



Irene Snelling

Irene Snelling, who died in 2004 aged 93, was a life-long resident of Limpsfield and supporter of not only her church (Oxted United Reformed Church), but of the musical and artistic life of the district. As part of the use of Irene's bequest to the church, members agreed to sponsor The Bluehouse Festival as a fitting way of recognising and sharing both her love of music and her church. The Bluehouse Festival is held to celebrate the Arts, and make use of the excellent facilities which are available at the United Reformed Church.



Wednesday 27 October 3–5 pm

## Tea Dance

Live music with local singer Andy Moore.

Tickets £5 (including tea)

Wednesday 27 October 7.30 pm

## Unexpected Opera at the Barn Theatre

### Orpheus Down Under

As part of The Bluehouse Festival 2010, Unexpected Opera, have announced their appearance at The Barn Theatre, Oxted with a witty adaptation of Orpheus in the Underworld. **Orpheus Down Under** tells the story of a couple on the verge of divorce, becoming entangled with the gods and goddesses of Greek mythology.

Tickets £13 £7 Under 18s

Thursday 28 October 7.30 pm

## The Snelling Lecture



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### Baroness Julia Neuberger

#### 'Not Dead Yet: A Manifesto for Old Age'

Baroness Neuberger DBE is a rabbi, social reformer and member of the House of Lords. She was the Prime Minister's Champion for Volunteering from 2007 until 2009. She is both chair of the Responsible Gambling Strategy Board and the One Housing Group. She was appointed by the Lord Chancellor to chair an Advisory Panel on Judicial Diversity from 2009 to 2010.

Tickets £13 £7 Under 18s  
Tickets limited to 4 per household.

Friday 29 October 8 pm

## Kosmos

Internationally acclaimed, Kosmos play an inspiring fusion of folk music from around the world. Sophisticated jazz glides magically into wild gypsy fiddling, emotive Jewish music into hot-blooded Tango, free improvisation into Arabic melody. Kosmos plays without manuscript, enabling the music to live and breathe in the moment. These world-class, classically trained musicians present an awesome line-up – they are violin players Meg Hamilton and Harriet Mackenzie, Laura Anstee on cello and Milos Milivojevic on accordion.

Tickets include a drink on arrival, and canapes during the interval.

Reserve as part of a group (up to 8 people) or individually.

Tickets £13 £7 Under 18s

Saturday 30 October 7.30 pm

## The Sinfonietta

The Bluehouse Festival is delighted to welcome back Johan Katz and The Sinfonietta. In addition to the Strauss overture and the supremely popular Beethoven symphony, we will be treated to Bruch's Violin Concerto, played by talented international violinist Susanna Gregorian.

### Overture to Die Fledermaus – J. Strauss jr

Concerto for Violin No 1 in G minor Op.26 – M. Bruch  
Susanna Gregorian - soloist

Symphony No. 5 in C minor Op 76 – Beethoven  
Johan Katz, conductor & musical director

Tickets £13 Adults £7 Under 18s

Sunday 31 October 7.30 pm

## Ruth Redman

### The Yellow Wallpaper

adapted for stage by Tamara Batt & Ruth Redman.

A one actress play based on the novella of the same name. This is a haunting and dramatic piece about a woman who finds herself in enforced solitary confinement in an attic room, where the dominating and mysterious yellow wallpaper becomes her only reality.

The drama explores the boundaries between care and control, sanity and madness. Written at the end of the 19th Century by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, the story is as compelling and unsettling now as it was in its day.

Oxted-resident Ruth Redman trained at Bristol Old Vic. She has performed in many UK theatres and TV credits include roles in EastEnders, The Bill, London's Burning and Kavanagh QC.

Tickets £7

Wednesday 3 November 2 pm

Oxted Children's Book Group invites local schools to hear

## Justin Somper

Author of *Vampirates*

The United Reformed Church is wheelchair accessible.

Additional parking at The Larks Nursery, Hazelwood School (formerly Laverock School) subject to availability

The URC is a few minutes walk from Oxted Station.

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Roger McGough

Carlo Curley

Baroness Julia Neuberger

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Oct–Nov 2010

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Please note seats are not numbered. The Bluehouse Festival reserves the right to alter the programme without notice.

Wednesday 20 Oct 2 pm

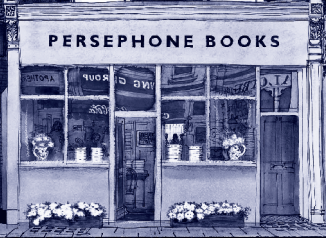
In association with Oxted Children's Book Group, by invitation only

## How to Draw Mr Gum

Illustration with David Tazzyman

Thursday 21 Oct 8pm

## Persephone Books



**Nicola Beaman of Persephone Books** talks about the reprinting of neglected classics by twentieth century (mostly women) writers. Persephone books are intelligent, thought-provoking and beautifully written, they are ideal presents and a good choice for reading groups. Titles include novels, short stories, diaries and cookery books. All are carefully designed with a clear typeface, a dove-grey jacket, a 'fabric' endpaper and bookmark, and a preface by writers such as Penelope Fitzgerald, Nina Bawden and Polly Toynbee, and by Nicola Beaman herself.

Books will be for sale on the night.

**Tickets** £7

Friday 22 October 8pm

## Festival Launch & Art Exhibition

by Invitation only

Featuring art work from local schools, including Oxted School and Limpsfield Grange.

Saturday 23 Oct 7.30 pm



## Roger McGough

Miracle birth of a new collection and an evening of poems to amaze and delight!

## That Awkward Age

McGough wrestles with mortality, seeks love in the launderette, perspires in the Foreign Legion and jives in Macca's trousers. He shares the pain of Lord Godiva and Mr Nightingale, considers his Final Poem and shakes a fist at Alzheimer's. Addresses, elegies, prayers & ever perceptive playfulness make this a must-go.

Roger was a member of the pop music/poetry group **The Scaffold**, reaching No 1 in 1968 with **Lily the Pink**. He made his name as one of the 'Liverpool Poets' with Adrian Henri and Brian Patten, included in **The Mersey Sound: Penguin Modern Poets 10** (1967). He is well known as the host of BBC Radio 4's **Poetry Please**.

McGough was honoured with a CBE for services to literature and the Freedom of the City of Liverpool for good behaviour. The beat goes on. There's poetry in the house and McGough fitted it.

Followed by booksigning.  
*'the patron saint of poetry',*  
 Carol Ann Duffy

*'He is a true original and more than one generation would be much the poorer without him'*  
 The Times

**Tickets** £13 Adult £7 Under 18s

**Sunday 24 October 10am**  
**Morning Service**  
 The opening service will be conducted by the Minister, Rev David Skitt

Sunday 24 October 7.30 pm

## Saltmine Theatre Company

### Faustus

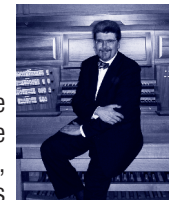
Jesus asked 'what good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?' John Faustus does exactly that- and lives to regret it. The Saltmine creative team hopes that this production will prompt discussion about the aims we strive for, the values we cling to and the choices we make.

**Faustus** premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe festival in August 2009 when each performance was sold out. It then toured in regional theatres in October and November, and was also performed at Renewal Christian Centre in Solihull, where it was watched by an audience of 500 and received a standing ovation.

**Tickets** £7 Suitable for age 14+  
 (Discount for group bookings)

Monday 25 October 7.30 pm

## Carlo Curley



Appearing for the first time at The Bluehouse Festival, world famous American Concert Organist Carlo Curley, a self-styled champion of the classical organ. Carlo, a charismatic figure has dedicated his life to blowing the cobwebs out of the organ loft and bringing music to suit a wider audience.

**Tickets** £13 Adult £7 Under 18s  
 Limited to 4 tickets per household

*Postal bookings will not be accepted before 3 August. Personal bookings can be made with either a cheque or cash at the URC between 10am - 12noon on Tuesday mornings, from Tuesday 3 August.*

Tuesday 26 October 10-12 noon

## Oxted Children's Book Group workshop

Craft activities and stories. Under 5s must be accompanied by a parent.

Please note that booking is essential.

**Tickets**  
 £2.50 (non members) members free

Tuesday 26 October 8 pm



## Stephen Venables

Internationally acclaimed writer, broadcaster and mountaineer.

## Everest Without Oxygen

A well-known and respected pioneering mountaineer of his generation, Stephen has dedicated his life to mountaineering. He is also a prize winning author and journalist publishing a number of books on the subject.

Best known for his audacious expedition to Everest in 1988, his team pioneered a new route up the biggest face of the world's highest mountain, making their attempt without using supplementary oxygen. Facing the ever-present threat of avalanches and altitude sickness, the story of their expedition is one of tremendous courage and exemplary team work.

**Tickets** £13 Adult £7 Under 18s

*The Bluehouse Festival regrets it is unable to take credit cards for bookings. Send postal bookings to Bluehouse Festival 2010, Oxted URC, 21 Bluehouse Lane, Oxted, Surrey RH8 0AA enclosing a cheque made out to Oxted United Reformed Church and stamped addressed envelope.*

**Booking Form**  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Event	No. of Tickets	£
<b>Thurs 21</b> Persephone Books	___ @ £7	___
<b>Sat 23</b> Roger McGough Under 18	___ @ £13* ___ @ £7	___
<b>Sun 24</b> Saltmine Theatre	___ @ £7	___
<b>Mon 25</b> Carlo Curley Under 18 <i>Limited to 4 per household</i>	___ @ £13 ___ @ £7	___
<b>Tues 26</b> Children's workshop members	___ @ £2.50 ___ FREE	___
Stephen Venables Under 18	___ @ £13* ___ @ £7	___
<b>Wed 27</b> Tea Dance	___ @ £5	___
Unexpected Opera Under 18	___ @ £13 ___ @ £7	___
<b>Thurs 28</b> Snelling Lecture Under 18 <i>Limited to 4 per household</i>	___ @ £13* ___ @ £7	___
<b>Fri 29</b> Kosmos Under 18	___ @ £13* ___ @ £7	___
<b>Sat 30</b> Sinfonietta Under 18	___ @ £13* ___ @ £7	___
<b>Sun 31</b> Ruth Redman	___ @ £7	___
<b>Season Tickets</b> <i>Please indicate which events you wish to attend</i>		
Any 3 of * events	___ @ £30	___
Any 4 of * events	___ @ £40	___
<b>TOTAL DUE</b>		___