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From this month's Guest Editor

Welcome to the February *Sprout*. The main interest this month is *Ask the Kids* (p3). We put out a series of questions for young people in Botley to answer, and they gave some brilliant answers – skip to Randoms (p31) to find out who won the tenner! You will also be able to read what 15th Oxford Scouts (p11) will be up to this year. Without giving too much away, they will be taking part in a large-scale event – the first since the pandemic!

Here's something unexpected: Botley has its own metal detectorist. *The Sprout* is delighted to introduce Tom Davis (p13). He will be telling you a bit about himself, before he talks about a very risky past adventure...

Then there are the intriguing activities that the 2nd Botley Brownies have been up to recently (p19). There's also a Christmas round-up (p21), and an account of the wonderful work that Botley Bikers were doing on Christmas Eve (p23).

On the whole, a bunch of fascinating stories. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I have enjoyed putting them together!

Jack Webb

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Ask the Kids

What do you like most about school?

Kids have many reasons for liking school, not all of them what you would expect. We leave it to you to work out which schools are which. And congratulations, Mrs Webb, Mr Hunter and Mr Dodd!

"I really like going on school trips. My class went to the Oxford Museum – it was really interesting!"

"What I like is the staff, because they are nice (mostly Mrs Webb and Mr Hunter)."

"I like school, because it's when I meet my friends so we can play. We do funny pranks that go so, so, so far!"

"I like the work in Botley School because it's very fun. I also really like the food, because the pizza is nice and warm. It's super cheesy."

"Lunch time because it's a break from getting in trouble for no reason!"

"The food at school is tasty and speedy."

"What I like is that my friend always makes me laugh."

"I like getting easy work. I don't like working hard."

"I wish there was more than six hours of school."

"I like school because I get away from my crazy cousin!"

"What I like about school are the games and the amazing fun activities."

"What I like about Botley School is home time, because I can watch TV, eat chocolate and sleep!"

"What I like about school is that I have lots of friends. Also, my class and I have trips that we love."

"The things I like about school are my friends because they help me and play with me."



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"I like how we have loads of events, like Battle of the Bands, Lip Sync Battle, Hallowe'en Fair etc."

"I like that school is a short journey from my house."

"Mr Dodd."

"I like some of the teachers, and the library."

What annoys you the most about Botley?

Once again, reasons for dislike are surprising. Who knew so many Botley children could drive!

"The people, because when I was on my scooter a lady shouted, "Get off the road, you swear word."

"The high prices in shops. I can barely buy anything. I come out of the shops empty-handed."

"The solar farms. How will I walk to Farmoor Reservoir now?"

"The traffic. Wherever I go, I'm always stuck."

"The traffic is the most annoying, because I'm trying to get to my destination, but someone is playing on their phone in their car or truck."

"People who say they love ketchup and they think it's delicious. But it's so disgusting."

"There's not many mad football fans."

"There is no temple for remembering a bunny that lived in a box, where you pray to a cardboard box with a dust bunny in it, because it sounds funny."

What would you change about Elms Parade?

The clock attracts particular attention. The Howse family have tried to make it work, but without success so far. Perhaps this will galvanize a fresh attempt. Someone should tell Mace about the lack of a weapon shop and a Manchester United gift shop.

"What I'd like to change is the big clock, because it does not work, and they should have left some of the old shops because they were really good!"

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“What I want to change about Elm’s parade is Morrisons Daily because I want all the food and sweets back.”

“I want to change all the cars, because there is a sign (that has been tipped over), which says, “Do not park on this road,” but everyone parks there when there are THREE car parks nearby!”

“What I want to change is the parking because there’s no places to park, and there’s not enough food places.”

“They should make a weapon shop.”

“I want to change Morrisons Daily into a Manchester United gift shop.”

“I would like to remove 21st Cut from existence. Botley Barbers is ten times better.” *[Sorry, 21st Cut, other people think you’re great! Ed]*

“I would make the fish and chips less pricey, and smaller burgers!”

“I want them to change the old-fashioned stuff because it looks like it’s about to fall down. Also, get a new clock, seriously. It doesn’t even work.”

“I think Botley shops should change. I want to make sure I have Oreos!”

“I would change Botley so there’s a cinema and a toy shop.”

Jack Webb

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## Botley Youth Club

Botley Youth Club meets every Wednesday evening in term time at the Louie Memorial Pavilion, from 7pm-9pm.

This autumn the members had a lot of fun including a Halloween party- which included ‘dooking’ for apples and getting messy in flour! (see *photo*).

Children and Young People aged 10-16 are welcome, we have over 60 members. Our focus in 2024 will be on wellbeing.

Our adult Volunteers are a friendly team of all ages, and no experience of working with children is necessary.

Please contact Mandy at [botleyyouthclub@gmail.com](mailto:botleyyouthclub@gmail.com) if you can spare one evening a month or more. We’d love to meet you!

**Diane Long**



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The team at Beaumont Elms would like to thank you for making us so welcome at Elms Road, and we are enjoying getting to know you. There are still a few teething problems in the handover process, and we are grateful to you for bearing with us as we iron these out.

We are delighted to welcome several new permanent GPs to our team. In January – Dr Bhekizulu Bayana (known as Becks) (m) and Dr Afra Rafique (f) will both be working at both sites; Dr Richard Baskerville (m) will work entirely at Elms Road and Dr Laura Ingle (f) will be based at 19 Beaumont Street. This means that, with the exception of Dr Martinez, we sadly say goodbye to all our long-term locums – we are very grateful to them for all their hard work over the past few months. Once the new GPs are settled in, we will be allocating ‘usual GPs’ to all patients. This aids continuity, but patients can choose to see any GP, and are not limited to their usual GP.

Patients registered at Beaumont Elms practice are welcome to book face-to-face appointments at either our Elms Road site (formerly Botley Medical Centre), or 19 Beaumont Street. Elms Road is easier for those needing parking and step-free access, but 19 Beaumont Street has an accessible entrance, and a small number of ground floor consulting rooms (please request at booking).

Between now and the end of March we are trialling a ‘remote dietitian’ service. Appointments can be booked via Reception, and are particularly aimed at patients wanting dietary advice relating to diabetes, coeliac disease, frailty, malnutrition or with long-term medical conditions.

And finally, we are delighted to announce that we are joint winners of the University of Oxford GP Teaching Practice of the Year Award. This is the result of a team wide effort – from the work that goes in to organisation of the students’ timetable, to the teaching and supervision from the clinical staff. The students’ educational experience is of course nothing without our patients, and so we thank you all for helping us educate the doctors of the future.

**Kate King**, Practice Manager

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As New Year's resolutions, go ours at the 15th Oxford Scouts is quite clear: continue to offer young people from Botley, Cumnor, North Hinksey and the surrounding area the opportunity to learn life skills in a safe and nurturing environment that embraces friendship, leadership and the great outdoors. In 2023 we welcomed over 50 children aged between 7 and 17 through our doors at Fogwell Pavilion on a Friday evening.

It's hard to pick out highlights – there were just so many! We've been out in the community supporting the Kings coronation with our BBQ, we've been on Night Hikes along the Ridgeway and handed out badges to Animal Carers, Collectors, First Aiders, for Outdoor Skills, Air Activities, DIY and many more. We've been axe-throwing, had a visit from the Guide Dog Association, camped out in the Cotswolds, visited the Rainforest (in Berkshire), tried our hand at Pottery and Warhammer, gone on treasure hunts and taken part in cooking competitions and wide games across Youlbury. The list just goes on and on...

And we have an equally exciting and jam-packed programme for the year ahead. We'll be attending the first large scale Jamboree style camp in the Oxford area since the pandemic, when up to 700 members of the Scouting family will gather at Youlbury. We plan to increase our community outreach, camp on a farm for a week of the 'sunny' Summer holidays, and offer more adventure more fun and more laughs for our members.

All of this is made possible by our dedicated team of adult volunteers.

They may be small in number but they are mighty in stature. We know that we live in a society where time is at a premium, but if you think you can be of help in any role or capacity, no matter how big or how small, then we'd like to hear from you. Equally, if you have a child that you think might enjoy any of the activities you've just read about then get in touch and come try it out. We're here: [xvoxordscouts@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:xvoxordscouts@yahoo.co.uk)

**Tom Freeman**





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## Introducing Tom Davis, Botley metal detector

Hello, everyone! My name is Tom Davis, I'm 23 years old and I work for Oxford Archaeology. I found my love for digging and discovering historical items when I started metal detecting, 12 years ago in Botley, where I have lived nearly all my life. I loved it. It inspired me to become an archaeologist, so I have been lucky enough to have adventures along the way!

I'd love to share a few of those with you, but first, I thought you'd like to know a bit more about metal detecting. Here's a bit of history as to how it first began. The modern metal detector came into its own during the Second World War when



it was used to detect mines. It was after the war had finished, when the tool's ability to recover coins, jewellery, and precious metals became increasingly refined, that metal detecting became a general hobby. From the 1970s metal detecting was considered a hobby in its own right. Today, it is used to find all sorts of items throughout history!

My love for this hobby began at about 11-years-old, when my cousin started to take me on adventures through the woods, near our grandparents' house. We never found more than a few shotgun shells, but I was hooked straight away. From then on, I've never looked back.

Today, my favourite place to explore is at The Fishes Pub in North Hinksey village. Not long after the first lockdown, I headed down there, only this time not for a pint! Instead, I wanted to find evidence of local pub-goers throughout history. I managed to do just that, finding hundreds of coins dating back to the 18th Century!

Metal detecting is special to me, as it allows me to discover countless lives and stories that have been buried by time. It is also the best excuse to get out into nature and enjoy the outside world in a way that others may never understand.

**Tom Davis**

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## The Bomb Incident

*Botley-based archaeologist Tom Davis talks about one of his riskier adventures whilst metal detecting.*

It was just before my 16th birthday. My friend, Paul (not his real name – he prefers to remain anonymous) and I went to the River Cherwell, next to Christ Church Meadow. Our plan was to throw a large magnet into the river and recover iron artefacts. Towards the end of the day, our findings hadn't been too successful and we were preparing to head home. That was when we found something.

It was only after we dragged the item out the river that we realised what it was. A bomb!

Honestly, at this point I wasn't fazed. It must be too old to cause any harm, I was thinking. Whilst Paul was running away screaming, I began to take a few photos (see *below*). That was when I remembered I was on private property. Was I even allowed to explore around here?

It wasn't long before I was approached by a man who asked me what I was holding. When I said it was a bomb, he immediately told me to hand it in at the local police station. I don't think he was expecting that answer! I thought about what he had said and decided I had a better idea. I threw it back in the river and went home. What could go wrong?

I would find out the next day. I returned to the river with my magnet, to find the entire meadow had been cordoned off by the Police. It dawned on me that they were all here for the bomb. Not only that, I had been seen with it. I headed over.

"I'm really sorry. I was the one who found the bomb."

"Do you realise how much Police time we've spent on this?"

They angrily ordered me to pull the bomb back out the river for the Police Bomb Disposal Unit, so they could blow it up!





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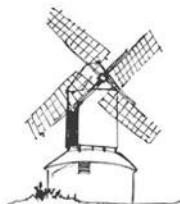
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I threw my magnet back in the water as I looked around, hoping to see an officer nearby. Next to me was – no one! The Police were all hiding behind a massive oak tree. They really didn't want to be near this thing.

I pulled it out without incident, and handed it over.

Excitement over, I headed back home, thinking everything had been taken care of, but that evening there was a knock at my door. The Police. I'm done for, I thought. But instead of handcuffs, I was handed a part of the mortar that had blown off as the bomb was destroyed. I was told to keep it as a souvenir, so I did. I still have it to this day.

I'm a bit more careful, now, when I'm out and about. Next time I find a bomb, I'll tell the Police straight away!

**Jack Webb**

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LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<u>P23/V2469/HH</u> <u>P23/V2470/HH</u>	53 Laburnum Rd. Garage conversion to form annex & front porch. Single storey rear extension.	8 November <i>Target Decision Dates: 3 Jan</i>
<u>P23/V2579/FUL</u>	Whitwick, Grosvenor Rd, Harcourt Hill. Demolish existing house & replace with 2 houses.	21 November <i>TDD: 16 Jan</i>
<u>P23/V2624/FUL</u>	Red House Farm, Eynsham Rd. Install ground mounted solar photovoltaic array with infrastructure, security fence, CCTV, cable route, landscaping, & biodiversity net gain.	27 November <i>TDD: 26 February</i>
<u>P23/V2659/N8A</u>	Wallbrook Court, North Hinksey Lane. Install solar PV roof onto existing roof structure.	5 December <i>TDD: 30 Jan</i>
<u>P23/V2780/HH</u>	4 Cedar Rd. Remove existing garage canopy/structure, add 2-storey side extension. Part single storey rear extension.	14 December <i>TDD: 8 Feb</i>
<u>P23/V2226/FUL</u>	Gateways, Harcourt Hill. Demolish existing house and erect 2 detached dwellings.	15 December <i>TDD: 9 Feb</i>
<u>P23/V2806/FUL</u>	Land adjacent to 82 Westminster Way. Create 4-bedroom house.	3 January <i>TDD: 28 Feb</i>



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Year's End with the Brownies

Since our last report 2nd Botley Brownies have done so many things. These stand out: enrolling some new Brownies, having fun re-writing the rules for a game to make it hilarious and completing the UK Parliament Week badge. On the first Sunday in November, we went to our local Girlguiding Christmas Disco & Party at the Kings Centre on Osney Mead. Instead of being charged a fee the girls were asked to make a small donation of toiletries, socks, gloves, individually-wrapped sweets or fun-sized chocolate treats, small notebooks or journals, small puzzle books and writing pens, etc, which were packed into shoe boxes. Some of these were wrapped in Christmas paper, others were decorated by the girls on a Christmas theme. They were then forwarded to Edge Housing, a wonderful local charity whose aim is to offer a home, hope and a future to homeless or vulnerable men (and a few women) based in Oxford and seeking employment.

Continuing the official GGUK programme, we worked on Christmas crafts on the last two meetings of the month. We made hand-decorated threefold Christmas cards with envelopes, and iced digestive biscuits, to resemble a melting snowman and a Christmas bauble. On this last evening of term, there was so much to carry home that parents had to help. The Brownies also received a Christmas present and card from the Unit and collected two badges – the UK Parliament Badge 2023 and a Special Event badge. This last badge was for laying Remembrance Crosses at the graves of the Aircrew of our unit's adopted WWII veteran Ted in the Commonwealth War Graves section of Botley Cemetery.

Everyone hugely enjoyed themselves during that last evening of the term, as Christmas music played and party games were won and lost. The laughter and giggles were infectious. We know it is now February but new resolutions can be made at any time of the year so why not resolve to send your 7–10-year-old daughter to us for brilliant-value fun, learning and friendships each Tuesday.

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Christmas round-up

Carol singing

Thank you again to the residents of Cedar, Beech and Laburnum Roads who encouraged and donated to our carol singers on the Thursday before Christmas. Singing on behalf of Wesley Memorial Methodist



Church (www.wesleymem.org.uk), we raised £148.74 for Christian Aid's Christmas appeal and thoroughly enjoyed singing from house to house and taking requests. See you next year!

Jenny Ayres

Christmas hampers

Once again local residents spread some Christmas cheer to local families and households. Local residents donated both money and goods and 108 bags of Christmas goods (gifts and food items) were packed and delivered to households. Many folk volunteered to pack and deliver and over 3 days St Peter and St Pauls Church hall became a packing and distribution centre.



Thank you to all who were involved and donated – there are too many to mention by name. Thanks to the Church, who let us use the hall with no charge over the three days, and to the Lucy group who donated £500. This is the 4th year we have run this event and it shows once again that our local area is full of folk who want to make a positive contribution to

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Christmas Eve with Botley Bikers

I'm lucky to live in a place where I feel safe, I have a warm bed, and food in my tummy. That's not the case for everyone in Oxford, especially those experiencing homelessness.

Botley Bikers is a local group, which I'm glad to be part of. We go out on our push bikes on Thursday and Sunday afternoons, delivering food, toiletries and goody bags. Not quite your Oscar-level goody bag, ours contain a packet of crisps, a cereal bar and some kind of chocolate. They



are often the first thing we're asked for.

On Christmas Eve, we decided to push the boat out, and our wonderful community went out of their way to support us. Neighbours on Kimmeridge Road and Oakwood Way donated over 40 chocolate oranges – everyone had a scarf, a slice of Christmas cake,

a packet of crisps, some good old Roses chocolates and a Christmas card. Tina Brain-Harvey and her Bodyshop clients donated 70 bags of Bodyshop products. Chawley Care Home donated gloves, soap and chocolates, all within a fabric tote bag to be reused. We had homemade cakes from Tami at the Botley Larder, sausage rolls and Christmas cheer. Everyone was so grateful, and I'd like to pass on a huge thank-you to everyone who helped to make it happen.

Of course, a Biker is not just for Christmas: we're pedalling away in the background all year round. Community spirit is alive and well in Botley, Dean Court, Cumnor and environs. At the beginning of December, Chief Biker Riki collected nearly 90 toilet rolls donated by pupils and staff at North Hinksey Primary School. We've had cycling gear donated by local residents and Cowley Road Condor members to help keep our all-weather volunteers safe, warm and dry, and plenty of willing cake eaters at our Pop-up Cafe fundraiser in August.

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If you'd like to get involved – in any capacity – then do contact us on **botleybikers@gmail.com** and don't forget there's a collection point in the Co-op. We're hoping to get labels up next to priority products again soon, but in the meantime, we always appreciate donations of:

tinned fish * cereal (Weetabix, porridge sachets and coco-pop-type ones go down well!) * pot/instant noodles * rice pudding * peanut butter and jam * cans of chunky soups * wet wipes * unisex shower gel and shampoo * toilet roll * multipacks of chocolate bars and sweets (lunchbox size) * crisps * tin openers * UHT milk * pet food

Wishing you all good health and happiness in 2024 from us all at the Botley Bikers.

Sarah Hepworth

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# All in One Room

This was the annual Christmas party to celebrate volunteering in Botley. It was held at the Women's Institute Hall, and attended by 60 or more local volunteers. The buzz of conversation filled the hall for the two hours of the party, as people swapped stories and contact details over minced pies and mulled wine. It paused for a moment while the stellar achievements of the parish's premier volunteer were acknowledged with a bouquet of flowers – Lorna Berrett, the parish council chair, who received a Gold Star award from the National Association of Local Councils as the best chairperson in the country. Here's what Doc Saman, another well-loved local volunteer, had to say: 'It was a lovely evening to see the faces of many who volunteer in so many different initiatives. It felt really good to be seen and recognized, and to be able to spread the energies we all have as community volunteers (or 'ambassadors' as I call them). I'd like to see more of such gatherings!'



**AgM**

## **What can I do if I missed my Self-Assessment Tax Return?**

If you've missed the tax deadline, don't worry, you're not the only one. It's estimated that nearly one million people in the UK will miss the deadline for various reasons. However, it's important not to panic as making mistakes could result in further fines. Chartered accountants, Ridgefield Consulting, explain what you should do if you miss the deadline.

The first step is to understand why you've missed the deadline, so you can avoid it in the future. Those who are new to the self-assessment tax return system often miss the deadline because they do not realise they need to register for a UTR number to file a tax return, and this can take up to 10 days.

If you have a valid reason for missing the deadline, like hospitalisation or the loss of a loved one, HMRC is understanding and will waive the penalty if you appeal. However, submitting the return before contacting them directly or online is necessary. No matter what the reason, filing your tax return as soon as possible is essential to reduce any further fines. HMRC will penalise you for each day it is late. Even if no tax is due for the year, you could still be charged if it's mandatory for you to complete a tax return.

If you're struggling to pay, there's no need to worry. You can contact HMRC directly or online and set up a TTP (time to pay arrangement). This will enable you to negotiate directly with HMRC on what you can afford to pay back in monthly instalments.

Remember, the key is to act as soon as possible to avoid any further penalties. We suggest submitting your tax return as soon as possible to avoid stress. You can submit your return from the 6th of April each year, and you don't have to wait until January.



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## Making a Plan for South & Vale

The Joint Local Plan is a key planning policy document that guides what developers can and can't build in our district (Vale of White Horse). It is being developed by the council on partnership with South Oxfordshire district. The Joint Local Plan can protect open spaces, or land for employment or leisure; it sets housing targets, policies to help make buildings more climate friendly and much more. *This is your chance to join the conversation.*

- There is a consultation on these policies running until the end of Feb.
- The best way to learn more and comment is by using the online interactive tool at **[www.southandvale.gov.uk/jlp](http://www.southandvale.gov.uk/jlp)**
- You can also visit Botley Library to see all the documents on paper.
- Or visit one of the drop-in events (none in Botley, sadly, so Abingdon on 3rd Feb is easiest to get to from here). There's a poster with more details on it in the Library.

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Music for Advent & Missa Sancti Nicolai

All the stops were pulled out for a joyous concert on 2nd December, when Cumnor Choral Society presented an appropriate, well-chosen selection of music for Advent followed by Haydn's *Missa Sancti Nicolai* (or Santa Claus as we know him today). It certainly got me and all the audience into the mood for Christmas!

It was a great pleasure to see the smiles on the singers' faces. They had clearly embraced their new Director of Music, Benedict Goodall, at this, the first concert under his leadership. Their singing has moved up a notch, as widely acknowledged by members of the audience sitting around me. Not that their very well-respected past Director, Peter Foster, had been forgotten. Peter's accompaniment, throughout the evening, was sensitively executed with much professional skill on the organ, supporting the singers at every turn. Perhaps we could have a solo from him next time?

The four soloists, Harriet Smith, Celia Butterworth, Clement Collins Rice and Robert Nicholas, were all superb, much to the audience's delight. They were highly acclaimed, very much in the spirit of the evening, supporting the choir throughout.

The evening was rounded off with festive refreshments – plenty for all in true Cumnor Choral Society tradition!!

Many congratulations to you all for a wonderful evening of music. I am very much looking forward to your next concert.

Christine M Booth

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## Cumnor Choral Society Spring Concert

Cumnor Choral Society have started rehearsing for their next concert. It will be a celebration of the music of Charles Villiers Stanford, as we commemorate the 100th anniversary of his death this March. The concert will take place in St Peter & St Paul Church at 7.30pm on Saturday March 16th. Tickets (including after-concert buffet), available from **Cockman.caroline@gmail.com** or 07961 900670. Further information is available from **cumnorchoralsociety.co.uk**



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## Randoms

**CONGRATULATIONS** to nine-year-old Jonas, whose considered comment on Elms Parade (“I want them to change the old-fashioned stuff because it looks like it’s about to fall down. Also, get a new clock, seriously. It doesn’t even work.”) appealed to this month’s Guest Editor. You are the lucky winner of £10!

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| <b>Cumnor Gardening Club</b>                             | <a href="http://cumnorgardens.org.uk/">http://cumnorgardens.org.uk/</a> _tel 01865 721026                                                                                                             |
| <b>Harmony InSpires, Ladies' Acappella Singing Group</b> | Wed 7.30 at Appleton Village Hall. C. Casson 01235 831352 or <a href="mailto:harmonyinspires@hotmail.co.uk">harmonyinspires@hotmail.co.uk</a>                                                         |
| <b>Hill End Volunteer Team</b>                           | Contact: David Millin on <a href="mailto:david.millin@hill-end.org">david.millin@hill-end.org</a> , call 863510 or visit <a href="http://www.hillend-oec.co.uk">www.hillend-oec.co.uk</a>             |
| <b>Lawn Tennis Club</b>                                  | Family club <b>Email: <a href="mailto:Tennis@OxfordSportsLTC.org">Tennis@OxfordSportsLTC.org</a></b><br>07824 881680 <a href="http://www.oxfordsportsltc.org">www.oxfordsportsltc.org</a>             |
| <b>Morris Dancing – Cry Havoc</b>                        | Barbara Brett 249599 or <a href="mailto:bag@cryhavoc.org.uk">bag@cryhavoc.org.uk</a>                                                                                                                  |
| <b>North Hinksey Preschool and Childcare clubs</b>       | Mon–Fri 7.45am–6.00 pm. Tel 794287 or email <a href="mailto:nhps.manager1@gmail.com">nhps.manager1@gmail.com</a>                                                                                      |
| <b>N Hinksey Art Group</b>                               | Weds 10–12.00 W.I. Hall Christina 07931 707997                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>N Hinksey Bellringers</b>                             | Contact: Ray Rook 01865 241451                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>N Hinksey Conservation Volunteers</b>                 | Meets at weekends Contact Voirrey Carr 07798 743121 <a href="mailto:voirreyc@aol.com">voirreyc@aol.com</a>                                                                                            |
| <b>N Hinksey, Friends of</b>                             | Annual Cricket Match/ Walk. Douglas Bond 791213.                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Oxford Flower Arranging</b>                           | 4th Thursday Cumnor. Dympna Walker: Ox 865259                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Oxford Harmony</b>                                    | Wednesdays 7.30 – 9.30 pm at Seacourt Hall<br>Contact <a href="mailto:pro@oxfordharmony.co.uk">pro@oxfordharmony.co.uk</a>                                                                            |
| <b>Oxford Otters</b>                                     | Swimming for people with disabilities. Sundays, twice monthly. Contact: Alan Cusden 723420                                                                                                            |
| <b>Oxford Rugby Club</b>                                 | Boys and girls from 5, <a href="mailto:kevin.honner@ntlworld.com">kevin.honner@ntlworld.com</a><br>Seniors, training etc <a href="mailto:jbrodley@chandlings.org.uk">jbrodley@chandlings.org.uk</a> . |
| <b>Raleigh Park, Friends of</b>                          | Email: <a href="mailto:raleighpark@raleighpark.org.uk">raleighpark@raleighpark.org.uk</a>                                                                                                             |
| <b>Seacourt Hall Management Committee</b>                | Contact Lottie White, 07452 960100, or see <a href="https://www.seacourthall.org.uk">https://www.seacourthall.org.uk</a>                                                                              |
| <b>Shotokan Karate Club</b>                              | 6+ WOCC twice weekly Martyn King 07836 646450                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Stagecoach Botley</b>                                 | Botley School, Saturdays 9:00am–3pm Performing Arts for 4-16 yr-olds 01865 590510 or 01235 390810                                                                                                     |
| <b>West Oxford Bowls Club</b>                            | D Ellerker 07931 603801 <a href="mailto:wobc.membership@gmail.com">wobc.membership@gmail.com</a>                                                                                                      |
| <b>West Oxford Taekwon Do Club</b>                       | Mon, Thurs 6.30-8pm, MA gym, contact Chris Hall 01865 570291 <a href="http://www.wotkd.co.uk">www.wotkd.co.uk</a>                                                                                     |
| <b>West Oxford U3A</b><br>(Uni of the 3rd Age)           | <a href="http://westoxfordu3a.org.uk/">http://westoxfordu3a.org.uk/</a>                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Women's Institute (Botley)</b>                        | Alison Jenner 07598 251161<br><a href="mailto:alisonjenner@yahoo.com">alisonjenner@yahoo.com</a>                                                                                                      |



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

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

### **St. Lawrence, Church of England, North Hinksey Lane**

1st, 2nd, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> 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  
Rev Clare Sykes, Tel. 01865 242345 or [revclare@btinternet.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:contact@ccox.church)      website: [www.ccoxford.church](http://www.ccoxford.church)

# What's On

## February

- Sat 3rd** 10–12, Botley Library, Cllr Judy Roberts' surgery
- Sat 3rd** 11-4, Pablo Lounge, Abbey Shopping Centre, Abingdon
- Mon 12th** 9-3.30, West Oxford Primary School, Bright Sparks Science Camp for children. Not free. Details of this and 73 other half term activities on Oxon County Council website: <https://fisd.oxfordshire.gov.uk>
- Mon 12th** 2.30pm, Dean Court Community Centre, U3A talk: Stephen Barker: Six Warrior Women of the Civil War
- Wed 14th** 10-2pm, Hill End Camp, Family Forest Day
- Wed 14th** 10.30-12pm, Fogwell Road Rec, half-term multi-sport party for 4 to12-year-olds, includes family games
- Thur 15th** 10-2pm, Hill End Camp, Family Forest Day
- Wed 22nd** 7.30pm, Seacourt Hall, Parish Council Meeting
- Mon 26<sup>th</sup>** 2.30pm, Dean Court Community Centre, U3A talk: Tony Hersch: Recent Discoveries in Astronomy

**March: Family Bushcraft Saturdays at Hill End.** Monthly sessions start in March. Full details: <https://hill-end.org/news/bushcraft-saturday/>

*[More details of many events can be found on Randoms page]*