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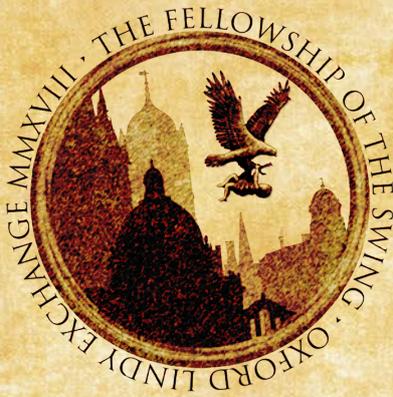
THE OLX BOOK OF KNOWLEDGE



22-24 JUNE 2018

THE WISDOM TO GUIDE
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WELCOME TO OLX 2018.

Welcome to Oxford Lindy Exchange 2018 for three days of dancing, sunshine* and smiles in the heart of beautiful Oxford! To find out what's happening, check out the Quick Guide and see the notes in this brochure.

*sunshine subject to availability

CONTACT DETAILS

If there is anything that you want to know, then just ask one of our organisers or volunteers. Here are some numbers in case you need to get hold of us:

GENERAL

Matt - 07879 406 759
Jenni - 07918 931 770
Helen — 07811 922 502
Ellie - 07876 568 073

HOSTING

Isabelle - 07423 430 723

VOLUNTEERS

Mark - 07523 159 323
Zoe - 07557 303 876

SAFER SPACES

Talk to or text any of the organisers or email:
oxfordlindyhoppers@gmail.com

All messages are treated seriously and in confidence.

MAGIC WEB OF KNOWLEDGE

For updates over the weekend

FACEBOOK:

<https://www.facebook.com/OxfordLindyExchange>

TWITTER

@OxLindyHop or @2018OLX

WEBSITE

www.oxfordlindyhoppers.co.uk

A BIG THANK YOU!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in making OLX happen, especially our volunteers, hosts, bands, DJs. We would also like to thank Phillipa Stride for the wonderful cake, and Lucy and Chris Taylor for making our Sunday Garden Party possible.

See you on the dance floor!

THE OLX COMMITTEE



SAFER SPACES POLICY

Oxford Lindy Hoppers are committed to making sure that everyone can enjoy our events in a safe, comfortable and welcoming environment.

We all share a responsibility to create an environment that reflects the joy of the dance, and to support our fellow dancers. We therefore request that you read and abide by our safer spaces policy.

You can talk to or text any of the organisers or email: oxfordlindyhoppers@gmail.com

Oxford Lindy Hoppers will:

- Not hire teachers with a history of unacceptable behaviour.
- Treat everyone attending our classes and events with respect.
- Eject anyone acting in an unacceptable manner.
- Listen to everybody's concerns and act appropriately.
- Treat all messages seriously and in the strictest confidence.
- Respond to your suggestions.
- Make arrangements for safer spaces available at our events.

When attending our events please:

- Be aware of your fellow dancers' comfort and the impact your behaviour can have on others whether deliberate or accidental.
- Speak up if something or someone makes you uncomfortable, for whatever reason. By saying something you can help prevent others from suffering.
- Listen seriously if someone tells you something, and highlight it to one of the volunteers or organisers if this seems the appropriate action.
- If you see or hear something that doesn't seem quite right, talk to an organiser about it.

- Don't let someone's aura of 'status' or 'seniority' affect your decision making: if an organiser or anyone else does something bad, speak up.
- Consider your fellow dancers and drink alcohol in moderation.
- Consider other's boundaries when dancing on the dance floor.
- In general, refusing a dance without good reason can be hurtful; be generous with your dances, especially with beginners.
- Of course, everyone also has the right to decline a dance and you don't have to give a reason. A simple 'No thank you' should suffice, but please decline in a polite and friendly fashion.
- If someone says 'no' to you, respect that decision and consider what you can do to make them feel more at ease.
- Some people prefer not to dance up close and personal – this is an acceptable choice, so find a distance which is comfortable for both of you, or stop dancing.

***Bullying or abuse of any sort
whether sexual, physical, or
emotional will not be tolerated.***



QUICK GUIDE

FRIDAY 22 JUNE			
WHAT	WHO	WHERE	WHEN
Welcome to OLX Dance	Last Chance Ragtime Band & DJs	St Columba's Church Alfred St, OX1 4EH (F6)	20:00 - 00:00
Blues Afterparty	Blues DJs	The Oxford Retreat 1-2 Hythe Bridge St, OX1 2EW (B5)	00:00 - 03:00
SATURDAY 23 JUNE			
WHAT	WHO	WHERE	WHEN
Historic Oxford Tour	Matt Ellacott	Outside the Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, OX1 2PH (D4)	12:00 - 13:00
Lindy Hoppers Picnic	Music from the Park Town Strutters	Oxford University Parks (accessed from the entrance on Parks Road (E1))	13:00 - 16:00
Fellowship of the Swing Ball	Natty Congeroo and the Flames of Rhythm & DJs	Oxford Union, St Michael's Street, (off Cornmarket or New Inn Hall St.), OX1 3JB (E5)	19:00 - 01:00
Secret Blues Hideaway	Heather Jayne and the Blue Shoes & DJs	Oxford Deaf Centre, corner of Litlelegate Street and St Ebbe's, Oxford OX1 1RL (D7)	00:30 - 04:00
SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2017			
WHAT	WHO	WHERE	WHEN
Oxford Union Garden Party	DJs	Oxford Union (E5)	12:00
Last Hurrah!	Palace Avenue Swing & DJs	Oxford Union (E5)	14:00 - 19:00

WEATHER UPDATES

Sometimes even the best plans don't work out, especially with the British climate to contend with! We will do our best to announce any changes at events, on Facebook, on our website or on Twitter.

THE DAILY INFO MAP

The map references in this guide refer to [The Daily Info Map](#). You can get a copy of this map at the registration desk and it will be all you need to explore Oxford. Map references are given in brackets and refer to the main map unless otherwise stated.



ABOUT OLX 2018

VENUES

All the dancing venues and social activities are located in the city centre. Some of our venues have particular rules about food and drink. Please check each listing and consider your fellow dancers.

There will be places to leave bags and property at each venue but this will be at your own risk. Please don't leave valuables in the bag spaces and cloakrooms as they will be unattended.

The music might not be the only thing that's hot! All of our venues are housed in historic buildings built before the invention of air conditioning. We'll try and cool things down as much as possible, but please be prepared; bring a fan and maybe a change of clothes especially if the weather is warm! We will have our own OLH branded fans too.

HOSTING

If you are being hosted, you should have received an email from us letting you know the details of your host and their contact details. If you haven't done so yet, now is the time to get in touch with your host to arrange your stay during the weekend.

VOLUNTEERS

If you have volunteered - thank you - we couldn't do it without you! We will email in plenty of time before the event to let you know where and when you will be needed. To make sure everything runs smoothly and to be fair to your fellow volunteers please let us know and give us plenty of notice if you can't make your timetabled shift.

T-SHIRTS AND BAGS

If you have ordered a T-shirt or bag you can collect it from the registration desk. However if you regret not buying one in advance then no fear, there will be a very limited number of extra T-shirts for sale.

PHOTOGRAPHS

We have professional photographer James Millar as our official snapper for Saturday Night. James will be taking photos all evening and also some group and portrait photos as you arrive on Saturday night. So put on your best smile! At other times of the weekend, experienced photographer Phil Brown will be ready with his camera to capture memories, smiles and laughter of the 2018 OLX.

Please also share your pictures with us on Facebook (Oxford Lindy Exchange), Instagram (@oxfordlindyhoppers) and Twitter (@OXLindyHop or @2018OLX, #OLX18).

FOOD AND DRINK

We are delighted to have arranged a **20% discount for OLX dancers at Mission Burrito**, 8 Saint Michael's Street, Oxford OX1 2DU opposite the Oxford Union. Just show this welcome book or your wristband.

Oxford has many fantastic pubs and restaurants as well as all of the usual chains. There will be water and snacks available at each of our venues plus a licenced bar at the Oxford Union. We will have G&Ds Ice Cream, tea and cake on Sunday afternoon.

UPDATES

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GETTING AROUND

WALKING

Oxford is easy to get around on foot, especially with a Daily Info map (references in brackets)! All the dancing venues and social activities are located in the city centre.

DRIVING

Oxford is not car-friendly. It is best to use the Park and Ride sites around Oxford (see map). Metered parking can be found on Merton Street, Mansfield Road, Norham Gardens and Becket Street. City centre car parks include Worcester Street (C5), and St Clements (L8).

Free on street parking can be found on St Aldates and the High Street after 6:30pm.

BUS

The main bus stops in the city centre are on Magdalen Street, High Street and George Street.

Get a timetable from the Tourist Information Office on Broad Street (E5).

Also, check out: <http://www.oxfordbus.co.uk/>

BIKE HIRE

Dockless Bikes have arrived in Oxford! Find out how to hire a bike, find one, and what rules and regulations apply to the many different schemes operating in the city here: <https://www.dailyinfo.co.uk/dockless-bike-hire>

TAXIS

Only get in a car that you are sure is a licensed taxi. Taxi ranks are located at Gloucester Green (A5) the railway station (A5), Queen St (E6). Here are some private hire taxis (most charge a £5 minimum fare):

001 Taxis

01865 240000

<http://www.001taxis.com/>

ABC Radio Taxis

01865 770077 / 01865 242424

<http://www.abcradiotaxis.co.uk/>

Royal Cars

01865 777333

<http://www.royal-cars.com/>



FRIDAY NIGHT

Registration from 19:00, dancing from 20:00 to 00:00

Get to know your fellow OLX'ers and find your hosts! Fresh from OSF, the Last Chance Ragtime Band are ready to get OLX started with a swing! We will be dancing in the Church itself – no pews, no pillars, just wall-to-wall wooden dance floor. Chill out in our Dance Annexe, where you can enjoy a snack or two.

Afterparty: Midnight until 03:00

Take a short stroll and join us for late night blues dancing. Our venue is the Oxford Retreat pub. There will be Blues music to enjoy from our talented DJs plus a great range of beers.

“WELCOME TO OXFORD” DANCE.

LAST CHANCE RAGTIME BAND

Opening the exchange for us on Friday night will be the Last Chance Ragtime Band; a group of amazing musicians dedicated to putting jazz on the dance floor.

Their musical inspirations are the New Orleans Jazz Bands of Frenchman Street, and LCRB plays music especially crafted for swing dancers from greats such as Jelly Roll Morton, Ella Fitzgerald, Benny Goodman, Louis Prima, Louis Armstrong and Hoagy Carmichael.

They are popular with dancers all over the UK and we are delighted to welcome them back to Oxford!

DANCE ANNEXE

Our Dance Annexe is where you can cool down from the heat of the dancefloor.

You will be able to find drinks, nibbles and water.

Please consider your fellow dancers and keep food and alcoholic drinks to this area.

BLUES AFTERPARTY

Get to know your fellow dancers better over a drink and enjoy some Blues Music from our DJs.

KEY INFORMATION

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
FROM 19:00

EVENING DANCE
St Columba's Church, Alfred
Street, OX1 4EH (F6).
20:00 to 00:00

You are welcome to bring your own alcoholic drinks, but please consider your fellow dancers, and keep alcohol to the chill out space.

BLUES AFTERPARTY
The Oxford Retreat (D6).
00:00 to 03:00

Important - The venue has its own licensed bar. It is a condition of our hire that you do not consume food and drink purchased elsewhere.



SATURDAY DAYTIME

We are pleased to escort you around our beautiful city, on the Historic Oxford Tour from 12:00 where you will see buildings associated with the university and its 38 colleges, and hear stories of some of the famous individuals who studied here. From Christopher Wren, to Tolkien, to Bill Clinton, Oxford is teeming with stories of writers, martyrs and scientists as well more than a few Harry Potter locations!

The tour will finish in a convenient central location for the Lindy Hoppers' Picnic (from 13:00 to 16:00) where you can enjoy food, dancing and a game of Quidditch at the picturesque University Parks. The picnic will be cancelled if the weather is wet, but the tour will go ahead whatever the weather!

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ACTIVITIES

HISTORIC OXFORD TOUR

Matt, designer of our stunning Fellowship of the Swing theme will be your host for this tour of historic Oxford. There are nine literary references on the 2018 OLX flyer – have you found them all? This tour may give you some clues!

LINDY HOPPERS' PICNIC

Bring some food and something to sit on and join us for a Lindy Picnic. We will have live unplugged music from the Park Town Strutters! There will also be a selection of outdoor games. There are supermarkets close by on Magdalen Street (West), OX1 3AD to buy your picnic goodies!

QUIDDICH

University Parks is also where the Oxford University Quidditch Club practices and play matches! Did you know they are the reigning British and former European champions?!

We thought we'd have a go! We'll bring the equipment; you bring your imagination!

Check out the rules here: <https://www.wikihow.com/Play-Muggle-Quidditch>

KEY INFORMATION

HISTORIC OXFORD TOUR

Meet outside Ashmolean Museum, Beaumont Street, OX1 2PH (D4)
12:00 - 13:00

Lindy Hoppers' Picnic

The Oxford Union Parks (E1).
13:00 - 16:00

OPERATION GENE KELLY

If fate is unkind and the heavens open we've still got you covered! If the picnic is cancelled, then The Oxford Union (St Michael's Street, off Cornmarket or New Inn Hall St.), OX1 3JB will serve as our rainy day base of operations from 14:00. A selection of board games will be available to play in the library and the Park Town Strutters will play in the Debating Chamber from 14:00 **Note: The Oxford Union will not be open if the weather is fine.**



SATURDAY NIGHT

We are privileged to welcome you to the world-famous Debating Chamber of the Oxford Union for our Saturday and Sunday dances. Designed to resemble the chambers of the Houses of Parliament, the debating chamber building opened in 1879. Several UK Prime Ministers and Cabinet Ministers were President of the Union while students. The Union is also known for inviting many famous guest speakers from Winston Churchill, Bill Clinton and Albert Einstein to Kermit the Frog.

This is our main event. Take the opportunity to get dressed to the nines, or don your fancy dress costume taking inspiration from Oxford's literary wealth and the OLX Fellowship of the Swing Theme. And get ready to swing out to some of the best swing music around. The dancefloor will be hot until 01:00 so you can Lindy till late with our fantastic DJs.

FELLOWSHIP OF THE SWING BALL

NATTY CONGEROO AND THE FLAMES OF RHYTHM

Natty Congeroo and the Flames of Rhythm are one of the leading Swing bands in Europe; a top festival/party Swing band with a reputation for a hot authentic sound and sharp suits. Let Natty, The Sizzle, The Killer Diller, Lá Bass, Dr Kitch and La Mamba provide the perfect music for you to swing out!

DRESS CODE

There is no formal dress code for Saturday night, but we encourage everyone to get fancy or embrace our Oxford literary theme! Entirely optional of course, but why not unleash your creative juices and arrive at the Saturday Night Ball as your favourite character from our Fellowship of the Swing theme? Do you have a penchant for pointy hats? Then why not come dressed as anything to do with Oxford's literary scene and wow us with your robes! No prizes apart from the respect of your peers, and a warm fuzzy feeling that you are truly a part of OLX 2018!

PHOTO PORTRAITS

As a little incentive to get you through the doors, in time for our bands, James Millar our professional photographer will be taking portraits as you arrive, as well as capturing the essence of the party throughout the evening.

CAKE

Recharge your batteries with amazing cake from Phillipa Stride.

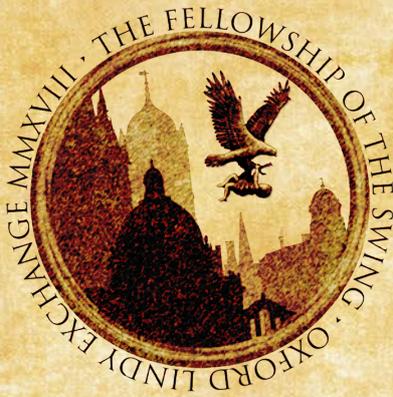
KEY INFORMATION

ADDRESS

Oxford Union, St Michael's Street,
(off Cornmarket or New Inn Hall
St.), OX1 3JB (map ref E5)

19:00 – 01:00 (last entry 22:00).

Important - The venue has its own licenced bar. It is a condition of our hire that you do not drink alcohol at the venue that has not been purchased there.



SATURDAY BLUES HIDEAWAY

We have great venue with a sprung wooden dance floor, and cool music. There will be awesome live blues from Heather Jayne and the Blue Shoes. We will have music until 04:00 so will be awake as long as you are. You are welcome to bring your own food and bottles to the venue, and there will be late night snacks available!

HEATHER JAYNE AND THE BLUE SHOES

Our late night blues hideaway will feature the enormously talented Heather Jayne and the Blue Shoes. After fantastic shows at Reading Swing Exchange in 2016 and 2017 we are thrilled to welcome them to Oxford!

Heather-Jayne and the Blue Shoes bring it all home, from Lead Belly to Big Mama Thornton via Kill it Kid and The Black Keys. If the blue shoe fits, the Blue Shoes play it! At the point in the night when your dancing feet are fading you'll find yourself saying, 'Just one more song...β

KEY INFORMATION

The Blues Party is at the Oxford Deaf Centre, corner of Littlegate Street and St Ebbes, Oxford OX1 1RL. Listen for announcements and follow our volunteer guides.

From 00:30 only! Last entry 01:30.

You can stock up on drinks before going to the hideaway but please don't drink them in the Union.

Important: There is no entry to the late night blues without a full weekend or Saturday only wristband.



SUNDAY

Join us back at “Lindy HQ” for a swinging garden party (12:00). We will be playing music outside, and there will be Oxford Ice Cream from G&Ds, tea and cake, games and more dancing until Palace Avenue Swing are ready to go! Palace Avenue Swing will play us out in style at our Sunday afternoon tea dance (14:30). They’re seasoned performers who know just what dancers want. Make sure you’re ready for their fantastic live accompaniments for the Shim Sham, Tranky Doo and other classic jazz strolls!

If you want to explore Oxford that little bit more, you can drop your bags with us from 11:30. Bags and property will be left at your own risk.

LAST HURRAH!

PALACE AVENUE SWING

Closing the weekend are Palace Avenue Swing, who are looking forward to swinging the Oxford Union down to its foundations!

Featuring star vocalist Cherise Adams-Burnett, the orchestra bring the sounds of the golden age of 1930s Swing to life, with exceptional authentic arrangements. Palace Avenue have a fantastic reputation as one of the UK’s top Swing Orchestras, and are sure to bring OLX 2018 to an amazing conclusion.

KEY INFORMATION

Oxford Union, St Michael’s Street,
(off Cornmarket or New Inn Hall
St.), OX1 3JB (E5)

12:00 – 19:00

Swinging Garden Party

12:00

Last Hurrah!

14:00



OXFORD AS A TOURIST

Oxford city centre is squeezed into a few streets, with a labyrinth of beautiful buildings, shops, museums, pubs and other attractions hidden away. Find the Covered Market, explore the colleges, climb church towers, visit the parks or find unexpected surprises!

Our base on Sunday gives you a city centre location from which to leave your bags and explore the city, unless of course you want to carry on dancing!

The Tourist Information Centre can be found at 16 Broad Street, Oxford, OX1 3AS (E5). However, as a quick guide here are some of the best things to do in and around Oxford. See your map for locations.

HISTORY

- Climb Carfax Tower (E5; £2), St Mary's University Church Tower (E5; £3), or the Sheldonian Theatre Cupola (E4; £3.50) for the best views.
- Broad Street (E4) is a compact version of Oxford. It is home to Trinity and Balliol College, pubs, museums, bookshops, the Sheldonian Theatre, and Bodleian Library. And just round the Corner are the Bridge of Sighs and an entrance to Oxford's secret pub, the Turf Tavern, on New College Lane - can you find it?
- Christ Church College (E6) is the most famous of the Oxford colleges as it has been filmed so many times: the Great Hall was replicated to create the Hogwarts' Hall set. There are lots of colleges to choose from - 38 to be precise!
- Lewis Carroll wrote the Alice stories whilst a Professor at Christ Church college. Can you find the Cheshire Cat tree (F7)?

BEER

- The Eagle and Child pub (D3) on St. Giles was the favourite watering place of the "Inklings", a group of writers, poets and religious thinkers including C.S Lewis and J.R.R Tolkien. Oxford still has rich modern literary links: can you find Lyra's cherry tree (H7)?
- The Covered Market (E5) is wonderful place to explore.

SHRUNKEN HEADS

- There are many wonderful Museums in Oxford: check out the stately Ashmolean Museum (D4) or the weird and wonderful Pitt Rivers Museum (F2); Modern Art Oxford (E6) or the Museum of the History of Science (E4). The museum of Natural History (F2) or the Bodleian Library (F5) or the Radcliffe Camera (F5).
- Why not explore Oxford's beautiful outdoor spaces including University Parks (our picnic location), South Park (Headington B6), Christ Church Meadow (G8).

GARGOYLES & GROTESQUES

- Otherwise soak up the sunshine (fingers crossed!), and be inspired by the beautiful buildings and mischievous gargoyles & grotesques all over the city.