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### From the Editor

There's a good mix of information and stories this month. Find out the results of last month's consultation on the Playing Fields (p 3) – the response was mainly positive – where we've got to with Mace (p 19) and ABC (pp17 and 29), not to mention the Community Fridge (p 11). The Neighbourhood Plan is shaping up, and will be coming before the public in October. The leaflet inserted in the *Sprout* to draw this to your attention is a first for us. (And no, we didn't charge!) Did you take part in Botley Bridges' brilliant programme in the summer? – read about it on page 31. Were your kids entertained by the new youth initiative, Botley Branches? See page 39. For older readers there's a useful update from the Patients Group at the local medical centre (p 7). Were you at the Botley Food Fayre? So was our roving reporter (p18). How about Martin Harris's local history exhibition, Botley in WW2? There's an account on page 23, and it is followed by a hilarious tale from the same period of a celebration that went horribly wrong, taken from the *Sprout* archive (p 25). Looking backwards, you can find out about the Seacourt village, which once gave its name to Seacourt Stream and Hall (p13), and on page 35 you can read about a local couple who followed their dream and built and ran model steam trains! It's all happening, and it's all here in your favourite local mag. *Happy reading!*

Ag MacKeith

## Playing Fields: results of public consultation

Thank you to all who took part in the recent public consultation run by North Hinksey Parish Council. Parishioners were asked for their views on a proposal by Matthew Arnold School (MAS) to use the football pitch and hard-surface games area (MUGA) at the Louie Memorial upper field for PE lessons during designated school hours, and occasionally for after-school football fixtures between January and April. We also asked about usage patterns and feelings about the current facilities at Louie Memorial fields, which is valuable information for our ongoing work towards improving parish-owned facilities.

Information about the MAS proposal was provided through a newsletter delivered to all parish households, an article in the September *Sprout*, copies of the newsletter on parish noticeboards, announcement on the home page of the Council's website, and multiple posts on the Council's Facebook page. Parishioners could give their views either through an online survey link, or through comments sent directly to the Parish Clerk by email or by post.

### **Matthew Arnold Rocks!**



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100 people took part in the consultation: 88 through the online survey, and 12 through direct comments to the Clerk. Of the online survey respondents, 81 gave a postcode located within North Hinksey parish. The results from the 93 North Hinksey respondents were presented at the full Council meeting on 14th September and are available on the Council's website (<http://www.northhinksey-pc.gov.uk>).

Of North Hinksey respondents, 57 (61%) expressed support for the school's proposal to use the football pitch and MUGA, 25 (27%) were opposed to the proposal, and 11 (12%) were neutral or required more information. Concerns raised

included the need to preserve open green space for informal use, the impact of additional use on the quality of the football pitch, the need for


supervision of school children at all times, and the potential for increased litter. Potential benefits cited included increased use of the fields by a wider section of the community, supporting young people to take part in physical activity, supporting the local secondary school, and contributions from MAS being used to improve the quality of the football pitch.




The proposal was discussed again at full Council on 14th September, mainly focused on two unresolved issues (how much MAS would be charged for afterschool football pitch hire, and details of the football pitch maintenance schedule that MAS would undertake). Assuming that these issues have been addressed, the proposal will be voted on at the October full Council meeting: Thursday 19th October, 8pm at Seacourt Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

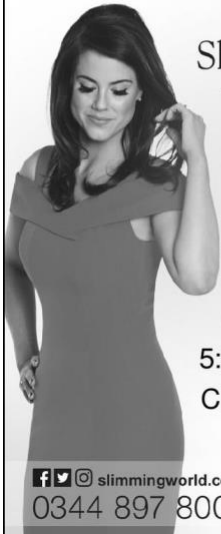
Thank you again to all who took part in the consultation. We encourage all parishioners to get involved in future consultation about improvements to the Louie Memorial fields, particularly work towards the provision of a new pavilion that will be undertaken across the next year.

**Caroline Potter**, Chair of NHPC Recreation & Amenities Committee

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## PPG Notes

Ways of delivering medical services, both in hospital medicine and in general practice, are continually evolving, and thus is the case with the Botley Medical Practice.

In the Summer 2017 edition of this parish magazine, Botley PPG reported on the work of Marie Lloyd, Advanced Nurse Prescriber, in the Botley Practice. We now report on the work of S. Khurram Zahid, appointed as a diagnostic physiotherapist though in reality his role is much wider than this. I interviewed him at the Kennington surgery in early September 2017 to find out more about his work in the practice.



**S. Khurram Zahid, Diagnostic Physiotherapist**

Having physiotherapists working in primary care is a recent development nationally, and a completely new development locally. Khurram was appointed in April 2017 and now works two days a week in the practice, Mondays at the Kennington surgery and Wednesdays at Botley. His hours, somewhat unusual, are 7.00 am to 2.00 pm. He tells me that his 7.00 am slots are always filled; clearly early morning appointments suit some people who are in employment. All his appointments are for 30 minutes, which allows him time to make a full assessment of a patient's condition, arrange tests as appropriate, offer advice and administer treatments (notably injections) and make an onward referral if necessary.

A physiotherapist working independently in primary care as Khurram is described as an 'Extended Scope Practitioner' (ESP). Most physiotherapists working as ESPs work in secondary care (hospital practice) notably with surgeons, rheumatologists or neuro-surgeons. To be recognised as an ESP, a physiotherapist needs to have had a minimum of 5 years' experience, particularly in musculo-skeletal medicine, and to have had special training, for example in the administration of injections, including ultrasound-guided injections. Continuing professional development (CPD) keeps them up to date.

Khurram sees his primary role as the assessment of patients with musculo-skeletal disorders, both acute and long-term. He has the authority to refer patients for blood tests, X-Rays, ultrasounds and MRI scans and the further authority to refer patients to specialists, such as orthopaedic surgeons or rheumatologists, or to other physiotherapist colleagues for ongoing treatment.

Before I met Khurram, I had imagined that a physiotherapist working in primary care might be seeing a number of patients for massage, etc., on a regular basis over several weeks or months. This is *not* Khurram's role, and indeed if he were working in this way his clinics would quickly become clogged up with repeat attenders, and an enormously long wait to see him would develop. As it is, he can often see new patients within a few days, and within three weeks at most.

He describes himself as a 'one-stop-shop' in the assessment, management and onward referral of patients most of whom have musculo-skeletal problems, whether primary disorders affecting neck, shoulder, hips, knees or feet, or secondary problems arising, for example, as a result of a history of arthritis.

As regards treatment he may suggest and administer injections or may devise and recommend a regime of exercises, but otherwise the emphasis is on a full assessment and onward referral.

Khurram's presence in the practice is providing expert assessment and management of a group of patients whose presentations are common and take up much medical time. In doing so he provides a more effective service as well as freeing up medical time. His presence in the staff group is much to be welcomed.

## **Annual General Meeting**

**The AGM of Botley Patient Participation Group will take place at Botley Surgery on Saturday 21st October at 10.00 am.** Anyone registered with the practice is welcome to attend.

The AGM will consist of an annual report, elections and any other statutory business followed by a talk by Andrea Buckingham titled "Pilates / Yoga – are they good for a healthy body and life?"

The PPG is keen to increase and widen its membership. Anyone interested in joining the PPG should email Caroline Jones, practice manager on [carolinejones3@nhs.net](mailto:carolinejones3@nhs.net) or call me, Harry Dickinson, on 01865 862177 to discuss the work and functioning of the PPG. To contact the PPG please email: [botleyppg@gmail](mailto:botleyppg@gmail)

**Harry Dickinson, Chair**

*This article is written on behalf of Botley PPG. The views expressed are not necessarily those of the Medical Practice.*

## Community fridge update

Thank you to everyone who has been bringing food to the community fridge: magnificent courgettes, glorious apples, artisanal bread from Gail's Jericho, toiletries from a company that helps people to clear their homes... Do please keep bringing good quality food that is not cooked, or meat or fish, or past its 'use by' date (past 'best before' is ok). Also if you 'like' the fridge's Facebook page, you'll get a message when there is a glut of food in the fridge.

St. P&P hosted the first UK community fridge meeting on 12 September, co-run by Hubbub and Botley-based Food for Charities. Twenty-six people came from as far away as Wales and Norwich. Most of them were in the process of setting up a fridge. Hubbub promotes quite full-on fridges, with paid coordinators, links with large supermarkets etc. A lot of the participants seemed relieved to see from our fridge that they can also be modest and cheap to set up.



Do come visit, bring food, take food, and tell others about the fridge. It's in St Peter and Paul Church, West Way, Mon–Sat 9–5, Sun 11–5.

**Riki Therivel**



## Seacourt – the village that vanished



Seacourt Tower is a well-known local landmark. The reason for the name has largely been forgotten, but when you drive along the A34 just north of the Botley interchange you are driving over the site of Seacourt village. If you had been travelling in the same direction in 1300, you would be walking along a rough cobbled track through a small village with a church, stone-built houses and probably an ale-house and a manor house.

How do we know this? The site was first excavated in 1939 but work was stopped by the war. A fuller excavation was carried out in 1958 in advance of the new A34 bypass road. These digs did not cover the whole site but more can be seen in aerial photographs. Even now, one large pasture field between the A34 and the Seacourt Stream (just before the turn-off to Wytham) still shows the pattern of buildings and pathways. If you walk along the back road to Wytham from the entrance to Wytham Woods for about 200 yards, you will be standing on the western edge of the village which lay between here and the stream. This road originally ran through the site but was moved westwards to make room for the bypass.

The first mention of Seacourt is in a charter of 957 when it was given to Abingdon Abbey by the crown. It was held at various times by the Beaumont family and then the Harcourts. In the Domesday Book, about 1086, Seacourt had 27 adult inhabitants which was about average in size for a village in this area. Although the land around was difficult to farm, being clay to the east and stony woodland to the west, the village was well-sited where the then main route from Oxford to the west forded the Seacourt Stream before running up over Wytham Hill (the Botley causeway was not built until 1530), and also close to the pilgrimage site of St Margaret's well at Binsey.



However, in 1439 it was reported that there were only two houses left standing and the church was a ruin. What had happened? In 1348–9 plague struck England and it is thought that between a third and half of the population died in the 'Black Death'. Many deserted villages date from this period and none of the many objects found at Seacourt can be dated any later than about 1400. These are now housed in the Ashmolean. The impact of the plague was probably exacerbated by the poor quality of the land and the remaining inhabitants may well have decided to find new lives in the growing city of Oxford.

The excavations uncovered the foundations of a number of houses and farm buildings, mostly poorly built of dry stone. These would have been single-storied and thatched. The church was better built and still lies under the field. The possible manor



house which lies next to the stream has never been excavated.

Since then, extensive work has been carried out in deserted villages elsewhere which, coupled with modern archaeological techniques, have

told us much about life in the Middle Ages but it would be fascinating to know more about our own vanished village. The photograph above was taken from the air in May 1939. You can find the excavation reports online at: [http://oxoniensia.org/oxo\\_volume.php?vol=5](http://oxoniensia.org/oxo_volume.php?vol=5) and at [http://oxoniensia.org/oxo\\_volume.php?vol=26](http://oxoniensia.org/oxo_volume.php?vol=26)

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**John Clements**

# **‘The Best of Botley’ awards 2017**

**Do you know someone who’s doing something wonderful in our community?** Has someone helped you, or your family, or do they do something that you think is making life better for us? It’s time to celebrate those unsung local heroes. ‘The Best of Botley’ is coming! It’s being organized by the Association for Botley Communities (ABC).

**The aim is simple – to recognize and celebrate work done voluntarily by individuals and groups in and around North Hinksey parish.** We are inviting nominations for people and groups who have served their community. Anyone can nominate anyone they think deserves recognition. **On December 15th we will be holding a party which will include a short awards ceremony to celebrate all the good work being done locally.**

The categories for awards are still being finalised but will include:

- 1. Community Group**
- 2. Young person**
- 3. Retired person**
- 4. Local business support for the community**
- 5. Conservation / environment project**
- 6. Sports group**
- 7. Volunteer of the Year**

If you’d like to nominate someone email ABC Chair Chris Church: **chrischurch@cooptel.net**, and send him:

- The name of the person:
- Category (see above):
- Organization (if appropriate):
- Contact details for person or group (phone or email):

*And critically:*

- Why this person deserves the award (maximum 120 words):

If you’d like to help make this a success, we are looking for a few more volunteers to help plan and run the evening party – email Chris again if you’d like to be involved.

## Botley Food Fayre

What a treat, despite the annoying spelling, suggestive of – what? An old-fashioned market place full of merry widows in aprons, shouting rude jokes across their stalls of wholesome produce?

Well, this is Botley, so we're more refined than that, but there were certainly lots of stalls in and around Ss Peter and Paul's church on 16th



September, and the produce was as wholesome as anyone could wish: truly delicious home-made beef and chicken pies – eggs and honey – meat from the kind of small farmer who operates outside the ken of the supermarkets – a chance to bone up on chillis with the help of the home-grown chilli expert, to sample his range of powerful pastes and thrilling chilli jams – the mustard stall with more varieties than Bertie Bott's Every Flavour Beans (see photo) – every shape and style of artisan bread – and many more. Great to see the Oxford Food Bank in attendance as well.

And did I mention the cosmopolitan selection of foods-to-go? You could eat souvlakis from Greece, jerk chicken from Jamaica, churros from Brazil, a whole range of delicate Indian curries, ice creams from Italy, French crepes as well as the usual delicious home-grown sausages and burgers. Then there were the baking competitions – the picture shows some prize-winning inventive cup-cakes – and the children's corner.

All in all, it was a heroic achievement, and the church should be applauded for their successful efforts to remind us that it's still fun to live in Botley despite the looming shadow of the redevelopment of the shopping centre hanging over us.

**AgM**

## West Way update

In September Mace submitted amendments to their application for temporary changes of use for the Grant Thornton and Elms Court buildings to house the supermarkets, Baptist Church and Seacourt Hall. The changes were in response to highways issues raised by Oxfordshire County Council, cycling groups and others. There was a period of two weeks of consultation and at the time of writing that period was about to close and we understand the application will be discussed at the Vale's Planning Meeting on 4th October. So look out for more information on the District Council's decision after that date.

We will be contacting Mace following that meeting to find out more whatever the decision. If the application is passed then we will be asking for a timeline and will post any information on our website, Facebook and in our e-newsletter. Our addresses are: [westwayconcern.wordpress.com/](http://westwayconcern.wordpress.com/) [facebook.com/westwayconcern](https://www.facebook.com/westwayconcern) and [twitter.com/westwayconcern](https://twitter.com/westwayconcern). To join our mailing list, email: [Westwayconcern.wordpress.com](mailto:Westwayconcern.wordpress.com);

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## Brownies become Dementia Friends

2nd Botley Brownies finished off the Disability Awareness badge by learning how to be "Dementia Friends". Our expert was called Claire who came along one evening from Guidepost, Witney to help us all understand a little about dementia. She had lots of age-appropriate activities for us to do.

Sitting in a circle we were given printed words for daily activities which everyone does each day without realizing how much thought is involved. For example, getting ready for bed. We listed the activities and thoughts that needed to happen in the correct order and then Claire threw her ball of yellow wool to the person with that action on her sheet, before it was thrown to the next person with the appropriate activity on her sheet.

A complicated network of thought processes ensued even with such a simple task as getting ready for bed. She explained that when someone is suffering from dementia, perhaps just missing out one item can throw the whole simple task into chaos and confusion. For example, forgetting to take off a layer of clothes before putting on the pyjamas caused Claire to get out her big scissors and cut the line of wool to and from "remove trousers and under-wear" causing an outcry as the once well-tensioned web then started to sag and hang in a dejected manner.

She taught us to spot odd or unusual behaviour and to tell an adult about it. At the end Claire surprised us all by presenting us each with a little badge and a leaflet. Here we are all declaring that we are all now qualified Dementia Friends.

**Lucy Howes**



## World War Two Exhibition

I would like to say a big thank you to all those who helped with this exhibition as well as all the many visitors who called in to see the displays and enjoy the refreshments at Cumnor Old School in September. Our donations raised £314.06 for the Oxford Hospitals General Fund. The official opening was performed by five amazing people, all in their nineties, who had lived through the war. One of those was Peggy Bates, now aged 97, who has lived in the Botley area all her life and did nursing for the war effort. The photo shows her (in the middle) in Red Cross uniform.

People were very interested in the prisoner of war (PoW) camp at the top of Harcourt Hill. One gentleman who visited, Matthew Smalden, is involved at the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, and has much information on that camp. (He is also very keen on the great work that Ray Rook has done on the war memorials in St Lawrence's Church.) I told our local expert on that, Darren Blase, so there will



be more details to come. Former Head of Oxfordshire Studies and local resident Malcolm Graham was intrigued to read about one of the prisoners, the late Hans Kling Berg whose wife Jean was a local lady (with thanks to Michael Baston for obtaining that display).

It was my "special" birthday that weekend – not many people could say that they held a public event to mark such an occasion! I'm not a professional historian or exhibition organiser so perhaps a holiday or meal out might have been easier!

**Martin Harris**



## Everyone Lived to Tell the Tale

*Here's a funny story from the Sprout archive, Inspired by Martin's WW2 Exhibition, and told in Jean Harvey's own words.*

This is a true story related to me by my husband, Martin Harvey.

Martin was one of the children living in the North Hinksey village at the time of this incident.

The story began in 1945 when a resident of North Hinksey village named Joe Barson, came home from serving his country after the 2nd World War. During his time in the army he had been captured and became a prisoner of war. Following his release from the army, Joe returned home to live with his parents in the village. He was often seen sitting on the bank opposite the village green playing his guitar while yodelling and singing country and western songs to the village children.

Previously he had appeared on the Carol Levis television show, a talent discovery show similar to the Britain's Got Talent TV show of today.

Joe decided to throw a party for the villagers and their children to commemorate his homecoming, to be held in the Botley Women's Institute hall. The party had been a great success and enjoyed by everyone until early evening. People started feeling very ill, some had fainted, others were lying on the grass outside the Hall being violently sick.

A 999 call was sent out, and soon a fleet of ambulances arrived and started ferrying the sick people to the Radcliffe Infirmary Hospital. Martin and his family hadn't seemed to have been affected by the illness, so decided to walk home to their cottage opposite the Fishes pub.

But by the time they got home, they too had started to feel extremely ill. His mother and father had started vomiting/diarrhoea. Soon the whole family was affected.

Their neighbour, on seeing how ill the family had become, crossed the road to the Fishes to phone for an ambulance. This created its own problem: due to the many casualties from the party, all the ambulances were in use. The Police were alerted to help with this extraordinary dilemma. The solution was to send the Black Maria (police van). This was the only vehicle large enough to transport the family to the hospital.

Martin can remember seeing his father being helped into the van. The poor man was still vomiting profusely, losing his false teeth in the process!!! His poor mum was following, bowl in hand, vomiting too. She saw her husband pointing to his mouth, and realized he had lost his teeth.

Her only option was to rummage around on the floor to find the precious teeth. On finding the teeth, a quick rub on her hanky before slipping them into her pocket!!

Once all were on board, the Maria set off on its destination!

Everyone from the party spent the night in hospital feeling very ill, some being given intravenous infusions to rehydrate them. Fortunately every one survived the ordeal, and next day all were discharged from hospital.

The party drew the attention of the local press, making headlines in the Oxford Mail. For months after the incident, the residents of the village were still talking about the party! An enquiry found the ice-cream to be the culprit. The supplier had stored it in metal containers which had gone rusty, causing the contents to be contaminated. The food poisoning which resulted could have been fatal!!!

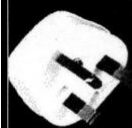
The sad thing was this special treat that Joe had organized for the villagers was to become his nightmare. Ice cream was a luxury after the war, the intention being a treat for all to enjoy. What a pity that Joe's kind gesture ended so dramatically.

Thank Goodness all survived what could have been a disaster. But everyone lived to tell the tale. *Oh happy memories!!!!*



**Pat Harvey**

**News for the Association for Botley Communities:  
going green and a Christmas party!**



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ABC is still waiting to be accepted by the Charity Commission as a CIO (a Charitable Incorporated Organisation): one of our objectives – supporting community development in the area – is apparently not necessarily charitable! We have revised this and await developments.

We're not sitting around doing nothing while we wait. At our meeting in September a number of projects were agreed. These include:

**Developing a leaflet about our green space and its history.** This might include a guided walk linking all our green spaces. We'd hope to work on this with groups that have specific interest in some of the green areas. Martin Harris and Chris Church are leading work on this and would welcome other people who want to be involved.

**Hedgehog Street** is a national initiative encouraging local people to take easy steps to make their gardens welcoming to these threatened creatures and to create small holes in fences to allow them to travel safely. We're looking at how we take this forward in Botley.

**20's plenty:** A group of people have approached ABC to support a 20mph speed limit for all residential streets. This is already standard in the city of Oxford and many other towns and cities. With growing traffic levels in our area, this seems to make sense and we have asked the interested people to come up with some ideas that we can work on.

**Air Pollution:** Both our primary schools are now involved in work on this and many different groups are involved city-wide. We discussed how far ABC should be focusing on this and felt that at present we should support existing activity as the schools have momentum.

**We have also agreed to organize a Christmas Event!** A celebration in Botley seems like a good idea after a year of frustration around West

Way. We are aiming to do this on **Friday 15th Dec.** – the venue will depend on what community space is available at the time. Part of the evening will be 'Best of Botley' community awards, but we'd like to have some local entertainment – *has Botley got Talent?*

**Chris Church**

**Summer Fun with the**

## Kids

Summer as a stay-at-home-parent is an interesting time. On the one hand, there are (hopefully) long, dry days that you can spend out-and-



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about, exploring the city and the countryside. On the other, there are the days when the weather is not so good, or when your little people are – frankly – bored of you. With pre-schools, nurseries and a lot of playgroups shutting down or running pared-down schedules for the summer break, it can be difficult to find local, frugal ways to entertain children.

Thank heavens then for the Botley Bridges Summer Programme, and especially their 'Crafts in the Park' sessions. Every Thursday over the summer holiday they've set up camp at a different local playground, and



laid on various activities for children and parents. The tour has been to the playgrounds at Cumnor, Dean Court, Cumnor Hurst, Botley Park, Oatlands Road Rec and the Louie Memorial Fields. It's been a fantastic opportunity to try out playgrounds that one might not be familiar with, and to meet people who have at least one thing in common – we're all doing our

best to raise our children well. The sessions we went to were very well attended, with at least two dozen families from all sorts of cultures and backgrounds. And of course the children had a great time, out in the fresh air, getting a lot of exercise, socializing and showing off to everyone and anyone.

For a rather shy person, it's hugely valuable to know there's a place to go where you're made to feel welcome, with the chance to chat to other parents that you get to know over time, and even get made a welcome cup of coffee. I understand that it's important for children to socialize with others their own age, to make their own friends, learn to settle minor disagreements.



But get-togethers like this are also really worthwhile for parents, too. It's good to have somewhere you can go during the day where the main topic of conversation isn't "Who Is The Best Octonaut?" And it's especially nice – as a stay-at-home – to have a mental break from having to come up with ideas for entertaining little people: just get them there and let them loose on activities that someone else has thought of and set up.

I'm sorry to admit that we didn't really make use of the Children's Centre before it closed down – we've only started to go to Botley Bridges events in the last few months. It's a shame that we left it so long. The facilities and resources at the centre are very good, especially the outdoor play area (Eliza and William would happily spend all day in the sand pit). Sue, Hayley and the other staff and volunteers who help run the sessions are always very welcoming, and make sure they get round and say Hello to everyone who goes. Botley Bridges is an organisation that's doing a lot of work for the local community, and could do with all the support we can give back to them. It's certainly something we'll be making more use of from now on.



Botley Bridges run a weekly programme of sessions: Monday 1:15–3:15 is Chatterboxes & Bookworms (for children aged 0–5); the Health Visitor Drop-In is on Wednesday 1:00–2:30; Friday morning 9:00–11:30 is Play & Learn (children aged 0–5); Friday afternoons has Bumps to Babies (babies under a year) from 1 to 3pm; and the first Saturday of every month, 10:00–12:00 is SaturDads (dads and male carers with children aged 0–6). Sessions are £2.00 per family or 50p concessions (except for the Health Visitor Drop-In service which is free). See [www.botleybridges.org](http://www.botleybridges.org) or [www.facebook.com/botleybridges](https://www.facebook.com/botleybridges) for more information.

**Andy Marsh**

**Dreams of Steam**

This is a story of engineering excellence, childish delight and legal requirements, all hidden in Joy and Richard Brown's quiet Botley house.

Joy's hobby used to be needlework. About 20 years ago, she realised that she couldn't feel the needle any more and wanted something bigger to work on. At the time, her husband Richard was working at the model shop in Abingdon, and an advert came out for a kit for a 5-inch railway coach. Richard brought the advert home and asked her if this was big enough, and Joy's first reaction was "I couldn't do that". Richard replied "Of course you could".

The kit came as a box of metal parts with a few pages of explanation. "My learning curve was extremely steep," admits Joy. "Often we had to imagine what the carriage should look like, so we photographed a coach at Didcot Railway Centre."

Towards the end of that project, Joy thought that she needed something to pull the coach. Just then, an advert appeared for a small locomotive. Richard brought it home. Joy: "I couldn't do that". Richard: "Of course you could", and they ordered the kit. "The advert said it could be assembled with a screwdriver and a spanner," says Joy, "but in fact the locomotive also took a lathe, a milling machine, a drilling machine... and three years to assemble".

Now, a steam locomotive has a pressurized boiler, and even a miniature locomotive comes under the government's Pressure Systems Safety Regulations. So before Joy could run her locomotive, in 1999, she had to get it officially tested, and Cutteslowe Park was the



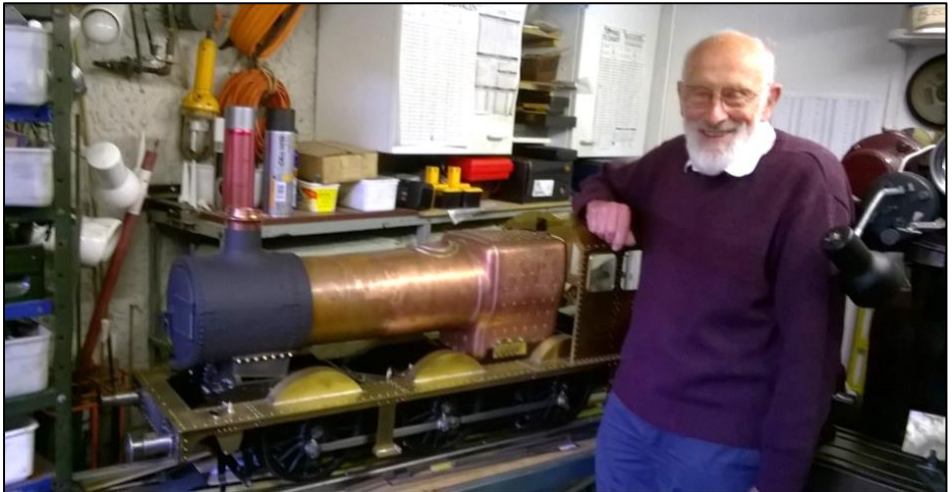


nearest place for this. The team there welcomed them, tested the boiler, and Joy and Richard have been there ever since.

Within a year of joining, Joy had taken on the COSME (City of Oxford Society of Model Engineers) magazine, "The Link". Then Richard decided in 2000 that he would like to build an engine which, according to Joy, "had to be bigger than mine". It was supposed to take eighteen months of evenings and weekends, but in fact it took Richard ten years to assemble his and get it working properly. Whereas Joy's engine can pull eight people, Richard's can pull at least sixteen and has, by now, run for more than 1000 miles.

They are currently working on yet another one, and that has also taken nearly ten years so far, with more to come. But it is a thing of beauty:

The locomotives are used to pull trains at COSME's Cutteslowe Park Miniature Railway. The society was based at Blenheim until 1987, when



the Duke decided that it wanted the miniature railway to run full time, which the volunteers couldn't do. At the same time, Oxford City Council were looking for something to happen at Cutteslowe Park... and the miniature railway has been at its one acre site there ever since. There are two tracks – one at ground level which can run up to two trains at a time and a higher level raised track which can run up to five trains at a time. COSME has four locomotives, and has just built new carriages for the raised track, designed from scratch to a very high specification. They also have a lottery funded carriage which can carry a wheelchair.

"The trains run on Wednesdays and Sundays," says Joy. "We can easily have over 1000 passengers on a day. We also spend much of Saturday

at the site. There can be up to 20 volunteers on a Saturday, gardening, maintaining the engines and track, training and doing the paperwork.” The train timetables are at [www.cosme.org.uk](http://www.cosme.org.uk).

“We have to abide by lots of safety rules,” adds Richard. “I’m a boiler tester, which is an official job. The steam boilers of the locomotives are powered by coal and could explode. They could also generate sparks. Carriages could detach from the locomotive, so we have to put in measures to prevent that. We also have to issue tickets under the Conditions of Carriage. COSME is a limited company, and we have to keep proper accounts.”

For safety reasons, the members’ locomotives can’t be kept on site, so Richard and Joy bought a vehicle large enough to carry and store them. So watch for the larger-than-usual car backing very carefully out of a Botley drive, on its way to delight visitors to Cutteslowe with miniature engineering marvels... and visit the park to ride behind them.

**Riki Therivel**

#### LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<b><u>P17/V2300/T56</u></b>	Highways Land Junction of West Way and North Hinksey Lane. Instal a 15 metre high pole supporting 300mm diameter dishes with ancillary equipment cabinets, etc.	<b>16 August</b> Target decision date: 10 Oct
<b><u>P17/V2283/LDP</u></b>	61 Cedar Road. Proposed rear single storey extension to kitchen.	<b>22 August</b> TDD: 17 Oct
<b><u>P17/V2357/PDO</u></b>	Riverside Court 9 West Way. Prior approval for change of use of existing offices to residential 36 apartments.	<b>25 August</b> TDD: 20 Oct
<b><u>P17/V2385/HH</u></b>	25 Hurst Rise Road. Single storey rear extension.	<b>31 August</b> TDD: 26 Oct
<b><u>P17/V2428/PDH</u></b>	56 Cedar Road. Partly demolish outbuilding and create rear extension.	<b>31 August</b> TDD: 12 Oct
<b><u>P17/V2205/PDH</u></b>	8 Raleigh Park Road. A single-storey rear extension.	<b>4 September</b> TDD: 16 Oct
<b><u>P17/V2449/FUL</u></b>	The Thatched House, Stanton Road. Demolish house, sheds, car port & pool. Erect new house with indoor pool and separate garage.	<b>4 September</b> TDD: 30 Oct

## Branching out



This summer saw a weekly Pop Up Café at the Louie Memorial Pavilion run as a social enterprise – the Branches Pop Up Café involved young people in planning, preparing and serving delicious homemade food to the

community. Every Thursday there was a set menu with a vegetarian and halal dish, and fresh baking and cakes. Supported by a team of committed and dedicated volunteers who gave hours of their time, this was made into a safe and rewarding venture for young people. We were so lucky with the weather; every Thursday was glorious! The photo shows Branches customers



enjoying lunch in the sun. Seven young people were involved and over the course of five weeks they learned about food safety, food preparation, customer service, team work, and cash handling, as well as bringing their own unique talents and qualities to make everything run smoothly even under pressure – they are AMY, KADER, LIBBY, MAX, MOLLIE, PAIGE and TEGAN.

Branches Young People's Support Service is a social enterprise set up to do youth work in Botley and North Hinksey. We hope to open a Youth and Community Café during the West Way redevelopment with the ethos 'Serving the Community with Young People at its Heart'. The vision is of a thriving community

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focused Café that offers a safe and nurturing place for young people after school and in the evenings where they can socialise and learn skills. We aim to serve the wider community and the construction workforce during the day, generating income to support youth work and youth enterprises.

The Summer Pop Up Café project was supported financially by *The Sprout* and by SOHA (the photo above shows Paige and Max serving our SOHA VIPs), and we gratefully acknowledge this support, as well as the support of Matthew Arnold School in promoting the project. If you want to find out more about Branches, visit our web-site [www.branchesyouth.uk](http://www.branchesyouth.uk). For specific





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**Diane Long, Director**

## Randoms

### **Have your say on the draft Neighbourhood Plan 10am to 4pm on Sunday 15th October in Seacourt Hall**

After many sleepless nights, our hard-working team of volunteers has pulled together an outline version of the North Hinksey Parish Neighbourhood Plan, and we want you to tell us what you think about it.

Drop in to talk to our volunteers about the latest versions of our policies that will help to shape future development in this area for many years to come. You will have seen the leaflet inserted in this month's *Sprout*, and you can find more details on our website at [\*\*www.nhinkseynp.org.uk\*\*](http://www.nhinkseynp.org.uk).

**David Kay**, Secretary of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group

### **New Scout Group**

Are you 10–14 years old? We have just reopened the 4th Oxford Scout Troop on Arnold's Way and are looking for 10–14 year olds to join us. Scouting is open to all regardless of background, ethnicity and gender so please come along on a Thursday evening, 7–9pm, and get involved in lots of different activities including fire-lighting, kayaking, camping, fencing, rifle shooting, cooking and games plus many more. *Not sure?* Come along for a taster session one Thursday and see what you think. For further information contact [\*\*thursdayscoutshelen@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:thursdayscoutshelen@gmail.com)

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### **APPLE DAY IS ON 8TH OCTOBER, 2–5PM**



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CONTAINERS TO PUT THE JUICE IN, AND JOIN IN THE FUN. APPLES  
IDENTIFIED TOO.***

## **Feminism for Dads**

**Sat 7 Oct, West Oxford Community Centre**

Here's an interesting new initiative that could bring comfort to modern fathers who really want to do the right thing, be supportive of their partners, and love their children, but could do with some outside help with their efforts. What does it mean to be a good dad? This workshop offers support to build a thriving network of great dads who can drive change to create a more balanced and equal world for their kids. There's a charge, but it's not huge. You can find out more from the Facebook page.

## **North Hinksey Lane – the Old Manor House**

The new owner of Pat Halliday's Old Manor House is hoping to create an archive of its history, and would welcome local input. Do you know anything of the history of this lovely house, or have any stories about things that have happened there? If so please get in touch via the Sprout, and we will put you in contact with the owner

## **Lunch Club needs You**

Botley Over-60s lunch club meets every other Thursday when we prepare, cook, and serve a two-course meal to local older people in the Seacourt Hall. We are looking to expand our team of volunteers so can you spare some hours on alternate Thursday mornings? If so, please pop in to the Seacourt Hall around 10.30 am on one of the following dates and we can discuss further: 5th October; 19th October; 2nd November. Many thanks!

## **Looking for a Leader**

4th Oxford Scouts are now looking for a Scout Leader, possibly as a job share. If you're interested or would like more information please speak to your Beaver, Cub or Scout or Explorer Leader or contact Chris Goodwin on 07817 543725; email [chris.goodwin@oxonscouting.org.uk](mailto:chris.goodwin@oxonscouting.org.uk).



**Organizations:** If your organization is not listed here, please send details to [editor@thesprout.org.uk](mailto:editor@thesprout.org.uk) or telephone 724452 for inclusion in future issues. telephone 724452 for inclusion in future issues.

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| <b>2nd Botley Brownies</b><br>Girls aged 7–10                        | Rosary Room, Yarnells Hill. Tues 6 -7.30 : Alison Griffin 01865 379247                                                                                                                          |
| <b>4th Oxford Scout Group</b><br>Beavers, Cub Scouts, Scouts         | Scout Hall, Arnolds Way; <a href="mailto:mail@thefourth.org.uk">mail@thefourth.org.uk</a><br>Website: <a href="http://www.thefourth.org.uk/">http://www.thefourth.org.uk/</a>                   |
| <b>15th Oxford Scout Group</b><br>Boys and girls welcome             | Meet Fridays, Botley Baptist Hall Contact: Julie Tatham 01865 863074 or Amy Cusden 07887 654386                                                                                                 |
| <b>Badminton Club</b>                                                | Thurs 7-8pm at Matthew Arnold Sports Hall. Garry Clark 0777 3559 314 <a href="mailto:garryclark13@gmail.com">garryclark13@gmail.com</a>                                                         |
| <b>Books on Wheels</b> R.V.S.                                        | Free Library Service for housebound Ox. 248142                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Botley Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b>                               | Tuesdays and Thursdays 9.15–11am, SS Peter & Paul Church Hall                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Botley Boys &amp; Girls F.C.</b><br>Football teams from ages 8-16 | Jason Barley Ox. 242926 <a href="mailto:jbarley1@sky.com">jbarley1@sky.com</a> or<br>Brendan Byrne Ox.792531 <a href="mailto:bb@bridewellconsulting.com">bb@bridewellconsulting.com</a>         |
| <b>Botley Health Walks</b>                                           | Wednesday 9.30 a.m Contact: Briony 246497                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Botley Library</b>                                                | 01865 248142. Open till 7 on Friday and 1pm on Sat, otherwise 9.30 to 5.30 (closed Wednesdays).                                                                                                 |
| <b>Botley Singers</b>                                                | Thur 7.30, St Andrew's Church, Dean Court. Angela Astley-Penny Ox.242189 <a href="mailto:angastpen@aol.com">angastpen@aol.com</a>                                                               |
| <b>Chair-based Exercise Class</b>                                    | Tuesdays 10.30 – 11.30 a.m. Seacourt Hall<br>Contact Lizzie, Oxon Age UK, 07785 425601                                                                                                          |
| <b>Community Fridge</b>                                              | For all. Put food in, take food out. Ss P&P church, Mon–Sat 9–5, Sun 11–5. Riki Therivel 07759 135811                                                                                           |
| <b>Cumnor Choral Society</b>                                         | Friday 7.30 to 9.30 pm Contact: 01235 533726 or 07552 786127 or <a href="http://www.cumnorchoral.co.uk">www.cumnorchoral.co.uk</a>                                                              |
| <b>Cumnor Chess Club</b>                                             | Thurs 7–9pm Cumnor Old School. Steven Bennett 862788 <a href="http://www.cumnorchessclub.co.uk">www.cumnorchessclub.co.uk</a>                                                                   |
| <b>Cumnor &amp; District Historical Society</b>                      | Last Monday of the month 7.30-9.00 Cumnor Old School. 01865 724808                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Cumnor Gardening Club</b>                                         | Details on website at <a href="http://cumnorgardens.org.uk/">http://cumnorgardens.org.uk/</a> or phone Chirs Impey, 01865 721026                                                                |
| <b>Fit Steps – exercise based on dance</b>                           | Friday 6–7pm, Seacourt Hall. Email Rosalie on <a href="mailto:rosalie.crane@btinternet.com">rosalie.crane@btinternet.com</a>                                                                    |
| <b>Harmony InSpires, Ladies' Acappella Singing Group</b>             | Wed 7.30 at Appleton village hall. C. Casson 01235 831352 or <a href="mailto:harmonyinspires@hotmail.co.uk">harmonyinspires@hotmail.co.uk</a>                                                   |
| <b>Hill End Volunteer Team</b>                                       | Contact: David Millin on <a href="mailto:david.millin@hill-end.org">david.millin@hill-end.org</a> , call 01865-863510 or visit <a href="http://www.hillend-oec.co.uk">www.hillend-oec.co.uk</a> |
| <b>Let's Sing! – singing group</b>                                   | Weds 2pm, WOCC, details Emily 07969 522368 or email <a href="mailto:emformusic@outlook.com">emformusic@outlook.com</a>                                                                          |
| <b>Morris Dancing – Cry Havoc</b>                                    | Barbara Brett 249599 or <a href="mailto:bag@cryhavoc.org.uk">bag@cryhavoc.org.uk</a>                                                                                                            |

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| <b>Mum and Baby Yoga</b> for babies from 6 wks to crawling | Mondays 10.30 at Dean Court CC, contact Jacqueline Rice via <a href="https://yogawithjacqueline.co.uk">https://yogawithjacqueline.co.uk</a>                                                  |
| <b>N Hinksey after school club</b>                         | Mon–Thurs 3–6pm Contact: Oxford 794287                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>N Hinksey Art Group</b>                                 | Weds 10 – 12.00 W.I. Hall Tel: Christina 07931 707997                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>N Hinksey Bellringers</b>                               | Contact: Ray Rook 01865 241451                                                                                                                                                               |
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| <b>N Hinksey Parish Council</b>                            | Alan Stone 01865 861992 <a href="mailto:nhpcclerk@msn.com">nhpcclerk@msn.com</a>                                                                                                             |
| <b>N Hinksey Youth Club</b>                                | Wednesdays at Arnold's Way pavilion, call Daz on 07791 212866 or see Facebook                                                                                                                |
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| <b>Raleigh Park, Friends of</b>                            | David Brown <a href="mailto:raleighpark@raleighpark.org.uk">raleighpark@raleighpark.org.uk</a>                                                                                               |
| <b>Royal Voluntary Service (West Way Day Centre)</b>       | Mon & Fri 10–3pm, Field House, 07740 611971. <a href="mailto:oxfordshirehub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk">oxfordshirehub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk</a>                                    |
| <b>Saturdads Botley Bridges</b>                            | Fun activities and trips for Dads and under 5's 10 am–noon 1st Sat of month. Tel: 243955                                                                                                     |
| <b>Shotokan Karate club</b>                                | 6+ WOCC twice weekly Martyn King 07836 646450                                                                                                                                                |
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| <b>West Oxford Bowls Club</b>                              | Contact: Marion Bostock 436277                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>West Oxford Taekwon Do Club</b>                         | Mon, Thurs 6.30-8pm, MA gym, contact Chris Hall 07815 899698 <a href="http://www.wotkd.co.uk">www.wotkd.co.uk</a>                                                                            |
| <b>West Oxford U3A</b>                                     | (Uni of the 3rd Age) Elizabeth Stevens, 739252                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Which Craft?</b>                                        | Pavilion, Arnold's way, third Monday, contact <a href="mailto:whichcraft.botley@yahoo.co.uk">whichcraft.botley@yahoo.co.uk</a>                                                               |
| <b>Women's Institute (Botley)</b>                          | Monthly, 1st Tuesday: Liz Manson, tel. 244175 or email <a href="mailto:liz.manson@virginmedia.com">liz.manson@virginmedia.com</a>                                                            |