



FOR UNIVERSITY STAFF

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SEMINARS

There is no Wednesday seminar this week

FRIDAY SEMINAR

This week's Friday seminar organised by the OCDEM Senior Academic Faculty will be a talk on "**Mechanisms of Monogenic Renal Tubule Disorders**" by Charlotte Philpott. The talk will begin promptly at 1pm in the Robert Turner Lecture Theatre and sandwiches for those attending will be available from 12:45



CHRISTMAS DEADLINES 2017- THIS WEEKS DEADLINE

In order to meet the dates set by the University Finance Division the following are the internal OCDEM deadlines for Christmas

TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

All **Barclaycard statements, spreadsheets and supporting documents** must be with Karen Parish by close of business on Tuesday 12th December.

Friday 15th December

Purchasing will shut down from Friday 15th December until Tuesday 2nd January so please make sure you place orders in advance to ensure you have everything you need to cover this close down period.

Please remember to sign and date (in ink!!) delivery/goods received notes on receipt of goods and get them to the Finance Section as soon as possible – preferably on the same day the goods are received.



Due to popular demand Pippin Doughnuts are doing a last delivery for 2017. They will be delivered on Thursday and the flavours this month are as follows:

Mixed Berry Jam

Vanilla custard

Chocolate

Passion fruit curd

Apple, blackberry and custard

Cinnamon and brown sugar

Chocolate orange (like giant Jaffa cake)

Xmas doughnut (cinnamon ring, orange glaze, pistachio, cranberries and ginger on top)

Mulled plum jam

The price is £1.10 per doughnut. If you/your group wants to put in an order can you please provide Karen Parish with the details by 10 am tomorrow (Tuesday) along with the relevant money. Admin will take delivery of the doughnuts on the day.

Note that you could win a voucher for 12 doughnuts if you enter the OCDEM Christmas raffle – so if you haven't bought your tickets yet then see Karen Parish.

OCDEM CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A big thank you to Ruth Coleman for organising the OCDEM Christmas lunch which was held last week.

BEST DECORATED OFFICE /BRING A PLATE LUNCH AND QUIZ

Don't forget this Wednesday is the best decorated office competition. Judging will kick off at 10 and the judges are all looking forward to seeing all the OCDEM creative skills and also I am sure would appreciate a few wee treats on their way round..... It is also the OCDEM Bring a Plate Lunch and Quiz. Please sign up to the food schedule in the Kitchen.

OCDEM FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT



On Saturday 82 children attended the OCDEM Peter Pan Christmas Event. This year OCDEM staff were joined by staff from Experimental Medicine and Investigative Medicine and from all the smiles on the children's' faces the event was a great success. To put on such an event it requires a lot of time and it could not be done without the help and support from family and friends with a lot of the work going on in the background outside of working hours. This year it hit home to us how much work is required as we had lost one of our founder helpers and luckily other family members, friends and colleagues helped out and we very much appreciate this.

A big thank you as always to Rachel Mullins who although retired from the department last year has been planning this event since the summer. It is down to her the info café area looks so fantastic and the cast all had such amazing costumes. Thank you also to her husband Paul who came in on Saturday 2nd of December and spent all day helping decorate. He then came back in on the 9th helping with the set-up, event itself and tidying up afterwards. Also thank you to her daughter Lucy who helped tidy up after the event.



Big thank you to Karen Parish aka Peanut. Karen has given up her last 2 weekends to assist organise this event. The highlight of the decorating weekend was when Karen recalled her days in the Guides and made the rope ladder in the Pirates area assisted by Paul. Karen has also been extremely busy with the OCDEM Christmas Raffle ensuring that this is the biggest raffle we have ever had with all proceeds going to Sobell. If you haven't got your tickets yet then see Karen as the draw will take place on Tuesday morning.



Karen roped her husband Chris into helping and he was there early on Saturday helping set everything up and making the coffee. He then put on his costume and spent the afternoon in Santas grotto and kindly helped tidy up after the event

The newest member of the A Team Karla Taylor and her other half Dennis got into the spirit of things on Saturday 2nd of December and helped with the decorating of the info café area.



Thank you to Den Carter who helped set up the grotto on Friday 8th of December and who has been instrumental in getting a lot of the prizes for the raffle along with ensuring that the list of jobs which Bosslady had created for things which had to be done for the event were completed. Also thank you to Leanne Hodson who helped decorate on Saturday 2nd of December.



Sandy Humphreys came out of retirement and was also part of the team who transformed the info café area on Saturday 2nd of December. She then appeared in OCDEM in her new uniform on Saturday 9th to serve mulled wine to the adults and helped tidy up at the end. Her husband Bob also helped out by taking some photographs. Big thanks to both of them.



Peter Pan aka Emma Hoornaert, OCDEM's own crocodile (Vibe) and Nana the dog (Cat) were on hand to greet everyone as they arrived at the party. Emma's sister Sally also joined us on the day and was Santa's helper in the Grotto. All their help with the set up and tidying up is very much appreciated



Two members from the Investigative Medicine/Experimental Medicine HR Team joined us on the day. Julia was kept extremely busy face painting and Maria helped Sandy with the mulled wine and also helped the elves in Santa's grotto. Julia's dad very kindly helped sell raffle tickets on the day.



A big thank you to Grace Yu who volunteered to take on the role of photographer in the Grotto this year. Photographing 82 children with Santa is no small task and we very much appreciate her agreeing to do this.

Thank you to Ben McCarthy from the very north of Scotland who very kindly stepped in and produced the video which has been running in the info café area and also the video which was running on the day in the North End of the Lecture Theatre.



Some of the cast on the day

Merry Christmas Everyone from the Peter Pan Cast and Helpers

OCDEM RAFFLE

Prizes:-

Chromebook 360	£20 Amazon voucher	Ceramic knife set	Cuddly toys
Bottles of champagne	Bottles of whisky	Bottles of wine	Bottles of prosecco
Boxes of biscuits	Voucher for doughnuts	Chocolates	Balloon modelling kit
Cards to colour	Things to make and do	Decorative plaque	Mini LED lantern
Patterned lanyard	Hand warmers	Back pack	Memory sticks
Beakers/spoons	Memo pads/post-its	Clock	Mugs
Umbrellas	Xmas towels	Perfume dispenser	Xmas oven glove
Pen and pencil set	Photo album	Royal Jelly set	Key ring
Splatter face game	Mumbo Jumbo game	Loopy Lenses game	Mad Scientist activity set

Tickets 50p each or £2 for a strip of 5 tickets

Please see Karen Parish for tickets

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TO SOBELL HOUSE
HOSPICE**

DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE

10:30 TUESDAY 12TH DECEMBER

OCDEM SENIOR ACADEMIC FACULTY



Friday Seminar Series:

A sign-up form for Hilary term is now up on the board outside the kitchen.

Priority has been given to final year students for confirmation of status talks, so all other graduate students are invited to sign up to give updates for their projects. Any other staff members are also invited to give an update for research projects they are currently working or are planning to embark

The Science Transit Shuttle has seen considerable growth this year, expanding into an additional route of ST3 Wytham –University Club -JR Hospital. We are now carrying around 1500 passengers per week!

Please note the shuttle does not operate during the University Administration Service closure dates, it will run up to and including 21 December 2017 and will start operating again on 3 January 2018.

From 5 January 2018 we will commence charging on the ST3 route. As a University card user this means your Department will now be recharged for your travel on this route as for all other travel on the shuttle. However, all staff and students of Zoology and Experimental Psychology will continue to travel for free on ST2 and ST3 routes by scanning their University card, provided they have registered online using "Tinbergen" as a cost code.

Departmental recharging rates remain frozen at 2016 prices at £2.80 per journey on the ST1 Harwell route and £1.40 per journey on the ST2 Old Road Campus and ST3 Wytham-JR Hospital routes.

We value your input and use it to improve our service, which has resulted in the following being introduced in 2018:

- a new public bus stop on Mansfield Road outside University Club
- a stop in St Clements on the ST2 route
- introducing e-ticketing

We are currently in the process of securing the funding for the period July 2018 – July 2019. The shuttle remains a heavily subsidised operation from the University and the Science and Technology Facilities Council.

Please see the [Science Shuttle website](#) for more information