



KBS NEWS

The Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village News

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Ready, steady... grow!

For the first time in its history the annual village show will accept entries from anyone in the village. Up to now, you'd have to be a member to enter flowers and vegetables. The show, organised by the Gardening Club, wants to encourage the village to get out into their gardens and dig for victory! (Victory being one of the various cups on offer to successful entrants!)

Show committee chair Julie Carpenter said: "We want to make it a truly village show for the first time. We'd like families to get out and grow some flowers and vegetables and have some fun by entering them into the show. People probably have the impression that it's all about huge marrows, but it definitely isn't - if you've never grown anything before you still stand a chance of winning something. And even if you don't, you'll still be able to eat the vegetables that you grow!"

The show isn't until Saturday 14th September - but it helps to think ahead. You can download a list of classes from kbsonline.org.uk to give you ideas what to grow.

One nice and easy vegetable to start with now in April is courgettes. You can start them off indoors in pots now, or sow outdoors in late May. You don't need tons of space either as you can grow in containers too.

Another is runner beans. You can also start them off now in pots on a tray on a windowsill - the kids will love watching them erupt out of the soil, and you can enter them in the fun 'longest bean' class in the show in September! Plant them out once the danger of frost is over.

It's not expensive - a bag of compost costs £5, and seeds about £2 (both from Frosts) and the rest you can recycle - for example old yogurt pots with some small holes cut into the bottom make perfect pots.

We'll be featuring tips each month in the run up to the show suggesting what you can do each month - so if you like carrots, beetroot, rocket or beans, watch this space! Remember, it's about growing to eat - not growing to show - and enjoying it.

It's not just vegetables - if you have existing plants in your garden like roses or other perennials you can enter these too. And there's cookery, photography and craft classes. Children can enter any of the classes at the show, but we also have classes specifically for children.

So, download a copy of the schedule, start planting some peas and potatoes now, and keep an eye on KBS News for more tips! Paul Gill



St John the Baptist Church Fete

Calling all village organisations! The Church Fete will be held on Saturday 15th June 1pm - 4pm, in the beautiful grounds of Kingston Bagpuize House, by kind permission of Mrs Virginia Grant. Please note that the date is slightly earlier than usual.

*It is always a wonderful afternoon when the whole village comes together and there will be an exciting main event - more details to follow - and a band, cream teas, strawberries and Pimms! There will also be a variety of stalls and that is where you come in. We try to have a range from village organisations (£12), charities (£10) and people with crafts or gifts to sell (£15). If you, or your organisation, would like to join us on June 15th please could you contact Margo Evans for more information. I do not have the up to date contacts for all the village organisations so I would appreciate an e-mail, or call from you too. Looking forward to hearing from you. Margo Evans
margo.evans@mac.com 01865 820900*

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The practice runs a daily service to the Post Office. Please allow 2 working days and include payment when requesting your prescription where necessary.

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Beyond the Whinge - the Editor's blog

The ageing population of the UK has reached a point where there are more people over state pension age than children. Well someone should perhaps tell the BBC. For instance, where are the music programmes for us?

People in their sixties and early seventies are of the generation that changed the face of popular music and were at the birth of rock 'n' roll as it were. So where are the radio stations featuring the pioneering music of the late 1950's and early sixties? Certainly not on Radio 2 which I frankly can't differentiate from Radio 1.

There are stations for the teenyboppers, young folk and two or three for ethnic minorities but nothing for the poor old pensioner, the group that is supposedly growing in such numbers as to dominate the census figures. So much for democracy and my licence fee. We all don't want to listen to Radio 4 all day long. I tune in regularly on-line to Boomer Radio from Miami, (Miami mind) broadcasting period music non stop. So much for my licence fee.

The BBC seemed to be obsessed with youth and ram our Saturday nights with mindless twaddle aimed at a younger audience who in my day would have been out living it up. Where are the programmes on prime time for the older viewers? If we are in such domineering numbers, why aren't we catered for more? It must be me,

Victor Meldrew lives! Lance Bassett

VILLAGE DIARY

Village Hall Booking Details tel: 0777 153 9901 email: southmoorvillagehall@yahoo.co.uk

April	Day	Time	What & Where (SVH = Southmoor Village Hall)	Page
Monday	2nd	7.00pm	Parish Council Meeting, Elkins Room, SVH	12
Tuesday	3rd	7.00pm	Annual Parish Meeting, Elkins Room, SVH	12
Tuesday	3rd	10.30am	NCT Bumps & Babes Morning, Madison's Tea Rms. Wantage	6
Tues, Wed & Thursday	3rd - 5th	Various See Web Site	Southmoor Pre-School Den Holiday Club	15
Wednesday	4th	7.30pm	Village Hall Management Committee AGM - SVH	10
Friday	6th	7.15pm	Gardening Club All about BEES - SVH	18
Sunday	8th	2.30pm	Grand Chocolatey Easter Egg Hunt, Millennium Green	9
Tuesday	10th	7.30pm	Southmoor Village Hall	11
Tues, Wed, & Thursday	10th - 12th	Various See Web Site	Southmoor Pre-School Den Holiday Club	15
Wednesday	11th	2pm - 4pm	Serendipity meeting, Swallow Room, SVH	16
Friday	13th	10am - 3pm	Rag Rug Event, Kingsmoor Com Club, Hinton Waldrist V Hall	6
Monday	16th	7.30pm	Diamond Jubilee & Village Hall 25 th Anniversary Open meeting - Swallow Room, SVH.	10
Monday	16th	7.30pm for 8pm	White Horse Cruising Club, Royal British Legion, East Hanney	15
Tuesday	17th	9.30am	NCT Playtime, Manor Road Park, Wantage	6
Tuesday	17th	8.00pm	Southmoor Pre-School Committee Meeting	15
Thursday	19th	7.15 for 7.30pm	Longworth & District History Society meeting SVH	21
Friday	20th		Last Date for views on proposed building sites to VWDHC	17
Sunday	22nd	2pm - 5pm	Marcham Garage and Plant Sale	6
Monday	23rd	Mobile Library 10.05am Waggon & Horses, SVH 10.45am, Bellamy CI 11.15		2
Tuesday	24th	10.00am	NCT Coffee Morning/Playtime Millets Farm Centre	6
Thursday	26th	7.00pm	Neighbourhood Watch Meeting, Elkins Room, SVH	12/17
Friday	27th	8.00pm	Bowls Club Quiz Night, Bowls Club, Oxford Road	18
May				
Sunday	6th	From 10am	Abingdon Air & Country Show, Abingdon Airfield	17
Saturday	19th	12.00 am - 4pm	Family Fun Day & Chocolate Tea Party - Stanford Village Hall	16
June				
Monday	4th	To be announced	Family Event to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee - SVH	11
Tuesday	5th	To be announced	St Pauls Cathedral on THE BIG SCREEN in St Johns Church	11
Sat & Sun	9/10th	To be announced	Village Fair - SVH	10
July				
Wednesday	4th		Serendipity Coach Trip to Gun Wharf, Portsmouth	16
September				
Saturday	29th	To be announced	Southmoor Village Hall 25th Anniversary Dinner - SVH	10
October				
Sat & Sun	6/7th	To be announced	The Village Art and Craft Exhibition	10
Saturday	29th	To be announced	Southmoor Village Hall 25th Anniversary Dinner - SVH	10

Regular Events each Month

What	Where	Day	Time
Adult's Dance Out	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Wednesday	7.45pm - 8.30pm
Adult's Dance Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Wednesday	8.30pm - 9.30pm
Apple Quilters	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd & 4th Monday	9.30am - 12am
Baby & Toddler Group	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Friday	10am - 11.30am
Circuit Training	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Thursday	7.30pm

French for Fun	Southmoor Village Hall, Swallow Rm	Every Wednesday	9am - 10.30am
KB Drama Group	St John the Baptist Church Room	Every Tuesday	7.30pm
KBS Cafe	Methodist Chapel	Every Thursday	9am - 12 noon
Kingsmoor Community Club	Hinton Waldrist Village Hall	Every Tues, Wed, Fri	
Over 50's Dance Out	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Tuesday	9am - 10am
Serendipity Meeting	Southmoor Village Hall, Swallow Rm	2nd Wednesday	2pm - 4pm
Southmoor Karate Club	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Sunday	10am - 11.30am
Womens Institute	Southmoor Village Hall	2nd Tuesday	7.30pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Monday	8.15pm
Zumba	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Thursday	9.15am
8 - 12 yrs Dance 4 Youth	Southmoor Village Hall	Every Thursday	4.15pm - 5pm
14+ Drop In Centre	Methodist Church Hall	Every Friday	7.30pm - 9.30pm

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE CHURCH NOTICES

www.kingstonbagpuizechurch.wordpress.com



Sunday 7th April	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill
	10.30am Morning Worship Speaker: Mrs Anne Curtis
Sunday 14th April	9.00am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
	10.30am All-Age Service Speaker: Miss Jenny Weaving
	12.30pm Café Church Lunch Speaker: Interview with TBC
Sunday 21st April	9.00am Holy Communion Revd Joe Cotterill
	10.30am Questions of Life Service Speaker: Ms Jackie Bone
Sunday 28th April	9.00am & 10.30am Holy Communion Revd David Pickering
<i>Coffee and biscuits after all services – a good time to chat and make new friends</i>	

APRIL HIGHLIGHTS: SUNDAY 14th APRIL: at 12.30pm, we have a special Café Church lunch: a relaxed lunch in the Church Room, with an interview with a distinguished local Christian or two, and the chance to get to know a variety of local people. All are welcome to this fun event.

WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL: ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING: at 6.45pm we have the Annual Meeting of Parishioners, which elects the church wardens, then at 6.55pm the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Do come and find out how your village church has been getting along, and hear a little about some of our plans for the future.

FRIDAY 19th APRIL: CONCERT IN KINGSTON CHURCH: at 7:15pm Jennifer Charlton leads a musical extravaganza, in aid of Raise the Roof, with a galaxy of village talent, in the great Kingston-Southmoor tradition. All welcome.

CHURCH GROUPS: We have a range of groups for adults and children. Call David on 820451 or Hazel on 821358 for more information.

Do contact our Vicar, The Revd David Pickering (820451), re baptisms, weddings, funerals or pastoral care (on any day of the week except Saturdays).

Fyfield Chapel (Evangelical)

www.fyfieldchapel.org.uk

Sunday Service: 11.00 am

Crèche and Sunday School

Communion: 2nd Sunday in month

Evening Tea & Fellowship

5.30 pm 1st Sunday in month

Home Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

8.00 pm 3rd Friday in month

(for details please email

or call 01865-769473)

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

**BUCKLAND AND FARINGDON PARISH CENTRED AT
BLESSED HUGH CHURCH FARINGDON**

Parish Priest: Fr Leslie Adams, 1 Coxwell Road, Faringdon, SN7 7EB

Tel: 01367 243510, email: blessedhughfaringdon@yahoo.com,

Masses: Sunday One Mass at 9.00am. Weekly Masses: Tuesday and Thursday 9.30am preceded by Morning Prayer at 9.15am. Details of Masses on Holy Days and of Reconciliation - please refer to the Parish Newsletter available at Blessed Hugh Church or from the Parish

Website: <http://www.blessedhugh.org.uk/>

Message from the Parish Council

Dog mess is a perennial problem in the village and the following is note received by the Parish Clerk from the Environment Warden: *I have received a complaint regarding dog fouling along The Paddocks, Southmoor. I have attended the area today and placed some prominent signs in this location to remind dog walkers to pick up after their dogs. I have also completed a leaflet drop to all the houses in this area to keep an eye out for any irresponsible dog walkers that they may witness not picking up. Please report any dog mess that needs clearing up to the Council's Waste Contractor Biffa on 03000 610 610 or email Biffa at admin.vale@biffa.co.uk identifying the exact location, eg on pavement outside 114 Green Lane, Dean Court, Cumnor.*

If you see another dog owner committing this offence please keep a record of anything that can identify them and contact the Vale of White Horse District Council's Environment Wardens on 01235 520202 or email environmental.protection@whitehorsedc.gov.uk

Mobile library dates are now on page 3 in the Village Diary



VILLAGE VOICES

Belated thanks to all who helped me when I had my TIA(mini Stroke) on Saturday 26th January I have vague recollections of what went on and I seem to remember the name RACHEL might have been one of the Good Samaritans along with Nora and Annie. There was also a man at one stage who supported me for a while when I was on the ground. Fortunately it was not as severe as it could have been and because of the prompt action by you I was soon in the best place getting superb treatment. If anyone should be in a similar position Oxford is the place to be, thankfully. THANKS again. John Brown

OOPS! With reference to Rosemary Maclean's obituary in the March issue, Rosemary's daughter has told me that it was actually Gordon Maclean (Ken's brother) who had the Apple Centre. Rosemary's husband had Crabtree Fruit Farm on the corner of Oxford Road. Beryl Reilly

(Ref March issue) Mr Green proposes that the lorry in the photograph was on it's way from South Wales to Didcot Power Station. I think this unlikely on two fronts:

- 1) South Welsh coal cannot be burnt in the boilers at Didcot, the boilers are not designed for it.*
- 2) As far as I know special planning permission was granted to move coal by road during the Miners Strike in 1984/5 before that all coal was delivered by rail, and it came from Daw Mill in Warwickshire or Nottinghamshire, a route via Newbridge seems unlikely. So I suppose the mystery of where it came from and where it was going remains! Pete Hogan*

The way we were



Cross Roads Garage as it looked when it served petrol. Newcomers to the village will perhaps be surprised that we had TWO garages selling petrol here until about twenty years ago. And they call it progress!



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WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE.

We have just heard that MARTIN and JULIE are the NEW managers of the Waggon and Horses. They have 20 years experience in the pub trade. The pub will still be a Green King pub and be selling Moreland Original and other real ales. Martin and Julie are very keen to be involved in the community and by the time this KBS goes to print they will be serving TRADITIONAL ENGLISH FOOD 7 days a week, and the bar will be open all day. They will be available for functions and welcome customers old and new. We wish them good luck in their new venture around their REAL LOG FIRE. For more information contact Martin on 820230.

Tar very much.....



Ah, the power of the KBS News. After my whinge last month on the state of our roads, the Vale obviously jumped into action and started repairing the local infrastructure as seen here. Then again of course, it could be the end of the financial year is nigh. Ed.

Village Notice Board

Village Hall Annual General Meeting Wed 3rd April: Yes I know what you're thinking another boring AGM. To help make this meeting more enjoyable we invite you to join us for a free glass of wine and nibbles. No this is not to bribe you but to thank you, as this will be my last year as Chairman. Village halls form an important part of a village, not only for the clubs and village organisations that regularly use them, but to all residents who may wish to hire the premises to celebrate their own family or private event. So it is important that the hall meets with everyone's expectations. The AGM may be the only opportunity to have 'your say' in the future of the our Village Hall. The AGM will be held In the Swallow Room at the Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm. Come and join us. You will be most welcome to have your say, and I promise there won't be any arm twisting. For further information about the village hall contact Ron Green on 01865 820051 or email: ron.green@live.co.uk

PIANO RECITAL BY YOUNG MUSICIANS FROM THE VILLAGE It is difficult to believe that a year has passed since the last recital by a group of talented young pianists from the village. Now a year older ! They will be performing again on Friday 19th of April at 7.15pm in The Parish Church. The programme will range from Beethoven and Mozart through Debussy to Elgar and Prokofiev. There will be interval refreshments - no charge for admission, but all donations will go, again, towards 'Raise the Roof' to fund repairs to the church's historic wooden bell tower. *Ian Charlton*



Easter Waste Collections Easter Bank Holidays 2013

Normal Collection Day
Wednesday 3rd April

Revised Collection Day
Thursday 4th April

Bringing Better Broadband to the Longworth Telephone Exchange Area: Update

Oxfordshire County Council is apparently fairly close to completing the selection process for a private sector partner to help it improve the broadband infrastructure for Oxfordshire's rural villages, and an announcement is anticipated within the next few months.

Once this new partnership is in place we can expect details on timing for the roll-out of a new rural fibre-optic network, which will hopefully give us some idea of where the area served by the Longworth telephone exchange (which includes Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor) stands in terms of priority.

At the end of last year, in my capacity as Longworth's 'Broadband Champion', I encouraged residents of Longworth and Hinton Waldrist to complete an on-line survey, in an attempt to push us up the priority list. OCC has now issued the results of this survey, which can be found at: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/broadband. Longworth achieved a total of 35 responses and Hinton 11. This may not sound too impressive: although according to this document Southmoor only managed 31 responses! Even so, it appears that if you total up all the responses from within the Longworth Exchange area (which also includes Fyfield, Tubney, Frilford and Standlake), then we have done much better than other rural exchange areas in terms of response per head of population. So on this basis at least we should certainly have achieved a reasonable priority position in the roll-out timetable.

At a recent meeting with BT (who must be one of the front runners to become OCC's partner), Alan Boyce, John Smith and I were advised to join with representatives from other villages covered by the Longworth BT exchange to mount a concerted lobbying campaign for priority treatment. Alan and John have therefore recently met with Ed Vaizey (who in addition to being our local MP is also Minister for Communications) to argue our case and, I am advised, received a sympathetic and supportive response. Another priority lobbying target is now the OCC! Whether all this activity will actually succeed in pushing us further up the priority list once the fibre-optic network starts to be rolled remains to be seen: watch this space!! *Richard Kenyon*

Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme bulletin

Signs of ash die-back include wilting leaves and browning of young stems. www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara gives information about what to do about diseased ash trees. Woodfuel themed study visits will run on 15 April, 1 June and 8 June, including a unique opportunity to see a Ministry of Defence woodland and taste wild rabbit. If you are a woodland owner who could use some free help with woodland management, or you would like to work outdoors in return for some firewood, please join 'Logs for Labour'. A quality standard for firewood for Oxfordshire is being developed. 'OxLogs' suppliers will clearly state the volume, type, length and moisture content of their wood. For more information on any of these please see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk



FEEL LIKE EATING OUT TONIGHT? No:3 The Trout, Wolvercote

For a genuine taste of Oxford we booked a table at The Trout at Wolvercote on Valentine's night. The haunt of the famous from C.S.Lewis to Lewis Carroll, not to mention Inspector Morse, The Trout nestles right on the bank of the Thames, an ideal setting even on a winter's eve.

Our table for four was set just apart from the main diners and our Australian waitress Toni was helpful, knowledgeable and entertaining we were off to a great start. Talking about great starters, I ordered

whole gambas cooked in garlic butter with aioli served with rustic bread from the Valentine's set menu. This turned out to be three giant prawns which looked so healthy I swear the kiss of life would have them swimming back in the briny. Lashings of garlic butter made this starter moist, tasty and led the way nicely to the main course of braised beef in red wine with creamy parsley mash and horseradish creme fraiche, topped with crispy onions. If I was picky, the beef was a little dry but in no way detracted from the dish. The excellent service and two bottles of Cabernet more than compensated for this slight hiccup.

The dessert menu sealed the feast, with the choice of Dulche de leche and caramelised banana pudding with vanilla gelato or malted milk pannacotta with spiced plum compote with chocolate and raspberry ganache. My bride and I had one of these each, and shared the dish. Exquisite is the word that comes to mind, and so was the food....!

Now I have to say I haven't been keen on the Trout for many years but all that changed in one evening of superb food, service with humour and the general ambience. Highly recommended for Valentine's night or any other night. Cost per diner with wine worked out at £35 a head. Excellent. *Lance Bassett*



Southmoor Guides

On Sunday 24 Feb, Southmoor Guides held a Dog Walkathon at West Park in the grounds of Kingston Bagpuize House. Although it was bitterly cold with a very light flurry of snow, many dog walkers came along with their four legged friends to support the event and walk twice around the grounds. Guides with dogs also brought their pets along to participate and some others came along to judge which dog had the waggiest tail and which dog was the best dressed. £106 was raised in total for Comic

Relief, as part of the Blue Peter Challenge the Guides are taking part in. Thank you to everyone who came along to support the event, and special thanks to Mrs Grant for allowing us access to the park. We are still looking for a Unit Helper, please contact Sally on 01865 821924 if you would like to get involved. *Sally Dance*

NEIL WINDER

Mandy, Viv and their families would like to thank everyone for their cards and thoughts after Neil unexpectedly passed away on 28 January 2013. Our thanks go to all who attended Neil's funeral on such a snowy mid-February day. Total donations in memory of Neil came to £792.20 and have been split equally between The Jubilee Sailing Trust and Cancer Research. Thank you, Mandy and Viv

WORDS OF WISDOM

When the white missionaries came to Africa they had the Bible and we had the land. They said 'Let us pray.' We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land.
Desmond Tutu



KINGSTON BAGPUIZE WITH SOUTHMOOR W.I.

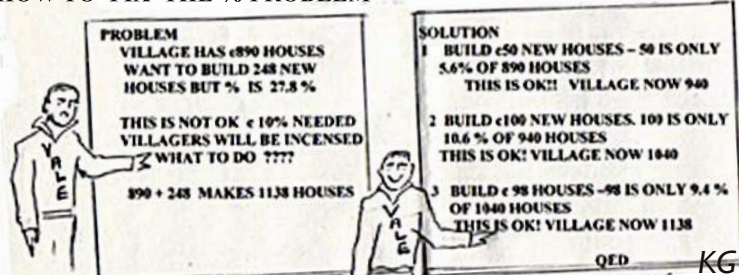
Well, this is my last report for our WI; don't worry though because these reports will continue in one form or another, just not by me! Our new Committee were voted in at our Annual Meeting on 12th March, and, having been on the Committee for the best part of 3 years, both as Secretary and Vice-President, I'd decided the time was right for me to stand down. The meeting went without any hitches, and we have a very strong and capable committee for the coming year. After the main business was over, Delyth Hallion-Gammon spoke to us about 'Global Seesaw' who work with women in mainly India to get them out of either prostitution, or the sex-trafficking trade. She had also bought along some lovely Fairtrade bags, scarves, etc, for members to purchase. We have some really good speakers lined up for the rest of the year, and we hope to organise a visit or two to some local places of interest - Aston Pottery for one, I hope!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 9th April, starting at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall, and we will be enjoying some 'Songs from the Shows' with the Tonks' Brothers - our competition for that meeting will be a Music Box/Ornament.

Finally, remember that all our meetings take place on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm in Southmoor Village Hall, and don't forget to check out our very own website (www.bagpuizewi.co.uk) which gives details of all our future meetings, photographs of visits we've been on, details about the WI's own Denman College (just down the road in Marcham), and links to the NFWI website, amongst others. You can also follow what we get up to on Facebook. *Mel Gulliford, Vice President (821087)*

Keith's Kartoon Komment

VILLAGE HOUSING CRISIS- NEW METHOD FOR CALCULATING %
or HOW TO 'FIX' THE % PROBLEM



Roll out the camera...

We can now reproduce photographs to a far better quality than previously. Unfortunately we are not getting many submitted and the News continues to be mainly copy. There must be someone out there with a camera. Why not submit a photograph with your club report or send us a pic for our 'The Way We Were' slot, pictures of recent or old events in the village, anything would be considered.

Great Easter Egg Hunt

on Easter Sunday
at 2.30pm
All Welcome

at The Millennium Green



NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



The KBS Parish Council was held on Monday 4th March 2013 in the Swallow Room chaired by Councillor John Smith (Vice Chair) in absence of Councillor Brian Forster (Chair) away on holiday with 6 councillor members present along with 2 members of the public.

Public Participation: The Clerk explained the terms of the dedication agreement relating to the path west from Draycott Road adjoining the A420. This agreement allows the landowner to re-route the path. This status conflicts with documents relating to the current planning application which describe the path as a public right of way.

Report from District & County Councillor: Mrs Tilley reported that she is continuing with her strong complaint about the failure of officers to fully inform the Planning Committee ahead of their decision on the land west of the Witney Road. OCC Highways are treating the repair of potholes a priority following damage during the recent winter weather. Eighteen recent OFSTED inspections of Oxfordshire primary schools rated all 'good' or better – an overall improvement since the previous inspections.

Planning: Following a meeting with Peter Collins (Chair, Vale CPRE) to discuss planning applications in the village, CPRE have written to object to the land off Draycott Road site. Members of the Parish Council and Village Action Group will meet VWHDC planners on 18 March to discuss concerns over the current planning applications. VWHDC have published the 'Local Plan 2029 Part 1 Strategic Sites and Policies' for consultation and will hold a public exhibition in the Village Hall on 21 March. The Clerk has learnt from OALC that a Parish Council could use the services of a planning consultant.

Applications Received: Retrospective application for the retention of a portacabin building, used in connection with the flight of model aircraft, Land south of Hamilton House, Charney Road – no objections. Erection of 98 residential dwellings with associated open space, structural landscaping and access – Land off Draycott Road; Amendment No 1. This amendment shows very little material change from the original plans and so fails to address the Parish Council's previous objections. The proposals now include a play area which seems unnecessary given the nearby facilities. Proposed front single storey extension, 2 & 4 Lime Grove – circulation in progress.

Decisions: Proposed two storey and first floor extension and loft conversion, Palmers, Faringdon Road – (Re-submission) – permit. Erection of 2x3 bedroom chalet bungalows with detached garage and vehicular access, Town Pond Lane - withdrawn.

Donations: A donation of £500 to KBS Village Action was agreed to support their work to counter over-development of the village. A donation of £250 to Kingston Colts to help with repair of their floodlights was also approved.

Broadband: Following a further meeting with Peter Cowen, BT Group, which elicited little recent new information, a joint delegation from the Parish Council and Longworth Parish Council met Ed Vaizey, MP at his Didcot surgery. Mr Chartres reported that the delegation had impressed on Mr Vaizey the need for him to use his influence to ensure that the Longworth exchange is close to the top of the Oxfordshire list when the rural broadband programme is rolled out. An item on this topic is included in the April issue of KBSNews.

Correspondence: Letter from Ian Bruce, Greene King - Waggon & Horses. A new tenancy agreement is imminent to be followed by re-opening of the premises at the weekend.

Recreation Grounds. Mr Bassett reported that the recreation grounds are in a satisfactory condition apart from the play bark areas in the small recreation ground and that part of the bowtop fence is loose and the side gate does not close properly. One of the nets on the basketball court is damaged. The Clerk noted that RoSPA had calculated the approved dimensions for the swing pit which could impinge on the roots of the nearby trees if bark surfacing is retained. He will obtain information on alternative surfacing.

Burial Ground: The Clerk has arranged with a tree surgeon to cut back the Yew trees. Once done, the exact location of the additional path will be decided. He will write to those responsible for excessive additions to the grave and cremation plot areas.

The SAPP (Southmoor Activity and Parkour Park) committee had reported on a meeting with Freemove to build a Parkour Park in the village. A range of designs, from basic (£20,000) to elaborate (£80,000) were illustrated. Freemove will design a park for SAPP and identify funding organisations. SAPP will then present the plans to a Parish Council meeting to identify a way forward.

Faults: Street lamp in Latton Close is still not working. A few other lamps are restricted by vegetation – a problem which will get worse as trees come into leaf. There are a number of minor potholes.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Monday 8th April & Annual Parish Meeting 9th April 2013 in the Swallow Room in the Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome. For more information or view the past minutes of the meetings visit the village web site www.kbsonline.org.uk on the Parish Council. *John E Smith, Vice Chair*

Baby and Toddler Group News

It's been a busy few months at the baby and toddler group. After the hugely successful Christmas party where Father Christmas delivered presents and sang carols with 23 very excited children, we also unveiled a beautiful big wooden play kitchen and rail brimming with fancy dress outfits. These were all bought with money donated from the John Blandy Trust. So a big thank you to the trustees for awarding us that!

January might have been cold and snowy with schools throughout Oxfordshire closed but thanks to our fabulous bunch of volunteers we were open. The adults got to have a relaxing cuppa and chat while the children enjoyed the warm, big space of the village hall, running around and burning off some energy, whilst the babies kept toasty in their soft play area.

The children take a short period out in the session to refuel where we encourage them to sit up together and enjoy a healthy snack time. So in February we marked Shrove Tuesday with delicious fruity pancakes which were enjoyed by all.

The group celebrated March and the arrival of spring with "bugs and flower" crafting, along with Mother's day card making and an exciting Easter party.

We might only have been running for 30 years but we have now joined the digital age. Our new webpage is at KBSONline so if you want to find out more information about the group please visit us (<http://www.kbsonline.org.uk>).

The group only runs during term time so we start back after Easter on Friday 19th April and look forward to welcoming new faces.

Having a spring clean and clear out? We are always looking for toys in a good condition that people are willing to donate. Please give us a call to arrange collection (07904524676). *Marie Siviter*

Car Boot Sale

Sunday 21st April

10.00 – 14.00

John Blandy School Field

Advanced booked pitch £10

Free entry for buyers

On the day pitch £12

Hot and cold refreshments

email: johnblandyfriends@gmail.com

to book your pitch now



SERENDIPITY OVER 60'S CLUB

Members enjoyed a "knit and natter" afternoon, with coffee/tea and hot cross buns - probably if I am honest more "nattering" than "knitting" went on, but the main thing is that everyone had an enjoyable, friendly afternoon. Members will be going out for lunch on April 10th, instead of the usual meeting in the Swallow Room.

ADVANCE NOTICE: *There will be no meeting in the Swallow Room in MAY, but instead Serendipity are holding a coffee morning and tabletop sale and book stall at the home of Ruth Reynolds, BEMBRIDGE, FARINGDON ROAD. from 10.30 - 1 pm. on WEDNESDAY MAY 1st Please come along and support. Details from Pat 820775*

Neil Winder 1958 – 2013 Scout

One day in 1969 a very proud father brought his eleven year old son along to Longworth Manor where Longworth Scout Group held their meetings. He asked if his son could join the troop and mentioned that the boy suffered from Scoliosis. After this very short talk, the boy, Neil Winder, was to become a member of the troop working his way through the training and tests. Because of his health problems there were concerns about whether or not Neil could manage, but by and large we need not to have bothered.

During one of our camps Neil was to appear wearing a hat, which led people to think of sailing, and from that day on Neil became known as SAILOR – a name he kept through his scouting life. Due to his determination and health problems he pushed on. The leaders collected information regarding his health and supported by Doctors applied for him to be considered for the Cornwell Scout Badge, which was duly awarded. The citation reads "Of High Character and Devotion, together with Great Courage and Endurance". The Queen presented the award because of its importance.

Neil was a founder member of Longworth Scout Band where he played a side drum. He went on to become an Assistant Scout Leader until his retirement. It is worthy of note that although Neil suffered through ill health he was there to help others enjoy their lives in the Scout Movement. He had a wry smile and in particular was noted for his prudence. *R. Applegate, Former (1st Longworth) Group Scout Leader*

KINGSTON COLTS F.C.



The football season is now drawing to an end for our teams and I am very pleased to inform you that we have had a fantastic season. Of our 4 competitive teams, 3 of them have gone on to become CHAMPIONS of their respective leagues. This is an outstanding achievement for a small village Club playing against much bigger teams from much larger catchment areas and the most success we have enjoyed for a very long time. We are very proud of these teams and plan to celebrate and publicise our

success as much as possible over the coming months. A quick summary of our season:

U13s – Under the management of Marc Gorham and Jerry May, they became CHAMPIONS of their league with 2 games to play. They are currently unbeaten and 6 points clear, securing the title with a hard fought draw away to the league runners-up, Bloxham. It would be great if they can manage to go unbeaten for the season, but they have 2 away games to play, including a potentially tough match versus Grendon Rangers.

U12s – Tony Thompson's team have been playing in the "A" league this season and playing against the strongest teams in the County. They are currently in the bottom 2 of the table with one game to go, but are doing really well considering the opposition they are playing.

U11s - In their first year of 9v9 football, Trev Baxter's team are another of our CHAMPIONS. A fantastic performance saw this team win 10 of their 14 games and win their league by 3 points. This was a really good achievement considering it is their first season with offside and on a much bigger pitch than usual.

U9s – Mark Stuart's young team are our other CHAMPIONS. This team has always had great potential, but they have now proven how good they really are. They also won their league with 2 games remaining and will finish at least 4 points clear of the second placed team. So far they have won 11 of their 14 games, only losing 1, which is another great achievement.

U8s - Still playing non-competitive football, under the management of Carl McKno and Leon Allen. They have a strong squad which is performing really well and we feel they have great potential for the future. This team will play on the pitch at half time of the Swindon Town v Stevenage Borough game, when we visit Swindon Town FC on 20th April, and could be playing in front of a potential 10,000 crowd. U7s & U6s – These teams are managed by Manda Thompson and trained by John Willoughby and Gary Bradbury, respectively. They train every week and have started to play friendly matches.

Mini Kickers – We currently have 10 Mini Kickers in training, under the management of Dan Burgess. We hope these guys will enjoy their introduction to youth football and develop into our next team.

As mentioned above, some of our teams still have games to play and others have entered smaller Supplementary Cups, which will keep them playing football until the end of April. We are having a Presentation Day on 12th May, when all of our players will receive trophies and the CHAMPIONS will receive their Cups and League Winners Medals – this could take some time! We hope to have some photographs of our teams in a forthcoming edition of KBS News. Our annual visit to Swindon Town FC will hopefully see around 40 of our players receive excellent training and have a really fun day out and I certainly feel that days like this have contributed to the success of our teams this season. I would like to thank all those that have been involved and contributed to our season and for more information on our Club's success (fixtures, results, tables, etc), please go to www.kingstoncolts.co.uk or www.wdyfl.org. *Andy Gardner, Chair*



Kingston Bagpuize Cricket Club

Well the cricket season is nearly up on us, and now all we need is for the sun to start shining. KBCC are having a Fundraising Night at Hanney British Legion on the 12th April. Sybil Roscoe (Radio 5 Live/Radio Presenter/Channel 4 Cricket Presenter) is going to be the Guest Speaker. There are many auction items and all are listed on the website. www.kingstoncricket.co.uk

If you would like to attend please contact Roger Bunce: roger.bunce@virgin.net

Car Boots Again this year we will be holding Car Boots sales on the following dates: 12th May, 9th June, 14th July, 11th August, 1st September

All car boots start at 8.30am until noon. For more information please contact Mandy Rodway on 07884 393613. Hopefully the weather will get better and the square will be ready for the new season.

Junior training begins on Friday 26th April at 5.45pm for 1 hour, please come along and have a go.

Kingston U15's will start the season as early as the 22nd April full fixtures on the website:

www.kingstoncricket.co.uk

Fixtures: 22/04/13 Abingdon Vale U15's v KBCC U15's ECB Championship 6pm start

28/04/13 Combe U13's v KBCC U13's Friendly 10:30am start

01/05/13 Sutton Courtney v KBCC CHD Cricket League 6pm start

05/05/13 Charlbury U13's v KBCC U13's U13's Cup 10:30am start

11/05/13 Cherwell Div 4 KBCC 1st XI v Great & Little Tew II 1pm start

Cherwell Div 8 Cumnor 3rd XI v KBCC 2nd XI 1:30pm start

Cherwell Div 10 Long Marston III v KBCC 3rd XI 1:30pm start

Also in May the members of the Youth Section at Kingston that are in the County Squads start their campaigns against other County Teams so good luck to them. *Hannah Woodley*

KBS VILLAGE ACTION GROUP

Nearing the end of the Planning complaints process. Remember the Planning Meeting on the 9th January? (last issue of KBS News) Our Parish Council, our District Councillor and KBS Village Action pointed out that the Planning Committee had been misled as the Planning Officer had not told them of the full extent of the housing applications for the village. All three parties made a formal complaint. After several weeks of letter writing and form filling, KBS Village Action have been told by David Buckle, Chief Executive Officer of the Vale,

"You have now exhausted the council's complaints procedure but you have the option of taking your complaint to the local government ombudsman if you wish."

The last six months has been a bit of a struggle at times and 'exhausted' is probably an apt phrase but we still feel we owe it to the Village to follow the process to the end of the road. KBSVA has followed the Vale's three stage complaints procedure through to a very unsatisfactory conclusion. Their complaints process has not been sufficiently objective and the responses we have been given serve only to demonstrate colleagues 'closing ranks' in support of one another. We now have no alternative other than to refer our complaint to the local government ombudsman, which is now in process. The Vale has admitted that mistakes were made and, unless the decision is overturned, this village will have to live with a poor decision which will see our close knit community morph into a small dormitory town without the necessary infrastructure to support it. *Neil Evans*

KBS CAFE @ SOUTHMOOR

As yet, no firm decision has been made regarding the future of the chapel, so for at least until the summer, we will remain where we are, which is really good news! Our customer numbers continue to grow, we've got our 8th birthday coming up in May, and it's lovely to see so many new faces coming along each week.

Don't forget we are open every Thursday (regardless of the weather!) from 9am until 12pm, at the Methodist Chapel, (opposite Cross Roads garage). If you need a lift there or back, again please ring one of us on the numbers below; we're always happy to come and fetch you, and we'll even take you home afterwards!. If anyone would like to either help with the setting up, or clearing away at the end, or even making a cake every now and again, please speak to one of us. *Mel Gulliford*

"We are friends you haven't yet met."

Jenny Bone (820368) Carole Watts (821710) Mel Gulliford (821087)



I have kleptomania, but when it gets bad, I take something for it!

SOUTHMOOR PRE-SCHOOL



Pre-School has been a hive of activity over the past few weeks. Last half term the children took advantage of the weather and enjoyed playing with the snow - both indoors and out! We have investigated hot & cold temperatures, snowy activities and how to keep safe in the snow.

There was a definite 'medical' theme in the role play area, which has been a vets and a doctors surgery with one or two staff members being 'patients'; having various plasters, bandages and medicines administered.

We are now offering the children the opportunity to take part in cooking activities every week. In addition, the children also have access to musical instruments throughout the day so that they can make music whenever they like as well as the planned sessions where an adult takes the lead.

Oxfordshire County Council gave us a brand new storage trolley full of wooden blocks which the children love. They have spent many hours building towers, railways, parks, balancing walkways and more.

The children absolutely love the new art trolley which was bought with fundraising. As well as our usual 'focused activities' the children are able to help themselves to a wide range of art and craft materials whenever they like. This has already resulted in some fantastic models and pictures. It is great to see the children using their imagination and being so creative.

We are a charity we rely on fundraising and collecting vouchers to get more equipment for the children, so please could you bring all your Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers into Pre-School. The collection box is inside Pre-School so please ring the bell, they will be gratefully received.

If you're having a spring clear out of your wardrobe, Pre-school are having their second bag2school collection on Friday 17th May.

Following our AGM in March the face of the committee has changed greatly. We would like to welcome Jane Tidy (Chair), Geoff Clough (Treasurer) and Kate Rick (Secretary) into their new roles. The current committee would also like to take this opportunity to thank Suzanne Elliott, Melanie Singleton, Eleanor Loutzenhiser and Debbie Didcock, for all their hard work and dedication to the preschool over the past few years. *Marie Siviter*

SOUTHMOOR & K.B. GARDENING CLUB



We are now holding our regular monthly meetings on a Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Draycott Road, Southmoor. On 2nd April we have invited Sue Bedwell - a freelance gardener and horticultural advisor who will be giving a practical demonstration on how to enhance your plants whether they are in the garden, greenhouse or indoors. Her talk will also include the care and cultivation of your plants. Sue Bedwell was trained at Waterperry and worked there for 20 years, come prepared as she informs us that she may have some plants for sale.

The March meeting with Fritz De Zutter's talk on 'Gardening on a shoestring' was very well attended, his enthusiasm for this topic meant he got carried away and the meeting went on a little longer than had been planned. However, for those who managed to stay they enjoyed a friendly chat over a free glass of wine, with cheese and biscuits. The plant sale and raffle raised a total of £46 and this will go to this years adopted charity; Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance. Come and join us on 2nd April all are very welcome, admission Members' £1.50 Visitors £2.00 tea or coffee with biscuits included, each month we hold a raffle, plus a Members' table where plant and goodies are available for sale.

For further information about the Club visit www.kbsonline.org.uk and click on Gardening Club or contact Chairman Steve Smith on 01865820399. Ron Green



Thames Valley Police is appealing for information following horse and trap racing on the A420, near Southmoor, Abingdon.

On Saturday (9/3), around 3.20pm, a group of people were involved in horse and trap racing along the A420, near Southmoor. Police were alerted and one arrest was made for a road traffic offence.

It is believed this activity is used for gambling purposes and people from various counties are involved. The owners of vehicles involved in this activity will be written to and warned about the consequences of re-attending this location.

Police will continue to carry out operations and urge people to help by reporting sightings of any potential gatherings in the area, especially at roundabouts or junctions. If possible try to obtain vehicle details, including colour, make, model and a registration number. Please report any information to the police as soon as possible on the 24 hour non-emergency telephone number 101. Alternatively if you have information but wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 on online @ crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced and you will not go to court.



KB & S BOWLS CLUB

Our Club house refurbishments are now complete. A new Pavilion has been erected adjacent to the main club house and incorporates new dressing rooms and a storage section. The club house has seen the removal of the ladies' changing room and the old kitchen walls which has resulted in a larger lounge area and the existing mens' changing room has been extended and is now our new and up to date kitchen. The Club house has been completely redecorated and new carpet laid; this is down to a hard core of members spending a considerable amount of time on the project. One guy in that 'hard core of members' is our Chairman Mike Cox. Mike has lead this project from the very start, kept the project going by organising each phase from the laying of the pavilion base to the final decorating and carpeting spending many hours on site. The club appreciate your efforts Mike. This project is now done and dusted and with a glass of red wine in your hand look back at your efforts with pride and enjoy the new bowling season with Yvonne. We would also like to thank Neil (NAP Transport) for removing the rubble left from our internal demolition works with his grab lorry, thanks Neil the Bowls club appreciate your kind gesture. The official opening of our new facilities will be the President versus Club Captains match in June, a day to look forward to.

On the 11th April we set off to Taviria in Portugal for a four match bowling tour. Our bowling fixtures at home start on April 24th with an away Ashley Baker League match at Kintbury 6.15pm start and a home friendly against Carterton on the 28th with a 3.00pm start.

By now all membership renewals should be with our treasurer, unfortunately this has fallen recently so we are in urgent need of new blood. Have you retired from another competitive sport but would still like to continue playing some form of sport either on a friendly basis or competitively then why not give bowling a go. We cater for various standards including County, various leagues and friendly matches both for Ladies or Men or 'roll ups' with friends on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and Friday evenings when you can enjoy the club and bar facilities, and as a full member you would have access to the green all year round due to our artificial surface. We also have a very active social calendar, or you could join as a social member and enjoy our varied social programme. Contact any of the following for more information or to take a look around our facilities.

Pauline Pearce 01865 820599 – Peter van de Mortel 01865 820817 or Jean Potter 01865 390561.

Mick Fuller (Club Captain) 01865 820818

LONGWORTH AND DISTRICT HISTORY SOCIETY



Our AGM was on Thursday 14 March in the Swallow Room. Janet Keene stood down as chair after 8 years, and was replaced by Kathy Fletcher. David Jordan stood down from the committee after many years supporting the work of the society. Ron Green was welcomed onto the committee.

After the business part of the meeting we enjoyed a display concerning our village from a very large folder, made in 1968, by the pupils at John Blandy School. Each aspect living in the village had been researched. The shops and other buildings were drawn and placed on a map. It would be interesting to do the same research today and note the changes in the last 45 years. On Thursday 21 March David Ray gave an interesting, informative and amusing talk entitled 'Colditz Castle, Holiday Camp or Hell Hole' - David lived in Southmoor from 1959 -1971, and became interested in Colditz when as a boy he met Airey Neave.

Colditz Castle, first built 1,000 years ago, has gone through various changes as a hunting lodge and summer palace, an administrative centre for the town of Colditz, a workhouse, and the first German psychiatric asylum. It was in January 1933 the Nazi party used the Castle as protective custody for their opponents. Later it was used as a Hitler Youth Centre. In 1939 when War was declared it became a POW camp for Polish officers captured during the invasion of Poland. As war continued French, Dutch, Belgium, and British prisoners filled the castle. Why did prisoners try to escape? When captured it was considered the duty of the military to cause mayhem and get back home to fight again. Tips when escaping: always buy a return ticket on bus or train! Carry a German Newspaper or Book. We've seen the films! There were 32 'Home Runs', (successful escapes) from the British prisoners. The Poles were 'dare-devil escapees. On one occasion a Pole knotted 22 bed sheets together to escape down the outside wall of the castle! Alcohol was distilled from potatoes. The British had a receiver radio which kept them well informed by the BBC. Red Cross parcels, and scrutinised family parcels provided a very necessary supplement to the German meals. "The food I had in Colditz in the 1940's was better than the food I had at Eton in the 1930's". Lord Harwood.

Next meeting Thursday 18th April when Michael Riordan, archivist at St. John's and Queen's College will discuss the relationship between the St. John's College and our local area. It will be held in Southmoor Village Hall, doors open 7.00 for 7.30 start. *Kathy Fletcher (01865 820193)*

Many of you will know that water bills are going up this year. In the constituency, we are all served by Thames Water, and Ofwat, the water regulator, has determined that they will be allowed to increase water bills by 3.5% in April. That's an average increase of £18 per household (although it will vary for individual homes), around £2.60 for improvements to the service and the rest to allow for inflation. Although unwelcome, the bills will help to pay for the largest ever investment programme for both water and sewerage. We often take both a clean water supply and our sewage being taken away very much for granted, so it is helpful to be reminded that it doesn't all happen by accident.

ED VAIZEY MP Parish Newsletter



I heard recently that on 30 January, a milestone was reached – the one millionth blood stem cell transplant worldwide. This achievement was unimaginable 39 years ago. But then, 39 years ago, Shirley Nolan had only just created the world's first bone marrow register. Eight years ago, I joined in a drive to get 850 extra donors on the Antony Nolan register, to celebrate the 850th Anniversary of Wallingford being granted its charter.

Registering is easy, and as at least 2 former Mayors of Wallingford have found out, if you are chosen to donate, it's a fantastic thing to be able to do. So, if you would like to do something remarkable, why not contact the Antony Nolan Trust at www.anthonynolan.org and join the register too?

The Government has recently announced measures to tackle welfare and irresponsible dog ownership, following consultation last year. Measures will include requirement that dogs are microchipped with details of the owner (which was supported by 96% of respondents to the consultation) and a change in the Dangerous Dogs Act to extend the offence of a dog being dangerously out of control to all places, including private property.

The Dogs Trust are giving very generous support to the measures which means a free microchip will be available for all unchipped dogs throughout England. The Government is working with the Dogs Trust to ensure that free microchips will be offered by the Dogs Trust to local authorities, housing associations and veterinary surgeries. A number of other animal welfare charities are offering free microchipping at their centres including Battersea Dogs and Cats Home and Blue Cross. This will mean that the measure can be introduced in 2016 without a cost to dog owners who might struggle to pay for the microchipping.

As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com.

Help protect the rural Vale

The Vale of the White Horse District Council published its draft Local Plan in February. It sets out the District's main development plans until 2026, including sites for 1000s of new houses. The Oxfordshire Branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) is urging people to have their say and tell the Council how important it is to protect the rural character of the Vale's landscape and villages.

A new map of all the major development applications in the District over the last year can be seen at: <http://www.cpreoxon.org.uk/news/item/2269-map-of-planning-applications-in-the-vale>

Like most local communities, CPRE supports the right development in the right place. But current pressures mean that large-scale and unsustainable applications are getting through in some places. CPRE is already working with the Small Villages Alliance and the Western Vale Villages Consortium to keep a very close eye on things, but needs the support of local people - your support - to remain vigilant and take action when necessary.

As a charity CPRE relies entirely on support from its members. Please help CPRE to protect the character of the rural Vale by joining them or getting involved. Call on 01865 874780 or find out more at www.cpreoxon.org.uk

STOP PRESS - KBS Village Action Update - Benefits to our village from Development?

The Action Group continue to fight against large scale developments in our village. However, on the assumption VOWH Council continue to approve applications, the Parish Council and Residents will be offered a chance to help decide what benefits can be gained for the village? In planning terms this is known as "Section 106" and is an opportunity for the Council to negotiate with the developer; to gain benefits for the community affected as a consequence of granting the planning permission. Your views can be expressed directly to our Parish Councillors, or via the Action Group mailbox kbsprotest@gmail.com - and we will pass these onto the Parish Council on your behalf. Of course, if you are also opposed to the granting of permission, you still have time to object to the Draycott Road application for 98 more houses. Just log on to the VOWH Council website and look up application> P12/V2653/FU. Dean Nulty



POLICE UPDATE Faringdon East – March 2013

Welcome to March's Faringdon East Neighbourhood update from Sgt Tim Pavey, Neighbourhood Officer Hannah Farrell and PCSO's Myra Stokes and Susan Haynes.

This month has been busy for the Neighbourhood Team; we have been doing various things in and around the area. On 1st February we took to the streets of Littleworth and went door to door promoting a crime prevention initiative for the area. We spoke to the residents in the village and asked them if they would like surveys completed for free, as well as giving them packs on how to keep their homes safe, offering SMARTWATER for sale and providing details on how to join the NHW and text alert system if they were not already a member. I am pleased to report that the feedback from the village was good and that we have had enough sales of SMARTWATER for the village to have some larger signs at the start and end of the village as a warning to all potential burglars out there as well. We are still offering surveys to those that want them and can supply SMARTWATER for £15 on request to Faringdon Neighbourhood Police Team.

Hare coursing is still an issue in our area although the problems seem to be less frequent than they were a few months ago. We do respond to every rural crime as a priority and we do recognise that this issue still causes problems for a large number of people. We regularly patrol key areas and update our callers with the outcome of our enquiries. If you do see activity of this nature taking place or anything suspicious please call us immediately if there is a crime in progress or on 101 if this is not happening at the time.

On 6th February we had issues at St Denys Church and Stanford in the Vale where two unwitnessed incidents of Criminal Damage occurred fairly close together. We do have a suspect for these crimes who is currently being dealt with.

On 19th February we had a theft of a motor vehicle from Stanford in the Vale. This vehicle was a green Landrover Defender probably stolen around 11pm as some sounds were heard around this time, however nothing has been seen. Landrover vehicles are notoriously sought after for parts and are usually stolen to order. Please do everything you can to protect your vehicle particularly at night. If you need any advice or have any information on this crime please contact us on 101.

On 21st February a farm in Charney Bassett was burgled. Offenders cut a fence to get in and padlocks were forced to gain entry to two barns. Nothing was taken from the barns. Diesel was stolen from the tank at the property. If you do have any further information please contact us on telephone number 101.

On 24th February we had an incident of illegal hare coursing in Charney Bassett. Three males were caught at the scene and were witnessed taking part in the incident, the males were detained by Police and are being dealt with at this time.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that you live in a safe low crime area and if you need any help or assistance in any way including crime prevention advice please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of the Neighbourhood Team who will be more than happy to assist. Our next NAG meeting is in April, if you have an interest in representing your village or would like to play an active role in area priorities and problem solving please contact Hannah.Farrell@Thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk for more details.

I look forward to seeing you all out and about but in the meantime if you do have any issues please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Neighbourhood Team on 101.

Contact us: If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email:

FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk - please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crime stoppers charity on 0800 555111. To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk

The Last Word - The Blandy Boffins' Quiz

With fifteen teams competing in a tightly fought battle of intellects, the Blandy Boffins' Quiz on March 22nd once again proved a popular event for villagers as they answered questions aplenty on a glittering array of topics. Arranged as a fund raising evening by the Friends of John Blandy School, the Boffins' Quiz this year was won by the 'Naked Mole Rats' with the 'Oscars' coming in second and an impressive performance from our Parish Council in third position. Embarrassment causes me to omit the name of the team that came last. Congratulations to Quizmaster Matt Thompson and his team for an entertaining if humiliating evening. Ed.

EASTER COLOURING COMPETITION

We're reviving the childrens' Easter Colouring Competition this year and giving youngsters a chance to win a suitable prize for both age groups. The two categories are, up to the age of 7 and 8 - 11 years. Colour the drawing using any medium, the best ones will be displayed in the window of Southmoor Food & Wine and the winners will receive a prize and have their photographs in the KBS News. Latest dates for entries April 14th. Hand your entries in to Southmoor Food & Wine. Good luck.

Name.....Address.....

Phone No:.....Age Group.....



