

# TITHE FARM & LADYGROVE NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2007

**A Happy New Year** to all Tithe Farm and Ladygrove residents. This edition of the newsletter will arrive a little later than 1<sup>st</sup> January, but it has been Christmas and New Year, after all, plus unforeseen circumstances have delayed publication.

**Drayton Road Traffic Survey** – Two or three more completed surveys have been sent in, bringing the total number to almost 40. The committee would like to thank those who completed the survey for their time and trouble and for the many interesting ideas and comments. These will be passed on to the local councillors, but sadly, the response was not large enough to lend weight to a campaign to improve the situation.

**New House Building** – There has been a planning application for 63 new residential units to be built on the site of the old Renault garage on the Drayton Road. This, of course, will add to the traffic congestion. You may view the planning application on the Vale website ([www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk)) or at the Local Services Point at Abbey House, but representations must be made by 11<sup>th</sup> January.

**Thank you and good luck!** – A very big thank you to James Furze, who has delivered newsletters in Mill Road for the past 18 months. It's great to see a young person volunteering to help the community. James is now moving away with his family. We wish him all the best for the future.

**Councillors' Surgery** – Peter and Hilary Green's Councillors' Surgery, which I flagged up as being on 6<sup>th</sup> January, has now been cancelled. I'm sorry that you probably won't get this information in time. If any resident wishes to go to the Councillors' Surgery in the Jephson Common Room in future, it is probably best to phone first and check – Eleanor (531 857) or the Greens (listed in the phone book).

**Considerate Parking, Please** – There have been some justifiable grumbles about inconsiderate parking. Please could residents who own a number of cars or business vans or taxis think about their neighbours when parking. Elderly or disabled residents may not own a vehicle but need easy access to their front door when being dropped off or picked up by friends, taxis or disabled transport.

**Save Radley Lakes News** – The fight to save Radley Lakes from being filled with waste fuel ash by Npower at Didcot goes on. A bid to designate the area as a Town Green is now under way. To find out more, go to [www.saveradleylakes.org.uk](http://www.saveradleylakes.org.uk)

# Vale of White Horse Photographic Competition

## “Beauty and the Blight”

Are you a keen amateur photographer? You are invited to take a photo of something beautiful or something ugly within the Vale. There are four entry categories – Primary School Age, Secondary School Age, Adult and Group. The closing date is 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007. For more information, go to [www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk) or contact Sarah Curtis, Chair's Office, Abbey House Tel: 01235 547 645.



**FOR SALE**  
**Exercise Bike**  
**Digital Counter**  
**£25 VGC**  
**Call 01235 529 883**

**Growing Old Disgracefully** – You may remember Lilian Barry's poem in the September issue. Well, not content with getting an ASBO, she has continued her antics in a sequel. I will not reveal Lilian's age, but let's just say that, last birthday, she accidentally looked at her cake upside down and was delighted to discover that she was only 68!

I went to a jolly good “knees up” last night.  
One old dear said I looked an awful sight.  
After a few G&Ts at the local pub  
I entertained the folk at the Pensioners' Club.  
Half of them were dozy and the others barely awake  
So I livened them up with home-made cannabis cake.  
Then they were lively and started to laugh and clap.  
With spirits rising, I danced a bit of tap.  
The noise was terrific, they were all nicely stoned,  
Then someone said the police had phoned.  
There was one mad rush to get them quietened down  
So I did the splits, then I saw the warden frown.  
She wrapped her shawl around my knees,  
Then growled, “Your elastic's broken. Make an exit, please.”  
I stepped out of my undies and, with a flair,  
Threw my knickers high up in the air.  
The cops came in and one bloke gripped my arm.  
He said, “Come on, love. You don't mean any harm.  
I'll give you a lift in my lovely brand new car.”  
I'm in a little bed sit now, swigging tea from a copper's jar.

**Calling all poets!** All kinds of poem are welcome – funny, sad, thoughtful, romantic. Your poem may not be printed in the next issue, but we'll find room for it sometime.

**December Quiz Answers and January Quiz** - The winner of the December quiz was M. Lain of Orpwood Way. Here are the answers: When Santa got stuck up the Chimney, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, I saw Mummy kissing Santa Claus, I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas, We Wish you a Merry Christmas, Jingle Bells, Santa Claus is coming to Town, Mistletoe and Wine, The Twelve Days of Christmas, All I want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth, Good King Wenceslas Looked Out, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Silent Night Holy Night, Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, Away in a Manger, Oh come all ye Faithful, Once in Royal David's City, While Shepherds watched their Flocks, We Three Kings of Orient are, The Holly and the Ivy.

**January Quiz – Remember 2006? – Answers to Eleanor, 23 Masefield by 21<sup>st</sup> Jan**

1) Which M.P. made a fool of himself by dressing up as a cat on Celebrity Big Brother?

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2) Who rowed the Atlantic with James Cracknell? \_\_\_\_\_

3) Shelley Rudman won Britain's only medal in the Winter Olympics. For which event?

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4) A whale swam up the Thames but, sadly, could not be saved. What sort of whale was it?

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5) Menzies Campbell won the Lib Dem leadership contest. Who were the other two candidates?

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6) John Profumo died. He was once involved in a scandal that brought down which Prime Minister? \_\_\_\_\_

7) Name the horse that won the 2006 Grand National.

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8) In the World Cup Final, whom did Zinadine Zidane head butt?

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9) Why did an 18 year old Austrian girl, Natascha Kampusch, become famous?

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10) What sort of creature killed Steve Irwin?

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11) Why did the following mnemonic: "My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas" become: "My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Noodles"?

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12) Who was appointed as the next U.N. Secretary General?

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13) Billionaire Steve Wynne gave a very valuable possession the elbow. What was it?

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14) Who became the new James Bond in Casino Royale?

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15) Name John Prescott's secretary, with whom he had a two year affair.

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16) What did David Cameron say we should do to a hoodie?

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## ABINGDON WALKS FOR HEALTH

Why not make it your **NEW YEARS RESOLUTION** to become fit.

Did you know walking ;   **LOWERS BLOOD PRESSURE**  
  **BURNS OFF CALORIES (100 per mile)**  
  **IS GENTLE ON YOUR JOINTS**  
  **MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD**  
  **IMPROVES YOUR IMMUNE SYSTEM**  
  **IS RECOMMENDED BY THE HEART**  
  **FOUNDATION.**  
  **IT'S FREE**

Come and join us on a Wednesday morning 10.30 at the **WHITE HORSE LEISURE CENTRE**, for a gentle stroll or a brisk walk you decide. We are a very friendly group and always have sociable cup of coffee afterwards. Even though this is mainly about being healthy it's also a fun way to meet people.

For further information contact Mair on 01235 201817

### *More Jokes from Sam Kirkwood*

Mr Smith was forever borrowing things without returning them. So, one day when he popped over, his neighbour was ready for him

Mr Smith asked, "Will you be using your power drill today?"

"As a matter of fact I will; all morning", his neighbour answered.

"Great", said Mr Smith, "You won't be needing your golf clubs then."

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"Do you believe in life after death?" the boss asked one of his employees.

"Yes," replied the employee.

"That's OK then," said the boss. "Because while you were at your grandmother's funeral yesterday, she popped in to see you."

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Needing advice on making a will, George went to his solicitor. "What exactly is the procedure?" he asked.

"Leave it to me", the solicitor replied.

"Well", said George, "I knew you'd take a slice, but can't I give something to my children too?"

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**About December.....**If you've been puzzling over the paragraph below last month's quiz, then here is the answer: The paragraph does not contain one single "e" - the most common letter in the English language. Well done if you got it right!

# SAVE RADLEY LAKES QUIZ NIGHT

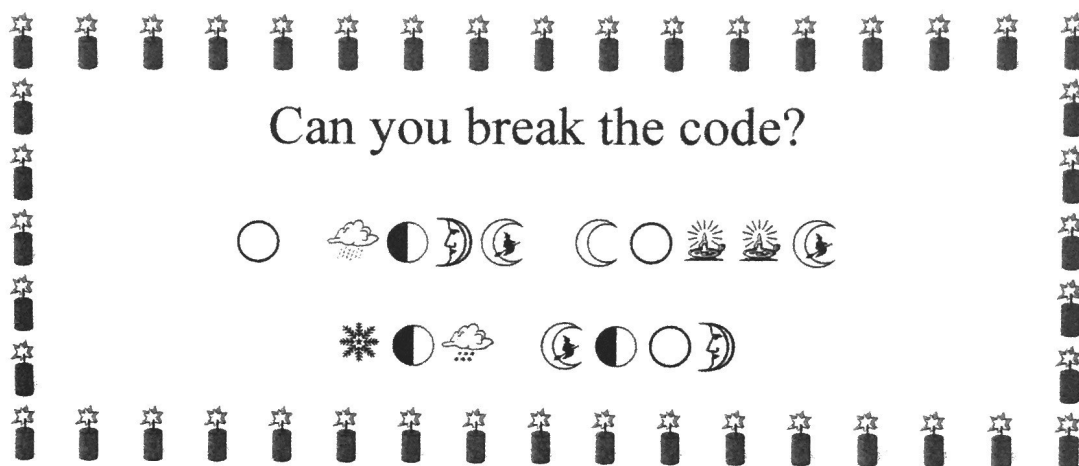
Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 for 8p.m. start  
Radley Village Hall

Teams of 6-8 or join a team when you arrive  
£10 per ticket, includes buffet meal.

Prizes, Raffle, Bar available

For tickets, contact

Marjorie on 530 174 or Eleanor on 531 857



## THE GARDEN IN JANUARY

Now that the excesses of Christmas are out of the way, a quick tour of the garden to dig up any weeds and tidy up after the wind and rain will help clear away the cobwebs. Perennial plants can still be divided, and check any plants that might have been lifted by frost, and firm them back in. Also check ties and support for trees and climbing plants so as to avoid wind damage. If you have a greenhouse, bring strawberry plants in now, tidy them up and you should be picking fruit as early as mid May.

There may not be a great deal of colour in the garden at present, so a trip to the garden centre may be in order, to search out plants in flower or berry at the moment. Hellebores are a good choice, work well in shade, seed freely and are easy to look after. As far as shrubs are concerned, viburnum, witch hazel and Deutzia all look good with colour and scent. Of course snowdrops are flowering now, and these are best bought "in the green" which means plants that have finished flowering and are just leaves, bought by mail order in the next month or so. They establish much more quickly than dry bulbs and are cheaper too. Newspaper and garden magazines often have adverts in March.

Finally, avoid walking on grass if it is frosted, and if we get snow, although it looks pretty, knock it off any shrubs, especially conifers, so as to avoid damage to the branches

**MARTIN GULLIVER.**

**Councillors' Surgeries**  
Peter and/or Hilary Green – normally 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month 10 – 11.15a.m. Jephson Common Room. (no surgery this month)

**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 10th January 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room.  
**Deadline for items for the next newsletter – Sunday 21st January 2007**

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