



TITHE FARM & LADYGROVE NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2005



Welcome to the December newsletter, and a Merry Christmas to all Tithe Farm and Ladygrove residents. In this edition, we hope to be able to give you some useful information, including the extremely complex refuse and recycling collection arrangements. Due to the Christmas and New Year festivities, the January newsletter will be slightly delayed and will probably not appear until after the first week in January.

Abbey Meadows Outdoor Pool. Probably the last thing you want to think about in this wintry weather is jumping into an outdoor swimming pool, but, as you may already know, the outdoor pool has been saved from permanent closure and will re-open in the summer. It shows what can be done if people get together and mount a concerted campaign. Are you pleased the pool has been saved, annoyed about the cost or maybe you couldn't care less! Why not write to the newsletter and let us know.

A Message from the Senior Citizens

A big thank you to T.F.L.R.A. members for their generous contribution to the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party in the Jephson Flats. We wish everyone a very happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Waste and Recycling Collections - Christmas and New Year

Normal Collection

Mon 26 Dec
Thur 29 Dec
Mon 2 Jan
Thur 5 Jan
Mon 9 Jan
Thur 12 Jan

Will be collected on

Wed 28 Dec
Sat 31 Dec
Wed 4 Jan
Sat 7 Jan
Tue 10 Jan
Fri 13 Jan

BUS NEWS

Although Councillors Badcock only received 3 answers to the survey published in the October Newsletter, other things are happening on the bus front. A petition has already collected 250 signatures. There has been a meeting between Councillors Fear and Legge and Stagecoach. More news next month.

Old Gaol Over 100 people attended the public meeting on November 9th to discuss future plans for the Old Gaol. Several ideas were put forward. Young people wanted a bowling alley and cinema. Other ideas included craft workshops and an M.G. museum. There will be further meetings and hopefully we will have an update in the next newsletter

My own children love these books and therefore benefit themselves from having a everchanging book box to dip into as well as the fun of playing with toys and making new friends as I travel around Abingdon.

If you are interested in buying Usborne Books or holding a party yourself, please contact me on 533861.

Jane

Family tree 4

I have mentioned the internet in connection with family tree research, and this is indeed a valuable resource, as is, of course, the computer itself when it comes to record keeping. Many computer programs are available to keep such records, although you may find that a spread sheet and word processing program are quite sufficient. (My full tree is actually drafted out on an old roll of wallpaper!)

The best known site is the extremely comprehensive Cyndi's list (www.cyndislist.com) which is a link to thousands of sites and a very useful starting point. Do not be put off by the fact that this is an American site. Similarly www.genuki.org.uk is a gateway to many helpful sources. Becoming more popular is www.Ancestry.co.uk which, although charging an annual subscription fee, does give free access to all the censuses from 1851 to 1901 as well as many other records, and a free two week trial is available.

I have already mentioned www.FamilySearch.org which has the whole of the 1881 census on line, together with several other databases, and www.1837online.com which gives access to all Birth, Marriage and Death records.

Genes Reunited (www.genesreunited.co.uk) is also a very useful site, run along similar lines to Friends Reunited, where you enter details of your family tree and these can be viewed by people around the world. I found an Australian branch of my family via this route.

Finally I also found a long lost cousin by joining a mailing list relating to Southampton, my home town. Details of such lists are available via either Cyndi's List or Genuki and by joining a list you can contact many others with knowledge of your area, exchange notes and details, and indeed may come across someone researching your own ancestors as I did.

Martin Gulliver

PANTOMIME

ABINGDON DRAMA CLUB presents **THE PRINCE AND THE MERMAID**, a pantomime by Eileen Bagshawe, at the **UNICORN THEATRE**, Medieval Abbey Buildings, Abingdon. Fri 13th to Sat 14th and Thur 19th to Sat 21st January at 7.30 p.m. and matinees Sat 14th, Sun 15th and Sat 21st at 2.30 p.m. Tickets: £6.00 (concessions £5.00) from Dawsons Music or from Ticketline 01235 524538.

This month's quiz consists of anagrams of pop and rock groups from the 1960s to the present day. "The" is not included, e.g. HOW = The Who. Send your answers to Eleanor at 23, Masefield by Wednesday 14th Dec. This may be your lucky month!

- 1) BABY ECHOS _____
- 2) SQUAT TO US _____
- 3) SAD SHOW _____
- 4) PL ZIP NEEDLE _____
- 5) DEALS _____
- 6) K. SKIN _____
- 7) GIRL NOT ON LESS _____
- 8) LAST BEE _____
- 9) SILLY BOY CRATER _____
- 10) CURL UP OR HAM _____
- 11) R PIG SLICES _____
- 12) OH DEAR, IDA _____
- 13) MR ACE _____
- 14) CLASS F MALE _____
- 15) GEE, I LOVE LP, PAL _____
- 16) OH, THE COOL CAT _____
- 17) FLIP DONKY _____
- 18) O, CHOSEN PRIEST _____
- 19) WE RESIST PITH _____
- 20) IT'S CRACK MONEY _____

November Quiz answers and winner

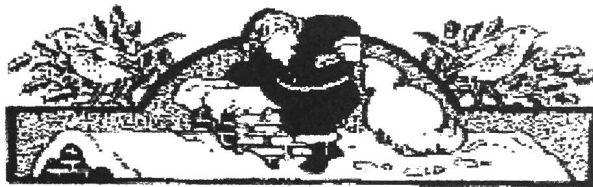
Last month's quiz was won by Bernard Green of Mill Road. Here are the answers:

- 1)PINE 2)EDAM 3)MARK 4)KIRK 5)KEEP 6)PAWN 7)NUTS 8)STAR 9)ROSE 10)EAST 11)TRAP
12)POLO 13)OMEN 14)NORM 15)MERE 16)EGGS 17)SENT
18)TORY 19)YEWS 20)SKID

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tonight's the time for Santa Claus
But we can only guess
How "Father C" comes down our flue
And never makes a mess
But then, with Yulelogs blazing on the fire
Will leaping flames cause Santa to retire?!!
He's very wise! At least I'm hopin'
He'll look around & find the front door open!

Sam Kirkwood



A Christmas Crime Reduction Message



DON'T LET THEM DO THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN YOUR STREET

Beware of doorstep sellers, cold calling in the area. Householders are advised to say "no" and close the door. Those living alone and the elderly should use the door chain or bar. Stickers stating "We do not buy or sell at this door" are available from the police station.

There have been incidents of vandalism in Wordsworth Road in the evenings. Anybody with information please contact the police (if in progress 999) or 08458 505 505 if you have any information or 0800 555111 anonymously.

ROUNDAABOUT AT THE END OF MILL ROAD

Several residents approached Councillors Badcock about the possibility of cross hatching at this roundabout to prevent the exit from Mill Road being blocked at busy periods . They received the following reply from the Principal Traffic Technician :-

I refer to your telephone conversation with Brian Short on 6 September 2005 regarding the above subject.

All traffic signs (includes road markings) must be in accordance with the current Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (SI 2002 No. 3113) which prescribe the designs and conditions of use for traffic signs to be lawfully placed on or near roads in England, Scotland and Wales. The directions do not permit the use of yellow box markings at roundabouts unless traffic entering the box is controlled by signals at all times. I appreciate that there are instances where the marking has been laid incorrectly.

However, I have made arrangements for the existing markings at the roundabout to be refreshed including the repositioning of the circulatory arrows and the addition of a 'KEEP CLEAR' marking in line with the exit from Mill Road.

If you require further information or wish to discuss the matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely Lee J Turner (Principal Traffic Technician)

Books for All

As a mum of two small children, I have been looking for a way to challenge myself until I return to work when my youngest son starts school. An ex-teacher, I have also worked for the Careers Service and a national charity. I needed something that was flexible, preferably working from home, fitting in with my husband's shifts and that would enable me to take the children with me. A pretty tall order!

Then a friend of mine suggested selling Usborne Books. Usborne produce excellent books for 0-11 year olds, from bath books for babies to books that late junior school children can use at school. Fiction and non-fiction alike, there are even books that are Internet -linked. Books for younger children are bright and colourful with interesting pictures and age appropriate vocabulary. Toddlers will love stories about farmyard animals, learning about trucks and trains or even new experiences such as going to the doctor or having a new baby. For older children, there are lots of books showing them how to make castles, do magic tricks or find out about History.

Consequently I have started going along to toddler groups or fundraising events to sell these books. If a certain percentage of books are sold, the toddler group itself benefits by receiving free books. The same happens if someone decides to hold a book party at home. I can come along to show and talk about the books, everyone has a fun evening and the host can end up with free books for his or her own children.

Councillors' Surgeries
Peter and/or Hilary Green – 2nd Saturday of the month 10 – 11.15a.m. Jephson Common Room.

Mike and Marilyn Badcock 1st Saturday of the month in the Family Room, Abingdon Conservative Club, Ock Street.

**Date of the next TFLRA Committee Meeting –
Wednesday 14th December 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room.
Deadline for items for the next newsletter – Sunday 28th December 2005**

Contact us – items for publication:
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FOR SALE - Bedroom Furniture. 3 drawer chest, 3 drawer dressing table, 2x 3 drawer bedside tables. £45 o.n.o.

Round wooden dining table, seats 4-6. Opens to seat 6-8. ~~£35~~ o.n.o.
Tel: 01235 550858

Something Special

You are invited to come and view my exquisite jewellery collection. - A beautiful treat for yourself or as a gift. Come and choose "Something Special" from a wide range of necklaces, bracelets, earrings and more, that you are sure to love! Plus handbags. All items purchased are available to take home from the party.

I look forward to seeing you there!

Date: 29/11/05

Time: 8p.m.

Place: Jephson Common Room

Jackie Harrington

CLEANING / IRONING - Do you need help with ironing and/or basic housework? If so, call Abingdon 526 512 for more information.

The Committee and Editorial Team



wish you all a very

Happy Christmas

