

Tithe Farm and Ladygrove Newsletter

June 2009

Welcome to the June newsletter. We begin with good news. The playground at the back of Chaunterell Way is open at last. About time too! Let's hope this marks the beginning of some proper summer weather.

TFLRA subs will be collected in June or July. The charge is still only £1..50 and gives you membership of the Residents' Association. The newsletter will continue for the time being alongside the website, which is now up and running.

The Website can give you much more up-to-the-minute news. Events can be flagged up with no fear of missing deadlines, as well as items for sale or wanted, lost and found, disappearing cats, comments and opinions and news of current campaigns such as SAFE and SAFAG. The monthly gardening article will be on the website as well as the quiz. Visit www.tithefarmladygrove.org.uk There will be more content as the weeks go by. Remember, much of this content will be down to you!

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Many thanks to Anne Goddard, who is stepping down from delivering newsletters and collecting subs in Bridges Close, after many years of sterling service.

A.G.M. – As mentioned in the May newsletter, this will be held in the Jephson Common Room on Wednesday 10th June at 8p.m. Residents' Association meetings are open to all residents. A local councillor is able to attend most meetings, so you have the opportunity to raise your concerns with him/her. Numbers attending have dwindled steadily, due to moving from the area, other commitments or simply anno domini and new members have not come along to fill the gaps. Unless more residents come along, **it will not be worth continuing with the meetings.**

Abbey Meadow Open Air Pool – Now open every day until 6th September. There are 3 sessions: 9.00 – 12.00, 13.00 – 16.00, and 16.30 – 19.30. For more information, phone 01235 530 678.



New Bus Service X2 – From 31st May, a new, faster bus service will replace the 35A between Didcot and Oxford. It will follow the same route to Abingdon Town Centre, then along Oxford Road via the Boundary House, then via the A34 to Redbridge, finishing in Castle Street. It runs

approximately every 45 minutes. If you want to go to Radley or Kennington, you will have to go to the town centre and change to the 35.

Unfortunately, the last bus from Didcot is at 8p.m. and from Oxford, there are no buses between 6.53 p.m. and 11.10p.m., when the last bus leaves Oxford station. There will be a new bus stop in Drayton Road by the car showrooms and new houses. Our thanks to Cllr. Tim Oates, who has been campaigning on our behalf for a better bus service.



FARMERS' MARKET

Friday 19th June
8.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
in the Market Place



Italian Market – Fri 26th, Sat 27th, Sun 28th June in the Market Place

NATIONAL BIKE WEEK IN ABINGDON

June 13th – 21st



Saturday 13th June – Town Centre stall by St Nicolas Church **10a.m. – 1 p.m.** See some unusual bikes, get your bike security marked, find out about Sustrans, take part in a survey. Guess how long it will take Andy Watt to cycle 6 times round the modern boundaries of Abingdon on....

Sunday 14th June – Andy Watt begins his epic ride at **7a.m.** sharp!

1 – 3p.m. Abbey Meadows. Bring a picnic and take part in a Bike Treasure Hunt Quiz. Follow an easy course and fill in an answer sheet for the chance of a prize.

4p.m. – Andy Watt will lead a Boundary Ride, starting by St Nicolas Church (only once round, this time!)

Wednesday 17th June – **7.30 p.m.** Bike repair and safety workshop plus fun and interesting cycling film clips to watch. Book display and refreshments. St Ethelwold's, 30 East St Helen Street. £2 donation.

Sunday 21st June – **2.30 – 5.30 p.m.** – Historic Abingdon Ride. Meet at the arch by St Nicolas Church. Visit sites of historical interest, both ancient and modern.

For the cycling events, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Cycle helmets recommended and puncture repair kit for the Boundary Ride. For further

Details, contact Eleanor (see back page) or visit www.bikeweek.org.uk or <http://carboncutters.blogspot.com> Check before events in case of alterations.

FOR SALE

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INTERESTED IN FOLK AND ROOTS MUSIC?

Check out the website music-at-the-unicorn.com



About once a month there are music evenings at the **Unicorn Theatre** in the old Abbey Buildings. Artists featured include traditional folk singers, blues musicians and new young songwriters. The website gives information on artists who are coming and information on how to obtain tickets. We've been to a number of these evenings and never been disappointed. Why don't you give it a try?

Musicians coming between now and December: -

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>ARTIST(S)</u>
Friday	June 12	Steve Tilston
Thursday	July 9	Carmina
Thursday	August 6	Blackheart
Friday	September 11	Reg Meuros
Thursday	October 1	Show of Hands
Friday	November 6	Spiers and Boden
Friday	December 11	The Dylan Project



Ann and Chris Cawthorne



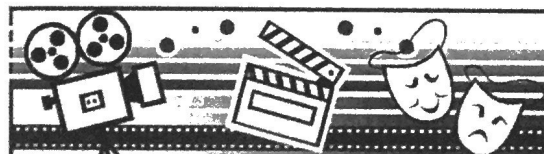
ABINGDON DRAMA CLUB

presents



“BETRAYAL” by Harold Pinter
at the Medieval Abbey Buildings, Abingdon
Wed 24th – Sat 27th June at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets £7 (concessions £6) from
The Bookstore, Abingdon Precinct
Or from Ticketline 01235 524 538



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Robert's handyman and gardening services: also very reasonable prices and no call out charge. He is also available to help if you want to do-it-yourself but need an extra pair of hands. Call Robert on 01235 511 347 Or e-mail

The Garden in June

This month is often a mixture of sunshine and showers so weeding and deadheading are important. Deadheading ensures that the plants continued to flower although some seed heads, especially those of nigella for example, look very attractive. The latter is very good for seeding itself around the garden and although I have a garden full of these plants I haven't sown any for some years now.



Shrubs that flowered in May he can now be pruned and similarly, spring-flowering perennials can also be trimmed to keep into shape. Spring bulbs will now have finished and as the foliage dies down it can be removed and

the bulbs lifted and divided as necessary.

I think we should be safe from frosts now so tender annuals and hanging baskets can be planted out. Now is also a good time to sow plants for winter and spring colour, such as pansies and primulas, and also continue sowing quick-maturing salad and vegetable crops to keep a succession of produce throughout the summer. Pinch out the side shoots of tomatoes until they reach the right height and keep picking salad crops before they start to bolt.

If you have a greenhouse, the shading should be put on now to help reduce temperatures and the house should be well ventilated during particularly hot days.

Continue to mow the lawns - little and often is better than a monthly hack!

Finally now that we are online – a link to my regular gardening blog!

<http://gulliversgarden.blogspot.com/>

Martin Gulliver

Family Day

Oxfordshire Events is hosting a Family Day at Steventon Village Hall on Sunday 14 June. Bring the whole family along and enjoy everything that this event has to offer. With **free admission** and plenty of things to do, the day promises to be fun and interesting for all involved. Whether you're looking for something specific, want to do something different with the children or just want to relax while passing some time with friends, come along to the Family Day! We'll have activities for children including face painting, information on local businesses with families in mind, and stalls with items such as traditional wooden toys, clothing, games, accessories and other local crafts and produce.

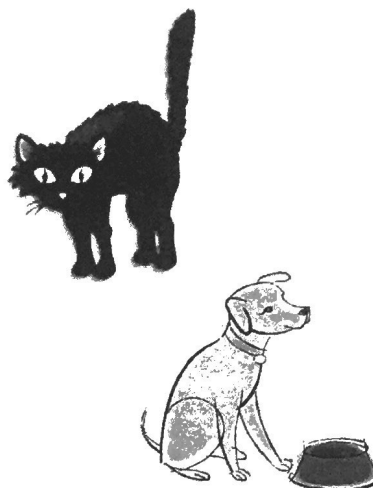
Refreshments will be available throughout the day. For more information, please visit

www.oxfordshireevents.co.uk.

June Quiz - The Truth about Cats and Dogs

The answers to the clues all have "dog" or "cat" in them. Answers to Eleanor, 23 Masefield by 24th June.

- 1) Sirius _____
- 2) determined, tenacious _____
- 3) in disfavour _____
- 4) battle between 2 fighter planes _____
- 5) cigarette butt _____
- 6) basic swimming stroke _____
- 7) a wretched existence _____
- 8) ruthless competition _____
- 9) clergy neckwear _____
- 10) hottest days of summer _____
- 11) book with corners of pages turned down _____
- 12) going to ruin _____
- 13) leave well alone and undisturbed _____
- 14) exhausted _____
- 15) person who performs menial and unpopular tasks _____
- 16) raining hard _____
- 17) give away a secret (often accidentally) _____
- 18) introduce an element that causes trouble _____
- 19) path used by models in a fashion show _____
- 20) game with string _____
- 21) a whip with 9 thongs _____
- 22) derisive jeer _____
- 23) dried animal intestine, once used for violins and tennis racquets _____
- 24) short sleep _____
- 25) spiteful _____
- 26) Macavity's a _____
- 27) reflector in middle of the road _____
- 28) (think you are) excellent or superior _____



Answers to the May Quiz – The joint winners of the May quiz were Laurie Varley and Alison Boyd. 1)Oliver 2)Les Miserables 3)Cats 4)Starlight Express 5)Miss Saigon 6)The King and I 7)Oklahoma 8)Mama Mia 9)South Pacific 10)Guys and Dolls 11)Annie 12)Evita 13)West side Story 14)My Fair lady 15)Phantom of the Opera 16)Annie Get Your Gun 17) Carousel 18)Showboat 19)Grease 20)Godspell

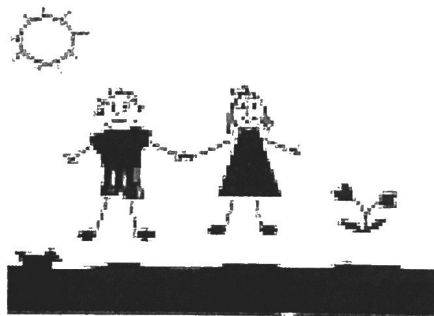
Councillors' Surgeries
Tim Oates or Samantha Bowring at the TFLRA Committee Meeting

Mike and Marilyn Badcock 1st Saturday of the month in the Family Room,
Abingdon Conservative Club, Ock St

Date of the next TFLRA Committee Meeting:
Wednesday 10th June 2009 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room – A.G.M.
Deadline for items for the next newsletter: Wednesday 24th June 2009
Contact the newsletter – items for publication:
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New website! – www.tithefarmladygrove.org.uk

Riverside Pre-School

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Abingdon



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