

# AMRA

*Abingdon Marina Residents' Association*

**NEWSLETTER : SPRING 2009**

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All residents living close to Abingdon Marina are invited to become members of our very friendly Residents' Association. The Association attempts to improve local conditions and offer a sociable meeting point for all those living in our community. Membership for the coming year is still only £10 per person and offers the opportunity to meet your neighbours at our social events and other activities. A year's subscription runs from May to April and allows you free entry to most of the events we hold. Membership forms are attached - please complete yours and return with a cheque to Daphne, our Membership Secretary.

## ***The Big Event in 2009 - Don't miss it!***

Our **Summer Soirée** is being held at the Abingdon Boys Boathouse on **Sunday 19th July, 5 - 9pm**. Please make a note of the date in your diary right now - it's a marvellous occasion with welcome drinks, plenty of delicious food, and a band to entertain us all provided. Bring your own drinks for the rest of the evening. If you have a small picnic table and chairs, please bring those too. Last year over 60 people turned out for the party and had a wonderful time.

If you would like to join us this year, please reserve tickets when you return your membership subscription. Guests are very welcome. No charge for members, non-members £10 per ticket. Alternatively, email Sue Dixon: [sue@abingdonmarina.com](mailto:sue@abingdonmarina.com) to let her know you are coming.

## ***Garden Guerillas in action again***

We're trying to keep our small community clean and tidy and will be organising a general tidy up in the area on **May 14th at 10.30am - 12.30pm**. We need as many volunteers as possible from South Quay, West Quay, North Quay, Lambrick Way and Marina Way to get involved and join the Garden Guerillas. If you can spare the time, please gather at the junction of West Quay and North Quay where the footpath and public fence meet (opposite 6 North Quay). Brenda Standon is team leader: just turn up or contact Brenda on 01235 550915. Please bring some gloves and small garden tools if possible.

## ***Marina in Bloom, 2009***                      ***(for members and non-members)***

We're hoping you've been busy making your gardens and open areas look beautiful for spring. There are **TWO** categories in this competition, with a First Prize and Plaque in each category plus certificates for runners-up.

**Category 1** - Best Garden Area; includes Back, Front, Communal and Marina Gardens.

**Category 2** - Best Window Boxes, Pots, Containers, Hanging Baskets, Patio and Balcony displays.

Judging will take place on

**Sunday morning, 5<sup>th</sup> July, for South Quay, West Quay, Lambrick Way and Marina Way.**

**Thursday morning, 9<sup>th</sup> July, for North Quay and Fishermans Wharf.**

Prizes will be presented to the winners at the Summer Soirée on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009.

If you would like to enter but the dates do not suit, then please contact Sue Dixon on 528466.

## ***Practical First Aid Talk, by Daphne Hill***

Daphne will give a talk and practical demonstration covering **First Aid Refresher Skills** at **7.30pm on Thursday May 21st**, at the Abbey Sailing Club on Wilsham Road. There is no charge for this evening, and welcome drinks and nibbles are provided. Come along and bring your very important first aid knowledge up to date. You never know when you might need it!

## ***Useful Contacts***

This is a very important list and benefits everyone, so please add your own valued contacts. If there are tradesmen you've recently used and can personally recommend, please send their contact details to [amra@colinhigben.com](mailto:amra@colinhigben.com), or call anyone on the committee. We can all benefit from personal recommendations when needing work done at home.

## Abingdon Health Walks

Guided walks to help you get fitter take place every week, starting from the Leisure Centre in Audlett Drive. Walks last about an hour and are fun, friendly and free. More details from Viv on 554751.

## AMRA Website

Have you looked at our website [www.AMRA.org.uk](http://www.AMRA.org.uk) yet? We'd really like to add your contributions - photos, recommendations, questions and news! We'd also like to hear your ideas about the website. What else would you like to see up there? How could we make it better? Please send your thoughts or contributions to Colin Hogben via the 'Contact Us' page on the website.

## Swan Upping



The Swan Uppers took a liking to the garden at 26 North Quay last year and carried on their business there with due ceremony. In this picture the adult pair had eight cygnets who were all ringed - 3 to the Dyers Company, 3 to the Vintners Company and the remaining 2 (who were by tradition left unringed) to HM The Queen!

The Abingdon date for the 2009 ceremony is July 24th. Look out for further details in the local newspaper.

## Outcome of Public Meeting in October re BMX Track

The Council confirmed that there are **no plans** to proceed with the proposal to turn the track into a Motorcycle track. The good news that came out of this meeting is that the Abingdon Vineyard group now organise a Youth Club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of each month from 19.30 to 21.00 at The Preston Road Community Centre. Email: [youth@abingdonvineyard.org.uk](mailto:youth@abingdonvineyard.org.uk)

## Local Community Police Support Officers

Don't forget, if you need help from our Local Police Community Support Officers, contact Chris or Emma on 0845 8505505

## Neighbourhood Watch - please help

Do you live on West Quay, Marina Way or Lambrick Way? We still urgently need a volunteer in these areas to be involved. The Neighbourhood Watch team are volunteers who help make our community a safer place to live and I am assured it is not an onerous or time-consuming role, but well worthwhile. If you witness any disturbing incidents, vandalism, or antisocial behaviour in the area you can help the Watch by reporting it to the Police Community Support Officer on **0845 8505505** and getting a 'URN' number. This should also be passed on to your Watch representative.

### Our Reps are:

South Quay:	Judi Champ Daphne P.	1 South Quay, or email: <a href="mailto:jac7uk@aol.com">jac7uk@aol.com</a> 11 South Quay, or email: <a href="mailto:d.peile@tiscali.co.uk">d.peile@tiscali.co.uk</a>
Fisherman's Wharf:	Viv Boorman Clare Bass	Tel: 554751 Tel: 553758
North Quay: (No's 1 - 17) (No's 18 up)	Paul Meek Nancy McLellan	Tel: 539043 Tel: 553752
Marina Way:	Volunteer needed	
West Quay:	Volunteer needed	
Lambrick Way:	Volunteer needed	

**Please volunteer** by contacting the Neighbourhood Watch Office on 01235 556938 to offer your services

## AMRA Committee Members - we welcome your comments

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