

# The Sprout



**Cumnor Bear cub in action!**

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**From the Editor,**

**What's been happening in Botley? We have a new parish council (p9 for details), and the genuinely affordable homes proposed in Dean Court have come a step closer to reality (p3). To qualify, you will need to be on the Vale Housing Register – but don't worry, there's still time to apply. It's the cricket season, and England will be hosting the World Cricket Cup. Cumnor Cricket Club invite us all to come and celebrate this momentous occasion (p13) for which they are putting on several different events over the weekend of 7–9th June. CCC have rebranded themselves, striking out with a new logo and a new image as Cumnor Bears. Their thriving Youth Section would welcome more players, like the young one on our cover. The Climate Emergency continues to worry us – school children and some parents are out on strike again as I write, and on page 5 you will find an account of a local mother's day in London with Extinction Rebellion at Easter. For those given a taste for art by the local Artweeks, Botley Arts has an exhibition at Ss P&P church (p17) while in Randoms (p29) you will find quite a number of different summer events to tempt you out.**

**Ag MacKeith**

## More news from Oxfordshire Community Land Trust about the proposed flats in Dean Court

Things are progressing well with Oxfordshire Community Land Trust's plans to build 8 flats on backland off Eynsham Road :

- hope to hear about that in June sometime, so fingers firmly crossed for that.
- We've decided to apply to register as a housing association which will strengthen our organization and enable us to access funds
- We've started planning a community share offer which will be launched later in the year. We are already collecting names of those interested in investing and some Sprout readers have already been in touch. We are hoping that the local community will want to invest as well as the wider community.

These flats are for people on the Vale's housing register who can also show a strong local connection (through work, residence or family) and who wish to have some involvement in working with fellow tenants to keep things running smoothly. Please be aware that the flats are **ONLY** for eligible applicants on the housing register who are nominated by the District Council. If you have an interest and you're not on the housing register then get onto it ASAP – **[www.whitehorsehomechoice.org.uk](http://www.whitehorsehomechoice.org.uk)**

There is lots to do right now. We'd also welcome more members **[www.oclt.org.uk/invest](http://www.oclt.org.uk/invest)** and we're always on the look out for new directors with a passion for using this model to deliver community owned, permanently affordable, housing. We'd particularly welcome new directors with a legal or finance background or both.

**Fran Ryan**, Director CLT

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## Believing in our Future

On Easter Sunday, my partner, my 6-year-old son and I set off from our home in Cedar Road to catch the train to London with the intention of joining Extinction Rebellion (XR) at their base camp at Marble Arch. As we sat on the train looking out the window at the passing fields, I started to reflect on why I'd make the decision to join the protest. It was something I hadn't done before, despite always feeling supportive of anyone taking action against climate change, but I knew I felt very strongly about this and had to go and see what was happening for myself.

It was seeing the youth school strikers march past my window at work every Friday that had inspired me to become actively involved in researching XR's work on this issue. Then, in April, I got a leaflet through my door inviting me to their open meeting in the city centre. My partner and I headed down to the Wesley Memorial Church and saw streams of people heading inside. The church was packed.

One of the speakers was a climate change scientist. The enormity of the scientific evidence to support the declaration of a Climate Emergency

was totally overwhelming. I had arrived thinking I would be able to just immediately accept the reality of what was happening; I left feeling like I had the whole weight of saving the world on my shoulders.

There was one phrase, though, which stuck with me from one of the talks 'When I started to try and do something about it, I felt better'. Having failed to get time off to go to London in the week, I followed the media coverage hoping the protests would run into the holiday weekend – and they did! We decided to cut short a planned weekend away and travel back to London to show our support. The atmosphere at Marble Arch was very particular. It was

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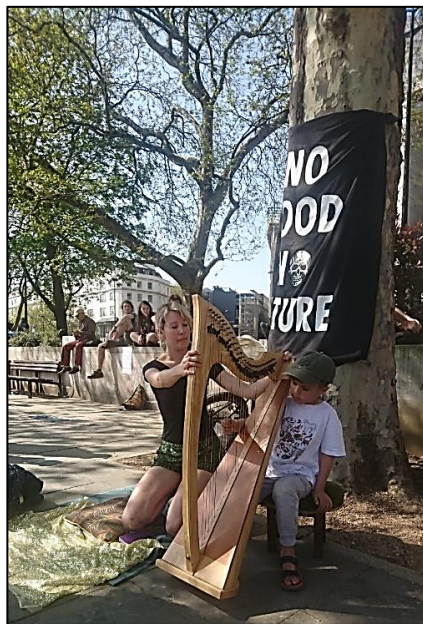
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intensely respectful, polite and relaxed and there wasn't even a tiny piece of litter on the ground within the camp area. It was easy to strike up conversations with people if you wanted to, but overall it was just a wonderful calm feeling of being surrounded by hundreds of people who strongly believed in the future of the planet.

My son was a bit confused about the set-up, as it looked a bit like a fair with no obvious 'fun'. After a while he got into the swing of things (*photo shows he found something fun to do after all!*) and was very interested to see Greta Thunberg speak: someone clearly still young and yet everyone clapping and cheering her words. Our trip to London had prompted me the day before to start talking about climate change with him. I gave him hopeful messages about the power of positive and peaceful action to create change in the world. Since then he has been intensely keen to encourage wildlife, turn off lights and drive less.

Extinction Rebellion have done amazing things in getting the U.K. government to declare a Climate Emergency. I feel more hopeful than I have in a long time, but of course their work is not done and there is a whole world out there which also needs to step up to ensuring we all have a future on this planet. That's why I'm joining them for good and will continue to support and show up when I'm needed. I heard that Oxford is going to appoint a citizens' assembly to help create its environmental policies and that's a great step. I'd like to see this actually happen and for the same thing be put in place across the country. On a larger scale, I'd say the government needs to start putting all its time and energy into sustainable organic farming, developing greener driving and energy technologies and making sure that we reduce carbon emissions to zero as soon as possible. I don't know if this will happen, but XR are certainly trying to make sure it does.

**Lorna Burchell**



## Parish Council

The following lists the members of the new Parish Council, showing the votes cast.

Ag MacKeith	841	Darren Blase	653
Lorna Berrett	817	Adam Rankin	589
Judi Bolder	778	Laura Jones	567
Caroline Potter	778	Alistair Bastin	551
Chris Church	739	Martin Dowie	520
David Kay	662	Pauline Allen	505
Ann Dykes	661	Graham Fairclough	505

### Not Elected

Stephen Elliott 500; Andrew Pritchard 475; John Alwyne Marriott 412  
Chris Hall 406; Maurice O'Donoghue 347; Erica Davis 341;  
Nima Gholami Babaamadi 224; Esmail Gholami Babaamadi 176

At the first NHPC meeting on 9th May, the following committee chairs were elected: **Planning** – Adam Rankin, **Recreation and Amenities** – Caroline Potter, **Communications** – Lorna Berrett, **Allotments** – Ag MacKeith  
David Kay and Chris Church will take on the Expressway.

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## District Council

And our new District Councillors are:

**Debby Hallett** (Lib-Dem) **1521**  
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**Emily Smith** (Lib Dem) **1387**  
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## Being a Scout

My name is Rory and I've been in the 4th Oxford Scout Group since the age of 7; I'm now 11. At Scouts we learn many different life skills such as: fire-lighting, knot-tying, cooking, and various others. Being a Scout myself, I feel that it is all great fun. I'm sure I can speak for our Beavers, Cubs and Explorers as well.

In my time of scouting I have done all sorts of activities, like ice-skating, cooking and swimming – which I have improved on massively, as Scouts have helped me progress. I have been on all sorts of different camps with everyone, which are always full of exciting outdoors activities, like zip-lining, orienteering, kayaking and rifle-shooting. We are always tired out by the end of it all, partly because we've done so much, and partly because we stay up too late!



Recently I went on a sponsored 18-mile hike with our scouting community and although it was tiring, it was also hugely rewarding – and I had a lot of fun doing it. My family raised over £200 in sponsorship money which will go towards buying more equipment for our activities. I'm not a member of any sports team, so Scouting gives me the chance to mix with other children my age. We all share similar interests and enjoy spending time together as a Scout.

**Rory Charlton**

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## Cumnor Cricket Club

### – lots going on!

Cumnor Cricket Club have had a busy winter, evolving into



Cumnor Bears. The new branding recognises the significance of our history and prepares us for an exciting future. Our values as a club centre around family, passion and ambition which we feel are embodied in the Cumnor Bears.

We have a thriving young players programme with over seventy All Stars (5-8yrs) learning the basics of cricket on Friday evenings. We also have 140 other youngsters (8–17yrs) training on Wednesdays. Our first-class coaching team for our juniors teaches not only the skills required but also that playing with the right spirit is just as important as the results.

Our Kwiks (under 9s) were Oxfordshire champions last year. This talented group of youngsters have had a strong start to the season winning their first two matches. We are fielding two Under 11 teams both of whom have tasted victory and defeat this year. Our two U13 teams have had a frustrating time with other clubs struggling to raise sides to play us. The U15s have played two matches and won both by a large margin. This bunch of talented players are hopeful that they will get to their final on 7th July. Our U17s side start their matches after the GCSE exams are over, but are already looking forward to a competitive season.

Our adult section, with over fifty members, puts out three sides in league cricket each Saturday and also a fourth team playing friendly fixtures on Sunday afternoons. Our First XI play in the 1st Division of the Cherwell League, opening this season with a win. They are also through to the Oxfordshire semi-final of the National Village Knockout Cup. Our 2nd XI play in Cherwell League Division 5, and our 3rds in Division 9. We are hopeful of strong results from all our teams and promotions are in the air.

If you and your family want to get fit, play cricket at any level or simply enjoy our clubhouse and grounds, the Cumnor Bears are sure to give you a big welcome.

**David Clapton**

*A note from the Chairman of Cumnor Cricket Club:*

**Be part of the Cricket World Cup** Everyone is invited to help us celebrate the Cricket World Cup taking place in England and Wales this year. Cumnor Cricket Club is hosting an open family weekend on June



7–9th at the Park Field ground in Cumnor. This is a nationwide event organised by the ECB to engage 1 million adults and children to 'be part of the World's Greatest Cricket Celebration.'

**Friday 7th June – 6.30pm** If you are aged 6 to 11 come along and join in the Bears' very own version of the World Cup tournament. It doesn't matter if you have never played cricket before, you can still join in these fun 6-a-side softball games. Bring your Mum and Dad along too, they can play as well! If you don't want to play, come along and watch. There will be other games to enjoy, a BBQ and, for your parents, the bar will be open all evening.

**Saturday 8th June – 12.30pm** Our 1st team are playing a Cherwell League match. Everyone is invited to come and watch. Bring a picnic, the bar will be open all afternoon.

**Saturday 8th June – 8pm** We are holding a Cricket World Cup Quiz in our clubhouse. Prizes include a £50 meat voucher, courtesy of Michael Cain and Son. Entry is £2 per person with a maximum team size of 5. There will be hot food available for purchase. Don't worry if you are not a cricket expert, there will be plenty of general rounds too. All proceeds from the quiz will be donated to our chosen charity, Opening Up Cricket who promote mental wellbeing.

**Sunday 9th June** We are hosting the Vale District Kwik Cricket Competition from 9.30am, and there will be a bake sale with delicious treats to devour as well as stalls selling cricket equipment, clothing and Cumnor Bears merchandise. There will be a BBQ from around noon. Everyone is invited to come and watch our very own 'Cumnor World Cup' which will be a 6-a-side hardball tournament from 1.00pm. Bring your picnic blanket and enjoy the festivities.

**Ken Mannering**, Cumnor Cricket Club Chairman



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## Just Being: People and Places

Botley Arts is proud to present this wonderful exhibition by the Wallis mother and daughter, which is showing until mid July. Here's what they say about their work.

**Barbara Wallis:** After many years of drawing and painting intermittently, I've been concentrating on abstract work, starting with close observation, whether in the studio or out in the landscape, then developing the content in a more spontaneous way. It's fascinating how certain shapes or colours seep into the brain and emerge in a piece almost unconsciously. In getting to this point I've been hugely fortunate to work with some excellent tutors in Oxford, at Sunningwell School of Art, and more recently in Kendal, Cumbria. My daughter Catherine and I chose our exhibition title '**Just Being**' for a number of reasons. For both of us, immersion in drawing and painting makes time irrelevant, in a beautifully pliable, focused, yet meditative way. Just being with the subject, and responding as feels right at the time, is definitely a skill to practise. We are both actively cultivating our own permission to be just whatever we are now, as artists.

I can be contacted at [barbarawallis66@gmail.com](mailto:barbarawallis66@gmail.com).



**Catherine Wallis:** Recently I've come to understand the essential role of the arts for my own wellbeing and understanding of myself. In 2017 my mum recommended a tutored short course in life drawing here in Oxford and in the last year I've been attending classes fairly regularly. Through drawing people I've rediscovered the joy of making art, but it appeals to me on further levels. There's a potent simplicity to human connection. I always leave a life class feeling more human – I can't find a better reason to keep drawing than that. I'm so grateful for the opportunity to show some of my sketches as I start out, and proud to be displaying them alongside my mum's pieces.



## **NORTH HINKSEY PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Part-time Caretaker for the Louie Memorial Pavilion and Playing Fields in Arnolds Way**

The Parish Council is looking to appoint a new part-time caretaker, at a gross salary of £248.88p a month for an average of 24 hours a month over the year. The actual hours worked will fluctuate between summer and winter.

The pavilion is run by a management committee and the caretaker's work will involve liaising and working with them.

The main duties of the post include:

- Line marking of the football pitch
- Checking the Pavilion and undertaking any minor maintenance work, safety checks, etc
- Arranging statutory building checks e.g. fire extinguishers, electrical certificates
- Maintaining the main hall, kitchen, changing rooms and showers.
- Cleaning MUGA and Children's Shelter area to remove litter etc.
- General maintenance of the Trim Trail equipment.
- Strimming long grass near the Pavillion, MUGA and car park
- Litter Picking as necessary in both playing fields and checking for any safety hazards
- Weekly play equipment Safety Checks (*Training will be given*)
- Undertaking the specified weekly, monthly and annual maintenance checks on the defibrillator cabinet
- Lime Road Bus Shelter – Clean out once a week
- Other reasonable duties as requested by the Parish Council

**Please apply in writing to the Parish Clerk by email:  
clerk@northhinksey-pc.gov.uk or by post to 29 Long Close,  
Botley, Oxford, OX2 9SG**

**Closing date for applications: Monday 10 June 2019**

## Catriona Gets a Gong

Girlguiding Oxfordshire offered us a special afternoon tea at Eynsham Hall to thank us volunteers for all our hard work. This was such a rare treat that we at 2nd Botley decided it was time to clear the diaries and make sure we could all attend. Eventually the day dawned and arriving at the venue Brown Owl nearly got swept into wedding photographs when a photographer took some convincing that she wasn't with the wedding party. (That would have caused some puzzlement when leafing through the photographs later).



The rest of us arrived without any tale to tell and whilst we were waiting to be allowed into our dining room there was a rolling projection of photographs from the last year's Girlguiding activities that have been on offer throughout our county. What a varied programme has been on offer – both inside and outside activities – something for all. It was great to catch up with Guiders from all over the county who some of us have known since we were Guides ourselves and who are probably the reason why we still do it today.

Having ensured that our departing District Commissioner (our boss), Catriona, would be in attendance, the District ordered her a lovely vase. Then, before the tea and awards started we lulled her into a false sense of security by presenting it to thank her for all her terms of office. Little did she know that some of us had also been liaising for some months with the awards committee on her behalf, and so she was completely shocked when the County Commissioner (her boss) read out the citation for the Girlguiding Oxfordshire Lozenge badge, followed by her name "in recognition of her continued outstanding support to Girlguiding especially in Oxfordshire". (See photo above.)

The citation ended, "her support extends to enabling young members to attend special camps and holidays, fundraising to support those less able to afford them" which reminds me that as a parting gift she planned, and then handed over to her successor, the Summer Fete on Saturday, 15th June at Louie Memorial Playing Fields to raise funds for a December residential for all Rainbows, Brownies and Guides who attend Girlguiding in the local parishes.

**Lucy Howes**

## Improving the Patient Experience

There will be a meeting of the Botley Medical Centre Patient Participation Group on 19 June to discuss the results of a survey by the NHS and recent Care Quality Commission visits to the practice, as well as suggestions from patients. All patients of Botley Medical Centre and Kennington Health Centre are welcome to attend. Whether you attend or not, it would be helpful to receive your suggestions in advance of the meeting. Please send them to me at [grantn@ntlworld.com](mailto:grantn@ntlworld.com).

**Who we are:** The Patient Participation Group consists of volunteers who are registered patients of the practice.

**What are our main aims:** to promote the well-being of patients and to facilitate positive and effective two-way communication between the practice and its patients.

**When and where is the meeting:** on Wednesday 19th June at 6 pm at the Botley Medical Centre, Elms Road, OX2 9JS

**Grant Nightingale**, for Botley Medical Centre Patient Participation Group

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### LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P19/V0936/HH	3 Yarnells Hill. Remove conservatory. Single storey rear extension and first floor rear/side extension.	<b>15 April</b> <i>TDD: 10 June</i>
P19/V0928/FUL	The Chestnuts Harcourt Hill. Erect one new self-build detached house on land to the side of the property.	<b>17 April</b> <i>TDD: 12 June</i>
P18/V3150/DIS	Ferry Cottage 7 North Hinksey Lane. Discharge of conditions. Internally renovate out-building, install solar panels, new entrance gates, new cricket practice nets.	<b>18 April</b> <i>Target Decision Date 30 May</i>
P19/V1015/A	Midland House West Way. Wall mounted, halo illuminated, company name and logo.	<b>30 April</b> <i>TDD: 25 June</i>
P19/V1066/HH	17 Hutchcomb Road. Roof convert to provide bedroom & en-suite bathroom. Change roof to gable.	<b>1 May</b> <b>TDD: 26 June</b>
P19/V1052/HH	35 Montagu Road. Remove conservatory, erect single storey rear extension, extend patio.	<b>2 May</b> <i>TDD: 26 June</i>

## Under-twenties meet over-sixties

Amelie, Evie, Paige, Phoebe and Rachel who are Volunteers at Branches came to help with the Easter lunch party at Botley Over 60s Lunch Club on 18 April. Branches is a social enterprise working with young people, based on the first floor of Elms Court opposite the Co-op. Lunch Club caters fortnightly for about forty people over the age of 60 in the current Seacourt Hall facilities above the Co-op. This was a great opportunity to show collaboration between the generations with a view to jointly providing a freshly cooked meal and a chance to chat for older people in our local community.

The young volunteers are students at either Matthew Arnold or Bartholomew Schools and came to Branches via recommendation or the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme. They get experience in cooking, serving, food hygiene and nutrition under the expert guidance of the Branches Chef and café team. Like all experiences, some bits are better than others and they enjoy making and tasting their creations, particularly the milkshakes – but then there is always the clearing up.

Dave Goodspeed, Director of Branches said “Our ‘Young Leaders’ work really hard at their volunteering and produce some really good food,



some of the baking they have done has been to a really high standard. They certainly worked impressively hard at the Lunch Club and can be seen decorating over 60 Easter cup-cakes with Dave and Lunch Club organisers, Jackie Warner and Viv Smith. They also served all the lunches and puddings – carefully serving from the left and clearing from the right (most Lunch Club volunteers learned something that day!) and then efficiently cleaned down all the tables.

The Branches girls were a great help to our regular Lunch Club volunteers, real fun to work with and three of them even stayed to eat lunch with us afterwards. We wish them all every success with their future careers, whether in catering or elsewhere.

**Janet Bartlam**

## Police News

On the morning of 12th May a man with a crowbar was spotted in the back garden of a house on Cumnor Hill near to the Oxford Road junction. Realizing he'd been seen, he made off over the fields towards Cumnor. Witness described a dark skinned male, wearing a black leather jacket, torn black jeans, light blue Converse shoes and a red and yellow bobble hat, with a tattoo on the back of one of his hands.

On the afternoon of May 9th, around 4.50pm, a house was burgled towards the top end of Cumnor Hill near Colegrove Down. Two male offenders, described as 'either Asian or olive skinned' and both slight of build, forced entry into a conservatory where they took high spec bikes before being disturbed by the occupant.

At a school in the Botley and Cumnor area, an unknown person was seen to padlock the main gate shut late one evening. Their motivation is as yet unknown but is suspected to be some sort of prank. Fortunately, school staff noticed in time and removed the lock resulting in only minor inconvenience and disruption. We encourage residents to report any suspicious activity especially around schools.

Someone tried to break into a building site on Arnolds Way on the night of 16th–17th April. We understand that building sites often have lots of comings and goings, but if you live near them or go past them please keep an eye out for any activity outside of normal working hours and call 999 if you deem it suspicious, or 101 if in any doubt.

Over the last month there have been a string of "Vamoose Burglaries" (breaking into houses specifically to steal cars with keys) in neighbouring areas. We would like to urge residents to keep doors and windows locked when not in use and to ensure car keys are kept out of reach and preferably out of sight. It's possible your keyless car card could be hacked from outside the house, so – if you must put it by the front door – keep it in a metal box lined with foil to baffle the signals.

The next local 'Have your Say' meeting will be in Dean Court Community Centre on Saturday 8th June between 2 and 4pm.

If you have any information regarding the above incidents please call 101 or Crimestoppers. You can always contact me by email via [Adrian.Wright@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Adrian.Wright@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

**PCSO Adrian Wright**



## Randoms

### Coming up at Botley Library

**Friday 7th June, 5.30–6pm.** Join us for a Pyjamarama Storytime to celebrate National Bookstart Week. Why not come in your pyjamas and bring Teddy? Open to children of all ages. No need to book.

**Tuesday 11th June, 11–11.30am.** Rhymetime. Today is 'Empathy Day'. The Empathy Lab are encouraging us to **read** – because stories and book characters build our real-life empathy; **connect** – make new connections with people inspired by sharing stories; **do** – put empathy into action in homes and communities. Aimed at under 3s. No need to book.

**Tuesday 25th June, 11– 11.30am.** Rhymetime. At today's session we will have a representative of the Community Dental Service who will talk to us about brushing, sugar and oral health. Aimed at under 3s. No need to book.

### Can you help our local guide group?

3rd West Oxford Guides meets on Tuesdays 7.00– 8.30pm at Dean Court Community Centre. We are looking for volunteers to help out at meetings. The Guides are girls age 10–14 and it is a small group. Maybe you enjoyed going to Guides yourself years ago and now can give something back ? Or maybe you are new to Guiding but interested in helping young people spend time constructively? Please think about helping us. To find out more, contact Elaine by email on [3rdwestoxfordguides@gmail.com](mailto:3rdwestoxfordguides@gmail.com)

### Art Weeks at the Louie Memorial Pavilion 4–5th May 2019

Thanks to all those who contributed artwork, made cakes, volunteered and visited the 2nd community art exhibition at the Pavilion. We enjoyed hosting again this year and being part of the West Oxford and Botley Art Weeks trail (sponsored by *The Sprout*). Hope you caught some of the exhibitors in their own homes and studios as well. We may do it again next year if there is interest and support from the community and artists.

**Catherine, Claire and the Louie Memorial Committee**

### Could you adopt with PACT?

Adoption charity Parents And Children Together (PACT) is now holding regular events in Oxfordshire for anyone interested in finding out more about adoption. The next one is on **Thursday 6th June, 6.30–8pm.**

These events are led by a PACT social worker and will include a talk from someone who has adopted through PACT. Come along to ask questions and find out more. PACT specialises in finding secure and loving homes for children in most urgent need, who often face the longest wait. There are currently 2000 children looking for families. Couples or single people from all backgrounds are welcomed as adopters, including those of black and minority ethnic heritage and from the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, and we will support adoptive families for life. Information events are free to attend but you will need to book. You can do this by calling 0300 456 4800 or emailing [enquiries@pactcharity.org](mailto:enquiries@pactcharity.org) when full details of the event venue will be provided.

## **Friends of Raleigh Park**

The Friends' AGM will be on Thursday 13th June, at 7:30pm in the Pavilion, Arnold's Way, and will include a talk by Linda Losito on 'Beetles birds and mammals: how dung supports the living world' To find out more, see our website [www.raleighpark.org.uk](http://www.raleighpark.org.uk)

**Stephen Parkinson** Chair, Friends of Raleigh Park

### **Participants wanted!**

**Would you like to join a University Focus Group to discuss how your digitised health data is shared?**

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- In early June 2019
- Duration 2-3 hours

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### **Coming up on 7th July – *Sprout* AGM**

This year's AGM will be held in Branches café at 3pm on the first Sunday in July. Tea and cakes optional. It's your chance to tell us what you'd like to see in the *Sprout*, to make contact with the people who make it happen and to find out about the accounts. Do come if you can – everybody welcome, especially our deliverers, especially if they come with ideas!

### **Looking for Young Leaders**

Summer is coming to Branches and we are changing up our menu. Whilst keeping some old favourites we are now offering a range of

burgers and grilled sandwiches served with fries or salad and some delicious sweet treats. We hope you'll come and try them.

Our Young Leaders have been busy as ever serving their young customers in the youth sessions after school and helping prepare food for our platters. Some of them really enjoyed helping at the seniors' lunch club, an opportunity we have been trying to organize for a while, waiting for the lunch club weeks to coincide with school holidays.

Our first group of Young Leaders 'graduated' at Easter after completing their six months of volunteering. As well as their time serving, cooking and organising activities in Branches, they can be particularly proud of the work they did on the Pre-Christmas Feast, the Burns Supper and the Mad Hatter's Tea Party. Their last hurrah was to help organise and run the (bravely early) community barbecue in April at the Louie Memorial Pavilion, where they received certificates in front of their friends and customers.

This means we have space for some more young leaders so if anyone still has their DoE skills or volunteering elements to do, or just wants to be involved with our innovative project, Branches would be pleased to see you. We would also like to welcome some new adult volunteers to the team. If you have some spare time and would like to learn or share some skills during the day or during youth sessions, come and speak to Dave or Diane at Branches, we would love to welcome you to our team, any training needed will be provided.

**Dave Goodspeed**

### **Botley Bridges – help with under-fives**

A great new 4-week Family Links parenting course is coming up, especially suitable for families with children aged 0-5 years. This will take place over 4 Wednesday evenings (7.30-9.30pm) at Botley Branches Cafe (opposite the

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Co-op) from the end of June. Just £20 per person. For more information, or to reserve your limited space, please email [coordinator@botleybridges.org](mailto:coordinator@botleybridges.org)

## Photo competition

There's still time to enter your photographs of Botley and North Hinksey in a competition being run by the Parish Council to find new images for the website: [www.northhinksey-pc.gov.uk](http://www.northhinksey-pc.gov.uk)

Photographs need to work in a landscape "letterbox" style format – see example of the current website image. Entries will appear on the NHPC Facebook page [www.facebook.com/northhinkseypc](https://www.facebook.com/northhinkseypc) so that you can vote for your favourites. Winners will be notified and announced on the website, Facebook and in a future edition of the *Sprout*. Please send your photos to the Parish Clerk at [clerk@northhinksey-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@northhinksey-pc.gov.uk)

## Free Family fun at Hill End Camp

Admin at Hill End camp have asked us to spread the word about the ffennell Festival at Hill End between 11am and 4pm on 15th June. There will be nature walks and trails, family bushcraft, music from local bands, a barbecue, ice cream, free parking. Bring the whole family for a low tech day out. But no dogs at Hill End, so leave the family pet behind.

## Want a bit of peace and quiet to think or pray?

St. Peter & St. Paul and St. Lawrence are open every day for anyone to use for a bit of peace and quiet.

We have midweek opportunities for worship in West Oxford:

Mondays	9.30am	Morning Prayer at St. Frideswide
Tuesdays	9.30am	Morning Prayer at St. Peter & St. Paul
	7.00-9.00pm	St Frideswide open for quiet prayer
Wednesdays	10.30am	Holy Communion in Field House
		Community Room, West Way
Thursdays	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St. Lawrence
Fridays	9.00am	Morning Prayer at St. Peter & St. Paul

Morning Prayer lasts for about 20 minutes.



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

<b>1st Botley Brownies</b> Girls aged 7–10	Dean Court Community Centre Thur 6–7.30 Fiona Wheeler, <a href="mailto:firstbotleybrownies@gmail.com">firstbotleybrownies@gmail.com</a>
<b>2nd Botley Brownies</b> Girls aged 7–10	Rosary Room, Yarnells Hill. Tues 6:15-7:45 Alison Griffin <a href="mailto:2ndbotleybrownies@outlook.com">2ndbotleybrownies@outlook.com</a>
<b>4th Oxford Scout Group</b> Beavers, Cub Scouts, Scouts	Scout Hall, Arnolds Way; <a href="mailto:mail@thefourth.org.uk">mail@thefourth.org.uk</a> Website: <a href="http://www.thefourth.org.uk/">http://www.thefourth.org.uk/</a>
<b>15th Oxford Scout Group</b> Boys and girls welcome	Meet Fridays, Botley Baptist Hall Contact: Julie Tatham 01865 863074 or Amy Cusden 07887 654386
<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Group</b>	Tues/Thurs 9.15–11, SS Peter & Paul Church Hall
<b>Badminton Club</b>	Thurs 7-8pm at Matthew Arnold Sports Hall. Garry Clark 0777 3559 314 <a href="mailto:garryclark13@gmail.com">garryclark13@gmail.com</a>
<b>Books on Wheels</b> R.V.S.	Free Library Service for housebound Ox. 248142
<b>Botley Boys &amp; Girls F.C.</b> Football teams from ages 8-16	Jason Barley Ox. 242926 <a href="mailto:jbarley1@sky.com">jbarley1@sky.com</a> or Brendan Byrne 792531 <a href="mailto:brendan.byrne999@gmail.com">brendan.byrne999@gmail.com</a>
<b>Botley Health Walks</b>	Wednesday 9.30 a.m Contact: Briony 246497
<b>Botley Library</b>	01865 248142. Open till 7 on Friday and 1pm on Sat, otherwise 9.30 to 5.30 (closed Wednesdays).
<b>Botley Singers</b>	Thur 7.30, St Andrew's Church, Dean Court. Angela Astley-Penny Ox.242189 <a href="mailto:angastpen@aol.com">angastpen@aol.com</a>
<b>Branches Café, Westway Place, Open to All 8am-3pm,</b>	<b>Open for young people</b> 3-5 daily, Th. eves 7–9 Tel:01865 251115 <a href="http://www.branchesyouth.uk">www.branchesyouth.uk</a> Facebook Branches Youth Cafe, Instagram <a href="https://www.instagram.com/_branches_youth">@_branches_youth</a>
<b>Community Fridge</b>	For all. Put food in, take food out. Ss P&P church, Mon–Sat 9–5, Sun 11–5. Riki Therivel 07759 135811
<b>Cumnor Choral Society</b>	Rehearsals Friday 7.45 to 9.45 pm John May 07795 054142 or <a href="http://www.cumnorchoralsociety.wordpress.com">www.cumnorchoralsociety.wordpress.com</a>
<b>Cumnor Chess Club</b>	Thurs 7–9pm Cumnor Old School. Steven Bennett 862788 <a href="http://www.cumnorchessclub.co.uk">www.cumnorchessclub.co.uk</a>
<b>Cumnor &amp; District Historical Society</b>	Last Monday of the month 7.30-9.00 Cumnor Old School. 01865 724808
<b>Cumnor Gardening Club</b>	Details on website at <a href="http://cumnorgardens.org.uk/">http://cumnorgardens.org.uk/</a> or phone Chris Impey, 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 <a href="mailto:admin@hill-end.org">admin@hill-end.org</a> , call 01865 863510 or visit <a href="http://www.hill-end.org">www.hill-end.org</a>
<b>Let's Sing! – singing group</b>	Weds 2pm, WOCC, details Emily 07969 522368 or email <a href="mailto:emformusic@outlook.com">emformusic@outlook.com</a>
<b>Morris Dancing – Cry Havoc</b>	Barbara Brett 249599 or <a href="mailto:bag@cryhavoc.org.uk">bag@cryhavoc.org.uk</a>

<b>Mum and Baby Yoga</b> for babies from 6 wks to crawling	Mondays 10.30 at Dean Court CC, contact Jacqueline Rice via <a href="https://yogawithjacqueline.co.uk">https://yogawithjacqueline.co.uk</a>
<b>North Hinksey Preschool and Childcare Clubs</b>	Mon–Fri 7.45am –6.00 pm. 01865 794287 or email <a href="mailto:nhps.manager1@gmail.com">nhps.manager1@gmail.com</a>
<b>N Hinksey Bellringers</b>	Contact: Ray Rook 01865 241451
<b>N Hinksey Conservation Volunteers</b>	Meets at weekends. Contact Voirrey Carr 07798743121 <a href="mailto:voirreyc@aol.com">voirreyc@aol.com</a>
<b>N Hinksey, Friends of</b>	Annual Cricket Match & Walk. Douglas Bond 791213.
<b>N Hinksey Horticultural Soc</b>	Contact: Ann Dykes Ox 251821 <a href="mailto:anndykes@hotmail.com">anndykes@hotmail.com</a>
<b>N Hinksey Parish Council</b>	Colin Ryde, tel 861992, <a href="mailto:clerk@northhinksey-pc.gov.uk">clerk@northhinksey-pc.gov.uk</a>
<b>N Hinksey Youth Club</b>	Wednesdays at Arnold's Way pavilion, call Daz on 07791 212866 or see Facebook
<b>Over Sixties Lunch Club</b>	Every other Thursday. Seacourt Hall. Viv Smith 01865 241539 or Jackie Warner 01865 721386
<b>Oxford Flood Alliance</b>	R Thurston 01865 723663 or 07973 292035
<b>Oxfo Flower Arranging Club</b>	4th Thursday Cumnor. Dymrna Walker: 01865 865259
<b>Oxford Harmony Men's Acappella singing group</b>	Meets Wednesdays 7.45 pm at Seacourt Hall 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> Seniors, training etc <a href="mailto:jbrodley@chandlings.org.uk">jbrodley@chandlings.org.uk</a> .
<b>Oxford Sports Lawn Tennis Club, N Hinksey</b>	Family club: Melanie Riste 848658 or <a href="mailto:melanie_riste@hotmail.com">melanie_riste@hotmail.com</a>
<b>Raleigh Park, Friends of</b>	David Brown <a href="mailto:raleighpark@raleighpark.org.uk">raleighpark@raleighpark.org.uk</a>
<b>Saturdads</b> Botley Bridges	Fun activities and trips for Dads and under 5's 10 am–noon 1st Sat of month. Tel: 243955
<b>Seacourt Hall management committee</b>	Contact: Michael Cockman 07766 317691 <a href="mailto:michael.cockman@gmail.com">michael.cockman@gmail.com</a> .
<b>Shotokan Karate club</b>	6+ WOCC twice weekly Martyn King 07836 646450
<b>Weight Watchers</b>	Thursdays 6pm at SS Peter & Paul Church Hall Banso tel: 07779 253899 <a href="mailto:bansob@aol.com">bansob@aol.com</a>
<b>West Oxford Bowls Club</b>	Contact details on <a href="http://www.westoxfordbowlsclub.co.uk">www.westoxfordbowlsclub.co.uk</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>	(Uni of the 3rd Age) <a href="http://westoxfordu3a.org.uk/">http://westoxfordu3a.org.uk/</a>
<b>West Way Day Centre</b>	Mon & Fri 10–3pm, Field House, 07740 611971. <a href="mailto:oxfordshirehub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk">oxfordshirehub@royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk</a>
<b>Women's Institute (Botley)</b>	Liz Manson, 244175 email <a href="mailto:liz.manson@virginmedia.com">liz.manson@virginmedia.com</a>