

Now in our **75th year**, South Oxford Community Association looks after the Community Centre in Lake Street. This is a space provided for the benefit of local residents to use for leisure, meetings, and learning.

The centre has to be self-financing - we pay all our own staff costs and bills, as well as buying equipment and maintaining the building. Even so we offer very affordable room hire and are proud to support many other groups and organisations in the area.

Our management committee is friendly, and we are always looking for new members. Please contact our chair Gill Garratt for an informal chat if you'd like to get involved.

### **Artweeks 2012**

Local artists of all ages will once again be displaying their talent at the Community Centre this Spring for Artweeks. We will be open to the public every day from **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>**, with an exhibition of work in a wide variety of media, from photography and paint to craft and sculpture. In addition we will be opening our **Jubilee Exhibit** (see below). For the first time this year we will also be offering demonstrations and workshops. Please look out for local publicity or visit our website nearer the time for more information.

If you would like to exhibit there is still time to let us know. We are also keen to recruit volunteers to help with refreshments. If you would like to get involved please phone or email the office.

### **Jubilee Celebrations**

Do you or your parents or grandparents remember the Queen's accession to the throne or her coronation? If so, we would love to talk to you.

We're planning to mark the Royal Jubilee by creating a memory trail through the Centre using people's recollections of the time, copies of photographs, and any other memorabilia you may have. The exhibition will open to coincide with **Artweek**. To make this a success we need to hear from as many of you as possible, so please get in touch.



**Man and Horse by Artweeks exhibitor Aline Stanway**

### **Community Café**

It has been a longstanding aim of the Association to open a community café in the Centre. We have a wonderful location right next to Hinksey Park, and consultations have shown that there is a great deal of support for the idea, particularly during the summer months when the swimming pool is open.

We had hoped to start this year, with support from the City Council by way of a modest grant. Sadly it was not to be, but, undaunted, we will run a series of cafés anyway, and link them to other popular events such as table top sales, or activities such as the upcycling workshop organised recently by Low Carbon South Oxford. Look out for posters throughout the summer. Our next event will be....

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ  
AND  
TABLE TOP SALE  
SATURDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH  
1-4PM  
TO BOOK A TABLE RING  
01865 242666**



## South Oxford News Round-Up

### Your Community - Your Voice!

Come to your **NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM** at South Oxford Community Centre on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.**

We have invited representatives of local groups and organisations, as well as our local councillors, to come and listen to any concerns you may have about what is happening in the neighbourhood. There will also be updates on flood planning, park management, localism, and other issues. Refreshments available, all welcome.

### Low Carbon South Oxford

On **Wednesday 23rd May, 7.30-9.00pm**, Low Carbon South Oxford are meeting at the centre to celebrate what has been achieved this year, and to look forward to the year ahead. Everyone who lives or works in South Oxford is warmly invited

### Farmers' Market in South Oxford?

Would you like to see a regular farmers' and local produce market in South Oxford? If you'd like to get involved - either as a stallholder or an organizer, or simply see yourself as a potential customer, please come to an initial meeting on **Wednesday 30th May, 7.30-9.00pm** at the centre.

We have invited a speaker from the successful East Oxford Farmers' Market, as well as representatives of the vegetable co-operative venture "Cultivate".

The meeting is being organized by the Food Group of Low Carbon South Oxford. Please feel free to contact them for more information, or if you would like to help: [lowcarbonsouthoxford@gmail.com](mailto:lowcarbonsouthoxford@gmail.com)



### St Luke's Big Project

If you're taking a bus ride along the Abingdon Road, you may have spotted a black and white timber-framed building set back from the road, just past the Fox and Hounds pub. This is St Luke's Church, which acts as a hub for the local community of Cold Harbour. Though it may look dilapidated on the outside, there is a wealth of activity taking place daily on the inside, with groups and events for all ages.

We have plans to update and extend this much-loved building, preserving the best of its features (the timber frame) and removing the asbestos panelling. The plan is called the Big Project, named by a group of local young people who kick-started the appeal in 2010, by securing a £50,000 grant from the Youth Capital Fund. We have now raised over half of the funds, but urgently need to close the gap so that we can begin building this year.



For more information please have a look at our website; [www.stlukesoxford.org.uk](http://www.stlukesoxford.org.uk)

### Playgroup

Playgroup is situated in Hinksey Park, behind the open air pool. We run 7 sessions a week, 5 mornings and 2 afternoons, for children aged 27 months to 4 years. More details can be found on our website: [www.lakestreetplaygroup.org](http://www.lakestreetplaygroup.org)

Playgroup's annual **Spring Fair** will be take place on **Saturday 19 May**. Lots to do for children and adults plus BBQ and refreshments. See local posters and website for further details

### South Oxford Adventure Playground

SOAP will be re-opening again in the Easter holidays. All are welcome at the AGM, **Wed. March 21st, 7-9pm at the Community Centre** to discuss SOAP's future, especially funding and opening hours. Drinks and nibbles provided.

## New Activities at the Centre this Spring!

**Beryl's Night - Cycle Maintenance classes and workshops for women.** Fortnightly on **Wednesdays**, starting 7th March 6-7pm (class), 7-9pm (workshop). Learn new skills in a friendly and supportive atmosphere. No previous experience required. [berylsnight@ocwt.coop](mailto:berylsnight@ocwt.coop) for more information

**Flaw-R-Tists - children's breakdancing** - takes place on **Mondays**, 5.30-7.00pm. New members welcome.

**Kripalu Yoga classes begin at the community centre on Sunday, 6 May 2012, 11am-12.30pm** Kripalu yoga is open to everyone--from the beginner to the advanced yogi. It places emphasis on the individual experience--not the aesthetic look of a pose. Sessions are £4.50 for adults or £3.50 for students. For more information, please visit [www.sanctuarygrace.com](http://www.sanctuarygrace.com)

### Struggling to work from home? Need some office space?

South Oxford Community Centre has private lockable offices to rent, from £60/week.

This includes heating and electricity, and access to a kitchen with fridge and microwave.

Phone/internet available, and if you need larger rooms for meetings, we have plenty for hire.

We're happy to discuss your requirements and to show you what is available. Daily rates may be possible.



This newsletter was produced with help of a small grant from Oxford City Council and a lot of hard work from volunteers. If you would like to advertise in or sponsor future newsletters, we would love to hear from you!

### Home Craft Club

Try your hand at embroidery, sewing, knitting and more  
Lower hall  
Thursdays 1.30 to 3.30pm  
Members 50p - non Members £1.00

### New Art club

**1<sup>st</sup> Thursday every month 1.30 to 3.30pm**  
*"glad I came along it makes me feel young again"*

Contact the office on 01865 242666 for more information.  
Some materials available or bring your own.  
Refreshments available.

### Are you looking for regular work?

The Community Centre in Lake Street is looking for a reliable person to join us as a **permanent caretaker**. At least **10 hours** per week are available (mostly evenings), at a rate of **£8/hour**. Holiday paid pro rata.

Duties include locking and unlocking the building, and dealing with customers who have hired rooms.

The post would especially suit someone who lives locally. The ability to carry out a variety of odd jobs and small maintenance duties would be a bonus, but we welcome applications from people who don't have those skills.

To find out more, contact Debby at the Centre.

### New on our website!

Our website gives lots of information about activities, and details our rooms and prices.

[www.southoxford.org](http://www.southoxford.org)

More recently, we've added a **local links page**, which tells you about other organizations in South Oxford. Also new is the **South Oxford Calendar**, which lists events happening locally.

### Become a member, and save money!

Did you know that you can become a member of the Centre, and get some great discounts on room hire after 3 months? It costs just £2 p.a. (£1 concessions), or £15 for groups. Contact the office for more information.

**South Oxford  
Community  
Centre  
(Lake Street)**

**Staff**

Administrator: Debby Forbes

**Management committee officers**

Chair: Gill Garratt

Vice-Chair: Emma Lenz

Secretary: Catherine Morey

Treasurer: Phil Doubtfire

President: Brenda Horwood

**South Oxford Community  
Association is run by  
a committee of volunteers.**

Why not become a member? You are then eligible for discounts on room hire after a set period.

**Only: £2 p.a. (£1 concessions) or £15 for groups.**

**ROOM HIRE**

Main hall (sprung dance floor, serving area)

Lower hall (with kitchenette)

Room 2 (meeting room)

Room 4 (annexe building)

Dojo (marital arts room)

Cost:

from £11.00 per hour for Main hall;

from £10.00 per hour for Dojo and Lower hall;

from £8.00 per hour for R2 and R4

**TELEPHONE BOOKINGS  
AND ENQUIRIES  
242666**

9-12 noon, Mon.-Fri.

Answerphone outside these hours

**NOTE**

We cannot guarantee the running of any activity. Please check in advance with the organiser, especially if you are attending for the first time!

Registered  
Charity:  
304351

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*Regular Activities*  
**Spring 2012**



<b>Monday</b>	FLAW R TISTS	5.30-7.00pm	Main Hall
	5 RHYTHMS DANCE	8.00-10.00pm	Main Hall
	JU JITSU (Self defence)	8.00-10.00pm	Dojo
	KUNG FU ACADEMY	8.00-10.00pm	Room 4
<b>Tuesday</b>	KARATE (beginners)	4.30-5.30pm	Main Hall
	WOODCRAFT (youth group 6-9 years)	5.45-7.00pm	Main Hall
	FLAMENCO	6.15-8.15pm	Room 4
	WING CHUN KUNG FU	6.30-8.00pm	Lower Hall
	AIKIDO	7.30-9.30pm	Dojo
	GAMBLERS' ANON.	7.30-9.00pm	Room 2
<b>Wednesday</b>	BINGO	2.00-4.00pm	Lower Hall
	SOL SAMBA DANCE	7.30-9.00pm	Main hall
	JU JITSU (Self defence)	8.00-10.00pm	Dojo
<b>Thursday</b>	HOME CRAFT CLUB	1.30-3.00pm	Lower Hall
	TAC-AU-TAC DANCE	5.15-6.45pm	Main Hall
	KIDS' AIKIDO (4-7y)	5.00-6.00pm	Room 4
	KIDS' AIKIDO (8-11y)	5.00-6.00pm	Dojo
	KIDS' AIKIDO (11+ y)	6.00-7.00pm	Dojo
	DOG OBEDIENCE	6.45-7.45pm	Room 4
	ARICAN DRUMMING	8.00-10.00pm	Main hall
AIKIDO(SHUDOKAN)	7.30-9.30pm	Dojo	
<b>Friday</b>	ZUMBA	6.30-7.30pm	Main Hall
	AIKIDO	7.30-9.30pm	Room 4
	JU JITSU (Self defence)	8.00-10.00pm	Dojo
<b>Saturday</b>	SCULLING	8.00am-2.00pm	Lower Hall
	KARATE (4-5yrs)	9.00-9.30am	Main Hall
	KARATE (beginners)	9.30-10.30am	Main Hall
	KARATE (16+)	10.30-11.30am	Main Hall
	YOUNGSTAR	1.30-3.00pm	Main Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	AIKIDO	2.00-4.00pm	Dojo
	PILATES	6.00-7.00pm	Main Hall

<b>CONTACTS:</b>			
African Drumming	Graham	Ox 558770	
	Matt	Ox. 407499	
Aikido (Tues., Fri., Sun.)	Scott Lacey	07719 550672	
Aikido (Shudokan, Thurs.)	Richard Watts	Ox. 750650	
Aikido (Children's, Thurs.)	Richard Watts	Ox. 750650	
Bingo	Debby Forbes	Ox. 242666	
Dog Obedience	Debby Forbes	Ox. 242666	
Five Rhythms	Chloe de Sousa	07866 757575	
Flamenco	Annelte	07810 320170	
Flaw R Tists	Marcus Smith	07885 751829	
Gamblers' Anon	John Brannan	07515 118333	
Home Craft Club	Debby Forbes	Ox. 242666	
Ju Jitsu	Russell Riddiford	07779 818434	
Karate	Lee Willis	07790 607037	
Kung Fu Academy	Alex Dower	07771 658605	
Pilates	Jenny Mould	07811 410573	
Sculling	John Broadhurst	Ox. 594952	
Sol Samba dance	Kate Lancaster	07904 641903	
Tac-au-Tac Dance	Joëlle Pappas	Ox. 251643	
Win Chun Kung Fu	Scott Rowlinson	07515 726002	
Woodcraft (6-9 yrs)	Emma Lenz	Ox. 725978	
Youngstar	Louisa	02380 477717	
Zumba	Maz McCann	07773 651154	