

Tithe Farm and Ladygrove Newsletter November 2008

Welcome to the November newsletter. As you will see, there are a number of events coming up in the run-up to Christmas, as well as the opportunity (see For Sale) to help out old Santa, who is suffering from the credit crunch.

If you fancy yourself as a writer and editor, please start thinking seriously about taking over the editorship of the newsletter. I am giving up in May, and unless someone is willing to take over, there won't be a newsletter after that. Five years is quite long enough for one person to go rabbiting on, besides which, a different editor would have a new style and approach.

Good news – The bridge at the end of Mill Lane has now been fixed and fitted with a non-slip surface.

The new play equipment for the playground behind Chaunterell Way is in place. Let's have some feedback on what you, or more appropriately, your children, think of it.

Neighbourhood Watch – This was one thing mentioned at the Police Surgery on 20th October, which was unfortunately very poorly attended. While many people have a hazy idea that they are living in a neighbourhood watch area, in fact large areas of Tithe Farm and Ladygrove are not covered. If you would like to be a coordinator, get in touch with the newsletter.

For non-emergency calls to Thames Valley Police, the number is 0845 8 505 505.

You can also call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111, anonymously if you have information about a crime.

By the way, it's a good idea if you are going away on holiday to give a contact number to your immediate neighbours.

Abingdon Farmers' Market – change of day – starting from Friday 21st November, the monthly Farmer's Market will be held on the 3rd Friday of the month in the Market Place, instead of the 3rd Monday. The dates of the next seven Farmers' Markets are:

Fri 21st November, 19th December, 16th January, 20th February, 20th March, 17th April, 15th May.

ABINGDON FARMERS' MARKET

The Market Place
Friday 21st November
Grand Opening by
SOPHIE GRIGSON

Celebrated T.V. chef and author
Opening Ceremony 10.30 a.m.
Market open 8.30 – 13.30





Christmas Extravaganza – This will take place on Tuesday 25th November in the Town Centre. Shops will be open late. Roads close at 5 p.m. The parade is at 6.45 p.m. and the Christmas lights will be switched on at 7 p.m. by the winner of “Abingdon’s got Talent, followed by fireworks.

Mayor’s Over Seventies Christmas Party – Thursday 4th December, 4 p.m. in the Guildhall with teas, entertainment and Father Christmas. Free tickets will be available from the town Council Offices from Monday 10th November, Tel: 01235 522 642.

Reminder of the Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir Festival in Oxford Town Hall on Saturday 29th November at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £15 – www.oxfordwelshmvc.org.uk
Ron Salter 01869 331 245.

Wi-Fi is available in the Town Centre. The signal is located on the top of County Hall, so it normally works in Costa Coffee and for a certain distance along the precinct. For queries, phone 0844 9911 200 or go to www.cts-group.co.uk

Abingdon County Hall Museum – If you are interested in fashion design you might just catch the end of the Annabelinda retrospective, which finishes on Sunday 9th November. This is followed, from 12th November to 1st March, by an exhibition of photographs of the Thames by Victorian photographer, Henry Taunt, alongside their modern equivalents, plus an exhibition of waterscape paintings by local artist Bill Pike.

Fed up with Litter? – There will be a Community Litter Pick along the Ock Path to Tesco on Saturday 8th November, 9.30a.m – 12.30p.m. in conjunction with Abingdon Green Gym. Meet either by the children’s playground at the back of Chaunterell Way or by the recycling bins in Tesco car park or join us somewhere along the way. Gloves, bags, litter pickers, optional fluorescent jackets and refreshments will be provided. If you would like to help, contact Eleanor on 01235 531 857 or eledanger@hotmail.com



Vale Energy Team – in these days of rising energy prices, everybody wants to cut their fuel bills. The Vale Energy Team can give advice on improving the energy efficiency of your home and tell you about grants and discount schemes. Go to www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk, then Saving Energy or phone 0800 592 865.



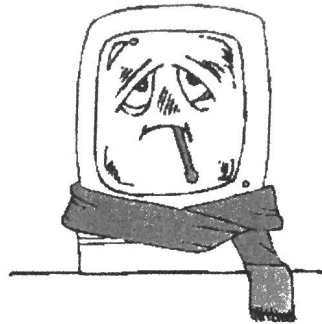
E-mail Scams

- 1) The golden rule is - if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- 2) If you get an e-mail asking you to forward it on to other people for rewards - don't!
- 3) Cut and paste the main points of the e-mail and Google it - the odds are that the first few links will tell you if it is a hoax.
- 4) use this site on a regular basis - <http://www.snopes.com/info/whatsnew.asp> as this will highlight all the latest scams and hoaxes.
- 5) Whilst the e-mails themselves are not dangerous, attachments can be, and all that happens is that someone somewhere builds up a large database of e-mail addresses to use as they wish.

Thank you for your patience and attention!

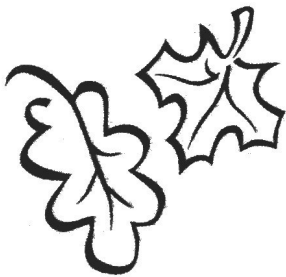
Regards

Martin Gulliver



Your garden in November

By the time you are reading this, the odds are that we will have experienced our first frost and there will be tidying up needed in the garden. Any frost-damaged bedding can now be disposed of, and bare earth can be dug over to break down during the winter.



Although the garden itself will be quiet, there is plenty of time now to clean pots and trays, and to sharpen and repair any tools. With a lot of growth out of the way, now is a good time to check fences, supports for climbing plants and structures such as greenhouses and sheds. It is also a good time to build/repair any bird nesting boxes. Birds will often start to investigate such boxes in the winter and the earlier they are installed, the more chance there is that they will be used.

November is the usual month for planting tulip bulbs, although all other bulbs should have been planted by now. It is not too late, however, to plant other spring bulbs – they will still come up albeit a little later in the year. You can also continue to plant new shrubs, but make sure they are kept watered during dry spells. This also applies to any containers, especially those kept in direct sunlight.

Martin Gulliver

November Quiz – Boozy Brainbuster

Hidden in the following passage are the names of twenty alcoholic drinks. Those who drink very exotic brands may find more, but only twenty will count. Answers to Eleanor, 23, Masefield by 19th November.

I threw away my summer lottery tickets. “Oh well, mustn’t grumble. You can’t expect to win every time,” I said. I had lost out to the girlfriend of the minor sports star – ice hockey, I think, who had been asked to declare the fete open.

“He opens fetes and bazaars in every village round here,” said my friend. “There are no secrets in a place like this”.

I hated fetes, but my friend loved them and had persuaded me to come. She had bought a straw hat, which had been for sale on the nearly new stall and looked very smart in it. “Now I’m going to whisk you away to the white elephant stall,” she said.

“I don’t know where to begin,” she sighed, gazing longingly at the heaps of junk left on the stall, then, turning to me, added, “I really shouldn’t. I’ve got nowhere to put anything”.

Her house is full of clutter. I bet she wishes her Rymans organiser file would organise her. Her cleaner, made irate by the muddle, had left after two weeks. She picked up an old-fashioned barometer and seemed about to ask the price. I managed to whisper, “No, don’t. They tend to be erratic. Anyway, you don’t have to decide right now.”

She put it down, distracted by a huge bottle of bubble bath.

“That isn’t the brand you usually buy,” I said.

“No, but it’s such a bargain,” she replied, “I must have it, and then I won’t have any money left.”

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October Quiz Answers

1)Gone with the Wind 2)Lord of the Rings-Return of the King 3)Silence of the Lambs 4)The Golden Compass 5)Singing in the Rain 6)Love Story 7)Breakfast at Tiffany’s 8)Pirates of the Caribbean-The Curse of the Black Pearl 9)Dances with Wolves 10)Blazing Saddles 11)Shakespeare in Love 12)Million Dollar Baby 13)The French Connection 14)All Quiet on the Western Front 15)The Sound of Music 16)The Italian Job 17)American Beauty 18)One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest 19)Driving Miss Daisy 20)Out of Africa

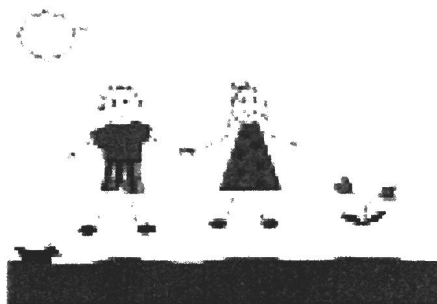
Councillors' Surgeries
Tim Oates or Samantha Bowring at the TFLRA Committee Meeting

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 12th November 2008 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room
Deadline for items for the next newsletter: Wednesday 19th November 2008
Contact the newsletter – items for publication:
Eleanor Dangerfield 01235 531 857- 23 Masefield Crescent- eledanger@hotmail.com

Riverside Pre-School

Corner of Preston Rd and Cotman Close
Abingdon



Pre-school education for 2 to 5 year olds

Mornings 9.15am - 11.45a.m.

Lunch club 11.45am - 12.15pm

Afternoons 12.15pm - 2.45pm

Morning, afternoon and full day sessions available

Government funding available for 3 and 4 year olds

Children in nappies accepted

For more information or an application form phone

01235 531670 during pre-school hours