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The 'Sinking Ship's rule the waves!



The Howbery Spark - ready to set sail

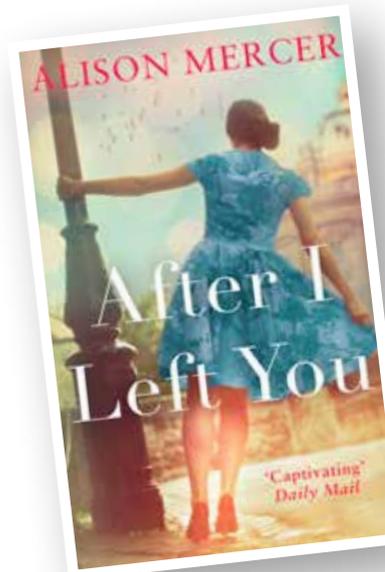
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Repairs are complete and she's ready to take to the high seas (well the Thames nearby).

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We Say Farewell to John Ormston

After 18 years at Howbery Park John retired from his role as Chief Executive at HR Wallingford and Managing Director of Howbery Park Estates. For many who worked closely with John, saying goodbye was quite sad and we couldn't let him go without a little farewell do. We wish him all the best in his retirement where he can concentrate on improving his fishing and golf skills!

Goodbye

hello!

And hello to..

We are delighted to introduce Bruce Tomlinson as the new Chief Executive and Lauren Patterson as the new Finance Director, both pictured with John.





HR Wallingford create world leading facility

HR Wallingford's Fast Flow Facility called F³ is now housed within the new UK Ships Simulation building and is capable of holding up to 1,000,000 litres of water, equivalent to filling 12,500 average sized baths spanning the length of 4.5 tennis courts.

The F³ has been created to enhance the company's scour, sediment and structure modelling in the maritime, coastal and energy sectors, and features alongside an expanded manufacturing space to increase product design and fabrication capabilities.

Dr. Keith Powell, Director, HR Wallingford, said: "It is an extremely exciting time at HR Wallingford as our new facility will significantly increase our modelling capabilities, helping us to extend our lead in the renewable energy and maritime sectors."

The purpose built building will also become home to HR



Wallingford's world class Ship Simulation Centre with four real-time, 360 degree field view simulators and two tug bridge simulators, built in conjunction with the company's newly upgraded facility in Perth, Australia, to improve its international capability.

The new development, built by Kier Construction, includes environmentally friendly features such as a permeable paving system, which helps to alleviate flooding by allowing groundwater to disperse naturally rather than through a piped drainage system into the river.

Has it been a challenge for Annika?

The catering team were delighted to celebrate Annika's birthday, and 20 year working anniversary which fell on the same day. Annika joined the Howbery Park catering team on her 16th birthday. If you do your maths you will work out her age. (The cake was delicious by the way!!!)





Howbery Spark is all Sparked Up

Unfortunately due to a mechanical failure, the Howbery Spark was out of action for most of the summer. We are delighted to report it has been repaired – and was recently taken to Reading Festival and has enjoyed a few more trips down the Thames. For more information on the canoes/kayaks and Howbery Spark contact :- hpssaboatclub@gmail.com



Volleyball Tournament – Final/Winners

The annual Volleyball tournament was again enjoyed by players and spectators on the Manor House lawn. Well done to all the teams who took part in this year's tournament. Finalists "GTi Turbo!" from GTi and "Sinking Ships" from HR Wallingford battled it out with calls of "block" and "smash" in this exciting final in which both teams played extremely well.

Congratulations goes to this year's trophy winners "Sinking Ships".



HPSSA- Christmas Party – Saturday 13th December

Due to popular demand – this year's Christmas Party will be held at The Crazy Bear Stadhampton.

Everyone on site is welcome to join us for this Christmas celebration.

HPSSA Member Cost: £25 and one guest at £35

Non-Member Cost: £59.50 per person

Includes

- Bellini Cocktail Reception
- English & Thai Banquet
- Burlesque
- Vaudeville
- DJ & Dancing



A non-refundable deposit of £20 per person is required by 10th October.

Transport could be arranged if there is a requirement for this.

For more information or to confirm your ticket requirements please email HPSSA Social Secretary Angela Andrews on a.andrews@hrwallingford



Summer Strolls on... well it's a walk in the Solar Park!

35% of Howbery Business Parks electricity was from the Solar Park in August

Generated Electricity: 87,065 kWh

Exported back to National Grid: 15,340 kWh

Total Carbon saving of: 38,785 kgCO₂ e

Did you
know?

HPSSA News & Events (Howbery Park Sports & Social Association)

Events being planned:-

Other HPSSA Events being planned:-

The Royal Newbury Show – 21st/22nd
September – subsidy available

Coach Trip to London – 6th December (TBC) –
return coach provided from Wallingford to Hyde
Park for you to enjoy a day out in London

Shakespeare's Twelfth Night at Oxford Castle Quarter

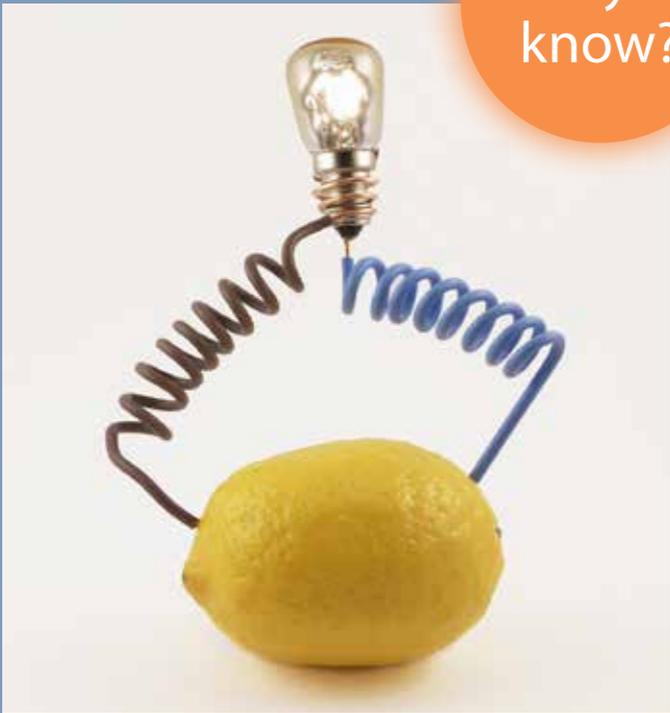
Members of the HPSSA enjoyed a visit to the
open air production of the Twelfth Night on
the Castle Mound in Oxford.





Watt a waste of food

Did you know?



Did you know that all of Howbery Park's food waste is sent off site and turned into renewable energy? In fact, the food sent for recycling from Howbery Park for July produced enough electricity to power an average sized house for approx. 6 weeks. Now there's "Food for Thought"!

Thank you to everyone who uses the food waste bins. You will find these in all shared kitchens/dining areas.

What is Happening in The Manor House Restaurant?

Themed lunches to look forward to:-

Mexican Day
16th September

British Food Fortnight
20th September – 5th October

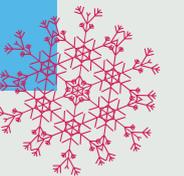
Turkish Day
29th October

Sausage Week
3rd November – 9th November

Wednesdays
3rd & 10th December
Christmas lunch will be available for everyone through the servery



Thursday 11th
Tuesday 16th
December
with a dressed table and waitress service in one of our stunning meeting rooms



Christmas Dates for your diaries

It may seem early – but these are very popular days in the catering calendar:- If you wish to book your staff Christmas Lunch with a dressed table and waitress service in one of our stunning meeting rooms the dates are as follows:-Thursday 11th December, Tuesday 16th December

Christmas lunch will be available for everyone through the servery on Wednesdays 3rd & 10th December

Trees'y Does It

One of the large trees outside the front of Manor House, the Catalpa tree is in need of a bit of TLC, so Heritage Tress will be on hand to attend to this. Heritage Trees recently attended to the famous Tolkien Tree at Oxford Botanic Garden, follow this link to see why.

<http://www.thetolkienist.com/2014/07/30/tolkiens-favourite-tree-oxfords-botanic-garden-cut/>



ATM Update

We continue to provide the service of the ATM machine located in the Manor House free of charge. Whilst transactions have increased – we have yet to reach the target of 1,500 transactions per month required to waive the monthly service fee.

Please continue to use as often as you like and remind other visitors/site users this service is available Monday- Friday. The ATM is available for anyone to use - even cartoon characters!

Round & About come to Howbery Park

Round & About Publications Ltd, has taken a 2,000 sq. ft. office at Howbery Business Park. The publishing company has relocated from The Old Coach House in Crowmarsh Gifford and is planning to increase the number of magazines it publishes across the Thames Valley in addition to recruiting three new team members this year.

Chris Savage, Managing Director, Round & About Publications Ltd said: "The decision to move to a modern office located at the park supports our business objective of continued growth.

We have been extremely impressed by level of flexibility offered by Howbery in



Chris Savage seen with Howbery Business Park's Angela Andrews and Lauren Patterson

allowing us to change the office space to fit our requirements. It is also great to see the team arrive at work with smiles on their faces due to the fantastic on site facilities on offer."

Howbery Park History Talk – Date for your Diary: Friday 10th October

Local historian and retired Estate Manager of Howbery Park Dave Beasley will be here on 10th October to share his knowledge and photos of Howbery Park over the decades. A great talk for those interested in the history of Howbery Park. Starts at 12.30 – The Fountain Conference Centre.



New Tenants

We are delighted to welcome new tenants:-

Round&About located in the Innovation Centre

Oxfordshire Association of Care Providers located in Stables 4

Atlas Employment located in The Innovation Centre

Seriously. PR:

Congratulations to Howbery Park based travel and tourism PR agency, Seriously PR is one of three agencies shortlisted in the prestigious Chartered Institute of Public Relations (CIPR) Pride for the 'best small agency' award in the Thames, Chiltern and Anglia regions.

The team of five entered for the first time this year and are delighted with the initial recognition of the culture they've created.

"We've created a set of values that are something a bit special - we work extremely hard for our clients but it's done in a very supported, flexible and fun environment and we all really value that. For me personally it's really important to break down the image that PR's are chained to their desks 24/7 battling to meet deadlines" says MD Catherine Warrilow.



Howbery Tennis Tournament

A group of 16 players from Howbery Park have been participating in a 12 week tennis tournament, organised by Yasmin Elgen and Jason Henley of AngloINFO. The aim is to raise money for an Oxfordshire charity called Headway that supports people affected by acquired brain injury and their carers - see <http://www.headwayoxford.org.uk/> for more information about the charity. The money raised will go towards new specialised gym equipment to enable the



sufferers to keep active.

Donations towards this cause would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to make a donation to the charity direct, please see the website.

Alternatively contact Yasmin (yasmin.elgen@angloinfo.com) and arrange

a donation in support of the tennis tournament. All support is welcome so pop down to the MUGA and cheer on the competitors! Our games are played most lunchtimes/after work.



Manor House Repairs

After a recent building survey of the Manor House was carried out, it revealed some areas of high level maintenance are necessary. Not surprising as the house has been standing since 1760 and weathered some storms. This work will be carried out over the autumn months and scaffolding will surround areas of the Manor House.



We don't just shoot schools and colleges

We take photographs for companies of their staff, web and promotion images. We can tailor images to your company brief so that we show you at your best to clients.

We also supply foamex and acrylic staff boards for your reception areas. Even if staff move on to other areas it's easy to replace images as staff come and go.

Here are some tips for getting great value photography:

Recently, I checked the usage cost for one of those typical 'office workers pointing at nothing in particular' images from a couple of the major image libraries. Some specialist images for downloading are becoming more and more expensive. There may also be usage restrictions that could mean paying more for use in different media.

By comparison, the cost of hiring a photographer for a day (outside London and the South East) can start at £200-£300 per day. Plus, you can usually arrange reduced or zero-cost usage rights when commissioning the work. This could give you images, unique to your business, for use on your website and printed materials, forever.

Too difficult to manage a photoshoot?

You don't have to. A good designer, agency or, indeed the photographer will have experience in arranging and directing a photoshoot. If they don't, find someone else who does.

Easy to commission

Commissioning photography can be affordable and easy to achieve. So come on! Let's see less boring, generic photography and illustration used in the marketing materials of SMEs. It doesn't differentiate, and there are cheaper and better alternatives that can really start to project the personality and unique qualities of any business.

Our pricing can be by amount. Or half day and full day rates. Being based on Howbery Park we offer 15% discount for other Park residents.

Burton Photography is part of Class-Photos Ltd.

For more info please contact at daryl@burtonphotography.biz.
Or visit www.burtonphotography.biz



Style Acre Sanctuary

Style Acre are delighted to have received a generous donation by local building contractors Kingerlee of a much needed replacement portacabin. The previous portacabin would not have survived another winter. This is a much needed area created especially for day service users who benefit at times by having a quiet and calming environment with lights and soothing music.



Style Acre
Creating Opportunities
for people with learning disabilities



'After I left you'

'This is grown-up chick lit, beautifully written and stuffed full of intelligent, emotional and interesting characters. This novel will resonate with anyone who has loved and lost.'

Daily Mail

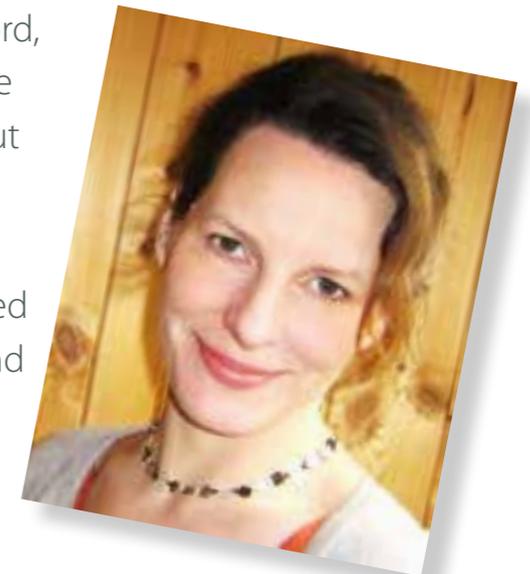
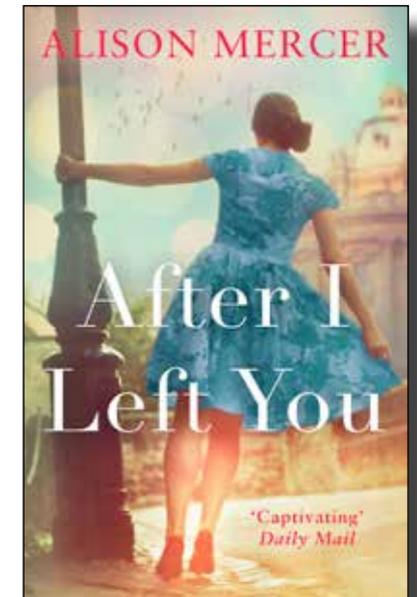
Published in paperback original by Black Swan on 31st July 2014, priced £6.99

Alison Pindar, senior editor at GTI Media based at Howbery Park in the Fountain Building, and local author, writing as Alison Mercer has published a new book - After I Left You.

Alison started her writing career aged nine. As a teenager, she wrote a saga novel that didn't include enough sex (according to her peers). Alison studied English at University College, Oxford, and attended Cardiff School of Journalism, before embarking on her career as a journalist. Her debut novel, Stop The Clock, was published in August 2012.

Alison currently works in publishing and is married to the poet Ian Pindar. They have two children and live in Oxfordshire.

Alison is also available for feature writing.



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Lights are Glowing

The 4 external flood lights which are located on the Innovation Centre wall have been replaced by LED flood lights. Not only do these provide a saving of 50% in running costs –they also have a carbon saving of approx 650kg CO₂ per year. (based on lights running 8 hours a day)



Keen Cyclist? Cheer on Bradley Wiggins

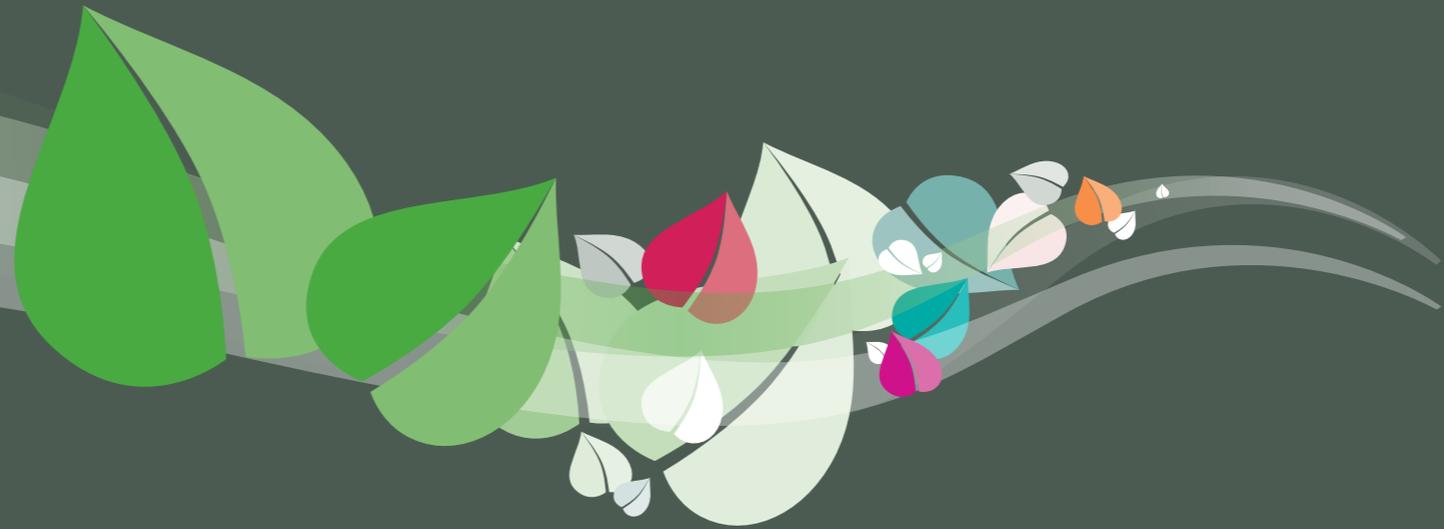
Do you know that the Tour of Britain is coming past Wallingford on 12th September in the Stage 6 Leg – expected time cycling past the roundabout going out of Crowmarsh at 13.45
For more details go to www.tourofbritain.co.uk/stages/stage6/index.php
www.justgiving.com/Lifestyles-Gym2
(photo of a keen Howbery cyclist and canoeist, hopefully not at the same time!)



50 Sheds of Grey



You will have noticed the Innovation Centre wall has had a facelift. Not only has this improved the appearance, it has also weather-proofed a wall which required regular internal maintenance to deal with continued damp issues.



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A Note From The Editor:



Keep us posted – to include your news and stories in Parklife, please email them to me, Angela Andrews a.andrews@howberypark.com

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