



TITHE FARM AND LADYGROVE NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2009

Welcome to the October newsletter.

The Fair and Town Centre closures - By the time you read this, the Michaelmas Fair in Ock Street and the Town Centre will have come and gone. However, there is still the Runaway Fair on Monday 12th October, which will close the High Street and the top end of East and West St Helen Street.



Newsletter deliverer – The newsletter is looking for a volunteer deliverer for half of Longfellow Drive, who would also be willing to collect annual subscriptions. Many thanks are due to Amanda, who has been doing the job with the help of her children for the past few years. She and her family will be moving away with in the next few months and we wish them all the best.



Cat needing a good home – Amanda's cat, a one-year-old, tabby, neutered male, does not want to go to Australia and needs a good home locally. If you would like to adopt him, contact Amanda on 01235 554 265.

Riverbank Work – Many of you will have noticed the work being done a few weeks ago on the river bank by the Ock Meadow opposite the back of Chaunterell Way. This was to strengthen the bank, which had been eroding for some time and had exposed a disused sewage pipe. Unfortunately, this work has narrowed the channel, creating an extra flood risk.

Tree branches in the river – A resident has noticed that branches have been deliberately cut from trees in the wooded area and thrown into the river. Saws have been used, showing that it is premeditated damage, not just spontaneous mischief. Parents, please check what your children are up to in the Ock meadow. It might not just be fishing and games of football.

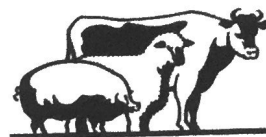


FARMERS' MARKET

Friday 16th October

Market Place

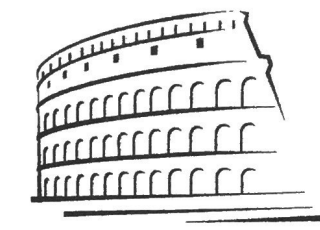
8.30 a.m. – 1p.m.



ITALIAN MARKET

Friday 23rd and Saturday

24th October



Half Term activities for children at the County Hall Museum – 26th-30th October, 10-30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m. in the museum basement – Nature and Wildlife – activities include making clay insects, bug key rings, insect gliders, badges, bookmarks, colouring and painting. For more details, contact Claire on 01235 523 703.

N.B. adults must stay with children at all times – no nipping off for some peace and quiet at Costa coffee!

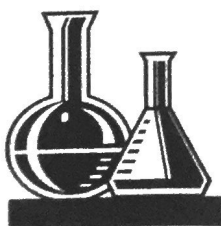
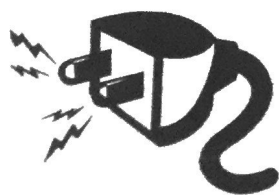


Does anyone remember the oil fired central heating on the Tithe Farm estate? Or does anyone still have it or know who supplied it? Cllr Mike Badcock received an enquiry from a new resident. If you can help, contact him on: 01235 201 810.

GCSE Science Home Tutoring

Robert Wilson offers tuition in Chemistry, Biology, Maths and Physics.

Rate per hour negotiable. E-mail Robert at: robert33wilson@btinternet.com



The Garden in October

The days will definitely be getting colder now although a lot of plants, especially bedding, should last until the first frost – usually early next month. However plan ahead and plant up winter baskets now, using pansies or violas, adding an evergreen such as trailing ivy.



Sow sweet peas in pots now and they will over-winter safely to give stronger and better flowers next year. Use old toilet roll tubes, as sweet peas have long roots and the whole thing can be planted out next year. This applies to all *hardy* annuals (sowing now, not the toilet roll thing...)



If you took any cuttings in the summer, these can now be potted up and put in a sheltered spot to overwinter. As a general rule, cold is not the problem over winter so much as damp – keep pots on the dry side if possible.



Plant tulips now and next month. As with other bulbs, plant them three to four times their own depth, and a sprinkling of gravel at the bottom of the hole will prevent water-logging.

If you have any permanent containers, raise them off the ground using special terracotta feet or pieces of wood, so as to assist drainage.



If the weather allows it, keep the grass trimmed so as to avoid the usual jungle-like hacking next spring when you'll *so* wish you hadn't left it to grow...

Martin Gulliver





October Quiz - A Fishy Tale




This month's quiz is a story concealing the names of 26 different fish. Coarse fishermen should find it easy and so should refined ones. Answers to Eleanor, 23 Masefield by 24th October.

As he approached the old house, Jack began to feel uneasy. He had stopped in the pub car park and asked a local the best route to it. What a contrast there was between this damp, shady lane and the pretty seaside town he had left, its beach and funfair, with swing boats, hoop-la, ice cream and candy floss stalls. Stepping off the boat when it had docked at the tiny harbour, he had been greeted by a chubby little man, who introduced himself as Hamish Arkwright, his late great aunt's lawyer. As her sole heir, Jack had received in the

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Piece cut out

of dull silver and sombre amber, shaped like a spray of him he had inherited her old stone cottage. Handing his hand with a grasp rather too strong for comfort. undid the padlock on the spiked iron gate - luckily he felt almost unable to breathe. The cottage was nearly

sw perched, added to the gloom. An unpleasant stench old well. He could see the blackish rim poking out e would certainly need more than a dab of paint. It was,

no doubt, overrun with vermin now, though you could practise the bassoon or bagpipes and not disturb other people. Reluctantly, he unlocked the door and pushed it open.

- 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____
- 6) _____ 7) _____ 8) _____ 9) _____ 10) _____
- 11) _____ 12) _____ 13) _____ 14) _____ 15) _____
- 16) _____ 17) _____ 18) _____ 19) _____ 20) _____
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- 24) _____ 25) _____ 26) _____

Answers to the September quiz- 1)the naked eye 2)the apple of one's eye 3)see eye to eye 4)eagle/hawk eyed 5)green eyed monster 6)the eye of the storm 7)cat's eye 8)keep an eye on 9)eyes at the back of your head 10)the green eye 11)the eye of a needle 12)four eyes 13)ole blue eyes 14)turn a blind eye to 15)eye-catching 16)an eye for an eye 17) eyesore 18)eye tooth 19)eye witness 20)Private Eye

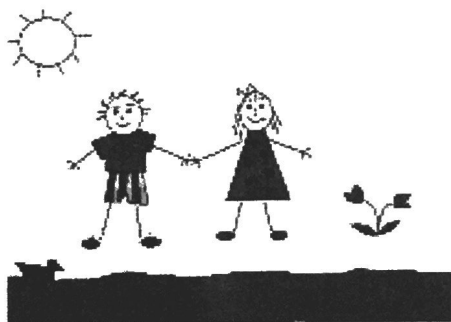
Councillors' Surgeries
Tim Oates or Samantha Bowring at the TFLRA Committee Meeting

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 14th October 2009 - 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room
Deadline for items for the next newsletter: Saturday 24th October 2009
Contact the newsletter – items for publication:
Eleanor Dangerfield 01235 531 857- 23 Masefield Crescent- eledanger@hotmail.com
New website! – www.tithefarmladygrove.org.uk

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

Government funding available for people on benefit for children from age 2 1/2"

Children in nappies accepted

For more information or an application form phone

01235 531670 during pre-school hours