

**Tithe Farm and Ladygrove  
Newsletter December, January and  
February 2009/10**

**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year** to all Tithe Farm and Ladygrove residents. The next newsletter will be published in March and from then on will appear quarterly. You can, of course, in the meantime, post local events, information, opinions, for sale and wanted, lost and found on the Tithe Farm and Ladygrove website – [www.tithefarmladygrove.org.uk](http://www.tithefarmladygrove.org.uk)

**Volunteer Deliverer** – We are still short of a volunteer to deliver newsletters to half of Longfellow Drive. You don't have to live in that road to volunteer. Deliverers are in short supply. Some do two or three roads each.

**TFLRA Committee meetings** – Any resident is welcome to attend these meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room. Councillor Tim Oates is usually able to attend, so bring along your questions or complaints. I am sorry to say that I am now the only Tithe Farm resident who attends the meetings. The others are from Ladygrove. Check beforehand to make sure the meeting is still on and we haven't just given up in despair.

**Flood Survey** – Those residents whose homes were flooded in July 2007 or were teetering on the edge of the rising waters will have received a flood survey. If you have filled in and returned yours, thank you. If you haven't returned yours yet, please do. The information is very valuable and can make the difference between getting a grant or not getting one. If you have lost your form or didn't get one, contact the newsletter. N.B. forms have not been delivered to all residents, only those who were flooded or in danger of being flooded.

**Road Surface** – You have no doubt noticed the continuing crunchiness of the roads that were resurfaced in the summer. A Masefield resident contacted the Oxfordshire Highways division, who inspected Masefield Crescent and Mill Road and agreed that the situation was unacceptable. The roads will be resurfaced again in June 2010. Tennyson is clearly in the same condition so maybe the residents there could contact the highways about that. Many thanks to Paul Abbott for taking up the matter with the County Council.

**Bus Service Consultation** – This consultation concerns only the subsidised bus routes, namely the 40-42 Town Service and the 4B between Abingdon and Cumnor. It does not concern the X2. If you use the Town Service, you can send in your comments about frequency, start and finish times, positioning of stops and anything else to the newsletter, (before Christmas, please). Alternatively, you can contact the County Council direct: [john.wood@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:john.wood@oxfordshire.gov.uk) , Tel: 01865 815 802

## Christmas and New Year Rubbish and Recycling Collections

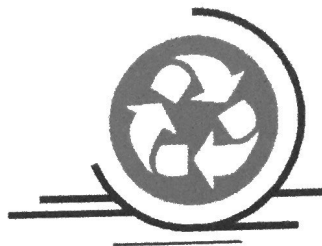
### Normal Collection Day

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> December  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January  
January  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
January

### Will be collected on:

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>



### FOR SALE

New and unused quality all-season (4.5 +9.0 tog)

### KING SIZE DUVET

by Duvet & Pillow Co. from  
Comfortmaker (receipt available)

Rrp £115      Sale Price £55

New and unused (bought wrong size)

Offered at £35

Telephone 01235 522 558

## **ALI BABA AND THE FORTY THIEVES**

by David Swan

Unicorn Theatre, Abingdon

Evening Shows:

Friday 15th, Saturday 16th, Thursday 21st, Friday 22nd, Saturday  
23rd January @ 7:30pm

Matinees:

Saturday 16th, Sunday 17th, Saturday 23rd January at 2:30pm

Tickets: £7 (Concessions £6)

from The Bookstore, Abingdon Precinct or

Ticketline: 01235 524538

Get ready for all the spectacle, colour, pizzazz, magic, music, song, dance, cross dressing, terrible puns, booing and hissing, heroic deeds and daring do that we can possibly squeeze into a night at the theatre.

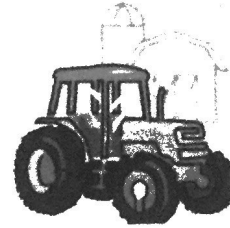
Get ready for the ADC pantomime. It only happens once every two years so don't miss out on this joyous extravaganza!

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**FARMERS' MARKET**  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009**  
**8.30 – 13.00**

**Do your last minute Christmas food shopping**



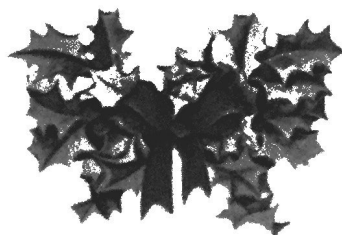
## **STOP PRESS from Cllr Tim Oates**

**Vandalism of Chaunterell Way play area** - It may have come to your notice that the play area has been closed. This is because of all twelve chains on the suspended bridge have been stolen! The total cost in replacements will be £300 and the play area will not open again until these parts arrive. The matter has been reported to the police and a crime number obtained. In future the Town Clerk intends to list all incidents of vandalism to Town Council property, with crime numbers and publish them at year end. Thus residents will be able to see how much vandalism is costing them as council tax payers and ask themselves whether their own children could be among the perpetrators.

**Proposed re-development of 1-3, Caldecott Road** by knocking down the bungalow and adjacent house and building a THREE STOREY block of flats! This was turned down by both the Town Council and the Vale. The same developer has now returned with a revised proposal, essentially the same except the interior has been changed and now contains only 9 flats. Again this has been turned down by the Town Council. Nine flats means nine extra cars on the Drayton Road, as well as 3 or 4 storey building creep! I would ask concerned residents to object to this proposal by writing to both the District Councillors responsible i.e. Sam Bowring & Beth Fleming along with Cllr. Richard Gibson, Cabinet head of Planning Control at the Vale.

## **VANDALISM ALERT!**

The police report that vandalism to several cars and to property took place on Tithe Farm and Ladygrove on the night of Friday 4th to early morning 5th December. One car had a large section of brick wall through their windscreen. Please keep a look out and report any incident: Emergency 999 or non emergency 0845 8 5+05 505.



## *The Garden in December*

If you really want to get out there you can tidy up and keep the birds fed and defrost the pond and don't walk on frosted grass and bring the strawberries into the greenhouse and order seed catalogues...but hey who am I kidding?  
SO...

How to tell the weather with a cat.

Put the cat out as usual – study the results:-

If he stays out – it's warm and sunny.

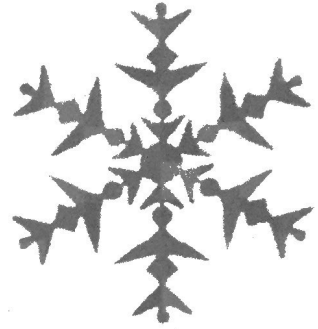
If he dashes back in – it's raining.

If he disappears slowly – it's foggy

If he disappears quickly – it's windy.

If he turns white – it's snowing.

If he was white and turns black – ring Didcot power station.



If you have a dog he will just bounce around whatever the weather so don't bother.

If you have a hamster, the results are more or less the same, just smaller.

If you have a gorilla – who cares what the weather is - you have problems of your own we can only guess at.

Merry Christmas!

## *Martin Gulliver*

### **Poetry Corner**

Lilian is recovering steadily from her broken hip and is still writing poetry.  
Here is her poem about Christmas:

#### **Christmas**

Christmas? Oh! No, no, not again  
I haven't recovered from last year's strain.  
I think I have thought of a good idea –  
Why not have Christmas every leap year?  
Then the meaning of Christmas entered my mind,  
"You're selfish" I told myself – time to unwind.  
So I sat me down quietly and made out a list,  
Then read it again making sure no one is missed.  
I'm now surrounded by decorations and boxes  
Intruders forbidden, they've noses like foxes.  
When all is finished, I'll sit down and pray  
That you all will enjoy peace on this Christmas Day

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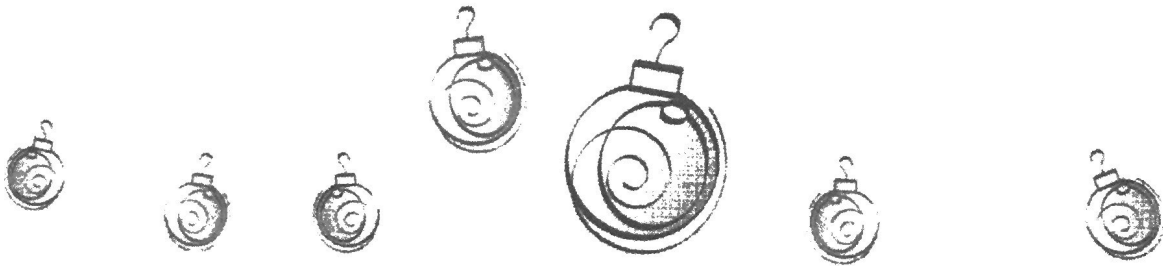
A very happy Christmas to all residents and their families and please say a prayer for our servicemen who are having to be away for the Christmas celebrations.

**Lilian Barry**

# Quiz

## Cryptic Christmas

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|--|-----------------|
| 1. It's precipitating my love              | reindeer        |
| 2. A cockney's eyes                        | mince pies      |
| 3. Silk or nylons                          | stockings       |
| 4. Could be insane                         | crackers        |
| 5. Cliff likes it with wine                | mistletoe       |
| 6. Introduction of Christmas               | <del>what</del> |
| 7. A deck on the mantelpiece               | cards           |
| 8. Thought over grape juice                | mulled wine     |
| 9. Do horses like them roasted             | chestnuts       |
| 10. To look after ewe                      | shepherds       |
| 11. Might be a firmly based place to sleep | stable          |
| 12. Stooges, No! sages                     | 3 kings         |
| 13. Is Robbie engaged to one               | angel           |
| 14. Just a little prickly                  | holly           |
| 15. Flaming afters                         |                 |
| 16. Time in the ring                       | Boxing day      |
| 17. Slide down for sherry and mince pies   | chimney         |
| 18. Why Bing and Danny went to Vermont     | white Christmas |
| 19. Heavy breathing o' Marcel Marceau      | pantomime       |
| 20. A dozen slightly stun                  | 12 days         |



**November Quiz Answers and winners** – Three entries were received for the November Quiz and all three had one incorrect answer (different ones). I decided in the end, seeing that it's Christmas, that Cllr Tim Oates would get a glass of wine and some crisps as a prize at the December Committee meeting and that the other two entrants, namely John Belcher of Tennyson Drive and David and Pat Adams of Francis Little Drive, would get a small prize each. Here are the correct answers: 1)Dr No 2)Dr Who 3)Dr Finlay 4)Doctor in the House/Dr Sparrow 5)Dr Foster 6)Dr Watson 7)Doc Marten 8)Dr Scholl 9)Dr Spock 10)Dr Kildare 11)Dr Johnson 12)Dr W.G. Grace 13)Dr Dolittle 14)Dr Zhivago 15)Dr Crippen 16)Dr Moreau 17)Dr Gillian McKeith 18)Dr Roger Bannister 19)Dr Livingstone 20)Dr Faustus

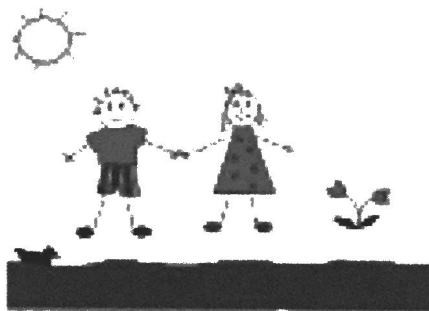
**Councillors' Surgeries**  
Tim Oates at the TFLMike and Marilyn Badcock 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month in the Family Room,

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Abingdon Conservative Club, Ock St

**Date of the next TFLRA Committee Meetings:**  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2010 - 8p.m. in the Jephson Common Room  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2010 - " " " "  
**Deadline for items for the next newsletter: Wednesday 17th February 2010**  
**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**

**Children in nappies accepted**

**For more information or an application form phone  
01235 531670 during pre-school hours**