

oxbode

housing association



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EDITORIAL TEAM - OXBODE NEWS

Have you ever fancied being an Editor ?

Have you ever secretly wanted to be a reporter ?

If so, why not help form an editorial panel for Oxbode news. We are looking for a couple of people to help with the production of this newsletter by getting together with staff once every 3 months. You could help in the following ways:

- Writing articles
- Taking Photos
- Proof Reading
- Writing Competitions/Games

You can even help in the production process by learning new skills on Microsoft Publisher.

If you feel that you can give up a little of your time every 3 months and want to gain some new skills then please contact **Chris Winter** on **505359** who will be happy to talk through with you what we are looking for and how you can help.



GAS SERVICING

It may seem strange that at this time of year our Gas contractor, RHO Services are carrying out gas servicing! But it does mean that when the chillier weather comes, faults have been sorted out during the summer.

Winter is a busy time when boilers usually break down so we hope that by carrying out your service now, we will pick up any problems before the cold weather.

Please make sure that if Don or John from RHO leave a card or pop round you agree a time and date that they can carry out your service. It may save you time during the Winter months and you must remember that your boiler may be working, but it may not be safe and needs servicing every year.

If you have any queries regarding the servicing of your boiler, please contact **Jane Byett** on **505359** for more details.



ABBEYMEAD DEVELOPMENT COMPLETED

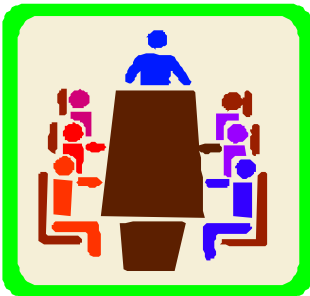


One of our new properties at Kingsway - Quedgeley

Finally, the 49 new homes being built at the old hospital site, Abbeymead have been completed. These homes are a mixture of rented and shared ownership properties with new residents coming from the Gloucester, Stroud and Tewkesbury areas. 1, 2, 3 and 4 Bed properties have been built. But now the hard work starts. Its very easy for us to build these homes but even harder to build a community. Residents have come from different areas of Gloucestershire and it takes a while for everyone to get to know each other.

However, a very good meeting was held on 14 June 06 when new residents joined Oxbode staff to discuss the opportunities for forming a residents group. The residents that were there all showed great enthusiasm and a further meeting is to be arranged to carry on this effort and to try and get more people involved. If you live in this area and would like more details, please call **Sara Taylor on 505359**.
On the development side, work has now begun on our new properties at Quedgeley. Watch this space for further details.

COULD YOU BE A TENANT BOARD MEMBER ?



Under our Rules we have 12 members on our Board of Management. This is the legal body that is ultimately responsible for the Association. Four places are reserved for tenants. Currently the association has 2 tenant vacancies unfilled. Elections to the Board take place every year at the Annual General Meeting.
The Association is looking for tenants with a wider interest in Oxbode who would be willing to give up some of their time to help us run the organisation. Board members are all volunteers, but expenses are paid, which would include childcare, travel etc. There are usually around 10 meetings a year. Training will be available.

The Association is particularly keen to attract more female members, as there is an imbalance on the Board at the moment. Currently, the Association is working on plans for service improvements and developing a robust race and diversity strategy, and we would give preference to tenants who have an interest in these areas.
If you are either an Oxbode tenant or a Guinness tenant managed by Oxbode Housing Association and you are interested in becoming a Board Member please contact **Jim Dickson on 505359** for a discussion on what Board Membership would entail. I am sure you would have a lot to offer.



MOPEDS AND SCOOTERS

A regular issue that is being reported to us is the Anti-social use of mopeds and mini-motorbikes in and around the estates. We would like to remind parents and their children that to use a moped or mini-moto on a road the rider **MUST** have the following;

- **Be over 16 years old and have a valid driving licence and insurance**
- **Have passed a compulsory bike test (CBT)**
- **Tax disc and MOT**
- **Display a registration plate and wear a helmet.**

Riding these bikes is a serious responsibility and unfortunately a small minority of young people are ignoring the laws surrounding the use of these vehicles, which can be seized by the police under

Section 59 of the Police Reform Act 2002. If a rider is caught infringing any of this legislation they can and will be prosecuted, if the bike is seized then the owner is responsible for paying the release and storage fees. This applies if the bike is ridden on or off road, if off road the landowner must give their permission.

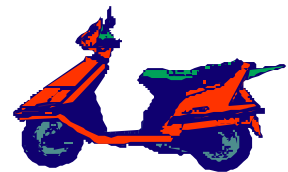
We would ask all tenants to report incidents of this nature to the Police with details of registration, time, date and location and description of the rider.

Information or reports can be made to:

POLICE
0845 090 1234

CRIMESTOPPERS
0800 555 111

Sara Taylor (Housing Officer)
01452 505359



ARE THE KIDS BORED ?

By the time you read this the school summer holidays will almost be upon us. If like many parents you are worried about what the kids are going to do for six weeks we might be able to help.

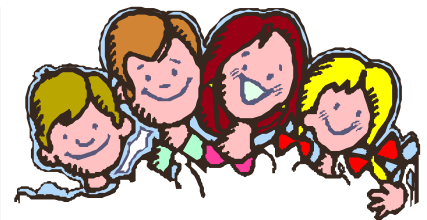
Enclosed with this newsletter is a leaflet detailing all sorts of clubs and activities for the kids to do and get involved in.

There are also contact details for Connexions and Grapevine who

offer advice and support to young people and offer help making decisions about education, training, employment and other life choices.

Have a read through and try and encourage your kids to join a club or activity and make new friends.

If you live at White City, the Adventure Playground has a full programme of summer activities available to all. They can be contacted on Tel: 505917



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Repair Prize Draw Winners

You may remember in the spring Newsletter Oxbode announced that it would enter all completed repair satisfaction survey responses into a monthly draw for a **£20 Asda Voucher**. We are therefore pleased to announce the following winners:

April 06 - Mr and Mrs Frith, 60 Bibury Road Gloucester
May 06 - Mr Hepburn and Ms Jones, 48 Broadway

Congratulations to these winners, and please remember to return your satisfaction survey responses for your chance to win each month.

Please contact the Oxbode Office on 01452 505359 if you need this document translated, in large print, Braille or audio tape.

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आपनि यदि এই प्रकाशनाटि अन्य भाषाय, बड़ छापय, ब्रेइल-ए अथवा काने शोनार टेप-ए चान, ताहले दया करे ०१४५२ ५०५३५९ नम्बरे अक्खबोड अफिसेर साथे योगायोग करबेन।

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