

South Oxford Community Association

NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2019

Message from Bob Price, chair of the Community Centre Management Committee

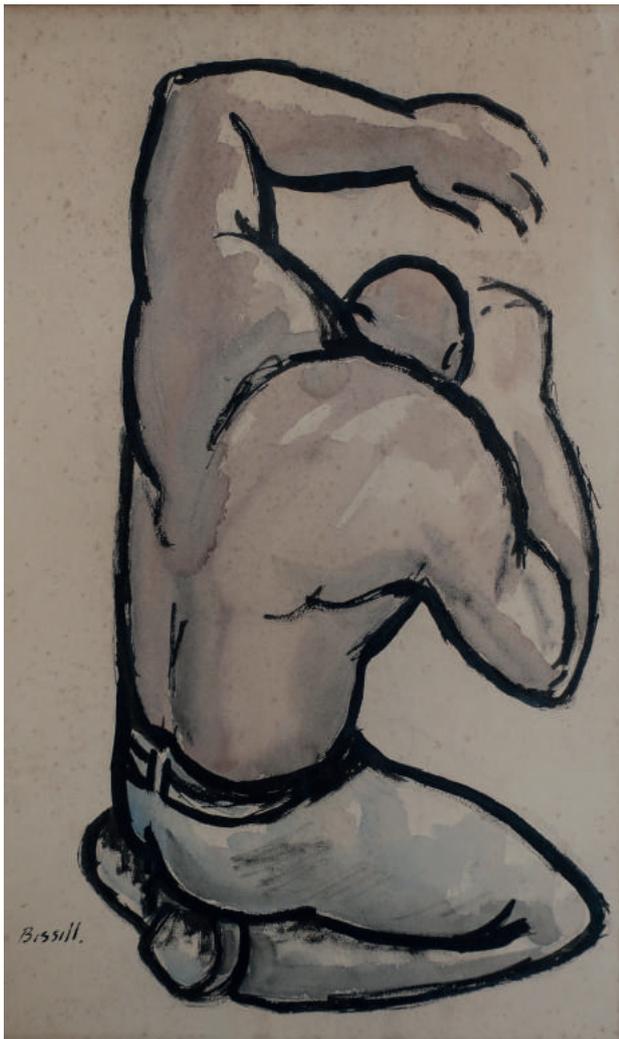
Do you know what happens at the South Oxford Community Centre in Lake Street? There are regular meetings and activities as well as one-off events and rooms are for hire.

The Community Association is now in its 82nd year and the Centre is available for residents to use for leisure activities, meetings and other social events. Look at the website for further information and at the back page of this newsletter for the calendar of regular events. We have three large rooms for hire as well as two smaller ones and a dedicated martial arts hall.

The Centre has to be self-financing - we pay all our own staff costs and running costs. The City Council maintains the external fabric of our historic building which started life as the City Water Works.

We have a small and friendly management committee – we're always looking for new members, so please contact me if you'd like to get involved, on prices43@btinternet.com

Good wishes for the rest of 2019! Bob Price (Chair)



Coal Miner, study (watercolour on paper)

Major New Art Exhibition: George Bissill Retrospective

2, 8, 10, 15, 17 November 2019

The centre is launching a major retrospective of the work of the 'Pitman Painter' George Bissell (1896-1973), before it embarks on a national tour. Curated by Oxford resident Kate Pattinson, this is a rare chance to see Bissill's socially-engaged paintings and woodcuts.

All items will be for sale.

NEW Weekly Café, opens 24 September

Community Open Café, Tuesdays 2-4pm

From 24 Sept there will be a café at the Community Centre every Tuesday, 2-4. It's open to everyone. There'll be games, chat, story-telling, crafts and a chance to meet your neighbours.

Community Open Café is held in partnership with the South Oxford Family Room at Grandpont Nursery School on Whitehouse Road. The Family Room's new café - 'Generation cafe and play' - meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday afternoons of the month, 12.30-2.30 pm. The first session is on 20 Sept and you will have the opportunity to meet, play and chat with your own and different generations.

Date for your Diary: South Oxford Community Forum

8 October 2019, 7pm

Your Community – Your Voice!

South Oxford Neighbourhood Forums are organised by the Community Association three times a year to provide residents with a chance to have their say on a range of matters of local interest. We cover key local issues: the Flood Relief Scheme, plans for the railway bridge on the Southern Bypass, the plans for housing on Rivermead Meadows, graffiti, drug abuse on our streets, the management of Hinksey Park and Hinksey Pool and our other green spaces.

This is your chance to meet your City Councillors Marie Tidball and Alex Donnelly and our police officers, so do come along and join in the discussion.

Artist in Residence

Imogen Foxell, artist and lexicographer, has been our artist in residence for the last eighteen months. You can see her image of The Annex, our new logo, in this newsletter.

The Community Centre is based in a historic waterworks building from the nineteenth century. In 1937 it became a community centre, an early example of the repurposing of an industrial building. In 2018, following a major refurbishment designed both to improve access and sustainability, the centre won an award from the Oxford Preservation Trust.

South Oxford Farmers' and Community Market

Every Sunday at South Oxford Community Centre, Lake Street, 9.30 am – 12.00 pm

Everything you need for your weekly shop from local/organic/Fairtrade producers.

Organic vegetables locally grown and seasonal; artisan breads; free range meat, sausages and eggs, organic wholefoods, pulses and nuts; eco-friendly detergent refills; prepared foods, and a whole lot more. There's also coffee to enjoy while you browse or chat in the sunny courtyard. We'll see you there!



Have you heard about South Oxford WI?

Are you interested in food, music, crafts, baking, pearls, police helicopters, flood prevention, charity work, books, laughing yoga, local history or wine? Excellent – so are we. Which is why we have had guest speakers about all these things and more since we formed our WI in 2015. And you don't have to be able to sing Jerusalem (we don't do that) or make jam, or be able to bake -though some of our members are very good at both.

So why not come and meet the women of Oxford's newest WI? We get together on the third Tuesday of every month (excluding August) at the South Oxford Community Centre at 8pm.

You can find out more about the other things we do on both our Facebook and web pages.

We'd love to meet you.

<https://wixsy1.wixsite.com/southoxfordwi>

And our ceilidh: 5 Oct, tickets £8 from 07710 296499 (look out for the posters).

The BIG DRAW 'Drawn to Life' Part of the World's Biggest Drawing Festival

5 October 2019

This is our 3rd time of hosting the Big Draw. Come along between 10am and 4pm to turn your hand to a variety of different drawing techniques. Many artists will be here to help you create your vision.



Bring along your enthusiasm and imagination - roll up your sleeves for this fun FREE event. For more details contact the office on 01865 242666 or enquiries@southoxford.org

As more information is available it will be placed on our Facebook event page:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/923436778006003/>

The Annex by Imogen Foxell

Martial Arts

South Oxford Community Centre is unique among venues in Oxford as it has a permanently matted training room (dojo) for martial arts. These facilities were upgraded recently to include toilets and new changing rooms. A number of different martial art clubs, teaching a range of different styles, use the facilities. Currently there are two different forms of Aikido and a Ju Jitsu club training. These clubs teach classes throughout the week and include classes for adults and Aikido classes for children.

Other styles of martial arts use other rooms at the South Oxford Community Centre. These include Karate and two forms of Kung Fu.

Each martial art style has its own way of training. Some include throwing and controlling, while others punching and kicking. It's a matter of personal preference as to which is suitable to each person.

You can find out more information about martial art classes on our website.



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