

TITHE FARM & LADYGROVE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2006

Welcome to the October newsletter. As you see below, we have included an item about the Drayton Road traffic. It was suggested at the September Councillors' surgery that we have a campaign about the increasing traffic congestion and next month you will get a chance to air your views. However, you are most welcome to contact us before that with your opinions or to come to a committee meeting.

Next Councillors' surgery – Peter and Hilary Green's Councillors' surgery will be on the **first Saturday** (7th) of October.

Newsletter deliverers – We are still looking for volunteers to deliver newsletters, particularly on Ladygrove. Some people do four roads each, which is far too much. It doesn't take long to deliver a batch each month and collect subs in the summer. If we don't get more volunteers, we won't be able to continue with the newsletter after next Summer.

Missing wind chimes returned! - The missing chimes stolen from a pensioner's porch, as reported last month, have been mysteriously returned apart from one – a special one with a cat on – but the lady concerned is very glad to get her property back.

Abingdon Fair – Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th Oct. The fair extends the length of Ock Street, so the town centre will be closed. Road closures and diversions begin on Sunday 8th.

Runaway Fair – Mon 16th Oct - High Street and Square area will be closed. Enjoy yourselves!

Drayton Road Traffic

As you cannot have failed to notice, the traffic jams on Drayton Road in the direction of Abingdon are getting worse, not only in peak hours but at other random, unpredictable times of day. This is partly due to the roadworks going on in the town centre, but since the purpose of these roadworks is to ease traffic in the centre of Abingdon, the situation on Drayton Road will not improve.

In addition to this, more houses and flats are being built, which will increase the amount of traffic still further. About 80 new dwellings are due to be built on the site of the old Tesdale School in Blacknall Way. The site of the old Esso petrol station and Renault garage has been sold and will almost certainly be used for house building.

In next month's newsletter, we will include a slip to fill in with your views on what could be done to ease the traffic situation, and, in view of the lack of facilities in South Abingdon, whether you think there should be a shop. Since the closure of the Esso and B.P. petrol stations, the local shop has been Tesco's!

home it's more reliable + cheaper more accessible to the elderly

(Southern relief Rd? Drayton Rd, Oday H. 11, across to
improve situation on ~~Southern~~ Marcham Rd, Culham)

Here are some suggestions for easing the traffic situation:

Re-open the old slip roads on to the A34 between Steventon and Drayton.

Have a proper interchange on to and off the A34 at North Abingdon.

Traffic control at the double roundabout.

A decent bus service to Didcot and to Oxford from South Abingdon, at least every 20 minutes in the rush hour and every half hour outside it. This might persuade some people out of their cars.

An Abingdon town service at times people need to use it, not just during the middle of the day.

These are just a few suggestions. You may agree or disagree with them, you may have other ideas or you may be content to sit and fume in traffic jams forever, but anyway, next month you will get a chance to give your views.

New Reservoir

If you haven't yet visited the exhibition at the Guildhall about Thames Water's proposed new reservoir between Steventon and East Hanney, you will have another chance in October. Here are the times and dates:

Friday 13th October 9a.m. - 9p.m.

Saturday 14th October 9a.m. - 4.30p.m.

You can also view the report online at www.thameswater.co.uk/utmrtd

Events

The Ox and Berks are to amalgamate with the Royal Logistics Corps. There will be a parade on 12th October.

Abingdon Craft Festival – 20th – 23rd and 26th – 29th October in the Medieval Abbey Buildings

Abingdon Operatic Society presents "Kiss me Kate", 23rd – 28th October at the Amey Theatre

AN EVENING OF POETRY AND WELSH MALE CHORAL MUSIC With the

**ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY
DOLGELLAU MALE VOICE CHOIR
OXFORD WELSH MALE VOICE CHOIR**

**Dorchester Abbey Dorchester on Thames
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11TH 2006 7.30 p.m.**

Tickets £14 (£12 concession) available from:

Dawsons, High St. Abingdon

Ron Salter Oxford Welsh MVC 01869 331 245

**In Aid of: Oxfordshire Alheimers Society and
British Legion Poppy Appeal**

The September quiz was won by Karen, Steve and Emily Cackett of Coleridge Drive.

September quiz answers: 1)Red Light spells danger by Billy Ocean 2)Roses are Red by Ronnie Carrol 3) Big Yellow Taxi by Joni Mitchell 4)All Rise by Blue 5)Men in Black by Will Smith 6) A Whiter Shade of Pale by Procol Harum 7)Another Brick in the Wall by Pink Floyd 8)Heart of Gold by Neil Young 9) Real Gone Kid by Deacon Blue 10)Money's Too Tight to Mention by Simply Red 11)Song Sung Blue by Neil Diamond 12)Paint it Black by The Rolling Stones 13)Ride a White Swan by T Rex 14)Gold by Spandau Ballet 15)Pink Cadillac by Natalie Cole 16)Purple Rain by Prince 17)Tie a Yellow Ribbon Round the Old Oak Tree by Dawn 18)American Idiot by Green Day 19)Silver Lady by David Soul 20)Lilac Wine by Elkie Brooks

October Quiz - A DRINKS STORY – All answers are names of drinks – alcoholic, soft, hot, brand names, cocktails. Some poetic (and spelling!) licence must be used.

Answers to Eleanor, 23 Masefield by Wednesday 18th October

The alarm went off at _____. I got for my morning jog. It was a very _____ day so I wore just my _____ shirt and shorts. I lived by the sea, very near to a _____, which was good as I'd always loved ships.

I started my jog along the beach by the _____ side when I spotted my friend Jane. We were both _____ at the local school. I noticed a very tall man standing be _____.

"This is Mark," she said. He hasn't been very well recently. He has a _____ can't get rid of. I told him he should go to see _____ at the surgery.

Mark and Jane were dancing partners and they had won several awards for their _____ and _____ ba. Jane loved to dance, sing and act and was I he school production of South Pacific playing _____.

I could hear the _____ from a nearby church and carried on until I bumped into my mate Andy. We ran together on alternate Sundays and played _____ every Tuesday. Andy had a bandage on his hand after an accident at home working with a _____.

We ran towards the cliffs as it was very _____ with hardly any wind there. We were chatting away when I said "_____, _____, I can hear something." It sounded like a high pitched _____ getting closer, but it was only a Vespa that passed us and stopped by _____er van, which also sold hot dogs and ice creams.

At the top of the slope, we turned and ran back towards the beach. Andy said the run was just the _____ he needed. "I feel like something to eat," I said "_____ I," replied Andy. So off we went for some food and a nice refreshing drink.

Poetry Corner

A Senior Citizen resident, who wishes to remain anonymous, sent in the following poem:

Fragile Bones and My Defibrillator

I used to be over five feet tall
In those days life was good
I could jump over any old wall
Now I'm much older and very small.

When I look in the mirror
I see only half of my face
And to me it looks an absolute disgrace
It is scary – I don't like it at all

I feel so small
All my cupboards seem tall
When I look to see what's on show
I have to stand on tiptoe!

In restaurants I get covered in confusion
So I never leave home without my cushion

Never mind, life has been kind
I know I shouldn't mind
And I always feel ten feet tall
When the grandchildren come to call

To everyone out there
Take good care of your bones
Then you needn't worry
About all of these moans

Now my eyes are watery
And it's time to thank God



WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS TO THE ESTATE

May we extend a very warm welcome to anybody who has recently moved onto the

estate. We hope that you enjoy your time here. Please feel free to contribute to the

newsletter . New ideas are most welcome. You are also most welcome to join our

monthly meeting held in the Jephson common room (details back page) to discuss

issues that affect the estate

We hope you enjoy the newsletter. The subscription, which also includes

membership of the Residents' Association, is only £1..50p a year

(free to Senior Citizens) and is

collected in the Summer. See the back page for contact details

The Editors

The Garden in October

Autumn is now well and truly upon us so a choice has to be made – put the garden to bed for the winter or leave it as it is? The former involves cutting back all dead foliage, tidying up leaves and digging over empty areas of soil. Divide large clump-forming perennial plants, (though this can be left until spring) and tidy up the greenhouse.

The latter involves less work and can encourage wildlife. If plants are left as they are, apart from providing seed heads for birds, they also provide a framework for the garden during the winter, especially when frosts come along. Shelter is also provided for smaller mammals when foraging, and top growth left on plants can protect the main plant from frosts.

In either scheme, the grass should by now have had its last cut, but if we get a warm spell and it grows again, don't be afraid to give it a light trim. Now is also a good month to put down turf, plant new shrubs and give hedges a trim. Finally try sowing a few hardy annual seeds in a pot or tray and leaving them in a sheltered spot. This should provide good strong early plants next spring.

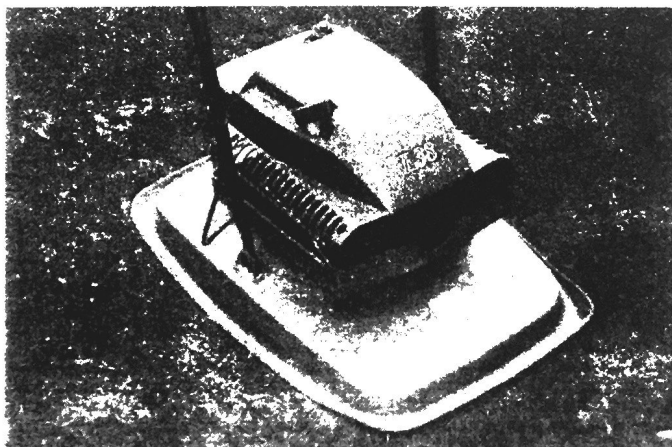
By the way, my reference to scorched gardens in the last article, whilst being read by you when we had endured three weeks of rain, was written by me after a fortnight's heat wave!

Martin Sulliver

FOR SALE:

Flymo 2-stroke Hover Mower. The mower is in excellent working order, and comes complete with Instructions, 2-stroke oil, fuel container and even some fuel !

Need to clear space in garage means mower has to go, hence bargain price of only **£25.**



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Councillors' Surgeries

**Peter and/or Hilary Green – This month only change of date
Saturday 7th October
10 – 11.15a.m. Jephson Common Room.**

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

Date of the next TFLRA Committee Meeting

**Wednesday 11th October at 8p.m.
in the Jephson Common Room.**

**Deadline for items for the next newsletter
Wednesday 18th October 2006**

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