

Tithe Farm and Ladygrove Newsletter

Summer 2012

First of all, a big Thank You to everyone who supported the Tithe Farm and Ladygrove Diamond Jubilee party on 2nd June – the organisers and helpers for the barbecue, activities and stalls, those who lent tables, chairs and gazebos, donated prizes and huge quantities of top quality home made cakes and those who just came along on the day to enjoy themselves. We were very lucky with the weather, considering what the Bank Holiday weekend in general turned out like. It was grey and a bit chilly, but there was not one drop of rain. Once the finances have been worked out, we'll let you know the details in the next newsletter.

Lost Property – the following items were left behind after the Jubilee Party: a pair of small toy binoculars, a green hoodie and kneepads. If any of these belong to you, contact the newsletter.

Jubilee Walks – For those of you who enjoyed one of the Jubilee Walks on Bank Holiday Monday 4th June, there are plans to repeat the walks, perhaps with some variations, during Heritage weekend, 8th and 9th September.

If you enjoy walking, there are walks starting from the Market Place at 10.30 a.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. The Ramblers also have a programme of longer walks at weekends. Check out their website www.ramblers-oxon.org.uk/VWH.

Subscriptions to TFLRA – Your newsletter deliverers will be calling to collect subs when they deliver either the June or September newsletter. Once again the sub will be £1 a year so please give your deliverer a warm welcome.

South Abingdon Residents' Plan – in late September/early October you will be receiving a questionnaire (quite separate from the newsletter) asking for your views on a range of topics concerning South Abingdon – facilities, environment, leisure, traffic and transport, health, housing, crime and safety, provision for different age groups in society. It is your chance to air your views and say what is needed and if enough people participate, funding may well be available to make improvements.

No parking close to junctions! An accident involving two cars occurred in April at the junction of Francis Little and Medlicott. This was mainly due to the fact that the drivers' vision was obscured by cars parked much too close to the junction. So please do not park close to corners or junctions even for a short time.



Get ready for the Olympic Torch!



The Olympic Torch will pass through Abingdon on Tuesday 10th July. You'll need to be up early as it begins its journey at the top of Oxford Road at 7.30 a.m. then continues down to the Vineyard, into Stert Street and Broad Street before leaving the town at Bridge Street. Drivers should check out street closures in order to plan their journey to work.



A resident has a complaint about dog mess.

I would like to follow up on the article in the Spring newsletter about dog mess:

In addition to finding dog mess in our front garden we have often found it on the pavement in front of our driveway and on the pavement outside our side entrance. I'm sure the owners of those dogs wouldn't like it outside their houses. We have also found dogs bounding around our front garden on occasion and once even in our back garden! I'm sure most dog owners are sensitive to these matters but for the few that spoil it for the others may I ask that you keep your dogs under control when walking round the estate. Surely dogs should not be let off the lead until they are off the estate? I would be interested to hear what others think about this.

Another resident has a complaint about cat mess – more of a problem, this. Cats roam, climb, jump and cannot be put on a lead.

I wondered if you could place a short request in the next newsletter for cat owners to place litter trays in their own gardens for their own cats. If they do this then perhaps those of us who do not own cats will avoid the necessity of treading their droppings into our houses. There seem to be rather a lot of cats in the area at the moment, it is becoming a problem.

Thames Valley Police have introduced a scheme whereby you can receive messages and alerts by e-mail, text or phone. To find out more and become a registered recipient, go to www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk.

Thames Valley Alert Community Messaging system

Thames Valley Police are committed to involving the community in the policing of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes. We believe that by improving the flow of information between the community and its police we can all make a greater impact in the prevention and detection of crime and anti social behaviour.

The site provides an invitation for you to participate in the exchange of information with Thames Valley Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other community groups. You do not need to join a specific watch scheme but you may find that there are like minded residents or businesses in your area who would welcome your support.

If you live or work in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire or Milton Keynes, you are invited to register now to become a registered recipient of messages of information, crime alerts or witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work in a way that suits your needs and lifestyle by email, text or telephone. Just go to the website and click on the JOIN button at the top of the page to register.

As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also learn about those in your community subject of anti social behaviour orders, help identify suspected or wanted criminals from the Gallery pages or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS SERVICE IS NOT FOR REPORTING CRIMES OR INCIDENTS - TO REPORT THESE PLEASE CONTACT THAMES VALLEY POLICE ON 101



ABINGDON DRAMA CLUB

presents

“Wife after Death”

by Eric Chappell

Wed 11th July-Sat 14th July 2012 at 7.30p.m.

Unicorn Theatre, Checker Walk, Abingdon

Tickets £8 (£7 concessions) from The Bookstore, Abingdon Precinct
or online at www.abingdon-drama-club.com



Library Summer Reading Challenge

The approach of the school holidays sees the arrival of the Summer Reading Challenge for children at Oxfordshire libraries. Over the course of the summer children read six books to complete the challenge. The challenge is in three stages and two books need to be read to complete each stage. The challenge runs from July 14th to early September.

This year explore the world with our Story Lab gang as you help them find three lost items. To join in sign-up at your local library from July 14th, collect your 3-D model Story Lab and start your adventure! You can find out more at the library or by going to www.story-lab.org.uk

As part of the Summer Reading Challenge Kennington Library is running a World Travel Experiment on Saturday July 21st from 10.30am-12.30pm, where there will be songs, stories and food from around the world. M.G Harris, author of the ‘Joshua Files’, will be there telling stories, so book your ticket and grab your passport as we head off on a round the world trip! Drop into Kennington Library or ring us on 01865 730763 to book. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

We hope to see you there! We are also looking for volunteers who grew up in other countries to come along and be part of the day by sharing a folk story or song from that country, please come in or give us a ring before July 14th if you are interested and would like to help.

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THE CREATION THEATRE

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The Merchant of Venice

7th July to 1st September

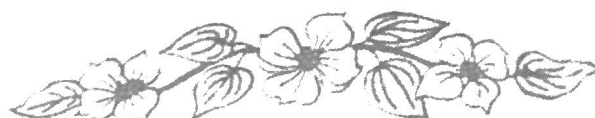
at the rooftop amphitheatre, Said Business School (next to Oxford Station)

This original and entertaining production sets the play in 1930s Venice.

If you haven’t seen a Creation production before it’s a not-to-be-missed experience. You can hire rugs and back rests, there are delicious snacks and drinks beforehand and during the interval and if the weather is bad, they can move the play indoors.

Box Office 01865 766 266 or www.creationtheatre.co.uk





The Garden in Summer

After a wet spring, a plants will be going mad, as will the weeds. It is also cold so things may be flowering late...don't despair – perhaps July will be better??

Shrubs that flowered in spring he can now be pruned. As a general rule, cut back some of the stems that flowered this year – about a third - which will encourage new growth. Similarly, spring-flowering perennials can also be trimmed to keep into shape. Spring bulbs will now have finished and as the foliage dies down it can be removed and the bulbs lifted and divided as necessary.

Pinch out the side shoots of tomatoes (unless they are bush varieties) until they reach the right height and keep picking salad crops before they start to bolt. Also continue sowing new seeds. If you have a greenhouse, the shading should be on now to help reduce temperatures and the house should be well ventilated during particularly hot days.

As summer progresses, keep plants well watered but give priority to containers and vegetables, and any plants put in recently. Established shrubs should be fine, and lawns can be ignored – they will recover whatever happens. If we do get rain, don't assume that this will take care of the containers – it won't. Similarly a short heavy shower will just drain away so scrape away some of the top soil to check if watering is required.

There is often a gap in the garden in August so plan ahead by investing in a few young perennials to grow on, or even sow a few annuals to plug the gaps in the next couple of months. Now is also the time to plant autumn bulbs such as crocus. As in any month, visit the garden centre to see what is in bloom now and buy flowering plants to fill the gaps.

Herbs should be trimmed now to prevent them getting leggy. Use them as appropriate and any spare can be chopped and frozen in ice cubes to use later. Continue to sow salad crops – most germinate from seed better in the shade rather than the sun so put seed trays/pots in a shady corner until the seedlings show through.

In August, there are a few pruning jobs that can be got on with. Lavender that has finished flowering can be trimmed by taking off the stalks plus 1 inch of the new growth. Do not cut into any old wood as it will not produce shoots from this.

Hardy geraniums may now have finished flowering and all of the top growth can be cut back. This may produce a new flush of flowers this summer, but at the very least new foliage which will last well into the autumn, and often into the winter.

Alliums that have finished flowering can either be left to die back, as the seed heads are rather attractive, or they can be lifted and stored and the space filled with summer or autumn bedding. The bulbs can then be replanted early next year.

Talking of bulbs, now is the time to buy and plant daffodils for a good display next year.

Finally, as strawberries finish, cut back all the old foliage and clear the bed completely. If you do not wish to produce new plants, cut off any unwanted runners. However strawberry plants are best renewed every three years so if this is the third year of fruiting it is a good idea to peg the runners down into pots and root new plants for next year.

Martin Gulliver





Summer Quiz



The clues or answers all contain the word "Summer". Answers to Eleanor, 23 Masefield by 12th August.

- 1) Summer time and (song from "Porgy and Bess") _____
- 2) Queen of disco, who died in May _____
- 3) One what doesn't make a Summer? _____
- 4) What Cliff and friends went on _____
- 5) Dessert made with stewed fruit and white bread _____
- 6) Purveyor of naughty underwear and accessories _____
- 7) Northern suburb of Oxford _____
- 8) What Shakespeare compared his beloved to _____
- 9) The Met office predicted it but it didn't happen _____
- 10) 1967 Hippy gathering in San Francisco _____
- 11) 20th June _____
- 12) It began on 25th March this year. Really? _____
- 13) John Travolta and Olivia Newton John's duet in Grease _____
- 14) Antics of Compo Clegg and Foggy _____
- 15) Period of warm weather in Autumn _____
- 16) What Mungo Jerry had on his mind in the Summertime _____
- 17) When the Queen of Hearts made some tarts _____
- 18) Setting of "Home and Away" _____
- 19) Garden structure for warm weather sitting _____
- 20) According to Eddie Cochran, what ain't there no cure for? _____

Answers to Spring Quiz - nobody got them all right. I'm obviously making them too difficult.

- 1) snowdrop 2) crocus 3) cowslip 4) daisy 5) dandelion 6) buttercup 7) bluebell 8) campion
 9) tulip 10) delphinium 11) hyacinth 12) violet 13) forget-me-not 14) lily 15) thistle
 16) sweet pea 17) mallow 18) primula 19) chickweed 20) cranesbill 21) cornflower
 22) broom 23) snapdragon 24) anemone 25) cow parsley

The Loose Cannon Brewery

The Loose Cannon Brewery on the Suffolk Way Trading estate is one of a number of small breweries that have sprung up over the past few years throughout the country since the takeover and subsequent closure of many traditional town breweries by larger companies. Loose Cannon kindly donated a box of beer to the TFLRA Jubilee celebration, which we auctioned.

The business was established by Will Laithwaite (of the Laithwaite family). Unlike his brothers, he never quite had the patience for wine and so went into brewing. This earned him the nickname 'loose cannon' and so the company name was born! We have been going since August 2010 and are rapidly growing- just last week we added a new fermenter to the brewery in order to accommodate even more beer making. We have 3 ongoing beers which are Abingdon Bridge (our flagship beer), Pale Ale (our lighter beer) and Dark Horse (darker beer). In addition to these, we brew seasonal beers such as the recent 1952 (our jubilee beer) and our current seasonal summer beer Bombshell; both of which have been hugely popular. There are currently 7 members of staff here at Loose Cannon all mixed ages and genders. Each of us is a bit of a loose cannon at heart and don't like to take ourselves too seriously! In our shop, we not only sell beer both on draught and in bottles, but also a selection of loose cannon memorabilia- including t-shirts, hats, jumpers and pint glasses.

We run tours on the first Tuesday of every month which includes food, a guided tour of the brewery and samples of our beers. We also run a newly introduced membership scheme which entitles individuals to a range of benefits at the brewery, including 10% off all beer purchases.

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Contact the Newsletter if you would like to place an advert.

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Councillors' Surgeries - at the TFLRA Committee Meeting
Your local Councillors have been invited to the Committee meetings.

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Mike and Marilyn Badcock- 1st Saturday of the month in the Family Room, Abingdon
Conservative Club, Ock St

Dates of the TFLRA meetings: usually 2nd Wednesday of each month
8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room A.G.M. Wednesday 18th July (N.B. 3rd
Wednesday), no August meeting, 12th September – all residents welcome – check
beforehand in case of change of date.

Contact the newsletter – items for publication: Eleanor Dangerfield 01235 531857
23 Masefield - eledanger@hotmail.com. Deadline for next newsletter – 12th August 2012

Diamond Jubilee Party Quizzes

For those of you who took part, here are the answers. If you can't remember the questions, e-mail or phone and I'll send them to you.

The clear winner was David Griffiths of Longfellow Drive, who scored 47 ½ out of 54.

Cryptic Monarchs: 1)Henry VIII 2)Alfred 3)Charles II 4)Mary I Tudor 5)Henry V 6) Harold 7)Victoria 8)Richard I 9)John 10)Elizabeth I 11)James I 12) Henry II 13)Stephen 14)George IV 15)George V

The Fifties: 1)1951 2)Tensing Norgay 3)New Zealand 4)Stalin 5)Coronation Chicken 6) 1954, Oxford 7)Panorama 8)Richard Dimbleby 9)Anthony Eden 10)Switzerland 11) Sputnik 12)The Mousetrap 13)France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg 14)Hungary 15)1953

Royals: 1)Queen Victoria 2)Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother 3)The future Edward VII ("Bertie") 4)The Queen (Princess Elizabeth) 5)Princess Margaret 6)Wallis Simpson 7) (future) Edward VIII 8)(future) George VI 9)George V 10)Queen Mary 11)Duke of Kent 12)Edward VIII (Prince of Wales) 13)George VI (Duke of York) 14) Duke of Gloucester.

Fifties People: 1)Clementine Churchill 2)Buddy Holly 3)Bill Hayley 4)Dwight Eisenhower (someone put Bob Hope!) 5)Jack Hobbs 6)Maureen (Little Mo) Connolly 7) Tensing Norgay 8)Edmund Hillary 9)Gordon Richards 10) Roger Bannister



Have a lovely summer!

