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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2009

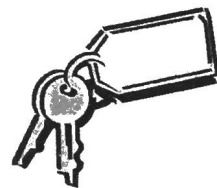
**Welcome** to the September newsletter. You should find plenty of ideas for things to do in September. Discover places in Abingdon you may never have been to before, view works by local artists, see a play, be inspired by an eco-renovated house or discover a new activity at Fun in the Park.

**TFLRA membership subs** – Most of these have been collected by now or if not, will be collected with this newsletter. Many thanks are due to the intrepid sub collectors. It is nice for them to get a friendly word on the doorstep, especially as they very occasionally encounter rude people. What is the matter with these people (who, I suppose, will not be reading the newsletter anyway)? Don't they realise that the newsletter is a non profit making initiative and the deliverers are giving up their time for no reward? The least they can do is refuse politely.

**TFLRA Committee meeting** – Please note that there will be no meeting in September as not enough of us could come. The next meeting will be on 14th October. Remember that any resident is welcome to come to meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room. If you don't know where that is, phone or e-mail and ask. Contact details are on the back page. You don't have to come to all the meetings or stay for the whole meeting. Councillor Tim Oates is usually able to attend, and will try to answer your questions or deal with complaints.

**FOUND**  
**In Masefield Playing Field on 26th August**  
**Car Keys**

Contact Eleanor on 01235 531 857



**Farmers' Market**  
**Friday 18th September in the Market Place**  
Local meat, fish, cheese, bakery, seasonal fruit and vegetables.



## Abingdon Heritage Open Days – 10th-13th September

This is an opportunity to visit historic buildings in Abingdon, some of which are not normally open to the public, and have a guided tour. Most of these buildings are open for special tours on **Saturday 12th September between 10a.m. and 4p.m.** but see below for dates. There is no need to book.

**Abingdon Museum** – a tour of the building and your chance to go up on the roof.

**Guildhall, Abbey Close**

**Christ's Hospital and Almshouses, St Helen's Churchyard**

**The Merchant's House, 26, East St Helen Street**

**St Ethelwold's House, 30 East St Helen Street**

**Helensbourne, 34 East St Helen Street**

**The Lost Abbey of Abingdon, Abbey Gardens** – you can see the boundaries and learn about the extent of the original abbey before Henry VIII got at it.

**The Abbey Buildings, Checker Walk** – open Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10th-13th between 10a.m. and 4p.m.



**Sunday 13th September – Boundary Walk - 11a.m. starting and finishing in the Market Place** – a walk of about 3 miles round the 16th century boundaries of Abingdon. You are never very far from the town centre so you can cut it short if you like.

### FOR SALE

CHILDREN'S CLIMBING FRAME  
WITH  
SCRAMBLE NET, PLATFORM AND  
SWING

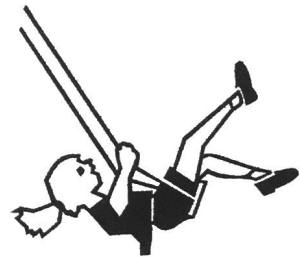
£20

CHILDREN'S WOODEN PLAYHOUSE,  
GOOD SIZE

(could be used as garden shed)

free to collect

Tel: 01235 526657 – e-mail: david-kim@tiscali.co.uk



**ABINGDON DRAMA CLUB**

*presents*

**DR FAUSTUS**

*by Christopher Marlowe*

at the Unicorn Theatre, Medieval Abbey Buildings, Abingdon  
Wednesday 16th – Saturday 19th September at 7.30 p.m.

Tickets - £7, concessions £6 from the Bookstore,  
Abingdon Precinct or from Ticketline 01235 524538

## **SPONSOR A CYCLE RIDE AND HELP HELEN AND DOUGLAS HOUSE!**

Peter Burgess and his family are cycling from London to Paris on 9th September to raise money for this local charity. They have been training really hard over the past few months. You may have seen the television series about the work of Helen and Douglas House, which does so much for sick children and young people and their families. Go to the Just Giving website to find out more about their cycle ride and how you can help them achieve their target [www.justgiving.com/peterburgess1](http://www.justgiving.com/peterburgess1)



### **FUN IN THE PARK SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2P.M. – 5P.M.**

**ABBEY GROUNDS  
STALLS AND DISPLAYS BY THE CLUBS AND CHARITIES  
OF ABINGDON**

**Find out about things you can join.**

**Try something new.**

**Food and drink stalls.**

**A fun afternoon for all the family.**

**Ecovation – Why not visit a house that has been eco-renovated?** There are a number of these open in Oxfordshire as part of Heritage Week, 10th-13th September. You can see solar panels, photo-voltaic panels, rain water harvesting, grey water loo flushing, floor, wall and loft insulation and much more and find out how to eco-reno-vate your own house. For locations and opening times, see [www.ecovation.org.uk](http://www.ecovation.org.uk) or pick up a leaflet at the library.

**Abingdon Artists' Exhibition – 5th – 13th September in St Helen's Church, 10a.m.-3p.m.** This is your chance to see the work of local artists and perhaps become the owner of a work of art.

**Environmental Awareness Day – Saturday 19th September – in the Market Place.** There will be a large number of stalls with information about energy conservation, local food, cycling, recycling even, carbon footprints and other topics to do with the environment.

### **Calling all apple tree owners!**

Do you have an apple tree in your garden and a surplus of apples? If so, these events are for you!

**Fun in the Park** on Sunday 13th Sept. Abingdon Carbon Cutters have borrowed an apple press and will be juicing apples on their stall. Bring your apples and a bottle (a plastic milk bottle will do) and go home with some juice.

**Carbon Cutters meeting** on Wednesday 16th Sept, 7.30 p.m. in St Ethelwold's House, East St Helen Street. More juicing, plus delicious recipes for apples and how to use and store them.

**Environmental Awareness Day** on Saturday 19th Sept in the Market Place. More juicing.

Windfall apples will do, so long as they're not too rotten.

If you can't come along to any of these events in person, call or e-mail Eleanor (contact details on back page). I will relieve you of your surplus apples and reward you with some juice. Remember, it takes an awful lot of apples to produce a pint of juice. Pulp will be composted.

**RIVERSIDE PLAYGROUP** needs your help to raise money.

The playgroup is collecting old, preferably working mobile phones, good used clothing which can be turned into cash by bag2school and raffle prizes. So have a sort out and see what you can find! Contact Joyce on 01235 524833, mobile 07735 596 488 or e-mail [joycebrown@btinternet.com](mailto:joycebrown@btinternet.com)

### FACE PAINTERS

Joyce is also looking for people who can do face painting at Craft Fairs in November, for the benefit of the charity Home Start.

Contact Joyce on 01235 524833 or Jen on 01235 555818.

### *The Garden in September*

As I type this we are experiencing a warm week in August so I hesitate to mention that September often marks the start of more autumnal weather. We can of course hope for an Indian summer in which case the tasks for September are very similar to those in August, but planning ahead must be borne in mind.

This is a good time of the year to start planting new trees and shrubs, as the last few warm weeks give the plants time to settle in before the winter. You can also now start splitting overgrown perennials as they begin to die down. If the clump is big, break off the outer pieces which are fresher and discard the older centre portion.

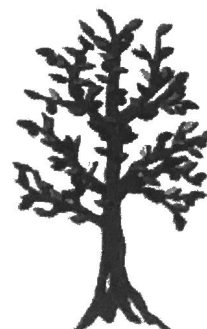
Bulb planting can also start now, particularly daffodils and crocuses although tulips can be left for a while. If you are unsure where the gaps are in your garden, plant the bulbs in pots and leave them in a cool dark corner so that when shoots start to come through in the garden, the gaps can be filled from these pots.

It is very unlikely that we'll get a frost in September so tender plants can still be left outside but if you want to keep them over the winter, consider taking cuttings now so that you have a chance with several small plants rather than trying to protect one large plant and risk losing the whole thing.

Now is a good time to treat the lawn by using a spring tined rake to go over the whole area, getting rid of the thatch and aerating the grass.



*Martin Gulliver*



## September Quiz - Eyes right !



The answers to the clues all have the word **eye** or **eyes** in them. You'll see what gave me the idea later on. Answers to Eleanor, 23 Masefield by 23rd September.

- 1) Without the aid of a telescope or microscope \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) A much loved person \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Agree with someone \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Having keen or piercing eyesight \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Mythical beast representing jealousy \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Area of low pressure and calm in the centre of a cyclone (the media, yes even Radio 4, keep using this phrase incorrectly. It's driving me mad. I was going to write a "disgusted of Tunbridge Wells" letter but I wrote this quiz instead.)  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Reflector in the road \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Supervise (usually in a casual way) \_\_\_\_\_
- 9) Needed to spot trouble behind your back \_\_\_\_\_
- 10) \_\_\_\_\_ of the little yellow god. Poem by J. Milton Hayes
- 11) Hard, but not impossible for a camel to get through \_\_\_\_\_
- 12) Rude nickname for specs-wearing person \_\_\_\_\_
- 13) Frank Sinatra \_\_\_\_\_
- 14) Deliberately ignore or pretend not to notice \_\_\_\_\_
- 15) Striking, attracting attention \_\_\_\_\_
- 16) Vengeful justice as in the Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_
- 17) Ugly object or structure \_\_\_\_\_
- 18) Canine in the mouth \_\_\_\_\_
- 19) Person present at an event, who can describe it \_\_\_\_\_
- 20) Detective or satirical magazine \_\_\_\_\_

**Answers to the July Quiz** – The July quiz was won by David and Patricia Adams of Francis Little Drive. 1)Andy Murray 2)John McEnroe 3)Ilie Nastase 4)Steffi Graf 5)Chris Evert 6)Rafael Nadal 7)Martina Navratilova 8)Boris Becker 9)Monica Seles 10)Billie Jean King 11)Virginia Wade 12)Venus Williams 13)Jimmy Connors 14)Ivan Lendl 15) Roger Federer 16)Evonne Goolagong 17)Pat Cash 18)Rod Laver 19)Pete Sampras 20) Arthur Ashe

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

**Mike and Marilyn Badcock 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month in the Family Room,**  
**Abingdon Conservative Club, Ock St**

**Date of the next TFLRA Committee Meeting:**

**N.B. There will be no September Committee meeting. Next meeting**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009 - 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room**

**Deadline for items for the next newsletter: Wednesday 23rd September 2009**

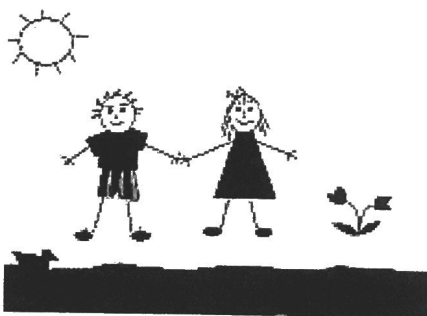
**Contact the newsletter – items for publication:**

**Eleanor Dangerfield 01235 531 857- 23 Masefield Crescent- eledanger@hotmail.com**

**New website! – [www.tithefarmladygrove.org.uk](http://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**