening Group:** carrying out occasional projects to brighten up the neighbourhood including 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 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 Sreaton, 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
- *not confirmed: may not be accurate...* **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. 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

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

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 (except Sunday August 18 & 25). 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 in What's On, above)
 - Community Cupboard Food Bank: Wednesdays 1.15-3.30pm. See website (above) for details.
- **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

EVENTS AT ST MARY & ST NICHOLAS CHURCH

❖ SPECIAL EVENTS

Annual Harvest of Talents: 14 Sept -19 Oct 2024

❖ REGULAR EVENTS

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 in church. From September we'll continue to read 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:** 14 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

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

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/>

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.



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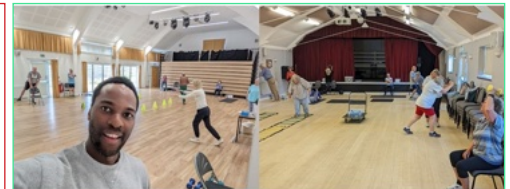
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Saturday 7th September
2.30-4.30pm



all are welcome to
tea, coffee, & conversation,
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organised by Littlemore Village Hall Committee
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Thank you.

Growing Minds Summer Activities
We have some great plans for you!
Sign up below.

Visit to the Story Museum
30th July
11.30am-1.00pm

Messy Play Session, Scout Hut
6th August
10.30am-12.30pm

Nature Day at Rivermead
13th August
10.00am-12.00pm

Pegasus Role Play Session, Rosehill Community Centre
20th August
10.00am-12.00pm

Stay and Play
Thursdays 10.00-11.30am
at St Mary & St Nicholas Church
No booking required—just turn up!

Sign up with the link below
<https://forms.office.com/e/XzJxgVg2mW>

Please note if there is high demand you will be allocated your choices in order of preference so please ensure you order them in the text box.

GROWING MINDS
age 0-4

OXFORD OPEN DOORS

14 & 15 September

During the weekend, places which are not usually open to the public open to celebrate Oxford. There are free exhibitions, concerts, tours, walks, lectures, & workshops.

There may be events quite close to home.

Look out for the programme which will be live online from August at: www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk/oxford-open-doors.

Littlemore residents who are already involved include Judith Godsland who is taking part in a Craft Exhibition at the Town Hall from 9-14 September.

Nina Urai, OPT

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FAMILY FUN DAY

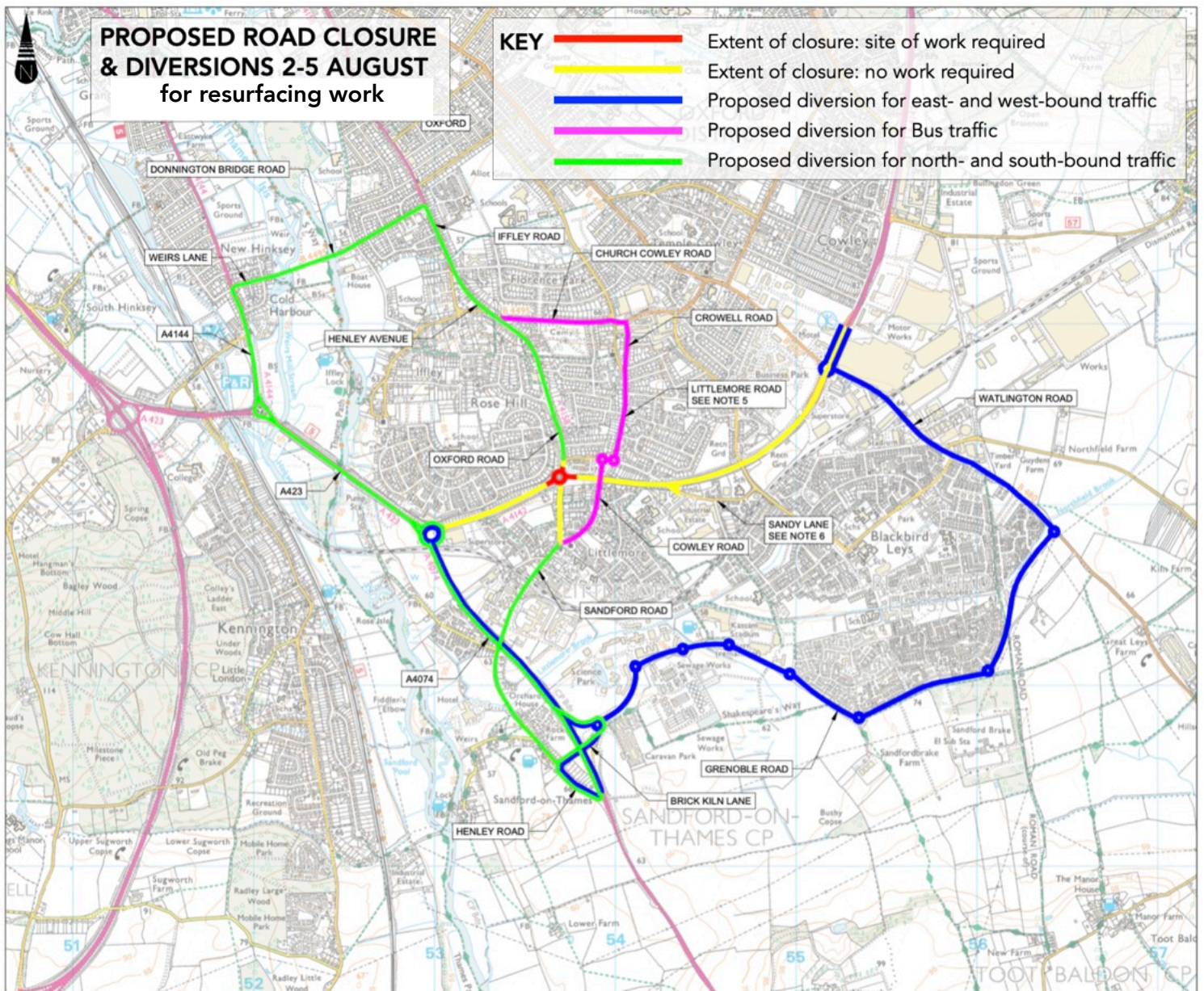
Littlemore Rugby Club
25 Aug 12-5pm

Funfair Rides
Live Music
Food Bar

www.LittlemoreRFC.org

LITTLEMORE ROUNDABOUT and part of the ring road will be closed for 3 days from 2 August: the exact timings haven't been published, but here are the suggested diversions.



NEW PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Hosted by Sandford Village Hall for young people living in and around Sandford



Age categories: 5-9, 10-14 15-18 years.

In each category gold, silver and bronze awards will be made. The winning entrants will also have their photographs printed and initially displayed in the Village Hall, after which they can take their pictures home.

Prizes, generously donated by Sandford-on-Thames Parish Council:

- Gold Award: £25 cash or voucher + framed print of picture
- Silver Award: £15 cash or voucher and foam-board-mounted print of picture
- Bronze Award: £10 cash and print of picture on high quality photo paper.

Entry Requirements:

- The theme of the photograph will be 'My Sandford-on-Thames'.
- Some aspect of Sandford-on-Thames must be clearly visible in the photograph, but entrants are encouraged to make their response a personal one.
- Photographs must be given a title and sent in as a jpeg.

To enter: enter either online at <https://sandford-on-thames-pc.gov.uk/whats-on> (see QR code below) or by email to sandfordhallevnts@gmail.com.

The entry should be accompanied by:

- name, age and contact details of the photographer
- a statement that the photograph is the entrant's own unaided work
- detail of when and where the photo was taken, and what inspired it.

Closing date: August 31 2024. Entries received after that date will not be included.

Judging: As there are many widely-used ways of editing and enhancing digital photographs and it is now part of a legitimate artistic process, this will be acceptable.

The entries will be judged by a professional photographer, whose decision will be final.





MANAGING CHILDREN'S FEELINGS AND BEHAVIOUR

Struggling to manage challenging behaviour? You are not alone!

This course aims to help you feel empowered at managing those tricky situations knowing you are doing the best for your child and yourself.

Topics covered include:



- Emotional Regulation
- Positive discipline and setting boundaries
- Considering Neurodiversity
- Meltdowns: Brain and Body
- Listening and Empathy

Where? John Henry Newman Primary School, Grange Road, OX4 4LS
When? Mondays 9am - 11am (6 sessions 16th September - 21st October)
Cost? None! It's free to families living in Oxfordshire.

NB: The course is repeated at Oxford Hub, BBL, OX4 6JD on Tuesdays

TO BOOK A PLACE OR ASK A QUESTION, PLEASE CONTACT FAMILY LEARNING TUTOR PENELOPE LEA

 **E:** PENELOPE.LEA@ABINGDON-WITNEY.AC.UK
 **M:** 07342 880 923



Effective Communication for SEN

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Do you feel like you're talking, but nothing is going in?

Children with SEN can struggle to communicate.

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This can make a busy family life even more tricky.

Come and learn some approaches to communicating with your child and share with other parents.

Course Info

Where? John Henry Newman Primary School, Grange Road, OX4 4LS

When? Mondays 1pm - 3pm (4 sessions 16th September - 7th October)

Cost? None. It's free.



To book a place, or ask a question, contact:

penelope.lea@abingdon-witney.ac.uk

07342 880 923

Topics covered include:

- how we communicate and what the barriers can be
- thinking about a total communication approach
- using hand signs to support speech
- using visual aids (e.g. pictures, visual timetables, now and next boards and objects)



LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

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

MEMBERS and their preferred contact details

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*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
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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.

Emergency Plan

Lynne Davies
Anne Stares (L)

Neighbourhood Plan

Ruth Corrigan (P) Lynne Davies
 Laura Davis (P) Tony Eade (L) (P)
 Matt Elliott (P) Frank Gargent (P)
 Peter George David Henwood
 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 .



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 .

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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.

MAP OF LITTLEMORE

The map shows, **pale orange**, the boundaries of Littlemore: to the south is Sandford on Thames Parish; to the west is Rose Hill & Iffley Ward; to the east is Northfield Brook Ward; and to the north is Cowley Ward.

LITTLEMORE LOCAL: DELIVERY

The Parish Council prints enough copies of LL for it to be delivered to every home: we rely on voluntary deliverers who

do a road or so each. Below is a list of our roads (not all are residential). Please contact the clerk of the Parish Council at clerk@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk :

- If you'd like to deliver even to few a houses;
- if you would like to report that you do not get a delivery;
- or if you have any ideas about how we might improve delivery.



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Bampton Close
Barberi Close
Blewitt Court
Bodley Road
Broadfields
Brocklesby Road
Cardinal Close
Carpenter Close
Champion Way
Chapel lane

College Lane
Compass Close
Cowley Road
David Nicholls Close
Dudgeon Drive
Eastern Avenue
Edmund Halley Road
Elm Tree Close
Faber Close
Fairlie Road
Giles Close
Giles Road

Goody Close
Grange Road
Grenoble Road (part)
Gwyneth Road
Hardings Close
Heatley Road
Herschel Crescent
Hillsale Piece
Hillsborough Close
Kelburne Road
Kempson Crescent
Lakefield Road
Lanham Way
Lawn Upton Close

Ledger Close
Littlemore Road
(up to Pulker Close)
Long Lane
Longwall
Mandelbrote Drive
Marlborough Close
Mayfair Road
Medhurst Way
Milverly Way
Minchery Farm Cottages
Minchery Road

Morrell Crescent
Newman Road
Northfield Close
Orchard Way
Oxford Road
Peter's Way
Pipley Furlong
Priory Road
Pulker Close
Rahere Road (part of)
Railway Lane
Redmoor Close
Robert Robinson Ave
Sandford Road

Sheldon Way
Spring Lane
St George's Manor
St Mary's Close
St Nicholas' Road
Swinbourne Road
Thompson Terrace
Upton Close
Van Dieman's Lane
Vicarage Close

LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL NOTICES

TACKLING ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN LITTLEMORE

Antisocial behaviour (ASB) causes harassment, alarm or distress to persons not of the same household* and includes littering, street drinking, nuisance noise, and intimidation by a privately owned animal. (*Source: Antisocial Behaviour Act 2003.)

Littlemore Parish Council is committed to reducing ASB. Please always report it. Reporting highlights issues to local Police and may help attract resources to our area. It may help deter such behaviour, so current resources can be directed at making improvements that benefit the whole of Littlemore, rather than 'making right' damage caused by an antisocial few.

Report Antisocial Behaviour:

- To the Police via 999 if you or others are in immediate danger
- To the Police via 101 if property is being damaged at the time
- To the Police via <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk> if there's no immediate danger or damage
- Or to the City Council ASB team saferoxford@oxford.gov.uk . Don't be afraid to report: you can do so anonymously.

You can challenge ASB if you feel safe to do so.

Repeated vandalism to shared play equipment.

We are sad that we need to remind you that intentional damage to park equipment constitutes vandalism and is a criminal offence. Dogs are not permitted inside the children's play areas (and breach of this rule may attract a £100 fine).

Local Neighbourhood Watch Groups:

Through sharing crime prevention information at a local level Neighbourhood Watch strives to reduce crime, improve community cohesion and make residents feel safer. Littlemore has several Neighbourhood Watch groups: a large one encompassing Littlemore south of the ring road, and several smaller single road groups. To search for and join your local NW Group, to start your own group, and for more info about saying no to ASB see: www.ourwatch.org.uk .

Proposed changes to Parks By-laws:

After public consultation the City Council will probably vote (voted scheduled for 15 July) to amend the Parks & Open Spaces by-laws. They hope to encourage more active lifestyles while still protecting all users and habitats. The proposed changes will affect public parks in Littlemore. After the vote changes must be agreed by the Secretary of State. Then the City will draw up the new by-laws, and there will be another round of public consultation before they are enforced.

Littlemore Parish Council

BECOME A LITTLEMORE LEGEND!

Want to make a difference in your community...while getting some exercise? We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to be Littlemore Street Champions! Just 6 times a year, you'll be a hero for delivering the latest news and updates in our LITTLEMORE LOCAL. It's a quick & easy way to stay connected and help keep your neighbours informed. Think you've got what it takes? Then we'd like to hear from you! Please email: clerk@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk or call: 07377 682 216.

Peter George, Chair, Littlemore Parish Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE TEAM NEWS

After repeated reports about antisocial behaviour at an address in Barberi Close, on Monday July 1 our local Neighbourhood Police Team obtained a 3-month closure order for the property. This gives power, completely or partially, to prevent access by anyone, even those with rights of abode. Thames Valley Police thanked the community for reporting the issues. *Ed*

CITY AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Sandy Lane West traffic calming

A pedestrian crossing, and speed bumps should be in place in Sandy Lane West by the end of this year after a final consultation of local residents in July/Aug. The desired position for the crossing is outside St John Fisher School with speed bumps going up SLW, and side road entry treatments outside Costar Close, Broadfields & Spring Lane. A hedge will be removed as required to achieve visibility for parents and children approaching the school. *(Pupils of SJF started petitioning for this in March 2006: see: www.oxfordmail.co.uk/news/6645788.pupils-petition-crossing Ed's footnote).*

Newman Road layout

The current layout is confusing for cyclists and drivers, and a hazard for pedestrians. A request for review and re-design was accepted in Feb 2024. Officers have surveyed the site. Trish chased this up at Full Council on 9 July: the Cabinet member for Highways was aware of the problem, and will be exploring potential sources of funding, though it is one of many issues that need dealing with.

ANPR Camera Littlemore Road: in operation.

Still awaiting confirmation of blue badge exemptions.

Cowley Road Littlemore: Ring Road Bridge Lighting

The ill-lit bridge is a security issue for Littlemore residents. Work by Trish, Tiago and Sandy Douglas secured funding for lighting which is to be installed July/August.

Road Verges and other cutting

The wet weather has led to a delay in cuts to vegetation on cycle ways and in communal areas. We, and the Parish Council have raised scheduling with the Cabinet member and officers (under discussion).

Bus service to Templars Square

When Oxford's new traffic filters are implemented*** the 5A bus through Long Lane, Herschel Crescent & Bartholomew Road will be re-routed through Cowley Rd, Littlemore Rd & Crowell Rd.

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

Cllr Tiago Corais Cllrtcorais.oxford.gov.uk

***POSSIBLE DELAYS AHEAD

Network Rail has postponed the replacement of Botley Road Railway Bridge. The launch of the council's traffic filters trial planned for November is now in question, with various options being considered as a result. *Ed*

PLANS TO RE-OPEN COWLEY BRANCH LINE

www.oxford.gov.uk/building-projects/reopening-cowley-branch-line-passengers . An outline business case for reopening has been approved by central government. Ox City Council (working with Ox County Council, local landowners, Network Rail & DfT) is working on completing it. The work includes developing designs for improved access to & from the proposed new stations, & collecting ideas about how to improve connectivity throughout the wider area affected by the stations. (A consultation is/was open 5-27 July). The aim is to regenerate our area, multiply the amount of business & housing development, & relieve Oxford station of Marylebone traffic. If it goes ahead trains will run half hourly to a similar timetable to the existing Oxford-Marylebone one. If the scheme is to be delivered it will need significant investment. The delivery phase is still to be funded. The hope seems to be that cost will be shared between central government and local investors & businesses: ie government investment will attract more business & housing development, and these will provide additional funds. This may take years. *Ed*

The copy deadline for the Oct / Nov edition is 6pm on Thursday 12 Sept. The e-version will be published on 16 Sept.

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