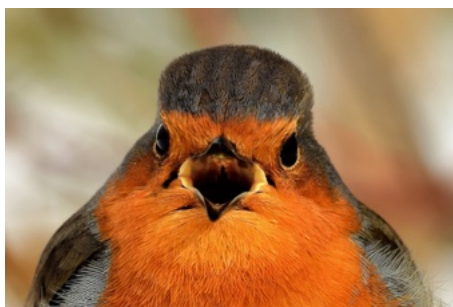


THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

This Christmas you are invited to donate a bauble to be hung on our Community Tree on the Village Green. The bauble should be weather resistant and not glass or breakable: it can represent someone you love, have lost, or are especially thinking of at this special time of year: write a name on it if you wish. Baubles can be left at Smarts Fish & Chip shop or Littlemore Post Office: staff are kindly collecting them on our behalf. Whether you contribute a bauble or not, you're invited to join us on the Green on Friday 6 December at 6.30pm for carols with The Jubilee Band + hot chocolate afterwards. *Cllrs Anne Stares, David Henwood, and Littlemore Residents Association*



Robin by Peter Hines: see wildlife page

NEW NOVEL BY LITTLEMORE NATIVE:

***Crossing Magdalen Bridge* by Michael Tanner**

The story has its roots in Littlemore (the author's family's heartland - check the graves behind the church). Michael grew up on the Rose Hill estate; attended Littlemore Infants & Lawn Upton; was one of the first intake at Littlemore Grammar School (1958-65), and its first pupil to win a place at Oxford University - Lynn Evans being a crucial figure in that success. His father was born at 117 Cowley Road. His great grandfather operated a market garden in Spring/Long Lane and served on the first Parish Council 1894-1900! Find out more on p 7.

NEW TO THE LISTINGS PAGES

*Inspires Tuition Club: at the Village Hall: Weds 4pm: Maths & English Tuition for 7-11s run by safeguarding-trained, DBS-checked teachers. Contact & booking: Rose Carter 07908 537 862, roseinspirestuition.co.uk : see inspirestuition.tutorbird.com

NOT YET IN THE LISTINGS PAGES

*The Littlemore Hub at John Henry Newman Academy

The Littlemore Hub is a new & exciting community building at John Henry Newman Academy, built to serve the needs of residents of Littlemore & its neighbours. See what's on below, & contact office.200@jhnacademy.co.uk for availability:

- Stay & Play: Every Tuesday 9am-10.15am
- Eating Together: Intergenerational Lunch: Over 65's are invited: 12-2pm, November 20 and December 12
- Slow Cooker Group: Everyday Wednesday 9-11am
- Parent & Child Cookery Class: Cooking Together with Ros: Wednesdays 2.30pm-4.30pm, Nov 20-Dec 18
- Baby Massage with Hannah Jamieson: Thursdays 10.30 - 11.45am, November 14 until Christmas
- Feeding your baby: Pregnancy to Weaning: 12noon-2pm, every other Thursday 21/11, 5/12, 19/12
- Littlemore Santa Dash: Thursday 19 December: time TBC
- Baked Goods & Hygiene/Beauty Bank: every Friday from 3pm
- The Littlemore Hub Coffee morning: Jan 14: 10am-12noon

Look out for more about The Littlemore Hub in the next issue.

Kate Rudman

*A Band of Brothers: mentoring for men aged 18-25 & at risk of negative involvement with the criminal justice system: message me on 07716 927 582: find more info on p 4. *Phil Pritchard*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- From 12 Nov: decorate your own bauble for the Community Christmas Tree & leave it at Smarts Fish & Chip shop, or at Littlemore Post Office & join us on Dec 6.
 - Sun 1 Dec, 6-8pm: SM&SN Church: *Still No Room at the Inn*. An evening carols and of stories of displaced people, evoking the compassion that is central to Christmas.
 - Thurs 5 Dec, 4.30-5.45pm: SM&SN Church: St Nicholas Festival. We celebrate the original Santa Claus with crafts, food and a lantern procession through Littlemore.
 - Fri 6 Dec, 6.30pm: carols under the Christmas Tree on the Village Green with The Jubilee Band + hot chocolate afterward.
- Sat 7 Dec 12-3pm: Blessed Dominic Barberi Church Christmas Bazaar & BBQ: cake stall, bottle stall, books & toys stalls, tombola, Intercultural food & refreshments. All are welcome.
- Sat 7 Dec 2-4.30pm: Christmas Tea at the Village Hall.
- Sun 8 Dec, 5pm: SM&SN Church: Christingle Service.
- Mon 9 Dec: 2-4pm: Christmas Wreath-making workshop at RH Methodist Church. Booking essential. Please email circuitpa@oxfordmethodists.org.uk .
- Weds 11 Dec, 7.30-9pm: SM&SN Church: The West Littlemore String Quartet Open Rehearsal: come & listen to a local string quartet who play together for fun.
- Fri 13 Dec: 2-5pm: John Henry Newman Academy Christmas Fair. See flyer p 7.
- Sat 14 Dec: 4pm: Choros a cappella choir: concert at St Andrew's Sandford: free with leaving collection for the church.
- Sat 14 Dec: 7pm: Jubilee Brass Christmas Concert + Raffle & Refreshments at Sandford Village Hall. Tickets £5 (U-16s free). Ticket info: jubileebrassoxford@gmail.com or 07881 934 821.
- Sun 15: 10.30am: RH Methodist Church Christmas Carol Service
- Sun 15 Dec: 6.30pm: Traditional Christmas Carol Service at St Andrew's Church, Sandford.
- Mon 16 Dec, 7-8pm: SM&SN Church: Community Carol Service: contributions from local groups, churches & schools.
- Tues 24 Dec: Christmas Eve
 - 4pm: Blessed Dominic Barberi (BDB): Christmas Eve Mass
 - 4-5pm: SM&SN Church: Crib Service: a service based on the Christmas story, for children & families.
 - 9pm: BDB RC Church: Christmas Night Mass
 - 11.30pm: SM&SN Church: Midnight Mass
- Weds 25 Dec: Christmas Day
 - 10-11am: SM&SN Church: family friendly Christmas Mass
 - 10.30am: RH Methodist Church Christmas Day service
 - 11am: BDB RC Church: Christmas Day Mass
 - 1-4pm: **COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH** at John Henry Newman Academy: see flyer on the back page.
- Sat 4 Jan: 2-4.30pm: Tea at the Village Hall: flyer pp 7 & 15
- Jan 14: 10am-12noon: Coffee Morning at The Littlemore Hub, JHN Academy

LITTLEMORE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LCA)

LCA is a local charity that runs the Giles Rd Community Centre. It held an AGM on Oct 23, and voted in a new management team: *Chair David Henwood, *Vice Chair Anne Stares, *Secretary Haley Cox, *Treasurer Julia Brocklesby. Their first order of business was to thank Dorian Hancock for keeping the centre going for many years. Dorian will stay on the team.

The Community Centre supports a range of clubs and societies, and in pride of place is a well-established Pre-School that continues to expand, and provide young Littlemore residents with a great start in both education and social skills.

The new LCA trustees are responsible for running the Centre, and bringing new ideas to attract users, and create a vibrant venue for everyone. The team's aims are to complete financial returns to the Charity Commission, agree on a new lease with the City Council, audit the property, and start improvements. If you would like to be a trustee or support the centre, please come along to our next meeting on Dec 11 at 12:30pm.

David Henwood

NEWMAN PLACE, ARMSTRONG ROAD

Cllrs Anne Stares & David Henwood recently arranged a meeting between 70 residents of Newman Place in Armstrong Road, Peabody Housing Association, and Thames Valley Neighbourhood Police. Residents raised concerns about anti-social behaviour, parking and the new parking enforcement, lack of play facilities, lack of safe perimeter fencing along the A4074, and disturbance caused by the Ellison building development. Cllrs Stares and Henwood are working with all concerned to find solutions.

COUNCILLORS' REPORT

Armstrong Road Parking

Armstrong Road residents were incorrectly given tickets for parking on the road. Officers have confirmed that there was no enforceable Traffic Regulation Order on the double yellow lines so those who were ticketed recently will be refunded. If you received tickets for parking in Armstrong Road in Oct 2024, please contact Trish.Elphinstone@Oxfordshire.gov.uk.

Note: a new consultation for restricted parking & traffic calming for Armstrong Road is running until Nov 22. The decision will be made next year. See: letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxford_armstrongroad_parking2024

Herschel Crescent and Bodley Road Investigations

Vibration noise has caused residents to fear subsidence of the old concrete slab road under the tarmac. The County Council should complete investigatory work by Feb '25. Once investigations are complete and the problem is understood, works can be identified, costed, prioritised, and scheduled. I have asked that works should include the resurfacing of both Herschel Crescent and Bodley Road and will keep pressing for all works to be a priority. I am also pressing for an hourly hopper bus to run around Herschel Crescent and connect to Templars Square to replace the bus service that has been diverted because of the state of the road.

submitted by Cllr Trish Elphinstone

IF YOU WITNESS CRIME: PLEASE REPORT IT

Additional policing resources are allocated on the basis of need. If we don't tell the police they simply won't know. Sharing information on your fb or whatsapp group isn't enough!

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

To report crime anonymously go to Crimestoppers

- Online: crimestoppers-uk.org
- Phone: 0800 555 111

PLANNING MATTERS

Redevelopment of Eastpoint Business Park...to create laboratory space at the ring road end of Sandy Lane West: **Planning ref: 24/01631/FUL:** (see LITTLEMORE LOCAL issue 456, p 6 of this issue, and www.eastpointconsultation.co.uk). City Council resolved to approve the application but is waiting for the S106 agreement to be finalised & signed before it issues the permission. During consultation, LPC raised concerns about lack of onsite parking spaces and the risk of overspill parking. Others had concerns about the inevitable increase in traffic at an already busy junction with the ring road.

Redevelopment of Ozone Bingo Unit: Ref: 23/01198/FUL: Demolition of existing Bingo Unit at Ozone Leisure Centre and development of a new 4 & 5 storey (plus roof plant) building comprising laboratory & office space and a ground floor level commercial unit. This application was first submitted in May 2023. Local residents and local City Councillors objected on the grounds that this was space allocated for leisure use. The Environment Agency objected to the location of the new buildings (risk of flooding): their objections have now been withdrawn after new location plans were submitted. Consultation is now closed. Permission will probably be given as the plan for our area is to make it part of a massive science sector.

Proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ), Littlemore North Residents north of the ring road were recently consulted about the proposal to make Littlemore North into a CPZ. The outcome of the consultation will be announced on 12 Dec. Littlemore South will be considered in due course. It has been said that if the Cowley branch line is re-opened to passengers, a CPZ will be essential to prevent Littlemore becoming a car park, but these consultations aren't driven by that.

Proposed reopening of Cowley Branch Line to passengers This will link Cowley & Littlemore with Marylebone. Funding is not yet in place. Keep up to date at: www.oxford.gov.uk/building-projects/reopening-cowley-branch-line-passenger.

Consultation on proposed East-West Rail Link

This is a separate plan to create a direct line between Oxford (City) & Cambridge: <https://eastwestrail.co.uk/consultation2024>

Proposed 20mph Limit, Sandford on Thames

Proposed: to replace the majority of the existing 30mph areas, leaving a section of Henley Road/Sandford Road at 30. The consultation opened & closed between issues of LITTLEMORE LOCAL: the decision will be announced shortly.

Proposed HIF1 Road

A proposed 9-mile road to carry traffic from the A34 at Milton to the B4015 near Nuneham Courtenay where it will join the A4074, and bring additional traffic to the junction of the A4074 with the ring road at Sainsbury's. In spring the County Council refused the plans, so it was referred upwards: the final decision was to have been made by Michael Gove, and is still awaited.

Proposed widening of City Centre Zero Emission Zone

- Autumn 2024: Assessments and modelling (see map p 7)
- 2025: Public consultation (timing to be confirmed)
- 2026: Cabinet decision on whether to proceed.

PLANNED INCREASED FREQUENCY OF LOCAL BUSES

A reminder that the planned autumn increase in frequency of 3A & 5A buses, and the introduction of an orbital service from Redbridge to the JR via Grenoble Road are delayed because the introduction of filters in the City is delayed by roadworks at the station. See: <https://cohsat.org.uk/better-buses-2024>.

Since funding is already in place for improvements to the 3A, Cllr Elphinstone has asked if they can go ahead. See the next issue for updates.

Ed

ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL: NEWS

The Autumn term is in full swing at St John Fisher, with our partnerships in the City delivering amazing experiences for our children. Earth Trust have worked with us to create an allotment so that the children can follow their planting from



seed to plate. Both the Story Museum, & Oxford Playhouse have lead free workshops and visits: their involvement will culminate in one of our children's plays being acted on stage at the Playhouse! We are also grateful to the Littlemore Well Together Fund: a grant has allowed us to provide Irish Dance lessons & fitness classes to all children throughout the academic year, continuing the school's proud cultural heritage and perhaps creating another British Champion! Last month saw our annual concert at Oxford Town Hall with fellow Catholic Schools in Oxfordshire, an incredible day in an amazing venue. Christmas will be upon us soon, which means Carol Concerts at Mansfield College and, we hope, the return of our Nativity Donkey. *Tour dates for Reception Sept 2025 applications are filling up fast: please contact the Office to book a visit if you have a child who will be 4 in September. *Mr Higgins*



TACKLING PERIOD POVERTY

As part of a trial to help achieve period equality for all, the County Council has partnered with Hey Girls, a UK social enterprise, to provide free period products in local libraries for anyone who needs them. Littlemore Library is taking part in the trial, and offers organic & sustainable pads & tampons: posters in the library specify where to find them without needing to ask, but Library staff are also on hand to provide advice. Some larger libraries offer reusable cups.

LOCAL ARTISTS: ArtWeeks deadline is 31 December


If you're planning to exhibit at ArtWeeks '25 (the May festival) remember to sign up. See: www.artweeks.org/artists/what-is-artweeks. If you missed their 'thinking about taking part' zoom find it at: www.youtube.com/watch?v=3TLTPmFPkHw

THOMSON TERRACE ALLOTMENTS: NEWS

One plot is available with no wait list. In addition we are converting one full plot to a collective plot with raised beds: they would suit those with mobility issues, carers, or new parents. See our website www.ttacic.org email Kathleen O'Donnell Secretary@ttacic.org, or phone Field Secretary Tom Dyra 07867 931 487. *Kathleen O'Donnell*

RECYCLE YOUR REAL CHRISTMAS TREE:

please remove all decorations and place the tree ...

- **either** beside your brown bin: in weeks starting TUESDAY: Jan 7, Jan 21, Feb 4 ... 
- **or** at our local pick up point: the Village Green: dates not yet confirmed but aim for Jan 7- Feb 4

***STOP PRESS: 2 extra Pop-Up Pilates sessions

starting at Village Hall Thursday evenings from January: contact Lauren McLeod: info@pop-up-pilates.com

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ACADEMY: SPORTS NEWS

Victoria Ohuruogu, who won a bronze medal and set a GB national record in the 4x400m Women's Relay at the Paris Olympics, recently visited us as part of the Great Athletes scheme. Pictured (r) with aspiring athletes, Ms Ohuruogu ran a circuit session with the children, and talked to the whole school about her career.



Football Results: (with names of JHNA scorers)

Girls' Year 5/6: *JHNA 5 : St. Nicholas 1 (Reeya x3, Priya, and Martha)

Boys' Year 3/4: *JHNA 4 : St. Nicholas 0 (AJ x4)

Boys' Year 5/6: *JHNA 10 : E Oxford 1 (Soteras x3, Logan M-K x3, Eric x2, Alfie & Jake) *JHNA 2 : St. Christopher's 2 (Eric & Soteras)

*JHNA 1 : St. Nicholas 3 (Logan M-K) *JHNA 1 : SSMJ 1 (Jesse)



Boys Yr 5/6
Football
Team

*Mr
Surman*

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL: NEWS

We've just begun Knights & Chivalry, a topic which is already proving popular with all the children. We'll be visiting the Minchery, and Voco hotel to understand their connection to the Knights Templar, and we are looking forward to a medieval-themed Christmas dinner. Our next open morning on 12 Feb will be for families seeking Early Years places. For more information please email admin@ecschool.org.uk.



Parental photo permissions for school photos have been received

Lizzy Nesbitt

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Are you a parent or carer of a child born between 1 Sept 2020 and 31 Aug 2021? You can now apply for a primary school for Sept 2025, and book visits to local schools.

ARMY CADETS, BBL DETACHMENT: NEWS

Local Army Cadets took part in Oxford City's Remembrance Sunday Service on 10 November. We're pictured here with Headington and Kidlington Army Cadets near the War Memorial in Magdalen Street Oxford. The annual service includes 2 minutes silence, messages from Oxford's Faith Leaders, prayers, music and hymns. If you're 12-18, why not join us? Find details on p 8.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE CLOSE TO HOME THIS CHRISTMAS

SHOWER PEOPLE WITH KINDNESS...JHNA Hygiene Bank

Unwanted Christmas gifts eg soaps and other personal care products? Please give them to the Hygiene Bank at John Henry Newman Academy Reception, open after Christmas on 6 Jan.

DONATE TO A NEW LITTLEMORE CHARITY

Would you like to give to people in need of financial assistance, and be sure that your donation would go to people in Littlemore?

Earlier this year, Littlemore Action Partnership (LAP) was set up. It's a charity that works with Littlemore Community Partnership, a community networking group which brings together about 20 local organisations (including our schools, the Parish, City & County Councils, the Trustees of the Village Hall, NHS representatives) and interested residents, to identify local needs, and support projects to address them. LAP was set up because it became clear that a registered organisation with a bank account was needed to raise and manage funding for local projects.

We are starting with a Christmas appeal. Funds raised would be contributed to local initiatives such as food banks and resilience funds that help people cope with the demands of daily living on a low income, especially at Christmas when demands on household budgets are highest. LAP will ensure that all funds raised are allocated to local organisations which help local people.

If you would like to support us, you can make a donation to LAP using its dedicated bank account:

Littlemore Action Partnership, account number 37349463, sort code 30-99-50. Mark your gift 'Christmas Appeal'.

If you would like to know more about LAP, or to donate by cheque, please email littlemoreactionpartnership@hotmail.com
Thank you.

Rev Margreet Armitstead (Chair), Laura Davis (Secretary)

SUPPORT MEALS THAT MATTER CROWDFUNDER

Rose Hill Junior Youth Club, (Charity number 1161836) which supports young people in Rose Hill and in Littlemore, must raise £10,000 to cover its food costs for 2025. Hunger is our greatest support need. Currently 120 children & young people aged 5-17 attend activities each week, and the club extends its support to their wider family, and other vulnerable members of the community. So RHJYC provides a hot, healthy meal for the young people at every youth club session, take-away meals for family members, free meals during school holidays, and cookery clubs & food activity sessions for the community. See: <https://rhjyc.org> .

Contact us: Fran: 07770 324 277 fran@rhjyc.org
Aimee: 07983 972 519 aimee@rhjyc.org



HELP YOUNG MEN GROW WITH PURPOSE



Do you know a young man who is in danger of negative involvement with the Criminal Justice System?

If 'yes', please contact us at oxford@abandofbrothers.org.uk .

Active in Oxfordshire for over 8 years, we are currently based in Blackbird Leys but work with young men across the county: we seek referrals in the Littlemore & Rosehill areas. We have a small and growing team of volunteer mentors who want to make the world a safer place, one man at a time.

abandofbrothers (ABOB) offers a unique grassroots solution to the issue of young male disaffection. Our solution lies in a powerful combination of initiatory rites of passage and mentoring. These age-old practices provide young men with a sense of purpose and belonging, a clear transition from boyhood to manhood, and a set of expectations to live up to. Together, they empower young men to develop self-worth, discipline, and responsibility to the community.

To achieve this, we connect, inspire and train local male volunteers to support and guide the most disadvantaged and at-risk young men, aged 18-25, who are either part of the criminal justice system or at risk of becoming so. We help these young men discover what it means to be a man in today's world and build a life full of purpose, meaning, and a sense of belonging.

Our flagship program, the Quest for Community (QfC), is a comprehensive program that includes ten weeks of one-on-one mentoring, a Rites of Passage weekend, a further twelve weeks of mentoring, community activity days, and weekly meetings with the local mentoring community. The QfC concludes with a celebratory Homecoming event, where young men return to their communities and, in the presence of their loved ones and community members, claim their newfound status as adult men. They are then welcomed to join their local ABOB community and receive ongoing support for years to come.

When asked recently 'how has being involved with ABOB impacted your life?' 2023 Graduate, Dave Allen said-

I joined A Band of Brothers after facing my own struggles with crime, addiction and mental health. Being a member of ABOB has had a really positive impact on my life, giving me a deeper understanding of myself, a sense of purpose and community. The rites of passage weekend was one of the most profound things I've ever experienced. It challenged me to look inwards and confront the things that had been holding me back. I felt truly supported by the men who took me through that journey. I have met some life long friends in A Band of Brothers and I continue to receive mentorship and guidance from the older men in the group. Today I live a meaningful and positive life.

A message from Dave to the young men-

To any young man considering being mentored by ABOB, I would say grab the opportunity with both hands, it changed my life for the better and it could change yours too!

Do you know an older man who is willing to help and mentor young men?

For further information both about referral, and about how you can help please see: <https://abandofbrothers.org.uk> and/or message Phil Pritchard, Engagement Coordinator on 07716 927 582, email oxford@abandofbrothers.org.uk

Nature lovers of all ages were invited to send their best shots of animals, plants, people, and scenery. The photographs were to be taken in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire or Oxfordshire.

The Categories were:

- 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 category
- Photos by Teens (ages 12-17) in any category.

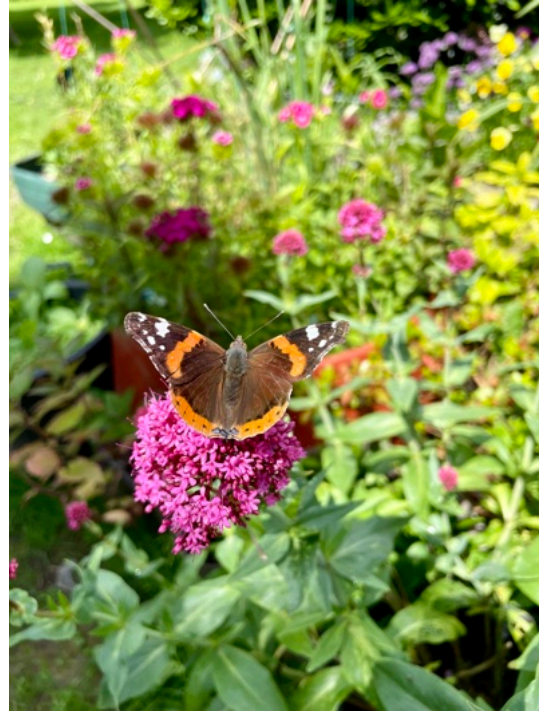
The extreme close-up of an armed nomad bee taken by Luke Chambers at BBOWT's Dry Sandford Pit reserve near Abingdon won first prize. Luke said:

'During one of my 4am outings, I was checking some vegetation for subjects...there she was, a very rare species of nomad bee, fast asleep. With my left hand, I adjusted the position of a nearby scabious flower so it was behind the bee, and held onto the plant that she was on to stabilise the scene. The image is a focus stack - I took around 10 frames, all at different points of focus across the bee, then merged them together to achieve the detail you see. To win this competition with it means a great deal. Thank you.'



Nine-year-old Logan Brown won the children's category with his capture of a red admiral butterfly perched on red valerian. Speaking on behalf of Logan Brown, Frankie Gillespie said:

'Logan has recently been diagnosed with a rare genetic eye disease and unfortunately the outcome will be total blindness. He has always loved photography and nature, so for him to have become one of the winners is wonderful news and he's so excited!'



PHOTOS:

- Children (ages 6-11): Red admiral by Logan Brown
- Our nature reserves: Cholsey Marsh by Martin Wheeler
- Urban nature: Kingfisher by David Thirlwall
- Butterflies and other insects: Armed Nomad Bee by Luke Chambers (overall winner)

People's Choice Award: Peter Hines (Robin) see front page

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

See all this year's winning photos at bbowt.org.uk/2024-photography-competition-winners .

THE ELLISON BUILD Update from Laing O'Rourke

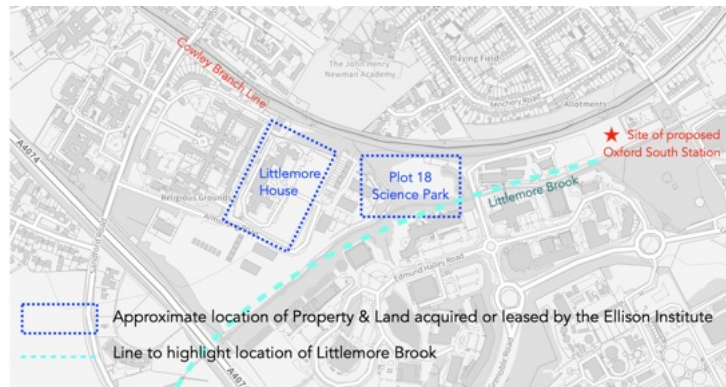
The Build

On our main Littlemore House site, on Armstrong Road the piling for the foundations and basement of Littlemore House is progressing well, with only one piling rig left on site. This will complete the piling in March 2025, and then leave site.

We have installed four of the six Tower cranes on site and will be installing one of the two tower cranes required on the Littlemore Brook part of the site towards the end of November.

On Littlemore Brook, between the brook and the railway embankment, the piling works for the main building are now complete, and we will shortly be starting the piling to the ancillary building.

Our Welcome centre is being set up towards the end of November: it will house our 24hr security.



The Environment

Works are continuing to care for the habitats, ecology, and natural environment on site. Engagement with the site team has helped push for our lower waste and carbon results which are successfully moving forward. We are also trialling a new technology to provide specific room-based energy consumption readings to support our targets for lower energy use, and consequent carbon consumption.

Community Outreach

In the past quarter, we have actively engaged with local secondary schools in Oxford through our program designed to introduce girls to exciting career opportunities in the construction industry. A highlight of our efforts was our first *Inspiring Women in Leadership Day*, where we welcomed 40 girls from local sixth forms and colleges. They had the opportunity to meet our inspiring women leaders, tour our construction site, and take part in a Q&A session.

We also hosted a successful community meeting, and participated in a Macmillan Coffee Morning, which raised an impressive £600 for a worthy cause.

You might have seen the team at Westgate Shopping Centre, because we volunteered with the Royal British Legion, selling poppies there.

We've also performed gardening duties at Littlemore Mental Health Hospital.



Employing local people

We've launched a new initiative aimed at recruiting local talent for various positions, including two apprentices from the area.

... and we're currently recruiting various trades to help us deliver our projects in Oxford.

Please scan the QR code to visit our [workforce portal](#).



Public Meetings

We will be holding our final community meeting of 2024 on Tuesday 10 December, please register your attendance via our project inbox OxfordEIT@laingorourke.com.

SANDY LANE WEST

REDEVELOPMENT OF EASTPOINT BUSINESS PARK

Sandy Lane West: see map, below

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Once S106 agreements have been signed, permission will be given to transform the site into what is described as modern, net zero carbon workspace for innovation businesses of all sizes, and include laboratory spaces for Oxfordshire's life sciences, with space to support education and training for the local community. Objectors fear an increase in traffic, and overspill parking.



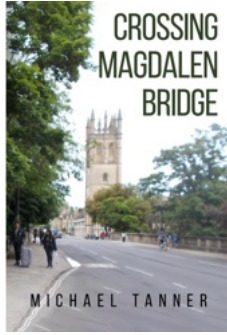
SPEED BUMPS: SANDY LANE WEST

The new speed bumps are due to be installed before the end of the year.

A NEW NOVEL from MICHAEL TANNER

CROSSING MAGDALEN BRIDGE: A Story of Town and Gown

Oxford's two worlds of Town and Gown are divided, physically and metaphorically, by a bridge. A student is torn between Oxford's industrial suburbs that raised him, and the privileged halls of the ancient university that promise a future of infinite possibilities. By throwing off the shackles imposed by his disadvantaged background to win a place at Oxford University, Mick Bernard knows that crossing Magdalen Bridge threatens friction and upheaval in every aspect of his life ... and that once committed there's no turning back.



About the author, Michael Tanner

Michael is from a Littlemore family. Born in Rose Hill, he was educated in Littlemore, and at St Edmund Hall, Oxford, where in addition to gaining his degree he represented the University numerous times on the rugby field. He was a schoolmaster for 18 years prior to writing full-time. *Crossing Magdalen Bridge* is his fourth novel, the first, a racing thriller entitled *The Tinman's Farewell*, appeared in 2010.

Among his 31 other titles are: *The Spotted Wonder*; *Ali in Britain*; *A Season in Stripes: Life with the Leicester Tigers*; *Great Jockeys of the Flat*; *Lester Piggott: Return to the Saddle*; *Dessie: A Year in the Life of Desert Orchid*; *The Champion Hurdle*; and *A Champion's Story*, the biography of jockey *Michael Roberts*, for whom he also acted as agent.

The Legend of Mick the Miller (2003) was a leading contender for the William Hill Sports Book of the Year and was short-listed for the British Sports Books Biography of the Year; his authoritative work *The Suffragette Derby* was lauded as 2013's racing book of the year by Racing Post.

He also has two volumes of history to his credit. One is on film, *Troubled Epic: On Location with Ryan's Daughter*. He is a critically acclaimed sports writer, specialising in horse-racing. He has contributed numerous features to *The Sporting Life*, *Racing Post*, *Pacemaker*, *European Racehorse*, *The Weekender*, *Horse and Hound*, & *Country Illustrated*, and has appearances on Channel 4 Racing, *Racing UK*, *Sky Sports*, and the series *Find My Past*.

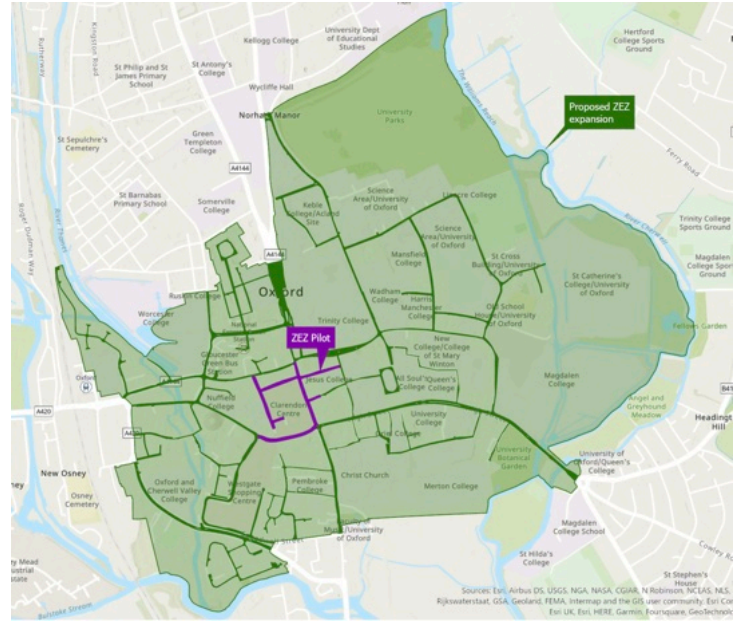
The book is for sale online as a paperback or kindle edition.

Contact Michael at: MichaelRTanner@gmail.com

WATCH OUT FOR ...

Proposed widening of City Centre Zero Emission Zone

- Autumn 2024: Assessments and modelling (see map)
- 2025: Public consultation (timing to be confirmed)
- 2026: Cabinet decision on whether to proceed



The dark skies proposal

The County Council's preliminary thinking about the possibility of turning street lights off between 11pm and 6.30am was recently treated as plan for immediate implementation. If County Council hope to impose this they will have to go through various stage of formal consultation. Look out for them: no dates are yet published.

Booking system for all users of waste recycling centres

The council already operates a booking system for residents wanting to dispose of small quantities of DIY waste and in the future this will be extended to all users. The council is aiming to have the system in place before the temporary closure of Redbridge HWRC for around three months in 2025 to enable essential stabilisation work to be carried out. A booking system would help alleviate any short-term overcrowding of other sites during the temporary closure.



Saturday 7 December²⁰²⁴
2.30-4.30pm

CHRISTMAS TEA
AT THE VILLAGE HALL RAILWAY LANE

all are welcome to
tea, cake, conversation,
✦ **& an opportunity to meet some of your parish councillors**

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

JHN CHRISTMAS FAIR
FRI DEC 13TH
2PM - 5PM

SANTA'S GROTTTO ✦ **FESTIVE FUN** ✦ **SHOPPING STALLS** ✦ **REFRESHMENTS** ✦ **RAFFLE**

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN SCHOOL HALL

WHAT'S ON: GROUPS, CLASSES ETC

Regular Events: Dec 2024 / Jan 2025

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: *10am-6pm: age 11-17 years
 - **UKCF Action Holiday Stunt Camps:** **TOA:** Book online for Christmas camps offering Stunts, Acrobatics, Aerial, Trampoline & Parkour. 8 hours each day: 21, 22, 23 December: See flier p 14
- **Advice Centre:** Pre Booked Sessions are offered at **SM+SN:** on Thursdays between 10-11.30am. To pre-book call 01865 438 634.
- *not confirmed: may not be accurate:* Aerial Arts Academy: **TOA:** Aerials & Pole Dance. Fun weekday & weekend dance & fitness classes for all abilities. 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 & meet our local Age UK Ox Rep:** Valerie Hunt at **SM+SN** Coffee Morning 10.30-12noon last Mon of month
 - **Strength & Balance Classes:** **LCC* and online via Zoom:** with Sarah Wheatley, Tuesdays 10.15-11.15am: *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

- **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. 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: currently it the Harvest of Talents exhibition.
- **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** are available to Littlemore residents at:
 - *Thomson Terrace: 1 plot is available with no wait list, plus a number of small raised beds on a shared plot. See our website www.ttacic.org. 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 Restore or City Council websites) &
 - *Denny Gardens (see www.odfaa.com/contact)
- **Angling Society: Extensive local still, & flowing waters:** www.littlemoreanglingsociety.co.uk. For fixtures: see p 10. Contact Alan Campbell, 07789 334 710, alancampbell0811@gmail.com.
- **Army Cadets:** **ACF:** If you're over 12 and under 18, and are interested in learning new skills & making new friends, the Army Cadets is for you. We parade 7.30-9.30pm on Thursdays. See www.armycadets.com/county/oxfordshire-acf/Oxfordshire. Detachment Commander: AUO Kyle-Davidson, 8204kyleda@armymail.mod.uk
- **Bingo:** **RBL:** 1st & 3rd Friday: 7pm for eyes down at 8. For more info and additional dates 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 Monday to Friday 8.45 till 3pm: term-times: for pre-school children from 2-4 yrs. We have space in the afternoons, please pop in, or email for an application form. Manager: Hayley Cox: when we are open phone 01865 396 449, or email 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, littlepeepelnursery@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: 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@people.org.uk
- **Growing Minds Peep group: at the People 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@people.org.uk
- **Growing Minds 1-2s Peep group: at the People 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@people.org.uk
- **Children's Groups: Peep Groups:** Please contact families@people.org.uk or phone Lisse Honeyman on 07780 716 098: see www.people.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:** Friday 1-3pm term time drop-in: in- & out-door Stay & Play for children 0-4yrs, their parents & carers: If you'd like to help: please contact Ruth Lloyd, 07736 831 038, littlechuggers@gmail.com. Find updates on our Fb page.
 - **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 13
- **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
- **CEF: 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 2-4pm 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
- **Food banks:** see Community Emergency Foodbank (above) & www.oxford.gov.uk/people-communities/free-low-cost-food-oxford
- *not confirmed: may not be accurate:* Football Coaching at TOA 3G Dome: offered by Oxford United in the Community:
 - Skills Centre at our Training Ground, Horspath, OX4 2RR: for girls & boys age 5-11 years: Wednesday evenings: *5-6pm age 5-8 *6-7pm age 9-11: contact Alex Blane at community@oufc.co.uk
 - Football Holiday Camps at TOA 3G Dome: 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. 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, free weights, & assisted weight machines. For more see: 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 12
- **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:** full: contact Mal McKeon: 0771 345 9337 to express interest
- **Knitting Group: SM&SN: all levels: other crafts welcome:** Tues 11am-1pm. Contact: Eve McWilliam admin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Lacrosse: TOA:** Mondays 7-9pm: all ages & abilities welcome - no experience needed. Message Annabel Campbell: OxfordCityLacrosse@hotmail.com for details. Follow us on Instagram [#OxfordCityLacrosse](https://www.instagram.com/OxfordCityLacrosse) or FB [OXLAX](https://www.facebook.com/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 discuss what they've read over tea and biscuits
 - **Rhymetime and Storytime:** for Under 5s & their carers: Tues 2.15-2.45pm
 - **Stay & Play** for Under 5s & their carers: 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
 - **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, or see littlemorelocalhistorysociety.wordpress.com

- **Maths & English Tuition for children:**

- **Explore Learning Oxford:** Maths & English tuition for 4-16 year olds: now includes GCSE classes: upstairs at Sainsbury's. Contact: Paul Drake & Kate George, 01865 595 509. See: explorellearning.co.uk/oxford
- **Inspires Tuition Club: VHL:** Weds 4pm: Maths & English Tuition for 7-11s run by DBS-checked qualified teachers, who are safeguarding trained. Contact & booking: Rose Carter 07908 537 862, or roseinspirestuition.co.uk. See: inspirestuition.tutorbird.com

- **Meditation day retreats: LVH:** start again on 12 April 2025
- **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

- **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: 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:

LITTLEMORE ANGLING SOCIETY FIXTURES			
Fixture	Venue	Competition	Draw : Fish
November			
24	M.Whipp Cup	Ivy House (Old Match Lake)	Prior Cup 2 D 8 : F 10-4*
December			
8	Chandlers Cup	Milton Pools (Lens)**	Prior Cup 3 D 8 : F 10-4*
15	Christmas Shield	Tunnel Barn Farm	Points 8/Winter League D 7.30 : F 9-2
29	Sumner Cup	Milton Pools/Campbell's**	Prior Cup 4 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 5 D 8 : F 10-4*
* Depending on Fishery Rules, match could be Draw 9 : Fish 11-4			
** This match is pole only			
<i>Alan Campbell</i>			

LITTLEMORE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB
Dec 2024 - Jan 25

Sun 24 Aug 2025 LITTLEMORE RUGBY CLUB FUN DAY

FIXTURES COUNTIES 4 TRIBUTE BERKS BUCKS & OXON N

7 Dec	v Reading Abbey III	KO Home: 2.30
11 Jan	v Aylesbury III	KO Away 2pm
1 Feb	v Reading III	KO Home: 2pm

FRIENDLIES

14 Dec	v Abingdon II	KO Home: 2pm
21 Dec	v Gosford All Blacks II	KO Home: 2pm

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

January

15 AGM followed by a talk: *A House through time* presented by the history archive team

Wednesday: 7 for 7.30pm at the Community Centre: £12 yearly membership, visitors £3 a meeting: contact *Bryan & Buffy McClelland*, history.littlemore@gmail.com

Sandford-On-Thames Women's Institute
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!

12 Dec	Members only: Christmas celebrations & wreath-making: details tbc nearer the date
9 Jan	Members only: Burns Night celebration with Piper Major Steven Duffy
14 Jan	Members & Friends: Group visit to Oxford Operatic Society's <i>Cinderella</i>

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.

- **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
 - **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: 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, and other entertainments:** 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: VHL:** Physiotherapist-led classes Weds at *5.30pm & at *6.30pm, with additional new classes planned for Thursday evenings. 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 7pm. Mama Flow Yoga: Sara Barker, Senior Yoga Teacher. For more info & to book see: <https://mamaflow.co.uk> . Concessions available.
- **Reading Group for adults: see Library**
- **Restore Shop & Café at Littlemore Hospital:** Shop open 10am-2.30pm, Café open 10am-1.30pm, Monday to Friday, for coffee, snacks & lunches. We are currently recruiting volunteers for our Littlemore shop and café, which has recently reopened after 4 years. Shifts available throughout the week, 9am-2pm. Contact Christie Roberts for more information or to get involved: call 08165 455 822 or email volunteer@restore.org.uk
- **Rhythmic Gymnastics Club:** for girls from the age of 4 years: **TOA:** Tues 5-6pm & 6-7pm | Thurs 5:30-6:30pm & 6:30-7:30pm | Sat 9-9:45am & 10-11am: contact: Zuzana Gergelova info@oxfordgymnastics.co.uk , see: 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 (Oct-March: Thurs only, 7-9pm). Info updated daily @ fb: [RFC-Littlemore Rugby Club](https://www.facebook.com/RFC-Littlemore-Rugby-Club), contact info@littlemorerfc.org Find fixtures p 10 + flier p 14
- **Rugby Training Littlemore Rugby Club Mini & Junior: 5-14 yrs,** all abilities welcome: **TOA: Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH:** training Sundays 9.45-11am: with hot snacks & drinks. Please contact John Perry 07766 954 922 or minis@littlemorerfc.org for more information. Flyer p 14
- **School Uniform Swap Shop: TOA: Term time:** Tuesdays 3-3.45pm. To donate a preloved uniform please bring it to Reception in a labelled bag. To sponsor a new one, contact Susy Brouard susanna.brouard@theoxfordacademy.org
- **Scriptural Reasoning Group: SM&SN:** monthly, Mondays 7-8pm: see SM&SN Faith Group listing
- **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. For programme see p 10
- **Woodturners Club: at VHL: 7pm start:** Club nights are currently 2nd Thurs each month except December (club AGM): *from 7 Jan we move to 1st Tuesdays*. Newcomers are very welcome, no matter what level of experience: entry is free for your first 2 sessions. Contact owc_secretary@yahoo.com for up to date information or see www.oxonwoodturners.com
- **Yoga:** see Pregnancy Yoga above.
- **Young People:** Education, Employment and Training support plus Activities & Information, visit Oxfordshire County Council's dedicated webpage: www.oxme.info
- **Youth Ambition and other Youth Clubs**
 - **Youth Ambition: 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
 - Over all Manager: Leonard Sackley. Contact 01865 335 884 YouthAmbition@oxford.gov.uk .

Youth Clubs continue below

- **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 hot meal at every session. **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 . Follow: www.facebook.com/RoseHillJYC
- **Youth Groups:**
 - **Air Cadets, and Army Cadets:** see under 'A' above
 - **Beavers (age 6-8):** see website
 - **Cubs (age 8-10½)** see website
 - **Scouts (age 10½-14):** see website
 - **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
- **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. 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

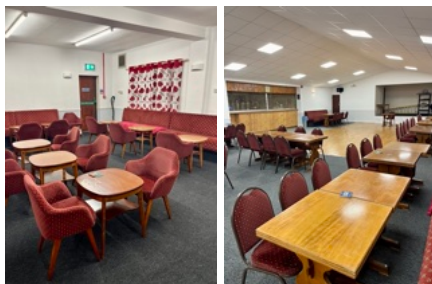
ABOUT THE LISTINGS

Listings are free:
all that is asked in return is that they are confirmed each issue so that they are as up to date as possible.

If you know anything else that should be listed, please contact the editor
editor@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

REFURBISHMENT OF ROYAL BRITISH LEGION HALL

Littlemore has a surprising number of halls.... you can find those which are bookable for private use listed right. Hidden away in Lakefield Road is the Royal British Legion which has recently had some refurbishment. Here are some pictures of how it looks now.



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. Now also available for hire on Sunday evenings. Contact Katie Tutty 01865 778 869 or littlemorerbl@gmail.com
- **The Village Hall, Littlemore:** Hall with wifi, kitchen, stage & garden: at Railway Lane, Littlemore, OX4 4PY.
Available to hire for occasional or regular organised classes, meetings, training sessions, worship, & family gatherings. See: www.littlemorevillagehall.org.
Preferred route of contact: littlemorevillagehall@gmail.com
Mobile: 07894 268 490
- **Littlemore Community Centre:** a small conference venue with wifi; also suitable for parties & other celebrations: Giles Road, Littlemore, OX4 4NL. Contact Solange Dale, Administrator 01865 771 764 or littlemorecc@gmail.com

COMMUNITY GROUPS open to residents to join

- **Littlemore Community Association:** runs the Community Centre. Membership of the Association is open to Littlemore residents. Do come along to our next meeting on Dec 11 at 12:30pm.
- **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. To find out 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:** meets at **RBL:** 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

LITTLEMORE FAITH GROUPS

- **Blessed Dominic Barberi Roman Catholic Church**, Cowley Road, OX4 4JX. See: www.bldominicbarberioxford.org.uk
 - ❖ **SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES**
 - Sat 7 Dec: 12noon till 3pm: Christmas Bazaar with lots of different stalls and hot food on sale. All are welcome!
 - Tues 24 Dec, 4pm: Christmas Eve Mass
 - Tues 24 Dec, 9pm: Christmas Night Mass
 - Weds 25 Dec, 11am: Christmas Day Mass
- **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 is at 10.30am at Edith Kempson House, Chapel Lane, Littlemore, OX4 4QB: www.littlemorebaptist.org.uk
- **Maranatha Christian Church**: meets at the Community Centre, Giles Road, OX4 4PL.
- **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 2-4pm (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 CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES**
 - Sun 1 Dec, 6-8pm: *Still No Room at the Inn*. An evening carols and of stories of displaced people, evoking the compassion that is central to our Christmas celebration.
 - Thurs 5 Dec, 4.30-5.45pm: St Nicholas Festival. We will celebrate St Nicholas, the original Santa Claus, with crafts, food and a lantern procession through Littlemore. We finish in the church where we sing carols and wait for St Nicholas to arrive with treats for the children!
 - Sun 8 Dec, 5pm: Christingle Service - a joyful celebration that brings families and communities together to share the light of Jesus and spread a message of hope.
 - Weds 11 Dec, 7.30-9pm: The West Littlemore String Quartet Open Rehearsal: come & listen to a local string quartet who play together for fun. *continued...*

- Mon 16 Dec, 7-8pm: Community Carol Service: bringing together contributions from local groups, churches and schools to showcase the variety amongst us. With mince pies and mulled wine afterwards.
- Tues 24 Dec, 4-5pm: Crib Service: a service based on the Christmas story, for children & families.
- Tues 24 Dec, 11.30pm: Midnight Mass.
- Weds 25 Dec, 10-11am: Christmas Mass: a family friendly service.

❖ 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
- Scriptural Reasoning Group: 7-8pm monthly: meet people of other faiths & explore scriptures together. If you'd like 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. 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 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 please contact churchwarden@littlemorechurch.org
- **Annual Harvest of Talents**: next event: autumn 2025
- **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

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 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

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
www.theleyshealthcentre.nhs.uk

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

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.

OUR LOCAL MP: Anneliese Dodds

- Address: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA
- Oxford address: 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

For County Council issues: eg Education, Social Care, Transport, Highways: contact:

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

For City Issues: eg Housing, Antisocial behaviour, Flytipping contact:

- Cllr Tiago Corais cllrtcorais@oxford.gov.uk
- Cllr Anne Stares cllrastares@oxford.gov.uk



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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

Contact us:

online at rhdadvice.org

email: admin@rhdadvice.org

freephone 0800 170 0156 or 01865 438 634

Mon-Thurs: 9am to 4.30pm.

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](#)

To report crime anonymously go to Crimestoppers

- Online: crimestoppers-uk.org
- Phone: 0800 555 111

COMMUNITY WATCH

- **to report environmental problems** like Dog Fouling, Noise, Fly Tipping, and / or ...
- **to report lost, or stray dogs,** and / or ...
- **to report things that need clearing** like fly-tipping, fly-posting, needles, sharps, offensive graffiti, or graffiti on public buildings, council properties and in parks, cemeteries and bus shelters, and / or ...
- **to report concerns about houses & property,** like cuckooing, illegal subletting, unlicensed HMOs, breaches of Planning control, empty or dangerous structures

GO TO www.oxford.gov.uk/report or fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk

- **to report Anti-Social Behaviour,** including drug dealing, and criminal damage, say by dogs biting park play equipment

GO TO The Police on 101 (999 if it's an emergency)

- **to report Illegal parking**

GO TO <https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/reportparkedvehicle>

If a road or pavement is obstructed, call the police on 101.

- **to join your local Neighbourhood Watch Group or form a new one**

GO TO www.ourwatch.org.uk .

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web:inspirestuition.tutorbird.com

Let's Improve Our Parks

The Parish Council is considering new investments to upgrade play equipment and recreational facilities for children and young adults in Littlemore parks – and we want your feedback.

Scan the QR Code below to take a quick survey to share with us your thoughts and ideas.



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YOUTH AMBITION IN LITTLEMORE

EVERY THURSDAY
4:00PM - 6:00PM (TERM TIME ONLY)

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Littlemore Youth Club
Littlemore Community Centre
46 Giles Road, OX4 4NN
For further details, please contact 07368638252



Saturday 4th January 2025

2.30-4.30pm

AFTERNOON TEA

AT THE VILLAGE HALL RAILWAY LANE

all are welcome to **tea, cake, conversation**

organised by Littlemore Village Hall Committee

to join the Committee, or to help, please contact c.drinkwater760@btinternet.com.

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 Erdem Pulcu: erdem.pulcu@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

Cllr Lynne Davies: lynne.davies@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Cllr Michael Evans: michael.evans@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Cllr Peter George: peter.george@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Cllr Dorian Hancock: dorian.hancock@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

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Cllr Sadiea Mustafa-Awan: smawan@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 & Standards
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)

Littlemore Play Day 2025

David Henwood
Sadiea Mustafa-Awan
Maggie Willis

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.



LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL (LPC) NEWS

LPC AWARDED £5000 COMMUNITY SAFETY GRANT

LPC has been awarded £5,000 from the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner's Community Fund to enhance community safety in Littlemore. This funding aligns with our

Neighbourhood Plan's commitment to safeguarding both residents & businesses through partnerships with Oxford City Council and Thames Valley Police. The grant will fund a new permanent CCTV unit near community shops on Cowley Road, Littlemore. Images from this CCTV will feed directly to the Police control room, supporting crime-prevention efforts, deterring anti-social behaviour, & assisting in the detection of incidents like shoplifting and street drinking. This initiative is part of our ongoing mission to make Littlemore a safe, welcoming community for all. *Cllr Peter George, Chair*



Pictured L to R: Jason Hogg, Chief Constable for Thames Valley Police; Peter George, LCP Chair; Matthew Barber, Police & Crime Commissioner for Thames Valley

REINFORCED HEDGING IN LITTLE PARK

In early November our Maintenance team and two parish councillors reinforced the hedging in Little Park to improve security for residents of Elm Tree Close.



Cllr Jan Pullen

Pictured at work: Brian, and Cllr Chris Smowton

Chris is responsible for the LITTLEMORE LOCAL delivery team: if you'd like to join, contact him at

chris.smowton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

LITTLEMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We are pleased to say that the City Council have agreed that our revised (draft) Neighbourhood Plan & its necessary supporting documents comply with regulations, so we have now moved on to the next (& final) stage of consultation, which closes on Mon 9 Dec 2024. You can find the draft plan at <https://littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan> and on the City Consultation Portal. Offer comments via the portal, by email to planningpolicy@oxford.gov.uk or write to Planning & Regulatory Services, Ox City Council. After this round of consultation the Plan will need to pass independent examination. If all goes well the agreed Plan will be put to residents in a referendum in May 2025. If you have questions about the Neighbourhood Plan, please contact me as below, or Jan Pullen at jan.pullen@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Tony Eade nplan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk

LITTLEMORE PARKS IMPROVEMENTS: Have Your Say

The Parish Council is considering new investments to upgrade play equipment and recreational facilities for children & young adults. Help shape the future of our community spaces by taking a quick survey to share your thoughts and ideas. Your input is essential to creating parks that meet the needs of all residents. Find the survey on the Parish Council website, or scan the QR code. The survey will close just before Christmas.

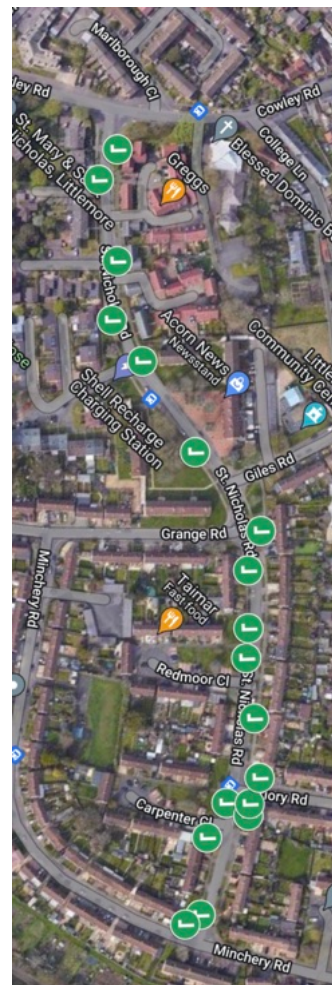


Cllr Peter George, LPC Chair

THE ROADSIDE CANOPY

The Parish Council has been working with the County Council for some time to replace lost roadside trees and provide extra: the new avenue in St Nicholas' Road is thriving. Each new tree is marked by a tick on the map. More trees are to come for other parts of Littlemore.

Cllr Anna Railton



Littlemore Community CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH

1-4PM, DECEMBER 25

FOOD BINGO RAFFLE CRAFT TABLE

AT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ACADEMY
GRANGE ROAD, LITTLEMORE

Transport and vegetarian option available

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TO BOOK OR TO HELP CONTACT:
admin@littlemorechurch.org
or phone 07398 599430

ST MARY & ST NICHOLAS
LITTLEMORE

REPORT UNTAXED OR ABANDONED VEHICLES

Untaxed & abandoned vehicles may be a danger to public health. For the last year the Driver & Vehicle Licensing Agency's (DVLA) powers to remove them have been devolved to ODS through a partnership between ODS, City & County Councils, & DVLA. ODS can remove such vehicles from land in the open air (including private land) and roads (including private roads). You can contact them online via Fix My Street.

A vehicle should be reported if:

- it has expired road tax (check this on DVLA website)
- it's been stationary for a significant amount of time
- it's significantly damaged, run down or unroadworthy
- it's missing a number plate
- it's burnt out

For more information:

- visit the [Report an Abandoned Vehicle](#) webpage
- or contact ODS Streetscene on 01865 249 811.

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