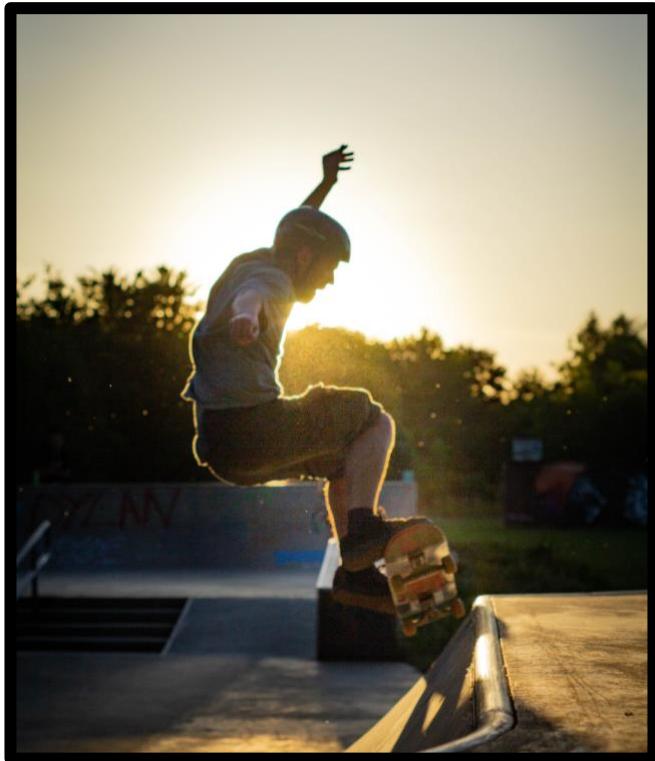


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From the Editor

As usual, the Sprout this month is looking backwards and looking forwards. Coming up: Botley Bowl Skatepark, which has got planning permission at last, *HOORAY!*, and now has a chance to be built in time for next year's summer holidays (cover shows local kids having fun at Eynsham Skatepark). There are new arrangements at Botley Medical Centre, which are looking hopeful (p3); then there's Oxford Preservation Trust's Open Doors event (9th and 10th September) during which you can get inside all sorts of places all over the city which you wouldn't see otherwise, and threaded through that, a chance to see how our neighbours have managed to retrofit their homes for the changed conditions of the 21st century (p9). November will see the public enquiry into the compulsory purchase orders required by the Flood Alleviation Scheme, but resisted by the local people – Riki Therivel details some of the snags (p15). Kyle Hill's lively paintings are the subject of a new Botley Arts exhibition starting on 4th September (p23), and there is an interview with another artist on page 5 – Ali Hogg. Looking back over the summer, we get a taste of the action-packed adventures of the 4th Oxford Scouts (p25), and on page 21 we say Goodbye to Peggy Bates a lively local presence throughout a life that lasted more than a century.

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The practice team at the **Manor Surgery** in Headington will provide services to patients from the Kennington Health Centre site, while the team at **19 Beaumont Street**, Oxford, will provide services to patients from the Botley Medical Centre site.

A small number of registered patients living outside the catchment areas of the new providers will be registered with other GP practices, most likely closer to home.

Patients do not need to take any action to register with the new surgery and patient care will not be interrupted. NHS will send a formal letter to everyone affected ahead of the changes from 1 October advising them of details of their new practice. There will be an opportunity for people to register with other surgeries at this stage, depending on practice boundaries.

The PPG are confident these new arrangements will be welcomed by patients, especially as the new providers are well-established, successful practices, committed to providing the best possible care for the people they serve.

All staff now working at Botley and Kennington sites will be offered the opportunity to join the new practices if they wish to do so, in line with the TUPE process.

It is understood that each new practice will hold an open meeting in their new area in September – date and place yet to be determined.

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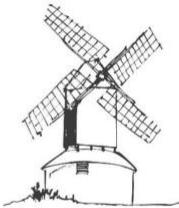
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Meet.... Ali Hogg, Artist

Ali Hogg is the local artist who set up the Botley Drawing Group that exhibited life drawings at the Louie Memorial Pavilion during this year's Art Weeks. I'm sure most of you are aware that life drawing entails using live, typically nude, models. A couple of us from *The Sprout* visited the exhibition and thought we'd like to know more about Ali and his work. I arranged a meeting.

This very likeable Scotsman bounded through my front doorway exuding positivity and energy. He'd just come from his day job as a picture framer at Isis Creative Framing, off the Abingdon Road, his enthusiasm undimmed by a busy day and tiring cycle ride home.

Ali explained a little of his background – he grew up in Edinburgh and obtained a Master's Degree in Fine Arts at Edinburgh College of Art. He met his wife Jane when living in Oxford and they eventually moved to Botley with their daughter in 2007 where they have been based ever since. He's worked as a picture framer for 28 years, with a 3-year break when he was a projectionist at the Phoenix Cinema in Walton Street.

Whether painting, drawing, or making collages, creativity is in Ali's nature and creating art remains his lifelong passion. He is currently working on a set of mixed media head sculptures exploring the mechanics of the brain, relationships and communication. A planned retrospective is in the pipeline for 2026, when he turns 60, at The North Wall Arts Centre in Summertown.

When Ali was a student at Edinburgh College of Art, life drawing was an important aspect of his discipline. Really looking, observing, and translating that to mark-making on paper is a fundamental tool in artist's practice. Although there used to be a life drawing class in Dean Court it folded a few years ago and was much missed. For many years Ali has been a lead worker at Botley Youth Club, and he is currently chair of the Pavilion Trust. His creativity was much in evidence at the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations last year, when he organized the miles of bunting illustrated by Botley's three schools. His own lack of enthusiasm for the monarchy did not stop him from being a willing helper, but he



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attended the party in Punk mode, with his hair in a green Mohican and *God Save the Queen* emblazoned on his T-shirt – a reference to the song by the Sex Pistols. The picture above shows him posing for a profile picture at the Jubilee event in the Seacourt Hall, which he also organized.

The Botley Drawing Group meets each Monday evening during term time and is very popular. Ali does not tutor the group in any way but books models and prepares the space each week, and he participates in the drawing himself. How on earth do you ensure a naked model is warm and comfortable in the middle of winter, I asked? Ali assured me that the first thing he did was buy a couple of heaters! He is always careful to check that the model has had sufficient to eat or drink, asks if they feel tired or energetic and organises poses accordingly. Drapes, props, and spotlights are also on hand to create a studio environment. Tea and biscuits are provided at half-time.

What do the artists get out of it? Not only the end product and drawing practice but the chance to have a couple of hours of being totally focussed, when all the worries of daily life fade away. In fact, models often remark how quiet the artists are. Although Ali himself has exhibited work during Art Weeks for the past seven years, many of the artists had never participated before and have a new-found confidence in their ability to continue with their art. In future the venture may involve expanding the group's activities to include creative aspects other than just drawing.

During the summer the Botley Drawing Group met on Monday evenings at the Hinksey Heights Nature Trail, observing and drawing from nature.

In sum? Ali Hogg is successfully doing a great job in providing a creative and diverse community activity, although he says he won't be giving up the day job yet! Life drawing is very on trend at the moment, with several classes in and around Oxford. We are very lucky to benefit from Ali's enthusiasm and energy here in Botley and North Hinksey.

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Flood Scheme (OFAS) latest

The OFAS is a large project proposed by the Environment Agency to reduce flood risk in Oxford. It would be a series of flood defences, culverts, new bridges etc, plus a controversial 5km long channel from north of Botley Road to south of the Old Abingdon Road. Everyone agrees that flood alleviation is a good thing, but there is strong disagreement on the channel component of the scheme, which would involve digging up large areas of meadow between North and South Hinksey over three years, and moving the spoil away, mostly from South Hinksey onto the A34. <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/thames/oxfordscheme/> gives more information.

The Environment Agency (EA) argues that the channel is necessary for water to flow in the right direction in a controlled manner. Opponents argue that the channel hydrology is unproven, and that the channel would protect few additional homes at a very large environmental and social cost.

The OFAS requires a lot of land that landowners don't want to sell to the EA, so the EA is having to serve Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) on those plots of land. A three-week CPO inquiry will take place in November, with a pre-inquiry meeting in late September. The EA's CPO documents are available at <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/thames/ofas-updates/>. Separately, probably after the CPO inquiry, Oxfordshire County Council will decide whether to approve the planning application for the OFAS.

Full disclosure: I am anti-channel, though definitely not against flood protection. My previous *Sprout* articles have discussed some of the channel's main impacts: digging up much of the irreplaceable Hinksey Meadow, potentially drying out the rest of the meadow, stopping recreational access to many local fields etc. Here are two other points which have only come out recently.

First, most of the soil excavated to make the channel is expected to be moved onto the A34 at South Hinksey. The next time you travel past South Hinksey, have a look at the slip-roads that those heavy lorries carrying a full load of soil are supposed to use: they are so short that the lorries will be going less than 10 miles per hour (mph) by the time they have to move onto the A34. The slip roads are way, way shorter than any new road junction would be allowed to be, as you can see from the photo.



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weaving around to get onto (or avoid) the Hinksey Hill interchange. And that will be the case for 25,000 lorries coming out of the site over 2–3 years. You are three times as likely to die if you hit a lorry than if you hit another car.

Second, the Environment Agency must replace any ‘open space’ land that they take with land in exchange that is at least as big and ‘equally advantageous’ to the public, so that we don’t face a net loss of open space. The OFAS would take up most of the Seacourt Nature Park. The Environment Agency is proposing to provide the field behind Jewson’s (“Jewson’s Field”) as exchange land: in the past I have argued that Jewson’s Field is already used by the public so would not be a fair exchange. But, get this, Jewson’s Field is not big enough, so the Environment Agency is also proposing to *buy 740m² of Hinksey Meadow and make that ‘publicly available’*. To me that sounds like the EA is taking a slice of our pie (Seacourt Nature Park), and then saying that another slice of pie *that we are already holding* (Jewson’s Field, Hinksey Meadow) will make up for them taking the first slice. We’ll be challenging that at the CPO inquiry.

Rant over. The CPO inquiry is limited to people who have already sent in objections, but there is still time to send your views about OFAS – including positive ones - to matthew.case@oxfordshire.gov.uk, who is compiling the public’s comments in advance of the decision on the planning application.

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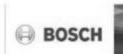
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Themes – The programme has six consistent themes that run all the way from the youngest Rainbow to oldest Ranger. These are *Know Myself, Express Myself, Be Well, Have Adventures, Take Action and Skills for my Future*.

Unit Meeting Activities (UMAs) – These are lots of fun and often challenge the Brownies to be the best they can be. UMAs can be of varying lengths and styles, which all add to the variety of the Guiding experience.

Skills Builders (SBs) – Skills Builders are designed to stretch and challenge Brownies of all abilities and enable each one to develop core skills throughout their Guiding journey.

Interest badges (IBs) – Interest Badges are a Brownie's opportunity to explore their own interests, hobbies and passions outside of the Unit Meeting, although on occasion we can also do IBs within the Meeting.

Theme Awards (TAs) – A combination of Unit Meeting Activities, Interest Badges and Skills Builders, on the same theme, will help the Brownies to build up to a Theme Award that demonstrates the time they have dedicated to exploring that area.

Along with all the above we also have time to make new friends, play many games that include a lot of fun and laughter, do many craft activities, have campfires and days out. You can find out more at:

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Peggy May Bates (nee Read): 1920–2023.

Peggy Bates, who spent almost the whole of her long life in Botley and Cumnor, died recently in Merseyside.

She was born Peggy May Read in 1920 in the West Way cottages that are now opposite Seacourt Tower, but which then had a view of Seacourt Farm and across open fields to Elms Road. After Oxford Central Girls School she worked at Oxford University Press before being called up as an Auxiliary Nurse in 1940.

She married Bob Bates in 1945 and moved along Eynsham Road to Third Acre Rise. When widowed she downsized to a smaller house in Owlington Close, next to the same small stream that ran past the end of the West Way cottage garden.

She lived there by herself until her 100th year, when she needed a replacement hip after a fall. This led to a move to a care home nearer to Liverpool relatives (just days before all care homes became “no visitor zones” for a time in 2020). Still mobile on her walking frame and conversing daily with family on video until this spring, she died in June aged nearly 103 ½ after a short illness.

She was involved in many local groups: President of Dean Court WI, enthusiastic member of flower arranging and painting groups, stalwart of the Local History section of the U3A, and still an active gardener in her 90s. She particularly enjoyed being the “oldest (probably) inhabitant” and recalling distant events such as the concert parties at Wytham Abbey (where the butler “did a turn” as *siffleur*) and the arrival in Botley of the new-fangled concept of main drainage.

A private cremation was held in Liverpool. A short celebration of her life is planned for later in the Autumn in Botley. For more details of that, contact me at peter@peterbates.co.uk

Peter Bates

[Sprout readers will be familiar with the name of Peggy Bates, as her early life was the subject of two articles. She was an invaluable point of information when we were trying to identify old photographs, as well as having those of her own to contribute to local history exhibitions. Ed]



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Botley Arts: Kyle Hill

Botley Arts is delighted to welcome Kyle Hill back with a fabulous assortment of pictures which focus on Light and Colour. The exhibition, in St Peter and St Paul Church, opens on Monday 4th September and closes at the end of November 2023.

Here's how Kyle describes his work:

"The medium I use is always acrylic on canvas. When painting, I try to approach a subject not only as something I can see but as something I can imagine, taking what my eyes are telling me but ignoring dimensions and proportions. Painting the elements that stand out most to me. I let the paintbrush choose the shape and light of the object."

For this collection my focus has been on colour. By blending and contrasting colours, I have been able to create light and shadow, movement and depth, energy and animation.

Turning the classic still life on its side, the vibrant colours found in exotic fruits can also be found in a taco or a burrito or a cheeseburger. I wanted to give the junk food of my youth the same study and attention another artist might give to a sunset or bouquet of flowers.

In the wildlife paintings, I've used colour to create movement and the illusion that the painting is alive, to show the character and emotion of the individual animals, their own unique personalities can be seen coming through the canvas."

Kyle was born in England but spent his childhood in the 80s and early 90s in Texas. His young adult years were spent mostly moving around the UK, and he settled in Oxford over a decade ago.

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Forty of our Cubs went on their Summer Camp at Youlbury for a “Viking Camp” themed adventure. They spent two nights away from home camping out in the woods and learning about life in the time of King Alfred and the Vikings. They honed their ancient weaponry skills in archery and axe throwing; overcame their fear of heights in a crate stacking challenge; made their own campfire bread; and used their artistic skills to paint their own recycled cardboard shields. However, the highlight of the camp for most was having the freedom to create their own Viking role-play fantasies in the setting of the ancient woodland of Youlbury, just a few miles from Botley.

The Scouts travelled to North Devon for a week of camping with lots of water activities: surfing, coasteering, water slides, a water park, and a trip to the cinema to escape the rain! The Scouts cooked many of their meals themselves, spent a day cycling along the Tarka trail and a day hiking across Exmoor, finding their way to the site of a medieval settlement where everyone ate lunch and played in a stream. Even with so much packed in there was lots of time to relax around camp.

The Explorers headed off to the Lake District at the end of August for a week of activities including building a raft out of barrels to paddle on Windermere, and a hike up Helvellyn along the exciting Striding Edge.



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Both the young people and the volunteers at 4th Oxford Scout Group have had a very busy and rewarding few months. The photos give an idea of some of our summer exploits.

Simon Cowell and James Wynne

LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<u>P23/V1340/FUL</u>	Wallbrook Court, North Hinksey Lane. Eaton House & Begbroke House - Replacement windows & external doors; new entrance canopies, cycle store, external louvres and EV charging points.	8 June <i>Target decision date: 3 August</i>
<u>P23/V1033/LDE</u>	10 Conifer Close. Erect masonry storage building.	12 June <i>TDD: 7 Aug</i>
<u>P23/V1310/HH</u>	3 Crozier Close. Single storey rear extension. Removal of existing conservatory.	22 June <i>TDD: 17 Aug</i>
<u>P23/V1270/LDP</u>	Land along Southern By-Pass (A34) & opposite 172 Westminster Way. Air quality monitoring station on a grassed area parallel to public footpath.	26 June <i>TDD: 21 Aug</i>
<u>P23/V1666/HH</u>	164 Westminster Way. Replace garage & construct side link to main house & rear extension.	19 July <i>TDD: 13 September</i>
<u>P23/V1718/PDH</u>	8 Sycamore Rd. Replace extension roof with flat roof. Infill extension. Remove front stone cladding & render finish. Replace windows & front porch.	20 July <i>TDD: 31 Aug</i>
<u>P23/V1665/HH</u>	19 Cumnor Rise Rd. Side and rear extensions.	24 July <i>TDD: 18 Sept</i>
<u>P23/V1688/FUL</u>	1 Cumnor Hill. Residential development to create 2 x 2 bed dwellings & parking.	26 July <i>TDD: 20 Sept</i>

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A day at the Kennington Memory Club Day Centre provides fun, activities, laughter and quizzes for those with memory problems who suffer from dementia, and also respite for their carers. Our members especially appreciate the visits from a pianist, who, accompanied sometimes by her children, plays some of the old songs, to which they can sing along. This is very important for those with dementia as they can often recall music from earlier in their lives, when other memories are lost.



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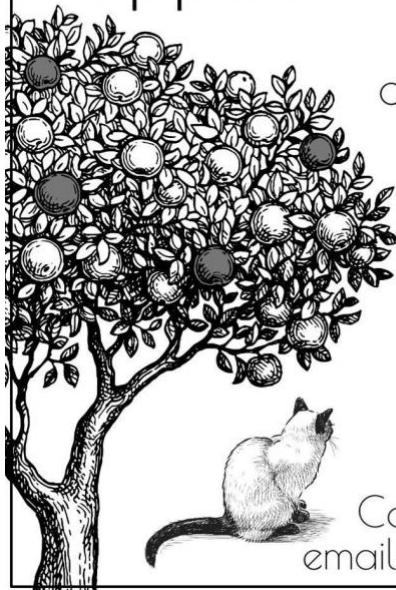
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Caroline Cockman

Botley WI Report

We much enjoyed our annual afternoon tea meeting. It was very well attended and the delicacies were appreciated by all. In September we will welcome an antiques expert to help us decide 'Good, Better, or Best' from a selection of antiques like those you see on the Antiques Roadshow. It should be a very interesting evening (Tuesday 5th September at 7.30pm). On September 9th there will be a 'Bingo, Bramleys and Brambles' evening, starting at 7pm. Please come and enjoy the evening with us. To book phone 01865 722998. And here is early notice of our Christmas Bazaar, which will be on Saturday 25th November. More details will follow, but if you think you would like to book a stall, please contact us on the number above.

Bess Harris

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Craft Club Thurs 14.00

Rhymetime Fri 10.00

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Liz Ward

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Botley Community Larder	Thursdays, 3.30 to 5.30 at St P&P Church Hall, West Way, Facebook or email botleylarder@gmail.com
Botley and Kennington Patients Participation Group	Second Tuesday in the month, early evening. Contact csugden@ocrpl.org
Botley Health Walks	2nd & 4th Sats 9.50 Louie Memorial Field car park, or Tues 11 am Library botleyhealthroutes@gmail.com
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Botley Memory Lane Café	Thursdays 10–12 Seacourt Hall Lounge, Diccon James 07740 611971
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Cumnor Choral Society	Thursdays, 19.30–21.30 St Andrew's Ch. Steve Morris, chair. www.cumnorchoralsociety.wordpress.com
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Our Lady of the Rosary, Roman Catholic, Yarnells Hill
 Saturday 6.30pm Mass
 Sunday 9.15am Mass
 Fr Daniel Lloyd 07584 323915 dlloyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

Botley Baptist Church, 1 Church Way
 Sunday Service 11 am
 Wednesday Zoom Bible Study 7.30pm
 Choir practice Thursday 2pm
 Diane Melchert **07742 662668** www.botleybaptistchurch.org

Calvary Chapel
 Sunday services on 1st Floor, 1 Church Way at 9.30am with
crèche, children's Sunday school and youth group
 Pastor Steve Vickery 01865 586332

What's On

September

- Mon 4th **St Peter and St Paul Church, Botley Arts: Kyle Hill**
- Tues 5th **11–12am, Botley Library, first of six weekly music workshops for under-fives and carers.**
- Fri 8th **7–8.30, Hill End, Bat Watch**
- 9th/10th **Across West Oxford, Visit Energy Saving Homes**
- Mon 11th **2.30pm, Dean Court Community Centre, U3A talk: Phil Holt, An Air Traffic Controller's Day**
- Thur 14th **7.30pm, Seacourt Hall, Parish Council Meeting**
- Sat 23rd **1.30–4.30, Hill End, Family Bushcraft**
- Sun 24th **12–4.30, Hill End, Adult Bushcraft**
 3.30pm, Louie Memorial Pavilion LMPT's AGM
- Mon 25th **2.30pm, Dean Court Community Centre, U3A talk: Katherine Bradley, women in the Arts & Crafts Movement in the Cotswolds**

October

- Sun 1st **New arrangements begin at Botley Medical Centre**
- Sat 7th **10am to 2pm, Hill End, Family Day – Foraging!**
- Sun 8th **3–5pm, South View, Old Botley, Botley Apple Day**