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From the Editor

It's the new academic year, and school will be starting again very shortly, if it hasn't already. Various new projects are getting under way – Botley Bowl Mark 2 will be consulting on possible designs in September (p25), and 25th is the day we get together to thrash out what we must do if we are to play our part in resolving the climate crisis (p7). Hannah Lloyd needs help with funding her Masters degree (p17), Tom Davis is looking for local knowledge on the history of Youlbury and the POW camp on Harcourt Hill (p31), Citizens' Advice needs more volunteers (23), and the Community Larder would welcome them too (p13), as would the Guides (p15). The Botley Medical Practice is working hard at getting its house in order (p9), there are more planning applications than we have seen for a while (p29) and Randoms (p39) notes the Seniors Lunch Club is back in action, as is the Botley W.I. Oxford Open Doors is back. And people wanting to improve their sporting abilities may like to check out the exciting offer at the Lawn Tennis Club Open Day on 4th September. What all this activity tells us is that things are finally getting back to normal. But don't let's get carried away – we've been here before!

Ag MacKeith



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Letters to the Editor

Youlbury

I am a second year archaeology and history student at Southampton University, originally from North Hinksey. I am currently in the process of formulating my dissertation, an archaeological survey of Youlbury Scout Camp, Boars Hill, and its use as a military training centre and POW camp during the Second World War. Any historical information, photographs or documents relating to the camp would be an excellent addition to my project. I am also very interested in the POW camp on Harcourt Hill, with which Youlbury may have been associated. In general, anything related to the Second World War up to the beginning of the 20th Century in the North Hinksey, Botley and Cumnor area would be great. Please contact me at tgd1g19@soton.ac.uk or by phone 07712 710623.

Tom Davis

Greening Botley?

I have been walking every day along Elms Rise streets and in particular Cedar Road. I enjoy looking at front gardens and I want to thank those of you who still have one. Whether it is perfectly tended to or wild is irrelevant, the greens and the colours of flowers give one some peace, pleasure and space. In other words, it helps our mental health.

However, the front gardens are disappearing one by one, to be replaced by car parks. Why pave the whole front garden? Is watching your cars next to your windows better than having a view on green foliage? And it is making it worse for the houses at the bottom of the hill as the water does not seep through the soil anymore. And it is ugly.

I would like to ask those who have paved or concreted their gardens whether they enjoy passing the green and flowery gardens of their neighbours.

The Parish Council is talking about Greening Botley. Stopping this trend and finding a way to discourage people from transforming front gardens into endless car parks would be a good start. Front gardens



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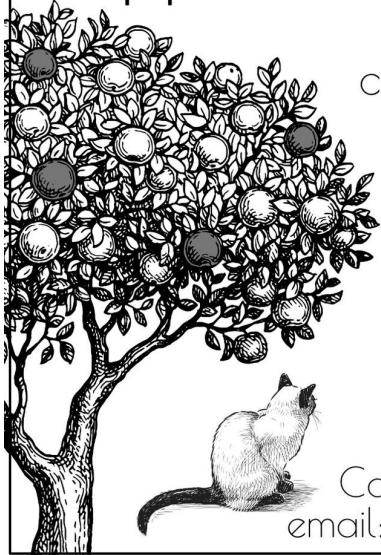
I implore those who are thinking of imitating these ugly concreted surfaces to rethink and change their mind or compromise – at least for half and half. And a deeply felt thank you to those with dreams in their front gardens.

Annemarie Heslop

This feels like a good place to publish a photo of the happy occasion when we handed out certificates and RHS Vouchers to the winners of Botley in Bloom 2021. The ceremony took place in Jan Bartlam's sunny back garden on a blazing day in July. The photo shows those of the winners who were able to come: from left, Leo McAllister and his little daughter, Elizabeth Stevens and Peter England, Caroline Cockman, and the aptly named Phil Bloomer.



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The recent United Nations report, signed off by 195 governments, made it very clear that we need urgent action everywhere to help tackle the climate crisis. This month people all over Oxfordshire – and the UK – will be playing their part in the ‘Great Big Green Week’ (Sept 18th–26th). Here in Botley we’ll be looking to the future too.

There are over 50 community groups active on climate change and green issues across Oxfordshire, but we don’t have one in Botley. The parish council has an environmental action plan, but for that to work we need more people on board. Cumnor’s already doing good work with their new ‘Fit for the Future’ group, and Eynsham’s ‘Nature Recovery Network’ is a shining example of what can be done.

On Saturday Sept 25th from 1.30–4.30 there will be talks and discussions on ‘Botley’s Green Future’ in the Seacourt Hall. This is supported by the *Sprout* and by North Hinksey Parish Council, and is part of our contribution to the Oxfordshire Great Big Green Week – <https://greenweekoxon.co.uk/>. If you agree it’s time to act, come along and let’s form a group that will bring about some change. It will be a busy afternoon – we will hear how ‘Fit for the Future’, got started – their work can be seen here: <https://www.cumnorf4f.org/>. We’ll also launch the Botley and North Hinksey ‘Green Guide’, setting out ways we can make a difference in homes, workplaces and communities.

Most importantly we’ll discuss what we can do locally, including:

- creating space for wildlife;
- tackling air pollution problems;
- reducing our carbon emissions;
- protecting and caring for our green spaces;
- helping people grow food locally (like edible Abingdon);
- using rainwater; and
- tackling flooding issues.

If you want to be part of the change, then come along at 1.30pm on September 25th to Seacourt Hall, just next to the Library. We are all in this together and together we can have an impact. If you register in advance via Eventbrite, we will keep you in the discussions as we finalise plans. Sign up at: <https://greenerbotley.eventbrite.co.uk>

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Dear Patients,

We are working hard to put things right at the Practice. At the PPG's suggestion, and with their input, we will provide monthly updates on our progress. Please find our progress update for July/early August below:

NOW

Call-back system on the phones: We are sorry for the frustration in getting through on the phones. Earlier this week the team reviewed the system and received training to help us make changes and monitor phone activity. We have set up a call-back system, which we hope will improve things. The call-back system works as follows:

- The system activates when more than four people are in the phone queue.
- The call-back may take a little while depending on how many are queuing. Once the call-back starts, the health centre will attempt to call the patient up to three times on the device from which they called, at 15-second intervals.
- If no one answers, the process is cancelled. For patients calling from a mobile phone, a text will be sent to this effect.
- Do NOT try to phone again until the call-back process has taken place. Otherwise the whole process is cancelled and you will need to start again from the beginning.

Booking appointments online: You can download the [NHS app](#) to book appointments directly (providing some are available) from your smartphone, tablet or home computer. If you complete the full registration (verifying your identity with the practice by bringing in some documentation), you can also access a wider range of services including seeing blood test results and ordering repeat prescriptions.

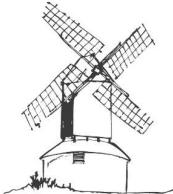
Recruitment: We will welcome a Health Care Assistant, a Social Prescriber and Reception Manager this month, and Mind and Well-being Workers through the PCN. We expect a new GP, two Receptionists, a Medical Secretary and a Clinical Coder to join in the autumn. Although significant vacancies remain in our clinical, reception and admin teams, this is good progress.

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CQC update: We are making good progress on the highest priority issues CQC identified and report to them monthly. We meet with the CCG fortnightly and the PPG regularly.

NEXT

Increasing patient appointments: We have completed the formalities with Livi, a digital GP appointments app fully integrated with our local systems and processes. If all goes well, you will receive information about how to access their system during August. The system will go live by the end of the month. See the Practice Website for more information. Like the NHS App, the Livi App needs to be downloaded. Patients can, via their mobile, see a doctor (not a doctor from the BMC Practice), at home, at work or on the go. The doctor can offer medical advice along with prescriptions delivered to a pharmacy near you. Those without a computer or smart phone can still ring the surgery. If you can, please use these alternative systems and free up telephone bookings for those who can't.

Improving access to services: we will develop a 'who can I see' guide, so patients can book appointments with different members of our clinical team as needed. This should relieve pressure on GPs' appointments and improve your access to services. Due in September.

More Recruitment: recruiting is slow over the holiday season. We hope to have more good news on this front by October.

LATER

After our initial recovery phase is complete we will develop a staff retention and wellbeing plan, and with the PPG's input, work on a longer-term strategy and start improving our website.



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We don't have a wide enough selection to replace your supermarket shopping. However, we do bring the feel-good effect: doing the right thing for our environment, making food accessible, and increasing community involvement.

While we do also help towards reducing food poverty, it's just a by-product of our waste-reduction ambitions.

So, whether you are wealthy or not, please stop by on a Thursday and say 'Hi'. I'll show you around, you can join us as a member or you can volunteer to set the tables or drive parcels to those who can't get out to us. Either way, we all belong to our Botley community. If you want to get in touch, you can phone me on 07887 902412

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Along with all the usual badge and award work, we have had numerous campfires and outdoor cooking sessions, fun days at Hill End, outdoor games. We have picked up litter around various areas of Botley, had visits from outside agencies, done some Geocaching and even sailing.

Sadly, over lockdown we have lost many leaders and girls. This means that we have spaces for both girls and volunteers in many of our units. If you think you might like to make a difference in our wonderful young ladies' lives, and if you love to have fun, or if your daughter would like to get involved, we would love to hear from you.

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➔ **Hannah on the left, with her friend Uzochi Nwaubani**

My journey began last year when I was admitted to Oxford University to study International Development, a course focussed on addressing poverty and inequality across the world. It was an exciting moment – though one swiftly cut short when I realized that, not only was I ineligible for Oxford scholarships, but there weren't any part-time study options and the department had a rule that students are not permitted to do paid work for more than 4hrs per week. Born to a low-income family and only the first generation to attend university, I've become accustomed to putting in the work to fund opportunities, but Oxford was making this one exceedingly difficult! Finding myself inches away from having to give up on the course that would propel me into my future, I decided to do the very last thing I knew how – fundraise.

I moved to Botley three years ago to work at the University's Student Union. At the University I worked with students to develop their leadership skills and bring their ideas to life, while also volunteering at the Museum of Oxford and consulting with local organisations to address racial inequalities. From supporting them to fundraise over





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One year later, after countless late nights sending emails, doing interviews on television and radio, and knocking on University doors, I've gathered over £34,000. All during a pandemic and while battling for my mental health! It's been tiring and difficult but I don't regret my decision at all.

I've now completed the first of two years of study and have begun my thesis exploring how Diasporas can support the development of their countries of origin. I'm hoping to move into consulting, supporting charities and governments to evaluate and improve their programmes.

The generous hearts of my donors have me blown over. They have donated repeatedly and been consistent in sharing the page with their friends over Facebook, text message and coffee. But I'm not quite done – I have until 30th September to pay my tuition fees. I'd appreciate your support by either donating on my GoFundMe Page – just search Google for "Help Hannah Get to Oxford" – or by sharing the GoFundMe page with a friend. Send me a message through the page too, I'd love to hear from you!

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Nominations should be sent to the Treasurer **before 5pm on Monday 17th September**. This can be by post in the Seacourt Hall letterbox at the Library end of the building or by email to treasurer@seacourthall.org.uk

Thanks for All the Fish

This was the name of Uwe Akerman's poignant element in the 'Communities' photo exhibition. He contributed photos he took in the months leading up to the demolition of the Botley Shopping Centre. As well as the process of demolition, he records the graffiti conversation between local people and developers. As the familiar shop fronts were boarded up one by one, they provided a space to express local feelings. At first Mace responded by painting over them – and of course this provided a blank canvas for further comment. The developers finally brought the conversation to an end by hiring an artist to create some colourful, but essentially meaningless, images to fill the spaces. I stood in front of them for a while, but there really was no message there to understand. A couple of pictures you may well recognize are on the facing page.

Of course not everyone disliked the projected plans, and now they have been realized it's clear that a pleasant space has been provided, especially on a sunny Saturday morning, when the Farmers Market brings the precinct to life. But at the same time – look at those massive blocks that hold the hotel, and the hundreds of student rooms! Are they full, or even half full? And here again are all the shops that we had already, sadly without the restaurants and the very popular meeting places that were the charity shops and cafes. And where is the evidence of sustainable development that the planet so desperately needs? Nowhere to be seen.

The exhibition, in St John's College, closed on 17th August. Perhaps Botley Arts could be persuaded to put it on as part of their series at Ss P&P church, so that us locals can see it.

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The Botley Bowl gets rolling

The new community asset, provisionally called The Botley Bowl, is gaining momentum.

Following our note in last month's *Sprout*, the committee looking to make the dream more concrete has been busy. We have been engaging with the experts and creating solid proposals to present to Botley. While still a long way from breaking ground, this is real progress on the road to creating an exciting, safe and attractive skatepark for our children and young people.



What have we done so far?

1. We have invited ideas from experienced skatepark providers, Gravity, Canvas Spaces and Maverick, and will be sharing their suggestions with the public on September 5th, at a pop-up café by the Pavilion (3-5pm). (Meanwhile, if you don't want to wait, see our Instagram account <https://www.instagram.com/botleyskatepark/>) We will use everyone's comments to help us choose the best option. Once we have the design that represents the best solution for all parties, we can create the brief and move into the planning and tendering stages.

2. The parish council will carry out a topographical survey of the playing field to understand the constraints of the site. This will tie in with the prep work for the Pavilion development. A single survey and report that covers both the new building and the potential skate park site makes economic sense, and will go to the parish council for approval on 9th September.

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Feedback from the previous article has been positive. Many people reading this will have watched as Sky Brown, at the tender age of 13, claimed a Bronze medal at the Tokyo Olympics (see photo). Seeing what is possible when we give our kids the chance to succeed has certainly energised the working group. Those who have experience with creating these opportunities through the provision of football teams or youth clubs also know the benefits of structured and safe play.

The next step, once the groundwork research is complete, is to further engage with the public. We are discussing how best to do that – it's looking like an open evening at the pavilion, with an open invite to Botley residents, riders, skaters, and other interested parties to view the designs. A questionnaire to collate opinion is another suggestion.

As planning can take 6 to 8 weeks, we are keen to maintain momentum as we take the project forward. The *Sprout* remains our preferred platform for updates, and plenty more will follow.

Let's roll!!

Steve Moore

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<u>P21/V1666 HH</u>	6 Yarnells Rd. Rear extension.	7 June <i>TDD: 2 August</i>
<u>P21/V1703 HH</u>	36 Westminster Way. Demolish garage & single storey rear part of property, build 2-storey side & single-storey rear extensions.	10 June <i>Target Decision Date: 5 August</i>
<u>P21/V1705 HH</u>	3 Sweetmans Rd. 2-storey side & rear extensions with single storey extension & porch to front.	15 June <i>TDD: 10 August</i>
<u>P21/V1796 LB</u>	Ferry Cottage, 7 N Hinksey Lane. Refurbish & extend Grade II Listed cottage. Remove C20th extension.	18 June <i>TDD: 15 August</i>
<u>P21/V1813 HH</u>	St Hilarion, Harcourt Hill. 1- storey oak framed detached garage.	21 June <i>TDD: 16 Aug</i>
<u>P21/V1871 HH</u>	29 N Hinksey Lane. Add external insulation. Loft conversion & change rear 1st floor windows.	28 June <i>TDD: 23 August</i>
<u>P21/V1902 LDP</u>	4 Stanley Close. Change of use of dwelling (C3) to a small-HMO (C4).	30 June <i>TDD: 25 Aug</i>
<u>P21/V1909 LDP</u>	43 West Way. Loft conversion with dormer roof extension.	1 July <i>TDD: 26 Aug</i>
<u>P21/V1937 HH</u>	Crest House, Vernon Ave. Windows at sides & glass balustrade on roof terrace.	5 July <i>TDD: 30 August</i>
<u>P21/V1981 HH</u>	44 Crabtree Rd. Single storey rear & 2-storey side extension.	9 July <i>TDD: 3 Sept</i>
<u>P21/V1983 PDH</u>	29 Cope Close. Rear extension.	9 July <i>TDD: 20 Aug</i>
<u>P21/V1957 LDP</u>	21 Montagu Rd. New windows & doors. Loft extension + rear dormer.	15 July <i>TDD: 9 Sept</i>
<u>P21/V1993 HH</u>	6 Hazel Rd. Single storey rear extension & detached annex.	22 July <i>TDD: 16 Sept</i>
<u>P21/V2010 LDP</u>	82 Westminster Way. Loft conversion with dormer to rear.	26 July <i>TDD: 20 Sept</i>
<u>P21/V2020 FUL</u>	31 West Way. Partially demolish building, add 2 residential blocks.	29 July <i>TDD: 23 Sept</i>
<u>P21/V2165 DIS</u> Discharge of condition 9(CEMP) in P20/V0921/FUL.	Botley Centre West Way Square. New commercial floorspace at ground floor, plus 150 residential dwellings above, & car parking & landscaping.	30 July <i>TDD: 10 September</i>
<u>P21/V2262 HH</u>	7 Finmore Rd. 2- storey side, & ground floor rear extensions + roof terrace, & dormer window to rear.	3 August <i>TDD: 28 September</i>

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Youlbury History Project

Passing by the spiked peak of Seacourt Tower, or the rows of houses that stretch from Elms Parade to Westminster College, it is hard to imagine that a century and a half ago these bustling centres were home only to flocks of grazing livestock, held among the dozen or so farms that dotted the rural landscape. From the floodplains at Osney to the peaks of Boars Hill, a quiet and largely treeless expanse of emerald green pastureland covered an area now loud with the deafening chorus of the A34 that underscores the fast pace of modern life. Then, the only din would have come from the bells of Oxford's churches, which could be heard clearly in North Hinksey during the lockdown that cut traffic on the roads that now bisect the area.

Visitors from Oxford to this scenic part of what was, until recently, the county of Berkshire would have entered along the Botley Road or over the old Ferry at North Hinksey by the Fishes, in continual existence since the Middle Ages. Looking back towards Oxford in the late 19th Century, the viewer would be met with the dreaming spires and towers of the colleges that still rise majestically above the city.

However, the industrial revolution and population explosion that shook Britain's Victorian cities could also be seen within this panorama, with the black smoke of ironclad steam trains blanketing the densely populated suburbs that were spilling out into the fields around. The great figures of Oxford life, no longer comfortable in the industrialising university town, sought the solitary heights of Boars Hill to build new residential villas enclosed by defensive tree plantations that still dominate the area. In 1894, Sir Arthur Evans, keeper of the Ashmolean Museum and world famous for his discovery and excavation of the Cretan palace of Knossos, bought a secluded estate on the northern edge of Boars Hill and named it Youlbury.

This is the period in which my research begins, as my archaeology and history university dissertation will focus on the changes this small area went through as part of the wider social and political processes that swept through Britain in the 19th and 20th Centuries.

There was a strong belief, particularly among the ruling classes, that European society had become sick in body and mind, and that central to this decline in Britain was the growth of the working class in its overcrowded industrialised cities. Weakness and immorality showed

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in the behaviour of the youth of Britain's working class slums, who led aimless and undisciplined lives among the public houses and music theatres that sapped their 'manly virtues'. It was this moral and physical decline that Robert Baden-Powell sought to address by instilling the vigorous frontier spirit of Britain's far-flung colonies into British youth through the Scouts.

In 1913, Sir Arthur Evans visited Wootton Village Scout Troop and was so impressed by their smartness and discipline, that he offered them his summerhouse on the Youlbury Estate as a meeting place.

The looming threat of war in Europe was a further reason to develop Britain's youth into individuals capable of fighting for their country and empire. Soon enough, by 1914 Britain had entered the First World War. Speaking in 1915 at a Youlbury Scout rally, Evans described the Scouting movement as "part of the work of national preparation, of methodical training and discipline, by which in future years our race and empire must stand or fall." Militaristic organisation and patriotism remained central to the Scouts throughout the 20th Century, although its character and ethic continued to evolve.

When the Second World War broke out in 1939, Youlbury Scout Camp would act as the headquarters for the entire Boy Scouts Association. Arthur Evans died in 1942, and Youlbury Estate was requisitioned. It became an RAF Bomber Command Battle Training School for over 10,000 soldiers. American and British troops trained there in preparation for the D-Day landings, exercising on the obstacle course and learning how to diffuse explosives in the camp's booby-trap house. Once the war ended in 1945, the camp was reportedly used to house German POW's, who probably helped with its demolition and worked on the local farms.



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A POW camp had also been constructed on nearby Harcourt Hill. It housed 1,000 prisoners, some of whom remained in Oxford for the rest of their lives. Some however did not want to stay, and in October 1946 two German POWs, Fritz Kroeger and Heinz Krause, escaped. After a mass police search, they were found hiding in a false roof in the grandstand of Kempton Park Racecourse in Middlesex. They had travelled from Oxford in a stolen motor-truck, which they had abandoned at Hampton. Upon capture they were found with their laundry strung up, along with a food hoard of three chickens, cabbages, onions, potatoes, ten packets of margarine, tinned milk, tins of stewed steak and salmon, and four bunches of grapes.

In 1947 the Estate came up for sale, and the Scouts were able to buy their headquarters, which they had held on lease since 1913. It remains to this day the oldest permanent Scout Camp in the world.

Any memories, documents or photographs concerning the key themes that I have outlined in this article would be greatly appreciated. Contact me by phone on 07712 710623 or email tgd1g19@soton.ac.uk.

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Vale Takes a Stand

The *Sprout* does not usually concern itself with government policies, but, if passed, the Planning Bill, up for debate this autumn, would have serious implications for development on our patch. It would make nonsense of our Neighbourhood Plan, and would reduce local control over what gets built where. If passed, it would change local plans, significantly decrease the time it takes for housing developments to go through the planning system, replace the existing systems for funding affordable housing and infrastructure from development, and reform the framework for locally led development corporations.

However, it has been fiercely resisted across the country, including by the Vale of White Horse, our local planning authority. They have written to the government to request a change of heart.

They want to see:

- a review of Permitted Development Rights which would allow development to happen without needing planning permission;
- the rights of local residents to engage and comment on individual planning applications to be maintained;
- that local people, through robust Neighbourhood and Local Plan processes, continue to influence how communities develop; and
- councils enabled to set strong local planning policies to maximise protection for the environment and reduce emissions.

The intention of the Bill is to get more houses built faster, but it is hard to see how it would address the problem of the shortage of affordable housing locally. Let us hope that these concerns are heard when the Bill is debated in Parliament in the autumn.

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Botley W.I.

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CPRE on the Oxfordshire Plan for 2050

Consultation for the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 has now launched and runs until 8 October. It will set the development framework for the county for the next generation. It will affect all Oxfordshire residents, either directly (through development) or indirectly (through impacts on services, infrastructure, our countryside and rural character). CPRE Oxfordshire is concerned to make sure that the growth options are deliverable without undue damage to our countryside and that there are good policy proposals for getting to net zero and restoring nature. That means guiding development to the right places and building high-quality, compact housing to make the best use of scarce land. **We urge you to respond to the consultation – it is our best chance of influencing both the outcomes of this Plan and the OxCam Arc proposals. Have your say NOW – it’s too late to act when the bulldozers arrive.** More information on the CPRE Oxfordshire website www.cpreoxon.org.uk

Oxford Local Plan 2040

It’s not just the County who are reviewing their strategy for the next few decades; the City has started the process too. The first stage of the Oxford 2040 Local Plan is to pin down the issues that need to be addressed. The hard facts of the climate crisis and the pandemic have undeniable consequences, which must be factored in, along

with traffic and housing needs, the Westgate effect on the High Street and Cornmarket, etc. To engage at this early stage, see https://www.oxford.gov.uk/info/20067/planning_policy/1460/oxford_local_plan_2040

Apple Day 2021

It's looking hopeful that we'll be able to hold Apple Day again this year. We have pencilled in Sunday afternoon, October 17th, for this cheery community event. Bring along your apples for identification from our skilled team, share and test apple recipes, and join your neighbours in chopping and pressing surplus apples into juice, in the welcoming garden of South View House, Old Botley, just at the back of McDonalds.

Oxford Sports Lawn Tennis Club

OSLTC is having a charity open day on 4th September -- Former Wimbledon/Davis Cup players will be giving free coaching and there is the opportunity to play with and against them. Other events include a Speed of Serve competition, BBQ etc. 50% off membership for anyone who joins up on the day. Also a 25% off autumn special.



Community Land Trust, Dean Court The Dean Court Project is progressing steadily. Sadly for us, our Development Manager, John Bloxsom, is gradually handing over to a new Project Manager (watch out for future news on this). We have been very lucky to have John and thank him for his hugely detailed and committed input to OCLT, most particularly the Dean Court Project. We congratulate him on his success in the Local Government elections to Gloucestershire County Council

Botley Seniors Lunch Club

We are delighted to announce the restart of the Lunch Club on Thursday 9th September. As before it will be in the Seacourt Hall. Please come around 12.00 noon for lunch at 12.30. Any new diners who wish to attend please contact me on 01865 721386 to check if we have any spare spaces.

Jackie Warner

Oxford Open Doors

This annual event is back over the weekend of **11th and 12th September**. Run by the Oxford Preservation Trust, it's a chance to visit all kinds of special places in historic Oxford. Take this chance to see the West Oxford Hydro at Osney Lock (open on Sunday afternoon). There are also some new OPT Heritage and Green Spaces self-guided walks and a full range of virtual events. The full programme for the weekend will be available on the OPT website from **Monday 23 August** with bookings opening on **Wednesday 1 September at 12 noon**. You will definitely need to book – these events are always very popular.

Walking for Parkinson's

Join the **Walk for Parkinson's** in person on 19th September – or take part online. The (socially distanced) walk starts at 10am on Sunday 19th September in Wytham Woods, raising money to help fund vital support for people affected by Parkinson's disease. If you'd rather steward than walk, or volunteer in some other way, please contact us too. Every pound raised will be matched by the Frank and Evelyn Brake Connect Fund, and will help to transform information and support services for people affected by Parkinson's. If this seems like a step too far, you can **Walk for Parkinson's Your Way**: walk 2 or 6 miles, choosing your own course wherever you are, during the weekend of 25th and 26th September. To take part, visit: www.parkinsons.org.uk/get-involved/walk-parkinsons, email fundraising@parkinsons.org.uk or call 0800 138 6593

Botley Bridges Family Support Volunteer Opportunity

Do you enjoy working with young children and know the importance of support for families with young children? If you do, there is a volunteer opportunity which you may be interested in.

Botley Bridges, the local family support service, needs volunteers to support the co-ordinator who runs the family Play and Learn Sessions on a Monday morning at Botley School. The sessions will resume face-to-face from September (initially outside). We are looking to have a group of volunteers who could then help out on a rota basis of one or two sessions a month. Volunteers will need to be DBS checked and training will be given. If you are interested and would like to know more, contact either Hayley by email on coordinator@botleybridges.org or by phone on 07498 563636 or Sue Dowe, chair of trustees at sue@botleybridges.org or on 07769 275084



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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 Beavers, Cub Scouts, Scouts	mail@thefourth.org.uk Website: http://www.thefourth.org.uk/
15th Oxford Scout Group Boys and girls welcome	Fridays, Cubs 6.30–8, Scouts 8–9.30, 1 Church Way, Botley Amy Cusden (Cubs) 07887 654386, Tom Freeman (Scouts) 07837 623768 xvoxfordscouts@yahoo.co.uk
Baby & Toddler Group	Tues/Thurs 9.15–11, SS Peter & Paul Church Hall
Badminton Club	Thurs 7–8pm at Matthew Arnold Sports Hall. Garry Clark 0777 3559 314 garryclark13@gmail.com
BikeSafe. B4044 community path campaign	Wants to connect Botley to Eynsham. Meets every 6–8 weeks. Contact via website B4044path.org
Books on Wheels R.V.S.	Free Library Service for housebound Ox. 248142
Botley Boys & Girls F.C. Football teams from ages 8–16	Jason Barley Ox. 242926 jbarley1@sky.com or Brendan Byrne 792531 brendan.byrne999@gmail.com
Botley Bridges Family Support	Contact Hayley - coordinator@botleybridges.org or phone 07498 563 636 www.botleybridges.org
Botley Community Larder	Thursdays, 3.30 to 5.30 at St P&P Church Hall, see Facebook or email botleylarder@gmail.com
Botley Health Walks	Wednesday 9.30am. Contact Briony on Ox 246497
Botley Library	01865 248142. Open till 7 on Friday and 1pm on Sat, otherwise 9.30 to 5.30 (closed Wednesdays).
Botley Seniors Lunch Club	Alternate Thursdays. Seacourt Hall. Jackie Warner Ox721386
Botley Singers	Thur 7.30, St Andrew's Church, Dean Court. Angela Astley-Penny Ox.242189 angastpen@aol.com
Cumnor Choral Society	Rehearsals Friday 7.45 to 9.45 pm John May 07795 054142 or www.cumnorchoralsociety.wordpress.com
Cumnor Chess Club	Thurs 7–9pm Cumnor Old School. Steven Bennett 862788 www.cumnorchessclub.co.uk
Cumnor & District Historical Society	Last Monday of the month 7.30–9.00 Cumnor Old School. 01865 724808
Cumnor Gardening Club	http://cumnorgardens.org.uk/ or phone 01865 721026
Harmony InSpires, Ladies' Acappella Singing Group	Wed 7.30 at Appleton Village Hall. C. Casson 01235 831352 or harmonyinspires@hotmail.co.uk
Hill End Volunteer Team	Contact: David Millin on david.millin@hill-end.org , call 863510 or visit www.hillend-oec.co.uk

Let's Sing! – singing group	Weds 2pm, WOCC, Emily 07969 522368 or email emformusic@outlook.com
Morris Dancing – Cry Havoc	Barbara Brett 249599 or bag@cryhavoc.org.uk
North Hinksey Preschool and Childcare clubs	Mon–Fri 7.45am–6.00 pm. Tel 794287 or email nhps.manager1@gmail.com
N Hinksey Art Group	Weds 10– 12.00 W.I. Hall Christina 07931 707997
N Hinksey Bellringers	Contact: Ray Rook 01865 241451
N Hinksey Conservation Volunteers	Meets at weekends Contact Voirrey Carr 07798743121 voirreyc@aol.com
N Hinksey, Friends of	Annual Cricket Match/ Walk. Douglas Bond 791213.
N Hinksey Parish Council	Sharon Henley, clerk@northhinksey-pc.gov.uk
N Hinksey Youth Club	Weds at LM pavilion, Daz: 07791 212866 or F'book
Oxford Flood Alliance	R Thurston 01865 723663 or 07973 292035
Oxford Flower Arranging Club	4th Thursday Cumnor. Dympna Walker: Ox 865259
Oxford Harmony Men's Acappella singing group	Meets Wednesdays 7.45 pm at Seacourt Hall, Contact pro@oxfordharmony.co.uk
Oxford Sports Lawn Tennis Club, N Hinksey	Enquiries: Tennis@OxfordSportsLTC.org coaching: Coaching@OxfordSportsLTC.org 07824 881680
Oxford Otters	Swimming for people with disabilities. Sundays, twice monthly. Contact: Alan Cusden 723420
Oxford Rugby Club	Boys and girls from 5, kevin.honner@ntlworld.com Seniors, training etc jbrodley@chandlings.org.uk .
Raleigh Park, Friends of	raleighpark@raleighpark.org.uk
Seacourt Hall Management Committee	Michael Cockman 07766 317691 michael.cockman@gmail.com .
Shotokan Karate Club	6+ WOCC twice weekly Martyn King 07836 646450
Walking for Health	2nd & 4th Saturdays 9.50 Louie Memorial Field car park, Arnolds Way. Alan 07941 610913
West Oxford Bowls Club	Contact details on www.westoxfordbowlsclub.co.uk
West Oxford Taekwon Do Club	Mon, Thurs 6.30-8pm, MA gym, contact Chris Hall 01865 570291 www.wotkd.co.uk
West Oxford U3A	(Uni of the 3rd Age) http://westoxfordu3a.org.uk/
West Way Day Centre	Mon & Fri 10–3pm, Field House, 07740 611971. oxfordshirehub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk
Women's Institute (Botley)	Liz Manson, 244175 or liz.manson@virginmedia.com
Weight Watchers	Thursdays 6pm at SS Peter & Paul Church Hall Banso tel: 07779 253899 bansob@aol.com

Baptist Hall West Way Place	Contact: Rev Kalyan Das Tel. 07841 867967
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, West Way Place, Botley	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 Sunday, Sung Eucharist 11.30 a.m.
3rd Sunday, Matins 11.30 am

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

2nd Saturday each Month, 4–6pm Messy Church for children and their carers
 1st Sunday of the Month, 9.30am All Age service of Holy Communion
 All other Sundays, 9.30am Holy Communion with activities for children
 Every Wednesday, 10.30am Holy Communion at Field House
 Rev Clare Sykes, Tel. 01865 242345 or revclare@btinternet.com

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Roman Catholic, Yarnells Hill

Saturday	6.30 pm. Mass
Sunday	9.15 am Mass
Fr Daniel Lloyd.	dlloyd@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk .

Botley Baptist Church, West Way Place

Sunday Service	10.30 am.
Mid Week House Group	8.00 p.m.
Family Worship Service	5-6pm on Saturday
Rev Kalyan Das	www.botleybaptistchurch.org

Calvary Chapel

Sunday services held at Botley School 10.30–12 noon
 Pastor Philip Vickery 01865 864498
calvarychapeloxford@yahoo.co.uk;
www.calvarychapeloxford.org.uk

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- Sat 4th 11-4pm, Church Way, Seacourt Hall Open Day**
- Sat 4th N Hinksey village, by Rugby Club, Oxford Sports
Lawn Tennis Club open day**
- Sun 5th 3-5pm, Pavilion, Arnold's Way, pop-up café with
chance to comment on possible designs for
Botley Skatepark**
- Thur 9th 12 for 12.30, Seacourt Hall, Botley Seniors Lunch Club**
- Thur 9th 7.30pm, Seacourt Hall, North Hinksey Parish Council
meeting**
- Sat 11th, Sun 12th Oxford Open Doors, booking opens on 1st Sept**
- Sun 12th 11-1.30 pm , W.I. Hall, North Hinksey Lane,
Car Boot Sale**
- 18th-26th GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK**
- Sun 19th 10am, Wytham Woods, Walk for Parkinson's**
- Sat 25th 1.30 pm, Seacourt Hall, open meeting to consolidate
local efforts to combat climate crisis**
- Mon 27th Seacourt Hall AGM**

More local events and information on www.botleyhinksey.org.uk