

THE FARM & LADYGROVE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2005

Welcome to the October newsletter. I hope you like the new system of having the newsletter at the beginning of each month instead of the end. I would like to thank all contributors, both old and new and to encourage others to contribute as well. The subs have now been collected so a big thank you for paying up so willingly and especially to delivers for making the collections. It isn't too late to pay. You can still give in your sub (£1..20) to your newsletter deliverer or to me (Eleanor, 23 Masefield).

Abingdon Fair This year, the street fair is on Monday 10th and Tuesday 11th October. This will put Ock Street out of action from Sunday 9th, so traffic will be re-routed, bus stops will be moved and the traffic direction across the iron bridge near St.Helen's wharf will be reversed.

The Runaway Fair is on Monday 17th October and will affect the High Street, Square and East and West St Helen's Street. Look out for diversion signs and don't just sit fuming in traffic queues. Stuff yourselves with candy floss, go on the scary rides, win a huge cuddly toy and enjoy yourselves!

The Trolley Saga We are grateful to a Wordsworth resident who helped Tesco staff to pull trolleys out of the Ock using his fishing equipment. Rather mysteriously, I finally got a reply from the Environment Agency, claiming that one of their teams pulled twelve trolleys out at the end of August. Personally, I favour the local version of events. Tesco is responsible for its trolleys so if you see any strays, ask for a comments form at customer services and ask when they are going to do something to keep their trolleys on site

Litter Pick There will be a litter pick, (weather permitting) on Saturday 15th October on the Ock path to Tesco. This will be in conjunction with Abingdon Green Gym. Meet at 10a.m. at the entrance at the back of Chaunterell, but let me (Eleanor, 531 857) know if you would like to help, just to check that it's still happening. We will try to have an afternoon litter pick at a later date.

Save Radley Lakes The campaign to prevent the remaining two lakes at Radley from being filled with Pulverised Fuel Ash continues and is gathering pace. David Bellamy has lent his support and you may have heard a member of the Action Group co-present Bill Heine's programme on Radio Oxford on Friday 16th September. Apart from the destruction of a beautiful area and natural habitats, the in-filling of the lakes could mean a severe flooding problem for the South Abingdon area. Many more signatures for the petition are still needed, so contact the newsletter if you would like to sign and visit the website www.saveradleylakes.org.uk

The Drayton Recycling Centre will close towards the end of October for approximately 3 months for Health and Safety improvements. During that period the nearest will be Redbrige (next to the Park and Ride)

Sam Kirkwood has sent in some amusing and thought provoking contributions. Look out for more in the coming months.

Verbals in Court

Q: What is your date of birth

A: July fifteenth

Q: What year?

A: Every year

Q: What gear were you in at the moment of impact?

A: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

Q: What was the first thing your husband said to you when he woke up that morning?

A: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

Q: And why did that upset you?

A: My name is Susan.

Q: How was your first marriage terminated?

A: By death.

Q: And by whose death was it terminated?

For the Garden of your Daily Living

Plant 3 rows of peas

- 1) Peace of mind
- 2) Peace of heart
- 3) Peace of soul

Plant 4 rows of squash

- 1) Squash gossip
- 2) Squash indifference
- 3) Squash grumbling
- 4) Squash selfishness

Plant 4 rows of lettuce

- 1) Lettuce be faithful
- 2) Lettuce be kind
- 3) Lettuce be patient
- 4) Lettuce really love one another

No garden is without turnips

- 1) Turnip for meetings
- 2) Turnip for service
- 3) Turnip to help one another

To conclude our garden we must have thyme

- 1) Thyme for each other
- 2) Thyme for family
- 3) Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.
There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

GUIDES WANTED

9th Abingdon Guides has vacancies for new guides. Guides are for girls from 10 - 14 or therabouts. We meet Tuesday evenings during term time from 7.15 - 8.45 pm. at St Helens Church Centre. We have an active programme and the opportunity of camping in the summer. For more information please ring Denise Roberts, Unit Guider, on 01235-553645

MISSING Large Tabby Cat answers to the name BARNEY NOW HOME SAFE AND WELL Many thanks to all Special thanks to Max, Alistair, Michael and Danny



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Tithe Farm and LadyGrove



Following on from our first meeting on Saturday 17th September, several interesting things came out about NHW locally.

Question... Do you think you are in NHW? Do you have a sticker in your window or a sign on the lamppost in your street?

Answer... In fact, if you are not receiving NHW Ringmaster messages from the police station, then you are no longer in an active scheme. You may be getting discount on your house insurance and not actually entitled to it.

Solution... The solution is easy.
SET YOURSELVES UP AS A NEW NHW SCHEME.

We would like people to register at the police station to get messages about crime trends and other incidents of note in your area. We would like people to pass messages round to just their near neighbours, and to set up small schemes rather than one big one which is difficult to manage effectively.

**If you would like to get involved, please contact
Anne Barber, Abingdon Police Station on 01235 556938 or email anne.
barber@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk**

Burglars are fed up of working nights so more burglaries are committed during the day so make sure you lock up properly when you go to work

September Quiz winner and answers – There were a number of correct entries for the tree quiz, so there had to be a draw. The winner was Lyndsey Ball, who happens to be my next door neighbour, but I can assure you there was no “insider dealing”.

Here are the answers: 1)sycamore 2)hazel 3)ash 4)aspen 5)poplar 6)larch 7)pine 8)beech 9)willow 10)oak 11)holly 12)plane 13)elm 14)elder 15)rowan 16)fir 17)spruce 18)lime 19)yew 20)maple

October Quiz – Two B or not two B – The title sets the tone for the following terrible rhyming clues. Each answer consists of two words beginning with B. Answers to Eleanor, 23, Masefield by 19th October. They can be on a separate piece of paper if you wish.

- 1) Its very loud chime tells London the time. _____
- 2) Rather pebbly, it's true. There's a nudist bit too. _____
- 3) This fat schoolboy clown shovelled tons of food down. _____
- 4) This lovely dark steed made a very good read. _____
- 5) When you're on holiday it's a place you can stay. _____
- 6) It seems it's not red if you're royal and well-bred. _____
- 7) It buzzes around where nectar is found. _____
- 8) Food from milk and from grain or things routine and plain. _____
- 9) The hobbit who found the One Ring underground. _____
- 10) This sweet little bear Yogi's exploits did share. _____
- 11) You may get this disease without vitamin Bs. _____
- 12) An expression one uses to describe many bruises. _____
- 13) It was made by Barnes Wallace, German dams to demolish. _____
- 14) She cried "Order, order" and the M.P.s adored her. _____
- 15) Hungarian wine from an old bovine line. _____
- 16) Was the price right for this woman in white? _____
- 17) With a jolly hurrah, puppet fox was a star. _____
- 18) White bird on blue ground where cash may be found. _____
- 19) These small silver spheres make machines run for years. _____
- 20) Where a teacher can write. In most schools it's now white! _____

Family tree 2

Birth certificates are one of the most valuable documents you can obtain in researching the family tree. They provide not only the actual date and place of birth, but the full names of both parents, including the mother's maiden name.

It has been a legal requirement to register births, marriages and deaths (BDMs) since 1837, and copies of certificates are readily available. A completely free resource is available at the Public Library in Oxford, where microfiche records of all BDMs are held and are easily accessible. The records are held on the floor above the main library and the staff there are more than happy to assist you.

The fiches are divided into births, marriages and deaths, and are held in large binders, in year order, with each year further divided into quarters. It is merely a case of selecting a slide containing the date you are looking for, slotting it into your machine and scanning the screen for the right name. They are in alphabetical order on each slide and if you are unsure of the date, you can easily scan several fiches until you track down your ancestor.

(Those with access to the internet can go to www.1837online.com and for a small charge, search the records online and I shall cover internet resources in more depth in a later article.)

Once you have the record, jot down the reference number and ask a member of staff for a certificate application form which you can then complete and post to the record office at Southport with payment, currently £7 for each certificate. They normally arrive in about 10 days.

Incidentally, the Library shelves where these records are held is well worth a browse if your ancestors are local, as there is a wealth of information

Martin Gulliver

Councillors' Surgeries
Peter and/or Hilary Green – 2nd Saturday of the month 10 – 11.15a.m. Jephson Common Room.

Mike Badcock 1st Saturday of the month at the Conservative Club.

**Date of the next TFLRA Committee Meeting –
Wednesday 12th October 2005 at 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room.
Any resident is welcome to attend.
Deadline for items for the next newsletter – Wednesday 19th October 2005**

Contact us – items for publication:

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Do you use the bus services Didcot/South Abingdon/Oxford?

If so, are the bus times the best for you, if not what would you like them to be?

It might be possible to get the Bus Company to rearrange the timetable.

Please indicate below on the tear off strip and return to Cllr Badcock, 7 Maberley Close, Abingdon or e-mail him on michael.badcock@oxfordshire.gov.uk. **By the end of October Please**

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35A Bus timetable. My most suitable times. Please place a tick in the box.

Mornings:-

Tithe Farm pick up to Oxford:-

15mins past the hour

On the half hour

15mins to the hour

On the hour

Tithe Farm pick up to Didcot:-

15mins past the hour

On the half hour

15mins to the hour

On the hour

Evenings:-

Oxford St Aldgates pick up to Didcot:-

15mins past the hour

On the half hour

15mins to the hour

On the hour

Didcot pick up to Oxford:-

15mins past the hour

On the half hour

15mins to the hour

On the hour