

# THE FARM & LADYGROVE NEWSLETTER JULY 2006

**Welcome** to the July newsletter. We will not have an August edition but will be back in September. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed during the past year. If you have any ideas for future newsletters or would like to contribute an article or series of articles or would like to join the editorial team we would be delighted to hear from you. Thank you if you have already paid your subscription. If you haven't, your newsletter deliverer will be coming round in July. If you think you have missed paying, you can drop your money round to 23 Masefield. We are always glad to hear from new volunteers to deliver the newsletter. And of course, you won't have to collect any money until next year.

There have been some complaints about boys playing football in the road and kicking the balls into cars or gardens. We have a playing field behind Masefield Crescent, so older children can easily go there. Would younger children also remember that the area between the Jephson flats is private property, so they must not play there.

**Stranger Danger** We have been told of younger children chatting to people in the area and sometimes asking to go in their houses. Everyone tells their children not to talk to strangers, but it's difficult to explain what a "stranger" is. If someone lives in the area and they've seen them in their front gardens etc., they no longer think of them as a "stranger". Please emphasise to your children that they must never go into people's houses, cars etc. without their parents' knowledge and permission.

**Increase in burglaries** Neighbourhood watch says there has been an increase in burglaries recently, probably due to people leaving their windows open during the warm weather, so do be careful. Most burglaries are opportunist ones.

**Clothing Collections** Most people will have seen the "Clothing Collection" leaflets which are pushed through the door periodically. Remember, this is a business and **not a charity**. The clothes are sold in third world countries, making money for a firm in this country. This also undermines the textile market in those countries. It is much better to put things in an official bag from a charity. There is usually a number you can phone and check with. The charity can then sell the things in its shops and use the money to buy things that are really needed. Anyway, why should anyone want to walk around in your sweaty old shirt just because they have been in a famine, war or tsunami?

**Cats** There has been a complaint from a resident in Wordsworth about cats making messes in her front garden. She says, "Please can owners train their cats to use litter trays and worm them".

I'm not sure there's much you can do about cats, but here's a tip I was given: dry out some used tea bags, put eucalyptus or other strong smelling oil on them and put them on the garden where the cats usually go. They will not like the smell and go away. It's worth a try.

**Broken Glass** on the Masefield Park playground. A lot of broken glass has been found on the field and in the playground. This is of course, very dangerous. If you find glass there, please telephone the Town Council on 01235522642. The same applies to the little playground behind Chaunterell Way.

**Councillors' Surgery** at the Jephson Common Room. Lilian Barry attended this meeting. The following subjects were discussed: Cars in Drayton Road advertised privately for sale. This is illegal.

Litter in the streets particularly outside the Foyer in Abingdon, where people wait for buses. Vandalism and anti social behaviour. Following the Neighbourhood Action Groups meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> June, there is a number to ring - more about this later in the newsletter.

By the way, we would like to congratulate Lilian on reaching her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday on 21<sup>st</sup> June - the date of the A.G.M. The committee celebrated with a cake and drinks. Lilian edited the newsletter for many years and has done a great deal for the T.F.L.R.A. We wish her many more happy years.

### Senior Citizens' Bus Passes

Here is part of a letter received by a resident clarifying the times of use of the bus pass: "I can confirm that the 9a.m. start time on week days (exc. public holidays) is based on "actual times" rather than "scheduled times". This means that you can use your pass on a bus arriving after 9a.m. even if it was scheduled to arrive before the aforementioned time. This point has also been clarified by the manager responsible for Assisted Travel, here at the Vale.

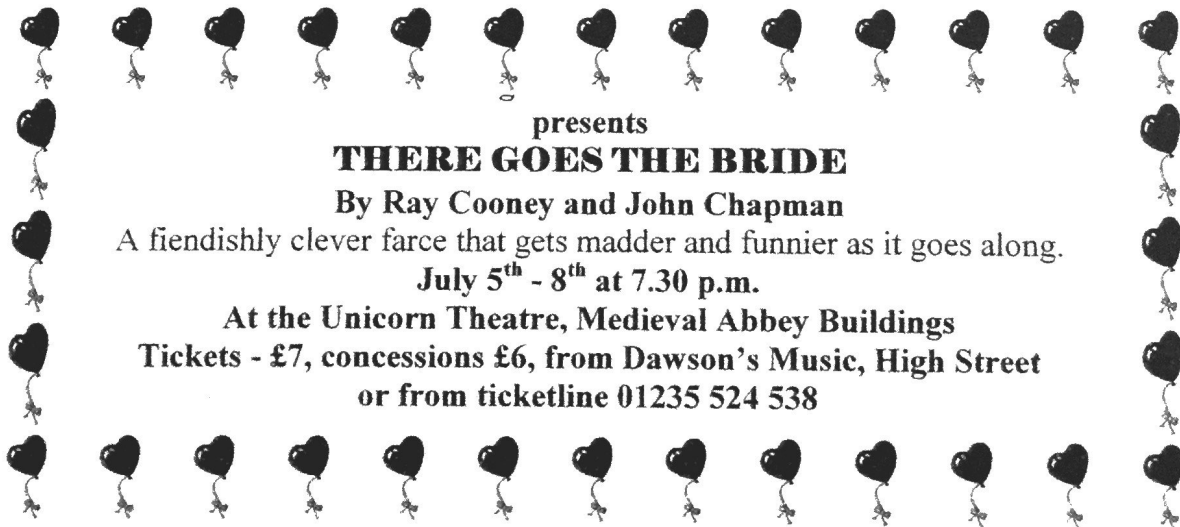
### Events in July and August

July 1<sup>st</sup> - Exercising the Freedom of the Town by the Royal Logistics Corps 2.30p.m.

July 22<sup>nd</sup> - Outdoor Concert, Abingdon Market Place, Abingdon Concert Band

July 27<sup>th</sup> - Charity Market, Abingdon Market Place, Home Farm Trust.

August 4<sup>th</sup> - Annual Mayor's Match, Albert Park, Abingdon Bowling Club



presents  
**THERE GOES THE BRIDE**  
By Ray Cooney and John Chapman  
A fiendishly clever farce that gets madder and funnier as it goes along.  
July 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m.  
At the Unicorn Theatre, Medieval Abbey Buildings  
Tickets - £7, concessions £6, from Dawson's Music, High Street  
or from ticketline 01235 524 538

### Tithe Farm and Ladygrove Free Swapshop

Gent's Bike, good tyres, rusty, fully operational  
Tel: 01235 525 624

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# Joke Time

Here are some more gems from Sam Kirkwood.

## Very Punny

- 1) A bicycle can't stand on its own because it's two-tyred.
- 2) What's the definition of a will? (it's a dead give away).
- 3) She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.
- 4) Show me a piano falling down a mineshaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.
- 5) A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.
- 6) When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
- 7) The man who fell into an upholstery factory is now fully recovered.
- 8) You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
- 9) He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
- 10) Every calendar's days are numbered.

## The NEIGHBOURHOOD TEAM for South Abingdon



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**June Quiz Answers and Winner** - The June quiz was won by Jill Jones of Masefield Crescent. Here are the answers: ideal, lasts, strip, press, sleep, pupil, leave, eleve, earth, horse, ended, delta, acorn, north, heard, darts, stamp, picks, shell, llama.

**July Quiz - England Muddles Through.** This month's quiz is, predictably I suppose, football related. The following are anagrams of England footballers past and present. Send in your answers, as usual, to Eleanor at 23, Masefield by 18<sup>th</sup> July.

- 1) BE MAD, CHAV KID \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) A LEAN RASHER \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) AH YES, CELLO \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) THE TOUGH EAT RAGS \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) CHEW ON A LIME \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) OY, NO NEW YEAR \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) CURT COP HERE \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) EE - KING LARRY \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) KINKEE VEGAN \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) NIGER VALLEY \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) BOMB BOY 'ERO \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) DR RAT'S REVENGE \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) WHEAT SMELT NASTY \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) B.R. TOOK OVER RING \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) SH..... NOT REPTILE \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) N.B. LA LA LA (well, what would you do with 3A's & 3L's?) \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) EVE'S GRIMY JAM \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) LONG HELD END \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) FOUGHT REFS \_\_\_\_\_
- 20) DRAGON BONKS \_\_\_\_\_



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## Riverside Pre-School

Is your child two or approaching their second birthday? Are you thinking about sending him or her to pre-school? Then look no further than Riverside Pre-School, which has been working with pre-school children in Abingdon for nearly forty years!

Riverside was founded in Sept 1968 and has been running for 37 years. The pre-school is independently managed by a voluntary committee and run by a team of qualified staff who have been working with young children for a number of years. It is the only pre-school in South Abingdon and surrounding area that accepts children from their second birthday. Situated on the site of Thameside School in Cotman Close, it is within easy walking distance of the Tithe Farm and Ladygrove Estates.

Those who attend can remain there until the term before their fifth birthday when they start full time education at school. Everyone follows the Foundation level curriculum as set down by the Government. Topics include My Family and Minibeasts and also absorb seasonal events such as Christmas, Easter and Valentine's Day.

Your child can benefit from the stimulus of being with children in their age range in a secure environment. Basic and social skills are subtly taught through play, a variety of craft activities, cooking and sessions playing with outdoor toys in the garden. There is a high staff to child ratio. This ensures that a lot of one to one attention can be given and that individual needs can be met, especially when children are younger. We have a qualified Special Educational Needs Coordinator in attendance at every session. Riverside is open to all children in accordance with our Equal Opportunities policy.

Individuals quickly become accustomed to routines including finding their name when they arrive, register, sitting down for a healthy snack mid session and story time before going home. All of these skills help them to adapt easily when they start school later on. All staff are very friendly and constantly liase with parents to keep them informed of how their child is progressing and helping out with personal issues that may arise, such as potty training.

At present, places for children at pre-school are funded by the government from the term after the child's third birthday. However, places for two and a half-year-olds are likely to be funded from April 2006. Sessions at Riverside are run during term time in the morning, 915-1145, and afternoon, 1215-245. There is also a lunch club which enables children to stay all day if parents chose. There is a short waiting list which, in accordance with our admissions policy, is arranged in date of birth order.

For more information about Riverside Pre-School, session availability, costs or an application form, please contact the Supervisor, Lesley Powell, on 01235 531670, or the Administrator, Gail Springate, on 01235 201367, [gail.springate@ntlworld.com](mailto:gail.springate@ntlworld.com)

**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 12th July 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room.  
Deadline for items for the next newsletter – Sunday 20th August 2006**

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**THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2006**



**AT 8PM**

