

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP THE COMMUNITY

✔ **Have Your Say on Littlemore's Future – Apply to join the Parish Council.**

Do you want to make a real difference in Littlemore? Two vacancies on the Parish Council are your chance to shape the future of our community! As a councillor, you'll help decide on local improvements, work on projects that matter (from green spaces to community events), and represent residents' views. If you care about Littlemore and want to contribute your ideas, this is your opportunity.

You must meet eligibility criteria, including living or working locally. Basic computer skills are needed, but passion for our parish is most important. Apply by 5pm, 22 August 2025. Contact the Clerk at clerk@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk or call 07377 682 216.

Tim Cann, Acting Clerk/RFO, Littlemore Parish Council

✔ **Littlemore Local:** if you can offer a couple of hours six times a year to deliver the print issue please contact Chris Smowton at chris.smowton@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk. You'll join a team which includes Ahmad, Alfie & Devan (above) Ed

✔ **Do the occasional Litter Pick:** if you'd like help getting started, contact the editor (see footer, back page). If you're happy to go it alone, you can get bags & a grab from Callum Dickerson at ODS: 07561 601 896. Ed

✔ **Contribute to our local Charity's Summer Appeal:** For some local families, summer brings added financial pressures - increased food bills, rising childcare costs & the challenge of keeping children entertained. You can help by making a donation to our local charity, Littlemore Action Partnership. You donated £835 at Christmas - £335 was shared between 6 families in Littlemore via Rose Hill & Donnington Advice Centre, £250 was donated to John Henry Newman Academy, and £250 to the Oxford Academy to help families in need. You can make a donation using these bank details: Littlemore Action Partnership. Sort code: 30-99-50 Account number: 37349463 Ref: Summer Appeal. To find out more please email: Littlemoreactionpartnership@hotmail.com. *Laura Davis*

✔ **Assisted Reading for Children (ARCh)** is seeking volunteers to give a time each week to transform a child's life by boosting their reading confidence. You'll work 1:1 with local children in St John Fisher primary school or other local schools. Visit www.archoxfordshire.org.uk or email me info@archoxfordshire.org.uk to find out more. *Emma Orton*

✔ **Support the activity of The Littlemore Hub** (see p 2)

✔ **Help at the Parish Council Play Day on 27 Sept** (see right)

CATS MUST BE MICROCHIPPED

A rather handsome male, grey-brown tabby cat was killed on Sandford Road at the junction with Armstrong Road in the very early hours of Tuesday 20 May. Since summer 2024, the law requires that all cats over 20 weeks old are micro-chipped, (including those who live indoors) so his body was taken to a local vet for identification. Sadly the cat wasn't microchipped, so the owner couldn't be traced and notified. Ed



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

*28 July-20 Aug: **Youth Ambition Summer programme:** see p3

*Aug 2: **Local History Society Walk:** free for members & visitors. Start at 1.30pm the church gate, & end at the Village Hall for optional tea. Aug 2: to Littlemore Priory with Katie Hambrook

*Sunday Aug 24: 12noon-5pm : **Rugby Club Fun Day** at the club (near Northfield Road entrance to TOA) see flier p 12

*30 Aug: **Aerial Arts Academy Showcase** of students' skills in pole dance, aerial hoop & silks: at The Oxford Academy: 6.30-8.30pm: tickets at www.tickettailor.com/events/aerialartsacademy/1777977

*31 Aug: closing date for **Sandford on Thames Photographic competition:** theme: *Green Sandford*. There are 4 age categories: 5-9; 10-14; 15-18; 18-100+! See p 4 of the e-version of LITTLEMORE LOCAL or go to sandfordchurch.org.uk, and find p 5 of The Link Magazine.

*13 & 14 Sept: **Oxford Open Doors.** A weekend dedicated to opening Oxford's Historic buildings. In Littlemore, Newman's College will be open 2-5pm on Sat 13, with an exhibition of Newman memorabilia, and original letters rarely seen. Drop in: first come, first served. At Oxford Town Hall there'll be a Pop-Up Craft Shop, open 10am-5pm on 8-13 Sept. Littlemore resident Judith Godslan is one of a group of Oxfordshire Craft Guild Members selling high quality work there. See [Oxford Open Doors | Oxford Preservation Trust](http://OxfordOpenDoors.org.uk) for more. Most events this year are drop-in rather than pre-booked. *Hannah Brockwell*

***Arts Hub workshops at SM&SN Church:** 2-3.30pm: Saturday 13 Sept: Visual Arts, & 18 Oct: Window Walkabout Workshop: how to make a display for the Window Walkabout - a weekend for residents to illuminate their windows for the community to view, bringing a bit of joy to the cold dark evenings! For more info contact Eve McWilliam @ ArtsHubLittlemore@gmail.com.

*20 Sept - 25 Oct: **Harvest of Talents** exhibition at St Mary & St Nicholas Church. If you'd like to contribute to the exhibition please contact Eve McWilliam: admin@littlemorechurch.org

*Mon 22 Sept: **free Electric Blanket Testing** at Rose Hill Community Centre. There is limited collection from home for those unable to travel. To book your appointment call 01865 519 800 (option 4), or email duty.officer@oxfordshire.gov.uk or book online <https://service/oxfordshire.gov.uk/blanket-testing>.

*Sat 27 Sept: **Play Day, Oxford Road Rec,** 12- 4pm. Organised by the Parish Council. A climbing wall, go carts, a tricky bike trail, bouncy castle, & early years activities are planned.

Purchase of a wristband will allow children access to unlimited age-appropriate activities. Littlemore organisations are invited to book a free space to showcase their activities or provide a demonstration. Volunteers are needed to ensure that all visitors can enjoy the event safely: could you help *to set up between 10 and 11.30am, or *to steward during the event (shifts start at 11.45am, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm), or *by joining a litter pick team at 1.30, 2.45 or 4.00pm? To help & for more info contact: maggie.willis@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk.

THE LITTLEMORE HUB AT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN

A Year of Impact and a Call for Support

It's only a little over 2 years since Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust applied for planning permission to build a Community Hub in the grounds of John Henry Newman Academy, but it's already had a year of fulfilling its purpose as a community space, in which local people can benefit from activities and programmes organised by the academy. We remain closely linked to Growing Minds, and we continue to work in strong partnership with Home-Start, Oxford City Council, The Well Together Charity, and The Littlemore Partnership to co-create a timetable that truly reflects the needs and voices of our community.

At JHNA, staff and volunteers are incredibly proud of everything The Littlemore Hub has achieved over the year. Over 4,000 community members have walked through our doors. Our Community Cooking Group has supported 98 families with shared meals and learning. Baby Massage has been fully booked every week, and our Stay & Play sessions have welcomed up to 20 families at a time. Our newly launched Messy Play has become a hit. Our Intergenerational Lunches have also been a huge success - bringing people of all ages together in warmth, conversation, and community. Residents have made new friends, connected, and shared life together. The SOFEA Food Larder has helped families & individuals access affordable food and essentials - and we are excited to grow our membership month by month.

All of this has only been possible thanks to the dedicated staff and fantastic volunteers who give their time and energy week after week. Their compassion and consistency have let their light shine, and without them, half of this simply wouldn't have been possible. We're proud to share that our efforts have been recognised with a nomination for the Times Educational Supplement's Schools' Award 2025 in the category Community Initiative of the Year. This honour is a testament to the passion, commitment, and unity at the heart of our work. Pictured is the Hub team at the award ceremony



All of the funding we've secured through Well Together, Oxford City Council, and generous private donations has been used effectively, making a huge impact across the community. **We believe that Littlemore can continue to flourish, and to make it a reality, we need your support.**

We are actively seeking individuals, businesses, or organisations who might sponsor or adopt a group for a year, or make a donation to help us continue our work from Sept '25 - July '26. Your generosity will enable us to expand our timetable in response to the everyday need we witness.

Our new timetable launches this summer, with exciting new opportunities on the horizon. Please check our social media for updates and news about what's on. All group information is on our facebook page. From next academic year, we'll also be posting regularly in LITTLEMORE LOCAL.

Kate Rudman, Assistant Head, JHNA

DID YOU KNOW?

A social housing estate is being built at the bottom of Railway Lane where the oil depot was. The ground is sand of very fine quality, and before the oil depot was there, some was shipped to Swindon by Great Western Railway for casting rail tracks.



THE EARLY HISTORY OF LITTLEMORE

The recent welcome news that developments at the Ozone Leisure Centre may include restoring the currently empty Littlemore Priory has increased interest in early Littlemore.

The Priory was a monastic community for women founded by Robert de Sandford in the early 12 C and dissolved by Cardinal Wolsey in 1525. It was a Benedictine monastery, dedicated to SS Mary, Edmund and Nicholas. In summer 2015 the land around the Priory was evaluated by a team of archaeologists from John Moore Heritage Services as part of the planning application for the new hotel. They revealed the possible site of both a chapter-house and a cell for an anchoress adjacent to the north side of the nave, and they discovered remains from 92 human burials: many are presumed to be nuns. One woman, likely to be a prioress, was discovered in a limestone coffin. Some burials recovered from the site, which have been kept in the care of Oxfordshire Museum Services, are currently undergoing further study.

Littlemore Priory was initially wealthy and well-endowed, and the story is of a long decline in its holdings. Possible causes of the decline in fortune include the civil war between Stephen and Matilda, the Black Death, the destructive role of the Despenser family in amassing vast fortunes from appropriated church property, the Wars of the Roses and more. Its history can be partly traced through historical sources, and through the Oxford College landowners' records.

In 2020 the East Oxford Archaeology Project (EOX) drew together reports which suggest that our area has a history dating from before the Priory, and before the Norman Conquest: archaeological investigations over many years have revealed evidence of the Oxford Roman pottery industry; there is historical record of 22 Roman skeletons buried and aligned east-west on the site of the present Littlemore church; archaeological data from recent developments at several local sites has produced evidence of Anglo Saxon occupation.

I am currently investigating several historical references which indicate the possible existence of an earlier ecclesiastical site in the area, following up the Victoria County History reference to a pre conquest association of Littlemore with Oxford city. Key to this enquiry is the question: *who is St Edmund, named in the dedication of the Priory?* Is it the local saint Edmund of Abingdon, born there circa 1175, appointed Archbishop of Canterbury in 1233, and canonised in 1246 shortly after his death? Or might it be the martyred ninth-century king of East Anglia? If the latter, what connection does he have with Littlemore? It is turning out to be a fascinating project, ongoing with much help & constructive critical input from other members of Littlemore Local History Society! *Julia Brocklesby*

NEW TO THE LISTINGS PAGES

***Martial Arts:** monthly mixed class in the Village Hall, from September, for age 11 upwards. To register your interest, please contact christopher.hughes@littlemorebaptist.org.uk

***Yoga with Jo** Classes: 6.30-7.30pm on 11 & 18 August on Sandford Village green: £ 8 per person. Friendly, all-level flowing class. Bring your own mat and pay on the day. Sessions may continue indoors in the autumn. Contact jozaremba99@gmail.com for more information.

*Inspires Tuition have **English & Maths (SEMH) activity packs** for the Summer for KS1 / KS2 / KS3 & GCSE- £5 each. Please contact Rose Carter 07908 537 862, or roseinspiretuition.co.uk

***Multi-language Peep Group for 0-4s:** at Rosehill Family Solutions Service, OX4 4UY: 9.30-10.30am Tuesdays: for Littlemore Families for whom English is a developing language: contact Camille.kalaja@people.org.uk to book a place.

EXPLORER SCOUT NEWS

This season is very enjoyable when you are an explorer scout - activities and learning skills are so much more fun outdoors.



Angelmead ESU visited the Leys Bowls Club, where we couldn't have received a warmer welcome from the members. They were very patient, & shared with us their love of the game: a big *thank you* to them. We also had a chef weekend with a *Ready, Stead, Cook* competition, a pasty demonstration, pizza on an open fire (the twist was that the explorers had to use cardboard to create the ovens) and a full 3-course meal from randomly selected countries. We had delicious meals from Greece, Malaysia, & Nigeria all cooked from scratch by the Angelmead members. To join us contact group leader Shane Clark shane@teemclark.org.uk . Camille Kalaja

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN ACADEMY: NEWS

Visit to South Oxford Bowls Club: A big *thank you* to South Oxford Bowls Club who allowed a select group of Year 5 children to play Bowls at their club. The members taught the children the rules of Bowls, how to play the game, and played games against them. *Thank you*, also to Mrs. Simpson, who organised the event.



Delivering Littlemore Local:

If you have seen new postmen delivering your Littlemore Local, that may have been Ahmad, Alfie and Devan who have taken on the role (see them on the front page). The boys are part of a Boys' Mental Health group, where they learn about how to maintain positive Mental Health. They believe that helping the local community is a way to stay positive.

Experiencing TriGolf: Another *thank you*, to Mr. Thomas and the students of The Oxford Academy who put on a superb TriGolf session for Reception, Year 2 and Year 5. The TOA students brought equipment to JHNA, taught the children some skills, and showed them how to play TriGolf games. They were great role models: *thank you*. Mr Surman

THE COWLEY ROAD BRIDGE : MURAL PROJECT

Illustrated in the last issue, the project, which involved two artists and a poet working with local schoolchildren, was a success. From the start we had support from both then County Councillor Trish Elphinstone (who got the permissions needed for the project to go ahead), and City Councillor Tiago Coralís.

Before we were ready to paint, local artists Mani Manson-Reeves & myself (Alex Singleton), and local poet Steve Larkin provided four classroom sessions at The Oxford Academy & at John Henry Newman School. These focussed on visual imagery, and on weaving the words the children had chosen to describe Littlemore together into a poem. Their ideas came from historical and visual references to Littlemore. There were also abstract ideas such as a vortex which draws a child into a screen, which referred to how screen time can steal childhood. The imagery TOA pupils created could be used as part of their AS Art portfolios. The kids really enjoyed working together on something that they wouldn't normally get to do. Perhaps this might open up new opportunities and ways of thinking for their future lives.

I am grateful to all who helped with this project including Oxford County Council, and Travis Perkins who provided the scaffold each day. We also had wonderful help from Chris Roland, Sara Noble and Mrs. Lamb. (For more detail see the short film *The Oxford Voice* made about our project <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1ED9G39exW/>) Alex Singleton

YOUTH AMBITION SUMMER PROGRAMME 28 July-20 Aug:

sports, arts, cooking, trips & more.

- Littlemore Community Centre: Monday-Wednesday 10am-4pm, for ages 11-16
- Blackbird Leys Leisure Centre: Multisports sessions: Fridays: Ages 11-14 2-3.30pm, Ages 15-19 3.30-5pm

Sign up via the QR code. If you have questions, please contact me on 01865 607 258 or 07483 010 021: tomar@oxford.gov.uk



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ST JOHN FISHER SCHOOL: NEWS

It has been a fantastic summer term at St John Fisher with our children flourishing in the sunshine. Our Y6 children produced another set of SATs results far above national averages and are preparing to leave for a wide range of secondary schools across the county. They've been a truly wonderful set of children.



Our allotment has been a phenomenal success this term with courgettes, lettuce, beetroot, chard, and onions growing at an unbelievable rate, providing educational opportunities for children, and food for families. It was built with the help of The Earth Trust and combined with our chickens it's helping grow our children's ecological knowledge and increase their well-being in nature



2025 is the Catholic Jubilee year of pilgrimage and all our children have become *Pilgrims of Hope* by walking to churches in Oxford. Each class has taken our mascot Luce to a church, starting with Blessed Dominic Barberi, and ending at The Oratory in Summertown, which was a long and prayer-filled walk. We thank all the priests for their time and guidance.

As a sign of our success, our Reception class for 2025/6 is over subscribed, one of only 4 in the whole city. We are extremely proud of how the school has grown to bring success to Littlemore. Mr Higgins

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITIONS PAGE

the closing date for each competition is 31 August

BBOWT PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

The Berkshire, Buckinghamshire & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT) has launched its annual nature Photography Competition. Entries will be accepted until Sunday 31 August 2025.

You can submit photographs in the following categories:

- **Photos by Children & Teens:** any image of nature
- **Nature on Your Doorstep:** garden/urban/local wildlife
- **BBOWT Reserves: landscapes & people:** views, visitors and volunteers
- **Mammals & Other Animals:** from hares and hedgehogs to lizards and frogs
- **Birds:** including portraits, action shots and birds in flight
- **Butterflies & Other Insects:** beautiful butterflies and insect life
- **Flowers & Fungi:** colourful blooms and fantastic fungi
- **Mobile Phone Photography:** landscape views and wildlife photos

Most entries should feature photographs taken at BBOWT nature reserves. However, entries in the *Children & Teens* and *Nature on Your Doorstep* categories may be taken anywhere within Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, or Oxfordshire.

This year's top prizes include

- bird-feeding goodies from Vine House Farm
- a smart bird feeder camera with AI bird species recognition
- a photography workshop with Steve Gozdz

All winners will also have the chance to see their photos featured in the Trust's 2026 wildlife calendar, and there are bundles of nature books for younger entrants to win for their schools.

To find out more, and to enter the competition, visit the BBOWT website at bbowt.org.uk/photography-competition-2025.

Justine Farrant, BBOWT, Armstrong Road, Littlemore

Photos © the maker: some of last year's successes

- *Urban Photography:* David Thirlwall: Kingfisher
- *Nature Reserves: runner up:* Peter Smith: Sundew
- *Butterflies & Insects: winner:* Luke Chambers: Armed Nomad Bee



SANDFORD ON THAMES PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Sandford Village Hall is hosting a second photographic competition for people living in and around Sandford.

There will be **four age categories:** 5-9 years; 10-14 years; 15-18 years; 18-100+!

The Deadline is Sunday 31 August 31.

Entries will be judged by a professional photographer whose decision will be final.

Entry requirements:

- **The theme** is *Green Sandford* and some aspect of Sandford-on-Thames must be clearly visible in the photograph. However entrants are encouraged to make the response to this a personal one.
- Photographs should be in standard landscape or portrait format.
- Photographs should be given a title and sent as jpeg attachments to sandfordhallevents@gmail.com by August 31 2025. Entries received after that date will not be included.
- 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;
 - details of when and where the photo was taken and what inspired it.
- As there are many widely used means of editing and enhancing digital photographs, this will be acceptable in acknowledgement that this is now part of a legitimate artistic process.



Photos © Judith Godsland: The Great Horse Chestnut at Sandford Lock: Winter, 2020 and 2021

LITTLEMORE DIRECTORY

It's not complete, and new listings are always welcome. There is no charge.

WHAT'S ON: GROUPS, CLASSES ETC

Regular Events: Aug / Sept 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
OSP	Oxford Science Park, OX4 4GA
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 camps offering Stunts, Acrobatics, Aerial, Trampoline & Parkour. Summer camp 18-21 August. 8 hours each day. See flier p 12
- **Advice Centre: RHCC:** See entry on p 11. We can also offer you time *by appointment only* on a Thursday morning, between 10 & 11:30am at **SM&SN** Church, Littlemore
- **Aerial Arts Academy: TOA:** Aerials & Pole Dance. 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-oxfor/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 including August. Contact Claire Drinkwater 01865 718 580
- **Art & Craft Courses:** Oxford Summer School @ **TOA:** yearly. www.oxfordshireartandcraft or insta [oxford_summer_school](https://www.instagram.com/oxford_summer_school)
- **Art Exhibitions: SM&SN:** Regular events showing work of local artists: see littlemorechurch.org/the_arts
- **This Year's Harvest of Talents** will run 20 Sept - 25 Oct. If you'd like to contribute a piece to the exhibition please contact Eve McWilliam: admin@littlemorechurch.org

- **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: 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)
- **Angling Society: Local still, & flowing waters:** Littlemore Angling Society run trophy matches throughout the season on our club waters, ODAA waters and some prolific away venues. We always welcome newcomers. Permits are available on our website: www.littlemoreanglingsociety.co.uk and from all Oxfordshire tackle shops. Contact Alan Campbell, 07789 334 710, alancampbell0811@gmail.com . Find fixtures on p 8
- **Army Cadets: ACF:** If you're over 12 and under 18, and are interested in learning news 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: 2Lt Kyle-Davidson, 8204kyleda@armymail.mod.uk
- **Arts Hub: SM&SN:** Saturdays, monthly, 2-3.30pm: a collective of local artists & writers offering free workshops:
*13 September: Visual Arts *18 October: Window Walkabout Workshop: how to make a window display ahead of the Autumn 'Window Walkabout'. All of our workshops welcome any form of creativity, despite there being a monthly theme, so feel free to come along! Contact Margreet Armitstead: 01865 748 003
- **Baby Massage: see Children's & Babies Events at JHN**
- **Weight loss with Beezee by Maximus: RHCC:** free 10 to 12-week programmes: Adults group: Weds 7.30-9.30pm. We also offer support for families, for men-only, for groups with specific needs including pregnant women, & those with mental health issues. Find out more at : <https://oxf.maximusuk.co.uk> . Service Manager: Emma McGill
- **Bowls (Indoor): IBC:** see www.oxbowls.co.uk
- **Childcare: Littlemore Preschool: LCC:** open M-F 8.45 till 3pm: term-times: for pre-school children from 2-4 yrs. Space available: mornings 8.45-11.45am, all day 8.45-2.45pm, & afternoons 12-3pm. We're also planning our Sept intake. 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, littlepeeplenursery@peeples.org.uk
- **Childcare: The Old Station Nursery:** Heatley Road, OX4 4GE: **Oxford Science Park:** open all year for children aged 3 months-5 years. Please contact Charlotte Dagg: 01865 777 167 or osp@tosn.co.uk

- **Children's & Babies' Events 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
 - **Baby Massage Course:** Thurs mornings: at least one, free, 5-week course is offered each term: please register with Hannah by email: h.jamieson@jhnacademy.co.uk
- **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@people.org.uk or call Camille Kalaja on 07515 410 278
 - **Growing Minds Stay & Play: VHL:** 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:** Tuesdays 9.30-10.30am: 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 Camille Kalaja on 07515 410 278: see www.people.org.uk/peep-groups-oxfordshire
 - **Singing, stories, & time to talk to practitioners: various locations:** for babies, 1- & 2-yr-olds
 - **Multi-language Peep Group for 0-4s: FSS:** (Rosehill Family Solutions Service, Ashhurst Way, OX4 4UY: 9.30-10.30am Tuesdays: for Littlemore families for whom English is a developing language: contact camille.kalaja@people.org.uk to book a place.
- **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:**
 - **Stay & Play at the Library** (see Library)
 - **Stay & Play at VHL** (see under Growing Minds)
 - **Stay & Play at JHN** (see under Children's Groups at JHN)
- **Choirs: see under Singing**
- **Churches:** see separate Faith Groups listing p 9
- **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
- **Conservation Work Parties:**
 - **Berks Bucks & Oxford Wildlife Trust. Based in Littlemore:** we have nature reserves for 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. Fun, casual drop-in Dance session for all abilities: provided free by Sport in Mind for everyone 17+ experiencing isolation, loneliness, low mood, or a mental health condition. With Nuria Franchy Afonso. See: www.sportinmind.org/oxfordshire
 - **Drop In at RHMC:** Monday 2-4.30pm. Chat, board games, puzzles, drinks: all welcome. Contact: Liz Spain Community Chaplain: rosehillcommunitychaplain@gmail.com
 - **Fitness: LivingFit for 55+: LVH:** Mondays 5.30-6.30pm: strength, balance, mobility: we provide weights, steps & more. Reduced cost per session for monthly package. Carl Davis: 01865 920 460, www.livinginfitness.co.uk
 - **Food banks, larders, free & low cost food etc:**
 - **Community Emergency Food Bank: EKH:** Thursday 10am to 11.30 am. Referral needed: see www.cefoxford.co.uk
 - **Community Cupboard Food Bank: RMHC:** Weds 1.15-3.30 (Referral needed for the food bank). All are welcome to a hot meal and drinks (no referral is needed)
 - **See also:** www.oxford.gov.uk/people-communities/free-low-cost-food-oxford
 - **Football Coaching: 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 yrs: the next starts July 28: week or day places available: contact Kerrie Bates community@oufc.co.uk
 - **Friendship Group: SM&SN:** 2nd Thurs each month at 10am in church. Contact Benjamin Johnson benjamin@littlemorechurch.org
 - **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 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:** full: text Mal McKeon: 0771 345 9337 to express interest

- **Knitting Group: SM&SN: all levels: other crafts welcome:** Tues 11am-1pm. Contact: admin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Lacrosse: TOA:** 7-9pm Monday evenings: starts 8 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](https://www.instagram.com/OxfordCityLacrosse) or [FB OXLAX](https://www.facebook.com/OXLAX)
- **Library: Home Library Service: Home Pick Up & Delivery.** Contact Kevin Salway, homelibraryservice@oxfordshire.gov.uk 01865 810 259
- **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:** Contact Buffy McClelland, history.littlemore@gmail.com, or see littlemorelocalhistorysociety.wordpress.com See table (p 8) for next meetings.
 - Talks: 3rd Wednesday 7 for 7.30pm, except summer months.
 - Walks: 1st Saturday: walks start at 1.30pm the church gate, and end at the Village Hall for optional tea. Free: for members and visitors.
- **Martial Arts: LVH:** mixed monthly class: starting September: age 11 upwards. To register your interest, please contact christopher.hughes@littlemorebaptist.org.uk
 - see also: Karate and Kickboxing
- **Maths & English Tuition for children:**
 - **Explore Learning Oxford: upstairs at Sainsbury's:** Maths & English tuition for 4-16 year olds: now includes GCSE classes. Contact: Paul Drake & Kate George, 01865 595 509. See: explorellearning.co.uk/oxford
 - **Inspires Tuition: VHL:** term times: run by DBS-checked, qualified teachers. Re starts Weds 10 Sept: 4-5pm: KS2 with Lily, & KS3 & GCSE with Rose. We are the only neuro-inclusive tuition providers in Oxfordshire: Children & young people with special educational needs are welcome! We have made English & Maths (SEMH) summer activity packs for KS1 / KS2 / KS3 & GCSE- £5 each. Contact: Rose Carter: office@inspirestuition.co.uk
- **Meditation day retreats: with Oxford Insight Meditation: LVH:** Beginners are welcome, as well as those with experience of meditation practice. Upcoming day retreat: *27 Sept with Mark Ovland. For more information & to book, see: www.oxfordinsightmeditation.org
- **Men's Breakfast:** A space for men to meet, chat and enjoy a full English. To express interest and find out more, please email Eve McWilliam, admin@littlemorechurch.org
- **Music: Cowley Orchestra: TOA:** Weds 7-9pm term times. New members are always welcome, aged 18-98+ : there are no auditions, we just play for fun! Please contact us via 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:** for budding or experienced musicians: the Band plays in the monthly Jubilate Church Service at SM&SN church: contact Malcolm Atkins malcolm.atkins1@ntlworld.com
- **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: dtmellstock@aol.com or 01865 714 778
- **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 and online:** Physiotherapist-led classes on Weds at 5.30pm & 6.30pm, & Thurs at 6.30pm & 7.30pm. Contact Lauren McLeod 07731 321 991, info@pop-up-pilates.com or see www.pop-up-pilates.com
- **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 3 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
- **Rugby Training (Littlemore Rugby Club Senior): TOA:** **Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH:** every Thursday 7:30pm -9pm: newcomers welcome. Info updated daily @ fb: [RFC-Littlemore Rugby Club](https://www.facebook.com/RFC-LittlemoreRugbyClub), contact info@littlemorerfc.org Find fixtures p 8 and fliers p 12
- **Rugby Training Littlemore Rugby Club Mini & Junior: 5-14 yrs,** all abilities welcome: **TOA: Northfield Close entrance: OX4 4NH:** Pre-season Training 9:45 -11:30am every other Sunday (6/20 July and 3/17 August). Weekly training from 31 August. See flier p 12. Please contact John Perry 07766 954 922 or minis@littlemorerfc.org for more information.

- **Scriptural Reasoning Group: SM&SN:** monthly, Mondays 7-8pm: see Faith Group listing: for more info visit [www.littlemorechurch.org/what's on/scriptural reasoning](http://www.littlemorechurch.org/what's%20on/scriptural%20reasoning)
- **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
- **Weight loss with Beezee by Maximus: RHCC:** Weds 7.30-9.30pm: Adults group. Create long-term change through free 10 to 12-week programmes. We also offer support for families, for men-only, and for groups with specific needs including pregnant women, & those with mental health issues. Find out more at : <https://oxf.maximusuk.co.uk> . Service Manager: Emma McGill
- **Wellbeing in Nature: Thomson Terrace Allotments: Kempson Crescent Gate:** Thursdays 10.30-12.30: free drop-in session for adults: meet new people, chat, enjoy some refreshments, and try a little gardening. Contact Megan Harcourt: Megan@rhjyc.org / 07525 055 267
- **Women's Institute: SVH:** meets at 7.30pm on 2nd Thursday in each month usually in Sandford Village Hall. Contact: Jill Love: jpappslove@hotmail.com (01865 716 557 / 07900 907 477) or Carole Tasker: caroletasker27@gmail.com (01865 748 300 / 07876 701 151), or message our Fb page [Sandford-on-Thames Women's Institute](#). For programme see right
- **Woodturners Club: at VHL:** 7pm start: Club nights are 1st Tues each month except Dec (club AGM). Newcomers are very welcome, no matter what level of experience. We offer 2 hands on evenings free to newcomers, and non-member car halos welcome to attend our Demonstration evenings for £8. See programme (right). Contact owc_secretary@yahoo.com . For more information see www.oxonwoodturners.com .
- **Yoga with Jo: Sandford Village Green:** 6.30-7.30pm Mondays 11 & 18 August (unless it's raining). Friendly, all-level flow class. Just drop along with your own mat: pay £8 on the day. I hope to offer indoor sessions in Sandford in the autumn. Contact Jo Zaremba: jozaremba99@gmail.com
- **Young People: Education, Employment & 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. Free: for young people aged 11-19. Free hot food & fun activities. Come along to find out more & get involved, or for more info call 07483 011 069
 - 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: Twalha Omar: tomar@oxford.gov.uk : phone 07483 010 021 .
 - *Youth groups listings continue on next page*

LITTLEMORE ANGLING SOCIETY FIXTURES			
	Fixture	Venue	Draw : Fish
AUGUST			
10	Secretary's Cup (Points/SL)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9 -14
24	Aggregate Cup 4	Ivy House (Old Match Lake)	D 8 : F 10 -15
30	Thames Shield	Northmoor	D 8 : F 10 -15
31	Thames Shield	Sandford	D 8 : F 10 -15
SEPTEMBER			
7	Aggregate Cup 5	Meadowlands (Warren)	D 8 : F 10 -15
21	Tony Perks Roach Cup (Prior Cup)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9 -14
28	W Henwood Cup (Points/SL)	Sandford	D 7.30 : F 9 -14
OCTOBER			
5	Thame Teams of 4	River Thame	D 8 : F 10 -15
Permits are available on our website. www.littlemoreanglingsociety.co.uk and from all Oxfordshire tackle shops Alan Campbell			

LITTLEMORE LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY			
Walks	1st Sat	Monthly Local History Walks: start 1.30pm at SM&SN Church gate	
Talks	Sept 17	Crime & punishment in Victorian Britain: talk by Simon Wenham.	
Indoor Meetings are Wednesday: 7 for 7.30pm at the Community Centre: £15 yearly membership: visitors £5 a meeting. Walks are free and open to all. more info / booking: Bryan & Buffy McClelland, history.littlemore@gmail.com			

		LITTLEMORE RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB	
Sun 24 Aug	CLUB FUN DAY 12noon-5pm		
Friendlies			
13 Sept	TBC		H
27 Sept	TBC		A
Counties 3 Tribute Berks Bucks & Oxon North			
4 Oct	Swindon College Old Boys		H
11 Oct	Aylesbury II		A
8 Nov	Abingdon II		H
22 Nov	Grove II		A
29 Nov	Didcot II		H
Keep up to date @ fb: Littlemore RFC-Littlemore Rugby Club			
Find us at The Oxford Academy: (Northfield Close Entrance). Our clubhouse has a fully licensed bar with live sports on a big screen. <i>John Perry</i>			

Sandford-On-Thames Women's Institute	
Meetings are held in Sandford Village Hall at 7:30pm on the second Thursday of the month.	
Aug	No meeting but a social event may be arranged
11 Sept	Talk by Liz Woodley: Beers, Marmalade, and Sausages!
9 Oct	Brush painting
13 Nov	Christmas Cake Decorating
11 Dec	Members' Christmas celebration
Contact: Jill Love or Carole Tasker (see our listing for detail), or message our Fb page: Sandford-on-Thames Women's Institute.	

OXON WOODTURNERS	
We meet in Littlemore Village Hall, 7pm, 1st Tuesday	
Aug 5	Hands On: an opportunity to use our lathe
Sept 2	Demonstration by Tony Halcrow
www.oxonwoodturners.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 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
- **Scouts** (age 10½-14): **SHQ:** see www.scouts.org.uk/groups
- **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

LITTLEMORE FAITH GROUPS

- **Blessed Dominic Barberi Roman Catholic Church,** Cowley Road, OX4 4JX. See: www.bldominicbarberioxford.org.uk
- **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
- **Rose Hill Methodist Church:** Rose Hill, OX4 4HS. All are welcome to Sunday Worship at 10.30am. Weds Food Bank, & Monday Drop-In are listed in the What's On section
- **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
- **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 & SERVICES

- 5 Oct, 10am: Harvest Festival Service at which we collect food that can be donated to the local food bank and distributed to those in our community who need it.
- 7 Oct, 4pm: Blessing of Animals Service: celebrated on the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, this is an opportunity for local people to bring their pets along to the church for a blessing of health and wellbeing.

❖ REGULAR EVENTS: THE WEEK at SM&SN 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:

- Silent Prayer: 8am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome
- 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 . For more info visit the website: <http://www.littlemorechurch.org/scriptural-reasoning.html>

Tuesdays

- Silent Prayer: 8am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome
- Knitting Group (other crafts welcome!) 11-1pm

Wednesdays

- Silent Prayer: 8am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome
- Church coffee morning for all, 10am-12noon

Thursdays

- Silent Prayer: 8am
- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome
- 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

Fridays

- Morning Prayer: 9am, & evening prayer: 5pm: all welcome

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

- **Arts Hub:** a collective of local artists and writers who offer monthly workshops at the Church: 2-3.30pm. All the workshops welcome any form of creativity, despite there being a monthly theme, so feel free to come along! Contact Margreet Armitstead: 01865 748 003
 - 13 September: Visual Arts
 - 18 October: Window Walkabout Workshop: how to make a window display ahead of the Autumn 'Window Walkabout'.

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- **Annual Harvest of Talents:** This Year's Harvest of Talents will run 20 Sept - 25 Oct. If you'd like to contribute a piece to the exhibition please contact Eve McWilliam: admin@littlemorechurch.org . Check our website for more information: www.littlemorechurch.org/the_arts/exhibitions
 - **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
 - **Jubilate Band:** budding or experienced musicians are welcome our informal group which plays in the monthly Jubilate Church Service: to join contact Malcolm Atkins malcolm.atkins1@ntlworld.com
- ❖ **BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS & FUNERALS:** Please contact Rev Margreet Armitstead vicar@littlemorechurch.org or phone 01865 748 003

LITTLEMORE HALLS FOR HIRE

- **Community Hub:** at John Henry Newman Academy, Lakefield Rd OX4 4LS. Modern kitchen, office space and large event space. Web: <https://jhnacademy.co.uk/jhn-community-hub> , contact community@jhnacademy.co.uk
- **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:** at TOA, Sandy Lane West, Littlemore, OX4 6JZ. 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. See: <https://toaleisure.schoolbookings.co.uk> Contact TOA Leisure: 01865 783 238 or toaleisure@theoxfordacademy.org
- **The Village Hall, Littlemore:** Hall and secluded rear garden each with wheelchair access: car park, wifi, kitchen, stage: 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

COMMUNITY GROUPS open to residents to join

- **Littlemore Parish Council:** responsible for making decisions on behalf of the people in the parish, addressing community concerns, and representing the community's interests. Parish Councils are apolitical, and should play a role in providing a democratic voice. See: littlemoreparishCouncil.gov.uk
- **Littlemore Partnership:** representatives from various local organisations, & interested members of the community whose aim is to improve communication between residents and service providers, and campaign for improved services Chair: Katie Scream, JHN Academy. To find out more, contact: finance@jhnacademy.co.uk
- **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

LOCAL SMALL BUSINESSES

Northwood Chiropractic: OSP: at John Eccles House. *Suffering from Pain? We Can Help!* Dr Steven Hulme: Specialising in the spine and nervous system, we offer: *detailed spinal analysis (including nerve scans) *in-depth movement and neurological assessments *photographic structural analysis, and, when needed *access to state-of-the-art digital X-rays. Book via WhatsApp at 01865 597785 or at www.northwoodchiropracticoxford.co.uk

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 neither GP nor Dental services in Littlemore.

The following GP surgeries cover Littlemore area:

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

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

Hollow Way Medical Centre: 8 Ivy Close, Cowley, OX4 2N: 01865 777 495

The Leys Health Centre: Dunnock Way, OX4 7EX: 01865 778 244 www.theleyshealthcentre.nhs.uk

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

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

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.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE

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](https://twitter.com/TVP_Oxford) or Facebook: [Thames Valley Police](https://www.facebook.com/ThamesValleyPolice)

To report crime anonymously go to Crimestoppers:

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

To find your local officers, get the latest crime statistics and advice, help us with appeals for information and see our current priorities go to: <https://orlo.uk/kic4o>

For the whole Thames Valley see: www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk



COMMUNITY WATCH

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

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

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

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

- to report illegal parking
- If a road or pavement is obstructed, call the police on 101

GO TO www.ourwatch.org.uk.

- to join or form a local Neighbourhood Watch Group

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.

Find us: in the Rose Hill Community Centre, Carole's Way, off Ashhurst Way, Rose Hill, OX4 4HF

- Mon: 9.30-12:30 (Drop in) 1.30-4pm (Appointments)
- Tues: 9.30-12.30 (Appointments) 1.30-4pm (Drop in)
- Weds: 9:30-12:30 (Drop in)
- Thurs: 9.30-12.30 (Appointments) 1.30-4pm (Drop in)

We can also offer you time *by appointment only* on a Thursday morning, between 10 & 11:30am at SM&SN Church, Littlemore

Contact us:

online at rhdadvice.org email: admin@rhdadvice.org
freephone 0800 170 0156 or 01865 438 634 . Phones are manned Mon/Tue/Thurs: 9am to 4.30pm & Wed 9-1.

Sarah Meziu, Manager

NEIGHBOURING NEWSLETTERS

- **Rose Hill:** find the latest Newsletter at: rosehillnews.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> local links / the-sandford-link/

POST SCRIPT

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
- **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
- **Strength & Balance Classes: LCC:** with Sarah Wheatley, Tuesdays 10.15-11.15am: to join please email active@Ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or call 01235 849 403

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).



CITY and COUNTY COUNCILLORS for Littlemore

For City Council issues: contact:

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

For County Council issues contact:

- Cllr David Henwood: david.henwood@oxfordshire.gov.uk

CURRENT AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY & LOCAL PERSON TO CONTACT

Oxford City Council	Oxfordshire County Council
Cllrs Anne Stares & Tiago Corais	Cllr David Henwood
Planning	Schools
Council housing	Social services
Homelessness	Concessionary bus passes
HMO licensing	Adult Learning
Housing options advice	Major road maintenance
Council Tax collection & reduction	Libraries
Housing Benefit	Children and young people
Business Rates collection	Fire and Rescue Service
Environmental health	Waste recycling centres
Licensing	Waste disposal
Recycling and waste collection	Trading standards
Leisure centres and facilities	Registration (births, marriages, deaths)
Building control	Street lighting
Minor road maintenance	Carers' support
Street cleaning	Transport planning
Parks	Residents' parking permits
Community grants	On-street parking
Community Response Team	Youth offending service
Park Rangers	Music service
Markets	
Community safety	
Electoral registration	
Cemeteries	
Car parks	
Community centres	
Public toilets	

LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

There are 16 seats on the Parish Council: 2 are currently vacant. See the front page for an ad, and page 14 for LPC details.

FUN FITNESS FRIENDSHIP

MINIS AND JUNIOR TRAINING
BOYS AND GIRLS 5-15YRS
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EVERY 2 WEEKS TILL SEASON
STARTS 31ST AUGUST

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Weekly youth program in Acrobatics, Trampoline, Parkour, Free-running and Aerial Dance

PLUS Holiday Camps: at Easter, Summer (18-21 Aug), and Christmas

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Director: Oliver Ward

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Family Fun Day

Littlemore Rugby Club
www.LittlemoreRFC.org/FunDay

24 AUG 12-5pm

Sponsors: PERRY, TULU, EXPERT SCAFFOLDING, HOWDENS, Andy Girds Windows, @TOA Leisure, HADLEY CONSTRUCTION, Hawtin Electrical

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Recruiting: Mens Team + Minis & Jrs (Boys and Girls 5-15)
TRAINING EVERY THURSDAY

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NEW POLICE PRIORITIES SURVEY

New Thames Valley Police survey to help you shape local policing and our priorities for the 3 months of August, September and October 2025. Please comment by end July. See: <https://forms.office.com/e/Tww4cwTj5Y>.

Please share the survey with friends, family and neighbours in your area to help us receive more responses. Check out our [website](#) to find your local officers, see our current priorities and how your local team are working towards them. You can also get the latest crime statistics, advice and help us with appeals for information.

Jonny Little C9645, Police

Oxford South East Neighbourhood Policing Priorities (Aug - Oct)

Community Support Officer

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SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

28th July to 20th August
SWIMMING - ICE SKATING - SPORTS - ARTS - COOKING - TRIPS & MORE

Littlemore
Monday- Wednesday at 10:00-4:00PM
Littlemore Community Centre
46 Giles Rd, OX4 4NL
Ages 11-16!

North Way
Monday- Wednesday at 10:00-4:00PM
Northway Community Centre, Dora Carr Close, OX3 9RU
Ages 11-16!

Multi Sports
Fridays
Ages 11-14 at 2:00pm-3:30pm
Ages 15-19 at 3:30pm-5:00pm
Football & Basketball
Blackbird Leys leisure centre OX4 6JL

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:
01865 607258 | 07483010021
tomarexford.gov.uk

OXFORD CITY COUNCIL

OXFORD UNITED IN THE COMMUNITY

Sign up here

ABOUT THE DIRECTORY:

The pages may look the same each issue, but most of the information is listed afresh every time, in the hope of keeping it as accurate and up-to-date as possible. It's quite a challenge, so, a big ...



to those who reply quickly to my reminders!

Ed



Stay safe in the heat this summer

We've got some top tips for you to plan ahead and beat the heat this summer...

Don't sweat it

Keep your eye on the news so you know when things will be heating up.



Stay hydrated – water and diluted squash or lower fat milks are good choices. High sugar drinks can dehydrate the body further.



Eat later in the evening when things have cooled off a bit. Consider eating cold food during the day like ice lollies which will keep your water levels topped up.



Keep your child drinking – little and often. Water and diluted squash or lower fat milks are good choices. High sugar drinks can dehydrate the body further. Ice lollies can be good to help keep water levels topped up.



If a child is very hot, sponge or spray them with cool water or use cold packs around the neck and armpits. Wrapping them in a cool, wet sheet with a fan on them can help cool them safely.



If you are on medication. Most medicines should be kept below 25°C, so they should be stored somewhere cool, dry, out of direct sunlight and away from windowsills. They should only be stored in the fridge if specified.

Keep it cool

By staying out of the sun between 11am and 3pm, you can reduce the risk of heating up. If your skin is hot, then your body will be too. But there are so many other things you can do to stay cool this summer.



Open doors and windows in the early mornings and overnight when it's cooler – then close any that get direct sunlight and shut the curtains or blinds as it heats up. This helps trap the cooler air in your home.



If you have windows on different sides of your home **open them on the coolest side.**



Reorganise so you can **spend your time in a cooler part of your home**, especially if you are not able to move around easily.



Turn your boiler down. It will mean cooler water for your shower, but it will cool you down and heat your room less.



Use air fans if the temperature is below 35 degrees. Higher than that you will just be moving hot air around. Don't aim it at your body to avoid dehydration.



Turn off lights and check electrical equipment – broken or old appliances all add to the heat levels.

For more information, visit our website oxfordshire.gov.uk/keepingcool



LITTLEMORE PARISH COUNCIL

2025-6: Council Chair: Cllr Peter George Vice Chair: Cllr Sadiea Mustafa-Awan

MEMBERS

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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

Acting Clerk: Tim Cann: clerk@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk Telephone: 07377 682 216.
Write to the whole Parish Council via the Acting Clerk: 8, Nicholas Avenue, Marston, Oxford, OX3 0RN

COMMITTEES

NB: At its first meeting, a committee may co-opt members of the public onto the committee if it believes it is appropriate.

Finance & General Purposes

Chair: Chris Smowton

Members

Susie Aldridge
Dorian Hancock
Sadiea Mustafa-Awan
Maggie Willis

Parks & Environment

Chair: Anna Railton

Members

Peter George
David Henwood
Chris Smowton
Maggie Willis

Transport

Chair: Sadiea Mustafa-Awan

Members

Lynne Davies
Michael Evans
David Henwood
Dorian Hancock
Adrian Kowalski
Anne Stares
Alex Singleton

Personnel

Chair: Susie Aldridge

Members

Lynne Davies
Peter George
Dorian Hancock
Sadiea Mustafa-Awan
Anne Stares
Maggie Willis

The **Planning Committee** has been absorbed into Full Council.

WORKING GROUPS

Littlemore Play Day 2025

Dorian Hancock
David Henwood
Sadiea Mustafa-Awan

Alex Singleton
Anne Stares
Maggie Willis (Lead)

Neighbourhood Plan

David Henwood (Cllr reporting to Full Council)
Chris Smowton
Maggie Willis

REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Iffley Charities Representatives: Susie Aldridge, Dorian Hancock

Littlemore Community Association Representatives: Lynne Davies, Sadiea Mustafa-Awan

Littlemore Partners & Communities Meeting Representatives: David Henwood, Anne Stares

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.

Finance & General-Purpose Committee meets monthly, Personnel, Parks and Transport Committees meet 3 times a year.

For news about the meetings, and for minutes of meetings, please check the Parish Council website:

www.littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk



PLANNING MATTERS

PROPOSED NEW LOCAL SPEED RESTRICTIONS

• **On the A4074** between Heyford Hill roundabout and Caversham, and on roads adjacent to, and along the A4074 corridor, including parts of the Eastern & Southern bypass: new 40mph & 50mph speed limits. To be decided later in the year. See: https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxfordcaversham_a4074_40mph50mph2025 . The proposals are being put forward as part of the Councils 'Vision Zero' strategy, which seeks to create safer roads for all road users.

• **In Railway Lane:** proposed 20mph speed limit in the new housing development & 2 speed cushions (approx. 2m long, 1.7m wide & 75mm high) in Railway Lane on either side of the junction with Chapel Lane. https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oxford_railwaylane_20mphcalming2025

TEMPORARY CONGESTION CHARGE

To reduce congestion in Oxford until the traffic filters trial is started, County Council cabinet is considering a temporary congestion charge at 6 locations. [Read more about the proposal](#) on their website. Share your views by 3 August.

CITY COUNCIL: DRAFT LOCAL PLAN 2042

Oxford City Council has published the first re-draft of its next Local Plan and embarked on the first of 2 statutory consultations. The document will underpin all planning decisions in Oxford until 2042, & will help to shape how the city tackles the housing crisis, supports our economy, reduces carbon emissions, and supports our diverse communities and neighbourhoods. . See <https://www.oxford.gov.uk/oxford-local-plan-2042> .

REDEVELOPMENT OF OZONE LEISURE CENTRE

In March, the Pioneer Group (which delivers life science campuses) and Firoka Group (a hospitality group that has diversified into property development and investment), introduced a redevelopment plan aimed at attracting new investment to Ozone Leisure Centre. In response to local feedback about the severe reduction in leisure facilities they have a new plan, which includes the provision of a 5- or 6-screen cinema, a new bowling alley, new restaurants and cafés, restoration of the Priory, (a listed building see p 2), as well as delivery of world-class facilities for the science sector, to add to those already being provided at the Science Park & elsewhere in the City. To find out more: visit www.ozonereimagined.com , email the team at consultation@ozonereimagined.com , or call 01865 959 571

NORTHFIELD HOSTEL UPDATE

A developer, Equans, has been appointed to provide 51 affordable homes on the site of Northfield Hostel in Sandy Lane West. This means that the development can now proceed. In addition to the 51 homes already agreed, the Council seeks planning permission for a further 10 homes (to be built once the flats are completed) on the hostel's adjacent sports field, which has been boarded up since the school closed.

LITTLEMORE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The draft Neighbourhood Plan is currently examined by an Independent Examiner and his report is expected very shortly. He may call for changes to ensure that it meets the regulations. Once the final version has been approved, the Parish Council will ask the City Council to arrange a referendum where the Plan will be put to residents for adoption as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact me at: nplan@littlemoreparishcouncil.gov.uk Tony Eade

USEFUL INFO

WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES : BOOKING SYSTEM

To be introduced at all waste recycling centres in Oxfordshire later this year. After that you will need to book online before you visit a waste recycling centre.

NEW, free TEXTILES RECYCLING SERVICE

offered by the City Council+Recycling Solutions. [Request a textiles collection](#) or phone 01865 249 811 between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, or go to the collection point at Rose Hill Community Centre.

3 NEW COUNTY COUNCIL WHATSAPP CHANNELS

[Follow us for the latest news](#)

[Follow us for the latest careers](#)

[Follow us for the latest travel updates](#)

MAPS OF ALL THE BUS ROUTES IN OXFORDSHIRE

Provided by the County Council and local bus operators, to help you navigate Oxfordshire and its towns with ease. [Find out more](#) at www.mybusoxfordshire.org.uk / bus maps.

NEW OXFORD TRAVEL OPTIONS WEBSITE

Oxford Travel Options aims to provide residents, commuters, visitors and businesses with information and advice on alternatives to travelling by car. The website is provided by Low Carbon Oxford North and the Zero Carbon Oxfordshire Partnership: www.oxfordtravelloptions.co.uk .

ACTIVITIES OXFORDSHIRE

Put the young people you know in touch with activities from arts & music to sports, and outdoor adventures. [Take a look](#) at <https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk/kb5/oxfordshire/directory/youth.page> . Other useful sites are Daily Information <https://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/> & the County Council's: <https://oxme> .

YOUTH AMBITION SUMMER PROGRAMME: 28 July-20 Aug

See page 3.

THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

It's an opportunity to get kids engaged with books and reading over the holidays, collecting rewards as they read. This year children will uncover stories that celebrate the great outdoors and the power of imagination. It's fun, it's free, it's local, and it runs until Sat 6 September. Head to the library to sign up. [Find out more](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/summer-reading-challenge) at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/summer-reading-challenge .

CARERS OXFORDSHIRE

...a free service that offers information, advice and support to unpaid adult carers (aged over 18) of someone living in Oxfordshire. See: <https://www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk> .

HELP FOR NEW DADS

DadPad provides practical parenting advice, essential insights into child development and other handy information. This app is available to all expectant and new fathers within the county. [Read more](http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/dadpad) at [https://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/dadpad](http://news.oxfordshire.gov.uk/dadpad) .

OXFORDSHIRE ADVICE WEBSITES

Find your way to local support from advice teams:

- about benefits, debt management, support services, and more on oxfordshireadvicenavigator.org.uk (01865 410 660)
- and about health, wellbeing, community support and social care at <https://livewell.oxfordshire.gov.uk> (01235 849 410)

FIND LOTS MORE USEFUL INFO in the **Littlemore Directory** on pages 5-14 of the electronic issue of LITTLEMORE LOCAL.

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