

# Tithe Farm and Ladygrove Newsletter

## January 2005

**Welcome** to the first newsletter of the New Year, and a belated Happy New Year to everybody. The refuse and green box collections are back to normal, so I hope you found the information about Christmas and New Year collections useful. If you did put your bin/box out on the wrong day, you haven't been reading your newsletter properly, so go to the back of the class. We hope 2005 will bring the long promised playground equipment, fewer trolleys in the Ock and less litter. On the subject of litter, see below for the date of the next assault on the rubbish on the Tesco footpath and surrounding areas. If you have anything on your wish-list to do with the estate or Abingdon in general, why not let us know in the newsletter? The new traffic lights are up and running, but they've left a terrible quagmire at the end of Masefield and Coleridge. I suppose the grass will eventually grow back. What are your views (if any) on the new traffic lights? Do you find them useful, particularly if you or your children are pedestrians needing to cross at that point, or useless or a nuisance if you are a motorist?



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**Alien visitors on Tithe Farm?**

Recently, my dog has been behaving strangely: growling in the kitchen and dashing through the dog flap as if chasing something out of the house.

I found the answer when took him for a walk last week. We walked though the park on Masfield Crescent and in to the field beyond. There I stumbled upon - a crop circle of obvious extra-terrestrial construction - two concentric circles surrounded by sticks.

So - my problem is solved: aliens have landed in Tithe Farm and my dog has been guarding the house from them. That is unless you know otherwise?

**Your Correspondent from the Field**

*Allan Huggins*

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Steve set up a web group [southabingdon@yahoo.com](mailto:southabingdon@yahoo.com). gone fairly quiet. It is very immediate way for sharing (already) it could produce results, both in bringing the site newsletter. Just a thought. Alastair

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The start of the year might also be a good time to set up a standing order for charities near at home .  
On the railings by the Market Place you may have noticed the sign for the newly started group:  
Abingdon Charities Working Together. Its website is <http://www.acwt.org.uk>

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## **Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir – Jan 2005 Press Release**

Having had another successful year, the Oxford Male Voice Choir are now compiling their calendar for 2005. The highlights of the year have already been scheduled and will include their annual St. David's Day Concert in February and a major festival concert at Oxford's Sheldonian Theatre in October.

St. David's Day Concert – will be on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February at the Wesley Memorial Church, New Inn Hall Street, Oxford. The format this year will feature soloists and duets, as well as the usual repertoire from the choir, while encouraging audience participation in much of the singing. It will be similar to what is known in Wales as Cymanfa ganu.

Sheldonian Theatre Concert – will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October. An Anglo-Welsh Choirs Festival, comprising 4 other choirs, plus the Oxford Welsh MVC, totalling 150 choristers drawn from well-known English and Welsh choirs, presenting a programme of popular male voice pieces plus other artistes.

In addition, by popular demand, arrangements are in hand for joint concerts with Abbey Brass. These concerts will be held in Abingdon and repeated in Wallingford. Dates will be confirmed early in 2005, when details will also be available of a CD being recorded, featuring the choir with the band.

For further information or advance ticket requests, call 01869 331245. The choir can also be booked for private concerts, weddings, funerals or to boost your fund raising events by calling 0160 683463

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### **Which is our closest church?**

Since there is no church building on our estate (or even in South Abingdon), a couple of us started discussing, which is our nearest church: St Michael's, Trinity, or St Helens. (We discounted the chapels in the cemetery for obvious reasons.)

St Helens would be closest for people living towards Wilsham Road, but not for us on our side of the Drayton Road. For us it was between St Michael's and Trinity.

As the crow flies, St Michael's has it by about 25 metres, but we are not crows and usually use the public highway. We then inevitably get stuck in traffic, particularly at 10:15 on a Sunday morning, when not only is church just about to start, but also Tesco and the shops on the trading estate are opening for business. Perhaps we should not be measuring closeness in distance, but time taken. All of a sudden Drayton Baptist church comes in to the reckoning....

Anyway, if you can't make it to any of these churches and would like to know what's going on at least one of them, trinity has a new website: <http://trinityabingdon.org.uk/>

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Alastair

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## The Swinging Sixties

For the period until the 13<sup>th</sup> March Abingdon Museum is housing a display with this theme.

If you are new to the estate and have never been in the Museum it is in the County Hall Building- the fine building on stilts in the market place from the roof of which buns have been thrown by the Mayor when there are special celebrations.

This particular exhibition consists largely of objects to do with that era that have been lent by local people. It should be of interest to all- those for whom many of the items look very familiar and also those born more recently.

This was the era of new fashions- Carnaby Street was in its prime. Sandy Shaw and Twiggy were part of the "in crowd". Record covers and magazines from the 60s are on display. There are pictures of a bubble cars and scooters and the new Abingdon shopping precinct.

In the corner there is a film being played of a 1960s BBC report on the election of the Ock Street Mayor. I had not realised that the tradition had come about as a result of a battle between the gentlemen of the Vineyard and those of Ock Street over a horn over 200 years ago. Apparently the victors were the men of Ock Street.

If you have not already been to the exhibition it is worth a quick visit.

**Litter Pick** There will be another volunteer litter pick on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like to take part, meet at 10a.m. by the playground at the back of Chaunterell Way. Gloves, bags and litter picker-uppers will be provided by the Vale Council. Children accompanied by parents are welcome. If the weather is terrible we will put it off until Sunday or another Saturday. For more information, contact Eleanor or Joyce. We think it is worthwhile doing a clear up before the vegetation begins to grow up again, and I'm sure that if there is less litter around, less gets dropped.

## **Business Advertising**

As some readers have commented, there are a lot of advertisements in the newsletter. These are useful both to readers and advertisers, since the newsletter reaches over 500 households, and are essential for helping with printing and other costs. However, we are getting a bit overwhelmed, so we are not accepting any more advertisements for the next few months. We will establish a waiting list so we can give advertisers a slot when one becomes vacant. A number of annual fees fall due within the next two or three months, so we may well have some more space then, if a few advertisers drop out. We will, of course continue to accept private, one-off adverts for items wanted or for sale.

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The green box scheme operates in the same way as it does for other households in the Vale. Therefore the following can all be placed in the boxes and are collected weekly.

- paper (newspapers, flyers, magazines, brochures, catalogues – not hard backed, junk mail and envelopes);
- plastic bottles (if it used to have a cap it can go in the recycling box);
- glass bottles and jars;
- food and drink cans;
- aerosols;
- aluminium foil;
- batteries;
- mobile telephones;
- shoes, clothing and textiles

If you know of a school that would like to take part in the Vale's scheme, please contact the Carole Chapman in the Waste Team at the Vale of White Horse District Council (01235 520202).

**January Quiz – Your Numbers Up!**

Solve the letter and number clues.

Example: 26 L of the A = 26 letters of the Alphabet

- 1) 12 S of the Z \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) 7 W of the AW \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) 9 P in the SS \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) 18 H on a GC \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) 90 D in a RA \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) 8 S on an O \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) 24 H in a D \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) 57 HV \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) 29 D in F in a LY \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) 7 C of the R \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) 64 S on a CB \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) 2 J in a P of C \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) 206 B in the HB \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) 76 T in the BP \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) 7 B for 7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) 20,000 L under the S \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) 4 H of the A \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) 12 K of the RT \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) 15 M on a DMC \_\_\_\_\_
- 20) 22 B on a ST \_\_\_\_\_
- 21) 13 P in a RLT \_\_\_\_\_
- 22) 180 D in a T \_\_\_\_\_
- 23) 10 GBH on the W \_\_\_\_\_
- 24) 3 BM (SHTR) \_\_\_\_\_
- 25) 1 W on a U \_\_\_\_\_

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