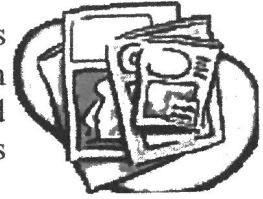


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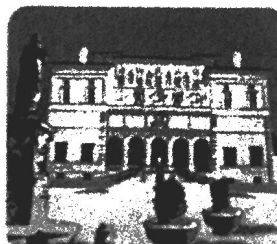
Welcome to the November newsletter. It will be a little late this month and my only excuse is that I am finding it very difficult to get down to putting the newsletter together. I would like to thank those few kind people who have sent in news of events, items for sale etc. What I need is more kind people to send things in.



Christmas Extravaganza – The shops have been full of tinsel, trees and various glittery items for some weeks now, not to mention mince pies and marzipan, some of which reach their use by date well before 25th December – how mad is that? I'm pleased to note, however, that Abingdon's Christmas Extravaganza will not take place until **Thursday 3rd December**, with the parade at 6.45 p.m., the lights switched on at 7 p.m. and the fireworks at 8.15 p.m. Pay and Display car parks will be free from 4 p.m. and the High Street will close to traffic at 5p.m.

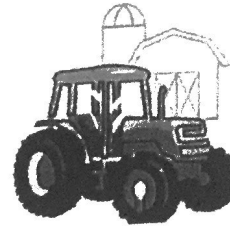
Mayor's over 70s' Christmas party – Thursday 17th December at 4p.m. in the Guildhall – No late night revelling or binge drinking for the elderly! There will be tea, entertainment and a visit from Santa. Free tickets will be available from the Town Council offices, Old Abbey House, from 9th November, tel: 01235 522 642, so if you qualify, don't delay!

County Hall Museum – As you probably know, plans are under way to renovate and refurbish the Museum. There will be a **Public Meeting on Thursday 19th November 7.30 p.m. at the Guildhall** where you can hear about the projected improvements and access to the museum.





Farmers' Market
Friday 20th November
8.30a.m. – 1p.m. in the Market Place
Local meat, fish, fruit, vegetables,
bread, cheese, drinks and preserves



Tithe Farm Ladygrove website – Have you had a look at the website yet? www.tithefarmladygrove.org.uk Not only can you read what's on it, you can post things on the forum without having to wait for the next newsletter – for sale, wanted, swap shop, local events, groups and activities – so long as you register. You can find direct links to local information. We've tried to make the home page more like a newsletter and are open to ideas about how to make the site more user friendly. So take a look and tell us what you think.



The green fence is gone – You may have noticed that the green metal fence in Nash Drive next to the footpath through to Ely Close has been taken down at last. Let's hope the metal has been recycled.



Eco-Friendly Christmas – too much food, too much packaging, last minute rush round the shops, traffic jams all the way to the supermarket, musical Bart Simpson boxer shorts encased in half a ton of plastic, cracker contents swept straight into the bin. If you're fed up with this sort of Christmas, come and find out how to have an **Eco-Friendly Christmas** at **Abingdon Carbon Cutters' meeting** on **Wednesday 18th November** at **7.30 p.m.** at **St Ethelwold's House, 30 East St Helen Street**. Bring your own ideas to share, too.

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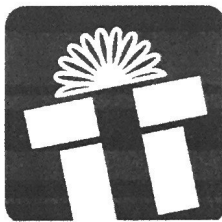
Oxfordshire Events is hosting two CRAFT FESTIVALS in November.

Sunday 8 November at Steventon Village Hall, 11am - 4pm.

Sunday 22 November at Four Pillars Hotel, Abingdon, 12 - 4pm.

For seasonal gifts, produce and accessories all in good time for Christmas visit this Craft Festival for a shopping experience that is determined to be unique. Now is the time to get your shopping well underway while relaxing in a welcoming environment. Refreshments will be served throughout the day so you'll have the opportunity to stop for a warming drink and something to eat whilst deciding what to buy.

For more information, please visit www.oxfordshireevents.co.uk.



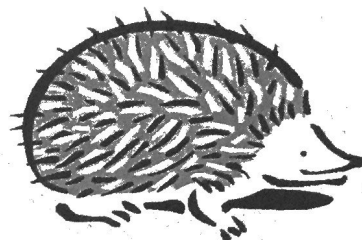
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The Garden in November

By the time you are reading this, the odds are that we will have experienced our first frost (in fact it is threatened for this weekend - 17/18 October) 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. However leave some bits behind as wildlife needs somewhere to hide and be careful of disturbing hibernating hedgehogs.



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.



If you haven't prepared winter hanging baskets yet there may still be some cheap bedding in the garden centres – pansies and violas – or try winter flowering heathers, ivy and other evergreens. As always, keep them fed and watered.

Martin Gulliver



November Quiz – Doctor, Doctor

The answers to the following clues are all names of well known doctors, medical or otherwise, in fact or fiction. Answers to Eleanor, 23, Masefield Crescent, by 25th November.

- 1) Negative James Bond villain _____
- 2) Ever-changing time lord _____
- 3) He had a casebook _____
- 4) First in a series by Richard Gordon _____
- 5) He got wet in the West country _____
- 6) Holmes' side kick _____
- 7) Too big for his boots! _____
- 8) Healthy but noisy footwear _____
- 9) Vulcan child care expert? _____
- 10) Sixties American TV heart throb _____
- 11) Is he in the dictionary? _____
- 12) Better known for batting _____
- 13) He talked to the animals _____
- 14) Romantic in the red revolution _____
- 15) Marrying him was a fatal mistake _____
- 16) Unnatural goings-on on his island _____
- 17) She is what she eats _____
- 18) He could get there in under 4 minutes _____
- 19) We presume it is he _____
- 20) He sold his soul _____



October Quiz answers – A Fishy Tale

- 1) roach, 2) eel, 3) carp, 4) trout, 5) shad, 6) plaice, 7) haddock, 8) chub, 9) shark, 10) sole, 11) herring, 12) bream, 13) ray, 14) sprat, 15) hake, 16) pike, 17) cod, 18) tuna, 19) salmon, 20) perch, 21) tench, 22) shrimp, 23) dab, 24) minnow, 25) bass, 26) turbot

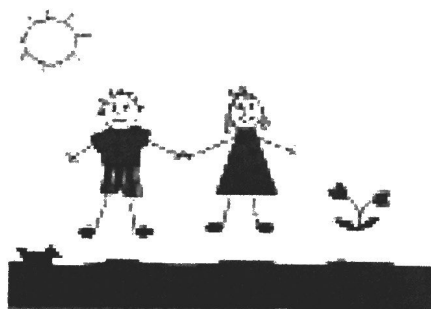
Councillors' Surgeries
Tim Oates or Samantha Bowring at the TFLRA Committee Meeting

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 9th December 2009 - 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room
N.B. no November meeting
Deadline for items for the next newsletter: Wednesday 25th November 2009
Contact the newsletter – items for publication:
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New website! – www.tithefarmladygrove.org.uk

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