

THE FARM & LADYGROVE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2007

Welcome to the June newsletter. This month and next month, your newsletter deliverers will be collecting subs. These will remain at £1..50p for the current year, which I'm sure you will agree, is very good value for 11 newsletters. Senior citizens are exempt, but are most welcome to pay if they wish to, and the Residents' Association is most grateful for the extra funds.

A.G.M. - This will be held on Wednesday 13th June at 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room. Any resident is welcome to attend.

Thank you for the anonymous donation of £5 and apologies in advance for someone knocking on your door asking for your sub, as we don't know who you are.

Kidney Research Collection – Mrs M. Hill would like to thank residents of Longfellow Drive for their generous donations to the Kidney Research Appeal. £40 was raised.

Mystery Tour – Very few residents expressed interest in participating so we will be unable to organise this.

Vale and Town Election Results – In this ward (Ock Meadow), the Liberal Democrats won all 3 seats on Abingdon Town Council and both seats on the Vale District Council. Our local councillors are as follows:

Vale: - Samantha Bowring
Beth Fleming

Town: - Samantha Bowring
Lorraine Smith
Tim Oates

The new Mayor is Lorraine Oates

The Deputy Mayor is Patrick Lonergan

We hope our new councillors will soon be introducing themselves to you in the newsletter. We will keep you informed about surgeries etc.

Message from Jephson Housing Association – I received a letter from the Housing Association, which is landlord of the sheltered accommodation, and was asked to print the following in the newsletter:

Parents are asked to make sure their children are not causing any of the following problems:

- 1) A resident saw some children vandalising a down pipe on one of the blocks of flats. This is currently waiting to be replaced. Another clip had also been pulled away from the wall.
- 2) Holes are being dug in the grassed area around the flats.
- 3) Children are looking through the residents' windows, which is very upsetting for the elderly.
- 4) Balls are being kicked against the walls of the flats, which is annoying.

5)The garages are being climbed over, which could not only cause damage, but is a safety risk for the children themselves.

6)Riding skateboards, bikes and pushchairs (children being pushed at speed in them) at a speed that could easily knock an elderly resident down.

Your Views and Opinions – Please give us your views and opinions on anything you read in the newsletter, or anything else of local interest. Your name will not be published if this is what you want, though you must give your name in a phone call, e-mail or letter to the editors.

Police non-emergency number: 08458 505 505

Application for Planning Permission – to build 2x two bedroom dwellings on the green space in Nash Drive next to the path through to Ely Close. The planning permission was turned down by the Town Council, but this may well not be the end of the matter. I think most residents would agree that we need to keep the green spaces on the estates. It is very important to keep a close eye on the planning applications that are being submitted, something I have never bothered to do very often up until now. If you have internet you can view planning applications by going to the Vale website: www.valewhitehorse.gov.uk Go to Planning and look at the weekly list. You can find out about applications that have been submitted and get a chance to make your comments. You can also find out when they are due to be debated and what decisions have been reached.

Hit and Run – INFORMATION PLEASE

On Friday 11th May at 7.40am a hit and run took place at the end of Bridges Close. A Royal Mail van reversed into a parked Blue Nova car, and drove off without leaving any details as to what had happened, and who did it, leaving enormous amount of damage. It is in the hands of the Sorting Office and the Royal Mail Accident Management Unit. If anyone has any information it would be gratefully received.

Please phone 07743 304590.



WELL DONE

To Jo Garner who completed the London Marathon. All proceeds went to
Motor Neurone Disease Association

ABINGDON BOWLING CLUB

(Albert Park)

Come and have a go at Bowling

OPEN DAYS

Friday 8th June – 5p.m. until 7.30 p.m. close

Saturday 9th June – 2p.m. until 7p.m. close

All welcome – Age 11+

FREE TRIAL

All you need are flat shoes

Bowls, tuition, other equipment and introduction to the club

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or 01865 391 300

ABINGDON DRAMA CLUB

presents

THE CRIPPLE OF INISHMAAN

by Martin McDonagh

a strange, comic tale in the great tradition of Irish storytelling
at

The Unicorn Theatre, Medieval Abbey Buildings, Abingdon

Wed 4th-Sat 7th July, 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £7 (concessions £6), from Dawson's music, High St
or from Ticketline 01235 524 538

ITEMS FOR SALE

Vertical Blind – To fit window 235cm (92 ½ in) wide by 132cm (52 in) drop
Excellent condition - £35

Window – 240cm(94 ½ in) wide by 136 cm(53 ½ in) drop
Excellent condition, white UPVC double glazed,
2 top openers and 2 side openers - £45

Radiator – 192cm (75 ½ in) wide by 45cm (17 ½ in) - £20

Garden Shredder – Black and Decker 1600 watt – Excellent condition –
£25

Tel: 01235 532 334 – Mrs Walters

MORE ITEMS FOR SALE

Top Box - £80 Trailer - £150
Trailer Cover - £10 Plug in Fridge - £10
Lamp - £5 Table - £10

o.n.o.

Phone Martine on 01235 200 956 or 07789 172549

EVEN MORE FOR SALE

12ft circular Trampoline, with cover. Buyer to dismantle and collect. £150.00. Please phone 07743 304590.

Body Sculpture – Dual Action Air Elliptical Strider BE5900 Tension System (basically like a stepper)
£50.00 o.n.o. Please phone 07743 304590.

Footpath by Jenyns Court

As any walker or cyclist knows, the fence between the footpath by Jenyns Court and the back of
Grahams/Jewsons has a huge hole in it and enough rubbish behind it to fill Sutton Courtenay
Landfill site twice over. The area is also used for drinking and drug taking. We are trying to
find out who owns the fence and is therefore responsible for repairing it and for clearing the
rubbish

The Garden in June

With the wet May that we had, the garden should be burgeoning by now and the key tasks are to keep on top of weeding and trimming the lawn. Little and often is more beneficial as far as the lawn is concerned. Now is also a good time to give the lawn a spring feed, using a liquid feed for best results or watering well in if using granules.

Continue to prune spring flowering shrubs that have finished flowering by cutting out about a third of the old wood and leaving the new stems to produce next year's flowers. Also dead-head flowers regularly, especially roses, to prolong flowering and encourage plants to bush out. Perennials such as wallflowers can be sown now in a spare corner of the garden, as can primroses and pansies, and also sow more annuals to provide late summer colour.

All chance of frosts should now be gone so plant up containers and hanging baskets. Cram as much in as you can but water regularly, using water-retaining crystals and lining the baskets with polythene to help retain moisture. Old compost bags cut to shape are ideal for this. Similarly if using terracotta pots, line them to help prevent moisture being lost through the sides.

Keep harvesting vegetables as they mature, and carry on sowing quick-maturing salad crops to fill the gaps. If you are growing strawberries, peg down runners to form new plants, and label them with the year. Plants are usually past their best after three years so this will help you keep track of the age of the plants.

Martin Gulliver

ABINGDON REFERENCE LIBRARY ON LINE

Did you know that by typing in your Oxfordshire Libraries membership number, you can get free access to a fantastic world of information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from your home computer, not just when the library is open?

Simply go to www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/referenceonline

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Please ask at your local library for more information and if you're not a library member yet, now's the time to join - it's free!

Reference Online is available in all our libraries and you don't have to be a member to use them there, although we'd like you to join. We also have an extra number of online titles on family history (Ancestry) and business information that are only available in some libraries. Please contact us for details.

May Quiz Answers – There were no entries at all to last month's May Day Adverts competition, so I suppose that shows that everyone has better things to do than watch adverts on telly. Just in case some people are desperate to know all the answers, here they are: 1)Wilkinson Sword 2) Alton Towers 3)Ford 4)Castrol 5)Royal Marines 6)Mastercard 7)Del Monte 8)National Lottery 9) Stork 10)Safeway 11)Shredded Wheat 12)Morrisons 13)1001 14)Bryllcream 15)Fruit Gums 16) Sainsbury's 17)Yellow Pages 18)Abbey National 19)Andrex 20)Birds Eye peas 21)BT 22)Castlemaine 23)Nokia 24)Qualcast

June Quiz (1) The World's Easiest Quiz – sent in by Esme Pedley

- 1) How long did the Hundred Years' War last? _____
- 2) Which country makes Panama hats? _____
- 3) From which animal do we get cat gut? _____
- 4) In which month did Russians celebrate the October Revolution? _____
- 5) What is a camel hair brush made of? _____
- 6) The Canary Islands are named after what animal? _____
- 7) What was King George VI's first name? _____
- 8) What colour is a purple finch? _____
- 9) Where are Chinese gooseberries from? _____
- 10) What colour is the black box in a commercial aeroplane? _____

June Quiz (2) Four (or two) legged fictional friends

What type of creature was each of the following fictional heroes?

- 1) Toto _____
- 2) Hedwig _____
- 3) Aslan _____
- 4) Macavity _____
- 5) Riki Tiki Tavi _____
- 6) Mrs Tiggywinkle _____
- 7) Richard Parker _____
- 8) Black Beauty _____
- 9) Tarka _____
- 10) Bigwig _____

Answers to one or both quizzes to Eleanor at 23 Masefield by 20th June.

Date of next meeting (AGM) Wed 13th June 2007

All are welcome at 8pm Jefferson Flats

It would be lovely to see some new faces

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Deadline for newsletter Wed 20th June 2007

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Councillors Surgeries details next month

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