

# TITHE FARM & LADYGROVE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2006

**It's June, and the end of another year for the Tithe Farm and Ladygrove Residents' Association.** Newsletter deliveries will be starting to collect subs (now £1.50p), with this edition or the next.

**A.G.M.** - This will take place in the Jephson Common Room at 8p.m. on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.** (N.B. not the usual 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday.)

**Litter Pick** - Members of the Green Gym, three residents and a dog turned up for this event on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May. So a big thank you to Jane, to Jim and to young Daniel. You are one in a million, (or, to be more precise, 3 in 657). Jim got a rope and hook and pulled three trolleys out of the Ock. He and Daniel marched off to Tesco with them and demanded to see the manager. It is Tesco's responsibility to keep their trolleys on site, and if the Environment Agency has to pull them out of the river, they fine Tesco £70 each. If you see stray trolleys, phone Tesco. If they don't do anything, contact the newsletter and we will have a go. We also picked up **4lbs - yes, 4lbs or 1.8 kg of broken glass** from the children's playground. I phoned the person in charge of amenities at the Town Council, who swore the playground got cleaned 3 times a week. I don't think so. If you find broken glass there, please phone the Town Council. The number is on the playground fence.

**Outdoor Pool** don't forget, the outdoor swimming pool in the Abbey Meadows re-opens at the end of May. The pool campaign worked very hard to save the pool, so **Use it or Lose it!**

**Save Radley Lakes** - The planning decision has now been postponed to 10<sup>th</sup> July, so there's still time to sign the petition or write a letter of objection. Find out more on [www.saveradleylakes.org](http://www.saveradleylakes.org)

**May Councillors' Surgery** - **Lilian Barry** attended the Councillors' Surgery in the Jephson Common Room and reports on matters discussed. She also has this to say: "Only four of us (and that includes Councillor Green) turned up for the Saturday surgery. Isn't anyone else prepared to air their views?"

A resident from Masefield said that residents in that area are being troubled by under age drinkers, mostly at weekends, in and around the playing field at the back of Masefield Crescent.

(N.B. later in this newsletter, you can find out about **NAGS** - Neighbourhood Action Groups - an initiative in conjunction with the local police, first meeting, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2006.)

Hospital closures were discussed, with particular reference, of course, to Abingdon Hospital. Many people have petition forms and signatures are being collected in various public places. If you can't find anyone with a form to sign, see **Contact Us** on the back page.

**Events in June - There are a number of events this month to celebrate the granting of Abingdon's Royal Charter**

June 4<sup>th</sup> - "Saints Alive!" (See display advert)

June 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> - Civic Celebration Weekend

June 9<sup>th</sup> - Band Concert in the Amey Hall at 7.30 p.m.

June 10<sup>th</sup> - Bun throwing in the market place at 6p.m. (If you are new to the area, this is an experience not to be missed. The big cheeses throw the buns from the top of the County Hall. You stand in the square below and try to catch them.)

June 10<sup>th</sup> - Supper and Entertainment in the Guildhall at 7.30 p.m.

June 11<sup>th</sup> - Mayor's Civic Service 10a.m. at St. Michael's Church

June 13<sup>th</sup> - Tudor Tea Party at the Darby and Joan Club (I didn't think they had tea in Tudor times!?)

June 14<sup>th</sup> - St. Nicholas School children are putting on a play about Abingdon

June 17<sup>th</sup> - Election of the Mayor of Ock Street, with Morris Dancers

June 17<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> - Children's Art Exhibition in the Long Gallery, Abbey Buildings.

June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Special Council Meeting to confer Freedom of the Town on the Royal Logistics Corps at 7p.m. in the Guildhall

June 25<sup>th</sup> - Ancient custom of herding sheep across Abingdon Bridge, 10.45 a.m. in the Market Place.

1556 Boundary Walk, 11a.m., starting from the Market Place

Midsummer Fun in the Park at 2p.m. in the Abbey Grounds

**Abingdon Bowling Club**

Abingdon bowlers are now out on the green enjoying the new season of bowling. The combination of the sun on your back and the bowls at your feet and a drink in the bar afterwards is truly rewarding. If you would like to join us for a free trial, come along to our "Open Session" on Friday evening, 9<sup>th</sup> June at 6p.m. or Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 2p.m. in Albert Park, Abingdon.

All welcome, equipment provided.

Phone Ray, 01235 524 591 if you need further information.

**The Church in Abingdon**

presents

as part of the Charter Anniversary Celebrations

***SAINTS ALIVE!***

by Roger Jones

*A Celebration of Pentecost in words and music*

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30p.m. and 8p.m. in the Amey Theatre, Abingdon School.

Tickets £4 and £2.50p from 01235 520 470, cast members at your local church or on the door.

**SAVE RADLEY LAKES - PROMISES AUCTION**

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 7.30p.m. Radley Village Hall

Free entry. Light refreshments

Come and bid for all sorts of exciting goods and services - Hairdos, restaurant meals, massages, dog walking, gardening, celebration cake, to name but a few.

For more info phone Marjorie 01235 530174

## The Garden in June

If by some miracle spring/summer has arrived, we should be free of frosts now so summer bedding and hanging baskets can be put out, as can vegetable plants. Shrubs that flowered in the spring and have now finished can be pruned back (forsythia, mock orange blossom, weigela) and keep deadheading plants on a regular basis to encourage more flowers. As bulb foliage fades it can be cut down and straggly spring-flowering perennials can be cut back hard to give a new flush of growth.

Keep lawns trimmed regularly. Keep veggies watered, and harvest them regularly so they don't get too big and tasteless. Tomatoes should be going well in the greenhouse now, so keep nipping out the side shoots. If you miss one and have to pick off a long shoot, pop it in the soil and it will probably take root and give you another plant. Keep the greenhouse shaded – outside shading is best as this keeps the temperature down better than inside shading. If you have several plants in the greenhouse, pot up a couple of French marigolds in amongst them – this keeps down the whitefly which can be a problem.

Finally enjoy the garden – find time to relax on the lawn, have a barbie and sniff the flowers!

**Martin Culliver**

**LOST** - in Masefield Crescent, 2 smallish, suitcase-type keys. If found, phone Joyce on 01235 524 833.

### FOR SALE

Car top box - £80

Aluminium Trailer - £130

Trailer Cover - £15

Phone Martine on 01235 200 956 or Mob: 077891 72549

### **Tithe Farm and Ladygrove Free Swapshop**

Free to anyone willing to collect:

Ronseal shed and Fence preserver: Chestnut colour: 2.5 litres. Opened but not used. Wrong colour.

Tel: 01235 559 294

1 pair heavy duty car ramps.

Tel: 01235 521 779

Remember - you can also put "wanteds" in the Free Swapshop

## GOLDEN OLDIES

Sam Kirkwood has sent in a collection of items, both funny and thought provoking, from his Church magazine in Northern Ireland. Here are some of them:

You know you're getting older when:

Everything hurts, and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals.

It feels like "the morning after" but you haven't been anywhere the night before.

You know all the answers, but nobody asks the questions.

You burn the midnight oil after 9 p.m.

The little grey haired old lady you help across the street is... your wife.

You have too much room in the house but not enough in the medicine cabinet.

You sink your teeth into a steak, and they stay there!

**May Quiz Answers and Winner** - Last month's quiz was won by Esme and Helen Pedley of Medicott Drive, who actually found 25 hidden mammals. The contestant who found "hen" - sorry, I checked with David Attenborough and it's definitely a bird!

**Ass, mouse, otter, cat, hare, beaver, badger, goat, dog, deer, gnu, porpoise, rabbit, lion, tiger, bat, fox, ox, rat, stoat, seal, bear, gerbil, man, camel**

**June Quiz - Follow on fives** - the answers to the following clues are all five letter words. The last letter of number 1 is the first letter of number 2, and so on. Send your answers to Eleanor, 23, Masefield by 21<sup>st</sup> June.

- 1) Perfect! I give out the cards. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Salts, carefully mixed, survive. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Undress and put on team's colours \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Journalists squeeze into Irish cupboard \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) It starts with fatigue and ends with alarm. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) In the eye of the learner. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Permission to depart. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) French pupil doesn't quite make the cricket team. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Reorganised, it becomes a body pump. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) Has this animal got a sore throat? \_\_\_\_\_
- 11) N finished the deed. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) River meets the sea at 4<sup>th</sup> Greek letter. \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) A painful toe when it drops from the oak. \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) Mixed up direction is a prickly point. \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) Perceived the sound of cattle. \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) Shoots off for a pub game. \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) Imprint maps with a T. \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) Chooses tools for road building. \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) Explosive projectile found on beach. \_\_\_\_\_
- 20) With 2 Ls, it's a beast. Lose an L, a Tibetan priest. \_\_\_\_\_

**HAVE YOUR SAY!**

**'Neighbourhood Policing'**  
is coming to South Abingdon

Let us know what issues most effect you  
by attending the public meeting

- Tell us what would really make a difference to how safe you feel
- Let us know which issues you want us to tackle first
- Get involved and help us find the right solutions

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm**  
**Abingdon Family Centre**  
**Caldecott Road**

*This meeting has been organised by your Neighbourhood Action Group which includes representatives from local parish and district councils, Vale Housing Association, Thames Valley Police, Neighbourhood Watch, the youth service, schools in the area and other community groups*

*A Neighbourhood Action Group is a problem solving group that will work with the community to address the issues you identify*

**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 – AGM ALL WELCOME**  
Wednesday 21st June 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room.  
Deadline for items for the next newsletter – Wednesday 21st June 2006

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### TOP TEN DIGITAL CAMERA TIPS BY MARTIN GULLIVER

- 1) Always use the viewfinder if possible rather than the screen. Not only will it save considerably on battery life, but you will also hold the camera more steadily and thus the picture will be sharper.
- 2) Try not to use the digital zoom feature. Whilst the optical zoom is nice and sharp, digital zoom has the same effect as increasing the picture size on your computer – picture quality drops very quickly.
- 3) Flash at night time – the flash on a small camera only travels about 15-20 feet so turn it off when taking night scenes such as lights, buildings, fireworks etc. as it will wash out the subject. Only use it when taking pictures of people or a subject close to you.
- 4) Flash in the daytime – if taking photos against the sun or in a shady situation, use the automatic flash. This will fill in the shadows for you.
- 5) Fill the frame – try to ensure that the subject of the picture fills the viewfinder, rather than appearing as a dot in the distance.
- 6) Wherever possible, rest the camera against a firm support – wall, lamppost etc – as this will eliminate camera shake. Squeeze the shutter, don't stab it!
- 7) If the photo opportunity is a one-off, take several pictures at different settings – just delete those that don't come out.
- 8) When taking photos, look for unusual views rather than the same old touristy type snapshots. Look up, down and behind you when wandering around.
- 9) ALWAYS keep a spare set of charged batteries with you...I speak from bitter experience!
- 10) Remember – the computer can improve a good picture, but won't make a bad picture good.

### Ock Street - the History of a Community

Come and discover the history of Abingdon's busiest street, the buildings, the industries, the shops, the families, fairs, morris dancers and much more at an exhibition at Trinity Hall, Conduit Road from Friday 29th September to Sunday October 1st. The Ock Street Group would love to hear from anyone who has memories or photographs of Ock Street. Please contact Elizabeth Drury on Ab 553636 or Ellen Hall on Ab 529620.