

AMRA

Abingdon Marina Residents' Association

NEWSLETTER : SUMMER 2011

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Summer Soirée

Please join us for this very sociable highlight of our calendar on **Sunday 24th July**, 5 - 9pm, at the Abingdon Boys School Boathouse, Wilsham Road. There will be live music and a bring-and-share buffet, with soft drinks and wine provided. Members free, non-members £10, payable at the door.

RSVP to Sue Dixon as soon as possible as the date is very close! She will let you know what food to bring. Mob: 07788 454747 Email: sue129@abingdonmarina.com or post to 12 West Quay.

Contemporary folk music at the Sailing Club

Pete Morton's gig in February unfortunately had to be cancelled for personal reasons but we have been extremely lucky in securing a new date with him in the early autumn. Come and listen to his wonderful songs at the Abbey Sailing Club on Wilsham Road, Friday October 7th, 7.30pm. Tickets £6. Any surplus money raised from this event will go to 'New Futures Nepal', a small charity supporting two orphanages in Nepal and Northern India. Please book early as this is a cosy venue and tickets will sell out very quickly. Available from Sandie Burnett Tel: 535600, Email: sandieburnett@btinternet.com More about Pete at: www.petemorton.com

AMRA Membership

If you haven't renewed your subscription, now is the time to do so. It's only £12, application forms are available from Daphne Peile who can be contacted via www.amra.org.uk/amra-contacts/daphne-peile Honorary Memberships have been awarded (and rightfully so) to Nancy McLennan and Jean Clarke, both of whom have contributed significantly to making the area we live in a success for all of us lucky enough to live here.

AMRA Website

The website is looking very good but we would still like your contributions and suggestions on what you would like to see there, so please contact Colin Hogben webmaster@amra.org.uk or if you have any photos of AMRA events or the Marina area which you would like to share, please send them to photos@amra.org.uk And don't forget to check out the list of local tradesmen who come with a personal recommendation from Marina residents.

Mega-planter for the corner of South Quay & Peep O' Day Lane

This is a suggestion from a resident, as another large planter is under consideration for Preston Road opposite Cotman Close. The idea is to beach an old boat, or something made to look like one & to plant it up with bulbs/annuals to give both spring & summer flowers. Perhaps some dwarf evergreen plants could be included to ensure there's a year round display. What does everyone think of this idea?

Marina Park &/or Southern Town Park

A group of Abingdon based organisations are looking for opportunities to create areas of wildflower meadow, to underplant trees with spring bulbs, or develop other park areas. Ideas are invited from residents as it takes some time to create & look after the areas which are agreed to be changed. Names & ideas to Neil Boston please.

Keeping our community clean and tidy

Brenda Standen & her team of helpers did a lot of tidying up in the N & WQ area on Thursday 30th June; if you haven't noticed the change, you haven't been there! Well done yet again to Brenda for getting so many willing helpers to dedicate their time to improving the vista of the area. Thanks also to Richard Dixon who got the considerable pile of weeds, cuttings, branches etc removed so quickly, together with the cuttings from last year & perhaps also the year before! One of the things that blights the approach to the marina is litter. If anyone fancies a walk in the park or along the footpaths or roads with a litter picking stick & bin bag - as Linda Gardiner & some other residents do - there are litter pickers available from Neil Boston (535193); all he asks is that any you borrow are returned as they are on loan from VoWHDC & he is responsible for returning them.

Heartstart ...

is an organisation which arranges free courses in simple skills that can save lives in an emergency. Viv Boorman has attended and had this to say "The course was excellent and any member of the general public can attend." Please see below for further information:

Heartstart Vale of White Horse

In an emergency could **YOUR actions mean the difference between **life and death?****

Heartstart VoWH, affiliated to Heartstart UK, is an initiative funded and co-ordinated by the British Heart Foundation(BHF) to teach people what to do in a life threatening emergency: simple skills that can save lives.

Emergency Life Support (ELS) is a set of actions needed to keep someone alive until professional help arrives. This includes:

- Putting an unconscious but breathing casualty into the recovery position
- Performing Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) on adults, children and babies
- Dealing with choking, serious bleeding, or a suspected heart attack

So come along to the **East Challow Village Hall on the First Tuesday of each month from 7-9pm** to learn the above skills. **Courses are free of charge** and last approximately two hours.

Community Messaging Service

A reminder that Thames Valley Police offer a community messaging service giving information about crime relevant to our area. To sign up for this service go to www.thamesvalley.police.uk or call **08458 505 505**. If you have information about a crime but do not want to speak to the police, call [Crimestoppers](http://www.crimestoppers.co.uk) on **0800 555 111**.

Swan Upping

Swan Upping is the annual census of the swan population on the River Thames. It has always been the duty of the Sovereign's Swan Marker to count the number of young cygnets each year and ensure that the swan population is maintained and that the swans and cygnets are assessed for any signs of injury or disease. Don't miss it this year – Friday July 22nd, 4.15pm at Culham Lock proceeding to Abingdon Bridge for 5.30pm.

STOP PRESS

Would you like to earn some money by hiring out your boat? Peter Moore, soon retiring to Swindon is looking for a boat to hire for periods of 1-2 weeks at a time over the spring/summer period 2012. He'd like a motor cruiser 2/3 berths, 8/9 metres in length. Peter found us through the AMRA website; contact him via e mail: iona2549@hotmail.co.uk or on his mobile: 07851444754.

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