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OXTON SOCIETY

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Secret Gardens

After attracting a record number of visitors last year, Oxton village is once again getting ready to host our annual Secret Gardens of Oxton event on Sunday, May 14.

The region will already be buzzing because the M&S Bank Arena hosts the final of the Eurovision Sing Contest the night before, so who knows... we may even get a few

extra visitors from overseas!

Nineteen private gardens will be open to the public this year as well as the usual array of entertainment and things to do.

Here's all you need to know about the Big Day:

The main event:

The gardens are situated around

Oxton village and a well-signposted garden trail will be available for visitors to follow.

There will be craft stalls, musical entertainment by local artists, the Friends of the Arno plant sale, children's activities, food and drink and a gala raffle throughout the day.

All proceeds will be divided between the Oxton Society and three local

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Jeff Willis, Vice-Chair of the Oxton Society, with an important leaflet that has been produced for all households in the Conservation Area – read a letter from our Chair on Page 7.



Secret Gardens

charities who will be assisting on the day – Birkenhead Youth Club, Terral Morgan Memorial Fund and Sundowns.

Free car park available on Oxton Fields, Storeton Road, CH43 5TW.

Further information: Visit www.theoxtonsociety.co.uk or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/secretgardensofoxton



Tickets

Advance tickets priced £8 will be on sale from April 1, 2023 at Greens, the Drawing Rooms, Oxton Boutique, The Library and Stirling Wines in the Village as well as the Williamson Art Gallery, Homebird in Heswall and Brennan Ayre O'Neill in Prenton and Bromborough.

Online tickets can be purchased at www.theoxtonsociety.co.uk

Tickets are £10 on the day. Ticket price includes a programme.

Volunteering

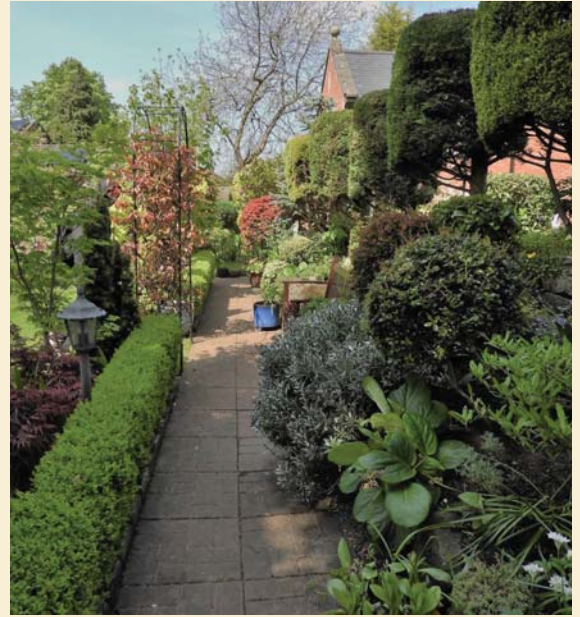
Last year's event was the best yet! It was sunny, busy, and a brilliant day out! We are getting very excited for 2023 and this could be your opportunity to be part of a hugely popular event that attracts thousands of people in to our beautiful Village and raises thousands of pounds for local charities.

It would be just three hours of your time and then you can enjoy the rest of the day in the Village! Jobs include stewarding, selling tickets, help on the raffle and in the gardens. No experience needed.

We need lots of helpers to keep this event safe, organised and successful so would love to hear from you. Please get in touch with Kirsty on secretgardens@theoxtonsociety.co.uk

Oxton cakes!

The Oxton Society Cafe at The Hub is always hugely popular and is a



brilliant fundraiser for our partner charities on the day. We need plenty of cakes to keep it going all day so if you are able we would love to receive your baked goods.

No cream cakes please. Unless the cake is very delicate, please place on a paper plate or piece of card then wrap in foil and clearly label the type of cake.

Please deliver cake to 13 Mount Pleasant (opposite Prenton Prep School) on the Saturday afternoon before the event or deliver directly to Cake Stall on the day of the event.

We should be grateful if you could contact Monica Toosey on pmtoosey@sky.com or 0151 652 1653 so your contributions can be included in forward planning. Very many thanks in advance for all contributions.



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Grand Raffle prizes

The Grand Raffle is another unique feature and highlight of our event.

It is different because ticket buyers choose which prize they would like to enter for so we need plenty of ideas to tempt them. This would be a great place to re-home any unwanted Christmas gifts. Toiletry sets, cookbooks, toys & kitchen items all gratefully received.

Our raffle team will need prizes by April 30 please so they can box or wrap them. The team are happy to accept donations of money so they can buy things to put in the raffle or to add to other items.

Please contact Monica Toosey pmtoosey@sky.com or 0151 652 1653. Very many thanks in advance.

Plants needed for those with green fingers!

The plant sale is always a huge attraction with people queuing up early to grab the best bargains.



We are grateful to The Friends of the Arno for running the plant stall but we are also dependent on Oxton Society members and others with green fingers who have grown, split, and potted on plants to be sold.

We hope you are already taking cuttings, collecting plants, and growing seedlings for this year's stall.

If you are splitting herbaceous plants in your gardens, digging up seedlings



or otherwise have anything to spare, please put them into pots and let us have them.

The plants can be delivered (during the few days before Sunday, May 14) to 1 Ingestre Road (if no-one is at home leave them by the porch).

Please label them if you know what they are, particularly if they are rare. If you would like them to be

collected or have any queries, please phone Peter on 07717 291947.

Alternatively, they can be delivered to the stall from 8.30am on the day.

The plants stall will be in its usual place in the village centre. All sales will be by cash. Also, any unwanted terracotta pots, gardening tools or gardening books would be most welcome for selling on the stall.

Official merchandise:

New for 2023, the Secret Gardens of Oxton has its own merchandise!

We have teamed up with local company Love Your Nation and Rebecca has designed a lovely colourful and fun image that perfectly captures the event.

All profit goes to our charities.

We are asking for pre orders so we aren't left with stock after the event. Collection on the day only. Click on the link to order secret-gardens-of-oxton.sumupstore.com

Thank you for your support we hope you love your souvenir of our big day.



Sponsors

Thank you to this year's main sponsors:

Brogans Carpet & Flooring Superstores – An Oxton family owned company which has also offered a £300 voucher for carpets and flooring in the Grand Raffle

Revive Stone Walls – Qualified SCQF Level 5 Conservation Masonry

Brennan Ayre O'Neill – Independent local estate agent

Kumon Bebington – Effective maths and English programme

The Queens Arms, Oxton – Local community pub and kitchen

Secret Gardens Interview – A Very Secret Garden

As you walk past the sandstone walls around Oxton do you ever wonder ‘what lies beyond that ancient stone’?

Well, we were lucky enough to be invited through the gates of one of those walls last May when Oxton hosted its first Secret Gardens live event since before lockdown.

James and Jen Fell moved in to their beautiful home with their two girls just months before they opened their garden to 5,000 visitors on that gorgeous spring Secret Gardens day in May 22.

James, originally from Oxton, lived in Nottingham for some years before moving back to his home village with his family around eight years ago.

James knew he wanted a property in the centre of the village with a garden and his dreams came true when he secured Rose Cottage on Rose Mount in December 2021.

Having been to Secret Gardens events in previous years, James was certain he would like to open his



garden at the next event, despite having only recently moved in.

He was allocated a place as a host in March 2022 leaving him just two months to make his garden an attractive space for all those potential visitors.

This feat was made so much easier because the garden already had masses of potential but it was still a fairly significant project – you’re a braver man than most James!

The garden sits to the front of the property and is large with rose beds, shrubs and plenty of fruit trees.

There are quirky garden ornaments hidden amongst the trees and shrubs and great places to sit and while away an afternoon or sit and watch the sun go down.

James believes the house actually replaces an original sandstone house which was demolished after

suffering irreparable bomb damage during the second world war.

It was built facing the opposite way to the original house hence the unusually larger front garden



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and courtyard to the rear.

James describes himself as an amateur gardener, his only experience is helping his Dad and Nan with their gardens and veg patches when he was younger.

James exudes enthusiasm however and his love of gardening is obvious when you meet him.

Getting ideas from garden centre visits and using a 'plant identification app' James, Jen and their girls pulled together an absolutely gorgeous space ready to open on the day and welcomed their public warmly.

After the hard work of the previous two months, Secret Gardens day was a chance for the Fells to sit back and relax with friends and extended family as people came in and out of the garden throughout the day.

The family put on their party clothes and enjoyed the sunshine with drinks and nibbles. James says it was lovely seeing old and new faces.

People were all the more excited to see this garden because it had never been opened to visitors at



any previous events.

James assured us that he was supported by the Secret Gardens team and especially by the volunteers on the day who made sure visitors kept to paths and stayed in the areas they were meant to be.

The volunteers were also happy to

help with any last minute jobs that needed doing to make sure the gardens were looking their best.

People visit the Secret Gardens of Oxton for all kinds of reasons – some are looking for ideas, others do not have gardens of their own and some just enjoy spending an afternoon in beautiful spaces chatting and soaking up the atmosphere.

They all have different tastes and the gardens in our village, from the smallest courtyard to the largest lawns have something for everyone.

James offered a few words of advice for anyone thinking about hosting their gardens – start as early as you can but most of all, enjoy it!

He is happy to chat to anyone thinking about opening their garden up next year – give the Secret Gardens team a shout if you would like them to put you in touch or if you need any advice, they are on Facebook and Instagram and also available on the information line: 07962 248 268 and via email:

secretgardens@theoxtonsociety.co.uk



Conservation Matters

Planning Report, February 2023

APPH/22/02032

13 TEMPLEMORE ROAD

Proposal: Two Storey Side Extension.

Oxton Society comment:

We are happy to support this application provided that the unity of the front facade is maintained.

LBC/22/02019

VILLAGE RD

Proposal: Window replacement - like for like.

Oxton Society comment:

This is an application for Listed Building Consent – we welcome the proposed replacement windows and are happy to support the application

LBC/22/01931

16 Village Road

Proposal: Internal alterations.

Oxton Society comment:

This is an application for Listed Building Consent for internal alterations. As these proposals are not visible from the public domain we have 'no comment'.

Tree planning applications



T/23/000012

20 SHREWSBURY ROAD

Application: Ash fell.

Oxton Society comment:

This is a large mature tree with multiple trunks. We are not in a position to comment on the presence or otherwise of 'Ash Dieback'. The removal of the tree would have a significant effect on the tree vista.

CA/23/00004

54 WELLINGTON ROAD/GERALD ROAD

Application: Fir tree fell.

Oxton Society comment:

It is a mature tree but we are in no position to comment on the significance of the nature of the angle at which the tree is growing.

CA/23/00002

22 ROSE MOUNT

Application: Willow tree pollarding.

Oxton Society comment:

The Society would not object to the application.

T/23/00079

52 BIRCH ROAD

Application: Lime fell

Oxton Society comment:

This is a large and mature tree in front of the property. Its removal would have a significant effect on the tree vista and hence we cannot support the application

CA/23/00088

37 CHRISTCHURCH ROAD

Application: Sycamore and cherry located in front of the house.

2. Ash and olive at rear of property – Prune and shape trees

Oxton Society comment:

The application is not at all specific but the Society would not oppose the application but suggest in the case of the three mature trees that the canopy is raised and that the crowns are reduced no more than 25-30%.

CA/22/02114

27 STORETON ROAD

Application: Fir tree fell, due to potential damage to wall and it is growing at an angle which is of possible concern

Oxton Society comment:

This is a mature tree and its removal would have a significant effect on the tree vista. However, we are not in a position to comment on potential danger so hence we would not oppose the application.

CA/22/02067

5 FAIRCLOUGH LANE

Application 1: Remove Lawson Cypress due to potential danger.

Application 2: Remove holly due to potential danger.

Oxton Society comment:

The Society is not in a position to comment on the potential danger as assessed by a professional. The felling of both trees is unlikely to produce much effect on the tree vista.

T/23/0200

36 CHRISTCHURCH ROAD

Application: Trim crown, prune branches, remove dead wood.

Oxton Society comment:

The Society would not oppose the application but would suggest that the crown is lowered no more than 20% and the canopy is raised around the whole of the tree

T/23/00147

2 RATHMORE DRIVE

Application: Fir tree fell due to Wirral Council's notice regarding work to dangerous wall.

Oxton Society comment:

In view of the council notice the Society would not raise any objection.



Oxton lights

Switching on the Christmas Lights in November 2022 was another huge success – and it seemed that everyone wanted to join in this community event!

In January the organisers met with some of the local business managers to seek their feedback as we are always looking to improve and involve as many businesses as possible in the planning of this event.

The Oxton Society recognises that the sheer number of people attending needs some careful consideration in future so as to allow free movement around the village.

However, the main plus point from the Society's perspective was the engagement by some of the local businesses putting out stalls to sell their wares – this is what the Society likes to encourage – the success of the businesses means a stable and vibrant village community.

Back in August 2022, the Society decided to provide more funding for the event in November, and our final accounts for the event show that we contributed just over £3,000.

The event itself cost just over £6,400, which included an extension of new lights up to the



far end of the “2016” building on Village Road, the electrical contractor charge, and the charges to close the roads.

During the event we raised money through mulled wine sales, the tombola stall and from the raffle where the prizes were donated from many of the businesses.

We also received cash donations from some of the businesses, all of which we are very grateful for in helping us reduce the overall financial cost on the Society.

Oxton People – the History Group



Bob Knowles, third from right, with fellow members of the Oxton Society History Group

Regular readers of the Oxton Society Newsletter will be familiar with the History Periodical that is produced by the Oxton History Group.

But what is the History Group and who are its members? We talk to Bob Knowles to find out...

How did you become involved Bob?

In 2009 I knew little or nothing about Oxton history. I had a question to ask about Oxton and was pointed in the direction of John Green the ardent Oxton historian, who had already amassed a considerable collection of articles and maps of the area and was conducting two guided walks.

I went into John's house with a notebook and pencil and came out with several large boxes of articles, maps and pictures... John's collection.

John wished to retire from the role and had been looking for someone to take over. Not much persuasion was needed and in addition to the boxes John gave his good wishes to the new 'Oxton historian' as he staggered out of the door.

Where did the Periodical start?

The first history article appeared on a page in the Newsletter in 2010 and was well enough received, to the extent that the Oxton Society backed the idea of publishing a standalone Periodical, Number 2.

Everyone seemed to like it, and there was a realisation that it was too much for one person, requiring a small team of people to be assembled. So that's what happened. Incidentally we are now up to Periodical No 45.

Who is involved in the History Group?

We were a group of six volunteers who came together to make plans for more periodicals, walks, researches and events. And that is the way it has continued, with some members leaving the group and others joining from time to time.

We now meet every two to three weeks. Our meetings are largely about planning and agreeing who should do what but at the end of each there is the agenda item 'show and tell', which enables us to share our recent 'finds'.

In Oxton, we think there is history round every corner waiting to be uncovered, as Oxton has been full of interesting people...not just the rich and successful merchants, but artists, musicians, brave soldiers and seamen, suffragists and suffragettes, police officers, architects and inventors (and a few eccentrics too)

What is your shared interest?

Members of the group are all interested in original research, rather than relying on information written or recorded by others. So we access as many resources as we can. These include family history websites, street directories, old newspaper articles, the Wirral library and archive services, Chester Archives, postcard fairs, and our own noses. Even old gateposts are of interest to us, often all that remains of some once splendid mansion and a house name that can give a clue about the owner's origins.

Some of us have taken up the Guided Walks idea and now we have five walks, going off in various directions. We try to keep them entertaining as well as informative

and we frequently pick up jaw-dropping stories from the participants themselves.

We continue to research and write articles for Periodicals, publish booklets and a hardback collection of the first 25 issues. These are available at the Oxton Bookshop in the Williamson, as is our now considerable Archive of articles and photos. We provide displays for History events and give Talks all over the Wirral on a number of subjects. We also try to answer individual queries from members.

Group members are involved in the Blue Plaque Project, celebrating notable past residents. There are seven Blue Plaques already: Sir Philip Toosey, George Schultz, Cyril Scott (he has 2), Edith Smith (she has

2 as well), Sir Patrick Abercrombie and the Willmer sisters, Jane and Laura. If you don't know who they are and what their achievements were, you could do worse than go Plaque spotting on an amble around the Village or come on one of our walks.

What does the History Group hope to achieve?

We think we are doing the right things as none of us can remember any complaints. Most people value the history we record and many of our readers send us reassuring

complimentary emails. We are delighted when someone points out a small mistake that we have made, because it proves people are actually reading our stuff.

Oxton is a special place. It's hard to imagine any other small urban village accommodating so many interesting characters. We think we are now part of the fabric of Oxton, complementing the many ways in which the Society

promotes a sense of community and belonging in the area. We are all about telling interesting stories and it's true to say that most human beings enjoy hearing a good story.



Ever wanted to know more about the history of Oxton Village?

Much of what Oxton has to offer is clearly visible but the stories of events and people from history are best told in an entertaining way by an Oxton Society guide.

The Society's History Group organises an annual programme of History Walks throughout the summer and can also offer tailor-made walks for small groups or organisations on any weekday. Simply contact history@theoxtonsociety.co.uk

EAST WALKS: Fairview Road, South Bank, Arno Road – 20 May, 8 July, 9 and 30 September

WEST WALKS: Village Road, St. Saviours, Wellington Road – 22 April, 27 May, 22 July, 13 September
The East and West Walks start in the

Village centre, by the post box CH43 5SF

ARNO WALKS: Ingestre Road, Birch Road, Woodchurch Road – 7 May, 10 June, 5 August, 17 September

The Arno Walk starts by the play area next to Sainsburys petrol station CH42 8PQ.

WILLIAMSON WALKS: Slaty Road, Devonshire Place, Alton Road – 13 May, 24 June, 19 August, 16 September,

WOMEN OF OXTON: Alfred Road, Christchurch Road, Village Road, Palm Hill – 31 May, 10 September, 7 October

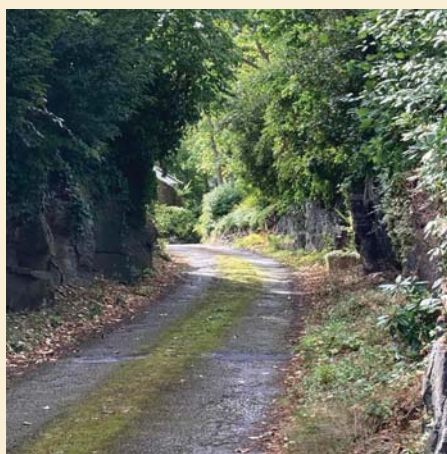
The Williamson and Women of Oxton Walks start at the Williamson



Art Gallery, Slaty Road CH43 4UE

All walks start at 11am and last between 1.5 to 2 hours. The walks are free. Donations welcome.

Please note that you must book a place in advance by email to oxtonbooks@yahoo.co.uk or by telephone to 0773 455 8411.



New businesses: The Library

The Library

A former Oxton restaurant started a new chapter in November when it reopened as a bar called The Library.

Run by Mark and Paula Basnett and their daughter Jessica - the name was inspired by the family's love of books.

Hundreds of classic novels adorn the Rose Mount premises, which patrons are invited to read, and amongst the many plans the family have for the business, one is to host a local book club.

Mark said: "As a family, our favourite afternoons were spent in Lingham in Heswall with our children and are family are avid readers.

"We wanted to create a quiet, personal, welcoming bar with a contemporary edge. We held a successful acoustic music night recently with local musicians which we're looking to continue, and a cheese and wine pairing evening which was a huge success.

"We'd also love to host a book club here so if there are any in Oxton that need a venue then please come and speak to us. We've been open for

four months now and are always looking at ways we can improve and cater for the needs of the local community."

Mark has been managing director of a business support company in Liverpool for 20 years, while Paula is chair of the Wirral Chamber of Commerce, having previously been the organisation's chief executive.

Jessica, aged 22, achieved a 1:1 Business and Management Degree at Sheffield University and is the driving force behind The Library and the family's other bar in Woodside Ferry, where her Nan, Bernie, who's 78 also helps out.

"We started running a Pausa two years ago and learned a lot so jumped at the chance of taking over the former Thyme restaurant when the owners put it up for sale," said Mark.

"Jessica is really shaping The Library as she has a millennials' view of what people want from bars these days. We've had some amazing feedback from people who've said we've got the theme and atmosphere just right and we offer something different for the village. Feedback like that makes it all worthwhile."

The Library opens 5pm to 10pm on Wednesday and Thursday; 3pm to 11.30pm on Friday and Saturday and 2pm to 8pm on Sunday.



Foodwise, it offers charcuterie and cheese boards and this was inspired by the family's holidays around Italy and visiting family-run bars that offer grazing platters for people to share, although they are also exploring the idea of introducing Afternoon Teas.

All the meats, cheeses, warm breads and wines are sourced from North West suppliers and the Basnett's have already hosted several private parties, such as christenings and birthdays, in the upstairs section which can cater for up to 40 people.

"The best thing about opening in Oxton is the warm welcome we've had," said Mark. "Our customers have been amazing and there is such a gorgeous vibe in here. Residents have been so supportive and we already feel like we're part of the community which is fantastic.

"We opened in time for the Christmas Lights switch-on and we were jam-packed and we can't wait for the Secret Gardens of Oxton event on May 14 and be part of that community event too."



New businesses: Noubalm

An Oxton business owner who is passionate about helping people and believes in a holistic approach to wellbeing has launched a new charitable venture in Borough Road.

Sara Williams, owner and founder of Noubalm in Christchurch Road, opened NouYou in February, and offers free six-week support programmes for people suffering from cancer, mental health

illness and bereavement.

"Opening NouYou and being able to support people like this is a dream come true for me," said Sara. "We're coming to the end of another one of our six-week programs and the feedback has been incredible. One of our ladies told me the six weeks had changed her life, as she was unable to get out of bed before the programme.



"I had my own experience and had a breakdown 10 years ago due to mental



Conservation Leaflet

Dear Oxton residents,

As residents of the Oxton Conservation Area, we all carry a responsibility to help preserve and enhance the look of our village.

The Oxton Society is committed to Conservation and Community.

We already make great efforts on Community activities such as Christmas Lights, Hanging Baskets and Secret Gardens, and we are trying to increase our efforts on Conservation which is why we have produced the enclosed leaflet.

The Oxton Society helps Wirral Borough Council to carry out their duties on conservation.

The leaflet sets out the Society's advice with regard to keeping within



the planning guidelines when it comes to the maintenance and development of homes within the Conservation Area.

Most importantly, it says how we can all help to look after the

Oxton Conservation Area by making good choices so that any changes we make are in keeping and help to preserve and enhance the character of the area.

We have delivered this leaflet to every residential property in the conservation area (all 970!)

We hope you will find the leaflet clear and helpful.

We have also taken the opportunity on a one-off basis, to deliver the

latest edition of the Society's Newsletter and History Periodical to all conservation area addresses.

These would normally only be sent to Society members.

You can continue to get these newsletters and help to look after the Conservation Area by joining the Oxton Society.

It costs a mere £10 a year for family membership, or £8 for an individual. Just visit our website,

www.theoxtonsociety.co.uk

and go to 'membership' and apply to join.

**Chris Jarrey,
Chair,
The Oxton
Society**



Noubalm continued

health illness and I lost my step mum to cancer so these are all causes close to my heart and I really wanted to help people going through similar experiences."

Sara decided to bring together a group of holistic and well-being practitioners who are experts in their field to create NouYou.

The aim is to empower people and support them on their own healing journey by removing any emotional or financial barriers while going through difficult times.

Each week there will be a different activity from Reiki level one, Sound healing, Theta healing & meditation, Yoga Nidra, Hypnotherapy, Self love and Self care & Skin cafe and more.

These sessions are provided by the volunteers (facilitators) who are expert healing practitioners that have all helped Sara over the years with her own self-healing journey.

Sara, who has worked in beauty and holistic industry for over 25 years, launched Noubalm 6 years ago after researching the healing and medical effects of plant based medicine and aromatherapy she begun making all of the Noubalm products by hand in

her home kitchen, as demand grew she expanded into the Noubalm Kitchen and continues to make her Reiki infused healing products.

She explained:
"When I experienced my own mental health problems I didn't want to use products that contained chemicals to get better, so I started learning about plant-based therapeutic oils and herbal teas and began creating my own at home which helped my recovery.

"I was living proof that the natural holistic approach worked and having been on my own self-healing journey, I was very passionate about sharing it with others as I started to feel better than I had ever done in my life.

"I opened my Noubalm Oxton clinic and shortly after Noubalm Moreton which have both been a lovely way to use my brand within our therapies so all of our clients benefit from the Noubalm healing experience.

"NouYou offers a beautiful healing space for our community. We now



have an abundance of well-being classes from yoga, meditation, sound healing, reiki shares, woman circles, theta healing and more on at NouYou hosted by some of Wirral's finest teachers.

"My drive and passion is to get up every day and help and heal people."

To find out more visit noubalm.com/nouyou

Sara has also set up a justgiving page if people would like to support the venture.

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nouyou

Sara had created and makes a Noubalm charity candle range. £2 from each sale goes to NouYou.

The Bugs have a new Hotel

Back in September of last year, our much-admired bug hotel was set on fire by senseless vandals. We had many kind comments from the local community who offered materials and help to rebuild it. For the children who liked to visit it and look for the mini beasts, it was a particular loss.

We decided to wait for a while in case the arsonists returned, but after bonfire night had passed rebuilding began. Helix Roofing Company in Wallasey offered to donate any materials we wanted and a lady in Palm Hill gave us clay roofing tiles which help to make the structure more fire-proof. Children and volunteers collected sticks, hollow stems, dry leaves and fir cones to fill the hotel and provide comfortable beds for the bugs.



Oxton Society

It is very easy to join more than 800 people who are members of The Oxton Society. Annual Membership costs £8 for Individuals and £10 for Household Membership. By joining you become part of a thriving local charity group and receive copies of our Oxton Newsletters and fascinating History Periodicals.

The most convenient way is to join online, simply go to our very informative website at www.theoxtonsociety.co.uk and follow the instructions in the Membership section and set up a Standing Order.

Alternatively you can join us by requesting an Application Form from our Membership Secretary at: 5, Mount Pleasant, Oxton Village, Prenton, CH43 5SY.



Contact us

If you have any comments you can contact the Newsletter team via email at info@theoxtonsociety.co.uk or post to the Secretary, 7 Kylemore Road, CH43 2HA. You can also contact the Society about any other matter using the above address or via the website www.theoxtonsociety.co.uk

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