

**ANNUAL ABINGDON AIR & COUNTRY SHOW
DALTON BARRACKS, SUN 4TH MAY 2008 10AM - 5PM**

It's not just an air show! The Abingdon Air & Country Show will have, as well as a large scale fly-in of both modern & vintage aeroplanes and the associated air display – vintage vehicles; steam machinery; arena events including Wallingford dog agility team, music and dancing; craft fayre, military recruitment display, bouncy castle, climbing wall, flight simulators; mini quad bikes and other kids amusements and much more!

We have always aimed to make our show a great family day out with lots to do and see for everybody - and it's all for charity, as we support the local Air Ambulance. The Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance, like all Air Ambulance services in the UK, is funded entirely by donations from the public and private companies.

Tickets available from Abbey House or www.abingdonfayre.com

	In advance	On the day
Adults (16 and over)	£8.00	£10.00
OAPs	£4.00	£5.00
Children (aged 5 to 15)	£4.00	£5.00
Children (under 5s)	FREE	FREE
Car parking	FREE	FREE

Be aware there will be aircraft noise Fri 2 May - Tues 6 May.

SEESAW SUMMER FAIR

Tuesday 13th May 2008 sees the sixth SeeSaw Summer Fair take place at Steventon Village Hall from 10.00 – 3.30 pm. All profits from the fair go to SeeSaw, the Oxfordshire based charity which provides grief support for the young in Oxfordshire.



We are delighted that Susie Bond, a Chelsea Exhibitor, of Busy Baskets, Wallingford will be demonstrating her unique style of planting and designing patio pots and hanging baskets at 11am and 2pm. We have also received some wonderful promises for our Silent Auction which are detailed on our website www.seesawsummerfair.org.uk.

Over 33 stalls from gourmet smoked products to children's toys, games, puzzles, books and gifts will be attending. "We like to offer an alternative shopping experience, whilst at the same time raise a valuable contribution for SeeSaw, last year's fair raised £7,000 for SeeSaw" says Mary Thompson, Chair of the Organising Committee. "We are very grateful to the stallholders who donate 10% of their takings to the charity, and all our sponsors. Our willing band of volunteers will be providing coffee, tea and light lunches".

Contact: Suzanne Crafer tel: 01865 391193, mob. 0780 11 66 234
www.seesawsummerfair.org.uk

ARTWEEKS RETURNS 3rd - 26th May

Artweeks is a unique opportunity to see art in the community offering the public and artists the opportunity to come together in a relaxed and friendly environment. There are no admission charges. All you need is a free copy of the Artweeks' Guide which gives full information on every exhibiting artist and is available from all Oxfordshire libraries, Tourist Information Centres, museums, galleries, shops and other public venues. Or you can visit www.artweeks.org to download the Guide or search for artists by name, location or genre.

So, put the dates in your diary and plan a local walk or cycle ride during Artweeks. There's no better way to enjoy the wonderful work being done in your neighbourhood.

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SPRING INTO ABINGDON

The "Spring into Abingdon" campaign is a grass-roots initiative to celebrate what is good about our town. It will run from Easter to late May, with 2 strands to it, one led by the community, the other by shopkeepers.

Community strand: make the Market Place a great place to be - get something going on there every Saturday. They don't need to be big events, just local clubs, schools, music groups etc doing their thing. It doesn't cost, and there could be more than one on the same day. Some ideas:

- an exhibition from Dalton Barracks
- exhibition of MG cars
- brass band, orchestra, choirs
- morris dancers
- motor cycle club exhibition
- a small attraction for children
- drama groups putting on short plays
- school displays
- pram races
- dog agility shows



Shops' strand: an initiative by the shops to publicise themselves and draw people in - possibly a spring promotion, involving getting a card stamped for purchases from participating shops and a draw for a decent prize. Underpinning both strands will be a need for lots of publicity and some fund-raising. A group of community volunteers and shopkeepers will do this.

Can you help us?

If you can help with any of this - or belong to an organization which might put on an event in the Market Place - please get in touch as soon as possible, either by e-mail to: abingdonlive@yahoo.co.uk or by writing to Spring into Abingdon, c/o 9 Abbott Rd, Abingdon OX14 2DT.



9/10/11 May

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Fri 10 - 8pm
Sat/Sun 10 - 6.30pm



Light refreshments & toilets available.