

# THE FARM & LADYGROVE NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2006

**Welcome** to the February newsletter. We hope that there will be something to interest everyone in this edition. I would like to say a big thank you to the two residents who phoned, offering to deliver newsletters. Without this help, the newsletter could not continue.

**Councillors' surgery** Lilian Barry sent us a report of the January Councillors' surgery held in the Jephson Common Room with Peter Green.

- 1) The bus shelter in Drayton Road has been vandalised again. Peter is going to ask for the window panels and roof to be repaired.
- 2) Eleven dropped kerbs need to be placed at various points to enable disabled people with motorised vehicles easy access.
- 3) The open air swimming pool will be opened on the Spring Bank Holiday at the end of May. Funds will last for five years, but after that, it will close unless fund raising events can be arranged. So, use it or lose it!
- 4) The footpath to Tesco's. When the residential building opposite the hospital is opened, there may be funds known as "planning gains", which could fund improvements to the footpath.
- 5) A number of events are planned for the coming year, including the traditional bun throwing. 2006 is an important year for Abingdon, as it is the 450<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the granting of the Charter.

**Abingdon Hospital** You may have read in the local newspapers of the possibility of the closure of in patient services at Abingdon Hospital. This would be part of a county wide restructuring of community hospitals, but there would be a "full public consultation" first. If you are concerned by these proposals, why not write to the newsletter with your views.

**Save Radley Lakes** Don't forget the "Save Radley Lakes" campaign. You may remember reading in the summer about the proposal by RWE Npower to fill the two remaining lakes with pulverised fuel ash. You may have signed a petition or written to the County Council. RWE Npower withdrew their original application, but will shortly be resubmitting it, so the campaign continues. Find out more by visiting [www.saveradleylakes.org.uk](http://www.saveradleylakes.org.uk) or contact me on 531 857 to be put in touch with the campaign.

**Eleanor Dangerfield**

**Clean Up the Neighbourhood!** There will be a litter pick on the path to Tesco on **Saturday 11th February at 2p.m.** We decided to try an afternoon one this time, as this is more convenient for some people. February is a good time for litter picking, when the vegetation has died back. Gloves, bags and litter pickers will be lent by the Vale Council and we will also supply hot drinks and biscuits. If possible, phone Eleanor on 531 857 if you can come so we will know approximate numbers. If the weather is terrible, it will be postponed.

## Family tree 6

In this final piece I thought I would bring together all the ideas I have suggested by explaining how my own Family Tree was brought to life.

My interest was first aroused when an Aunt of mine in my home town, Southampton showed me two large family Bibles, a folder full of certificates and a wealth of anecdotes. She had already started making a few notes and she passed these on to me so I was able to jot down a partial tree. I had nothing further back in my own line than my Great Grandfather so I then popped into Abingdon library to browse the Family History section, not really knowing what I was looking for. By coincidence a member of the local Family History Society was sitting at the desk and he offered his assistance, and was able to research the 1881 census for me, tracking down my Great Grandfather and his immediate family.

I then went up to Oxford library to search through the microfiche records there and found the record of my Great Grandfather's birth and ordered a copy of the certificate. This confirmed the census details and I was back to the mid 1800s.

Via the internet I joined a Southampton genealogy mailing list, and several people there were able to look up details for me in the local library. This list also brought me into contact with long lost cousins in Leicestershire and Australia, who gave me details of descendants of my Great Grandfather's siblings. Thus my family expanded and I was soon able to piece together a wide tree with nearly 150 relations.

I hope these articles will encourage others to delve into the past with similar success and, if nothing else, discover how our ancestors lived.

Start now before it's too late!

**Martin Gulliver**

### Your Garden in February...

...is not as quiet as you might think! This is often the coldest month of the year however, so is a good time to plan changes in the garden order seed catalogues and plan the coming year. If the weather is fine enough to get out, general tidying up after the recent severe frosts is a good idea – cut off dead leaves and firm in any plants lifted by the frost. Once tidy, scatter some fertilizer around to perk things up. (better still mulch with compost if you have any). Avoid walking on frosted lawns as it kills the grass

It is still OK to plant shrubs, trees, fruit bushes providing the ground is not too wet. As snowdrops come into growth, now is an ideal time to split them up if they are overcrowded. Also make a note of where bulbs are showing so that (a) you can fill any gaps in August/September and (b) you can avoid spearing them with a fork when planting out in the summer.

If you grow veggies, put some polythene down to warm up the soil for sowing later and get the shallots in now.

Cold Greenhouse? Pot up some strawberry plants now and bring them in – with luck you'll be picking strawberries before Wimbledon! **Martin Gulliver**



**J E P H S O N**  
HOUSING ASSOCIATION GROUP

## **Gardener/Cleaner**

**Bridges Close and Wordsworth Road  
Tithe Farm Estate, Abingdon  
3 hours gardening / 2 hours cleaning per week  
(hours flexible)  
£5.50/£6 per hour depending on experience**

Duties include maintaining the gardens and light cleaning, ensuring a high level of cleanliness in the communal lounge and laundry.

This job is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau Standard Disclosure check.

For an application pack please call our recruitment line on 01454 204030 or email [southwestjobs@jephson.org.uk](mailto:southwestjobs@jephson.org.uk) Minicom users can contact us on 0800 731 9549. No CVs please. Please quote reference 228.

Closing date 9.00 am / first post on 20 February.

Interviews will be held in Abingdon.

The Jephson Housing Group comprises Jephson Homes Housing Association Ltd,  
Jephson Housing Association Ltd (a charity)  
and Marches Housing Association Ltd (a charity).

We are an equal opportunities employer.

## **MUSIC EVENT**

sat 4th march @ 8.00pm the **INFLATABLES** will be playing a selection of

### **Ska and reggae music**

at Abingdon united f.c. entry is by ticket only at just **£5**

any profits from this event will be donated to charity

for more information and/or tickets please call

**Alan or Kirsty on Ab 550072 after 3.30pm**

## February Quiz - Red, White and Blue

This month's quiz has 10 clues containing the word red, 10 containing the word white and 10 containing the word blue. Send your answers to Eleanor at 23, Masefield Crescent by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

- Red** - 1) Flower of Lancaster \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) No other colour will do for Mick Hucknall \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Soviet soldiers \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Military policeperson \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Late champion horse \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Viking explorer \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Chris de Burgh's dancing partner \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Flag of the merchant fleet \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Giant tree of the western U.S. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Is this butterfly a big cheese at sea? \_\_\_\_\_

- White** - 1) The fairest of them all? \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Late bunny led Alice a dance \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Where we live \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Brassicas beware! \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Flower of York \_\_\_\_\_ 6) Untruth to spare feelings \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Procol Harum's famous colour \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Useless object to you but could be wanted by others \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Landmark celebrated by Vera Lynn \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Government policy report \_\_\_\_\_

- Blue** - 1) Noble lineage \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Unexpectedly \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) SAD syndrome? \_\_\_\_\_ 4) Female intellectual \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Serial wife killer of fairytales \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Elvis's favourite footwear \_\_\_\_\_ 7) Largest mammal \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Rowers and political parties want plenty behind them! \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Children's programme about to depart? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) The other option is the devil \_\_\_\_\_

# SEA CADETS

Abingdon Unit 614

Crabtree Place

Abingdon>

## A Registered Charity Our Aims:

"The Sea Cadet Movement is a national youth charity based on the traditions and customs of the Royal Navy. Uniformed and disciplined, the Sea Cadets provide young people from 10 - 18 years with life skills of teamwork, self-respect and social responsibility- the core qualities of good citizenship."

**MEETINGS: TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS TEL: (01235) 523600**



## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Tithe Farm and Lady Grove



Have you made your New Year's Resolution yet?

How about doing something for your community? It doesn't involve much work, and could save you money on your home insurance.

Neighbourhood Watch volunteers are needed in your area – if you would like to get involved please give us a call

We would like people to register at the police station to get information about crime trends and other incidents of note in your area. We would like people to pass messages round to their near neighbours, and to set up small schemes.

**If you would like to get involved, please contact  
Anne Barber, Abingdon Police Station on 01235 556938 or email  
[anne.barber@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:anne.barber@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)**

**Councillors' Surgeries**

**Peter and/or Hilary Green – 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10 – 11.15a.m. Jephson Common Room.**

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

**Date of the next TFLRA Committee Meeting –  
Wednesday 8th February 2006 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room.  
Deadline for items for the next newsletter – Wednesday 15th February 2006**

**Contact us – items for publication:**

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**NEW SECTION**

We are now starting an announcement section so let us know about the births , marriages and deaths on Tithe Farm aand Ladygrove please forward them to [tithefarm2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tithefarm2@yahoo.co.uk)

**FOR SALE**

2 Rabbit Hutches - one £20 and one £15.

Indoor rabbit cage - £25

2 cat carriers £5 each

Large wicker dog basket £20. .

Phone Julie on 01235 524567 for further details

**Local Bus Timetable**

**TOWN CENTRE-MARCHAM ROAD-PRESTON ROAD-CALDECOTT RD-TOWN CENTRE A3**

Abingdon West St Helens	08.15	09.40	10.40	11.40	12.40	13.40	14.40	15.40	16.40
Marcham Road Tesco		09.42	10.42	11.42	12.42	13.42	14.42	15.42	16.42
Marcham Road Hospital	08.22	09.47	10.47	11.47	12.47	13.47	14.47	15.47	16.47
Preston Road	08.24	09.49	10.49	11.49	12.49	13.49	14.49	15.49	16.49
Cotman Close	08.26	09.51	10.51	11.51	12.51	13.51	14.51	15.51	16.51
Caldecott Road	08.29	09.53	10.53	11.53	12.53	13.53	14.53	15.53	16.53
Abingdon West St Helens	08.32	09.57	10.57	11.57	12.57	13.57	14.57	15.57	16.57