

# LANGFORD LIFE



LANGFORD VILLAGE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## Chairman's Message

On behalf of the Langford Village Community Association, I wanted to say a big thank you to all those people who came along to our October meeting. It was great to see so many people in attendance; showing their support and offering their help to keep the community hall open.

The LVCA has had a rocky year and we are faced once again with making a call for people to come forward and help with the running of the hall and the LVCA. Prior to our October meeting, we were faced with the prospect of having to temporarily close the community hall in November. We were fortunate, that at this meeting a number of people offered their time

and help, enabling us to fill a number of the vacant posts on the LVCA General Committee and on the Community Hall and Social Events committees.

However we still have a number of vacant positions. We currently have no Chairman or Community Hall Committee Chair. Both positions may sound onerous, but that need not be the case. The more people that are involved with the LVCA, the less the workload and the more enjoyable any involvement can be. We also need more people to offer their help in the creating and organising of social and fundraising events.

Within Bicester, the LVCA is seen as a confident and successful association. It would be fantastic if we could maintain this, and continue to grow and build on what has already been achieved. But this will only be possible with the continued support and help from those people living within this community, yourselves.

If you or someone you know would be interested in getting involved with any aspect of the LVCA, please give myself a ring on 249768.

Thank you

Susan Brunskill

LVCA Treasurer



### Policing in Our Community

During the course of my Police duties I have become aware of a couple of anti- social practices that spoils the local area for others and in the first case is criminal damage, these are:

1. The large amount of graffiti in all of the recreational areas on play equipment etc - I would like to make an appeal for information as to who has been carrying this out. Please contact PC Matt Jenkins on 07813695625 if you have any information on this matter.
2. There has been a number of bags of rubbish dumped adjacent to footpaths and other public areas again I would be grateful of any information as to who has been doing this. Please contact Cherwell District Council Environmental Services on 01295 262535 if you come across this problem.

Don't forget that there is now a single non emergency telephone number which is 08458 505 505.

PC Matt Jenkins

"A city is a large community where people are lonesome together".

**Herbert Prochnow**



### Christmas Is Coming

BICESTER TOWN COUNCIL invites you to join in this year's Christmas festivities at the 'Big Switch-On' Event on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2004 at 7:15pm. There will be fun for all the family with a variety of Charity and Farmers' market stalls, music performances and street entertainment including Colonel Mustard and the Magic Castle, Charlie the Clown and a small fair. Even Santa and the Elves will be taking a break from their busy schedule to make a special appearance and check which children have been good this year!

Local school children will be taking part in the annual procession from Bicester Village to the Market Square culminating in carol singing and music, around the Christmas Tree, from the Methodist Church Choir and Bicester Concert Band. The Town Mayor will then on stage to turn on the lights at 7:15pm. So come along and join in the festive fun from 5:30pm in Sheep Street and the Market Square. For further information please contact Bicester Town Council on 01869 252915.



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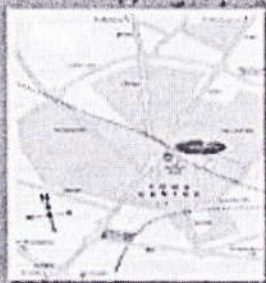
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## **Who's Who On Your LVCA Committee**

"Small projects  
need much more  
help than great".  
**Dante**

<b>Post</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Tel no.</b>
Chairman	<b>Vacant</b>	
Treasurer	Susan Brunskill	249768
Community Affairs Committee Chair	John Broad	324008
Community Hall Committee Chair	<b>Vacant</b>	
Hall Manager	Abby Hughes	322465
Social Events Co-ordinator	<b>Vacant</b>	
General Secretary	Helen King	07753627957
Minutes Secretary	Helen King	07753627957
Disco Equipment Manager	Dominic Cotter	241504
User Group Regular Bookings	Jayne Blake	320895
Casual Hire Bookings	Tanya Langley	321908
Hall Opening Rota	Ann Walker	324014
Hall Caretaker	Michael Hensley	241497
200 Club LVCA Rep	Sharon Gray	320224
200 Club School Rep	Ellie Thompson	322425
Publicity Editor	Michael Langley	240121
Website Manager	Steve Newman	248082
Newsletter Editor	Matt Fincham	07977289097
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Thu	6.00am—6.00pm	9.00am—1.00pm, 2.00pm—5.30pm
Fri	6.00am—8.00pm	9.00am—1.00pm, 2.00pm—5.30pm
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## Could You Help A Child Like Jack?

Jack is 10yrs old and used to hate reading and writing. He was quite often ill and away from school, which meant that he had fallen behind.

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Sue was trained by Volunteer Reading Help, a national voluntary organization, which supplies her with books and games and provides opportunities for further training and support.

Sue works with 2 other children in the school and they, as well as Jack, benefit enormously from the 1-2-1 attention of a patient adult with an enthusiasm for books and reading.

Training is free and local. If you feel you would like to help make a difference for children like Jack, do please contact Hilary Burr on 0845 4500329, or [oxfordshire@vrh.org.uk](mailto:oxfordshire@vrh.org.uk) or at VRH, Oxford Community School, Glanville Road, Oxford, OX4 2AU



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Be it a rant or a rave, this is your spot to let off steam; perhaps you'd like to publicly thank someone or an organisation for their help. **Your name will be printed** so please make sure that what you say is factually true and correct. A letter, below, arrived just before we went to print.

*I would to thank the two ladies who took the time to phone me to let me know that one of our kittens, Stitch, had been killed by a car (2/11/2004) on Peregrine Way and waited with him until I was able to get there. I'm sorry that I didn't thank you properly that night and hope that you, or someone you know, reads this. Ironically I was going to write a letter to Langford Life from Stitch thanking all the Langford Village residents who have either returned him in various cat baskets, towels and cars, or phoned to say they had a little grey cat with white paws in their garden. So I will thank you all now. It was much appreciated by my family.*

**Tanya Langley**

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## Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir,

We would be grateful if you would, by publishing this letter, allow us to appeal to other families in Langford Village who may be subject to the same harassment by the group of youths that we and our neighbours are experiencing, and also to the parents of the youths who are causing the problem.

The incidents usually happen at night when we hear youths shouting abuse over the fence. This is often followed by stones or other objects being thrown at our

windows. Our neighbours have had to cope with bags of dog excrement being thrown into their garden. There have also been occasions when youths have climbed over the fence and run through the gardens. Whenever these incidents take place we immediately call the police but we do understand how difficult it is for them to respond quickly enough for them to catch the culprits.

There are families on this estate being denied the simple right to enjoy their evenings by themselves without being harassed by these youths. If we join together we may be able to ensure that all of us have an acceptable quality of life. We would ask other families who are being harassed to contact PC Jenkins on 07813 695624 or 846000 at the time of the incident, and parents to ensure that it is not their children who are causing a nuisance. Elderly people, or people living alone, may find this behaviour intimidating.

A Langford Village Resident

Name & address supplied

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**DECEMBER 20**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
		Post Natal Exercise	Move to Music	Toddlers
		Women's Institute	Post Natal Exercise	Music Tr
		Bizz Kids	Karate	Ballet
		Karate / Aikido	Brownies	
6	7	8	9	10
Toddlers	Green Bin	Post Natal Exercise	Move to Music	Toddlers
Cubs	Tumbletots	Bizz Kids	Post Natal Exercise	Music Tr
Post Natal Exercise	Beavers	Karate	Karate	Ballet
	Square Dancing	Aikido	Brownies	
13	14	15	16	17
Toddlers	Brown & Blue Bins	Post Natal Exercise	Move to Music	Toddlers
Cubs	Tumbletots	Bizz Kids	Post Natal Exercise	Music Tr
LVCA Meeting	Beavers	Karate	Karate	Ballet
	Square Dancing	Aikido	Brownies	
20	21	22	23	24
Toddlers	Green Bin	Post Natal Exercise	Move to Music	Toddlers
Cubs	Tumbletots	Bizz Kids	Post Natal Exercise	Music Tr
Post Natal Exercise	Beavers	Karate	Karate	Ballet
	Square Dancing	Aikido	Brownies	
27	28	29	30	31
Toddlers	Brown & Blue Bins	Post Natal Exercise	Move to Music	Toddlers
Cubs	Tumbletots	Bizz Kids	Post Natal Exercise	Music Tr
Post Natal Exercise	Beavers	Karate	Karate	Ballet
	Square Dancing	Aikido	Brownies	



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Sat	Sun
4	5 Private Party
11 Private Party	12 Private Party
18	19
25	26

## Schedule

### Mondays

Toddlers 9:15am-11:15am  
Seniors 1:45pm-3:45pm  
Cubs 6:30pm-8:00pm  
Post Natal 8:00pm-9:00pm

### Tuesdays

Tablets 9:00am-15:00pm  
Beavers 6:00pm-7:30pm  
Square Dance 8:00pm-10:00pm

### Wednesdays

Post Natal 10:00am-Noon  
Bizz Kids 4:00pm-5:00pm  
Karate 6:30pm-7:30pm  
Aikido 8:00pm-10:00pm

### Thursdays

Move to Music 10:00am-10:30am  
Post Natal 2:00pm-3:00pm  
Karate 4:00pm-6:00pm  
Brownies 6:00pm-7:30pm

### Fridays

Toddler 9:30am-11:30am  
Music Train 11:30am-3:00pm  
Ballet 3:00pm-6:00pm

1 Dec—W.I. Meeting 1:30pm-3:30pm

5 Dec—Private Party 12:00pm-4:00pm

11 Dec—Private Party 2:00pm-6:00pm

12 Dec—Private Party 2:30pm-6:30pm

13 Dec—LVCA Meeting 8:15pm

# NOVEMBER 2004

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Toddlers	Brown & Blue Bins	Post Natal Exercise	Move to Music	Toddlers		
Cubs	Tumbletots	Women's Institute	Post Natal Exercise	Music Train		
Post Natal Exercise	Beavers	Bizz Kids	Karate	Ballet		
	Square Dancing	Karate / Aikido	Brownies			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Toddlers	Green Bin	Post Natal Exercise	Move to Music	Toddlers	Private Party	
Cubs	Tumbletots	Bizz Kids	Post Natal Exercise	Music Train		
LVCA Meeting	Beavers	Karate	Karate	Ballet		
	Square Dancing	Aikido	Brownies			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Toddlers	Brown & Blue Bins	Post Natal Exercise	Move to Music	Toddlers	Private Party	
Cubs	Tumbletots	Bizz Kids	Post Natal Exercise	Music Train		
Post Natal Exercise	Beavers	Karate	Karate	Ballet		
	Square Dancing	Aikido	Brownies			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Toddlers	Green Bin	Post Natal Exercise	The 'Big Switch-On'	Toddlers		
Cubs	Tumbletots	Bizz Kids	Move to Music	Music Train		
Post Natal Exercise	Beavers	Karate	Post Natal Exercise	Ballet		
	Square Dancing	Aikido	Karate / Brownies			
29	30					
Toddlers	Brown & Blue Bins					
Cubs	Tumbletots					
Post Natal Exercise	Beavers					
	Square Dancing					

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Brownies 6:00pm-7:30pm

### Fridays

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Music Train 11:30am -3:00pm

Ballet 3:00pm -6:00pm

**3 Nov**—W.I. Meeting 1:30pm-3:30pm

**8 Nov**—LVCA Meeting 8:15pm

**13 Nov**—Private Party 12:00pm-5:30pm

**20 Nov**—Private Party 6:00pm-11:00pm

**25 Nov**—The 'Big Switch-On' 7:15pm



# Who's New?

The LVCA committee would like to welcome some new faces who have kindly volunteered their time and support to the committee and to the running and upkeep of the village hall.

These new faces are:

Abby Hughes – Hall Manager

Tanya Langley – Casual Bookings Secretary

June Kilshaw and David Potter who between them will co-ordinate the annual safety and statutory inspections of the hall and associated facilities, and monitor the renewal of the insurance, entertainment licences and lotteries registration.

Adam Abbott – Supplies Coordinator

Matt Fincham – Langford Life Newsletter Editor

We also welcome the combined services of the Toddler group and Women's Institute who will undertake the monthly checks of the fire and first aid equipment and undertake a monthly stock check of hall supplies.

# Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

We would like to offer our thanks to Tracey Milne, as Hall Manager, for her support and commitment to the LVCA committee and the running of the hall over the past few months, not least in making sure the hall has been safe and useable over the past few weeks. Tracey hands over to Abby Hughes.

Tracey, thank you very much for your hard work; it's been greatly appreciated by many in the community.

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Our motto is "We serve", which we translate in respect of Bicester and surrounding villages and its community old and young. We raise money locally for the benefit of local families and individuals, schools & clubs etc; we give priority to any appeal from people or families with special needs.

People of Bicester will be well aware of some of our fundraising activities having been stopped in Queens Street when we have our Stand and Deliver collections, our Christmas float of course, our Easter egg raffles held in local pubs and clubs, all this and more with only a handful of members is quite an achievement, only possible because of your support and generosity.

Further details can be obtained from Mick Cowland on 01295 221819 (work) or [mick.cowland@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:mick.cowland@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

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## Langford Village Women's Institute (W.I.)

As a W.I. representative attending a meeting at Langford Village Community Centre to discuss the urgent need for helpers; a very personable young man, (who had just volunteered to compile; Langford Life), approached me for a paragraph or two detailing what the W.I. is about.



My immediate answer to that question would be fun and friendship. We left behind in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century the Jam and Jerusalem image and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century has brought us right up to date with our committee communicating on a regular basis by e-mail and most carry mobile phones!!

Speaking about Langford Village W.I. - Joyce Bartlett is our very enthusiastic President and always chairs a happy meeting with lots of fun, friendship and laughter.

The enthusiasm of our committee to provide the best is reflected in the various events throughout the year. We do have excellent speakers, coach outings, theatre and shopping trips, and celebration lunches. We are always on the lookout for new members to join us. So, if you are new to Langford Village, (or even if you have always lived here but never quite got around to joining us), do come along as we have Jean, our hostess member, who will make it her special pleasure to welcome you and introduce you to others.

As we approach the festive season plans are very enthusiastically going ahead for our December meeting, when traditionally the committee entertain the members and we have party food. No more details can be revealed, as our members always hilariously receive the surprise entertainment, and sometimes the committee even surprise themselves on stage.

We meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 1.15 pm in the Langford Village Community Centre. Do come along and give us a try we are sure you will return.

Further information from: Joyce Bartlett 247347 or Beryl Mann 325834.

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## Councillor's Corner

### Why I stood for the Council?

I first moved to Bicester 7 years ago and always being interested in politics I joined the local Conservative party. I went along to the annual general meeting of the local branch and was sounded out as to whether I wanted to stand for the town council. Having always been one to stand for office (I was on elected onto the students' union at university) I said yes. Four months later I was a town councillor for West Bicester as there was no vacancy on the ward covering Langford Village. Four years later I was elected onto the Town Council again, this time representing Langford Village and a year later onto the District Council.

Some people wonder why I do it, when they have found out how many meetings I have to go to. My answer is that it is important. It is important to represent people at all levels and to try to make the place we live in better for all, just as those that give up their time on the Community Association or PTA play an equally if not more important role in our community.

Councillor Dan Sames



## Recycling Update



The new fortnightly recycling scheme has been with us for just about a year now and has had a vast impact on the amount going to landfill. Figures in Cherwell have jumped from just 11% of our waste being recycled to over 40%, that puts us as one of the highest recycling local authorities in the country. It means that 20,000 tonnes less waste has gone to landfill since August 2003; great news for the environment and you!

The increase in the amounts being recycled is a tribute to all those that have contributed to making it a success. The tonnage, from Langford Village's bottle banks, has more than doubled since the start of the refuse & recycling scheme.

Langford Village bottle banks are scheduled to be refurbished sometime between November and early December. This will involve removing the bottle banks to a depot, cleaning with a hot pressure wash and re labelling them. This is normally done within a day. If the bottle banks have physical damage they will be replaced

"We do not inherit this land from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children".

**Haida Indian saying**

There is always room for improvement and everyone will benefit from increased recycling.

Ed Potter— Cherwell District Council

## LVCA '200' Club Winners

Winners since the last issue of Langford Life are:

### Aug

1<sup>st</sup> 44 R Brown

2<sup>nd</sup> 75 J Pearson

### Sep

1<sup>st</sup> 9 J Warman

2<sup>nd</sup> 3 D Aust

### Oct

1<sup>st</sup> 71 L Ingram

2<sup>nd</sup> 63 D Downes

#### What Is The LVCA '200' Club Lottery?

The LVCA '200' Club Lottery is drawn at the start of the monthly LVCA meeting which takes place of the 2nd Monday of each month in the Community Hall at 8:15pm.

#### How Does The LVCA '200' Club Lottery Work?

You choose an available number, pay £1 for each number chosen and if 'Lady Luck' smiles on you, you could be walking away with a bag of lovely lolly.

#### How Can I Join The Winners?

Contact Sharon Gray on 01869 320224 or pop into the School Office and grab a form.



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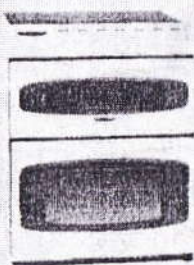
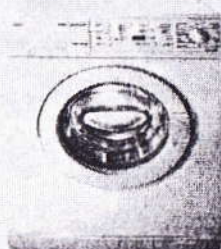
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## **Can You Help The LVCA To Help You?**

Are you interested in getting more involved with your community?

Are you interested in making a difference to the area within which you live?

Do you have the skills we are looking for? Then read on...

We are looking for enthusiastic and committed people to join the committees of the LVCA. Involvement can be for as little or as much time as you would like - there are jobs to suit all.

Would you be interested in helping to put on social events? Do you have ideas for social events that could be held in the community hall?

Are you interested in the environment around us: the traffic speed on Mal-lards Way or the litter that clutters Jubilee lake and paths of the estate?

If yes, and you would be interested in finding out what the Social Events Group and Community Matters groups do, please contact Susan Brunskill, in the first instance, on 249768.

Have you ever fancied writing for a community newsletter? We are looking for people to contribute to the Langford Village publications: the newsletter and web page. If you feel that you would like to become a contributor and see both publications grow in strength, then please contact Carl Keith on 07799 608814.

Are you organised? Have you ever used the community hall? Would you be interested in keeping it open? We are looking for a community hall chairman, someone to co-ordinate the hall volunteers and oversee the running of the hall. You wouldn't be expected to go to the hall everyday or be involved on a daily basis: your involvement would be from home on a weekly basis.

Do you have the skills of a chairman? Would you be interested in becoming Chair of the LVCA General Committee?

We are looking for someone who would represent the LVCA within Langford Village and Bicester, respond to the complaints and the needs of the community and community hall users and act as the focus point for all users, volunteers and committee members.

If you are interested in finding out more about the positions of hall committee chair or LVCA chairman, please contact Susan Brunskill on 249768.



## **Talking Heads—School News**

The school has been working hard to foster links overseas and recently a member of our staff, Miss Ravenscroft travelled to Entebbe, Uganda to St Agnes School which has over 800 children, including 200 orphans. This trip was supported by the sponsored 'Skip and Jump' which pupils from the school and Cygnets nursery took part in. The funds raised exceeded all expectations and raised an unbelievable £2400; so special thanks to all of the children who took part and of course all those who sponsored. Miss Ravenscroft was able to take £200 of this amount with her on her recent trip over half term. This money was used to buy every pupil in St Agnes School a book and a pencil and everyday school essentials that are taken for granted in many other parts of the world. The rest of the money we have raised will be spent over the following 3 years on important projects that both schools identify as priorities in Africa. We plan to buy some live chickens for St Agnes School so that the orphans can continue to care for animals, which in turn will provide eggs that can be sold and will give an income to subsidise their education. In March next year a member of staff from St Agnes School will visit Langford Village School on an exchange visit. Miss Ravenscroft will be holding a special assembly where she will be doing a presentation on the experiences of her trip.



This Christmas, instead of a Christmas Fete, we will be running a 'Christmas Shopping Day' on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November where Key Stage One and Two teachers are offering to look after Key Stage One and Two and Partnership Foundation School Unit children whilst parents spend some time shopping for those essential Christmas items without having to worry about their children. There will be organised games and fun activities from 8.30 until 12.30. A small cost of £5.00 will be asked for which will go towards new books for our class collections. Numbers are limited to 100 children; please contact Langford Village School Secretary for further details.

John Moffitt, Head Teacher

**LANGFORD VILLAGE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **THE BICESTER & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

Ever wondered the significance of the name of the dual carriageway linking Peregrine Way to the Rodney House Roundabout as you sit in the queue waiting for a gap in the traffic? Neunkirchen Way - where did that name come from? What about Gavray Drive - why Gavray when all of the other roads on Langford Village are named after birds?

Twinning movements were encouraged by the Government of the day after the Second World War hoping that through better knowledge, friendship and understanding of people from different countries there would never again be such conflict between nations.

One of the very first Twinning links formed following the Second World War was between the cities of Oxford and Bonn. Bicester's German twin town, Neunkirchen-Seelscheid is situated very close to Bonn. We have been twinned with Neunkirchen-Seelscheid for 23 years and with Canton des Essarts in France for 14 years. Launton village has also been twinned with Gavray in France since 1985. We have linked with Launton Twinning and often join each other in our social and sporting events.

Bicester and District Twinning Association is keen to encourage young people to be involved with twinning. Young people interested in Travel or Language can gain a great deal from being with us, a Youth Exchange is held annually and we can also arrange Work Experience in both France and Germany.

Next year we have the Couples / Singles Weekend in France in July and a Gentlemen's Weekend in Germany over the August Bank Holiday weekend. There is also a Cook's Weekend held every year. At some point during next year we will invite our friends from Czernichow in Poland for a long weekend as they wish to form a link with us.

Sue Clutterbuck, Honorary Secretary

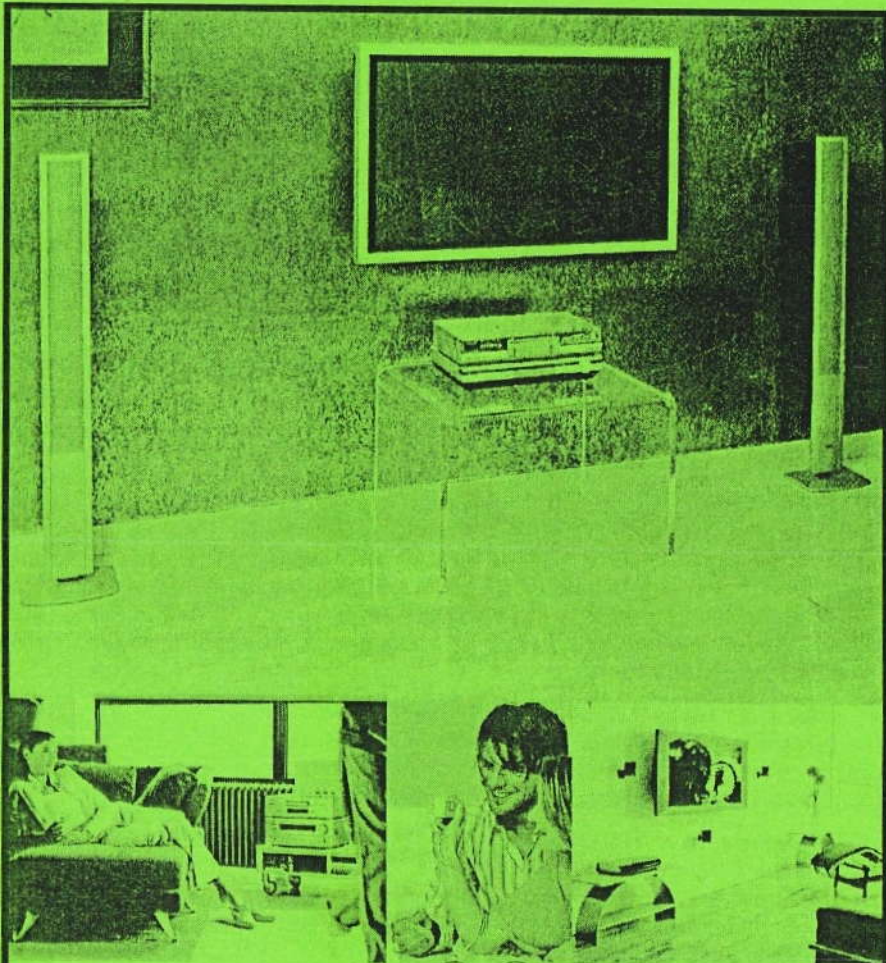
### **BICESTER & DISTRICT TWINNING ASSOCIATION**

This edition is the first produced by a new team who offered to get involved following appeals for help in recent editions in the Langford Life. We have introduced a couple of new ideas and tried to make the magazine as inclusive as possible for all of the residents who receive a copy. Consistency counts and the record set by the previous editor and contributors is a hard act to follow to produce a newsletter on time and regularly. We would welcome articles from all ages that are interesting and informative for the readers of this newsletter. My thanks would go out to all of the contributors and advertisers who have helped make this newsletter possible.

Matt Fincham, Editor Issue 46



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