

# Oxfordshire Age Friendly Creative Network

## Newsletter- Summer 2019



Welcome to the Summer edition of the Oxfordshire Age Friendly Creative Network (OAFCN) newsletter. It's been an exciting time of planning for us as we look ahead to future projects and opportunities to support the development of the age friendly creative offer across Oxfordshire. This edition includes exciting news

about **Bicester Festival (19th-22nd September)** **Fringe Age Friendly Creative Pop Up shop** in Bicester Library supported by Cherwell District Council, information about **BBC Music Day** on 26th September which includes initiatives for people living with Dementia, news from the **Happy Cafe and Fabled Fibres creative drop in at the Story Museum** in Oxford, an opportunity to participate in **research into theatre making and Dementia** being conducted by colleagues at University of Northampton and information about an **Art Workshop with tea and cake** in Banbury. Last but not least there is the brilliant Heritage Open Days event to look forward to and Oxford History is featured on BBC Radio 4's **Classified Britain**.

If you would like to submit an age friendly cultural opportunity for inclusion in the Autumn OAFCN newsletter then please email to [helenfountain@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:helenfountain@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk) with a short description and a JPEG poster or photo if possible by 30th September 2019, we cannot guarantee to include all submissions but will do our best.

## Bicester Festival Age Friendly Creative Pop Up shop

Following on from the success of the Banbury Age of Creativity Festival Pop Up shop back in May we are delighted to announce that once again we are going to be working in partnership with Cherwell District Council to deliver another Age Friendly Creative Pop-up event as part of the Bicester Festival Fringe on 19th and 20th September in Bicester Library and on 21st September in the heart of the Festival in Bicester Market Square. The aim of the the pop up is to showcase the age friendly creative offer in Bicester and develop new activities and partnerships. Anyone based in Bicester who would like to know more about this project or be involved, for example to deliver an age friendly creative taster session during the pop up, please contact us via email: [helenfountain@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:helenfountain@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk)



### Bicester Festival Age Friendly Creative Pop Up Shop

An Age Friendly Creative Pop Up shop, call in and try out a creative activity and pick up useful information about arts and creativity in Bicester. Check our Twitter page [@OxonAFCN](https://twitter.com/OxonAFCN) for programme.

The Pop Up will take place at;

Bicester Library, Franklins House, Wesley Lane, Bicester OX26 6JU  
on Thursday 19th and Friday 20th September from 10am onwards  
Bicester Market Place Saturday 21st September 10am-4pm



Call in and meet staff from Age UK Oxfordshire, Cherwell District Council and Bicester Library. For more information please email [helenfountain@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:helenfountain@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk)

This event is part of Bicester Festival Fringe, for more information about Bicester Festival please visit the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BicesterFestival/>

## **BBC Music Day on 26th September 2019- national and local information**

BBC Music Day celebrates the power of music to change lives with over 1000 events across the UK and broadcasts on TV, Radio and digital. In 2018, programmes reached over 13 million viewers on TV, 14 million on radio and trended on Twitter throughout the day. The initiative united 100 external partners who delivered over a thousand live music events, which featured in over 100 different BBC programmes. Recently musician Nile Rogers shared his insights on how music can support people living with Dementia based on his personal experiences.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-49084746>

A BBC Radio 4 programme is making a short feature about music and dementia for BBC Music Day and they are looking for an individual who lives with dementia for an interview. Can you help? They would like to get in touch with an individual who performs to a high standard musically in a way which enables them to communicate/express themselves/tell their story. If anyone knows of someone living with dementia who uses music in this way, or if you know of any great examples of powerful artistic expression by a person or group, please contact researcher Rowena Jacobs at BBC Music on email: [Rowena.jacobs@bbc.co.uk](mailto:Rowena.jacobs@bbc.co.uk)

In Oxfordshire the Creative Dementia Arts Network (CDAN) are looking for musicians and organisations working with Music to support people living with Dementia to get in touch to raise the profile of dementia friendly musical activities taking place during the week beginning 23rd September and discuss what might be possible for next year's BBC Music Day. If you are a singer, musician, dancer, group or organisation involved or interested in using music to engage with people with dementia in Oxfordshire please contact Kate Wilkinson on e:

[care.to.sing@gmail.com](mailto:care.to.sing@gmail.com)

## The Story Museum Happy Café and Fabled Fibres in Oxford

The Story Museum's café has signed up to become Oxford's first Happy Café, an initiative based on well-being, friendship, good deeds and community, which is quickly spreading across the UK. The Story Museum Café is also hosting Fabled Fibres on a Tuesday afternoon. Run by volunteers, the session is a space for people to bring any craft projects and share tips and ideas with like-minded people. The museum is hoping to encourage an intergenerational atmosphere to the cafe, where young and old alike are encouraged to enjoy stories, have a cup of tea and make new friends.



Do you ever feel in need of a creative lunch-break?

Come along and have some story-sparkle sprinkled into your craft project. All handicrafts and crafters welcome - embroidery, crochet, felting, beading, knitting... come and swap tips and be inspired by myths, legends and stories from all over the world.

This is a group of like-minded people happy to problem solve and give encouragement, not a lesson.

Free with any café purchase, all welcome.



**When:**  
Tuesdays, 12:00-14:00

**Where:**  
The Story Museum Café  
42 Pembroke Street,  
Oxford, OX1 1BP

[www.storymuseum.org.uk](http://www.storymuseum.org.uk)

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## **Opportunity to participate in a research study exploring the use of drama and theatre and dementia**

The University of Northampton are undertaking a piece of research to explore the ways that drama or theatre are being used in the area of dementia, to gain an understanding of the breadth of work and who this work is aimed at. Artists and arts organisations working in this field are invited to take part in this research through a short online questionnaire which aims to capture information about the different types of organisations, groups or individuals who are working in this area and who they are working with. If you are interested in finding out more about this project or would like to take part in the survey, you can access the questionnaire via the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/dementiaanddrama>

or for more information contact researcher Alison Ward on  
e: [Alison.ward@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:Alison.ward@northampton.ac.uk)



## **Art Workshop with Tea and Cake in Banbury.**

This workshop offers creative company with tea and cake at St Mary's Church in Banbury on 12th September 2.30pm-4pm. For more information t:01295 253 329 or e: [sarahbourne@banburystmary.org.uk](mailto:sarahbourne@banburystmary.org.uk)



## **History and Heritage in Oxfordshire**

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the brilliant Heritage Open Days with over 70 properties being opened to the public across Oxfordshire from 13th-22nd September. More information can be found on the website:

<https://www.oxfordpreservation.org.uk/content/ood-events>

Oxford Preservation Trust will be coordinating Oxford Open Doors on 14th and 15th September. The theme this year is Made in Oxford and more information can be found on the website:

<https://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/visiting/printable-area-lists/county/Oxfordshire/detailed>



Last but not least tune in to BBC Radio 4 at 9:30am on Tuesday 27th August 2019 when the weekly series Classified Britain will focus on the social history revealed by the small ads on the front page of The Oxford Times of 7 May 1926, four days into the General Strike. The story, outlined by broadcaster James Naughtie, features contributions from Oxfordshire historians Malcolm Graham, Liz Woolley and Ciaran Walsh.

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