

OXFORDSHIRE NEWS IN BRIEF

Galloway backs Muslim school

OXFORD: Controversial MP George Galloway has got behind the campaign to keep Oxford's only Muslim school open. Mr Galloway, who is the MP for Bethnal Green and Bow, was the guest speaker at a special dinner in aid of the Iqra School, Littlemore. The school needs to raise £2m to buy the site where it is based to secure its future. The dinner, at London's Dulwich College, was a major fundraiser for the campaign.

Other speakers at the event included Dr Muhammad Abdul Bari, the secretary general of the Muslim Council of Britain, and Oxford Lord Mayor Susanna Pressel.

Man is cleared of sex charges

OXFORD: A 77-year-old man has been cleared of a string of child sex offences. John Watkins, of Freeleands Road, Oxford, was cleared of four charges of rape and seven of indecent assault after the Crown Prosecution Service offered no evidence.

He was cleared of a further charge of indecent assault by a jury after a trial at Oxford Crown Court in January.



■ RECOGNISED: Oxford's University College's boathouse has received a commendation in the Civic Trust Awards for being among the best new buildings and renovations in the country. The £2.7m structure, off Abingdon Road, which opened in 2007, replaced a listed boathouse that was destroyed by fire

City spends £5,000 on money-saving driving courses

OXFORD: The city council has spent £5,000 on teaching its staff how to drive more efficiently. The council paid 'green' driving instructors DriveSense to train 333 staff members how to reduce their fuel bills by making changes to the way they drive.

The council said the move would help its drivers achieve a 15 per cent increase in miles per gallon of fuel — reducing its annual fuel bill

by an estimated £69,000 and cutting its carbon footprint by two per cent. The Energy Savings Trust has paid for half of the £10,000 total bill. A spokesman for the Energy Savings Trust said that in the last five months ten other local authorities had paid for similar driving schemes.

Opposition to housing plans

EVNSHAM: Villagers are opposing plans to build 100 new homes on a site they say is prone to flooding. Bryant Homes has submitted a planning application to West Oxfordshire District Council to build on land in Eynsham west of the B4449 bypass. Eynsham resident and secretary of the west Oxfordshire branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England group, Mary Fletcher, is one of those opposed to the plans.

Mrs Fletcher said: "Bryant Homes are saying that the site has never flooded, but it was badly hit during the floods in 2007. We have pictures of the site under water."

Knife crime is up 40% in city

OXFORD: Knife crime in Oxford has increased by about 40 per cent in the past year. Police figures show that between April 2007 and January 2008 knives, or other bladed weapons, were used in 208 crimes in Oxfordshire. But during the same period in 2008 and 2009, knives were involved in 244 crimes around Oxfordshire.

The rise could be entirely accounted for by the increase in Oxford from 97 cases to 137.

Pioneering prostate cancer treatment in Guildford offers new hope to men

If you have been diagnosed with prostate cancer, one of the most important decisions you and your partner will have to make is which treatment is the best for you, and where you should have that treatment.

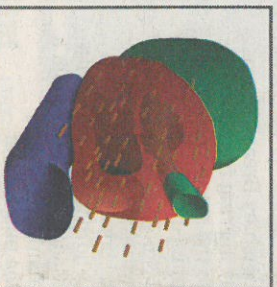
One place recognised for its outstanding results is The Prostate Brachytherapy Centre at St Luke's Cancer Centre, Guildford, a world-renowned centre of excellence for prostate brachytherapy. Prostate brachytherapy is a type of treatment for localised prostate cancer which offers a long term cure, but with less risk of incontinence or erectile problems than more traditional treatment methods.

A team you can trust

The clinical team has over 10 years of experience in prostate brachytherapy and the centre's results are impressive. Of the first 500 patients treated by the Guildford team, and followed up for 7 years, over 90% remain cancer free. Less than 1% of these patients have experienced urinary incontinence at any stage and with our latest techniques over 80% have retained their potency.

Prostate brachytherapy

Unlike surgery, where the prostate is removed, prostate brachytherapy simply involves the insertion of tiny radioactive seeds into the prostate under general anaesthetic. The seeds destroy the cancer cells over time. This technique offers the same high cure rate as surgical removal of the prostate, but as there is no incision, recovery times are much shorter and most men are able to go home the same or following day, and can be back at work a few days later.



Seeds in place around prostate

The Surrey-based centre has been carrying out this treatment option for nearly a decade on patients from all over the world. So far more than 1,400 men have been treated with prostate brachytherapy at The Prostate Brachytherapy Centre, both on the NHS and privately, and year on year The Centre treats more patients with brachytherapy than any other centre in the UK.



Tailoring Technology to Cure

Help and advice for you and your partner

Being told you have prostate cancer is never easy. The Prostate Brachytherapy Centre offers a safe and reassuring haven to ask questions and discuss your treatment options with a professional and dedicated clinical team, and to also receive timely and appropriate treatment within a clean and modern facility.

For confidential advice on determining whether prostate brachytherapy may be a suitable option for you and your partner, contact the Prostate Brachytherapy Centre on 0845 50 50 560 or visit our website.



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