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From the Editor

March already, and half term has been and gone. Still, we have insights into life at two local schools, Botley (p5) and a rare appearance from Matthew Arnold (p25), in the form of a review of this year's school play. There are other reviews, too: the past few months at the Doctors' Surgery (p21), the state of play at the Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme (p7), and the past year at the Parish Council (p9), getting us in the mood for the Annual Parish Meeting (7.30 on Thursday 14th March at Seacourt Hall and via Zoom). This is your chance to let the council hear your views. Their 2024 Annual Newsletter covers the things they think you'd like to know about, but you may have other ideas! There are yet more reviews on page 13 – a new series about really good books. The first three come from members of the Sprout Editorial team, and now we're handing over to you. What have you read that is so good you want to tell people about it? Let us know. As ever, there are two pages of addresses at the back – organizations of all kinds that are woven into the fabric of Botley life. Is yours listed there? Do people know what you do? Why not write and tell us how things are going? All contributions welcome.

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The service is for Oxon/Bucks residents over 55 who suspect they may have age-related hearing loss, as well as for current NHS hearing-aid users. There are several centres near Botley to choose from, both in Oxford (e.g., Jericho, Market Street, Lake Street, Cowley Road) and in Abingdon (Marcham Road), and Witney Community Hospital. You can either ring for an appointment at your chosen centre (tel. 01865 507280 for all), email, or fill in an online form on their website, found at **oxonbucks-nhs-audiology.com**. They can usually see you within seven days.

I thought my hearing wasn't as good as it once was, so visited the Audiology Service at Northgate Health Centre in Market Street, Oxford. I was surprised and delighted to emerge an hour later wearing two hearing aids. They also installed an app on my phone through which I can easily control and customize my settings to suit different environments. Brilliant!

Well done, the NHS!

Viv Smith

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At Botley School we have enjoyed a lot of special events and activities since Christmas. We welcomed a great variety of speakers for our Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Week in January, which also included our International Food party with delicious recipes from across the world. We then held a Pupil Mental Health and Wellbeing Week, with Wake Up, Shake Up fitness routines, a Bubbletastic lunchtime, a whole school Zumba session and a fantastic (if delayed) panto performance of Jack and the Beanstalk (performed by Panto In A Day, see photo) as highlights.



Our Year 5 and 6 teams have been bringing history to life by creating their own Victorian Living Museums. They have created some fantastic exhibits, with superb writing skills and historical knowledge on display. The Year 3 and Year 4 pupils were given tours of the museums. One year 6 tour guide knew so much about mining in the Victorian era, he would have given any professional tour guide or historian a run for their money!

As ever the pupils had a great time on Pancake Day, which we celebrated on 9th February before breaking up for half-term. Their decorated pancakes were wonderfully creative and their prowess with running in the races and flipping pancakes was impressive. Our Year 6 Sports Leaders organised all the races and our Pupil Council judged the pancakes.

Year 5 have also been busy with their Primary Playmaker projects.



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They have each spent a week thinking about the theme of friendship and creating ideas and drama which they have turned into plays. These will be judged by the team at Primary Playmaker, with the winning entry from Botley being performed by professional actors at the Oxford Playhouse later this month.

Thank you to everyone involved: pupils, teachers, parents, staff, Tesco for their Tesco Christmas Present project, KBS Roofing for re-roofing our Forest School shelter and shed completely free of charge, and Botley Bridges who continue to support some of our families with financial assistance for trips and clubs.

Botley School team

Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme update

The Environment Agency's proposed Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme (OFAS) is currently going through two separate approval processes.

One is a DEFRA inquiry about compulsory purchase orders (CPOs), which are needed where the Environment Agency wants land against the wishes of the owner. The test here is whether the scheme provides a "compelling case in the public interest".

A sub-set of this ("Section 19") is where the flood scheme would take land in public parks, since land needs to be provided in exchange. The Seacourt Nature Park is one of five parks which fall under Section 19. The others are land at Oatlands Rd recreation ground, Grandpont/Dean's Ham, and two sites in Kennington. As exchange land for Seacourt Nature Park, the EA proposes to purchase and make available a field behind Jewson's, plus 470m² of Hinksey Meadow (!). The CPO inquiry ended in January, and the inspector's report will take several months.

The second approval process is via Oxfordshire County Council's planning and regulation committee. The test there will be whether the scheme is consistent with national and local planning policy. At the moment, the county council are still in discussion with the EA about biodiversity net gain. This new legal requirement applies to all development and says that, after development, there must be at least 10% more biodiversity than before. The OFAS would not provide that on site, and is proposing to do some planting off-site instead. This may result in another (third) round of public consultation. No date has been set for the scheme to go to committee. The time for commenting on the CPOs has passed, but you can still comment to Oxfordshire County:

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It's been another year of change and progress locally, starting with the name of your Council! In May 2023 we officially added Botley to the name, so we are now Botley and North Hinksey Parish Council. No changes to our boundaries or remit, but the name better reflects the area we represent. You'll find our website and emails updated too.

Also in May, we saw 26 candidates contesting the 14 seats in the parish council elections. Many parishes struggle to find enough candidates to even hold elections, but the community spirit here shows our passion for Botley and a desire to keep improving it and making a difference. You elected six new Councillors plus eight who continue from the previous term, all bringing energy, enthusiasm and new perspectives.

That community spirit was reinforced at our second "All in One Room" volunteers party in December where around 60 volunteers and groups were celebrated for their contributions to our community. We also welcomed new staff members this year: our new Clerk is Emma Gordon and our Responsible Financial Officer is Alice Handscomb Retallack.

In July we were delighted to be granted planning permission for a new pavilion replacing the current outdated facilities on the Louie Memorial Playing Fields. A few weeks later our application for a new skatepark was approved, also on the playing fields. A major focus for 2024 is raising money for both facilities, so look out for ways to get involved in fundraising efforts.

Of course, we also continue to seek to represent your views and needs in wider issues, not least the transport problems caused by the Botley Road closure and A34 works, the Flood Alleviation Scheme, and nearby solar farm proposals. Please do let us know your thoughts. You can do this by email, Facebook or come along to a Parish Council meeting. Details are on our website.

This month is the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 14th March (7:30pm in Seacourt Hall and on Zoom). Everyone is welcome and you can suggest topics or questions for the meeting to address. Please send these by Monday 11th March to chair@botleynorthhinksey-pc.gov.uk

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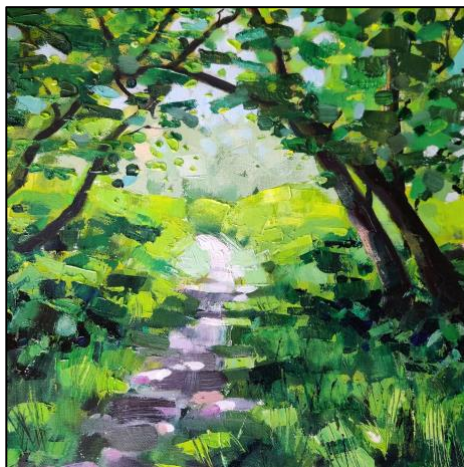


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Botley Arts are delighted to present a painting Exhibition by local artists Amy Boyd and Eleanor Apps in St Peter & St Paul Church.

"We met at the Botley Children's Centre having just had our first children 11 years ago and have been friends ever since. For different reasons we both started painting again after a twenty-year break apiece – and we took the opportunity to plan an exhibition together with Botley Arts, our first exhibition together anywhere. This gave us the added motivation to find time for painting in our busy work and family week – we knew we needed twenty pieces each for the exhibition!

Eleanor: I took a class at Sunningwell Art College after an old school friend encouraged me to take up painting again. I'm painting in oils at the moment, and I do a lot of still life paintings - the class encouraged me to focus on light and shade, and really making colours pop where there is light, and fade away where there is shadow. I also really enjoy landscape painting, finding inspiration from the beautiful places around Botley, such as the riverside walks around Farmoor and in Wytham Woods.



Amy: I returned to painting during lockdown in 2020 as respite from my role as a project manager on the Oxford COVID vaccine. I am a keen gardener and flowers have been my principal subject so far. I work mostly from photographs of flowers I have grown, as it takes me a while

to finish my pictures, by which time the flower has usually gone over! I use watercolour paints and prefer to paint quite detailed pictures. I aim to produce as accurate a representation of the subject as I can render. Apart from the odd Pinterest tutorial I am self-taught. We hope you enjoy our exhibition – thank you to Botley Arts"

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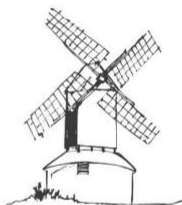
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Written in 2022, this refreshing novel is set in early 1960s America. Elizabeth Zott is a woman with a brilliant mind who refuses to be dominated by the gender and cultural biases of the time. Struggling to be taken seriously as a chemist, she reluctantly becomes the star of a TV cooking show, where her revolutionary scientific and empowering commentary dares overlooked housewives to change the status quo. A warm and witty page-turner, this book has an unforgettable heroine in unconventional Elizabeth Zott.

Among other awards, Bonnie Garmus won British Book Awards Author of the Year for **Lessons in Chemistry**. A deserved best-seller, it also featured on BBC Radio 4's 'Book at Bedtime' and is soon to be turned into an Apple TV series starring Brie Larson.

Viv Smith

The Book You Want Everyone You Love to Read by Philippa Perry

In this book, PP brings together understanding and information from her many years as a psychotherapist and advice columnist. The book has four chapters: on how we love ('building strong and meaningful connections'), how we argue ('coping with conflict'), how we change ('navigating the new') and how we find contentment ('discovering inner peace, fulfilment and meaning').

Different parts of the book will speak to different people: her examples include unhappiness with partners, colleagues, the lack of meaning in people's lives, past choices, the death of loved ones, and how people think they look. Much of the book is about being forgiving about our own mistakes, being willing to change (and understanding that we are the only person that we can change), and working towards understanding and empathy rather than judgement and

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victory. For me the book was one 'aha' moment after another. My copy of the book was kindly given to me by a good friend, and I'm very happy to lend it to anyone who wants to get a better understanding of themselves, others, and the links between themselves and others. *[Me first! Ed]*

Riki Therivel

What About Men? by Caitlin Moran

I really loved this book. Once you have taken the author's crude language in your stride, and risen above her gleeful urge to shock, you have to appreciate her compassion and good sense, and her willingness to tackle issues that few care to talk about. It's a book that really needed to be written. Her point is that the women's movement offers all the help and support a girl might need to face the challenges of modern life, but there is almost nothing similar for boys – bar the repellent misogyny of such as Andrew Tate.

She doesn't get everything right – I felt she over-egged the fact that some boys develop motor skills less quickly than girls, for instance – but generally she has lots to offer, and her chapter on the addictive nature of pornography is an eye-opener. Not just a book for boys, then, but for their mothers and fathers as well, and guaranteed to start many a useful conversation.

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What I found at The Fishes

The Fishes has always been my favourite place to go for metal detecting, and this is because of the simplicity and relatability of any finds. Whether it's badges, buttons or coins, these everyday items tell a story. The main takeaway is that people have always enjoyed going to the pub. Even back then!

In the weeks before the pub reopened, after the 2020 lockdown, I was lucky enough to be given permission to see what I could find in the pub garden. In the process, I found several hundreds of coins! Most were modern decimal coins, dating from after 1971, but there were also many old pennies and half-pennies dating to the 19th and 20th Centuries. The oldest datable coin was a 1776 half-penny of King George III. My favourite find, though, was an engraved saddle decoration dating to the 17th Century, that has now been recorded on the Portable Antiquities Scheme database.



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The older coins recovered in the garden may well be connected to the old Hinksey Ferry at the bottom of the garden of what is today Ferry Hinksey House. This ferry had been in existence since the 14th century.

I had permission to metal detect in this garden too. I was amazed to find that the original Fishes pub had been located right next to Hinksey stream, before it was moved to its current position in the 19th Century.

After doing all of this, I was able to put all the modern coins I found to good use, when the pub opened after lockdown once again!

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Fishtail Lounge & Bar is the latest addition to the foody side of West Way Square, having opened on 20 October last year. The cuisine is a fusion of Indian, Nepalese, Thai, and Chinese and includes old favourites as well as some original dishes. It was high time I paid them a visit. First up, why the name? Their website tells me that Machhapuchre, which means 'Fishtail', is the 2nd highest peak in the Annapurna Himalayan Range, situated in the North Central part of Nepal. It gets its name as the top resembles a fishtail. Not only fish dishes then!



My husband and I enjoyed our first meal at Fishtail – and I can heartily recommend the delicious Goan King Prawn Curry (creamy coconut sauce with a hint of chilli) – so I followed it up with a visit to chat with Raj, the Managing Director, to talk about their venture into Botley.

Raj had been looking for a suitable venue and the ex-Pappo site seemed ideal, being modern and spacious. He emphasized that the people of Botley have been really supportive, but that trade has dropped off, perhaps because of post-Christmas and January blues? The restaurant is busiest at the weekends and they have hopes that, when the huge building next to them is finished, there will be more footfall in the Square. He currently has 3 to 4 staff, but pulls in extra people when needed.

Although the restaurant forms the biggest part of their trade, Fishtail also provides a takeaway service. At the moment delivery is free for up to a 2-mile radius, £1 for 2-3 miles, £2 for 3-4 miles, and £3 for 4-5 miles, 5 miles being their limit.

With such a variety of different Asian cuisines, the menu has been both wide-ranging and extensive. But by the time you read this a new, reduced, menu will be launched. I had wondered how they managed to operate such a large menu, so this sounded like a sensible idea to me.

Fishtail Lounge and Bar is open from 12 noon to 3.00pm and then from 5.00pm to 11.00pm, seven days a week. Our local eateries need all the help they can get so, even if a full-blown meal is not for you right now, why not pop into the lounge and bar area for a coffee or drink? You will get a good welcome.

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Usual GP allocation

In February we allocated all patients a Usual GP. Unfortunately, this can only be done alphabetically by surname, due to the constraints of the medical records system. Some previous 19 Beaumont St patients have also been reallocated, to balance numbers for GPs who are working at both. Manual amendments will be made to the Usual GP over the coming months to make any changes needed. If you would like to request a particular Usual GP, or are not sure who your Usual GP is, please do contact the practice by emailing info.nbs@nhs.net or via 'Contact us' in the top right corner of the front page of the website

Vaccines and health campaigns

The early indication is that there will be a *spring covid booster campaign*. When this is confirmed there will be more information in the practice and on our website, but preliminary information is that the vaccine should be offered to age 75+, care home residents and those who are immune-suppressed (according to defined list). Those over 65, as well as some immune-suppressed patients, are also eligible for a *pneumococcal vaccine* which helps protect against bacterial infections that can lead to meningitis, sepsis and pneumonia. The *shingles vaccine* programme is changing, but all 70–79-year-olds who have not had a vaccine remain eligible. There will be a phased introduction for patients aged 60+ over the next five years. The practice will invite you when you are due, but do contact us if you have any queries.

Saturday clinics

Are held every 2–3 weeks at either the Elms Road or Beaumont St sites. Clinics usually consist of 3 clinicians: GP, nurse or pharmacist and a healthcare assistant. The clinics are held in the morning between 8.30am and 12.30am.

Buildings and gardens

We are in the process of installing new boilers in Beaumont St (made all the more difficult due it being a listed building) and in Elms Road the roof has been repaired and lights are about to be installed in the car



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park. We are also aware of the water that floods off the fields behind the practice in Elms Road and flows through the car park and down the street, and are looking into how to resolve this.



When we moved into the premises in October some work was done to the outside space to tidy things up a bit. Thirty or so bags of garden waste later, it looks a bit tidier but there is still plenty to do, as you can see from the photo. When the weather improves, we are hoping to continue the good work and anyone who would be interested in joining us would be very welcome, especially if you have some much-needed gardening skills! If you are interested, please drop your details into the practice or email info.nbs@nhs.net and we will be in touch, if it ever stops raining!

Kate King

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## Ann Dykes

Ann Dykes, who died earlier this year, will be remembered for her many years of service to the community. All through her adult life she was heavily involved in the Girl Guide Movement. She was a Brown Owl (Leader of troop) and for a time was the District Commissioner of the local Girl Guide Movement in West Oxford district.



After retiring from the guiding movement, Ann devoted much of her spare time to local politics and assisting the local community through her work with the Parish Council, which she served from 1991 to 2023, and in the local Conservative Party.

Aside from her family and politics Ann was interested in local history and gardening. She was a pivotal member of the North Hinksey Horticultural Society, organizing their annual flower and produce show and many popular outings, notably to the Malvern Show. Her spirit will

live on, in her three children, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

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## ***Romeo and Juliet* at Matthew Arnold**

If you did not attend this year's Matthew Arnold School production of *Romeo and Juliet*, you missed out. In the words of the director and Head of Drama, Kerry Wilkins, this play was “unlike anything you had seen.”

She was absolutely right.

The production takes place in a modern, post-war, dystopian setting,

the concept of the school's imaginative students. Instead of traditional Shakespearean costumes, we see leather jackets and army gear, worn



by a cast who look ready for a brawl. The masquerade ball also looks very different, played in the form of a cool underground rave, with dancing similar to what I see in clubs every weekend.

We don't see Prince Escalus of Verona imposing his authority on the Montagu and Capulet families in person, either. Instead, we see him via a series of grainy videos, watching over everybody with disapproving eyes, through a battered television.

Don't think that the original charm of the play is missing, though. The well-known death scene is performed with enough heartfelt emotion to capture the entire room.



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While the production was a clear team effort, involving a total of 120 students, there were a couple of standout performers. Mercutio, played by Elliot Ward, was one, convincingly portraying the character with confidence and maturity. Even in scenes with Romeo (played by Thomas Lewis), his charismatic and powerful voice allowed him to take charge. Another captivating performance was that of the Nurse, whose entertaining charisma stole the show in many of their scenes. They even managed, at points, to make the audience giggle with their physical comedy, their facial expressions when they hear of Juliet’s love for Romeo being a crowd favourite.

Not that this takes away the excellence of everybody else involved in the production. Not least, the chemistry between Romeo and Juliet (played by Thea Weller), which appeared entirely genuine.

Despite its sad end, the warmth shown by the cast clearly displayed a group of people having the time of their lives throughout the creation of this show.

Being in the audience, I certainly felt the same watching it.

**Jack Webb**

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LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<u>P24/V0215/HH</u>	16 Poplar Rd. Demolish existing conservatory & erect single storey extension at rear.	2 February <i>TDD: 29 March</i>
<u>P24/V0300/LDP</u>	18 Yarnells Hill. Erects single storey rear extension.	9 February <i>TDD: 5 April</i>
<u>P24/V0328/HH</u>	1 Sweetmans Rd. Change facade, replace windows, demolish garage, build new side extension + wrap around front porch. New driveway, & semi-underground garage.	9 February <i>Target Decision Date: 5 April</i>
<u>P24/V0341/HH</u> & <u>P24/V0342/LDP</u>	23 Arthray Rd. Ground floor side & rear extensions. Hip-to-gable loft conversion with 3 front rooflights & rear dormer.	12 February <i>TDD: 8 April</i>



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Brownies Rise to the Challenge

We welcomed everyone back and started 2024 off by having a “Bring a Game” evening. The Brownies brought in games which were either new ones they had received at Christmas or just games they enjoyed playing. The hall was filled with laughter and here’s an example as to why. “Hedbanz” is a fast-paced, easy to play question game of “What am I?” with only “yes” or “no” for answers and a short amount of time to discover if the cartoon card on your headband is an animal, food or object. Poor Snowy Owl didn’t guess this one (*‘I am an Owl’*). Sometimes the simplest things bring the greatest joy.



The following week we did the UMA “Leadership – Leader Goals”. The end result was that the girls decided that a good leader in whatever role should be kind, enthusiastic and a good listener. They gave plenty of examples, demonstrating yet again that children are more perceptive than we sometimes give them credit for.

Then our next meeting was all about the “Rope Race Challenge”. Each Brownie unit is made up of smaller groups called Sixes and it was these Sixes (Gnomes, Imps, Kelpies or Sprites), under the leadership of each girl in rotation, that had to take it in turns to navigate their Six around and under obstacles laid out from one end of the hall to the other and back. The main rule was that each Six had to keep hold of their rope with both hands at all times, or re-start from the beginning. The last challenge was to complete the obstacle course with their eyes closed except for the last team member, who could give advice. We asked the girls for their comments at the end of this particular challenge and they told us it was “scary”, “worrying”, “funny” and “weird” – but each Brownie had felt they had achieved something new and had enjoyed it.



In our next report we will tell you all about our “Disco Dance” challenge!

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Botley Women's Institute

We are pleased to be back after Christmas. Time goes so quickly. Our February meeting was very well received. We ran our own version of an Old Tyme Music Hall, where everyone joined in, some read poems or monologues and we had a fabulous hat competition, setting us up for the new year ahead. This month we elect a new committee and plan next year's speakers and events. In March we will hear about 'Supershoes' and we are holding a garden mosaic craft morning on Saturday 17th.

In our new WI year, we are welcoming many speakers, holding a quiz evening, and enjoying afternoon teas and harvest suppers.

We have been delighted to welcome new members during 2023 and hope to see more join in the coming year. A new learning hub is being created by the national WI and members will be able to access it free – a brilliant chance to learn new things.

Do join us for friendship and fun, and the chance to support important resolutions to improve our world.

Bess Harris

Skatepark fundraising

The event arranged by the Tap Social on January 25th raised a very welcome £500 – a great start to the campaign. The Parish Council has now agreed to adopt the name Botley Sk8s, and this logo will identify future fundraising efforts. Thanks to Tap Social for this great start.



Cumnor Choral Society's Spring Concert

is at 7.30pm on 16th March at St Peter and St Paul Church. Music by Charles Villiers Stanford on the centenary of his death to include Songs of the Fleet and Bible Songs. The conductor is Benedict Goodall with Soloists Harriet Smith, Celia Butterfield, Ashley Turner and Robert Nicholas, accompanied by Andrew Knowles. Tickets: £12 in advance, £15 on the door, including programme and after concert buffet. Contact Caroline on **Cockman.caroline@gmail.com** or 07961 900670

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The Church of England is here for every life event and to serve the wider community, not just on Sundays.

Revd Clare Sykes, Rector of the parish of North Hinksey with Botley.

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday 28th March

9.30am	St Lawrence, North Hinksey	Morning Prayer
7.00pm	St Peter & St. Paul, Botley	Holy Communion

Good Friday 29th March

9.30am	St. Peter & St. Paul, Botley	Morning Prayer
12.00pm	St. Peter & St. Paul, Botley	An hour at the cross

Easter Sunday 31st March

9.30am	St. Peter & St Paul, Botley	Holy Communion
11.30am	St. Lawrence, North Hinksey	Holy Communion

General organizations

The Sprout is working through the phone numbers of the organizations listed at the back of each month's issue, partly to make sure they are up-to-date, and partly to find out how they are all getting on. So far, we have found a few that are no longer correct. Is your organization listed? Please check the contact details and get in touch if they need updating. Does everyone know what you do? Why not write an account for *Sprout* readers? Up to 400 words, with a photo as well if possible.

The Big Spring Clean, all through March

The Vale has decided to join this Oxford City initiative. They will lend you large and small litter picking tools, large and small hi-viz jackets,

and branded bags for recycling and general waste. In return they want you to register your group (ideally, two weeks ahead), assess the risks and sign a declaration that you will carry out your mission safely, inviting your helpers to wear gloves and sturdy shoes, and with hand-sanitizer at the ready. You can apply to register at **waste.team@southandvale.gov.uk**. They will then confirm your booking and organise the delivery and collection of equipment and litter bags.

Riki Therivel will be leading a group cleaning up the Nature Reserve from 2pm on 2nd March, and Rosanne Bostock at Aldi car park on Saturday 9th at 9.45 for 10. Just turn up, equipped with gloves. Your help would be much appreciated. It does make a difference.

Botley Traffic Advisory Group

It seems surprising that of all the groups who *should* be coordinating all the road, rail and water works around west Oxford, it took our own parish council to set up a meeting where all the various agencies were in the same (virtual) room. What did we learn? – that the buses were too often left out of the picture for too long. That the tunnel closure on 9th to 10th March is booked start at 10pm, and the work won't take much more than an hour. There will be foot traffic up to midnight on a Saturday night – we suggested they start work at 12. But will they?

KMC Blog for March

February's over, so, hopefully, Winter is too, and we can look forward to Spring blossom. February was a month of love, with Valentine's Day and the 29th this year, when there may have been proposals of marriage in the air. Everyone needs love, care and support, especially if their lives are difficult because dementia has affected them or someone they care for, and not just in February. Let's try and keep those thoughts of love, care and support in our minds now that March has arrived. That's exactly what we aim to provide at the Kennington Memory Club Day Centre.

If you or someone you know has dementia and could do with their lives blossoming a bit more, perhaps we can help. There are usually places available, so give the Organiser a ring on 07852 883496 to find out about taster days. Carers are welcome to stay with a potential member while they settle into their days at the Club.



Enjoy the Springtime and all the Spring flowers blossoming colourfully, whatever the weather throws at them.

www.kenningtonmemoryclub.org.uk

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Organizations: If your organization is not listed here, please send details to editor@thesprout.org.uk or telephone 724452 for inclusion.

1st Botley Brownies Girls aged 7–10	Dean Court Community Centre Thur 6–7.30 Jean Metson, firstbotleybrownies@gmail.com
2nd Botley Brownies Girls aged 7–10	Rosary Room, Yarnells Hill. Tues 6:15-7:45 Alison Griffin 2ndbotleybrownies@outlook.com
4th Oxford Scout Group Cubs Beavers, Scouts, Explorers	mail@thefourth.org.uk Meets every weekday evening. Website: http://www.thefourth.org.uk/
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Baby & Toddler Group	Tues/Thurs 9.15–11, SS Peter & Paul Church Hall
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Botley Memory Lane Café	Thursdays 10-12 Seacourt Hall Lounge, Diccon James 07740 611971
Botley & North Hinksey Parish Council	clerk@botleynorthhinksey-pc.gov.uk
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West Oxford U3A (Uni of the 3rd Age)	http://westoxfordu3a.org.uk/
Women's Institute (Botley)	Alison Jenner 07598 251161 alisonjenner@yahoo.com

Botley Baptist Church, 1 Church Way	Contact: Building Manager 07742 662668 botleybaptist@gmail.com
The Rosary Room Yarnells Hill, Elms Rise	Contact: Maria Brown, Tel: 01865 247986.
SS Peter & Paul Church Hall, West Way, Botley	Contact: 01865 242057 or osneybenefice@outlook.com .
Women's Institute Hall, North Hinksey Lane	Contact: Val Warner Tel. 01865 245273
Seacourt Hall, 3 Church Way	Contact: Lottie White on 07452 960100, or email admin@seacourthall.org.uk
Pavilion, Arnold's Way, Elms Rise, Botley	Contact: Darren Blase 241254 louiememorialpavilion@gmail.com
Oxford Rugby Club, North Hinksey Village	Contact: Mary Bagnall mary.bagnall1@btinternet.com .

North Hinksey & Botley Churches Times of Services (once resumed) and Contacts

St. Lawrence, Church of England, North Hinksey Lane

1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th Sunday 11.30am Holy Communion
3rd Sunday 11.30am Matins

St. Peter and St. Paul, Church of England, West Way

Sundays 9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesdays 10.30am Holy Communion at Field House, West Way
Rev Clare Sykes, Tel. 01865 242345 or revclare@btinternet.com
See table above for Church Hall enquiries.

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
contact@ccox.church website: www.ccoxford.church

What's On

March

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| Fri 1st | 10am, Botley Library, Rhymetime for 0-5s (and on 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th) |
| Sat 2nd | 10am, Botley Library, Cllr Judy Roberts' surgery |
| Sat 2nd | 2pm, Botley Library, Christina Hardymont: Alyce Chaucer, Fact and Fiction, all welcome. |
| Tues 5th | 3.30pm, Botley Library, Lego Club (and on 12th, 19th and 26th) |
| Thur 7th | 2pm, Botley Library, Adult Craft Club (and on 14th, 21st, 28th) |
| Fri 8th | International Women's Day |
| Mon 11th | 2.30pm, Dean Court Community Centre, U3A talk: John Brimble: Hinksey Heights Nature Reserve |
| Thur 14th | 7.30pm, Seacourt Hall, Annual Parish Meeting |
| Sat 16th | 7.30pm, St Peter and St Paul Church, Cumnor Choral Spring Concert, |
| Thur 21st | 7.30pm, Seacourt Hall, Parish Council Meeting |
| Mon 25th | 2.30pm, Dean Court Community Centre, U3A talk: Richard Martin: Witney Blanket Hall. The Hall in History |
| Sun 31st | Easter Sunday. British Summertime starts. See page 33 for CoE Easter Services. |

[More details of events can be found in the Randoms section.]