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2023 Winter Newsletter

Lease negotiations

Dear Members

A draft text, based on the proposed compromise on outstanding Lease terms, was discussed with Oxford City Council on December 8.

We confirmed the following:

- It will be a 21-year Lease with rent reviews every 7 years, commencing from September 2021 (when the previous Leases expired). This means the first review will now be in 2028.
- The initial and subsequent rent figure(s) will be based on the Consumer Price Index, which will mean a reduction from RPI – we await the revised calculation.
- The Insurance premium will, as before, be reimbursed from the total rental income each year, and the remaining balance will be divided 50:50 between costs of OCC tree work and a new 'repairs' fund. We have asked that clarification be added to show this fund will apply to repairs for boundary walls as well as fences and gates.

We made a small number of other requests for clarification in the legal text relating to the detailed administration of the fund, but it is shown to be broadly as we proposed.

On the basis of the progress made on the Lease, we have resumed the discussion of the draft OCC Site Rules and how the two documents will relate and not repeat.

We expect a full final draft of the Lease and a further discussion draft of the Site Rules in the New Year, and will update you when they are received.

In the meantime, the compliments of the season to all Members and your plot holders

The ODFAA Committee

Other news

We have been asked to circulate the following to our members:

Hello Everyone

This is to invite you to a **Community Collecting day** we're hosting in January, in collaboration with the Streets of Plenty project. We are aiming to record Oxford stories of making and enjoying food – from growing to preserving, cooking practices to community and family feasts.



From family recipes to your favourite rolling pin; allotments to favourite foraging spots; making preserves with a neighbour to hosting a holiday feast with friends – we're interested in all of these and more. It would be great to have you there!



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- We can photograph your object or record an audio clip of you telling us your story. We will then upload them to our City Stories website, and they will be added to a map which is being put together by Streets of Plenty.
- There's also an option to have them featured in our current exhibition, Oxford Digs In (on display until June).
- We'll be serving refreshments so it will be a sociable occasion as well – plenty of opportunity to catch up with each other.
- We're taking bookings here just to give us an idea of numbers, but do feel free to just drop in on the day even if you haven't booked.
- Please feel free to pass this information & attached flyer on to anyone you think might be interested.



Come and share your story with us! We want to record your stories of food traditions and memories. You can bring an object (something you garden, cook, drink or eat with) and have it photographed, or simply tell your story and have it recorded by one of our volunteers. Drop in or book a slot tinyurl.com/MOXEventbrite

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