

The last night of The Florence Park Panto saw the Community Centre packed with friends and neighbours, all there to enjoy the show. TURN TO PAGE 3

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The Amp Community Pub Ltd



Photograph by Andrew Munday



By Linda Simms

SINCE the last issue of The Chronicle we have registered as a Community Benefit Society with help from Risinghurst Parish Council who gave us a grant for £550 to pay for the registration process. This was applied for through The Plunkett Foundation. We chose Plunkett as they are a local company from Oxford that specialises in supporting community ventures.

On March 18 we held the third Open Community Meeting at Risinghurst Community Centre, who are also supporting this

venture by allowing us to use the hall free of charge. Around 35 people attended from Risinghurst and other areas. We presented the share offer and prospectus along with an application form to complete for anyone interested in purchasing shares. We are currently looking for around £400,000 to help purchase and refurbish the pub for all to enjoy. We had hoped that this would have attracted more people as we had put a lot of work into marketing this event, through posting over 800 flyers to the community, along with media coverage.

We were lucky enough to

have support from The Shotover Brewing Company who provided us with a barrel of Prospect, one of their best selling beers. We also had the lovely Tom from Shaken and Stirred Cocktail Company serving Prosecco to all. Cupcakes were made with logos of The Ampleforth Crest on for our community to sample and enjoy. We also had Tony Golding from Camra who shared his knowledge with us. The mix of the community was very varied from young families to our older population.

A lot more help is needed from our community to bring this pub back. Remember once it's gone, it

will never be there to share with your families and will continue to be that eyesore that we all see on a daily basis each time we go past. It is currently a property that will attract unwanted attention.

■ If you feel that you would like to contribute to this venture either by purchasing shares or by offering help to get The Ampleforth back open please contact us via our website. We will always answer any questions put to us. www.theamprevival.co.uk.

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The **FREE** newspaper for Barton produced by Barton residents and community workers

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The Blue Bin Recycling League is a government funded rewards scheme, giving you the chance to win exciting prizes for yourself and your community by recycling more! **TURN TO PAGE 3**



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Academy students clean up the Leys!



YEAR seven students took time out from the Oxford Academy to help get the Leys ready for spring, by taking part in the annual OxClean litter pick. OxClean is an Oxford Civic Society initiative dedicated to keeping Oxford clean and tidy all year round – ensuring that the city is a welcoming and pleasant place for people to live, work and visit. The young people collected a total of 11 bags of rubbish during their litter picking session.



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Tell us your views on private sector housing in Oxford

- In the last decade the private rented sector in Oxford has grown by 45% from approximately 11,000 to 16,000 houses.
- Oxford is the least affordable city in the UK.
- There are an estimated 300 'beds-in-sheds' in Oxford.

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