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Howbery Business Park - Wallingford



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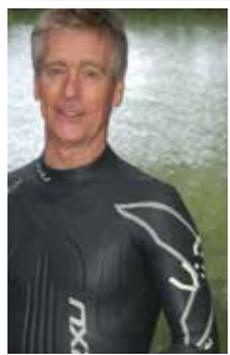


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## HPSSA News & Events (Howbery Park Sports & Social Association)

### Events which have been subsidised are :-

Members enjoyed a day at Twickenham to watch the Aviva Premiership Rugby Final. Score : Bath Rugby 16 Saracens 28.  
Hopefully we will offer this event in 2016

### Banff Film Festival 2015

Another very popular event which members have enjoyed for several years.  
Date for next year's diary – 10th May.

### Events coming up –

#### Week Commencing 13th – 17th October

**STOMP** - Using everyday household items from paint cans and pipes to bin lids and brooms, 8 energetic performers fuse dance, percussion and comedy to create a feel good rhythmic spectacular, in this inventive and infectious entertaining show.

Featuring new routines, new music, new choreography not seen at the New Theatre, Stomp is fresher, faster and funnier than ever – don't miss it!

Running time: 1h 40 (no interval) .

Members can book their tickets direct with the New Theatre Oxford and receive a £25 subsidy for a great ticket in the Stalls. For more information visit <http://www.atgtickets.com/shows/stomp-2/new-theatre-oxford>

### Events for your diary:-

The annual HPSSA **Christmas Party** is being held at F1 Williams with the following agenda:-

**Date:** Friday 11th December

**19.00** Guests Arrive - Walk through of the Grand Prix Collection followed by pre-dinner drinks in the Technology/Trophy room & Simulator

**19.50** Guests called for dinner

**20.00** Dinner Served

**21.30** Commence Disco, Simulator and Batak

**00.00** Last orders at the bar

**00.30** Depart

Members and non-members welcome.  
£75+VAT for Non-Members.

## Team Jewel conquers the Thames Path Challenge!

Team Jewel took part in the Thames Path Challenge on Sunday 13 September, walking 25km from Cookham to Henley, in aid of the Epilepsy Society. We were in luck and the sun shined on us all day, which made the 7am start a little less painful. Complete strangers encouraged us along the way for which we were very grateful – we were even offered the loan of a bike, but we didn't think we'd all fit on it.

We have raised over £900 so far in sponsorship and from our Purple Day efforts at the Manor House in March. Thank you to everyone who has supported us, and if you haven't yet – it's not too late, you can still go to our Just Giving page – TeamJewelOxon – and make a donation. Every penny counts!

Team Jewel are Julie Johns, Toni Taylor, Jenny Dack, Faye Stokes and Sue Nicholls and we all work at Jewel Training & Development, in the Isis Innovation Centre.



L-R Toni, Jenny,  
Sue, Faye, Julie



# Drones take flight at Howbery

**A former front-line military helicopter instructor has launched a unique family run business here at Howbery Business Park, offering a range of certified commercial drone licensing courses in addition to aerial filming, photography and retail services, with high profile contracts already secured with the BBC and ITV.**

Matt Williams and his wife Natalie have established Aerial Motion Pictures Ltd, the UK's first company providing the theoretical and practical knowledge needed for full Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) Commercial UAV Certification from the same location, thanks to Howbery Business Park.

Matt Williams, Managing Director, Aerial Motion Picture Ltd, explains: "As a real pilot, our ethos is one whereby we wish to improve flight safety through education. Being able to offer flying experience from Howbery really sets us aside from competitors who effectively outsource this element of training. It means somebody can go from having no experience to becoming a fully qualified, competent and safe Commercial UAV Operator in just three days."

In addition to instructor courses, Aerial Motion Pictures is currently working with companies such as ITV on flagship dramas, which can't be named due to confidentiality agreements.

Matt Williams continues: "We have three strands within the business:

training and provision of commercial licensing courses, operations such as aerial filming and surveying, and retail of UAVs, commonly referred to as drones, to consumers as well as businesses. We anticipate all three strands of the business to take off due to increasing market demand."

The company is currently in the process of recruiting instructors and admin staff with the aim of becoming a seven strong team by Christmas 2015 and have already acquired additional offices on site.

Angela Andrews, Lettings & Marketing Manager, Howbery Business Park, said: "We are delighted to accommodate such an interesting business at the park and have worked closely with our legal team to ensure Matt and Natalie are able to offer safe flying experiences to their customers. We look forward to following the progress of their business and helping with expansion plans later this year."

Aerial Motion Pictures sell a variety of drones from UK and international manufacturers starting from £500 and ranging up to £30,000. Commercial licensing courses can take as little as three days and start from £1,500. For further information, visit: [aerialmotionpictures.co.uk](http://aerialmotionpictures.co.uk)



# Nigel Downing, ProfitAbility. Swimming for Charity.

During the week of 20th September Nigel Downing from ProfitAbility, who has based in the Stables of Howbery Business Park, will be attempting to swim the Strait of Gibraltar, from Tarifa in Spain to Punta Cires in Morocco.

At the age of 64 Nigel hopes to be the oldest UK swimmer to have made it across. Although the crossing is only 15km in a direct line the Strait is notorious for its currents, and Tarifa is one of the windiest places in Spain.

Nigel has an account of his preparation (together with some tips for open water swimmers) at [www.gibraltarswimchallenge.co.uk](http://www.gibraltarswimchallenge.co.uk).

Much of his training has been in the Thames, and he can often be spotted launching himself off the slipway by the Howbery Park Boathouse.

He is swimming for the Mission Aviation Fellowship charity, and you are encouraged to donate for this worthwhile cause at [www.justgiving.com/gibraltarswimchallenge](http://www.justgiving.com/gibraltarswimchallenge).



## Book Sale in aid of the refugee crisis

**A book sale and display will take place in the Manor House on Friday 2nd October.**

Thank you to everyone for your kind donation of used books. If you have any books you wish to donate, please take them to the Estates Office by Wednesday 30th September. All donations will be sent to the Red Cross.



# StyleAcre - unwanted items/clothes bank...

**Style Acre one of our on-site charities have a box in the entrance of the Manor House Post Room for donation of items such as:-**

Old Phones/ Sat Navs/Games Consoles/Cameras/Laptops/ Ipods/Video Cameras

Jewellery – costume, gold, silver, watches, even damaged items and odd earrings

Currency – UK or foreign - old and new banknotes or coins

There is also a clothing bank outside of the Style Acre offices by Evenlode – save you a trip to town – drop your bags of unwanted clothing outside (by the Gravel car park)



Reduce  
**Reuse**  
Recycle



# News and Events from The Manor House Catering Team

Come and join us for our themed menu days where we do our best to provide a little something different for your taste buds:-

**16th September  
Mexican  
Independence  
Day**

Come and celebrate with us.

**1st October  
Chinese  
National Day**

Celebrate with a selection of Chinese inspired dishes.



**2nd - 8th  
November  
British Sausage  
Week**

Come and try the best of British bangers!



**30th November  
St Andrew's Day**

Celebrate with some traditional Scottish dishes.

**So why not make a date to join us on these days?**



# Howbery Business Park Annual Volleyball Semi-Finals

Well done to all the teams who entered this year's annual volleyball tournament. Loving the team names!

The results table is as follows

## Semi-final 1

GTI Legends vs Sets on the Beach  
WINNERS – GTI Legends

## Semi-final 2

Coast Busters vs Sinking Ships  
WINNERS – Sinking Ships

**Now get ready for the final - to be held on Tuesday 22nd September at 12.15 – come to the Manor House lawn and cheer them on.**

Position	Played		Sets Won	Sets Lost	Set difference	Points
1	8	GTI Legends	16	5	11	8
2	8	Coast Busters	14	7	7	6
3	8	Sinking Ships	12	6	6	5
4	8	Sets on the Beach	11	6	5	5
5	8	Hit & Miss	10	9	1	5
6	8	Do you wanna build a snowman?	10	8	2	4
7	8	Campfire Defenders	8	10	-2	2
8	8	Monkey Pimps	4	14	-10	1
9	8	Water Floody	0	16	-16	0



# Howbery Park Estates welcome Integritas

**Howbery Park Estates are delighted to welcome Integritas Landscapes to their team. Here is what they have to say**

"Having recently been awarded the contract for Grounds Maintenance, myself, Ben and Paul look forward to providing you all with our multi award winning horticultural service backed by decades of experience in making our clients premises inspirational places to work and meet.

From first visiting the Howbery Park team I noticed how loved and prestigious the site is. By providing bespoke spaces for everything from mentoring and support services to the highly technical research sector, Howbery has a very diverse and exciting mix of skills and backgrounds.

As an innovative horticultural business we pride ourselves in being able to offer more than just the usual service. We hope to integrate and enhance some of the landscape working practices in addition to providing interactive seasonal workshops."



LOOK OUT FOR US.....

We are already moving towards the darker autumn months, so please do look out for us when driving around the Park. We will always do our best to be seen with signs, cones and high visibility clothing, bright orange vehicles and flashing beacons, but your awareness would also be much appreciated as we carry out our seasonal tasks.

Thank You.  
Robin Sergi- Regional Manager

## Red Arrows display over Howbery Park

Each year we are treated to a display of aircraft over Howbery Park due to RAF Benson Family Day. Some buildings shake, and the noise can be momentarily deafening....but the Red Arrows never fail to disappoint. Here's another photo kindly provided by Rob Wright of GTI.



# Christmas Lunch in The Manor House – the Festivities start here!!

It will soon be time to think about your annual Christmas lunches. You can enjoy a full festive dinner with all the trimmings laid up in our stunning meeting rooms on 3rd, 10th or 17th December. These are very popular and get booked very quickly. Booking Forms will be available from the Catering Office and in the Dining Room very soon. Traditional Christmas lunch will be offered through the servery on Wednesdays 9th & 16th December.



## Tree Works at Howbery Park



Following a tree management survey carried out earlier this year, a number of trees on site were identified as needing work to be carried out and in some cases to be completely felled which Heritage Trees attended to. There is a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) on nearly all of the trees on the park and we are committed to ensure we look after them, we are required to replace any trees that are felled within a specific time frame. We have over 880 species of trees here and we will continue with our maintenance plan to keep all of our lovely trees healthy.

# Soil Conference– meeting the challenges of a changing landscape

**Date:** 14th October 2015

**Time:** 9.00 to 16.30

**Location:** Howbery Park Conference Centre, Wallingford, Oxon, OX10 8BA

**Marking the UN's International Year of Soils, an innovative Soils Conference for all landscape professionals will take place at the Howbery Park Conference Centre, Wallingford, Oxfordshire.**



The impressive line-up of confirmed speakers promises a full day of professional development, discussion and debate. The conference will explore topical soil issues relating to today's landscape industry, including masterplanning considerations, our changing climate, urban trees, practical soil science, and the options available when sourcing soils for new landscape projects.

This event will be particularly relevant to landscape architects, planners, landscape contractors, developers, civil engineers, and environmental consultants.

For more information please contact [info@toha.co.uk](mailto:info@toha.co.uk) or via our website <http://www.timohare-associates.com>



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Vice Patron - John Craven  
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We still have a few spaces at this year's Oxford Half Marathon. We will provide you with as much support as we can with your fundraising and will also provide you with a running T-Shirt for the day. Please contact me at [cburrows@styleacre.org.uk](mailto:cburrows@styleacre.org.uk). Hope you can help.

# Renewable energy summer school is a success at Howbery Business Park

**The next generation of renewable energy specialists have received world-leading training at a summer school hosted by HR Wallingford at Howbery Business Park.**



Future engineers and scientists attended training to help them understand the complexities and challenges faced by marine renewable energy developers. The suite of courses covered topics such as scour and sediment transport, maritime engineering, wave and flow modelling and, and environmental management.

HR Wallingford's Chief Executive, Dr. Bruce Tomlinson, commented: "The two-week summer school is delivered by our internationally renowned experts. Their experience in providing practical solutions for renewable energy developments provides attendees with an exceptional opportunity to improve their understanding of real-life issues, and the hands-on nature of the course helps prepare them for a career in the industry.

HR Wallingford provides world-leading advice on engineering, environmental hydraulics, water and the environment and an extension to their state of the art physical modeling and ship simulation suite facilities opened at Howbery Business Park last year.

Ben Hudson, Industrial Doctorate Centre in Offshore Renewable Energy (IDCORE) Programme, University of Edinburgh, said: "The HR Wallingford offshore renewable energy summer school was a huge success. Introductions to the SWAN and TELEMAC-2D software were particularly enjoyable and beneficial as I will be using these two programmes throughout my three year IDCORE placement. The trip to the ship simulator was excellent, as well as the hands-on practical on the second last day of the course which involved a brilliant cable-laying mission for a scaled offshore wind farm in one of the HR Wallingford test tanks."

HR Wallingford offers other maritime courses focusing on marine scour, wave forces, wave overtopping and an introduction to wave modeling. For further information, visit: <http://training.hrwallingford.com>.

# Seriously PR Event: How to prep, pitch and win new business

Following the hugely popular workshop with coach and trainer Charly Cox in May, we're running a follow up due to popular demand.

*"Great Speaker... she was fabulous, very inspirational!!!"*

**Date:** 22nd October 2015 9.30 – 12pm

**Cost:** £75+VAT

Go away with a master plan outline and process that will:

- Show you how to match your values to a potential new client
- Be succinct by phone, email face to face yet get across your USP and personality
- Be honest and human
- Stop giving yourself away for free and stick to your pricing
- Say no or change the terms and still win the pitch
- Have confidence to put forward alternative direction
- Build a process flow from new lead to conversion

You'll also have the chance to practice standing up and pitching (optional)

**Venue:** Howbery Park, Wallingford.

**Book:** Email [Catherine@seriouslypr.co.uk](mailto:Catherine@seriouslypr.co.uk) to book your place.



## The trainer:

The amazing Charly Cox, a leadership coach with a wealth of global, charity, corporate and other amazing experience will run this workshop and send everyone away with a new set of tools to approach the way they manage their business, pitch, close a sale and grow their empire.

Get in touch to book your place

## Vacancies on the Park

### Office Cleaners Required

Mon - Fri

7am – 9am and 5pm – 8pm

Good rates of pay, full training will be provided.

**For more information please call Mr Horne on 07961 088871**



**Puddleduck Nursery** are Recruiting for the following vacancies:-

- **Nursery Nurse**
- **Nursery Assistant**
- **Room Leader**
- **Baby Room Practitioner**



Located on Howbery Business Park.

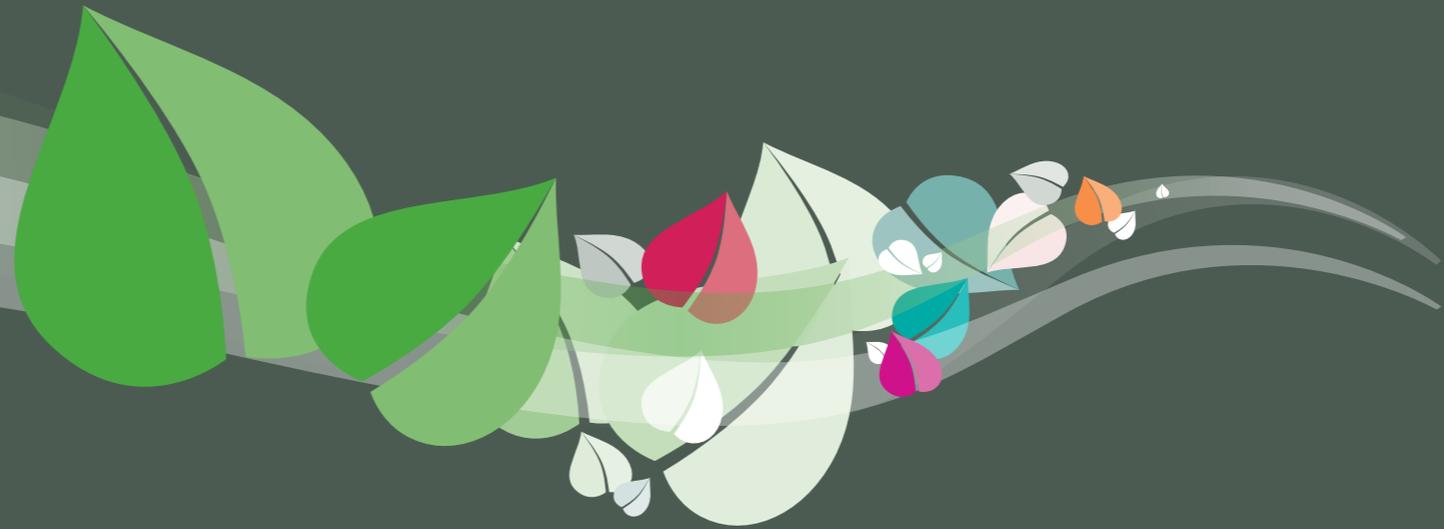
**For more information please contact Sarah on 01491 839815 or email [sarahhayden@btconnect.com](mailto:sarahhayden@btconnect.com)**

### Experienced Mechanical Engineer required by Howbery Park Estates



To carry out planned and reactive maintenance to various HVAC and associated plant, the candidate will have previous experience in maintaining similar plant, well presented, highly organised and able to communicate effectively. Closing date is 30th September.

**Please email your CV with a covering letter to [p.middleton@hrwallingford.com](mailto:p.middleton@hrwallingford.com)**



# News... News... News

## A Note From The Editor:



Keep us posted – to include your news and stories in Parklife, please email them to me, Donna Bowles [d.bowles@howberypark.com](mailto:d.bowles@howberypark.com)

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