

TITHE FARM & LADYGROVE NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2008

Welcome to the September newsletter, back after the August break. Let us hope that September will be a sunnier month. You may have read in the local press that Tesco has decided to withdraw its appeal against the refusal of planning permission to expand. So what that basically means is, Tesco won't get any bigger and your council tax won't need to be spent on legal fees.

New Reservoir – The Vale Council is calling for a public enquiry into Thames Water's reservoir plans, saying that the company had failed to make an adequate case for building the huge reservoir.

A34 Interchange – Oxfordshire County Council's cabinet member for transport has asked the Highway's Agency for a "full diamond" interchange at Lodge Hill, North Abingdon. This would mean that northbound traffic could leave the A34 at North Abingdon and southbound traffic could join it there. This would reduce traffic going through the town centre, and along Colwell Drive and Marcham Road. What do readers think of this idea? Let the newsletter know your views.

Mobile Library? – I asked at the library exhibition in the market place why the mobile library did not visit this area and was told that nobody had asked for it. It seems that if you don't ask, you don't get, so if you are interested in this service, **please contact the newsletter**. Even if just half a dozen people make the request, it might be possible to be included on the route.

A big thank you to Joan! – Joan Wild, who has delivered newsletters in Longfellow Drive for many years, has decided it's time to retire. May I take this opportunity to thank her for giving up her time to this task for so long. A replacement deliverer has been found, but we are always looking for new volunteers, so if you would like to be on a "reserve list", please contact the newsletter. Help is often needed for reasons of holidays, illness or if deliverers drop out.

A complaint from Maberley – A Maberley Close resident has requested that people do not dump building rubble, skips, garden rubbish etc. in the garage area of Maberley Close. This is very inconsiderate and causes great inconvenience.

EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

Heritage Open Day – Saturday 14th September A number of historic buildings will be open to the public, such as Christ's Hospital Hall, the Guildhall, the County Hall building (including the roof), Twickenham House and the Merchant's House. Guided tours will be available. More information from the Library or Old Abbey House or go to www.abingdonheritage.co.uk

FREE – Wall Mirror in wooden frame. 34in high x 30in wide.
Suitable for hallway. Phone 523 896.

Kirsty-Shaw
mailto:kshaw@abingdonheritage.co.uk

RACE NIGHT

In aid of Save Radley Lakes
Saturday 13th September 2008 at 7.30 p.m.

Radley Village Hall

Tickets £10 including Supper and Race Card

Prizes for the best hat and dress

For tickets, phone Eleanor on 531 857
or Marjorie on 530 174

Advance Notice of Abingdon Fair – Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th October

Closure to traffic of Ock Street and Town Centre from Sunday 5th. General traffic mayhem and all the fun of the fair.

Runaway Fair – Monday 13th October – High Street closed to traffic.

Advance notice of Oxford Welsh Male Voice Choir Festival – Saturday 29th November

at 7.30 p.m. in Oxford Town Hall, benefiting Oxford Samaritans. Tickets £15 from www.oxfordwelshmvc.org.uk or Ron Salter 01869 331245

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(preferably term time but not essential)

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Did you know that...

Medlicott, comes from Medlicott in Shropshire, deriving from the Old Scandinavian "methal" meaning "middle" plus the Old English pre 7th Century "eg" island, plus the Old English "cot" meaning "cottage", hence "cottage on the middle island". The surname dates back to the mid 13th Century.

Orpwood is an Old English pre 7th century word meaning brave and valiant, and later in the medieval period it developed as a surname. There is no such place as Orpwood, nor does there ever appear to have been, but it is a possibility as many names do originate from totally "lost" medieval villages.

Nash is much associated with Georgian period of the 18th century, and is of early medieval English origin. It is topographical and describes a person who lived "at an ash (tree)." In ancient history the ash tree held particular significance, being considered to have magical powers, perhaps because of the many and varied uses of the wood.

More to follow next issue

Martin Gulliver

FOUND - Wednesday 27th August in Masefield playing field, boy's hooded jacket, (8-10 years), Phone 01235 531 857



JEPHSON SOUTH&WEST

We have a vacancy for a:
GARDENER / CLEANER

At Bridges Close / Wordsworth Road, Tithe Farm Estate, Abingdon
5 hours per week £1820 per annum

This position is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau standard disclosure

The post holder will be responsible for maintaining the garden and communal areas at Bridges Close/Wordsworth Road, Tithe Farm Estate, Abingdon, ensuring a high level of gardening and cleanliness is maintained. The hours of work are flexible – 3 hours per week gardening and 2 hours per week cleaning.

To apply please call our recruitment line on 01454 204030 or email south-westjobs@jephson.org.uk for an application pack.
Minicom users can contact us on 0800 587 5055.
No CVs please. (Job reference SW002).
Closing date 12.00 noon or first post 23 September 2008. Interviews will be held locally.

Poetry

First, a poem by Lilian on the subject of the awful August weather:

British Summer

So, we have a British summer again
When we shiver and freeze and look glum.
I'm quite fed up with the wind and the rain.
I'll get me a bottle of rum.
I can't even get all my washing dry
But at least it's had another good rinse.
Some of the items have blown up to the sky
And I haven't caught a glimpse of them since.
Tents and caravans stuck in the mud.
Now it's Northern Ireland's turn for a flood.
Grey waves break on the shore, deckchairs blown away.
"What happened to global warming?" we say.

Lilian Barry

Now we have a poem from a young poet, who shows great promise:

To my dear love...

I have left you for the green hills
Where the wild wind blows
Where the daisies grow high
And the wolves call out at night

The moon shines bright
And the water twinkles with the sun in the Spring
The snow in the cold, cold winter
Like your bed sheets, it is silk white.

So now you know
The bright lights in the cities
Hide the stars at night
So I bid you forever goodbye my love.

Jamaica

The Veggie garden in September

You can continue to sow fast maturing autumn crops, spring cabbage, spinach, turnips, oriental vegetables but bring the containers into a greenhouse as it gets colder.

A September sowing of rocket will last well into the autumn and sometimes survive the winter in mild conditions or with some protection. The cooler temperatures at this time of year discourage rocket from going to seed so quickly.

Also called corn salad, lamb's lettuce is a very hardy winter salad with a soft texture and mild flavour. Lasts well throughout the winter, and when it flowers next spring the flowers can be eaten too.

Are your tomatoes still green? Harvest the whole vine, then hang upside down in a greenhouse or indoors. Alternatively pick unripe tomatoes and place them in sealed brown paper bags either on their own (slow ripening) or with a ripe apple/bananna (quick ripening). The reason for the apple/banana is due to ethylene gas production, which promotes ripening. (Not many people know that...)

Finally, if you have some tubers left from a crop of early potatoes, put them in a light, frost-free place. When they start to shoot, plant 3 into a large tub with drainage holes. Place tubers onto a 6 inch layer of multipurpose or potting compost, cover with 3 inches of compost and water in.

As the shoots continue to grow, fill the container with compost, always leaving the top of the shoots in the light. Water regularly, support the foliage with canes and protect from frost. Empty the container on Christmas morning!

Martin Gulliver

July Quiz Answers and September Quiz – The July Quiz was won by David and Patricia Adams of Francis Little Drive. Here are the answers: 1) Double Your Money 2) Take Your Pick 3) Criss Cross Quiz 4) Top of the Form 5) Ask the Family 6) Mastermind 7) The Krypton Factor 8) Sale of the Century 9) Egg Heads 10) The Weakest Link 11) Who wants to be a Millionaire? (Opportunity Knocks also O.K.) 12) Catchphrase 13) Countdown 14) Telly Addicts 15) The Price is Right 16) Deal or No Deal 17) They Think it's All Over 18) University Challenge 19) Name That Tune 20) Blockbusters

September Quiz – Olympic Anagrams – Unscramble the letters to find an Olympic event. Answers to Eleanor, 23 Masfield by 21st September.

- 1) THE HOT PLAN _____
- 2) D.S. GREASE _____
- 3) ROMAN HAT _____
- 4) STEELY REF _____
- 5) I'D DYE INVALID MULE _____
- 6) HAVE BELLBOY CALL _____
- 7) COULD SELL BUS _____
- 8) SAILOR'S EX PC _____
- 9) RED LUSH _____
- 10) JIM H. PUGH _____
- 11) RIP PLUM JET _____
- 12) EVIL JAN _____
- 13) PIT MEN'S ART _____
- 14) PULL A VOTE _____
- 15) B DOMINANT _____
- 16) CONGRESS SHIMMY IN WIND _____
- 17) TENT SALE BIN _____
- 18) MR HOLE'S POEM _____
- 19) MINOR PLATE _____
- 20) HOW PM'S IN JUG _____

Councillors' Surgeries

Samantha Bowring or Tim Oates 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 17th September 2008 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room (N.B. change
of date to third Wednesday, this month only)**

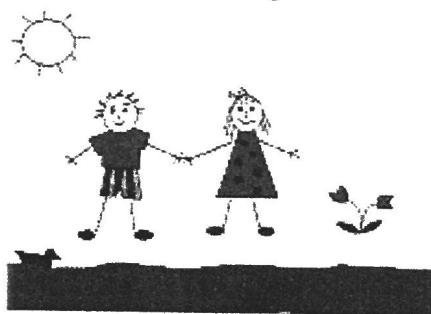
Deadline for items for the next newsletter: Wednesday 21st September 2008

Contact the newsletter – items for publication:

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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**