

Education and Young People's Organisations

<p>Icknield Community Education Centre is the local centre for lifelong learning – adult and community tutors providing for the needs of local people. Part of Oxfordshire County provision funded by the Learning and Skills Council of GB.</p>	<p>Contact: Jackie Ashkettle Tel: 01491 613004 jackieashkettle@oxfordshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>Watlington Youth Club meets on a Tuesday evening 7pm to 9pm at The Sports Pavilion. The Club is open to all young people aged 13 to 18.</p>	<p>Contact: Watlington Youth Club c/o The Parish Office, 1 Old School Place, Watlington. Tel: 01491 613867</p>
<p>Friends of Watlington Library is a registered charity, formed in 1998 to prevent the closure of the library and to help promote and develop its use. Fund raising is now taking place to enable the provision of a library extension and development of the flat above the library.</p>	<p>Contact: Renee Grassby, 29 Couching St, Watlington, OX49 5QF Tel: 01491 612300 or Philip Pinney 01491 612638 : pgpcep@aol.com</p>
<p>Watlington Girlguiding (formerly Guides) is for girls aged 10-14 years. We meet at the Primary school every Tuesday during term time from 18:30 to 20:30. Our activities are varied with an emphasis on encouraging self sufficient, confident young women. We cover many activities from craft to fashion, camping to canoeing, outdoors and indoors. Seeing your inner-self to seeing the world. 10 million members worldwide can't be wrong.</p>	<p>Contact: Jo Bartlett Tel: 01491 641033 or Annie Bowman Tel: 01491 614669</p>
<p>Icknield Community College Choosing a new school, particularly when so much seems to be changing in education, can seem a daunting decision. Situated at the foot of the Chilterns in Watlington, Oxfordshire, Icknield Community College welcomes educational changes as these enable us to improve standards while maintaining the personal attention we offer to every individual. As a smaller school, we pride ourselves on this.</p> <p>During 2006 we enjoyed our first year as the county's first and only specialist Humanities school and significantly improved our site and ICT facilities. We are particularly pleased with the refurbishment of the main hall which now has professional lighting, projection facilities and retractable</p>	<p>Contact: Headteacher: Mr Richard Hudson Telephone: 01491 612691 Fax: 01491 612951 office.4082@icknield.oxon.sch.uk</p>

<p>seating for 220 people.</p> <p>Most importantly, for the third year in a row Icknield Community College has achieved its best ever exam results at GCSE and Key Stage 3.</p> <p>At GCSE 63% of students achieved 5 A*-C grades, a 13% improvement on 2004. 97% of the year group achieved 5 A*-G grades. 15 students achieved at least 5+ A*/A grades. Every student was successful in GCSE English, Mathematics and Science. Results in Key Stage 3 English and Science were above county target grades, whilst in Maths we achieved the county target grade. We were particularly pleased that more students achieved Level 6+ than in previous years. There was a striking 16% improvement in English to 83%. This reflects our Specialist School status in the Humanities, as English is our lead subject. Please come and visit us and see the school at work.</p>	
<p>Watlington Library is a vital part of the community. Membership is free. Up to date printed and on-line reference materials are available. A wide range of videos and DVDs can be hired as well as audio books and language packs. There are books on almost any subject and what is not in stock can be requested. Visit the library and you can make photocopies, access the web or simply browse through hundreds of titles.</p>	<p>Contact: Watlington Library, 35 High Street, Watlington, Oxfordshire OX49 5PZ watlington.library@ oxfordshire.gov.uk</p>
<p>Watlington Primary School - Parent Teachers Association is a dynamic group of like-minded people who give up their time and energies to raise funds for the school and promote the relationship between parents, teachers and the local community. We work hard but have fun in the process! All parents of children in the Primary School are welcomed by the PTA.</p>	<p>Contact: Tim Hirst, c/o Watlington Primary School, Love Lane, Watlington</p> <p>Tel: 01491 612474</p>
<p>Watlington Pre-School established over 35 years ago, provides early years education for 2½ to 5 year olds. Our highly qualified staff aim to make pre-school a warm and welcoming experience, giving a strong foundation for the future. Sessions have a high adult/child ratio (1:6) and are available to suit individual needs, including optional lunches.</p>	<p>Contact: Jenny Geggus, 13 St Leronards Close, Watlington, OX49 5PQ</p>

<p>Watlington Primary School aims to unlock children’s potential in all aspects of learning and prepare children to become good citizens in the twenty-first century. Our school is set in a beautiful location with extensive play areas and we share the site with Icknield Community College. There is a bright, well equipped foundation stage area which was described as ‘outstandingt’ by Ofsted. There are nine other classrooms, two libraries and a multi purpose room for KS1 and KS2 children. The school was judged to be “outstanding” by Ofsted in 2008. In 2005 we achieved Healthy Schools status and achieved an Artsmark Gold award. In 2008 we collected the International Schools award. We are an ‘Investor in People’ school. Headteacher: Angela Briggs</p>	<p>Contact: Jane Fowler, School Business Manager, Watlington Primary School, Love Lane, Watlington OX49 5RB Tel: 01491 612474. Fax: 01491 613313 : office.2459@watlington.oxon.sch.uk</p>
<p>Rainbow Corner Day Nursery is a community run group providing high quality care & education for children 2 months - 5 years. Some limited before and after-school care. Qualified staff (ratio of 1-3 for under 2 year olds and a ratio of 1-6 for 2 – 7 year olds); Meals are cooked on the premises by our nursery cook; Good quality toys / educational equipment.</p>	<p>Contact: Debbie Hemmins, or Sandra Hope Tel: 01491 613923 rainbowcorner@btconnect.com</p>
<p>Chunky Monkeys Parent and Toddler Group Every Thursday during term time. St Leonards Church Hall. 10.00 - 12.00. Fun free play session for pre-school children, including bouncy castle, ride on toys, climbing frame, baby area, play dough, puzzles, craft activities and more. Story and song time, refreshments provided. Under 1 year £1.50, over 1’s £3.00, siblings 50p. Just turn up or contact Kerry for more details.</p>	<p>Contact: Kerry Tel: 01865 891982 kerry.chunkymonkeys@hotmail.co.uk</p>
<p>Second Watlington Scout Group is part of The Scout Association, a uniformed movement for young people, and we currently have over forty boys invested, aged between six and thirteen years and five leaders, all voluntary. The Scout Hut is in the Memorial Club car park.. Beaver Scouts, six to eight years, meet on Mondays at 4pm and spend an action-packed hour of fun whilst working for badges with occasional outings and visits. Cub Scouts, eight to ten years meet on Wednesdays, 6.15-7.30 pm and often enjoy the outdoors on Watlington Hill as well as following a busy, progressive</p>	<p>Contact: Group Scout Leader, Adam Clayton or his wife Jo, Beaver Scout Leader 5 Watlington Road, Shirburn, Watlington, OX49 5DR, Tel: 01491 612210 adam@ajbc.fsnet.co.uk</p>

<p>badgework programme. Scouts, ten to fourteen years, meet on Mondays, 6.30-8pm to learn camping and survival skills whilst continuing with badgework. Boys can be put on the Beaver waiting list from their fifth birthday.</p>	
<p>Watlington After School Club (WASPS) provides wrap around care for children between 4 and 11 who attend Watlington Primary School. It encompasses breakfast, after school and holiday clubs. A wide range of activities are on offer from art and crafts, sport, Playstation, table football, to board games, videos and books. The sessions are run by highly qualified and dedicated staff and greatly enjoyed by the children.</p>	<p>Contact: WASPS, c/o Watlington Primary School, Love Lane, Watlington. Tel: 01491 613598</p>
<p>Ridgeway U3A. The University of the Third Age is a national organization for retired and semi-retired people to get together and discuss their mutual interests. The Committee organise a monthly meeting with a speaker, which has always been very popular so far. Please come and join us.</p>	<p>Contact: Millie Gardner Tel: 01491 614002 : patwalton@btconnect.com</p>